

THE BOULDER SCHOOL
for
Students of The URANTIA Book
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May 3, 1982

John Van Orsdell
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Dear John,

Kindly forgive the delay in answering your letter. I have been so busy with the School that I haven't had the opportunity to properly consider your proposal and manuscript.

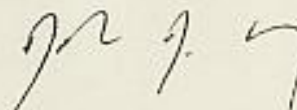
The manuscript is very interesting; it is quite obvious that you are a greatly talented writer, and I rejoice to see such talent dedicated to the aspiration to serve the Most Highs of Edentia in their concern for the evolving civilization of Urantia.

Regarding your workshop proposal, you could indeed organize a workshop for evening attendance, but the School cannot pay you for them. The workshop would be in addition to attending the School, and so you would surely find yourself quite busy. Also, you would have to make whatever living/employment arrangements you might require before the beginning of classes September 20th.

As we need to confirm attendance, I am enclosing a Declaration of Intent for you to sign and return to me as soon as possible, for space is limited, and we are accepting students on a first come, first served basis. If you would find it to be of assistance, I will be glad to send you a copy of the Classified Ads from the Boulder newspaper sometime this summer. I wish you to know that we will help you in any way that we can, as I believe that all of us would benefit from your participation.

We commend you for the commitment you would make, confident that in association with your fellow students, you would prosper in learning and doing the will of our Paradise Father for the sake of all who sit in darkness and confusion upon this backward and isolated outpost in the starry realms of Orvonton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John D. Hay', written in a cursive style.

John D. Hay

Enclosure

cc: Bobby Dreier

JDH/cp

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March 10, 1982

Mr. John Hay
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Dear John:

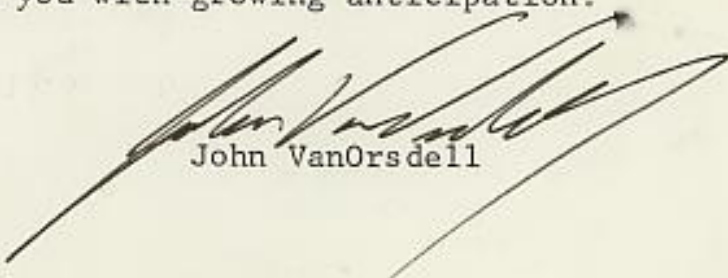
My purpose in writing is twofold: I think Bobbie Dreier may have neglected to include my address and number (see above); and it just occurred to me that the unfortunate juxtaposition of Angelesis and my workshop proposal for your school in the same envelope might associate them in your mind. They are wholly unrelated. In my manuscript I have spirit personalities and celestial intervention, but in the workshops we would carefully avoid any effort to make direct contact with higher intelligences. By "cooperative liaison with seraphic and Midwayer orders" I meant Attempt to discern their objectives and then do all we can on the temporal plane to help in any way we can.

In this connection I should probably note that I am doing a rewrite of Angelesis for the express purpose of removing all paranormal spirit activity and phenomena, so as not to turn off those readers who deny all non-material realities. I have political seeds to plant on behalf of world federation and feel I must not risk the credibility of the work. I'll also have to find a new title, and save any references to Michael's return for a sequel. My other major effort in the rewrite will be to concentrate on characterizations; Soviet-American union is pretty esoteric stuff, and I'll need strong and compelling characters to draw readers in.

The Boulder School is an idea whose time has come, and I hope you enjoy a strong response. I have no doubts that in time your efforts will be crowned with success, and I remain anxious to assist. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. If I am to pull up roots and move to the mountains (I admit it: I am an unregenerate mountain freak -- and since morontia mounds have to pale by comparison, I want to drink in the rugged peaks while I still can), I'll need as much advance notice as I can get.

I look forward to meeting you with growing anticipation.

God Bless.



John VanOrsdell

cc: Bobbie Dreier