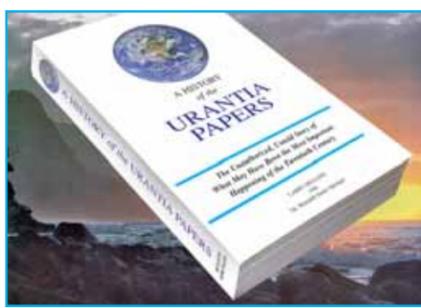


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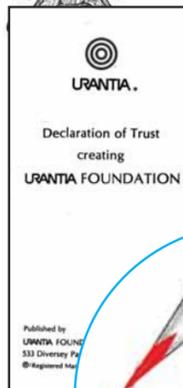
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#### THE URANTIA BOOK:

*Where did it come from? Who could have written it?*

THE URANTIA PAPERS WERE ORIGINALLY materialized by a means that has never been fully explained. *We do know* that Dr. William Sadler (1875-1969), a noted Chicago psychiatrist, had more knowledge about the original Urantia Papers, and their origin, than any mortal being. Dr. Sadler was a recognized expert on psychic phenomena, and without question one of the most qualified of his time. He was also a surgeon, professor, and the author of forty-two books. In his writings and conversations, Dr. Sadler held that, of the countless cases of psychic phenomena he had encountered, only one instance was valid. That singular case was the source of the Urantia Papers. The process by which the Urantia Papers were materialized in the English language and published as *The Urantia Book* spanned nearly fifty years, between 1911 (or so) and 1955. Although he acknowledged that a patient of his was somehow involved, Dr. Sadler flatly and repeatedly declared that the process was not remotely associated to any known psychic process or method, and that the patient did not—nor did any other human—write, “channel,” or in any way modify the contents of the Urantia Papers.

Over the fifty year process Dr. Sadler became persuaded that the Urantia Papers are exactly what they say they are, an epochal revelation, and are the product of celestial beings. Dr. Sadler also expressed the opinion that the extra-human process that produced the Urantia revelation was probably set into motion long before he became involved. He believed it may have taken centuries of trial and error before the appropriate configuration of human personalities and resources for such a prodigious undertaking were fostered. By a directive of the revelators, no human name is attached to *The Urantia Book*. It does not even bear the name of the printer. Dr. Sadler died in 1969. The name of the patient involved will never be known. Dr. Meredith Sprunger, a practicing psychologist and ordained minister, also believes *The Urantia Book* is an epochal revelation. However, Dr. Sprunger, who is the only living colleague and confidant of Dr. Sadler, also urges readers to evaluate *The Urantia Book* upon the quality of its contents alone—and not upon its origin or method of materialization.



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We have been told by the mainstream media that if science were to discover that intelligent life exists somewhere else in the universe, it would radically change our way of thinking, from top to bottom. Imagine, then, if it were proven that, circa 1906 to 1955, invisible super-intelligent beings collaborated with a small group of humans for the purpose of bringing a revelation of epochal significance to our planet!



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However, the miraculous materialization of the Urantia Papers can never be proven. And perhaps the superhuman revelators who were involved wanted it just that way. They knew that one of the least desirable reasons to believe anything is because of some supposed supernormal origin. The Urantia Papers were always intended to stand upon their own merits. Their origin was to remain a spiritual mystery, and belief in their authenticity a matter of faith. Somehow, due to indiscretions by a few members of the human contact commission, it didn't work out that way.

#### THE FORBIDDEN SUBJECT

Those of us who measure our readership in decades rather than in years recall a time when it was virtually forbidden to discuss the origin of *The Urantia Book*. All we knew were conflicting rumors, fragmented stories and mysterious “mandates” about what took place from early in the twentieth century until late in 1955. We wanted to know the truth about what really happened during the fifty-year period of the Revelation. We all hoped that one day an old-timer would write a history of the Papers that was carefully researched and documented. Time passed, and then one day a group of us realized that while we waited we had become old-timers ourselves. If an objective, reliable history was to be written, we would have to be the ones to write it.

#### UNEXPECTED DISCOVERIES

None of us had any idea of what we would uncover in our search for truth. We were often made uncomfortable and even shocked by what we discovered. But at each juncture we all agreed to follow the truth wherever it led. In the words of the Master: *“There cannot be peace between light and darkness, between life and death, between truth and error.”* It took us over two years to complete our history. When we were done, I wrote this passage in the Preface:

*“Histories are inescapably adversarial and painful processes. The Urantians who undertook this task of developing a good, sound history are aware that the final product is a compelling argument that could help shape the destiny of the Urantia Papers. The stakes are high, because what is ultimately at issue are the various philosophies and agendas of those organizations and individuals who seek to control the Urantia Revelation. It will come as no surprise then, that the interpretations of the events relating to the Urantia Papers are destined to be fiercely contested. Sometimes the facts about the Urantia Papers are at issue, but more often the meaning of the facts will be the center of historical controversy.”*

#### FULLY DOCUMENTED FINDINGS

We have presented and carefully documented our findings. Readers can decide for themselves how effectively we presented the myriad of issues surrounding the insertion of the Revelation into the evolutionary mainstream. The original printing of 5,000 copies of *A History of the Urantia Papers* sold out rather quickly. Many Urantians were disappointed. In the meantime, some young Urantians have expressed interest in the origin and history of the Revelation. Fortunately, advanced publishing technology now makes it possible to produce an enlarged edition of the original history in a quality paperback version at a reasonable price. Our new edition is available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) - [www.urantiapapershistory.com](http://www.urantiapapershistory.com) - or your favorite bookstore.

## Authoritative, Documented Answers to Readers' Most Asked Questions...

**Introduction:** Are there Spiritual Beings of higher intelligence in the vast universe who take notice of us? What would—or what could—higher, more mature celestial intelligences safely reveal to us?

**Chapter One:** *“If this is not an authentic picture of reality, it is the way it ought to be!”* What series of events in 1956 caused Dr. Meredith Sprunger to reconsider *The Urantia Book* and become a believer of the revelation?

**Chapter Two:** *Chicago and Dr. William S. Sadler ...* On May 7, 1958, Dr. Sprunger sought out Dr. William S. Sadler in hopes of learning more about the origin of the Urantia Papers. What did he learn in that momentous meeting?

**Chapter Three:** *“Something has happened to my husband ...”*

Remarkable events occurred one summer between 1906 and 1911 that set into motion the eventual materialization of the Urantia Revelation. Exactly what took place?

**Chapter Four:** *“There is one peculiar case I have not yet been able to solve ...”*

At an informal meeting in his home in 1924, Dr. Sadler stated that with very few exceptions all psychic phenomena he investigated were conscious or unconscious frauds. One exception was a peculiar case he had not yet been able to solve. What were the details of this case?

**Chapter Five:** *“We were introduced to many new, and to us, somewhat strange concepts”* Dr. Sadler: “As the revelation progressed we came to more fully appreciate how much we had been prepared for the vast alteration of our religious beliefs by ... preliminary contacts extending over a period of twenty years.”

**Chapter Six:** *“The majority of your Forum shock me with their lack of enthusiasm ...”* In a message to the Forum, a revelator stated: “... I admonish you to be ever alert to the importance of the extraordinary trust that has been placed in your hands.” Why was this message sent to the Forum members?

**Chapter Seven:** *“It was not portrayed to be error-free ...”* What was the culture of the Forum really like? Who was Harold Sherman? What took place when Dr. Sadler was challenged by a petition from the members of the Forum? How did it happen that *The Urantia Book* was published with minor human errors in the text? Why did the revelators refuse to tell the Contact Commission where they were?

**Chapter Eight:** *“You are Now on Your Own ...”* Shortly after the publication of *The Urantia Book*, a final message from the revelators was received: “You are now on your own.” After nearly fifty years, the connection between the mortals of our planet and the unseen revelators was severed. “They didn't even say goodbye,” remarked Dr. Sadler.

**Chapter Nine:** *“It looks like we need to carefully proofread the present printing against the first printing.”* In 1991 Trustee Emeritus James C. Mills was astounded to learn from Ken and Betty Glasziou that dozens of editorial changes had been made to *The Urantia Book* after its original publication. How is it possible that so few trustees knew of the changes? Who made them? By what authority? Why were these changes not footnoted or endnoted?

**Chapter Ten:** *“The baptism of joys and sorrows ...”* Dr. Meredith Sprunger has noted: “Most of us now realize that the Fifth Epochal Revelation has been launched on the troubled and turbulent seas of evolutionary struggle.” What were the consequences of Christy's misguided changes to the text in her effort to make a “perfect book?”

**Epilogue:** A review of some of the most important findings of the History team. A consideration of the effects of proprietary and entitlement attitudes toward the Urantia Papers.

**Appendixes:** Supporting documentation, including letters and photographs, 80 pages of new information, and an exhaustive index.