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Dear Dr. Sprunger,

I was glad to receive your prompt and detailed response to my analysis of URANTIA. I would like only to make this further statement and inquiry: Biblical theology as it has been enunciated in recent years by a host of scholars, talks about the unity of the Bible as resting upon the activity of God in history. Within the whole of historical development there is a sacred or saving segment as designated by Anderson - Creation, Covenant, Christ, Church, and Consummation. Both Old and New Testaments bear this out many times.

Since the Bible is about God's acts in history, these critical acts are often pointed to and frequently summarized. Thus, in essence, the meaning of the thousand pages in the Old Testament may be found in Deuteronomy 6:20-25. In like fashion the central acts of God recorded in the New Testament are summed up in the apostolic preachings. This kerygma appears in several places in the Book of Acts; for example, 2:14-39; 3:13-26; 10:36-43, etc. What I should like to know now is this: Can Urantia be tersely and precisely summed up in the manner in which the Bible can and is? If it can be, I should very much like to have such a summary statement. If it cannot be, I wonder how it can be rated as a supplementation or fulfillment of the Bible revelation ~~the~~ God's acts in history. Perhaps the very nature of the appearance of the Urantia Book precludes the possibility of its being both a witness to and product of a creative revelatory manifestation of God in history.

Unless he prefers to remain anonymous, I would be interested in the name of the scholar who gave his approval to the interpretation of Christian insights in Urantia.

I hope that my inquiry is of sufficient interest to you to elicit a reply.

Sincerely yours,

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