

THE BOULDER SCHOOL  
for  
Students of The URANTIA Book  
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Dear John and Mo and Don and Errol and Brian and Jill and Joan and Tom and Lou:

It is time for a thank-you as our sixth year of operation has been completed. It has been a year of change and struggle and growth and the discovery of needs for growth—and we beneficiaries owe so much to you, our benefactors. While I thought originally of writing you individually, I thought you might value reading a brief appreciation of how each one of you has contributed to the school during this past year.

The massive gratitude that the school owes to you, John, everyone knows. We are continuously overwhelmed by your generosity. But such munificence would make us all feel awkward if it were not part of that quality which we so appreciate in you—the true spiritual fruit of **loving service**. You have been a friend, first and foremost, ready no matter how busy your schedule to listen, to counsel, to respond. Vision and power conjoined in love augur well for the future. Thank you.

Mo, your active interest in the school has been so constructive. You have visited and participated in ways that inspired the students. You led a dynamic session last Winter on organization for outreach. Your ideas to improve the bulletin and your counsel on administration have been invaluable. I have just begun to learn what I hope to be able to learn from you. Thank you.

Don, your wit and your devotion to The URANTIA Book are a continual delight to those around you. Your passion for parts of the book that others relegate to the background is a good balance for the rest of us. And the personality flavor you add—and bring forth from us—makes all our lives more enjoyable. Thank you.

Errol, it has been a pleasure to get to know you better this year. I find your concerns always genuinely worthwhile. Your presentations to our third hour classes were outstanding and tremendously stimulating to everyone—the first on creative, personal ways of sharing the gospel and the second on how to perform a discourse of Jesus as an actor would. You have so much to offer, and we have benefitted greatly by your contribution this year. Thank you.

Brian, it is wonderful to find you, the seasoned graduate, now on the board. Your strong ideas and openness will surely contribute significantly in the years to come. As a student, you consistently enlightened us by your care in ferreting out the details surrounding Jesus' life and your imagination in constructing "the movie" of what the Master did. Thank you for the thoughtful contributions to the school that you have already made.

Jill, it has been so good getting to know you this year. From our first meeting in May of 1986 to now, despite the fact that we have not had long times for interaction, I have grown to enjoy you very much as a person and to value your thoughts and spirit very much. It was you who suggested that we invite Bob Reno

for a seminar, which proved to be one of the most informative of the year. One of my goals for next year is to learn your ideas more completely as they relate to the school's decisions. Thank you.

Joan, your friendship and counsel have been a sustaining grace to me in the adventure with the school. While not physically present at the meetings, you nonetheless contributed substantially this past year. Your loving spirituality and creative originality are an oasis in this world. Thank you.

Tom, your candor, willingness to listen, insight, and liveliness have taught us all. As a student you countless times enlivened our class with your vivid perception and dramatic and good-humored way of putting across central spiritual points of Jesus' teaching. We thank you for your past service on the board and look forward to your continued counsel and friendship in the future.

Lou, upon returning from a vacation and learning that things had gone smoothly in your absence, you made a joke about how little you were needed. The truth is that the only reason things could go well for a couple weeks without you is that you have been doing such a fine job of organizing the school so that it can run--briefly--with minimal supervision. Everyone knows how essential is the work you do; everyone knows how well you do it. But most of all, everyone appreciates your spirit of dedication to The URANTIA Book and to the school and to the spirit of God that you find in each of us. Thank you.

Every week throughout the school year, those who gathered for review spent time in prayer for each one of you. Our love grows, and this is the center of our hope.

Your brother,

Jeff Wattles