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Dear Neal:

It is always wise to remember that "Love is the most powerful force in the universe." Your present confusion and consternation will only be solved by the bestowal of generous amounts of love coupled with sufficient time to allow the power of love to work its magic. We must also remember that everything which we do on Urantia is a means to an end, but personal relationships are ends in themselves. We are unable to see from this vantage point what effect love and forbearance will have on Vanessa, but we must give them the time to work. I think that the celestial supervisors would approve a delay of one or many years in the work on the Chinese translation if your family was made secure thereby — just as they approved the apparent delay in Jesus' public work when his father died. While these are all very personal problems which only you, your family, and your Father can resolve, you may rest assured that you will have our support in whatever course you choose to pursue.

It may be, however, that the problems which seem to be cropping up at every turn are actually fortuitous for several reasons — some of which I outlined in a letter which I sent in late December, but which you apparently did not receive:

1. As you know, my ability to make a large contribution to the financing for the project is dependent on Celestial Seasonings going public. It now appears that that will not occur for at least one more year. Therefore, we will not be able to act on this this summer, regardless of any other considerations, so there is no reason to rush to a decision regarding all of the family issues.
2. Our ability to finance the Chinese translation within the URANTIA movement is affected by the priorities of URANTIA Brotherhood in Chicago, and it appears that they are most interested in getting the Spanish translation done. It is not likely that they will participate in fundraising for two translation efforts at the same time at this stage of the movement's evolution.

The School is beginning to make contacts with financial sources outside of the movement (Foundations and the like), which we will be able to utilize for the Chinese translation, but such contacts take time to cultivate.

3. Given the above financial considerations, the siting of the translation work in Chicago rather than in Boulder is not of particular concern at this time, though I do feel that for us, working in Chicago would cause some logistical difficulties, such as duplication of equipment purchases, etc. Also, I'm just not sure that your working there will fit in with their priorities at this time regarding workspace, clerical support, and the like.

This brings to mind what may prove to be the best current alternative, and that is to pursue the work in the Far East, where Vanessa is comfortable, where access to native speakers is no problem at all, and where you can continue your work for the State Department until such time as we are able to be sure of the financing and other arrangements.

Would you be willing to work up a proposal that would enable you to remain in the East and work part-time on the translation (perhaps with some remuneration from us) until full-time work stateside is possible? I know that the State Department work has lost its luster, but we must realistically assess the alternatives.

4. Most importantly: The time provided by these various problems gives you the time to creatively and wisely resolve the current strains within your family. None of us wish to be a part of an enterprise which causes the breakup of your marriage, so utilize the time that is now available to seek the Father's will in this and in all other things.

Peace and Blessings,

JDH/cp

John D. Hay

P.S. The reference you were looking for in your January letter is in section 7 on page 555.