

Feb. 4, 1957

Dr. J. B. Rhine  
Parapsychology Laboratory  
Duke University  
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Rhine:

Several years ago I had some correspondence with you in regard to some research which I was doing. I now approach you with something much more radical. But I believe the nature of your research would make you ready to examine a most unusual book, The Urantia Book. I hope you have enough scientific curiosity to read it. I am sure that your scientific objectivity and mental courage is such that you will not be disturbed by it.

After very careful and critical study I am convinced that this book is what it claims to be - new revelation. I know that many such claims have been made in the past. All must be evaluated on their own internal merits. The quality and internal evidence of the Urantia Book is greater than that of any book I have ever read - including the Bible. After much deliberation, I seriously doubt that any human being could have written it. I am sending you a copy to evaluate. Keep it six-months if you wish. Am enclosing return postage.

Would suggest this procedure: 1. Read the Introduction and Excerpts explaining the book. 2. Read the Urantia Primer (condensation) which I have worked out to get a quick over-all picture of the contents. 3. Read the papers which appeal to you. 4. Read the book in its entirety.

I have checked on every aspect of the book that I can think of and everything suggests its authenticity. I doubt if a more skeptical or more qualified group of men and women could have received the book than the original Urantia Forum. I shall be interested in your evaluation after you have read the book or a good portion of it. You will find the Life of Jesus superb. Good reading.

Sincerely yours,

Meredith J. Sprunger

Feb. 4, 1957

Rev. Marcus L. Bach  
School of Religion  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Bach:

Although I am not personally acquainted with you, being in the same denomination and knowing some of your friends, makes me feel that I almost know you. I am writing you, however, not because of this common background but because of the rather unusual field of research and interest which you have in the religious field. Because of this background I think you would be ready to examine a most unusual book, The Urantia Book. I believe you have enough intellectual curiosity to read it and sufficient mental courage and religious maturity that it will not disturb you. For there is really nothing to be disturbed about.

After very careful and critical study I am convinced that this book is what it claims to be - new revelation. I know that many such claims have been made in the past. All must be evaluated on their own internal merits. The quality and internal evidence of the Urantia Book is greater than that of any book I have ever read - including the Bible. After much deliberation, I seriously doubt that any human being could have produced it. I am sending you a copy to evaluate. Keep it six months if you wish. Am enclosing return postage.

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Dr. Roy Burkhardt  
2455 Canterbury Rd.  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Dr. Burkhardt:

Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. J. Dick Newman of this community introduced me to you and in the course of the evening I noted that there were many psychological and religious interests which we had in common. Your recent article in the Christian Century, "Toward A Healthy Theology", made me feel that you would be ready to become acquainted with a most unusual book, The Urantia Book. You have, I believe, enough intellectual curiosity to read it and sufficient mental courage not to be disturbed by it. For there is actually nothing to be disturbed about.

After very careful and critical study I am convinced that this book is what it claims to be - new revelation. I know that many such claims have been made in the past. All must be evaluated on their own internal merits. The quality and internal evidence of the Urantia Book is greater than that of any book I have ever read - including the Bible. After much deliberation, I seriously doubt that any human being could have produced it. I am sending you a copy to evaluate. Keep it six-months if you wish. Am enclosing return postage.

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I have checked on every aspect of the book that I can think of and everything suggests its authenticity. I doubt if a more skeptical or more qualified group of men and women could have received the book than the original Urantia Forum. I shall be interested in your evaluation after you have read the book or a good portion of it. You will find the Life of Jesus superb. Good reading.

Cordially yours,

Meredith J. Sprunger

Feb. 4, 1957

Dr. Richard W. King  
Physics Department  
Purdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Dr. King:

You may recall that I called on you last summer and we had a discussion concerning the nuclear concept of matter and forms of energy which man has labeled "spiritual". You were so gracious and considerate that I am taking the liberty of asking you to evaluate a chapter in a most unusual book for me. This book is entitled The Urantia Book and I should like to have you tell me what you think about Paper 42, pp. 467-84, entitled "Energy - Mind and Matter". If you should have the time I would also appreciate an evaluation of Paper 41 - "Physical Aspects Of the Local Universe".

May I say that I have studied this book very carefully and critically and from a philosophical-psychological-religious point of view it is the most remarkable book I have ever read and after much deliberation, I am convinced that it is what it claims to be - new revelation. At any rate who ever composed it was a genius and more as we humans would evaluate authorship.

I would suggest this procedure: 1. Read the enclosed Introduction and Excerpts explaining the book. 2. Read Paper 42, and if you have time, Paper 41 and tell me what you think of them from a scientific point of view. Are they utter nonsense? Is it plausible that they might be speaking of some things, such as ultimatons which will eventually be discovered?

If you should like to keep this Urantia Book which I am sending you a number of months to read before returning it, feel free to do so. In such situation I would suggest: 1. Read the Urantia Primer (condensation) which I have worked out in which you can get a quick over-all picture of the book. 2. Read the papers that appeal to you. 3. Read the book in its entirety.

If you feel that you do not have the time to evaluate even Paper 42 for me, please feel free to return the book - an enclosing return postage. I shall appreciate any help you can give me for I do not feel competent to evaluate the scientific aspect of the book. If I can ever be of any help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Meredith J. Sprunger



Feb. 4, 1957

Mr. Nelson M. Parkhurst  
Associate Registrar  
Burdue University  
Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Nelson:

Because of our old friendship and a certain spiritual affinity which I believe we have, I am taking the liberty of introducing you to a most unusual book. I believe you have enough intellectual curiosity to read it and enough mental courage that it will not disturb you. May I say that there is nothing in it to be disturbed about.

This book is entitled The Urantia Book. I feel rather certain that I was prepared for it and led to it - although this may be sheer coincidence. After studying it carefully and critically, I am convinced that it is what it claims to be - new revelation. I am quite aware that there have been many such claims in the past. But the quality and internal evidence of this book is superior to anything I have ever read - including the Bible. After much deliberation, I seriously doubt that any human being could have produced it. I am sending you a copy to evaluate. Keep it six-months if you wish. Am enclosing return postage.

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