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Mrs. Emilia Rathbun
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Dear Mrs. Rathbun:

Thank you for your letter. You probably will not fully appreciate the Urantia Book until you have had opportunity to give it a complete reading. It is truly an amazing book.

Regarding large scale action, it is wise to make haste slowly. Your idea of bringing together the leaders of various progressive movements of the world is good. But this is something that cannot be rushed if solid results are to be achieved. It is my conviction that all of these movements will be integrated by a common interest, eventually, in the Urantia Book. As groups become acquainted with the book they will naturally get acquainted with the Urantia Brotherhood and thus become acquainted with all groups studying the Urantia Book throughout the country. When these groups send representatives to the Triennial Delegate Assembly of the Brotherhood, there will be the kind of meeting which you suggest.

At present there are four official Urantia Societies (there is one in Los Angeles) and at least nine study groups throughout the country. Before a society can be organized at least ten people must have read the entire Urantia Book and believe in its teachings. The Urantia Brotherhood wishes to build solidly rather than rapidly. I know that the officers and members of the Urantia Brotherhood, including Dr. Sadler, are most happy to cooperate with all people of good will. But because of a limitation of time their activities center around the Urantia Book.

Our pastor's study group is asking the same questions you bring up about spreading this fellowship on a national scale. But we realize this is something which dare not be pushed too fast. Those people who are ready for it will find it - thus it will steadily grow. Meanwhile it is good for us to have nation wide contacts and prepare for the day when a nation wide emphasis is necessary. Sooner or later the Urantia Book will get national publicity; this may force certain decisions. I believe it is wise to keep it a silent movement as long as possible. This seems to be God's way of bringing about growth on each level of life.

We have a study group on the Urantia Book in the community but I am keeping it separate from my activities in the Church. The Church is almost always a conservative social institution. If we do not force the issue, I think the Church will accept the Urantia Book over a period of years and be transformed by it. Although I have done much research in many fields to discover laws and techniques of spiritual growth, I would not claim any unique method of acquiring spiritual insights, growth, or leadership. I think the next great field of conquest for man is discovering mental state conditions which we hardly know exist. Psychology is still in the alchem

I have some theories as to the direction and techniques which might be used in this research but have not had time for experimentation.

Am afraid the cost of my coming to the West Coast would be prohibitive. There is a significance in the people that come into our lives. The spiritual intelligences of the universe have a way of bringing like-spirited people together. We may have to wait to understand its significance.

I believe you have found the group with which and through which tremendous things will be done for our world. My suggestion to you would be this: get at least ten of your number to make a complete reading of the Urantia Book and consider the possibility of forming a study group or a society. If you have people who are deeply spiritual and dedicated and have scientific interests and discipline, start research to discover mental and psychic laws - this is man's next big evolutionary step.

If there is any way in which I can be of help, let me know.

Cordially yours,

Meredith J. Sprunger

Dear Dr. Strunger: Thank you for your generous sharing of material on Warrantia Book. It has come as a great affirmation to us. For some time we have been getting strong leadings here that we have a very significant and extended work to do. The conclusions which we have come to quite independently of the Warrantia Book, and which are from the "other side" checks perfectly with all findings on the subject in the Warrantia Book. Particularly am I impressed with the part on Jesus as that is our work and what we are most interested in. We are beginning to contemplate the possibility of an action on a large scale. We are pondering & getting leadings on whether to bring together leaders of various movements with constituencies of their own - do you know much about the extension of the Warrantia Societies and do you feel Dr. Sadler would be interested? do you have any leadings

Intelligent normal groups here working
to discover God's will for this age - We
are willing to go to the limit to be used
and feel we are -

How do you work the Mantua book
into your Church structure? What do
you feel the role of the Church is in
this crisis? Do you have a method
or process for producing leadership
of the Spirit?

Could you come or send some one to
one of our seminars? Perhaps we
should attempt to follow out the
question of why our paths crossed.
It was a long way to go to Puerto
Rico to get your name - We feel
no one crosses our path without it
being significant. We work very
closely with the other side. Perhaps

In the direction of a national move of any kind? I mean on a big scale and how it is to be accomplished? We have accepted with a great deal of hesitancy, even the thought; I feel that with the modern knowledge of the dangers of the unconscious and its projections one tends to be very conservative. We are all very normal people, holding respectable positions in the community and yet we have a world of the spirit which few people would understand. We feel we have quite a list of the leading - the important job seems to be to get the group together who is at the level of contemplative prayer and who have been thoroly "cleaned" as we term it - We feel sure we will get the instructions for further steps. We have a very devoted

you can get some leadings on these questions.

I feel that you will understand the spirit of this letter and the urgency of God in these times. There is great need to raise up a mighty instrument of singleminded souls to be used by Him for a modern miracle. Perhaps unspectacular but again showing that devotion to God makes a difference in human life.

It is so little demonstrated that people no longer distinguish who God's workers are - we are not ready, but we are looking for the group -

Sincerely,

Elaine Bethune