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Dr. Gyorgy Lukacs
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Dear Dr. Lukacs:

Will you contribute a paper of six thousand words or less to the development of an inter-world, scientific philosophy? The family of Man, with its power to shape the future, must be brought into mutual purpose, effort, and hope of reward.

Man, wielding powers formerly attributable only to deities, must establish a philosophy with goals and precepts equal to his ever growing powers.


Endless scientific discovery and power ahead makes urgent a philosophy of unbound human expectation. Even personal hope for a transcendent life may be explored in the rising sun of knowledge.

This appeal is to scientists, philosophers, and others who, at the frontiers of knowledge, are aware of the Hell we are now building. We are asking them to map the Heaven that is also becoming our option by the unfolding authority of knowledge.

This symposium will be published in book form, internationally, under the title MODERN PROPHETS SPEAK for MAN. Most American papers have been submitted. Invitations are now being extended to creative minds throughout the world. The shape of Man's future now rests upon his own vision in knowledge; "may he not be short-sighted."

I hope you can fit this into your schedule.

Respectfully yours,



W. W. Farmer, Director

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May 31, 1963

Prof. Dr. Georg Lukács
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Dear Professor Lukács:

Thank you for your letter and encouragement of May 6, and the privilege to comment on your questions and other points of concern.

Deadline date: Manuscripts must be in before January 1, 1964. Our date for release will be set as soon after that date as possible. Since your manuscript will be translated into a number of languages it may be written in the language of your choice.

Length of manuscript: For our purpose short articles are preferred. Several of our strongest papers range from five hundred to two thousand words. Six thousand words is the maximum.

Prospectus: I am enclosing a table of contents of American authors and the titles of papers now submitted; also a brochure that was included in their invitation as an introduction to the nature and objective of the proposed work.

The developing prospectus joins with Humanism in demanding a scientific approach to man's problems, his position in the universe, and knowledge as his means to betterment.

The approaching ability to extend life, and give it a degree of wellness heretofore undreamed of, not to mention the impact of knowledge on social, economic, moral, and every facet of human concern and discipline, and in particular emerging hopes for betterment that may find no boundaries in knowledge - these and other implications of knowledge as a limitless resource to power makes necessary new concepts and precepts. Life must be redefined. And an entirely new orientation within the frame and proposition of existence is tardy and becoming critical for creatures such as men may now become with knowledge.

To chart a course for Man that is equal to his possibilities is the plan and outline of MODERN PROPHETS SPEAK for MAN.

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In view of endless discovery ahead, for man now to sell short the powers of knowledge, or to underestimate the responsibility of seizing upon it as the climatic opportunity of human design and plan, is nothing less than suicidal blindness.

The purpose of this work, therefore, is to further the awakening of the intelligent layman, including the mentally alert youth, to the limitless possibilities of human betterment embodied in the flood of knowledge resulting from the scientific search for true answers to our problems. Also, to engender a new hope with unbound expectations for a fuller participation in the wealth of better things made possible by man's ever upward march toward the "abundant life" in its truest and fullest sense.

The strategy of this approach is that the wonders and rewards assured in man's unity, will pale for all time even the most ambitious appeal for a divided mankind; and if portrayed in true colors to the wide spectrum of human understanding and hope, will make war impossible; Hell a fairy tale; and Heaven inevitable.

Fee: We propose that ten percent of all royalties be reserved in favor of the Foundation; the remaining ninety percent to be divided proportionately among the participants whose manuscripts are approved to appear in MODERN PROPHETS SPEAK for MAN. In case a cash settlement is preferred, an agreed upon sum will be paid upon acceptance of the manuscript for publication, with this participants share of the royalties reverting to the Foundation.

Thank you again for this opportunity to affirm your invitation to participate in this effort. Please feel free to make any inquiry.

Sincerely,



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Forthcoming international release:
Schedule and prospectus.....

MODERN PROPHETS SPEAK FOR MAN

Editors, W. W. Farmer and H. Claude Lewis

DEADLINE DATE: Manuscripts, statements of approval, and comments directed to the subject must be in before January 1, 1964. The book, MODERN PROPHETS SPEAK for MAN, will be released as soon after that date as possible.

LENGTH OF PAPER: For our purpose short articles are best. Some of our strongest and most profound papers range in length from five hundred to two thousand words. One chapter will consists of statements of one hundred words or less.

COMPOSITION: This work is being slanted within the grasp of the intelligent layman. Since manuscripts will be translated into a number of languages they may be written in the language of the writers choice.

FEE: We propose that ten percent of royalties be reserved in favor of the Foundation; the remaining ninety percent to be divided proportionately among the participants. In case a cash settlement is preferred, the agreed upon sum will be paid upon acceptance of the manuscript for publication, with this participants share of royalties reverting to the Foundation.

PROSPECTUS: All participants agree that modern man is in need of a contemporary, dynamic philosophy that will give form and direction to the "scientific method". This prospectus, as it is being developed, requires a scientific approach to man's problems, and the recognition of knowledge as his means to better his position in the universe.

Man's impending ability to prolong life, and to give it a degree of wellness that heretofore could be only vaguely hoped for; the impact of knowledge on every facet of human concern and discipline; the quickening hopes for human betterment that find no boundaries in knowledge, these and other evidences that knowledge is man's resource to limitless power and self-accountability makes seasonable new, fertile, concepts and precepts: Life must be redefined according to what it will mean to exist, as one among creatures such as men are to become with knowledge.

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In view of boundless discovery ahead, for man to sell short his claim on the powers of knowledge, or to underestimate the urgency of seizing upon these powers as the climatic realization of human design and hope, would be no less than suicidal blindness.

But, survival never has been sufficient inducement for human unity. The price of discord has not increased for the individual. Death by a stone ax, a bronze sword, or a bullet was no more inviting or less obscene and final than it is now by the most sophisticated and total weapon. The quality of death remains the same, and is always divisible by one. Annihilation, one or all, still appears to be an unreliable deterrent.

What inducement then?

Our aim is to redefine survival in terms of what life will mean in an atmosphere of peace: Not a placid repose of minds and souls, but a clear-eyed awakening in the life-giving strength of Man united in Knowledge, -with all faces turned unafraid toward endless horizons where we see no "No Trespassing" signs. What then may the individual expect as his share in this new plane of existence?

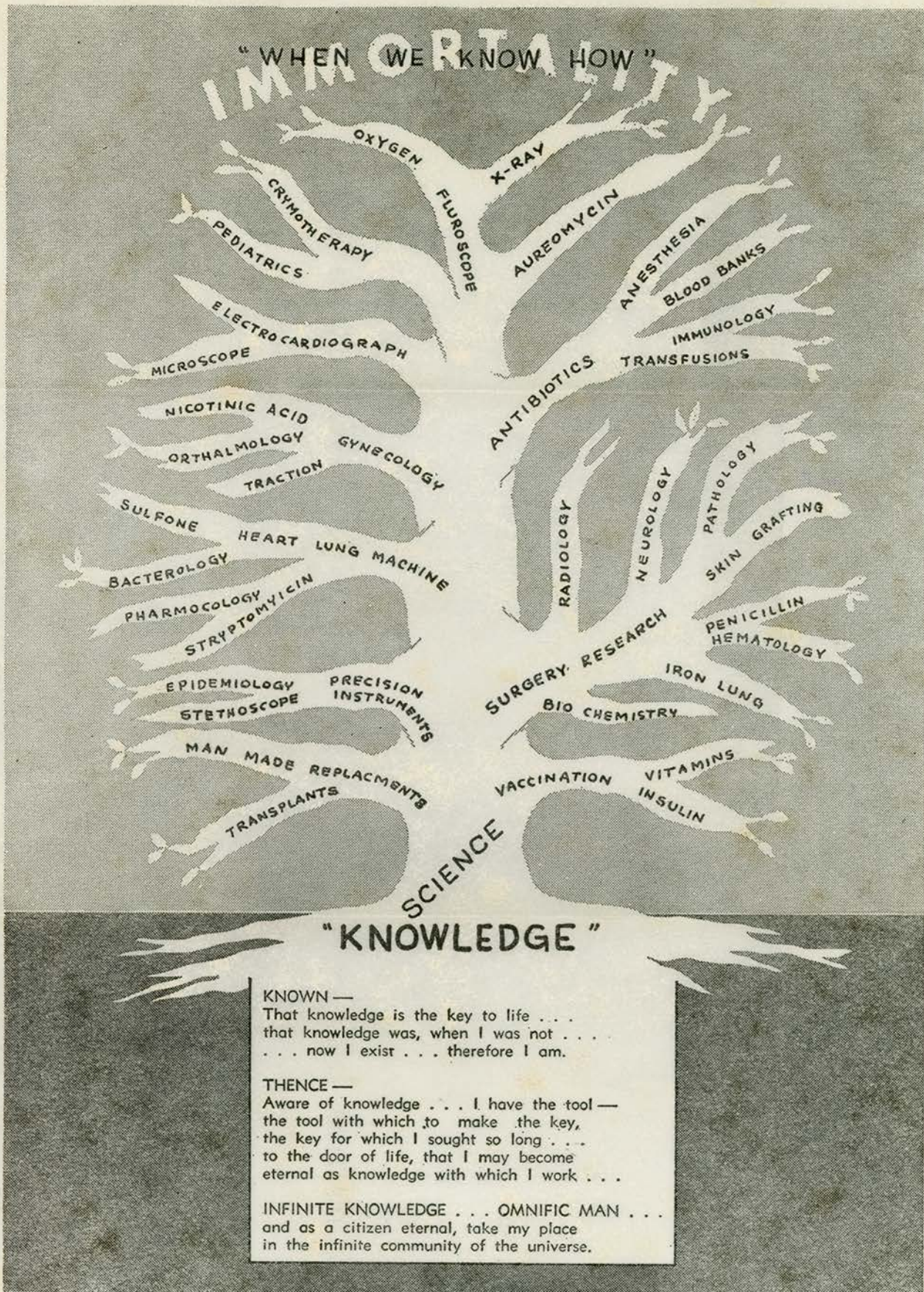
And there, in the individuals perspective, in our opinion, reposes the secret spring to human destiny and maneuverability.

In sumation, our strategy is that the wonders and rewards assured in man's unity, if made known and confirmed by our high priests of knowledge, will close men's ears for all time to even the most ambitious persuasions for a divided mankind: And if portrayed in true colors to the wide spectrum of human understanding, potential and hope, will make war impossible; Hell a fairy tale; And Heaven inevitable.

To chart a course for man in reality, that will gratify his ultimate yearnings, is the plan and outline of WOMAN'S FUTURE SYSTEM for MAN.

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"WHEN WE KNOW HOW"

IMMORTALITY

"KNOWLEDGE"

KNOWN —
 That knowledge is the key to life . . .
 that knowledge was, when I was not . . .
 . . . now I exist . . . therefore I am.

THENCE —
 Aware of knowledge . . . I have the tool —
 the tool with which to make the key,
 the key for which I sought so long . . .
 to the door of life, that I may become
 eternal as knowledge with which I work . . .

INFINITE KNOWLEDGE . . . OMNIFIC MAN . . .
 and as a citizen eternal, take my place
 in the infinite community of the universe.

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. . . and the day will come . . .

when the solar system will be little remembered; as are the seas from whence we came,
and the name of earth will be seldom used, unless by some god like creature narrating
a fading legend, about a little world outgrown . . . far away among the stars . . .

We must not fail — "so much to do — so little done"

W. W. FARMER, DIRECTOR
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August 7, 1963

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Dear Dr. Lukacs:

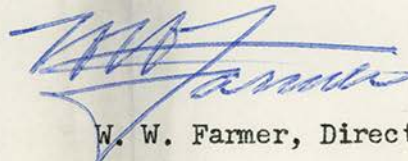
Thank you for your courteous reply to my invitation.

Our progress may be of interest to you. First, I would like to report that a contemporary philosophy, though tardy, is possible and taking shape. Secondly, may I hope that when this international resolution, of man's position and what he can do to improve it is presented for world approval, that with the knowledge of its design and purpose, you will be its friend.

I am enclosing: 1. Index of current participation.
2. Schedule and prospectus of MODERN PROPHETS SPEAK for MAN.
3. Brochure (points to ponder.)

If you discern merit in this approach I will appreciate your approval, your moral support, and your encouragement in this quest for "man's larger venture."

Cordially,



W. W. Farmer, Director

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Dear Professor Lukace:

There is a problem. How can it be, in this age of futuristic marvels, that our most modern accomplishment be despair for our continuation?

We are all aware of the world-wide acclaim for the unification of intelligence. The Universal Knowledge Foundation responds to this need. We propose to those capable of a unified intelligence the means and rewards worthy of a united effort.

The means: co-ordinated and purposeful exploration of knowledge; realizing man's self-accountability, establish goals in keeping with tomorrow's horizons. We can and must shape our own future. The tempo of world events demands responsible and resolute planning.

The rewards: an infinite environment; an ever-widening awareness; perpetual longevity as an unencumbered being; and an excellence of existence measured to man's significance in the universe. "Sufficient" knowledge and "impossible" will cease to exist.

Examine the two graphic objectives enclosed as examples of these rewards. May we now ask for your participation in raising the perspective of man? A Herculean task indeed, but it is most timely. Your support will be invaluable and we are looking forward to an encouraging reply from you.

Sincerely,

Universal Knowledge Foundation



W.W. Farmer