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Dear Mr. Kantor:

This is in response to your letter of August 14. Yes, we have indeed received letters containing questions such as yours.

You are correct in your conclusions that the so-called consciousness expanding drugs are of no help to real spiritual attainment. In my opinion they do nothing more than create an illusion, and it is sad to record that so many people today have not the ability -- nor perhaps the desire -- to see beyond their fraudulent and misleading effects.

It is beyond my powers of comprehension to conceive how today's youth, and especially those who are reading the Urantia Book and who are sincere students, could ever honestly say that pollution of the body and of the mind can in any way enhance their spiritual stature. It was interesting to read your quotes and we would add two others.

Page 1204, par. 3:

The Adjuster remains with you in all disaster and through every sickness which does not wholly destroy the mentality. But how unkind knowingly to defile or otherwise deliberately to pollute the physical body, which must serve as the earthly tabernacle of this marvelous gift from God. All physical poisons greatly retard the efforts of the Adjuster to exalt the material mind, while the mental poisons of fear, anger, envy, jealousy, suspicion, and intolerance likewise tremendously interfere with the spiritual progress of the evolving soul.

Page 1209, next to last paragraph:

...It is to the mind of perfect poise, housed in a body of clean habits, stabilized neural energies, and balanced chemical function--when the physical, mental, and spiritual powers are in triune harmony of development--that a maximum of light and truth can be imparted with a minimum of temporal danger or risk to the real welfare of such a being. By such a balanced growth does man ascend the circles of planetary progression one by one, from the seventh to the first.

After one has read the Life and Teachings of Jesus, including the philosophy of Rodan, there should be no doubt as to the proper, brave,--even courageous--approach to life.

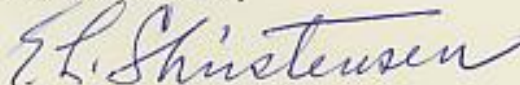
I particularly like your quote from the FAITH OF JESUS, which points out that Jesus' religious progress was not a product of "leadings, voices, visions, or extraordinary religious practices." His religious growth and his success among men resulted from honestly facing the facts of life. Jesus' desire to follow through honestly and courageously was borne out by his refusal, while hanging in agonizing pain on the cross, to accept the offer of a mildly anesthetic wine.

What the world needs is not its youth mesmerized by drugs and other debilitating substances, but instead spiritually surcharged, clear-thinking, and clean living corps of dedicated lovers and preachers--reinterpreters if you will--of that noble and mighty life of Jesus. It is forever true that you shall be known by your fruits.

It is admirable that you wish to guide others into the paths of truth which ultimately lead to an eternal life of ever-expanding, ever-augmenting meanings and values. We congratulate you and at the same time we wish you well as you begin to gain experience in ministering to your fellows who are in dire need of these truths. And we encourage you to persevere through the possible initial difficulties. And you, like many before you, will prove valuable to the sustenance and growth of that brotherhood which will some day encompass every individual on the face of Urantia.

Be wise in your counsel and eloquent in your life.

Sincerely yours,



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