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Dear Vern:

It was good to hear from you. As you and Bill McKinney did not return to the Academy, I did not attempt to have any classes with the cadets. It is true that our denomination is uniting with the Congregational Churches. As you can see, I have the new name on our stationary.

You will find most ministers very suspicious of the Urantia Book. This is natural as they have been indoctrinated against such things. We have, however, a study group of about a dozen ministers in the South Bend area studying the Urantia Book and all are deeply impressed by it. I think most of them have pretty well accepted it for what it claims to be. This is just the beginning of a tremendous movement.

In answer to your questions, no more information is available about the materialization than is given by the book itself. Some time ago our group of ministers met with Dr. Sadler and he said although he was not at liberty to give out information on how the book came, they were not forbidden to tell how it did not come. So he worked out an outline of common psychic manifestations, which I will enclose, and told us that the book came by none of these methods. Also before they were forbidden to tell about the origins of the book Dr. Sadler wrote a book, The Mind at Mischief, in which he mentions this contact individual in the appendix - a partial copy of which I will enclose.

There are study groups spring up over the country but no attempt is being made to start a new denomination. This is the kind of thing they are trying to avoid. Since very few people know about the book there is not much opposition yet. But the fundamentalists are sure to oppose it. Here in town the Bible Church minister has warned his people against it. But among progressive minded people it will come as refreshing water to a spiritually thirsty people.

What you say about universe places and names is true. Until people get the entire picture, there will be a tendency to scoff about these "impossible" things just as people a decade or two ago scoffed about space travel and other inhabited planets. Today it is more or less taken for granted. So it will be with the Urantia Book.

I can understand your loneliness concerning the Urantia Book. All of us feel this - and I have ^{aged few to become acquainted with this book} ~~aged few to become acquainted with this book~~ ^{before society in general hears about it.} ~~before society in general hears about it.~~ ^{that you are among the privy} ~~that you are among the privy~~ ^{as its blessings.} ~~as its blessings.~~ I would naturally be happy to see you take the logical training, but think carefully about it. With your knowledge of the Urantia Book, you will many times be at odds with your professors and others, which is not an easy thing to take. Selection of a seminary will help.

I do hope you will keep in touch with me and I will appreciate following your career where ever it may lead you.

Cordially yours,