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Mr. Jay Newbern
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Dear Jay :

Thanks for your December 14 letter.

I still think you are reading too much into the "Notice." Perhaps you are implying that we will become as authoritarian and autocratic as the established churches. Rest easy. We have neither the time, money or inclination to act this way. Besides remember The URANTIA Book teaches otherwise.

Unfortunately, Jay, some individuals who come in contact with The URANTIA Book in contrast to you and I, will perceive it as an opportunity to financially enrich themselves, subvert it to assist a social or political cause or the chance to bask in its reflected glory to their own selfish benefit. One way they might do this is to use "URANTIA" in the name of a business or organization of some kind. We aren't naive enough to think that the "Notice" will prevent this sort of thing by itself but it is one tool we have at our disposal. We are confident most people will correctly interpret it.

To my knowledge the Foundation has no such "attitude" as you describe toward San Franciscans. Perhaps you are too self-conscious.

Hypothetically speaking, if John the Baptist were alive today, we would be happy to count him as a Brotherhood member. His appearance wouldn't bother us if ours didn't bother him. Who knows perhaps we will some day have our own modern day John.

Hope you are having a pleasant holiday season.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Kendall,
President

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To: Vern Grimsley

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Friday, December 14, 1973

Mr. Thomas A. Kendall
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Dear brother Tom,

Your letter of the 10th did help explain your intent regarding the "Notice," but I already knew that, and besides, I share your divine trust already. My objection is that this intent you stated is not obvious or so stated in the "Notice" itself. I am concerned with a possible misunderstanding on the part of persons being introduced to this mind-boggler.

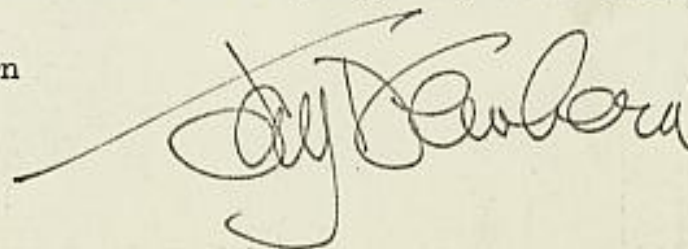
You do discourage study groups by the very use of the word "unauthorized." Is Chicago destined to be the New Rome? Who authorizes or ordains Urantian priests? Is it Jesus or John the Baptist, Andrew or Abner, Peter or Paul? Does not Christ Michael's Spirit of Truth commission any disciples? It is certainly not the URANTIA Foundation which was charged with the responsibility of maintaining the text completely. Are the Brotherhoods and Societies to be the Pharisees and Sadduces, or shall they be the corps of apostles and disciples?

I have read The URANTIA Book in its entirety once, and a second and third time in about 2/3rds of the 196 Papers. I toil in the Father's vineyard (quite imperfectly) with Vern Grimsley, Larry Geis, Erroll Strider, Meredith Landrum, Adrienne Kulieke. We are aware of the need to carefully organize for service; perhaps one day we shall be a URANTIA Society. Sunday is our fourth monthly Bay Area conference of Urantians (we don't use the name formally).

I am aware of the Foundation's attitude concerning San Franciscans. Before you judge us as drug-crazed fanatical evolutionaries who are impatient and threaten to distort the Truth, may I pose this query: Could John the Baptist, the highest human on our planet except Michael (and he was divine too), be authorized or admitted to the Brotherhood, Society, Foundation, Corporation? He is now one of our 24 planetary counsellors. Before you answer, remember his "eccentric" appearance. Then remember the pull-back perspective of the cave man example in the UB.

Merry Christmas (August 21st notwithstanding) from the City of Saint Francis. We are trying too, dear brother. Yours in Michael/Jesus,

Jay Newbern





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Dear Tom & Cordy
Don't Answer

It is of course ^{no, Chris, Paul Rich}

unnecessary for me to ^{communicate to you} ~~remark~~ that I do not share Jay Newbern's attitude of sarcasm toward the Urantia Foundation. I do not even know him well. He has attended ~~at times~~ ^{only three or} four of our ^{weekly} Berkeley study groups, and is in no way associated with our Family of God Foundation. He was formerly an associate of Jim Kinne's.

No doubt my name will be ^{thus} "dropped" in such letters as ^{these} from time to time, and I am certain you will realize the ~~the~~ lack of control I have over being cited as a "reference" by those whom I barely know. Another lesson in ^{patience!} your reply was splendid in its restraint.
Sincerely