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Dear Erv:

I have just finished reading the first part of your paper, "The Religious Leaders for the Year 2000," appearing in the religious Futurists' publication Vision. It is great! The comprehensive and penetrating insights in your paper are truly prophetic. We desperately need people in the church with your vision.

I am still of the profound conviction that The Urantia book will play an important function in this "new spiritual age." It has the potential for instilling a unifying vision, a new and inspiring mythology for contemporary man, and is a source which integrates the old spiritual realities with the new. I think it is the key missing piece in the creative view of "Religious Leaders for the Year 2000." I have been thinking about this critically and carefully for more than twenty-five years. I would urge you to take the time to read the entire book. It could be the most important time you have spent in your excellent and prophetic ministry.

It is my hope that we can get your entire paper to the ministers of the Northeast Association and that you can be with us at one of our monthly meetings next year. Our program for this year is already formulated.

I look forward to reading the last part of your paper. We may need to get a copy from you to make copies for the Northeast Association. Thank you so much for the discipline, dedication, and vision which were required to write this important and significant paper.

Cordially,

Heredith J. Springer

Encl: "Spiritual Perspectives for a New Age"