

Mercury

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May 25, 1977

Mr. Charles Montgomery
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Dear Chick:

I'm enclosing a subscription (renewal) slip and my check for \$5.00. I don't remember when I last sent money, but it must have covered the last four issues. Two received just this week.

I like your explanation about the Mercury quotation. It's very good and I think you've reasoned it out accurately. At first glance, I too had thought it meant that Mercury turned only one face to the sun, but I'm convinced you're right. This is just for you - not for publication. I don't especially care about getting my name in the paper!!

You're doing a good job - and I know how difficult it is.

Sincerely,

Marian

Marian Rowley

answered 6-1-77 w/ brief note.

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July 25, 1977

Dear Charles "Chick" Montgomery:

Hope you received my short note and (although I had not meant to be ambiguous) understand that I did not mean to be so long in responding to your welcomed letter.

By way of background, let me say it has been an intense year full of wonderous changes and necessary adaptations. Shortly after moving to the Boston area, Terry Montgomery and I finally decided to end our marriage (but not our loving friendship, I'm happy to say). We each have subsequently found partners we feel right about and are busy planning families. When we visit now, or pray and think of each other, we are glad in our hearts for the positive expression God has helped us to apply to our factual problems as a married and unmarried couple.

We are both still working together on many projects, including the slow but moving activities with the Second Mile. Terry's address is 14 Mt. Vernon Street, Biddeford, Maine 04005 and I'm sure he would love to hear from you (better yet see you) anytime. A large group of us are already preparing for the 1978 conference in Wisconsin and look forward to visiting with all the Urantia brothers and sisters that gather for this engaging event. Additionally, my new address (after Sept. 1) will be: 12-14 Ellery Street, Cambridge, Mass. from which I will continue to handle the Mile correspondence.

I've enclosed for your interest and reading, and passing on to others, several copies of our first edition (second printing) of the Second Mile; also, a newsletter that has gone out to some of the local study groups in attempt to reach our near-by friends. Right at the moment we have enough material and input of energy to produce our second issue which looks to be more streamlined and professional technically and introduces some of the features for the first time, such as the Urantian artist showcase, which will spotlight one or two people, particularly focusing in on the way the teachings themselves have been integrated into what they are doing and have helped them to actually grow creatively.

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As you may know, Charles Olivea has included editorship of The Finaliter to his many and varied activities. I'm assured (smiling) that he will do his usual fine best. As with Nick Scalzo, Charles and I look forward to a free exchange and flow of materials. From my perspective, there is unlimited room for all of these group expressions. For example, the Second Mile will gladly share a good portion of the raw material that is being sent here, that is obviously appropriate for newsletter publication and more immediate dissemination, and we certainly see only the good in extracting particularly inspiring or applicable newsletter/magazine material for publication in a "literary magazine" like the Mile. I'm right now in the process of assembling some materials for Charles and will gladly send you copies of any things I can. For now, enclosed is two poems by Bill Cobb of the newly formed mid-Cape (Cod), Mass. study group, which we all hope to see published in the Finaliter's next issue. Bill is a relatively new reader of the book and one can observe the teachings already activating and directing his God-led spirit.

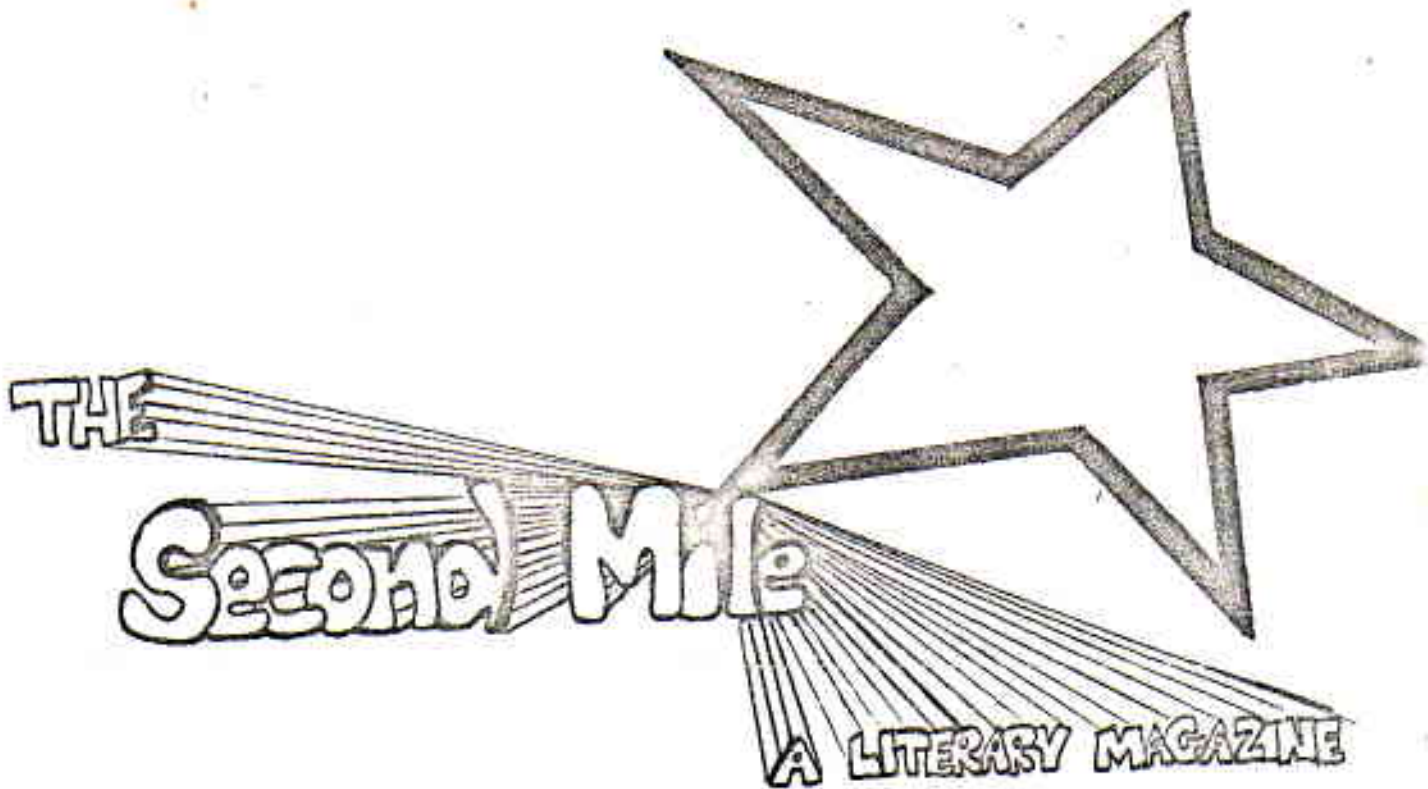
The Agondonter has been a joy to read and watch unfold. It displays much enthusiasm and love and you all spread it around so well. Right now, I'm reminded of your cartoon, about the itinerant truth-seeker finally discovering the UBook (it appeared about two years ago). This would be the sort of thing we would love to reprint; send me another copy of that, or anything else you might favor us with, if you find this kind of cross-country fertilization agreeable.

In my correspondence files, yours as well as some other most patient friends, are at least two or three unfinished letters that I have enthusiastically begun and regretably never finished. But I'm having a lot of help from friends on this one and plan to close right now to facilitate speeding this one on its way to you today. Enclosed also find check to cover two subscriptions: one can continue to Terry at the Biddeford address and one for the Second Mile, in care of the Ellery St. address. Thank you once again and always for your show of interest and support of our activities. I look forward to hearing from you and others soon.

God is blessing us all right now...Light and Life can be seen and heard.

In friendship,

Alison Gardner



BULLETIN.....BULLETIN.....BULLETIN.....BULLETIN.....BULLETIN.....BULLETIN.....BULLETIN...

SOME HAVE YOU HAVE SEEN THE FIRST EFFORT - PASS IT ON TO OTHER READERS IF YOU CAN.
 THANKS TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS AND POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE GOTTEN IN TOUCH
 SINCE (AND SINCE MENTION WAS MADE IN THE FINALITER) ---NOW WE ARE TRYING TO STIR
 UP SOME INTEREST IN A MAY 1977 SECOND EDITION. BELOW ARE SOME IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS
 THAT HAVE COME OUR WAY. PASS THIS BULLETIN AROUND TO OTHER URANTIA BOOK READERS
 (BE SURE TO NOTE 2084:5). SEND US YOUR MATERIAL OR COME AND HELP US WITH YOUR
 PRODUCTION SKILLS.

THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO OUR CREATIVE EXPRESSION - A WAY OF SHARING LOVE.

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON.

GOD IS BLESSING US ALL RIGHT NOW.

WRITE TO:

the Second Mile
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| Short Stories | Interviews or Articles |
| Feature Articles | -Fact |
| Poetry | -Fiction |
| Songs | -Fantasy |
| Texts of Presentations | A Showcase for Urantian Artists |
| Black-on-White Art Work/
Cartoons | Editorial Comment
Speculative Projections |
| U Book Quotes (with permission of course) | |
| How-You-Found-the-Book-or-the-Book-Found-You Stories | |

The Sky is the Limit---REALLY

*answer and
Alison file*

P.S.

We never did get the May 1977 issue put together because there were so many other "priorities" at the time, but we plan to distribute next edition at the Fall regional. Alternatively, we reprinted this first prototype (this printing happily done on both sides of the paper - our first printing didn't allow it) for further dissemination at the Spring conference in the northeast. So far it has been our choice to distribute in person, but we may get into wider mailings when and if we become more streamlined in our production, etc. We of course will keep you posted of all developments and hope you are ready for some editorial and technical questions that already surfacing.

Thanks again...ABG