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Dear Clyde:

Thanks for your letter of August 26, 1978 explaining certain changes made in the second printing of the Second Edition of the Concordex. This is encouraging evidence of your willingness to consider suggestions for improving the Concordex.

We should like to reciprocate this evidence of co-operation by hereby ratifying your act of publishing the second printing of the Second Edition of the Concordex--notwithstanding you undertook this second printing in the face of our letters of May 22, 1978 and July 3, 1978. You can perhaps understand that we were somewhat surprised at the appearance of this second printing in the absence of answers to our direct questions concerning your plans at the time of our July 15 visit.

This ratification is limited to the current number of copies of the second printing of the Second Edition which you have just printed, and therefore does not extend to additional printings of the Second Edition without our permission. This ratification likewise does not extend to the publishing and distribution of a Third Edition of the Concordex. The publication of any further reprintings of the Second Edition and of publication of a Third Edition will require our permission prior to printing. Obviously, such publication without our permission would constitute an infringement of the copyright in The URANTIA Book. As before, this retroactive permission with regard to your reprinting of the Concordex, a derivative work based upon The URANTIA Book, is personal to you and may not be assigned.

A review of our correspondence indicates no so-called "declaration of war" on you or the Concordex, but to the contrary exhibits our desire to work co-operatively with you in helping realize the best potentials in the Concordex as an aid in the study of The URANTIA Book without tending to jeopardize the wise dissemination of The URANTIA Book. We hope you will accept this ratification as solid evidence of the fact that this not only has been, but also is our present desire.

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As promised in our discussion with you on July 15, we have discussed with the Board your concern regarding possible apparent censorship of your front-of-book (fob) material proposed for the Third Edition of the Concordex. The Board, after this discussion, now wishes to ask you for your co-operation in helping us carry out our responsibility (as Duane explained to you) to review derivative works prior to giving our permission for publication. This in no way could possibly be construed "knuckling under" (to use your words) to the Trustees.

Please submit for our review prior to publication the entire manuscript, including the fob material of the proposed Third Edition of the Concordex. We will undertake the review of the manuscript in the spirit of giving constructive suggestions as long-time students of The URANTIA Book.

Please understand, however, that this request is not meant to be nor is it to be interpreted as a limitation on the Board's prerogative to give or to withhold permission for the printing and publishing of the proposed Third Edition of the Concordex or any further printings of previous editions.

Whatever your treatment of our suggestions, the Board of Trustees must have the opportunity to review the final manuscript before giving its approval for publication.

Clyde, we believe you can work with us effectively. Far be it from our having declared war on you or the Concordex; we hope this letter will give you assurance once again of our willingness to work with you consistent with our responsibility as Trustees.

Martin Myers and I have not completed our review of the transcript of our July 15 meeting as subsequently modified by you. There are some additions we cannot agree with you on and others which should be made. We expect that eventually we shall be able to complete our comments.

Cordially,

  
Thomas A. Kendall  
President

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cc: Executive Committee Members