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Dear Mrs. Rathbun:

Thank you for your interesting letter and the material on the Sequoia Seminar. After reading the material, it seems to me that you have a very significant group. You will find the Urantia Book tremendously stimulating and helpful.

It is a book which I find most ministers at first are prejudiced against (because it claims to be new revelation) and afraid to read. We have a minister's study group that meets in South Bend and our biggest task is to get other ministers to take it seriously enough to read it. Once you get them to read it, they are deeply impressed. We also have a study group among the teachers at the Culver Military Academy and another here in town.

Since you are especially interested in the life of Christ, perhaps you should read that section of the Urantia Book first. Your first impression might even be better if you started reading where the New Testament story begins, his baptism. I should like to impress upon you that you cannot form an adequate evaluation of the book until after you have read all of it and think it over for six months.

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Urantia Book. You may send me a check for it. Am also sending a brief condensation of the book which may help you get a quick total picture of the scope of the book - but the condensation will not convince you concerning the authenticity of the book. This comes through a critical examination of the book itself. With the condensation is included a correlation of the Urantia Book Life of ~~Jesus~~ with the Harmony of the Gospels (Stevens and Burton) in the New Testament.

I shall be most interested in your reaction to the book and in the response you find if you introduce people of your seminar groups to it this summer. If I can be of any further help, please contact me.

Cordially yours,

Meredith J. Sprunger

P. S. It just occurs to me that you might be interested in the Study Manual, Teachings of Jesus, which Dr. William Sadler (Psychiatrist and leader of the group in Chicago who received the original papers) has worked out. Will also send it to you. If you should like to keep it, send me \$5.50; if not, just return it.