

# The Origin of The Urantia Book

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Guests

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3. PRIMARY MIDWAYERS

865:3  
1258:1

The Subject is "relaxed and unconcerned".

1. THE "CONTACT PERSONALITY"  
His "contact" is a secondary Midwayer.

It is his Thought Adjuster who "in effect detached" is able "to unify and make meaningful" the content of the Paper.

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2. SECONDARY MIDWAYER

Gives the accepted interpretation and translation in English and labor types it (from a recording.)

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On a Table is a typewriter and legal sized yellow sheets of paper.      865:2

Also a Dictaphone, for use only if human personalities were permitted to view the typed material and to record it.