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Dear Ingrid:

Sorry I have taken so long to answer your letter re the Star Anthology. I wanted to make sure I'd have sufficient time to devote to the story; now it looks as though that won't be a problem. I have very little knowledge of astrology, but would nonetheless be interested in trying my hand at a story if you still have places open. A friend of mine said she will be delighted to lend me her copy of Linda Goodman's "Sun Signs" (I think she sees it as evidence of my eventual conversion...).

I do have a few questions about the anthology which you or Andre may be able to answer for me:

1. Will the stories need to share any common characters, or is the connection to be provided (as I imagine) by Andre's introductions? In other words, must the Philosophers themselves make an appearance in the story, or can we assume that they are watching along with the reader?

2. Are we to assume many thousands of years have passed since the initial seeding of the worlds? Do the inhabitants of a given world have any knowledge of the people on the other planets of their solar system, or have none of their cultures attained this level of technology??

3. Are the Seed Entities envisioned as living creatures on the order of gods, or merely "radiators", putting forth certain "vibes" in order to guide the development of sentience on the various worlds?

As it is my own birth sign and seems as good a place as any to start, ~~I would like to choose Scorpio--if it is still open.~~ If Scorpio is taken I'll accept any other sign not yet assigned.

Give my regards to Andre. Hope you are both well. I look forward to seeing you in Boston next year!

Best,

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