

February 24, 1957

Dr. Edward W. Brueseke
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Dear Ed:

Thank you for your kind letter. I can very well understand your point of view. Within the frame work of your knowledge, your concern for me is quite justified and I appreciate it. You are one of the three or four men of Synod whom I thought might be ready to do this kind of research but I see that you are not ready to study it. Until the eyes are prepared too much light blinds, confuses, and disturbs. My suggestion to you is that you forget about the Urantia Book and continue the fine work you are doing within the frame work of the revelatory faith which you have.

To help avoid misunderstanding, however, I should like to make several observations. Remember I have asked you to believe nothing - only read and evaluate. After studying the Urantia Book I find that none of my fundamental theological convictions have really been changed. The Urantia Book does not really conflict with the New Testament as much as the New Testament is in conflict with the Old Testament. There is no either-or choice.

I regret having troubled you with this material and apologize for disturbing you without being able to bring the comfort and understanding and deepened faith that should be the fruitation of such disturbance. This is largely a matter for future generations. So far as I am concerned, our discussion of the Urantia Book ends here and I shall mention it to you no more. Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Meredith J. Sprunger

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Dear Meredith:

I am pounding this out myself to keep it confidential, so please excuse the typing errors that are bound to occur. I appreciate your concern about me but as you well know I cannot appreciate your being swept away by "Urantia". In fact I have been wondering what to do about expressing my concern about you and not being misunderstood. So here goes and I hope you take this as it is meant.

First of all, either Urantia is right or the traditional Christian Scriptures are wrong. You cannot square the one with the other, except by the wildest stretch of the imagination.

Second, sooner or later you are going to have give up Urantia or get out of the Christian Church. Right or wrong you cannot remain a pastor of any denominational church - certainly not the Evangelical and Reformed Church and believe in and teach Urantia. I have seen it happen before - not in relation to this religious fad but others. One of my seminary classmates went off the beam for a strange "Angle-Saxon - Chosen People" idea during World War II. It wrecked his life, his family and whatever happened to the poor misguided people he led astray for a while I do not know.

Third, Harold Wilke and I discovered at Cleveland the other day, that we were both aware of your obsession with this Urantia Book "revelation" and we discussed your concern for you privately. Someone else had first brought up the falling for religious fads that goes on, and while both Harold and I refrained from mentioning names until we were alone, we both thought of you immediately. Sooner or later, Meredith, you are going to face a vocational if not personal crisis. This can be good or bad, according to the choice you make when you are forced to choose between these two mutually exclusive religious ideas - The Christian Faith and The Urantia Book "Revelation".

This is the way it looks to me, Meredith, and I really hope you will accept this comment, as coming from a friend, who sometimes too bluntly speaks his mind, but has a real concern for your well being and your future.

*Greeting from
Harold Wilke*

Sincerely,

