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Instructions to the Contact Commissioners (the Custodians of the
Urantia revelation) from the personal regent of the acting
Planetary Prince of Urantia, 1951-1952

I desire to inform you concerning certain decisions and rulings formulated by the planetary government which pertain to the affairs of the Urantia Book, the ensuing Urantia Brotherhood, and the present status of certain Urantian affairs which might be contributory to the welfare of these activities.

Today, November 22, 1951 [later in the document, it says the year is 1952; 1952 is probably correct], I am calling into being a supreme planetary conclave to signalize my creation of the Supreme Court of Urantia.

I have recently had a meeting with all persons and groups concerned with the Urantia revelation. As a result of this conference, I have made certain decisions and am handing down the following rulings:

- 1) For five hundred years, from February 11, 1935 [Jesus' Though Adjuster arrived on Feb. 11], the overall welfare and direction of the Urantia Book is placed in the hands of the Seraphim of Progress.
- 2) The immediate fostering of the Urantia revelation—from decade to decade—at least for the next one hundred years) will be entrusted to the Seraphim of the Churches. I have instructed this group to create a special commission to carry on this work.
- 3) The human aspects of the Urantia Book will be placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation, subject to the advisory suggestion and veto powers of the Revelatory Commission of the United Midwayers of Urantia. When, as, and if, the Midway fails to communicate with the Trustees of the Foundation for a period of three years, then shall such Trustees deem that the affairs of the Urantia Book are wholly and exclusively in their hands and under their jurisdiction.
- 4) For the time being, mediation between the overall and superhuman supervision of this Commission and the directly human functioning of the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation shall be vested in the Midwayer Commission, the successor of the original Urantia Revelatory Commission. This Commission shall continue to function as advisor to both the Seraphic Overseers and the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation, but their veto powers shall extend only to the decisions of the acts of the human Trustees.

- 5) In the absence of Midwayer intervention after February 11, 1954, the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation shall proceed in accordance with their own judgment.

I have great personal interest in your group and deep affection for you as individuals. I commend your loyalty, but I am somewhat amazed at your relative indifference to the importance of the mission which has been entrusted to your hands. Your group of Seventy may seem to show more interest because you are selected and because you are under more or less discipline. But the majority of your Forum shock me by their lack of enthusiasm. It must be that many otherwise well-meaning human beings just cannot stand the test of time. I admonish you ever to be alert to the importance of the extraordinary trust which has been placed in your hands.

This communication (August 21, 1952) represents my ruling up to this date respecting your Forum, the Seventy, the Urantia Book, the Urantia Foundation, and the proposed Urantia Brotherhood.

- 1) The Forum

Your Forum shall continue under the supervision of the Contact Commissioners as directed June 24, 1933.

- 2) The Urantia Brotherhood

The plan of organization as it exists on this date is hereby provisionally approved for the inauguration of the Brotherhood. The plan provides for its own subsequent amendment.

- 3) The Starting of the Brotherhood

The launching of the Brotherhood shall be left to the decisions of the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation. They shall act personally—unofficially—and no records of such action shall appear on the transactions of the Urantia Foundation. They shall assume all and full responsibility for the organization of inauguration of the Urantia Brotherhood.

- 4) The Urantia Book

By mandate of the Supreme Court of Urantia, unanimous decision, No. 81, pertaining to mixed planetary mandate, the full custody of the Urantia Book has been placed in my hands. I now make the following rulings:

- a) I, and I alone, will direct the time for the publication of the Urantia Book.
- b) If I do not provide such instructions on or before January 1, 1955, then the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation should proceed with plans for publication in accordance with their own judgment. (I reserve the right to intervene at any time.)
- c) I approve of your plan to publish the Index of the Urantia Book in a separate volume.

5) The Seventy

This is a project which will terminate with the launching of the Brotherhood. I would continue the present supervision. If for any reason this supervision should be terminated, I direct the Trustees of the Urantia Foundation, acting unofficially, to appoint a new leader to act pending the inauguration of the Urantia Brotherhood.

I share in your aspirations, concur in your longings, minister to your shortcomings, and wholeheartedly bless your undertakings.