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Dear Meredith:

I had waited to reply to your letter of December 19, hoping that I would develop some helpful ideas about your broad plans in answer to your request.

You are aware of my deep concern that we might concentrate too much on people in our country before the great messages of the Book reach other countries. That a big well-known monolith would develop here around the Book which would turn off other countries if it were tied up with the Bible or Christianity. We are Jesusonian.

However after mulling over my concerns I had a long talk with my very dear friend, Duane Faw who had just met with you in Chicago and he assured me that we three were all thinking on the same wave length. That your hope and plan is to raise the awareness in church circles of the need for world unity in brotherhood. I then sat down and typed some pertinent passages which I want to enclose. I'm sure I am not breaking any copyright laws in adding this to a personal letter to you. You are just as familiar as I am with these quotations but sometimes it helps to read them again with just one goal of service in mind. I feel that is what you are doing.

I am so perfectly in support of your goals and plans even though I am aware as you obviously are, of the many challenges you will have with the "ecclesiastical circles".

These quotations do not tell us to WAIT. They tell us the "hour is striking ""URANTIA is now quivering on the very brink" etc. I am so glad that you are one of the new leaders they mention on quotation # 2 who will dare to go forth, and I salute your mission and your courage, and please know I will support your efforts and help in every possible way.

All that time I will be trying my best to get the URANTIA Books in foreign libraries and trying to interest bilingual people in other parts of the world. Knowing that some modern Rodan of Germany or China will find the Book and be sparked to "interest men of means to translate it". All this while we know this Book is meant to ENHANCE existing religions, not to supplant or replace them. I think your approach is very wise- to do it as a private individual rather than through the existing organization of the URANTIA Brotherhood.

With warm personal regards to you and Irene.

Julia K. Fenderson

OUR MISSION

"The hour is striking for presenting to Buddhism, to Christianity, to Hinduism, even to the peoples of all faiths, not the gospel about Jesus, but the living, spiritual reality of the gospel of Jesus." (1041)

"Religion does need new leaders, spiritual men and women who will dare to depend solely on Jesus and his incomparable teachings. If Christianity persists in neglecting its spiritual mission while it continues to busy itself with social and material problems, the spiritual renaissance must await the coming of these new teachers of Jesus' religion who will be exclusively devoted to the spiritual regeneration of men." (2082)

"The future of Urantia will doubtless be characterized by the appearance of teachers of religious truth -- the Fatherhood of God and the fraternity of all creatures. But it is to be hoped that the ardent and sincere efforts of these future prophets will be directed less toward the strengthening of interreligious barriers and more toward the augmentation of the religious brotherhood of spiritual worship among the many followers of the differing intellectual theologies which so characterize Urantia of Satania." (1010)

"A new and fuller revelation of the religion of Jesus is destined to conquer an empire of materialistic secularism and to overthrow a world sway of mechanistic naturalism. Urantia is now quivering on the very brink of one of its most amazing and enthralling epochs of social readjustment, moral quickening, and spiritual enlightenment." (2082) "The gospel of the kingdom must be proclaimed to all the world, to gentile as well as to Jew." (1804)

"And modern civilization is at a standstill in spiritual development and the safe-guarding of the home institution." (909) "The moral and spiritual momentum of a race or a nation largely determines the cultural velocity of that civilization." (909)

"Had the followers of Jesus taken more seriously his injunction to 'go into all the world and preach the gospel,' and had they been more gracious in that preaching, less stringent in collateral social requirements of their own devising, then many lands would gladly have received the simple gospel of the carpenter's son, Arabia among them." (1051)

"'Go, then, into all the world telling this good news to all creatures of every race, tribe and nation.'" (2054) "'As the Father sent me into the world, so do I send you.'" (2055)

"No armies of the world have ever displayed more courage and bravery than will be portray ed by you and your loyal successors who shall go forth to all the world proclaiming the good news - the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." 1608)

Note: I consider the above quotations a direct challenge to each of us and especially International Fellowship. And we know there are many more similar admonitions and directions given us in the URANTIA Book.

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