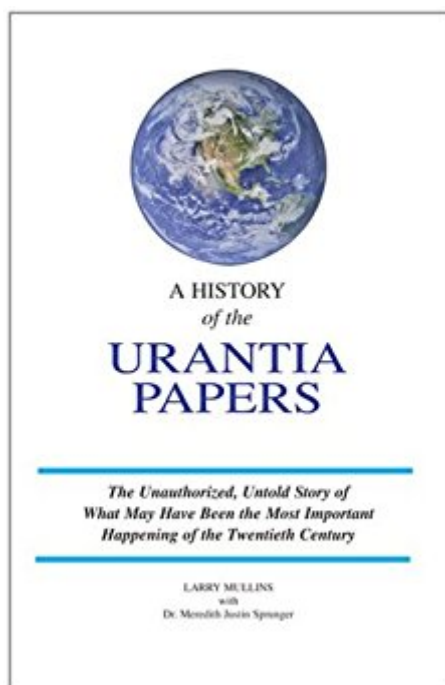


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A History Of The Urantia Papers



Synopsis

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! 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 ... 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. 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." 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 3,000 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 and this kindle version at a reasonable price.

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The Urantia Papers, published as "The Urantia Book," constitute an epochal revelation of spiritual truth to our beleaguered planet ("Urantia"). There is a mystery associated with the origin of the Papers, a mystery which has given rise to much controversy, confusion, and misinformation, both innocent and scurrilous. In "A History of the Urantia Papers," Larry Mullins, assisted by Dr. Meredith Sprunger, presents the most complete, thoroughly researched, well-documented, cogently-structured, and intelligently-argued account of the Urantia Papers and what people have done with them that we are likely to get in this world. This History is a must for students of The Urantia Book and a great service to Urantia.

Mr. Mullins has finally provided the world with a much needed history of the Urantia Papers. His

writing is clear and straightforward, but has enough personality and wit to make the history come alive with excitement. I was enabled to share the emotions of the early readers as they waited for the release of the book, and wondered at its future. The story of how Dr. Sadler was introduced to the one mystery he couldn't solve, and how he eventually became a full believer in the revelation, is a thrilling ride through human psychology and spirituality. Mr. Mullins has made a great contribution to my historical understanding of the greatest book in the world.

I first discovered the Urantia Book over 30 years ago while in New York. I was only 19 years old, and there was much mystery about both what the book was, and where it came from. Even though the mystery was there, I still read the book and if you'll pardon a much used cliché, "It changed my life." After about four years of studying the book on my own, I contacted Christy in Chicago to hopefully, "solve the mystery." From there I began to meet and study with many Urantia Book students throughout the world. By stories I heard from many of the older readers, (many who were around when the "Papers" first started coming), I was eventually able to get an idea of how the "Papers" came to be. Although there was still "some" mystery, most of the ridiculous rumors were dispelled. Now, 30 years later, a group of highly respected, and scholarly students of the Urantia Papers, have lovingly put together the history for all to know. What a wonderful service they have provided future students and this planet! How I wish that this book, "A History of the Urantia Papers," had been available when I first found the book. I highly recommend this book for all new readers, seasoned students and curious seekers. It's a fantastic piece of work! Thank you Larry Mullins, and Dr. Meredith Sprunger!

As a long time reader of The Urantia Book and as a searching soul for many years within the libraries of the universe of universes for answers to the most mysterious and perplexing questions man can ask - I can without any doubt recommend this book to any serious mortal. The research which Larry has done is of such a quality and with such valuable and deep insight that not only will one get an expanded knowledge of its origin but you will get the best there ever yet today is written. Urantia Book P.557 - ¶12 26. Knowledge is possessed only by sharing; it is safeguarded by wisdom and socialized by love. This seems to be Larry Mullins' root and spark in his investigation and research into how the History of Urantia Book got into mortal reality as the Fifth Epochal Revelation to Man. The history reveals in details and with such a thoroughly seriousness the backdrop of The Urantia Book. Any reader of The Urantia Book should without any doubt also read this one. Urantia Book P.556 - ¶7 5. Difficulties may challenge mediocrity and defeat the fearful,

but they only stimulate the true children of the Most Highs. Am quite sure Larry is one of those children - His work is trustworthy, honest and done with the utmost sincerity. I am grateful for a man like him, to do the work I never was able to do. Thank You Larry.

Mr. Mullins is obviously an excellent researcher, and his objectivity is unfailing - while he isn't self-admittedly a devotee of the Urantia Book. He doesn't ignore or gloss over the difficult or controversial factors. Nor does he go for sensationalism...unlike at least one other "history" author. There are numerous well-chosen digital images of letters, photos and other documents that give extra "meat" to the story of the manifestation and publication of the Urantia Book. The history of the Book is fraught with many twists, turns, and apparent cul-de-sacs ... out of which Mr. Mullins has organized into an order which clears the path to the reader's understanding. This is the best, most reliable and complete history about the Urantia Book, in my opinion. I will probably never have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Mullins - but if I did, I would give him a grateful bow of respect.

Larry Mullins and Dr. Meredith Sprunger have provided the peoples of Urantia with a wonderfully historical resource surrounding the evolution and early dissemination of the Urantia Papers and Urantia Book dating back to 1906. This inspired accounting will assist every reader towards gaining a more holistic perspective of the individual and collective activities required to bring to print this Fifth Epochal Revelation for all humanity. A must read for all Urantia Book readers and perhaps more importantly, required reading for all earth travelers. A First Edition must!

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