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Mr. Richard Coenenberg
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Dear Richard:

Your letter of April 16 to Christy has been turned over to me for reply.

It appears to us that the Earth Order of Melchizedek organization is trying to outwardly adopt some concepts and ideas from The URANTIA Book for reasons that advance their own aims, whatever they may be.

In their literature, which is of a rather low order, they have used the name "Urantia" and quotations from The URANTIA Book without our permission.

Unfortunately, there are individuals and groups that will try to make it appear that they are somehow connected with the authentic URANTIA Movement to bolster their own rickety, and rather empty, philosophy and structure.

I would advise you to bring all of the serpent's wisdom to bear. Beware of those who claim a special role for themselves in earthly affairs. Be discerning enough to see behind the facade. Avoid being "conned".

Attached to your April 16 letter is an announcement of "The Planetary Country School" and a "Schedule of Classes".

I must caution you that URANTIA Foundation owns the copyright to The URANTIA Book and must approve in advance any use of quotations, as well as use of the name URANTIA and concentric-circle symbol, which are registered as trademarks and service marks.

We note that there is a mention in the Schedule of tapes. If these tapes contain any literal readings and quotations from The URANTIA Book, they are in violation of the copyright law. The same is true of any written published material.

Mr. Richard Coenenberg

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Protection of the copyright to The URANTIA Book and the name and symbol are of central importance to the Foundation Trustees. We ask the intelligent co-operation of all who are sincerely interested in the well being of this Fifth Epochal Revelation of Truth.

Don't you think it would be better to organize yourselves along Study Group lines, rather than trying to formalize a school?

By establishing a school and charging fees, some people may get the impression that you are trying to make a living from the URANTIA message. This could detract from your efforts.

Our job is to give, not receive; not to barter truth for monetary gain, but to freely spread the word to those who will listen. It is dishonest to sell the message of salvation.

Study Jesus' life. He earned a living sufficient to maintain himself and provide for his family. His teaching was free.

I will await your reply.

Very truly yours,

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