

URANTIA FOUNDATION
INTRA-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

FROM Tom Kendall
TO FOUNDATION FILES ✓
RE: Visit by Mo Siegel to headquarters the evening of March 15, 1978

DATE April 10, 1978
SUBJECT

In a recent telephone call, Mo requested some time from the Trustees to discuss with them his ideas on the structure of URANTIA Brotherhood. Accordingly, Christy and I, plus ~~Edith Cook~~ and John Hales, listened to what Mo had to say.

Mo is convinced of the fact that we need an organization, particularly one with a good headquarters structure. However, he feels that the balance of the Brotherhood organization, specifically societies, is not the best form for the balance of the organization to take.

He feels that the size that some of the societies have attained in terms in number of members will tend to produce church-like attitudes and actions which he feels will turn off many new students.

He also feels there is a chance that the societies will go off on tangents which are not best for the continued spread of the teachings. Specifically, he referred to the Los Angeles Society as spending a considerable amount of time on administrative affairs and business meetings. He also mentioned that the Oklahoma Society is apparently still talking about acquiring or constructing some sort of building in connection with society activities.

He feels that the present structure of societies encourages problems for the general Brotherhood membership, such as those mentioned above, plus ego and lack of maturity on the part of many members or entire societies.

Mo feels that before we take in any more societies we should pause and consult outside assistance to re-evaluate our Brotherhood organization to see if it is structured properly for the aims intended and to facilitate proper growth and lack of problems. Mo feels apparently that we would be better off to have study groups and not have organized groups such as societies. However, he did not tell us what alternative structures he would propose and due to the time available we could not thoroughly explore all of these particulars.

He also feels that societies should not be permitted to use the registered marks of the Foundation. He feels that the use of societies will tend to weaken the marks in contrast to them being used only by the central organization. I tried to explain to Mo that we can strengthen the marks by allowing chartered societies to use them with the proper safeguards.

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Mo feels that it is possible for some charismatic individual to gain control of a society and in so doing misuse the marks to his own benefit. I believe we explained to Mo that while this certainly is possible, we would seem to have proper control of the safeguards to prevent such an event from continuing.

The time we had that evening simply did not permit a thorough airing of all of Mo's ideas, not to mention our statements concerning the policies at headquarters and our own individual views. We encouraged him to pay another visit to headquarters, at which time we could further discuss organizational matters and we encouraged him further to continue thinking about these problems pending our next meeting.

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