

November 28, 1958

Rev. Robert E. Chiles
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Dear Rev. Chiles:

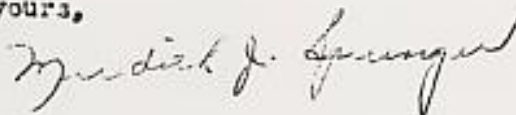
In response to your letter of November 25, it is clear that our understanding of the Urantia Book and the historic Christian faith differs. You see little or no good in the Urantia Book; I think it has a significant contribution to make to the Christian faith and world religion.

The wording of your letter reveals that you are emotionally disturbed by the Urantia Book. Therefore I think it would be wise for you to ignore it or leave it to others until such time as you may have the desire to approach it more objectively - at which time you will not feel it to be a threat to your religious or emotional security.

I am quite willing to let the judgments of history decide the matter. If we could get together a thousand years from now - wherever we may be in the universe - I'm sure we would be in much closer agreement in our evaluation of the Urantia Book.

It is good to know there are a growing number of ministers, like yourself, who are not afraid to study the best current Biblical scholarship and use it in their teaching and preaching. Best wishes to you in your work.

Sincerely yours,



Meredith J. Sprunger