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~~Dear Mr. Butler:~~
NATE

Jude 2! It's great to hear about the new projects you're working on. Thanks for keeping in touch. The "Aida-Zee" book still impresses me. It encourages me, too. It was a thrill to find out that some of my favorite comic book people share my faith in God. I'm really most happy, though, about the potential this "good work" of yours has for young people like the ones I work with. John Akers, in the June 16th, 1989 edition of *Christianity Today* speaks to one of the "belly-burning" calls I think God has impressed on me:

Where are the creative men and women-- the writers, the artists, the filmmakers-- who will capture the imagination of our confused world in the name of Christ? Where are those who will expose by their work the vanities and contradictions of our age, and affirm with all the skill they can muster that only in Christ "are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge"? . . . May God raise up those who fill this gap.

What a challenge! And I'm convinced it's not a marginal witness strategy. This call to creativity and quality expression of God's gift is a **powerful** tool in the Spirit's work of making the Gospel real in the lives of the lost (Hey, the saved too for that matter!).

With this as one of the focus-points of my ministry, it's so significant to me that I can point out to my young people, many of whom are quite gifted and interested in artistic expressions of many kinds, some of the ones who have blazed the oftentimes difficult trail taking the Light into the, sadly, usually dark world of "the Arts." I consider your ministry one of the best resources available in this effort-- you put this idealistic vision in tangible, saddle-stitched, 4-color, sepia-toned, and black & white terms! Thanks again and Psalm 115:1!

Philemon 7!,



Tim Stark

*PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF I CAN BE
SOME HELP - I'M PRAYING!*