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Dear Vern and Nancy,

You are probably aware that you've been seeing less and less of me around FOG for some time now, and I just wanted to let you know what I'm doing.

Since I've been out here in California, I've been struggling more than ever before in my life to make some decisions I could live with about the direction my life and career should take. Many people, both here at FOG and elsewhere in the URANTIA Movement, go through this sometimes agonizing process no less than I, and I am not pretending to be a special case.

At times, because I wanted so much to be a part of the work of FOG, I felt there was something wrong with FOG because, try as I have for these four years, I could not feel the satisfactions I wanted to feel, nor could I feel at home here in California.

Finally, after a willingness to completely re-examine my deepest longings of heart and mind and soul, I rest more easily with the realization that I will be true to the Father's work, but that it is not our Father's Will to deny His children the genuine satisfactions of service. I have stayed this long partly out of a misunderstood sense of duty, and partly because I could not arrive at a more cogent and coherent sense of what else to do.

This season of indecision is passing, fortunately, and I am satisfied with my doings and plannings just now.

I came here with strong feeling about becoming a counselor but allowed myself to shelve the notion for several reasons; largely, though, because I could not square this kind of "helping" with my desire and duty to try to fill the spiritual needs of others. That conflict is dissolving. I'm sure it won't be easy, but my sense of Father-likeness seems incomplete unless I attempt to do both, that is, to aim at helping others learn to solve the problems of living while sharing with them the truths of Sonship, as appropriate.

I foresee that my life on this planet would fail to do justice to what I know if I do not remain loyal to the task of the most effective dissemination of this Revelation. Aside from duty, it is my desire to be a part of this work, in whatever capacity, and I shall be.

However, I have decided to leave next summer for the University of Iowa to finish my Bachelor's Degree. From there I'll go on to do graduate work in Counseling. I also have an ulterior motive for leaving, and that is to find a mate. California does not seem fruitful for me for that prospect, either.

For now, I am trying out a training program for lay counseling here in the Bay, and thinking of spending some time with the Boy Scouts. Between this and my job, and the study I must now undertake to prepare myself for school and the GRE, I will not have enough time to be a regular at FOG. I will call Chris or Terry when I am coming.

When I am about to leave, probably in May or June, I would ask that either you or the Society recommend me for Member-at-Large status with the Brotherhood.

Vern, I tremendously admire what you have done and what you are doing to advance the cause of the spirit brotherhood, along with preparing the way for the labor of others, and I increasingly glimpse the sacrifices that you and Nancy have made to do it. I want you to know that I share this purpose with you, whether or not I may have the opportunity to share your work at some future time.

By writing this, I do not mean to keep my distance. This is a convenience, I presume for you as well as for me. I would be pleased to talk about it with you anytime.

Sincere and warm regards,



Charles R. Arterburn