

THE BOULDER SCHOOL  
for  
Students of The URANTIA Book  
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Dear John;

After reviewing our conversation of a few weeks ago and your letter to the General Council (by John Hay's request), and in view of a few comments from other sources, I felt the need to clarify a few things before the December 4 meeting of the Executive Committee. I hope these clarifications will be of assistance in your deliberations.

1) On the first page of the Goals Statement, five major goals are stated as "the tasks which the revelators have set before us." Upon review, this phrase appears to refer to the people involved in the School rather than to the readers of The URANTIA Book in general. The latter was the intended sense; the five tasks are seen to be those which confront all URANTIA Book readers. The two techniques listed at the bottom of that page are those by which the School may assist in the accomplishment of the five goals.

2) In our attempts to enlarge the bases of control and support for the School, we are acknowledging the present service population of the School as well as preparing for the future. The current student body includes only five people from Colorado, one from Canada, while the rest come from across the U.S. Given this service area, we feel that it is only appropriate that the government of the School reflect the interests and expertise of the URANTIA Brotherhood as a whole rather than representing only the views of those who are in close geographic proximity to the School. For similar reasons we feel that the economic support of the School can be reasonably sought outside of the Colorado area.

3) You correctly note in your letter that "in varying degrees the Boulder School's activities overlap functions of the standing committees of the Brotherhood," and I feel that it is important to clarify some of the reasons for this apparent duplication of effort.



The URANTIA Book clearly states that mere book learning or study is not the most effective means of education. From pages 279 and 280 we read:

"...As you journey toward your Paradise goal, constantly acquiring added knowledge and enhanced skill, you are continuously afforded the opportunity to give out to others the wisdom and experience you have already accumulated; all the way in to Havona you enact the role of a pupil-teacher. You will work your way through the ascending levels of this vast experiential university by imparting to those just below you the new-found knowledge of your advancing career. In the universal regime you are not reckoned as having possessed yourself of knowledge and truth until you have demonstrated your ability and your willingness to impart this knowledge and truth to others."

The programs of the School are therefore designed to help the students of the Book to gain experience in imparting the knowledge and truth that they are learning through study and discussion, and to thereby truly learn not only the truths themselves, but also how to help others to understand and experience those truths. We feel that the best way of acquiring experience, of learning to impart truth and knowledge to others, is through actual service—by doing things that need to be done. It is not strange that some of our activities overlap those of the Brotherhood because those activities represent areas of concern for all readers of The URANTIA Book; they represent real opportunities for service—actual needs of the URANTIA movement and of Urantia as a whole.

It should be seen from this that our efforts in these areas are by no means an attempt to usurp the prerogatives or responsibilities of the various standing committees, but an effort to help achieve the purposes for which they were established as a part of our educational program.

Whether or not the governing bodies of the URANTIA Brotherhood decide to officially adopt, sanction, support or assist the School, surely the opportunity for effective cooperation between us is very great and should be pursued on all levels—official and informal. For this reason, we felt it wise to include at least the Chairperson of the Education Committee on our Board of Trustees, and the rest of that Committee on our Board of Advisors. Other arrangements are certainly possible and your suggestions would be welcomed. We stand ready, willing and able to assist the URANTIA Brotherhood in many of the tasks which confront that body.

4) I know that one of your major concerns is the funding of the School. I feel that it is important to convey to you something of our view on this matter:

At the very foundation of our philosophy on this as on all other things is this: "In liaison with God, nothing—absolutely nothing—is impossible." If what we or you, or anyone is doing, is consistent with the will of the Father, and if we bend ourselves to the task, it will be done. Applied to finances, this means that if the URANTIA Brotherhood and the Boulder School are undertaking to do that which needs to be done—that which the Father wants us to do—a lack of money will not stand in our way. True, we may have to work very hard to find and obtain that money, but I cannot believe that a thousand or a million dollars is too much for the angels to make available for the Father's work on Urantia. It is also true, of course, that one can expect little help from the spiritual government if he is not doing the Father's will; therefore we must all continually and sincerely strive to know and do that will.

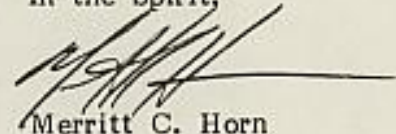


Technically, in the area of fundraising, it seems to be generally accepted that people give more as they perceive that their money is accomplishing more. People feel best about giving money when they can see results. The more that is accomplished in the URANTIA movement, the more money that will be forthcoming from readers. I am convinced that the School's existence and activities will enlarge the active donor pool for both organizations and that this effect will be accentuated by the cooperation that these two groups can demonstrate in their activities.

While we cannot wait upon a final decision from all levels of the Brotherhood to begin our organizational and financial plans, as we have an ongoing program to direct and support, we are anxious to cooperate to the best of our ability with your decisions on these matters.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon after the December 4 meeting as is convenient.

In the Spirit,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Merritt C. Horn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Merritt C. Horn