

**THE BIRTH
OF A
DIVINE
REVELATION**

(The Origin of The Urantia Papers)

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REVELATION OF THE URANTIA PAPERS

The Urantia Papers were revealed in Chicago, Illinois in 1934 and 1935.

The Papers are a divine revelation. They appeared miraculously. They did not come through the mind of any human mortal.

They were placed in the custody of Dr. William S. Sadler, a noted Chicago physician and psychiatrist.

The following is an account of the circumstances and factors which led to their revelation, and of the jeopardy which faced them before they were published to the world.

STEPS IN THE REVELATION

The revelation of The Urantia Papers involved three major phases:

Dr. William S. Sadler was converted to the possibility of divine beings working directly with human mortals. This phase involved the use of another human mortal to adapt Sadler to this possibility. The method employed was to entice Sadler to investigate the man's unusual sleep disorder. Sadler referred to that other human mortal as a "Sleeping Subject." He became a "subject" of Sadler's psychiatric investigations.

A group of people were gathered together who became emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually attached to the Revelation. Those persons were used by divine agencies to insure the physical survival of the Revelation as it was introduced to the world. They were also used to provide a foundation for historic verification of the events associated with the Revelation. Sadler named this group "The Forum."

The actual Revelation by invisible divine agents was accomplished by placing the writing miraculously on paper in groups, or sets. The form was in handwriting which was then physically transcribed by Emma Christensen (Christy), a trained secretary and member of Sadler's family, into typewritten form. After proofreading for accuracy the original papers disappeared equally miraculously. (Sadler was unable to identify the handwriting as that of the Sleeping Subject, with any member of his family, or with any member of the Forum.)

A Note to the Reader

In this book I make repeated references to Martin Gardner, and his book, *Urantia, The Great Cult Mystery*, Prometheus Books, Amherst, New York, 1995. Gardner wrote his book as an attempt to show that the Urantia Papers had purely human origin. Unfortunately, he was deeply biased.

Gardner had a world-wide reputation, based on his work as the author of a mathematics puzzle column in *Scientific American* for several decades. He also wrote several books, including his religious treatise, *The Whys of a Philosophical Scrivener*, Quill, New York, 1983. Based on this wide reputation many people came to regard Gardner as a studious expert on religion as well as mathematics.

I exchanged more than forty letters with Gardner during his creative phase of *Urantia*, and visited with him in his home. My effort was based on the premise that the more facts Gardner knew, the more objective report he could offer.

I was terribly wrong. Gardner's purpose was not to write an objective report, but to debunk a work he regarded as a fraud. He censored important information to sustain his thesis, and failed to properly do the homework for which he is unjustly famous.

My purpose here is not to refute Gardner's sloppy work. I refer to his book because he was the first man to write a serious treatise on the origins of the Urantia Revelation, regardless how his work was flawed. As part of my effort on the account of the origins of the Papers I felt it necessary to show how he failed to demonstrate his thesis.

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William Samuel Sadler

Circa 1915, Age 40

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