

May 6, 1975

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Dear Sandy:

Thank you for your letters of March 24 and April 21 with a copy of your letter of March 12 to Henry Begemann.

I have been a student of the URANTIA Teachings for 20 years. I am married with five children, 3 boys 21, 19, 18 and two girls 15 and 13. I make my living as a salesman for a steel producer.

I have been a Foundation Trustee for 12 years and President for about 2 years. I also serve as Chairman of the Domestic Extension Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood.

Because so many people at headquarters are gainfully employed elsewhere, we try to keep purely administrative detail in a secondary role as we busy ourselves with answering the ever-increasing volume of correspondence that is mailed in. There are also a certain number of visitors, mostly young people. Answering the letters we receive is a pleasant challenge. One feels that, as each reply leaves in the mails, it represents a small contribution to the success of this latest revelation-- at least I hope so.

I very much appreciate your concern about the "Notice". We have had both positive and negative comment. We are now in Federal Court against a mark and copyright infringer. Since The URANTIA Book has become somewhat more well known in the United States, we have had several instances brought to our attention wherein URANTIA was being used in the name of a business organization. By using friendly persuasion, we were able to convince most of these people to stop referring to their establishments as for example, Urantis Leather Goods, Urantia Produce and Urantia Cocktail Lounge.

We conceived of the notice as a way of informing new readers that URANTIA was protected by law as a mark and reserved for use as identification for the URANTIA Revelation and the official organizations and activities concerned with its dissemination. We can't really measure the effectiveness of the notice, but we hope it will be a deterrent to unauthorized use of URANTIA as a name or identification.

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This in no way prohibits one from referring to Urantia as the name of our planet or suggesting verbally or in writing that a friend read The URANTIA Book.

It was wonderful that you had a chance to visit with Henry Degemann. There is absolutely nothing that can equal personal contact. In a conversation of several hours length one can explore matters in a greater depth than could possibly be accomplished by letter. You are now more fully conversant with the activities and problems associated with the spread of the URANTIA Teachings.

We appreciate your offers of assistance and applaud your desire to start a study group.

Our problems with Mr. Weiss involve his non-compliance with the terms of his contract with the Trustees. Legal conflicts such as this are very regrettable in that they are costly and divert our attention and energies away from more positive measures. However, we must do all that we can to see that the URANTIA Teachings remain unsullied as they become more widely known by the mortals of our strife-torn planet.

You certainly are into many things, with great success I am sure. And why not? There are so many fascinating avenues to pursue in our earthly careers. Just think of what awaits us on the Mansion Worlds.

I will look forward to a future meeting with you also. Meanwhile, keep up your efforts to spread the message.

Sincerely,

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