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So. We make contact with the spirit through the mind. These thoughts tell us more about nature of Truth, Beauty, Goodness — God. But the things that cause us to act on that knowledge are those resulting beautiful, reasonable emotions — the desire to do good to others — the desire to do the Father's will — the desire to be perfect, etc.

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NATURE

Was made for us!

Not to exploit — abuse — misuse but to use as a medium in which to start our 'eternal careers'. It is through nature that we get our animal bodies, the temples of the Intwelling Spirit — the birth place of our immortal souls. It's through the animal + vegetable kingdoms that we get our food to enable us to stay here long enough to decide for God. Let's take care of NATURE!

W.B.H.

Thanks, Clyde

Frederick Nietert, of Douglas, Az. called Wednesday to say that Clyde Bedell had died. I said, "Well, I'm glad for him." Then he answered in words to this effect:

"Yes. At first I thought, how sad! Then I thought, No, that's the old pre-URANTIA Book way of looking at it. When someone, like Clyde, has lived a long and useful life, we can rejoice at his death."

I asked if the new edition of the Concordex was ready to be published, and he said "yes."

Then I thought what a great work Clyde Bedell has done on this planet! Can you imagine studying the U-Book without the concordex!

And I thought of a sentence on page 555
"---- nothing equals the importance of the work of the world in which you are actually living."

Thanks again, Clyde
From The Knoxville Group



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But as he pointed out those extinctions happened over a period of thousands of years. And these now are happening altogether too fast.

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I take it that means they are learning how to use them without putting people out of work or harming nature.

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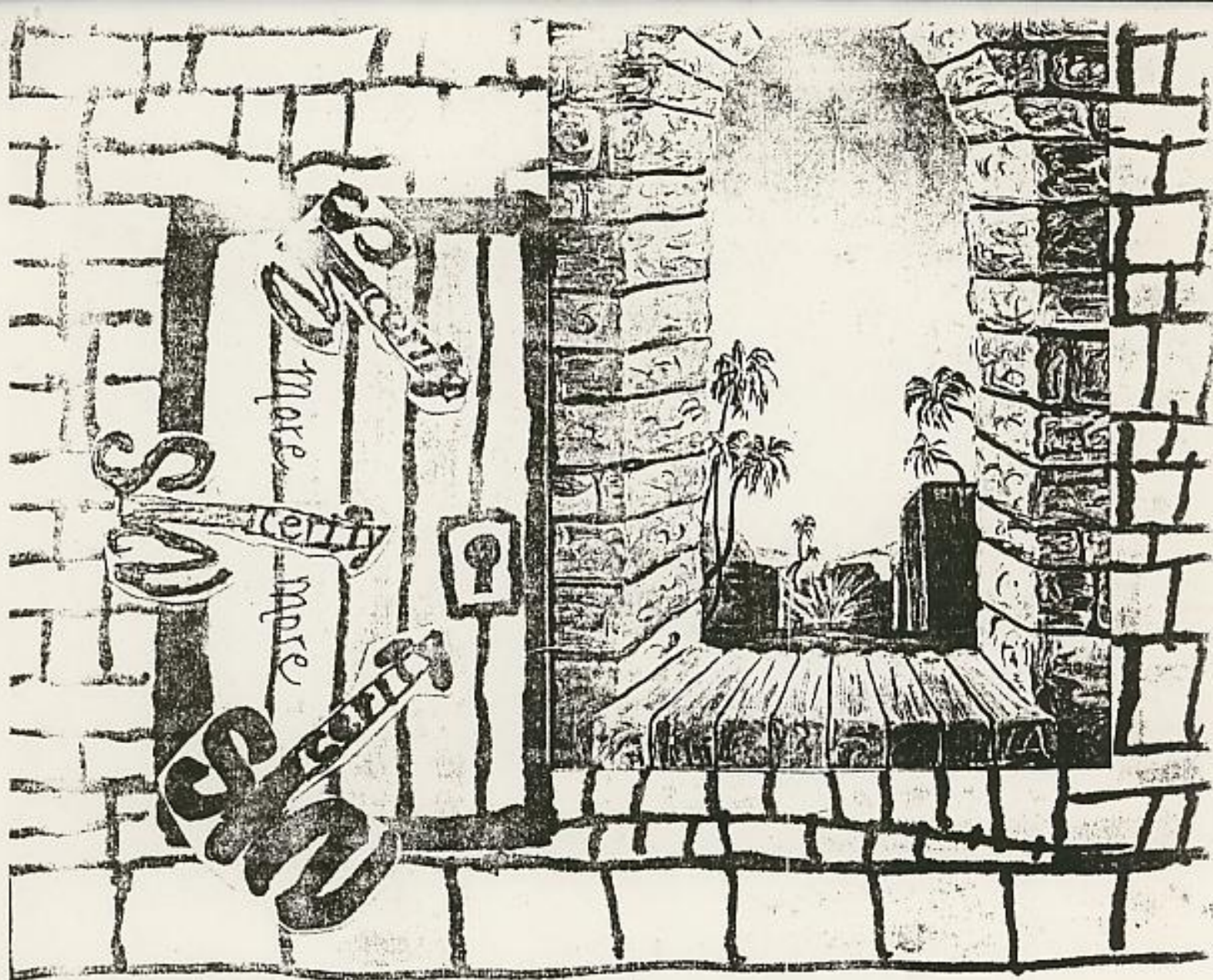
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Teach me to
go slow—
Teach me how to
"wait on You"
When my way I
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When things do
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So I remain
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When others
grow upright...
Teach me how
to quit
My racing,
racing heart
So I may hear
the answer
You are trying
to impart

Teach me to let go,
dear God,
And pray undisturbed
until
My heart is filled
with inner peace
And I learn to
know your will

Helen Steiner Rice

Write and tell
us about yourselves.



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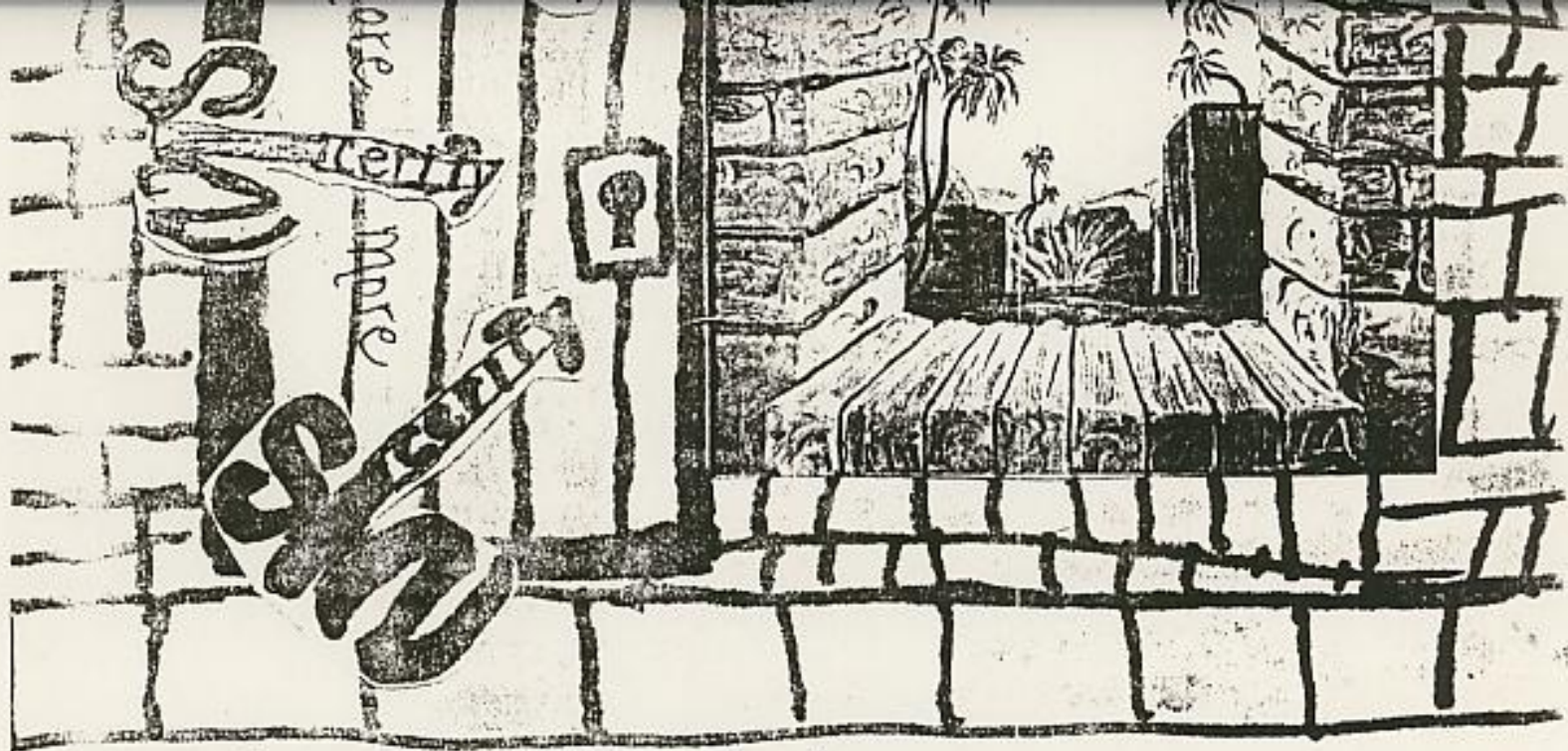
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So, how do you define sincerity the way the U-Book uses it? I have heard many good people say they thought Lucifer, Caligastia, Hitler, Stalin, Judas, - people like that, were sincere. I can't buy that.

On page 1582 it states, "He (Jesus) placed great value upon sincerity - a pure heart." It seems to me that one who has a pure heart would have a deep desire to do God's will. That is his first priority. His heart is pure - not tainted with sin, which is deliberate rebellion against God. He has purity of motive even if he is not yet able to live up to his ideals (pg. 1133)

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Well, we can't shout it from the
housetops so we send it flying
through the skies!