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URANTIA FOUNDATION

INTRA-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

FROM **Christy** DATE **April 19, 1974**
TO **Tom Kendall** SUBJECT

I am enclosing, herewith, a letter from Richard Coenenberg, who is a partner of Bruce Thurston. They are engaged in conducting what they call "The Planetary Country School" at Toulumne, California, which I understand is up in the hills not far from the entrance to Yosemite National Park. You will also find attached a schedule of classes which they are advertising as their program this Summer.

I think it is becoming more and more important that we take serious note of these two gentlemen and their activities. Julia has visited these boys at various times in the past, and our records contain some information about them that she has given us. Heretofore, correspondence has been all signed by Bruce Thurston.

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Encl.

cc: Mrs. Julia K. Fenderson
Mr. Vern B. Grimsley ✓

*Just to keep you informed
Christy*

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The Planetary Country School
April 16, 1974

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Dear Christy,

Greetings in the new day of Michael's reign on Urantia! What a blessed Eostertide of re-birth we have all been given.

This past week has been such a tremendous revelation of truth and I feel that many bonds of error and sin have been broken. The work, however, continues and the balm of love must be lavishly bestowed to heal the wounds of rebellion on this beautiful planet. Time has also brought some questions and it is in regard to one of these that I write today.

Recently considerable information has been brought to my attention through different sources, about a so-called "Earth Order of Melchizedek" some 8,000 strong, who claim as their leader one Matia Melchizedek--all members apparently give up all they have to the "Order" and take the name Melchizedek. Matia has been described to me as a human being with a Thought Adjuster, who is acting as a "material complement" of, and channel for, Machiventa.

Naturally, I would welcome with boundless joy, Machiventa and any of his celestial associates and I do believe that changes are taking place regarding the status or functioning of the Planetary Government. I'm sure that some of us have self-acting adjusters and are functioning as material complements, but I am also aware that there are many false prophets among us. These I do not fear, but wisdom dictates that we be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves". I have no first-hand experience with any members of the Order but Bruce did meet one in San Francisco who called himself Loren (sp?) Melchizedek and knew this one to be false. He also met a member called Rocky Melchizedek. Some of the other things we have heard sound less than righteous but we are also instructed that "Divine truth must not be discounted because the channel of its bestowal is apparently human." (p. 1733) Any light you can shed will be most gratefully received.

Incidentally, Bruce and I have observed a great increase in truth being channeled through individuals (consciously) although there is, as yet, much distortion which is one reason we feel the need for well grounded teachers of The Urantia Book. Developing spiritual discernment seems to me an essential work at this time and of course, we do have that source of wisdom and guidance given into our hands as well as the Spirit of Truth in our hearts.

Enclosed is an announcement of the 1974 summer session at The Planetary Country School. Whoever will may come, but experience has shown that few, very few, are really ready to accept the joys and obligations of cosmic citizenship.

The reality of the school seems to be unfolding according to higher plans than our own and we simply try to cooperate in bringing it through to the physical. Those who come will help to shape its progressive manifestations but it appears to be our responsibility and privilege to begin the work and set the direction toward the highest level possible. We see it as one of many planetary centers for the teaching and living of the advancing levels of truth—as close to morontia Urantia as can be reflected through us. The school at Urantia is one of our models, a morontia temple our goal—but just now we are more in the class of Andon's tent. Needless to say, your wise counsel is always appreciated and your presence eternally welcome.

The transformations of grace are truly beyond human understanding.

With love and thanksgiving,

Richard
Richard Coenenberg

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The Planetary Country School
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This year we are offering an opportunity for individuals and groups to participate in spiritual retreats amid peaceful natural surroundings combined with advanced studies of The Urantia Book. We have a beautiful setting on the Tuolumne river within the Stanislaus National Forest which is ideal for rest, relaxation, meditation and spiritual renewal. Our program of study is flexible but there will be two organized outdoor sessions each day. There are public campgrounds* adjacent to the school and hotels and motels within 15 miles for those who do not wish to camp. Registration closes June 21st.

Schedule of Classes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Fee</u>
July 1 thru August 4	<u>Open sessions, subject varies</u>	\$4.00 per day
August 5 - 11	<u>Grand Universe Administration</u>	

The administration of the Grand Universe from the Paradise-Havona system to the Reserve Corps of Destiny on Urantia. Emphasis upon those functions in which ascension candidates and finalizers take part. Special attention given to Urantia administration as it has developed and the roles of Reservists. Tapes, lectures, discussions.
 12 sessions \$25.00

August 12 - 18

The Ascension Plan

The ascension Plan from the origins of life on the inhabited worlds to the attainment of creature perfection on Paradise and the final Corps of the Finality. Emphasis on life in the flesh and the morontia transition including industrial attainment and fusion, soul growth and survival, morontia mota, the special destiny of pioneers and the unique experience of Urantians.
 12 sessions \$25.00

For further information and registration, write

The Planetary Country School
 General Delivery
 Tuolumne, California 95379

*Campground fees (per day) as of April 1st:

\$2.50 per vehicle up to 4 persons. 50¢ each additional person
 \$3.00 per vehicle with trailer
 \$5.00 mobile home units (no hookups)