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Miss Nancy New  
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Dear Miss New:

Thank you for your letter of November 20. We shall attempt to answer your questions, both direct and indirect to the best of our abilities.

The origin of the book is in the authors themselves and primarily the Revelatory Commission (corps of truth revealers) mentioned on page 1 of The Foreword. The technique of transmittal is to be found discussed in the text itself and its discovery will culminate an interesting search.

The Foundation was founded in 1950 and its purposes are expressed in its Declaration of Trust made that same year in the State of Illinois. Briefly, the Foundation owns the plates for printing, the copyright (U.S. and International), and has as its further responsibilities the preservation of the text inviolate, supervision of all translations thereof for the purpose of preservation of the original concepts. No reproductions, quotations are to be made by any means of reproduction without Foundation permission. A statement of policy in this area is enclosed.

The members of the Foundation are all humans, business and professional people and totally dedicated to the implementation of our Declaration of Trust, which, in addition to the foregoing, stipulates responsibility for the dissemination of the URANTIA Book and its teachings to all peoples of the earth. We are all nominal Christians and though there are many parallels in Christianity to concepts portrayed in the URANTIA Book, the URANTIA Book is not an offshoot of Christianity. Rather it is an accurate portrayal of the teachings and religion of Jesus not a religion about Jesus.

A serious reading and study of the URANTIA Book will illustrate a profound and utter consistency with its own text. Unfortunately, this is not immediately discernable but it is nevertheless there and observable whether you are scientist, philosopher or religionist.

To implement our work, The URANTIA Brotherhood was founded in 1955 and local URANTIA Societies are slowly springing up over the United States. Basically its purposes are to attract serious, emotionally mature individuals to objective inspection of the teachings of the URANTIA Book and to suggest that they use the truth discerning powers of their own minds to arrive at their own decisions as to its validity for them. The URANTIA Book carries no footnotes suggesting supporting authority. It is its own authority.

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As we have no mandate "to save the world in this generation" we do not missionize, evangelize or proselytize. We use no intellectual persuasion or sophistries. We are convinced that the text of the book was given when superhuman agencies had decided that a minimum number of mortals had achieved such intellectual dignity status that they could be trusted to evaluate its teachings without the intellectual coercion suggested by "authority."

We welcome you to the ever-growing number of readers across the world. If you have further questions we shall do our best to answer them.

Very truly yours,

JCM:cw

Encl.

cc Vern Grimsley

cc JCM

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