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Dear Dave:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Jim Jarnagin. I found it to be very perceptive, sensitive, and discriminating.

It is most encouraging to one who has been a Trustee, and is now an Agent of Urantia Foundation, to hear a voice speak out from "the field" and say the things which you derived from your own perception of the situation. These are the very things and observations which are denied utterance by the Trustees, for they have long since learned that most statements they make in a like situation are received simply as demonstrations of bureaucratic or political loyalty. Little attention is paid to their objective content and value. Thus the Trustees remain, for the most part, silent. In this case it is primarily a Brotherhood matter but the responsibility still remains that of the Foundation.

I don't for a second, question the sincerity of purpose, and high level of motivation of all members of the Houston group. If we are willing to accord them this dignity without question, are we not entitled to the same consideration? For one who has been in direct contact with the realities of the dissemination of this revelation much longer than any member of the Houston group, and on a much larger scale, hardly parochial, I can positively say we must meet the world as it is, not as we would wish it to be. Our ideals must be promulgated by practical tactics, tailored not as our emotions would direct, but by a pragmatic analysis of what the world environment absolutely mandates us to do. Actually the world makes this decision for us—we can only meet it.

Perhaps you were present in Berkely recently when I made reference to page 1222, The URANTIA Book, quoting: "The expansion of material knowledge permits a greater intellectual appreciation of the meanings of ideas and the values of ideals. A human being can find truth in his inner experience, but he needs a clear knowledge of facts to apply his personal discovery of truth to the ruthlessly practical demands of everyday life."

The Foundation is not infallible, their judgements are very human, but as human judgements are not always perfect, we cannot expect the perfection we seem to demand. As I question my own judgement many times, so do I question the judgement of the Trustees from time to time. But this is done on a strictly personal basis, and reasons explained in a quiet and rational manner, without challenging trust. Again Dave:

Thank you,


Jim Mills.

c.c. Meredith Sprunger