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January 19, 1976

Juan  
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Dear Juan:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 27. It was good to hear from you again.

The insert in The URANTIA Book you refer to is a Notice that is intended to inform new readers that the word URANTIA is a registered mark of URANTIA Foundation. The word URANTIA is reserved for use as a name and identification for the official organizations sponsoring the dissemination of this latest revelation--URANTIA Foundation, URANTIA Brotherhood, URANTIA Societies and their respective activities.

The Notice is not in reference to Ira Mullins. It was inserted in all books in the fourth printing in an attempt to protect URANTIA from unauthorized use. URANTIA and the Concentric-Circles Symbol must serve as badges of integrity for the URANTIA Papers and those who are organized to devote their energies and lives to its safe and successful promulgation.

I notice that I had given you the telephone number of the URANTIA Book Study Group and the Field Representative in <sup>front as an insert in</sup> my letter of December 20, 1974.

I am happy to learn that you and your wife are studying The URANTIA Book. We have many readers and students in California, and I am sure sooner or later you will find a study group to join. Remember, Juan, we are striving for perfection. We will not be perfect for many eons to come as we have much training ahead of us before we reach Paradise. Jesus has said, "It is not so much what you do today as what you are becoming day by day".

We are sending you, under separate cover, five of our brochures listing the contents of the Book and giving a resume'.

You could learn from the group in Los Angeles when or where any regional meetings are held. I am sending a copy of your letter to our URANTIA Book Study Group in Berkeley, California asking them to communicate with you.

Keep in touch with us and let us know how you are progressing.

Sincerely,

(Miss) E. L. Christensen  
Secretary

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bcc: Mr. Vern B. Grimsley - Mr. Thomas A. Kendall

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Hello again, Miss Christenson, it's nice to know you're there, and I hope you would send anything you have when there is interest in beginning a study group.

Also, I bought a book for someone in Palo Alto, Calif., once, and it contained an insert declaring non-affiliation with organized users of the name Urantia. Currently, in Mendocino County, there is newspaper discussion of Ira Mullins, some Rev. of the Church of Christ Light. He was jailed for cultivation of marijuana on his lands and his defense is that smoking pot is a sacrament of his church, hence he is being religiously prosecuted. The Urantia Book is cited as being the spiritual word of the group.

I was curious to know what the insert from the Foundation was about, and maybe it's Ira Mullins, whom I don't know. Probably at the Universal Church of Christ Light those who are drawn to Ira's sincerity are not prohibited from smoking grass. From there it's easy to jump to religious sacrament, especially if it might get you out of jail. This fellow Ira in seems non-deterred as he has put out a call for donations of Urantia Books for a group of fellow prisoners at Atascadero Correctional Facility, who are interested in beginning a study group...

Anyway, I was so heartened to hear of the Los Angeles study groups by a friend who visited there. I can't imagine being in a room where anybody reads the book. My wife and I are trying to allow the book's most marvelous teachings to unravel the illogic of our past-conditionings, and hope to raise our two young children under its guidance, but I've never had the fortune to meet anyone who even knows the book, much less love its reality.

Well Christy, as I read you're greatly referred to, I would so like to become more energetic in my wishing to do the Father's will and even with the sure and strong material goad of two most beautiful and innocent youngsters I persist in doing silly and illogic habits and selfishly seek refuge in my cloud of old-time-comforts. I can sure understand when it says Jesus has the hardest time convincing men to renounce their past, but I know my heart's desires and the patience of the Father assures my continuingness.

Please send a couple of "Contents of the Book" brochures if possible, and any info on starting a reading group I'll like getting.

Happy for the Urantia Book,

Juan

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Also, do you have meeting dates for any groups from San Francisco and northward to Oregon —

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Hello Vern Bennom Grimsley,

Thanks for your letter and offer of aid. I'm a blithering four-year addict and lover of the book. My wife, who is reading it ~~ensequet~~ from the beginning now (after having read the story of Michael), and I hope to cherish its tenants as we ~~continue~~ nurture the two small children which bless our lives now, two potentially ascendant citizens of our unspeakably amazing universe.

Aside from telling anyone who may be interested, and a wide variety that have their own ideas, about the Urantia Book, I'm convinced its presence is the single most important fact on our planet, and such a substantial need it is here to fill.

So far, I've never met and talked with anyone who reads the book and attempts to listen more often to the voice within, and I can't really imagine what transpires at a fellowship meeting, but would like to find out.

If we could visit one of your meetings (children okay?) would you send us the date and directions in your city. We live a little north of Ukiah. Area code 707, 743-1075.

Thanks...

Juan

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Dear Juan:

Thank you for your May 24 letter. This is an additional reply to Mark Kulieke's May 27 letter and his telephone conversation with you.

We appreciate your co-operation and thoughtfulness in contacting us prior to doing any reading from The URANTIA Book over the local FM station.

It is tempting to be presented with an opportunity to reach many ears simultaneously through the media. One can visualize, or hope at any rate, to more rapidly advance the public awareness of The URANTIA Book in this manner.

However, the Trustees have thought it wiser to foster a quiet word of mouth dissemination of these teachings, believing that this is in keeping with the spirit of the URANTIA Papers and with the methods Jesus used.

Many have seen or heard of The URANTIA Book but few, comparatively, have been transformed by its teachings.. This was foreseen and is a very important reason for our policy of a slow, person-to-person spread of these teachings. The world as a whole is not ready for this message. The Book has been given to us now in order to provide a solid corps of loyal, tested believers to be ready for the time of The URANTIA Book's worldwide mission, when our planet is weary of war and has settled down to the pursuit of advanced truth. In the meantime we must emphasize qualitative, not quantitative growth.

Our thinking is that while public techniques could produce a sudden, even spectacular growth, we would as likely suffer an equally rapid deflation when many people realized that The URANTIA Book didn't offer convenient, fast answers to their everyday problems. It would also call us to the attention of individuals and groups who would assume an antagonistic stance toward us. We need time to grow. We want to do it slowly, soundly.

Our growth should be by natural evolutionary means rather than by artificial or promotional methods. We are not concerned with bringing about a great quantitative religious revival.

Juan  
Potter Valley, California

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The Trustees of URANTIA Foundation hold the copyright to The URANTIA Book and must approve use of material from it such as you propose. For the reasons mentioned above, we must deny your request to read from The URANTIA Book over the radio.

We suggest instead that you talk to your friends and associates personally about the soul-saving truths of the URANTIA teachings. Try to start a study group. This could be a very satisfying experience for you.

We are always pleased to hear from sincere students of the URANTIA teachings such as yourself.

Cordially,

Thomas A. Kendall  
President

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