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Although it represents a division of opinion as to the character of the address which is the subject of the papers herewith, the exchanges of communications of all kinds have been without rancor, and the undersigned believes that goodwill prevails among all who have expressed any feelings in the matter, even though those feelings have on occasion been expressed with fervor.

Incidentally, to keep the record straight, my talk on July 1, 1973, is the first talk I have made in 10 years in which I have addressed myself, even in part, to Communism or Fabian socialism (see bottom of next page*), which should testify to my feeling that my audience was an especially appropriate one to be made privy to this anti-God force that destroys everything spiritual in direct opposition to our Urantia commitment.



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* Fabians: Although books have been written about the Fabian socialists, discussed briefly in my talk, most Americans have never heard of Fabian socialism, for good reason. The hard-core directing atheistic anti-democratic, anti-American heads of the Fabian international "movement" could not possibly have the willing (almost automatic) support of millions of good American liberals for long-term socialistic morality- and religion-destroying policies if the liberals knew where they were leading. The Fabians circulate their undisguised views among themselves, their Fabianized views in a sea of literature to the public. "Fabian" is another name for deceit.

A solid documented book which names many names you know is "FABIAN FREEWAY--High Road to Socialism in the U.S.A." by Rose L. Martin, published by Western Islands, 1966. If you believe in God, in the Urantia Book, it isn't a bad idea to know who--even among today's luminaries in government and among intellectuals--are enemies of all Jesus taught as to the sacredness of the individual, making men free, placing God first, and much more.

Nothing could be more true than the fact that Fabian socialism is Communism's helpmate toward bringing about the demise of this free (?) nation. Each then hopes to be the authoritarian beneficiary of democracy's death. Each admits it will hold power by force.

It was on behalf of the King of Kings--religion--my talk was made, against the enemies of God. It was and remains a religious talk. Read it and judge for yourself.

A Covering Letter About--

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MINE WAS THE ONLY controversial talk made at this 3-day conference. It was not intended to be. When I got permission for a talk I thought my audience OUGHT to hear instead of one that would simply please them, I was taking a risk. Added to the risk, I miscalculated my young audience. The older people GOT my message and received it warmly. Some of the younger people, not conditioned by long Urantia reading, and more exclusively conditioned by the very "smothering" my talk so fully documented, resented having their complacency upset. A few whose toes were stepped on apparently would not wait to read the talk, either to fortify or to modify their views--and started "waves". But--read the talk and the matter following it.

Much of the furor was my fault.

I had written the long letter to "Smitty" which you will find in my talk. I should have spent less time using it, and more time SELLING THESE GOOD YOUNG PEOPLE ON WHY I WAS ABOUT TO TELL THEM HOW THEIR ELDERS HAD BEEN "SUCKERED OUT OF A GREAT NATION", and how THEY now in turn had inherited that nation, and therefore knew only a lop-sided malformed twisted imitation of REALITY.

This, I failed to do. They were expecting a nice talk, congenial to their gentle Urantian views. I made a talk bristling with harsh briars and nettles people do not like to grasp--with the disturbing accusations and truths minds do not like to absorb--with concealed faces of evil from which the human spirit recoils. And these young people who are supposed to be training as teacher-leaders to fight valiant battles for the souls of men were not used to it. I do not blame them. For as I say, I did not prepare them beyond telling them at the outset that I would distress them. I should have been more fully explicit and I believe they would have risen to the occasion.

I should also have pointed out to them early, that all Urantians are liberals, but that we learn to temper our liberalism to God's progressive plan of evolution. Only spiritual and moral change can be made swiftly, immediately. (911C) The Fabian socialists would have well-meaning liberals believe all kinds of changes can be made swiftly simply by spending money and passing laws. It never works constructively. Truly important changes can be made only by changing men first. That's the job of Urantians, isn't it?

If some of my critics had been willing to hold their criticisms until they had read my talk, and really knew what was in it, and how Urantian it was, it would have been more reasonable. But then I would not have written the supporting material which follows my talk herewith. And for whatever few may read it, I believe it will be valuable.

ONE MORE TOPIC FOR MY YOUNG CRITICS: Most all of you are big-hearted and well-meaning Urantians. Do you remember how the Jews, 2000 years ago considered their theology forever fixed, settled? (1339D) It cost them dearly. When you stop learning, you are intellectually dead. You heard a quick delivery of an hour-long

talk that went counter to what you expected. You must have liked most of it, for it was heavily applauded by almost everyone. But word started around that the talk was political. A week later the criticisms had grown. Despite the fact memory accuracy could only have faded, the criticisms had grown more precise and inaccurate, or untrue.

How can you grow spiritually if you permit snap judgments to represent your sober opinions of important issues? How can you grow intellectually if you almost automatically condemn as did the Jews what goes counter to your already accepted bundle of "theology" and worldly wisdom?

I am being frank. (You learn more from people who will be frank with you, whether you like it or not, than from pussy-footing cheshire cats who never step over the bounds of the circle of your intellect.) Perhaps one young Urantian teacher-leader who will think, dig, study, for himself, be willing to hear what jars his complacency, even what upsets his "pet theories and opinions", is worth more to God than 50 Pollyannas who have a superficial knowledge of the Book and of life and then say, "Don't bother me with facts, I have my education and I don't want to be upset with anything new or distressing. And please don't tell me I'm mistaken about any of my ideas because I know I'm not."

It should be obvious to you that my motive is not, has not been, to win popularity among you. My motive is to help you help the Gospel in a harsh world. Those who are so tender as to be offended by my words are too tender to be of much service as teacher-leaders in the tough world anyway. Let the tender ones serve in their ways, and there are many ways they can serve--bless them! But heaven knows there is need too for tough-minded young men and women who WILL UNDERSTAND MY MESSAGE and can do more than preach the buttercup gospel. Others must fight valiantly for God and the living Christ, for the sonship to God and the brotherhood of men, where the enemies of God now hold the high ground and are still, day after day, destroying all that's good, moral, ethical, and spiritual in America!

The first thing a young Urantian needs to make certain of, I think, is that his intellectual and spiritual heroes are not unhinged from God. The second is that the sphere of his intellect and spirit in combination is enlarging, expanding, not resting--ever! The third is that his ideology is not fed to him like dog or cat food by animal trainers in whose interest he performs shallow intellectual and pseudo-religious rituals too weak to register ON HIS MANSION WORLD RECORD! The Urantia gospel here and now and tomorrow needs MEN AND WOMEN of independence--not puppets on the strings of the puppeteers who have too long been shaping a degenerating America. "A lasting social system without morality predicated on SPIRITUAL REALITIES can no more be maintained than could the solar system without gravity." (2075D)

WHY I AM DISTRIBUTING THIS TALK

THE REASON I am distributing this talk instead of the Conference committee? More than a week after the Conference, I was told in a letter that Julia Fenderson had received "innumerable calls, notes, and verbal complaints about mixing politics with Urantia and a spiritual message". (It reminded me of the Fabian techniques I talked of in my address, but of course no one in a Urantia group would stoop to such tactics.) The letter said the "committee" concluded it would be dangerous (sic) to distribute my talk unless I deleted certain parts. That would be dishonest and I said, "No thanks." I had decided to ADD to it, paragraphs I omitted as I talked to save time. So with full responsibility--naturally--for my words and facts, I mail this to you direct.

The committee and I in the best of good spirit consider this a rational, thoroughly satisfactory arrangement.

So I submit these many words to you the reader--my Urantia sister or brother--hoping to open new areas of vision to you and some new sharpness of vision.

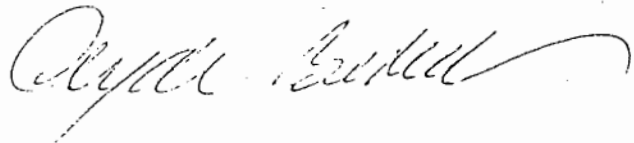
Every effect demands a cause. And the deterioration of our American society didn't just happen. It was planned. The astonishing thing is that great educators, editors, statesmen, jurists, churchmen, do not know--or pretend not to know--either what has caused our vast and seemingly fatal malaise or its cure. YOU WILL LEARN THE CAUSE IN THESE PAPERS, and YOU WILL LEARN THE CURE.

You will see that the plan for our destruction has been helped along by millions of good hearted Americans who have been unconscious of the end toward which their help has been given.

You will conclude, I believe, that a single Pollyanna type of dilly-dallying Urantia preaching-teaching is hardly enough for a world in crisis. Even 2000 years ago, Jesus, in a world much less complex "taught as the occasion served" (1672C). And he taught "his associates what their attitudes should be toward the various religious groups and the political parties of Palestine". (1534C)

I BELIEVE young Urantians need desperately to see further into the shadowed part of the world I have revealed to them in this talk. They need to know that many of the men whose names they know as great Americans are really great enemies of God--no more and no less, and are helping speed western society to catastrophe without admitting their duplicity. You cannot get spiritual seeds to grow in much of this world today until you know something of the heavy rooted brambles that can keep your spiritual seeds from growing. I pray you get the message!

Sincerely yours in the Book.



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“ When I assert that a plumber at work in my home is attempting to teach my child there is no God, I am not speaking about plumbing, but religion, and religion is the issue. When I say a biologist denies to children the existence of any moral absolutes, I am not speaking about biology, but morality, and that is the issue. If a math teacher belittles Jesus as a Divine Son of God and I take his arguments apart, I am not making a speech on math but on religion. I should think you could see I was delivering a religious address, throughout. Yes, I mentioned the plumber, the biologist, the math teacher, but they were incidental to religion and its enemies which were the strong cables of subject on which I strung my whole address. Please, try to be fair. ”

THE UNIVERSE CHANGING FRONT

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I HAVE BORROWED from Victor Hugo the title for this paper. He was not a great historian, but he had a great sense of history. I am not sure he knew how God works his wonders to perform. But he had faith that the Most Highs rule in the affairs of men.

You may recall that in 1815, the fate of Europe--at least--hung on the outcome of the upcoming Battle of Waterloo.

By early afternoon Napoleon had apparently gained the day, and soon thereafter sent a victory message to Paris.

But an hour or so later an unseen chasm swallowed up much of the supposedly terminal great cavalry charge, and the bewildered French had lost the battle which Napoleon an hour or so earlier had dispatched word to Paris he had won! Thus ended French dominion, and the fabulous career of the mighty Napoleon.

Now I shall quote Hugo, whose dramatic description of the cavalry charge I wish I could have read you instead of my inadequate summary.

"Was it possible that Napoleon should gain this battle? We answer, No. Why? Because of Wellington? Because of Blucher? No. Because of God... The moment was come for the incorruptible supreme equity to take command... When the earth suffers a surcharge, there rise mysterious groanings in the dark, which even the very abyss understands.

"Napoleon had been denounced in the infinite and his downfall was resolved. He bothered God. Waterloo is not a battle; it is the universe changing front." (1) *

(Hugo here uses the term "universe" loosely, but his meaning is clear and we sympathize with his intention to give greater emphasis than the word "world" would have given.)

Waterloo changed world history greatly. However, it is doubtful if any English infantryman who survived knew he had participated in so crucial an event. Nor did the little French drummer boy sense his own flash in great history when he killed a British sergeant who was a champion British boxer. (2)

They say that the lowliest of "extras" in a great film usually feels a sublime thrill during the filming of a movie spectacular--an earthquake, the destruction of a great city, a sweeping battle scene.

This is because the extra has been briefed. He knows what has gone before the part he plays, and what comes after. He has become part of a continuity. This gives him a sense of the history in which he is playing a part.

Our "universe" is changing front today, now. You and I are living through a crucial early stage of change--a preliminary to one of the greatest changes of front this planet has ever known. The denouement is ahead. After which a new culture's painful beginnings will grow out of what is left of our old culture. We should understand its scale and import, and why a country so great as this has been brought to such a plight in a few decades. We need to be briefed.

* (See p. 20)

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We need not be corks idly tossing aimlessly and without direction upon an ocean vast beyond our comprehension. We can see the direction we have been given and can influence our own direction--at least a little--and counter somewhat, the enormous forces around us if we comprehend them. Unfortunately, powerful hidden anti-Christ forces of evil have worked so insidiously throughout our culture for decades (intensifying our mistakes and our inherent weaknesses as well as initiating ravaging cancerous evils among us) that the average intelligent citizen is completely ignorant of the seriousness and depth of the crisis we face--TODAY. Surely in all history the basic guiding principles of no nation have ever been so corrupted and subverted as have the Christian and constitutional principles of the United States in the past six or eight decades. Christians should know this!

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NOW as I hurry through these small leaves of paper about the crisis we face, with their message of anguish and suffering, of reproach and dismay, of criticism and revelation, I expect to distress you some. The short term outlook for our western culture is dark indeed. The long term outlook is wonderful. Even the short term outlook is bright, of course, for those who love God, which means all Urantians, for we know "that all things work together for good". There are two things I would like you to remember from the Urantia Book which, despite the distress I mention, should buoy your spirit. The two things to remember are these:

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1. The Urantia Book tells us that "only unthinking men become panicky about the spiritual assets of the human race." That is encouraging, but I suppose we would not be thus reminded of the spiritual assets of the race if it were not apparent that these assets or resources are soon to be sorely tested. That is consistent with the theme you will see developing here. For America's story today is a crazy quilt story of incredibly topsy turvy principles; high sounding but low acting subversive organizations; sleep-walking citizens indifferent to the loss of their freedoms and original institutions; a culture that denies the Great Inventor of all Creation while it builds a marvelous technology based on adaptations of his inventions.

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2. The Urantia Book tells us that God will not be mocked. "In this gigantic struggle between the secular and the spiritual, the religion of Jesus will eventually triumph."

Remember those comforting things as we face together some unwholesome reality that places the Urantia Book and its TRUTH into a more timely, sharper perspective, perhaps, than you have ever viewed it.

The Urantia quote refers to "this gigantic struggle". Listen to two quotes from great Christian professors, one writing in 1944 at Munich, Germany, the second in 1941 at Harvard.

Romano Guardini, professor of religion at Munich, in 1944 quotes about the crisis of our age and of the world... "We seem to be rushing toward an event which from the human point of view can only be described as...catastrophe...between us and that event only a few decades remain." (3)

Pitirim Sorokin, head of the Department of Sociology, Harvard, in his remarkable book, The Crisis of our Age, 1941, says, "The crisis is not ordinary but extraordinary...in brief, it is a crisis involving the whole way of life, thought, and conduct

of Western society. More precisely, it consists in a disintegration of a fundamental form of Western culture and society. . . during the last thirty centuries there have been only four crises in the history of Greco-Roman and Western culture comparable to the present one. Even these four were on a smaller scale. . . We are living at one of the epoch-making turning points of human history." (4)

Four times in our wonderful book, Jesus says to his apostles and followers, "Be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves." If I make any contribution to your Urantian ministry today, perhaps it will be to your wisdom as serpents. I look at your beautiful faces at the moment and am sure you are as gentle and well-meaning as doves now. I am not sure that--in the matter I am presenting--you are as wise as serpents.

III

TWO OR THREE MONTHS ago I received, as I have a number of times before, a very nicely printed mailing from a tax-free non-profit foundation. I shall call it the Center for Humane Studies--a privately financed and endowed organization in a lovely California city, staffed by a handful of gentlemen of fine character, all of whom, I believe, you would be proud to know and call friends.

I have known the president and one of the others for some years. They write books, articles, pamphlets, and they lecture widely. They are eminent widely known men in their fields.

I emphasize their virtue and reputations to suggest how baffling may be the role of constructive citizens in our society. In our sensate culture, God has largely been forgotten as the still existing, ever present, Creator and Author of all Life and of all Science. Therefore, even the best of men and intellectuals are apt to become, in their elevated occupations, something like spiritually illiterate children making meaningless mudpies. But I am getting ahead of myself.

Here I want to quote at length (with but little modification) from a letter I wrote to my Foundation President friend. I shall call him Smitty. And when I refer to his publications I shall change their names a little. I will quote only parts of the letter.

Aren't we all of us Smittys, in a way, on some scale, lesser or greater? He was a brilliant, internationally known economist lecturer-author. What are you? A decent quiet citizen, too, in another occupation? But maybe a Smitty? Preoccupied largely by what you do for a living? A Smitty perhaps, without planning it that way? As an I? So this letter is to me. It is also to you. Imagine it applied to you in your occupation more or less.

IV

Dear Smitty:

This letter to you is a very personal and urgent cry! Hopeful of being heard above the music of your merry-go-round, which I am sure has your rapt attention almost full time daily. Hopeful that you will slow down the tempo, soften the music, and heed my tugging on your coat tails.

You must sense that our country's problems are growing steadily worse. The situation and what's behind it are an education.

I call out to you because you may have the openness of mind and heart to re-appraise your priorities. You need to know our culture has gradually been deprived of

something vastly important; who is guilty; and how it was done. It's a long and shattering story. It will be easier for you to reject or side-step the truth I gradually unfold for you, than to face and embrace it. Most people take the easy course and turn the other way. That's why we have our problems.

○ means omitted from oral address to save time.

STOP AND LOOK at our society through a cosmic peephole from somewhere outside. I want you to know what prompts me to write this letter upon receiving your recent mailing about your new reprints.

Don't look at the quiet majority of the people down the side streets and in the suburbs and ordinary neighborhoods, hopefully clothing and feeding their kids, paying their bills, trying to live normal lives in a world they are progressively learning is not normal.

It takes only 20 or 30 steers in a herd of 5000 to panic the lot, Smitty. In a city of 250,000 if 5000 are living outside the law--and mug and rape and burglarize and rob and set fires and a few more do so each week--how many of the remaining 240,000 plus can freely walk the streets, use parks, and live normal lives? That the majority of people are decent, doesn't solve the problem.

Look at the dominant features in the society in which you work, in which you write and mail and sell your pamphlets, in which you are striving to turn the economic thought around. Look at the big corporations, the businesses, the politicians, the schools, the churches, the church and charitable organizations, the legislatures, the mass media, the judiciary. They are the ones who give the tempo, the coloration, direction, complexion, to our culture. The majority of the people, God pity them in this society, can only go along, reluctantly and protestingly perhaps, but no longer can they call the tunes. Though they are compelled to pay the pipers.

Now, Smitty--when I read your announcement about your two new reprints: "HUMAN LIBERTY AND THE LAW" and "THE RIGHTS OF PROPERTY", each at about \$6, I thought of the people to whom they were mailed. I saw your gentle leaflets and books to sell libertarian theses fluttering into calm offices where other calm essayists were writing their dissertations to send to you and the rest of the clan, all tucked away on their own merry-go-rounds with intellectual astigmatism on the 50th to 100th intellectual floors of "academic" merry-go-rounds. And I was disturbed.

In front of me was an article about a 15-year old Mexican boy, stabbed to death by young hoodlums on his Los Angeles school ground. Another high school boy, a football player, was killed by young bums because he refused to give up to them, his new coat. A few doors away learned doctors were writing articles on protective tariffs and labor unions while their merry-go-rounds never faltered, and drowned out the anguished cries of mothers who surely should expect better of life than this.

Note, as you look, Smitty, that America today is a merry-go-round society--is dominated by a frenetic collection of madly whirling, self-centered merry-go-rounds operated with no (or minimum) concern for their effect on the country as a whole.

Not long ago a pretty little girl named Joyce Anne Huff was playing in her front yard a few miles from here. Her mother glanced at her frequently from the kitchen window a few feet away. Suddenly a shotgun roared from a passing Chevrolet and 42 lead pellets were buried in the soft little body. Three youths were arrested for what turned out to be a "joy killing". The prime suspect had already an arrest record for attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, burglarly, arson, robbery, and

narcotics charges. Our "sociological jurisprudence" that favors criminals over the public is a virus that has spread from a small secretly functioning poison drug company, "Fabian Socialism and Social Sciences Proprietary", as many other of our long standard social problems and poisons have. Its early beginnings were in 1884 in England, in New York in the U.S., in 1905. (5)

Look, Smitty, the world you started writing for some years ago, and are still writing for, doesn't exist. It's gone. The sick arsonists, rapists, murderers around us, were raised in a TV-drug-alcohol culture where criminals go free and the huge profits of drug-dispensing manufacturers bear no relationship whatever to the drugs required by our civilization. And in the cities where the drugs are made, well-meaning but babes-in-the-woods gentlemen write books in defense of free enterprise--while their merry-go-rounds drown out the moanings and groanings in the dark.

A doctor in Los Angeles who wrote thousands of illegal prescriptions for drugs (for a consideration) has his license lifted. Good? Well, it's the third lift and for only 5 years. Meanwhile he can have a 5-year vacation on profits earned by addicting kids. Hear the music?

"Drink to the judge, the addle-headed judge
In his judicial robe
He'll be as gentle as can be.
He is no xenophobe."

While our society is ripped openly by vandals and fiends who hit the public and the vulnerable merry-go-rounds willy nilly, some of the merry-go-rounds behind their false front, circumspect names, hide deception and subversion that are a tie for Watergate! Or worse.

All the signals are changed, Smitty. Are you ignoring it? Are you really aware of it? Virtuous people need to really know about our society and who makes it tick today. You can't cure small pox if you're working on chicken pox.

Our founding fathers knew God. For many years I think our leaders have only known his name. Like many of our churches. America's highly publicized intellectuals who have blank spots in their minds where God should dwell are a greater menace to our civilization than stupid atheists.

Many years ago the great church Councils, National and World, were selected as goals for infiltration and then domination by the Communists. Dr. Harry F. Ward--a Methodist--a member of the Fabian Society at Harvard as a young man--was the first national church leader to assume this responsibility for the Communist Party of which he was a high ranking member. He did his work well and his successors have done even better. Any one willing to make an in-depth study must accept the fact that the policies and major actions of both National and World Councils are now consistent with the anti-Christ Fabian Socialist and Communist worlds' ends, not with the ends of the Jesus of the New Testament or the Urantia Book. (6, 7)

In passing, as a small crumb of evidence (for nothing that can further Godless Socialism seems too small for this multi-million dollar Council to propagate) the World Council is now distributing NEW HYMNS FOR A NEW DAY containing such gems as this. (I quote briefly as I can.) "It was on a Friday morning that they took me from the cell, and I saw they had a carpenter to crucify as well. You can blame it on to Pilate, you can blame it on the Jews, you can blame it on the devil, it's God...It was God...It's

God they ought to crucify instead of you and me," and so on. (8)

The council merry-go-round is as blatant as any!

We are churchmen bold and brave,
But who and what we are to save
We won't tell if you're too stupid
To distinguish saint from knave.

Merry go, merry God did it go

Merry God did it go round!

I believe you once said you belonged to the American Civil Liberties Union, or did at one time. It, like the Fabian Socialists who never mention socialism (or their own organization, and whose secret members have so largely helped destroy America's religious traditions) should adopt the Fabian emblem of the wolf in sheep's clothing. The ACLU solicits funds from us all by mail, and until my eyes were opened to their dishonest appeals, and to their revolting and repellent causes, I paid for membership, believing their false claim that they were devoted solely to the preservation of the freedoms guaranteed under the Bill of Rights.

But I know now that behind their false front they have spent huge sums fighting for almost everything a decent Christian abhors. For instance, to legalize that most vulgar of four-letter words for use in public demonstrations, on banners, sweat shirts, etc. "----the draft", "---- the flag", etc. They were successful in this, thanks to our today's "sociological jurisprudence" in America, stemming from the same Socialist-Communist sources that founded and operate the ACLU itself. I could fill this letter with bare listings of their legal fights on behalf of pornography, obscenity, communism! Their fights against loyalty oaths, decent films, ordinances to keep filth, marijuana, etc. from juveniles. They fight for legalizing burning the flag, cursing policemen, burning draft cards, and almost all else the Communists want for the U.S. but are against in Russia and communist states. (9)

O The cards are stacked, Smitty. Even corporation fat cats lap up Godless international socialism milk today, auspices Council of Foreign Relations, darling of all leftist liberals. Big execs are managers, not owners, today. So--"ride with the tide".

The battle for our traditionally Christian society behind the Godless false fronts has heated up. Your literature doesn't show it. The average American doesn't know it.

All this should bother you, Smitty. Our forefathers started a good thing--had it going well. They wanted this nation to do the will of God. But the country is run from behind the scenes pretty much nowadays. We, the people, let God get kicked out by the neo-Americans, the new Godless bosses. The society you are writing books and re-printing books to change, has gone down the drain.

There's a new so-called sub-culture on the streets and on the campus near you. It was deliberately created by the socialist-communist cooperative axis. The proof is abundant. Violence, radical organizations, drugs, demonstrations, riots, sit-ins, campus take-overs, all carefully planned years ago! We who are now adults helped, too, in that we let the anti-Christ get away with it. It wasn't around when you started writing, was it? This sub-culture--you can't ignore it, but it won't buy many of your books or take your theories to heart. It includes the cast-offs, the hopeless, hapless dropouts, or whatever you call them, and the young suicides, the unhappy kid divorcees, and time-servers--they didn't deliberately decide they wanted to be outcasts, or to die in desperate illness and loneliness. Your society and mine--the decent but preoccupied people--

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p. 24 et seq.
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13. Historians' History of the World, Vol. VI, p. 601
14. Keynes at Harvard, Zygmund Dobbs. ***

* THE GREAT DECEIT, 1964, is a 354 page quality printed, quality paper, 6 x 9", paper back book you won't find in the bookstores. It is one of the many books the leftist dominated establishment would suppress if it possibly could. It is fully documented with names, dates, places.

The Veritas Foundation which published it in 1964 was established by a group of Harvard men deeply distressed by the shocking revelations of the communists and Fabian socialists who had come out of Harvard as a principal infection center for these enemies of the American system of free enterprise, American constitutional government, and religion. (Continued on p. 28

A FEW NOTES WRITTEN IN RESPONSE TO CRITICAL COMMENTS MADE BY YOUNG
PERSONS AFTER MY TALK AT L. A.

IT IS IMPORTANT to distinguish here between what some writers and scholars call 'soft socialism' and FABIAN SOCIALISM to which I have consistently referred in my talk. "Soft socialism" embraces many ideas which good Christians and Urantians can accept and embrace. To wit: aid for the needy, aid for dependent children, medical aid, legal aid for the poor, justice for the accused, et cetera. Fabian socialism in the U.S. however, seeks to carry all such things to a ruinous extreme in an effort to bring about social breakdown and national bankruptcy. The Fabian commitment is to destroy all religion and freedom on behalf of a socialist (or communist) takeover.

Comments made to me indirectly or directly:

1. "I cannot criticize communism. Look what it has done for the Chinese."
2. "Mr. Bedell used the Urantia Book to support his political position".
3. "I don't think anything negative should be brought into a Urantia meeting".
4. "He condemned the NAACP. I think it has done a lot of good. He shouldn't condemn it."

First, a general comment--then more specifically I'll answer these with the answers somewhat overlapping.

Our American society has been under an extensive, highly successful, well-concealed, brainwashing operation by a highly deceptive apparatus for seven or eight decades. I tried to reveal a good deal of this and add constructive insights in an hour's time! Rather a difficult task. I presented only bold outlines. All the facts may be fully documented if you will read BIBLIOGRAPHY ITEMS (5 and 10). I have spent some years learning what I know. Before you pass it all off, it might change your life highly to the advantage of your Urantia "ministry" to spend several hours LEARNING WHAT KIND OF WORLD YOU ARE LIVING IN and why America is in its present sad state.

1. "I cannot criticize communism. Look what it has done for the Chinese."

Most of what it has done for the Chinese was done behind "closed borders" (the "bamboo curtain") so only God knows what it has done, really. All we mortals know is that the Chinese alive today--all living as docile rabbits in a vast rabbit hutch as charges of their government--are eating better than they did before communism.

Meanwhile, we know that from 40,000,000 to 90,000,000 Chinese (estimates vary) who didn't want to live in an anthill society were murdered ruthlessly. These were the educated, least docile, the professional, the cultured, creative, most intelligent, most independent, most talented, most resourceful Chinese, generally speaking.

They were the ones unwilling to be levelled down to the same menial tasks, the same level of "mental nourishment", the same level of domestic comforts, to the same apparel, etc.

Nowhere in the Urantia Book will you find any favorable word spoken for the anthill society. Jesus said "Civil government is founded on justice", (1462A) Communism (which is one form of socialism) founds its government on the equality of all men. What justice is there in making a Ph.D. in mathematics feed hogs in a rural commune with a peasant whose I.Q. is 85? Which is precisely what happens if the Ph.D. refuses to obey a bureaucrat within the "intellectual elite" who goes by the book.

If the Ph.D. objects he is shot. "Jesus never failed to exalt the sacredness of the individual as contrasted with the community." (1862C) This is exactly the opposite of socialist-communist theory and practice. Yet some young misled Urantians think socialism is a good thing.

The immature may believe when I refer to socialism-communism in my paper I am referring to the elementary school or living-room type of socialist who has never studied any of the literature exposing the Fabians and their bed-fellow Marxists, who have already almost destroyed our great American society. I can only refer you here, as I have elsewhere, to the fruits of thousands upon thousands of hours of documented research sublimated into three inexpensive books listed in the accompanying bibliography, worth far more than their cost if you wish to be an informed American-- and to understand more fully why the Urantia Book is needed on this earth and in this country. I refer to items 5 and 10 in the bibliography.

Communist China, like Lucifer, has taken a shortcut. Japan, prostrate in 1945, has become a world power in a few years, highly industrialized, and wealthy, with a free society. West Germany, prostrate in 1945, has become the most powerful nation in Europe in a few years, with a free society, highly industrialized, and wealthy. East Germany, whose government spends millions of marks a year to murder her citizens who still dare try to escape her communist society, lags far far behind.

Russia, also like China, murdered many many millions who wanted a free society. After 55 years of communism, she still can't feed her own people. Her advances have been made, almost without exception, through technological assistance from the West. She governs through repression. Her people have no freedom--and little or no contact with the world. They read, see, hear, only what government permits. Youths who can't criticize communism know little of history or of the world today, and little of the Urantia Book.

Incidentally, the Urantia Book tells us that plans "executed with entire sincerity and with only the highest motives" can constitute evil "because it represents the wrong way to achieve righteous ends". The Urantia Book nowhere suggests or approves the idea that a good end justifies the wrong means. Over and over in the writings of socialists you find justification for using any means to achieve a desired end.

Read all the references to communism in your Urantia Book. Either our celestial friends are right, or socialism and communism are. Both can't be.

Power and wealth do not make nations great in the Urantian sense of the word. But they prepare them to become great through Urantian teachings or to be destroyed through socialist-communist subversion. A good society cannot be built on poverty. People who must spend their waking hours struggling to wrest a living from the soil have no energy or time for improving themselves intellectually or spiritually, let alone their society. This is not the place to go into details. But the Urantia Book considers our free enterprise system vastly better than any system that has preceded it (socialism, communism, et cetera) and warns us to be slow in making any changes. (782B). It strongly favors private property. But free enterprise and the profit motive must be modified by the service motive! ENTER THE URANTIA GOSPEL! Socialists would change the system. The Urantia gospel would keep the system, and change the hearts and spirits of men--who would then MODIFY THE SYSTEM WHICH LEAVES MEN FREE TO EXERCISE THEIR TALENTS AND ALL THEIR GENIUS ON BEHALF OF SOCIETY.

The Marxists and socialists would eliminate God. No society is long viable without God. Man with God functioning within him, in a free enterprise system ultimately brings about a world of light and life. Socialism-communism want more and more government. Good men want less and less. A society of archangels has NO

government. Men without God finally must all live in a prison or be controlled by nothing but force. KNOW YOUR BOOK, URANTIAN!

2. "Mr. Bedell used the Urantia Book to support his political opinion."

Nothing could be further from the truth. My political opinion, whatever it may be, squares with the Urantia Book. But how I vote no one can tell from my talk or my Urantia writing.

In my bibliography attached, but not in my address, I mention the word "Democrat" because it is in the title of a book that is an authoritative source of Fabian information, by a distinguished congressman scholar. Does that make my talk political? Use of that word is balanced I trust (for those looking for "political" evidence) by my disparaging use--in passing--of the word "Watergate." Does using those two words make my address political?

Fabian socialism is not a political party. Never has been. Fabians would be the first to say so. Nor is communism. Both are conspiracies. Both work by deceit and stealth the year around and through subversion, in every area of life, to destroy religion and all absolute standards, and in all parties. Both assert there are no absolute standards of morality or goodness. Both deny God and practically everything a decent Christian and the Urantia Book assert. Let an intelligent thinking person analyze my talk and show me where my talk is political. It is an informed, carefully put together revelation of little known factual truth about the most dynamic active anti-God force on earth. It is shocking to me if anyone can, after deliberation, say this talk is not a fitting and constructive one for Urantians who hope to be spiritual teacher-leaders in this world today and tomorrow. Is that political?

If believers in God, the Lord Jesus, and the Urantia Book, may not in any Urantia meeting at any time, discuss these or other enemies OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, then we are rabbit hearted religionists, juvenile hearted teacher-leaders, and not worthy of the concentric circles.

I said in my talk that the Fabians had been working for decades to destroy traditional American constitutional law and jurisprudence, our once worthy public school system, our traditionally gospel-oriented churches, higher education, our representative republic form of government, our communications system, our mass media, and most everything else that made this country great. Because their efforts embrace so much, does that make my talk political? No great society can be viable without God.

Theirs is the only powerful force attempting to deprive our nation of God. In my talk I said that a society--a mass of people--without God can't be shaped into a society worth preserving. Does that make it a political talk?

Was Jesus making a political talk when he instructed the apostles to obey the civil authorities? And to observe the essentials of the law? (1906D).

Was he making a commercial or real estate and a criminal jurisprudence address when he accused the Jewish rulers of secretly laying hold of widows' houses and taking profits from the sacred temple? (1907)

I mentioned that the socialist enemies of God and Jesus had used many front organizations with high-sounding names to further their godless aims, that they dominated the book clubs and the wire news services, the mass media, that they fanned thousands of atheistic freewheeling professors and jurists and economists and journalists from infection centers into the main streams of our American system.

And all of these people and what they teach and write are at variance with the Urantia Book.

I would like to have someone point out what is political about any of this.

Look at it another way. If you said to me as a longtime earnest student of the American scene and the degeneration of American ideals, "I thought America traditionally was a Christian nation, and that our forefathers started us off with highly ethical and moral standards and dedication to the doing of the will of God. What has happened?"

It would be impossible to answer that question except by including many of the documented facts that were included in my talk at the Conference. It would be impossible to answer and not say that Fabian socialism had been dedicated for sixty or seventy years to a subverting secret attack on our religious and basic American principles. Would you say, "Wait a minute! I asked a question about religion and morality. You mustn't bring 'politics' into the answer!"?

We who have a gospel based on God and on his Son, Jesus, can induce little spiritual progress in this world today, if we are intellectual pygmies or nitwits, refusing to face the reality of the world in which we live. Pollyanna teacher-leaders may be unhappy when asked to face the fact that the gospel cannot be preached in the same way to all men--but it is true, Jesus said: "The gospel of the kingdom is to be preached to all men--Jew and gentile--Greek and Roman, rich and poor, free and bond--and equally to young and old, male and female." (1608 B).

Can you teach the gospel the same way to the pre-conditioned socialist-collegian who has been made amoral, as to the one who is leaning toward God? The same way to the tough socialist as to the parlor socialist? The same way to a group with a hard-boiled talk-back Marxist socialist in its center as to a reasonable, curious open-minded willing-to-listen crowd?

One reason Jesus was so successful was his wisdom. He knew all the answers. Have you ever listened to the fumbling embarrassed answers of a Urantian teacher caught with his intellectual suspenders down by an intelligent God-hater?

Anything political (in my talk) was so incidental as to justify calling it 20 or 30 things other than political. I intended to inspire some young Urantians to STUDY the "opposition" and hence the BOOK, MORE, MORE, MORE. The Urantia Book has most of the answers. We should know them better.

When I assert that a plumber at work in my home is attempting to teach my child there is no God, I am not speaking about plumbing but religion, and religion is the issue. When I say a biologist denies to children the existence of any moral absolutes, I am not speaking about biology, but morality, and that is the issue. If a math teacher belittles Jesus as a Divine Son of God and I take his arguments apart, I am not making a speech on math but on religion. I should think you could see I was delivering a religious address, throughout. Yes, I mentioned the plumber, the biologist, the math teacher, but they were incidental to religion and its enemies which were the strong cables of subject on which I strung my whole address. Please be fair.

Incidentally, your "political talk" charge is invalid for another reason. Fabians (who are hard-core conspiring socialists, going by different names from decade to decade in different organizations and fronts, are NOT "soft socialists") are in everything, including all political parties. They are no more political than they are anything else. They permeate, infiltrate, dominate, subvert, create, whatever the situation permits, or demands, on behalf of godless ultimate power for socialism in all phases of all facets of our society.

I would not answer this "political" criticism at such length did I not believe it unfair both to me, and to the intellectual faculties of those who made it. A rereading may lead to a revision of their judgment, which will be fairer to both of us.

3. "I don't think anything negative should be brought into Urantia meetings."

Actually, as I view it, my message constituted a positive injunction to any listeners who hope to be teacher-leaders, which all of us (presumably) are supposed to be. In effect this is its summation:

Our western civilization is in crisis, approaching a denouement. You should know why it is so Godless, and the truth of how it got that way, and how so great a country could, in a few decades have degenerated so greatly. If you have "bought" some of the socialist-communist "concepts" in the "package" that has blacked out the American traditional principles and the God of our fathers, square your ideas with the Urantia Book and get back on the track. For you can't embrace the socialist enemy-of-God concepts and the Jesusonian Urantian concepts too.

That's a pretty positive injunction it seems to me. I was addressing Urantian "insiders", believers, teacher-leaders as I presume everyone in attendance was, to some degree, instructing them as to the "why" and "kind" of resistance there is to spiritual growth and development in this sadly sick world today. I stressed Jesus' ordination instruction to his apostles--the Sermon on the Mount. My address was no more negative than the wise admonitions in that constructive set of instructions to his apostles whom Jesus did not want to meet the harsh world unprepared.

If you know someone who felt my address was negative, perhaps you could get him to read it without prejudice, seeking to learn something from it. I'm going to answer this comment rather fully, for I feel deeply about it.

IS IT possible that some of us have a fixed idea that there is only one kind of "ministry" of the Urantia Book:

Let's examine this. If such fixed ideas exist, I risk offending, and again, the charge of being "negative". However, we should remember that we want unity--not uniformity among Urantians. Unity on behalf of the Book's message--not uniformity in its presentations.

NO ONE can prescribe a specific way in which everyone should preach-teach the Urantian Gospel. No one should presume to tell me how I or anyone else should do it. No one should presume any one way is par for everyone else or for every audience.

I believe too many Urantians believe they should be told, and should tell others, only what they want to hear. Perhaps such a teaching-preaching ministry for one kind is fine. But, if a Urantia ministry is warranted that tells people only what they want to hear (sandwiched between broad smiles, grins, and anecdotes, and assertions of brotherhood and sonship to God, along with the most usual and oft repeated phases of the gospel) surely other kinds of ministry are warranted also.

I am certain that we need a kind of ministry, and need it now, that I have not yet heard. Jesus spoke to his apostles of "the enmity of the world". Certainly, after 60 years of Fabian conditioning of the public, a Urantian "ministry" today has something of this enmity toward God to contend with in almost any audience. Or at least, a cold shoulder. (My talk was to suggest we Urantians should understand this, recognize it, and therefore be prepared to contend with it.) Some few of my auditors apparently believe it should never have been mentioned to them.

On the contrary, I believe that Jesus knew what he was doing in his ordination sermon. "If the blind lead the blind, they both shall fall into the pit" he warned. "In all the business of the kingdom I exhort you to show just judgment and keen wisdom. Present not that which is holy to dogs, neither cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample your gems under foot and turn to rend you." (1571)

IT AT no time occurred to me to tell my audience what I thought it wanted to hear. It didn't occur to me the conference was a popularity contest. I was concerned only with what I thought it would be most profitable for those to hear who would like to know really what kind of world they were going to preach-teach Urantia gospel in in the coming years.

It may be negative, but I ask: How do you avoid falling into the pit if you are blind to what your fellow men have been taught to believe?

It doesn't take much judgment or keen wisdom to tell an audience of friends or students what you know they want to hear. It does take some judgment and wisdom to tell them what they ought to know. Jesus must have expected his apostles to tell people what they ought to hear.

Was He being negative (heaven forbid, according to our Pollyanna Urantians) when He called the scribes and Pharisees "hypocrites", and said: "you refuse to enter the kingdom and at the same time do everything within your power to prevent all others from entering. You stand with your backs to the doors of salvation and fight with all who would enter therein". (He could as well say this of the Fabian socialists and communists today). 1907C

When Jesus spoke of dogs and swine, he wasn't thinking of four-legged ones, was he? It may be negative, but He must have been thinking of two-legged ones, and they would be in the audiences of his apostles, wouldn't they? He was admonishing them to avoid the useless throwing away of time and gospel. If Urantians are not interested in knowing something of this contemporary world, they are in effect saying: "Jesus' rules were allright for his day, but we know better for ours. What He talked about was all right for him! That was just the ORDINATION SERMON FOR JESUS' 12 APOSTLES but ours was a RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE FOR THE FUSLA of Los Angeles, no place for NEGATIVE non-religious things!"

Why should Urantians in a conference reject positive (or negative) information about the enemies of Christ who are the major obstacles in the way of the spiritual and intellectual victories we must win?

An atheist, a Fabian socialist, a communist, a double-dealing malefactor capitalist or a filthy drug peddler, could sit under the typical minister's sermon today and go away feeling quite comfortable, providing he was kind to blacks, marched in the right demonstrations, and "contributed" when the plate was passed. BUT HE'D SQUIRM AND SWEAT IN FRONT OF A SERMON BY JESUS! He should also squirm and sweat under a sermon by, or in a dialogue with, a Urantian teacher-leader. But

I've heard nary a Urantian preach a sermon to make anyone squirm! What shallow vessels God has in us all!

Paul's preaching and his letters were serious. Stephen was not stoned to death for telling people what they wanted to hear. The apostles were not winners of popularity contests. Jesus' Ordination Sermon (on the Mount) was tough instruction to his ambassadors to accept and live by--but it's our instruction too, isn't it, to the extent we will accept it?

I would hope that some young Urantians will arise among us who will break into a spiritual sweat in their teachings, whose dialogues with the anti-Christ's will echo like small thunder in their listeners' hearts, who will wrestle some with the tough problems posed by the godlessness brought about by the sabotage of basic American traditions.

You can't be ignorant of their Fabian seasoning and handle them well. There is a sober undercurrent of doubt and foreboding in the American soul today. I believe people can take substantial spiritual nourishment beyond the capacity of conventional churches to give.

I hoped the enormity of the problem my talk posed might strike a challenge in the depths of a young Urantian breast or so.

Most of the preaching-teaching young Urantians have heard, good as it may be, has been luke-warm and milk mild. How long do you remember it after you hear it? What do you remember about it except that it was interesting or entertaining? Can some youths prepare stronger Urantian meat for the spiritually hungry?

The Fabian-atheist-oriented youth who says there is no good, no morality, no absolute standard is utterly unmoved by shrill repetitions that God loves him with an ineffable, unutterable, indescribable love.

Teaching and preaching the living gospel of Jesus is not child's play, nor can it all be for the young. If Urantians do not go beyond the teaching-preaching of the same old threadbare teaching of the long established evangelicals, what have the revelators gained by giving us the Book? If we do no more than prate Pollyanna messages, how do we do the gospel justice?

MY MESSAGE at the conference was a positive message--not a negative one.

4. "He 'attacked' the NAACP. I think it has done a lot of good. He shouldn't condemn it."

I didn't condemn the NAACP. I said: "LID (League for Industrial Democracy) members permeate and give all or much Fabian direction to the ADA, ACLU, NAACP, etc." In Bibliography Reference "10", there are 15 different references to the NAACP which was founded in 1909 by a group of white socialists who saw opportunity for using negroes to advance socialism's interests. The references, fully documented, fully bear out my statement. Even the ACLU which has been and is the socialists' "main tool used to undermine the basis of the American legal system" * is compelled in its own interest to sometimes do something constructive as a cover for its numerous destructive and evil works. Similarly, there is no question but that the NAACP has done some good works for blacks. It has also, perhaps more often, served Godless communism's ends to greater advantage than it has served the ends of America's blacks. And assuredly many socialists who are tools under the instruction of higher-up socialists are often persons of good character (as Roy Wilkins) who unquestionably often do good works. Still, the overall effect of Godless socialism (and all its fronts) is against the interests of a free America, and any socialist front is primarily to serve

socialism and not its apparent beneficiary. Incidentally, the NAACP was for some years an embarrassment to the socialist organizers and directors for they could not find a black to become a "showpiece" for their organization until they at last "caught" W. E. DuBois--who later was exposed as a communist.

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Somewhere along the line, some of us are going to have to take our coats off--telling people exactly what many of the details of the gospel story are and how they can be put to work in their lives, and how they can see them at work in the world around them. And make the tough atheists wonder if--after all--they've been led down the wrong road.

Atheists are hard nuts to crack. It takes more power and strength to crack hickory nuts than peanuts. Where are the young Urantians who can preach-teach our hickory gospel instead of a peanut gospel? The whole country is yearning and aching for the ringing sincere voices of youths who are Olympian Urantians! Not kindergarten Urantians! -

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The price of the book is \$5 and it is well worth it to anyone who wants to know how this great country degenerated so rapidly on so broad a front. It isn't a book to read and forget. It is a book to read, to think about, to loan to friends, to talk about, to refer to over and over again. It is fully indexed as to subjects and persons.

I ordered a wholesale quantity to get 40% off when I went to the L. A. conference and have sold the entire quantity already. More are now on order. I am selling them for \$4, and am paying delivery N.Y. to California, then to you, as well as tax. A MUST book.

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and hang on to
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possession.

DEMOCRAT'S DILEMMA, 1964, by Congressman Dr. Philip M. Crane of Illinois (probably the most brilliant scholar and one of the greatest Americans in the Congress) is a 383 p. cheaply printed paperback published by Regnery of Chicago. It is anathema to the liberals and may be very hard to find except direct from publisher. It sells for 75¢, and is a gold mine of historically accurate and documented information on how the radical socialists (who dominate the nation) captured the democratic party.

KEYNES AT HARVARD, Enlarged 1969, by Zygmund Dobbs, another great paperback, 166 pp. Same address as #10. \$2 will give you a clear picture as to why Britain went from her high position as a world power to her lowly position today--on a course we are closely following. Understand Keynesism, Fabian socialism, the atheistic enemies of God, and of the American dream. Shocking revelations.

“ Americans get MORE information, but it is one-sided and biased. Hence, Americans, by and large, react negatively to views (including Urantia Book views) that don't conform to the doctored up "baby food" our Fabian masters permit us to read, see, and hear.

American apathy is the fruit of unexercised brains. Like "tired blood", our minds don't want to exert themselves. We accept what our overlords of communication feed us, and reject many better and MORE CHRISTIAN, MORE SOCIALLY-SUITABLE AND WISE-FOR-THE LONG-PULL IDEAS because they are strange to us, and it requires an effort to face issues and to think. Young people resent the world they have grown up in, yet many of them show the same resistance to thinking and facing issues that their parents did. Had their parents and grandparents not been apathetic, we would have had a much better country for today's youths to grow up in. ”

July 4, 1973

Dear Clyde Bedell,

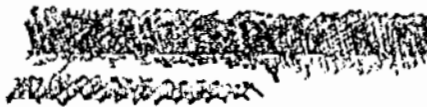
Our Urantia Conference is now over and I for one think it was a beautiful experience that will long be remembered. It would be nice if such events could be enjoyed more frequently.

As you must know by now, many of us were deeply troubled by your talk. Since I have already expressed my opinion on this matter, I will not go into it much further until we have a chance to get together in Santa Barbara for some conversations. I would only like to say again that I was not so much troubled by what you said as by when you said it and to whom you said it. I feel strongly that we must draw a clear line between the Urantia Movement and its emerging cult on the one hand and the political or social causes that we as individuals might think it wise to promote on the other hand. Unfortunately, if we share such political causes and discuss them at our religious conferences, we seriously risk our being associated with one side or the other of various well-meaning, though often even mis-guided organizations, pressure groups, etc. That would surely be a disastrous eventuality would you not agree? In any case there is often truth on both sides of opposing political or social movements. If the Urantia Movement is to be on good terms with all sides, so as to promote spiritual truth, then it must steadfastly maintain complete neutrality on all political and strictly social adjustments. I ask that you give this matter renewed analysis and serious reflection, because it is one of several crucial issues. If you speak against one group today, someone else will speak against other groups tomorrow and where will it end?

With respect to our being "innocent as doves and wise as serpents", I take this to mean that we should always appear innocent, even ignorant, of evil while we make due preparation for all evil possibilities inherent in any situation. But how can we appear innocent if we openly take sides on controversial social and political causes?

Finally the quote in the Urantia Book that I alluded to was not that "a godless humanism, humanly speaking, is altogether admirable" but rather it is "a godless humanitarianism is, humanly speaking, a noble gesture." (1087) In any case, it would seem that you and I interpret this quite differently since the Concordex refers to this page under "humanitarianism, indicted" (p. 100) (But the word "indicted" does not appear in the text.)

With love and friendship,



Dear ~~XXXX~~

Thanks for your letter. I really appreciate your writing. I am trying to reconcile your comment in Los Angeles with your letter, however, and I fall short. In L. A. you were very brief saying you didn't like my talk, and when I pressed you for a "why," you said it went counter to some of your views, refused to say more. Your letter now says you were not troubled so much by what I said as by "when and to whom I said it."

Before answering specifics, I should say I am convinced I made two mistakes in Los Angeles. I should have spent more time explaining (for the sake of the younger part of my audience) WHY I was going to reveal what I did, and I should have clearly shown that all people who have liberal views are not to be classed as Fabian socialists and communists. The older people in our audience understood both of these things apparently, and the reactions I had from a good many of them was warm to very warm, even enthusiastic. I should have realized younger Urantians were less Urantian-conditioned than they were conditioned by the environment I was decrying.

Heaven knows the Urantia Book is all for developing a liberal Christian society, but not by surrendering the quality of humanity, of intelligence, or of life. For decades our society has been exaggerating good sound liberal approaches beyond sane limits--to the point of moral, social, economic, and spiritual bankruptcy. Any student of the Urantia Book finds no confirmation of Fabian ideas that the good life and a viable mass society can be bought by money and legislation--minus God. This, however, has been the formula increasingly applied for a long time.

I am going to answer your letter by wandering down through it, and "talking onto my typewriter."

I chuckled inwardly at your "many of us were troubled." I'm not sure many were troubled until some who are troubled passed word along that a lot should be troubled, and should SAY SO.

I have never until now heard a talk on religion, communism, Fabian socialism, or enemies of God, or anything of that kind, termed a "political" talk. My emphasis was entirely on the conspiracy to destroy religion and all absolute standards of morality and ethics in America; the subversion of the whole spectrum of America's basic institutions and organizations, and the denouement it's all bringing about--and you call it a political talk--only, I suppose, because I mentioned Fabian socialism and communism (both of which are conspiracies, not political parties), and some of the fronts and organizations they dominate.

BUT FIRST I wonder at the criticisms from people who really don't know what my talk --an hour long--really said.

What manner of mind is this--that hears a talk once--loaded with religious reference, detailing deliberate works of the enemies of God and religion in their efforts to destroy all the Urantia message stands for--that days later makes a phone call condemning the talk without ever reading it or weighing its facts, saying it should not be distributed because of its "political overtones" (a phrase repeated to me more than once)? What kind of mind is it that with no testimony or evidence but the memory of a sentence or a few phrases out of an hour's carefully considered talk by an intelligent Urantian who had

documented truth to present--what kind of mind is it that days later not only says, "I think it was political," but says also, "I don't think others should be permitted to read it" --that says "we must censor this talk before it is distributed"--that says "it offended some of the views of some of our people, therefore it is political"?

This is precisely the kind of censorship and smothering of all views but their own by the Fabians, against which my talk so strongly protested. Are these truly Urantian youths who believe in the sanctity of the individual and in freedom of speech, and in a valiant stand against the enemies of God?

The criticism came back to me orally and in writing from several sources that I had "attacked" the NAACP. My precise words were: "The LID (League for Industrial Democracy) members permeate and give all or much Fabian direction to...the...NAACP, and many more (organizations)."

And I provided the source. Urantians are more honest usually than to call such words an attack. Something in the way of integrity is wanting in the deliberate falsehoods and misstatements in the agitation about my talk. You be the judge if you have the will to soberly and thoughtfully read the talk now that you have condemned it after once hearing it, and never having read it yourself.

Now to get to your letter.

YOU SUGGEST a clear line should be drawn between the "Urantian movement...and the political or social causes that we as individuals might think it wise to promote on the other hand." Agreed, only so far as the political or social causes don't make one a hypocrite athwart the Urantia teachings. Nothing seemed to distress Jesus more than hypocrisy, and I will insist publicly and privately that any one who espouses Fabian socialism or communism and says he believes in the Urantia Book is a hypocrite. One can be a "soft socialist" or a "parlor pink commie" (a socialist or communist not knowing much about the historical reality of socialism or communism as real forces in the world) and you can be a liberal or a conservative and believe in the Urantia Book, but you cannot be an intelligent socialist or communist and an intelligent Urantian at the same time.

This has to be true. I'd be glad to discuss it with you at length at any time. So back to your point. The Urantian movement can be indifferent to the political and social views you promote, in my opinion, only so long as those views are not the views of enemies of God, are not contrary to the teachings of our revelation.

That is perfectly clear, isn't it?

Further, if I speak consistently with what our Book teaches in any kind of religious meeting and I step on your toes because you confuse religious issues with political issues, I have no apology to make. And you have no right to complain.

But to go on. You think it unfitting in a religious conference to inform the youths that these godless Fabians deny that man has an indwelling God-Fragment? That they deny man has a soul, immortality? That they insist man is purely a product of his environment? Is this political? That he is, as the communists say, only a beast? An animal?

A true socialist government can freely spend men as they can spend any other commodity! For men are but animated dust. In a conference on spiritual growth, is it political to tell young people that their prospects for the Urantian gospel have been conditioned by Fabians (who have not identified themselves as such) to believe there is no God, no morality, no ethics, no absolutes of goodness? Is this political?

I was not sharing a "political cause" as you put it. I was exposing a conspiracy --so well kept a secret--that not one mature person out of a hundred has any knowledge of it, let alone youths. A conspiracy that has done untold damage to the spiritual resources of the people of this nation. And you seem to say, "What's the difference? Let them continue to pull the wool over the eyes of our youths. Let Urantian teacher-leaders face the pre-conditioned products of these wolves-in-sheep's-clothing in bland ignorance, who cares? You certainly mustn't help prepare them to sell religion to atheists at a religious conference!" And I ask you where I would tell them! Have you an answer? And you have no answer! So your answer must be: "Don't let them know. You trouble us, telling us such things."

SINCE I KNOW you are a man of goodwill, since you are surely on the side of God, and not the Fabians, whose minions have controlled millions upon millions of decent well-meaning liberals in this country for many years, I am sure you will want to read THE GREAT DECEIT. Ask for it and I will loan you a copy. I will not ask that you become familiar with dozens of volumes of sworn testimony, or that you have many, many hours of intimate conversation with disillusioned grizzled veterans of communist experience within the communist party who know socialist ruthlessness (having little or nothing to do with politics, but a great deal to do with education, labor unions, morality, ethics, religion, standards of all kinds). But if you read and have some experience of these things you will no longer call these shrivel-souled enemies of God and the Urantia Book "well-meaning though often misguided." You would no longer attempt to justify either what they do, or Urantian believers' silence about what they have done to stifle and kill all spiritual life and growth in this country.

You heard my hourlong talk. Many of the older people there immediately commended it, some even extravagantly. Not one mentioned it as political. You cavalierly discharged it in a breath as "political," having no place in a religious conference.

Did you within a minute of its conclusion forget all its weight of religious testimony? Its religious significance? Its consistent relevance to the Urantia quotes? Its contrasts between Fabian doctrine and Urantia teaching? Were my Urantia quotes political? What was your mind on? The fact that I condemned Fabian socialism? Or the fact that I pointed up the Fabian cutting off of every avenue of reaching the public consistently with any traditional stream of American religious moral and ethical literature or matter? Was your mind on socialism, communism, or on the Urantia quotes that were 180° contrary to socialist views of man as a product of his environment? Even that is not a political view, but an anthropological or eschatological matter. I was told in Los Angeles too, that an associate of yours left the room as soon as I, in my talk, mentioned communism.

IN YOUR LETTER you say "there is often truth on both sides of opposing political or social movements. If the Urantia movement is to be on good terms with all sides so as to promote spiritual truth, then we must steadfastly maintain complete neutrality on all political and strictly social adjustments."

I see no reason on earth for wanting Urantian movement to be on good terms with any anti-Christ movement, therefore with the Fabian socialist conspiracy. How could we be? How do you get on good terms with a cancer that has grown into and throughout the entire American commonwealth, that has growth intertwined into and around every important structure and organ of the American composite body?

What Urantian seeks to be neutral to Fabian-infected men who subscribe to the basic view that there are no absolutes, that there is no morality, that there is no God? What Urantians want to be neutral to men who will subvert anyone, any idea, any medium, anything and have done so for years? Nothing is sacred to them. NOTHING! There is little chance of saving America today. Already we have practically lost the American Constitutional representative republic our forefathers started for us, and which for over a hundred years with high hopes and with success that inspired the world, was carried on. Deliberately fostered apathy and indifference, bred by decades of brainwashing by Fabian-engendered cancer--paralyzed the American spirit, American rightcousness, American religious inspiration and consciousness, American sense of morality! Hearing only one side of everything, Americans became insensitive to any but the warped Fabian side. Having all standards dissolved gradually, Americans became amoral and apathetic, permissive, undecided, complacent. Even the good soft hearted instantaneously responsive liberals are beginning to see that a godless society is not viable, and goes tragically, desperately awry. Truth is where?

YOU INDICATE Urantians should have "complete neutrality on strictly social adjustments." The adjustment I am concerned with is the adjustment from godlessness (which the Fabian secret movement has done so much to bring about) to a society in which God is again the principal guiding illumination. There can be no illumination above His for a Urantian or for a Urantia society. And there can be no neutrality between the Fabian godless ones and Urantians.

What is a social adjustment anyway? Jesus took a bull whip and drove all cattle from the temple. The people who had been disgracefully cheated and robbed by the money-changers for years (with rabbinical connivance) then upset all the tables of the money-changers! Jesus was hardly neutral in this "social change," for he immediately quoted (p. 1890), "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations, but you have made it a den of robbers." Jesus said: "There cannot be peace between light and darkness, between life and death, between truth and error."

What is neutral about this? My whole talk said the same thing, and you called it "political." When Jesus said: "...until the Most Highs who rule in the Kingdoms of men shall finally overthrow this nation and destroy the place of these rulers, do not pattern after their evil works," He was being neutral? (p. 1906). Was He being neutral when he said: "They say that which is good, but they do it not."? (He could have been talking about the Fabians, precisely.)

Was he speaking politically and neutrally, when he said: "And even while they seek all their honor from men, they secretly lay hold of widows' houses and take profit from the services of the sacred temple."?

You misjudge the Urantia "movement" if you believe it should be "on good terms with all sides...and maintain complete neutrality."

If complete neutrality were desirable in this world, there would be no need for an epochal revelation now and again, no need for a Jesus of Nazareth, no need for a Urantia Book, no need for morality, for ethics, for religion. Just let the beasts who believe man is an animal, the beasts who can amass the greatest power or strength, who can add to strength the greatest subversion, have their way.

This adjustment back to a now God-oriented society cannot be made in America to any extent so long as many of America's bright young men of good will, including you, throw a blanket of all-embracing protection over an atheistic conspiracy simply because they may like a few of its simpler milder "bait" ideas.

YOU ASK that I "give the matter renewed analysis and serious reflection." I know you meant that in a kindly way. You too made a talk at the conference. I would guess I gave many times more thought, research time, reflection, earnest consideration, to my talk than you did to yours. It was that kind of talk. That doesn't prove my talk was the best thing I could do for that group, or that my talk was better than yours. The "controversy" simply proves that (1) I erred in the technique of my presentation already mentioned, and (2) I should not have departed from my practice of many years. Namely: I should have insisted on time for a good question and answer period--DIRECT QUESTIONS from the floor to me.

FOR A good many years, as my talk clearly stated, all American channels of communication have been LITERALLY dominated and controlled by writers and editors and owners who ALMOST BLANK OUT all views but those congenial to the Fabian hierarchy.

Americans are among the poorest informed people among great western nations. Only communist peoples perhaps are more poorly informed. Americans get MORE information, but it is ONE-sided and biased. Hence, Americans by and large, react negatively to views (including Urantia Book views) that don't conform to the doctored up "baby food" our Fabian masters permit us to read, see, and hear.

American apathy is the fruit of unexercised brains. Like "tired blood," our minds don't want to exercise themselves. We accept what our overlords of communication feed us, and reject many better and MORE CHRISTIAN, MORE SOCIALLY-SUITABLE-FOR-THE-LONG-PULL IDEAS because they are strange to us, and it requires an effort to face issues and to think. Young people resent the world they have grown up in, yet many of them show the same resistance to thinking and facing issues that their parents did. Had their parents and grandparents not been apathetic, we would have had a much better country for today's youths to grow up in.

More reflection has not altered one whit my idea that my theme was right. The resistance of some young minds to it, helps prove it was right. In one hour, I could hardly explain and factually detail a 70 year program of moral and spiritual subversion without the possibility of some misunderstandings. And certainly I know--and have proof--that I was misquoted. Probably not generally maliciously, but the effect is the same. And the misquotes were swept on careless tongues into ripples of hurt along railways and telephone wires.

IT ALL PROVES that some of us who have been Urantians a long time and who know that our work must be carried on by youths, should have opportunities (such as were not afforded by the conference) to talk WITH younger people instead of only AT them, and vice versa. We need more opportunity for SINCERE, UNLIMITED GOOD-NATURED EXCHANGE OF IDEAS; in short, OPEN DISCUSSION, with only a few of older and younger people participating at a time. Even though many more may be listening. And perhaps the only rule should be a limitation of the length of any one's single "talk," and "anyone who gets 'sore' must get out of the discussion," "leave the room"--or if there is an audience, join the audience. (I am inclined to believe more would be gained by having no audience at first. So we could be very frank.)

I AM SHOCKED to note how long this is getting. I will comment on only one more thing in your letter. It is important: it's your quote about "humanitarianism."

The full text from which you take part of the sentence (p. 1087), reads: "A godless humanitarianism is, humanly speaking, a noble gesture, but true religion is the only power which can lastingly increase the responsiveness of one social group to the needs and sufferings of other groups."

When you quoted this to me in Los Angeles, I believe you said: "A godless humanism, humanly speaking, is altogether admirable." Your correction is appreciated. However, your L. A. quote shows how easy it is to use the Urantia Book to support ideas we may have espoused or believed in before the Book came along. Two things are wrong here. One: You have been using the quote incorrectly. Two: You have removed it from the context to get an opposite meaning, for the Urantia Book does not support humanism as either admirable, or noble, so far as I find.

You quote the first clause to support humanitarianism, stopping after "gesture." But the revelators have no period there, only a comma. Do you know the definition of "gesture"? It is a movement or action for "effect," a gesture is an imitation of a real accomplishment, as I see it.

It is in actuality a pretense of the real thing. Are you satisfied with "gestures" of responsiveness to the needs and sufferings of one group on the part of another? Or do you want lasting responsiveness, as Urantians do?

What the revelators are saying is actually this, in paraphrase, isn't it?:

"True religion is the only power which can lastingly increase the responsiveness of one social group to the needs and sufferings of other groups. Whereas, a godless humanitarianism is, humanly speaking, nothing but a noble gesture."
(A gesture to give the appearance of nobleness.)

If you use that fraction of the Book's sentence to justify the godless humanitarianism of the Fabians OR ANYONE ELSE, you will have a tough time getting away with it for that is deception. Incidentally, the enlarged new Concordex will read, for that entry: "humanitarianism, godless, noble gesture, but," simply because where my combing through the first edition has found places I can use actual words from the Book instead of anything else, I have preferred actual quotes. Although, to me, this sentence is at least a gentle indictment of humanitarianism.

Any good Urantian should be extremely careful, as should any honest man, of using bob-tailed sentences or quotes which give a far different meaning than the revelators intended. You agree?

NEEDLESS TO say, I have documentation for what I have written on these subjects, and tons more. I had not intended writing so at length. But once started, and without time enough for a carefully structured, tightly reasoned document, I just kept going.

~~What~~ it is too late to save much of this society. It has been too terribly eaten away by the cancer its enemies planted and fostered. But young men like you can help foster anti-bodies which will survive the night of judgment. You have to pick your side. There are many beautiful dedicated youths across the country who have made their decisions for God, and for the Jesus of the Urantia Book. Their destiny is one so beautiful as to beggar description. They are in an epic struggle that is even now being "recorded" upstairs. Some day they will be able to see it replayed. They cannot win this current

battle, but neither can the Fabians whose spawn will destroy themselves as they have destroyed the great American dream. But these beautiful young Americans will win the "war." God will not be mocked. Imperturbable, He holds the whole earth in his hand, and a 20-year-old Michael Palmer is mightier on the mansion worlds than Trotsky, Shaw, Lenin, Stalin, Hitler, Laski, Lippman, Galbraith, Schlesinger, all rolled into one, on high.

If it were not for the glory and the grace of God, if it were not for His creation of the differentiated human spirit which is as different from mind as mind is from body, the Fabians would not have had mind with which to plan to destroy God as a mystic allure to men. "You pay your money and you take your choice."

THIS HAS become ridiculously long. Let's see if I can wind it up. If there are parts of this that sound hard, it has been meant in kindness, as I believe you meant your letter. It is such a little world, ~~small~~ And we are here for so little. And contending forces are some of them so ruthless. We who have the Urantia Book are so fortunate, we should attempt to reconcile our views and work together, but it cannot be by sacrificing what the Book teaches.

My feeling is that we have as Urantians been unworthy of the Book with our pallid diluted anecdotal talks and teachings. It is a sobering distressing thought! If I had ~~made~~ a Dally talk, full of charming inspiration (which I could easily have done) it would have been forgotten in 20 minutes after it was made (except that it was pleasant and jovial and humorous and inspiring for 20 minutes?), but everyone would have gone away happy, and I would be a "nice guy."

There would have been no controversy. I would have been saved all this time. My talk would have been consistent with the popular preaching that goes by the name of the Urantia gospel among youths at the Conference, even if it is only skin deep, superficial, 1920 Sunday School, and so-so goody-good.

It takes a diamond to scratch and cut the surfaces of the earth's other hardest materials. Our Urantia gospel is the hardest truest most effective gospel to overcome all resistance of the enemies of God. And we use it today, largely on the surfaces of butter and toast--and to overcome the resistance of clay and sandstone.

The enemies of God are hard as marble and steel. Their hearts are like flint. I would like to see some young Urantians understand the anti-Christ, the Fabian socialist spawn, and the basic premises of the beliefs they have sewn in young impressionable minds without labeling them honestly. I would like to see some young Davids who use Urantian slingshots accurately overcome some real Goliaths of the 20th century. I would like to hear some powerful Urantia meat preached powerfully enough to stick to some spiritual ribs!

TO CONCLUDE: You criticize my talk for the wrong thing. I wanted to, I yearned to, contribute strength to the youths before me--for their personal ministries to a tough and largely indifferent world. Our ministries are of small good if we are prepared to talk God and the risen Christ only to "easy marks." So I wanted my audience to understand how the tough ones got that way. THEN as Urantians, they could more intelligently cope with the hard ones. I had in hand my long letter to Smitty. I liked it. I thought it interesting. But it was a better manuscript to sell Smitty on the failure of businessmen and free enterprise to recognize the need of attention to youth, than to sell youth on its needs to understand why FREE ENTERPRISE had become so self-centered and indifferent.

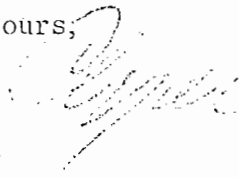
So, my mistake was in NOT SPENDING MORE TIME TELLING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHY I WAS GOING TO DO WHAT I DID.

There was great potential in the youth attending our Conference. I fed them good strong meat. But, they weren't ready for it, and I didn't tenderize it. They wanted their complacency undisturbed. What I have written in this letter and since will disturb them more. But medicine is sometimes important and more valuable than soothing syrup for those who have the will and heart to take it.

As a columnist in a national weekly "professional" publication for ten years, I learned to roll with the punches and separate critics from their criticisms. I hold no grudges against anyone in this Conference hassle. We cannot be true to the Book without differences of opinion. And the Book should be our arbiter. I prefer open discussion and face-to-face talk than under-the-table dealing, stifled opinions, and whispering campaigns. (Two young people who dared not say in a group meeting with their leaders that they agreed with my talk, said outside and following their meeting that they did. That was not very Urantian, was it?) Nevertheless, let the Book hold us in brotherhood while we resolve differences in open, not furtive and subversive, discussion.

I assume we will see you soon, for I understand you are ~~arriving in the area~~. I am sorry we seem at cross purposes, and trust we can reconcile our views. For I have faith that your end motives are as good and as pure as mine.

Sincerely yours,



P. S.

Typing this material and your letter has been delayed due to an overload here on secretarial help. Thus, days after the above letter was written, I have had time to be told by a third party that Julia estimates "a total of about 100 protests" came to her about my talk. Only about 150 persons heard it. NOT ONE EVER READ IT. They only HEARD it. The applause when it ended was as warm and widespread as for any talk in the three days. I heard them all. I was surprised for I expected to distress my audience and said so at the outset. So I carefully measured the applause and was gratified at its warmth and how general it was. At least twenty people commented warmly to extravagantly about it. Two from a distance said it alone was worth the expense and travelling the distance to hear. I mention this to re-emphasize there had to be more than spontaneity--there was an organized effort--to prevent my talk's being sent out and read. This is unUrantian, I should say.

At least one young Urantian, I have learned, has made campus talks on behalf of the ACLU. Instead of asking me for proof of my assertion that it is a dishonest, abhorrent enemy-of-God, hence, an anti-Urantian organization, he asserts my talk was non-religious and not suitable for FUSLA distribution! On the contrary--if I say the ACLU is an anti-Christ organization using religiously oriented youths as a false front, I say I am making a religious assertion, not a political one. (How easy it is to turn aside from ideas that challenge us. And how stultifying!)

I suggest that young (or old) Urantians should not be closed-eyed like young puppies but wide-eyed, eager to have gates opened for them onto new areas of truth. Any time and any place is appropriate to point out that Urantians must decide whether the Urantia Book or the Urantia Book lumped together with the propaganda of ENEMIES OF GOD shall be the arbiter of viewpoints we hold, pronounce, and defend.

I have chosen the Urantia Book, and I will be corrected by the Urantia Book--not by enemies of God. I am angry with no one. Urantians can speak plainly, but they don't hold grudges. They can differ. But they don't organize hatchet or whispering campaigns. They can quarrel over one issue, but they are as brothers on others. But they never forget the Book as their authority.

Finally, someone told me youths thought my talk indicated I didn't trust them. Such a thought never entered my head. As well say Jesus didn't trust his apostles because he told them of "ravening wolves," of "swine," of "wolves in sheep's clothing," of "blind leading the blind." Indeed, it is because I did trust these youths that I imparted to them truths I would never have put in a talk to a general audience.

How can a man of 75 who loves the Book dearly, impart to youths the depths of his yearning to impart to them at the thresholds of their-careers facts that will clarify for them some of the mysteries the media never will? How can he show them how to recognize some of the jungle traps that vast wealth and cunning have set for the virtuous innocent so the trapped can never suspect they were led to help the trappers?

I feel a little like some of the Urantian youths who have tried to impart truth to fundamentalists. The Urantian goes away feeling that in effect he has been told: "My mind is made up on these matters. Don't disturb me with truth or facts." Unfortunately, every liberal-minded Urantian who doesn't wake up on behalf of our Lord and open his mind stands a fair chance of having his liberalmindedness used not on behalf of God's progressive evolutionary plan, but on behalf of the anti-Christ destructive plan for a totalitarian and atheistic America.



EPILOGUE

I have done more or less writing and talking about the Urantia Book for many years. The talk which caused this commotion is the first in which I have ever attempted to show teacher-leaders that truth, beauty, and goodness are under constant daily attack today by the same kind of hypocrites who were so prominent in Jesus' time. In contrast to warm approval from those who 'got' the message and approved it, the fantastic disapproval I got was precisely like the militant fundamentalist disapproval of those who deny the virgin birth. I am still amazed and amused by turns at this extreme and unUrantian intolerant reaction. I hope and pray some light and some good will come from this "hassle", which was so unbelievable in some of its aspects as to be high comedy. I dedicate all that has gone into it to some YOUNG URANTIANS who will take it for its intent and profit from it greatly.

Clyde Beckett