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November 22, 1974

Mr. Walter Seavey
Matheson Rt.
Redding, California - 96001

Dear Mr. Seavey:

We received your November 2 letter.

The authors of The URANTIA Papers are superhuman personalities and, as you are aware, are listed in the Titles of the Papers in the front of the book.

If you haven't already done so, I would suggest you read the following references:

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| Page 865 | - Paragraph(s) 2, 6, 7 |
| " 1007-8 | |
| " 1208 | " 7 |
| " 1209 | " 1 |
| " 1258 | " 1 |

If you believe that The URANTIA Book is what it purports to be, the latest revelation of truth to our world, does it really matter through whom the material came? Would you study electricity by analyzing the wire that conducts it?

The identity of "the subject through whom these communications were transmitted" is unknown. The only important thing is the soul-saving message of the book.

The URANTIA Book is selling in an ever-increasing volume, which would indicate that there are many people who are willing to read it not knowing the mechanics of transmittal. Challenge your friends to read the book as a faith experience after perhaps enticing them with some of the ideas expressed.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Kendall
President

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bcc: Mr. Vern B. Grimsley ✓

Vern: Maybe someone from F.O.G., could contact Seavey if they are in the Redding area.

Tom

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Dear Mr. T.A. Kendall:

I am sorry to bother you again, but it seems I must make one more try to find out who wrote the Urantia Book. Every time I try to tell somebody about the Book, immediately they want to know who wrote it. When I tell them names like: Divine Counselor, Perfector of Wisdom or Brilliant Evening Star; they either smile or become angry or completely disgusted and refuse to listen to me anymore. Some say it is a snow job written by a fiction writer too ashamed to reveal his identity. Others say it is the work of a crack-pot, who must have smoked an awful lot of pot to have so many wierd and unrealistic ideas. Still others say, it does have some sense to it, but they can't understand why the author keeps his identity hidden.

When I first started to read the Book, I was under the impression that I was supposed to think angels wrote it, but when I kept coming across the words; I, my, me and mine, used in a very person^s sense, I knew some human being must be talking to me. Of course, reason told me a human being must have written the Book, for angels do not prepare manuscripts. If they do talk to man it is thru ~~thru~~ humans who can put their words onto paper. Joseph Smith received the Book of Morman from the angel Moroni, but he never denied his own human existence. Jesus received his words from God, but he never denied his physical existence. Mohammed was the same way. Had any of these prophets denied their existence and spoken only as a voice from behind a curtain, as it were, you can see they would have never acquired a following. This is because humans cannot relate directly to a disembodied spirit. As for myself, I found I could not appreciate or enjoy the Urantia Book until I rid myself of the idea that angels wrote the Book, and started believing a human being wrote it, however inspired he might be. I am certain this is true. But I still would like to have it confirmed, so I will know for sure whether a man, a woman or more than one person wrote it. His name and the details of his life, of course, ^{are} unimportant; but since they must have existed they should be known so that all people can the better apply themselves to an appreciation of his works.

Now, maybe you don't know anything about the author of the Urantia Book. If this be so, tell me this is the case. But don't let this be an excuse for pretending he didn't exist, On the other hand, If you do know but don't want to tell me; let me know why you think it is all right for you to know but not the rest of the world.

With all due respects, I think you can see that sooner or later the world is going to have to know who wrote the Urantia Book, least it slip into oblivion for lack of a rational basis. Whatever the reasons might be for the author to hid his identity, these reasons must come to an end, for an authorless book is a Book without a following.

Yours, truly

Walter Sewey

P.S.

On page 1243, third paragraph, the author of the Urantia Book tells us of his human existence. I quote: The destiny guardian of the human subject subject in this contractual communication is number 3 of group 17, of company 126 etc. The current planetary assignment number of this seraphim on Urantia and to this human subject is 3,641,852.

I believe the author of the Urantia Book would be the last person on this earth to deny that he ever had a human existence on this earth at one time.

If Christ could not return to the Father until after he had passed thru the human experience, what makes you think Mr. (blank) could skip this experience.?

When Lucifer found he could not materialize himself, he became an angry spirit, and this is what we call Satan. Satan is a being without a soul because he never experienced life in the flesh. For this reason Satan can never unite with God, for God can only receive those who have a soul.

Angels have their role, but this role diminishes as we approach God. This is why Jesus never said the angels would rule with him during the Millennium, but rather those who have passed thru the human experience and over come its vicissitudes by being witness to his name etc. When these righteous beings are resurrected the angels must step aside in their favor for their triumphal human experience gives them a greater weight with God. This is why Jesus is now higher than any of the angels. To give angels an everlasting role superior to man is to deny man his right to be one with God, as His true Son.

If you deny the author ever had a human body you rob him of his chance to have a soul, which he must have to know God. If you think the public disclosure of his name will lead to an unhealthy reverence of his personality, I can assure you this is a mistake. On the contrary, he is now suffering a defamation of his character that is unhealthy to him and detrimental to the success of his Book. Never try to cover up the Truth for sooner or later it will come out. Unless you can adequately explain how all the words in the Urantia Book got onto paper, by any other than a human hand, you must concede your premise is wrong.

W. Seavey.