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Dear Mr. Sprunger:

It has been many months now since I have written you; perhaps you've forgotten me, but I'm the Culver lad who got a Urantia Book from you about four years ago and then brought the good news to Kansas. I am now in college at Kansas University and, as you can see from the letterhead, a Sigma Chi. I have brought several copies of the book to College and am reading it still as often as I can. I have read it through once completely now and am presently engaged in going back over the marked passages and savoring them.

I have now decided for certain that the ministry is for me (in our denomination, United Church) and that seminary lies ahead after four years of college. I am engaged and will marry this summer. The girl, Nancy, has a copy of the Urantia Book too, has read most of it, and is sold, as I am. I know that we will be an exciting, effective team in doing God's will; at least I pray that we will. (Sounds artificial, doesn't it?)

In college I am doing well, and will be honor initiate in the fraternity in two weeks for having the highest freshman grade average. There is something awfully uncanny about the way things seem to be working out for me; I am having some tremendous chances to do just what I want to. Every other Sunday I am speaking in the largest Congregational Church in Kansas and the largest church in Lawrence: Plymouth Church. As I say, there is a wierd unfolding of breaks that seem to leave openings right where I most need to grow. I want you to know that, though we have only exchanged a few letters, you have had a profound influence on my life. I have only seen you twice, but I save your letters and they are a ministry in themselves. My final decision to enter the ministry was spurred by you and the Urantia Book; I only hope that in the years to come I can stop being God's problem and more his solution. What the Urantia Book says rings a real chord with me and I really desire that I become able to spread its message -- Jesus' -- in the best way. If you have any practical suggestions for me -- both as a student and a minister-to-be -- I'd appreciate them very much. I am sure, though, that the best "evangelism" is to live so that people who have been with one feel, like Uzziah, that they have "also seen the Lord." I guess we all have to work on that.

How is your teaching ministry? Have you formed a discussion group in Fort Wayne yet? Are you still ministering to a church? Give me any advice you can think of for a college student with a Urantia Book; I need it. By the way, I hope to see you again before we both go soaring off to some superuniverse space level to progress through ultimate circuits, etc. You're doing a great work, rev, keep it up.

Yours brother,

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P. S. What more have you found out about the book? What are your evolving concepts of it?