

## THE FIRST URANTIA PAPERS

The list below is extracted from Clarence Bowman's diary, of Papers he called "the first series" which were read at the Forum on Sunday afternoons. Sherman quotes the Doctor as saying seven or eight years elapsed during which the first series came. Clarence's diary indicates it was only four and a half years--between March 1925 and October 1929. A second series, which was an expansion of the first series, began about November 1929. The titles of the first series he listed in his diary may not be exactly as they were presented to the group. In fact, formal titles may not have been given by the revelators. Many years later, before the final version was typeset, Bill Sadler titled all of the Papers.

Clarence was careful to note the subject matter of Papers he heard. His list of first series papers is incomplete due to the work schedule he was forced to keep. He attended about half of the meetings of the Forum and noted the titles of the papers studied in his diary.

Sometime in the 1950s, Clarence mentioned to Anna Kellogg that he had noted the subjects studied in his diary and asked if she wanted a list. A couple of weeks later, after consulting Bill Sadler, she asked Clarence to delete the notations or to destroy the diaries. Since he didn't want to destroy thirty years' worth of personal history, he made an effort to delete some of the references to the Forum and subjects mentioned either with ink eradicator or by crossing out with pencil. He was not successful, however. The words bled through the eradicator and I was able to erase the pencil deletions on the others. Later notations referring to special communications were in shorthand and were also treated with ink eradicator. I was able to decipher them after just a brief self-study of shorthand. Some years later, I discovered my mother, Virginia, had had made a list of papers from his diaries. The following list represents her and my combined list:

<u>Date read</u>	<u>Subjects or titles of papers</u>
March 1, 1925	An account of installation of a Godhead.
March 8, 1925	Paper explaining different meaning of the term "Son of God".
March 15, 1925	Same paper, "Son of God" read again.
March 22, 1925	Dr. Sadler read introduction to the book he may write on <u>Do the Inhabitants of Other Worlds Communicate With Ours?</u>
March 29, 1925	Dr. Sadler read Machiventa's message. He promised us something wonderful next week.
April 5, 1925	(No subject mentioned. (Sorry! We'll never know what "wonderful" thing Doctor Sadler shared with the group.) Last meeting for season.)

(No meetings held during this period)

Continuing Clarence's list of subjects:

Nov. 11, 1925 (No subject mentioned)  
Nov. 15, 1925 Revelation of the arrangement of the universe.  
Nov. 22, 1925 (No subject mentioned)  
Nov. 29, 1925 The Sons of God.  
Dec. 6, 1925 The Sons of God.  
Dec. 13, 1925 (Machiventa message of Feb. 11, 1924 reread by Mrs. Sadler)

Jan. 10, 1926 The Third Source and Center.  
Jan. 17, 1926 The Third Source and Center - last half.  
Jan. 31, 1926 High Personalities of Third Source and Center.  
Feb. 7, 1926 Spiritual Artisans, humor, etc.  
Feb. 28, 1926 Ministering Spirits of Time.  
March 7, 1926 Cherubim and Seraphim.  
March 21, 1926 Re-read the Foreword.  
March 28, 1926 Little bits from several papers.  
April 11, 1926 Divine Gift.  
~~April 25, 1926 (No subject mentioned - last meeting)~~

(No meetings were held during this period)

Nov. 7, 1926 (No subject mentioned)  
Nov. 14, 1926 (No subject mentioned)  
Nov. 28, 1926 The Conjoint Actor.  
Dec. 5, 1926 The Central Universe.  
Dec. 12, 1926 The Central Universe.

Jan. 23, 1927 (No subject mentioned)  
March 13, 1927 (No subject mentioned)  
April 17, 1927 Seven Dispensations.

(No meetings were held during this period)

Nov. 30, 1927 (No subject mentioned)  
Dec. 11, 1927 Seven Dispensations.  
Dec. 18, 1927 Old communication of Physical Aspects of Grand Universe.

Jan. 8, 1928 Edentia of Norlatiadek.  
Jan. 22, 1928 Subject of Jerusem.  
Jan. 29, 1928 Mansion Worlds.  
Feb. 5, 1928 Lucifer Rebellion.  
Feb. 19, 1928 Paper on Universal Father - originated the ticket system.  
Feb. 26, 1928 (No subject mentioned) - We told who we are and

March 18, 1928 what our business is.  
April 22, 1928 Origin of this Planet.  
April 29, 1928 Communication of Evolutionary Beast Man - next Sunday is the last day and picnic.  
Evolutionary Beast Man down to Planetary Prince's advent - picnic lunch.

(No meetings during this period)

Nov. 25, 1928 Planetary Prince.  
Dec. 9, 1928 Evolution of law, order and civilization.  
Jan. 6, 1929 First section: Adam and Eve.

In addition to attending Sunday afternoon meetings, Clarence began going to the Sadler's home at other times during the week to read the Papers. At this point, Clarence began to note page numbers of the Papers read. It should be remembered that these are typewritten pages --small typeface, and probably double or triple spaced. The typewriter used was an upright Underwood now owned by Martin Myers. *See WSS's letter for typeface sample.*

(Tue.,) Jan 22, 1928 Default of Adam and Eve - pages 1288 to ? ;  
Racial Evolution after Adam and Eve - pages ? to 1332.  
(Sat.,) Jan 26, 1928 Eternal Son and Conjoint Actor -pages 51 to 110  
Jan. 26, 1929 Dr. Re-reading Racial Evolution after Adam and Eve.  
Feb. 3, 1929 Evolution of Religion - ended with page 1369.  
Feb. 10, 1929 Further Evolution of Religion.  
Feb. 17, 1929 Later Evolution of Religion - page 1420.  
Feb. 24, 1929 Evolution of Marriage - finished page 1462.  
(Mon.,) Mar. 4, 1929 Aspects of the Central Universe - pages 111 to 153; Evolution of Family Life.  
(Sat.,) Apr. 6, 1929 CNB read back papers.  
April 7, 1929 Dr. Sadler read From Melchizedek to Christ Michael - pages 1516 to 1547.  
April 21, 1929 The Jewish Idea of God from Melchizedek to Christ -pages 1548 to 1570 (or '79)  
April 28, 1929 Bestowals of Christ Michael - pages 1580 to 1600 (closing date set for May 19)  
May 12, 1929 Communication: Thought Adjusters in Life and in Death - end with page 1657  
May 19, 1929 Seraphic Guardian Angels - end with page 1700 (Had "testimony meeting")

(No meetings during this period)

(Wed.,) Sep 11, 1929 Central and Divine Universe - pages 111 to 153; Universe of Universes - pages 154 to 175.  
(Thu.,) Oct. 3, 1929 Seven Superuniverses - pages 176 to ? ; The Divine Personalities - pages ? to 247.  
(Fri.,) Oct. 4, 1929 Seven Supreme Spirits - pages 248 to 274; Descending Sons of God - pages 275 to 330; "Except The Life Carriers" - page numbers unkwn.  
(Mon.,) Oct. 21, 1929 Ascending Sons of God - pages 338 to 360; Trinitized Sons of God - pages 361 to 387; Higher Personalities of Infinite Spirit - pages 388 to 422.  
(Tue.,) Oct. 22, 1929 Messenger Hosts of Space - pages 423 to 456; Ministering Spirits of Central Universe - pages 457 to 493;

Ministering Spirits of Superuniverse - pages  
494 to 523.  
(Wed.,) Oct. 23, 1929 Ministering Spirits of Local Universe - pages  
524 to 562  
Universe Directors - Pages 563 to 601;  
Mortals of Time and Space - pages 602 to 631;  
Planetary Mortal Types - pages 632 to 663.  
(Thu.,) Oct. 24, 1929 (Names and pages read not listed)  
(Sat.,) Nov. 2, 1929 Inhabited Worlds - pages 910 to 937;  
Andronover Nebula from which Universe of Nebadon  
created - pages 938 to 970.

From Harold Sherman's book, How to Know What to Believe, he quotes "Dr. Norton" (Dr. Sadler): "This continued for perhaps seven or eight years when what we considered the first edition of the papers was finished. At that time, the Forum received its first direct message, and its members were advised that now, since their knowledge had been expanded, they should be able to ask more intelligent questions and that if they would do so, as they commended a rereading of each paper, these intelligences would completely revise the entire tremendous manuscript." *cd*

From Dr. William S. Sadler's personal history: "The first group of Papers numbered 57. We then received a communication suggesting that since we could now ask many and much more intelligent questions, the superhuman agencies and personalities responsible for transmitting the 57 papers would engage to enlarge the revelation and to expand the Papers in accordance with our new questions."

"This was the plan: We would read a Paper on Sunday afternoon and the following Sunday the new questions would be presented. Again, these would be sorted, classified, etc. This program covered several years and ultimately resulted in the presentation of the 196 Papers as now found in the Urantia Book."

#### THE NEW SERIES

Sunday, November 3, 1929 was the first meeting of the Fall. It was also the beginning of the "new series" of papers--but still not the final list of titles as they appear in The Urantia Book. Between November 1929 and December 1930, Clarence heard or read 19 Papers.

Clarence was unable to attend as many meetings from 1931 through 1943 as previously, because he moved to Ohio in 1931, married, and started a family. The Great Depression was a factor; in fact, no meetings were held the entire year of 1932. World War II affected his work and travel schedule--he was still working for the Railway Mail Service on the B & O Line between Chicago and Pittsburgh. There were no hotel rooms available in wartime in Chicago, and he needed a place to sleep at the end of each run. Rather than "deadhead" back to his home in Defiance, Ohio after each work day, he found it necessary to move back to Chicago in the summer of 1943.

Extracts from the diaries of Clarence N. Bowman:

Sun, 11/23/24 - In aft went to Dr. Sadler's forum and heard some of his disclosures of fake mediums. He also told us of the phenomena of supposedly extra mundane (?) origin.

Sun., 12/14/24 - in aft went out to Dr. Sadler's forum. Wonderful revelations from Machavalia (Machiventa) and ABC were read by the Doctor.

Sun., 1/11/25 - In aft went to Dr. Sadler's forum. He read some of the accounts of supervisors of Series 666 (606?) and of sovereign visitors of the universe of Nebulon (Nebadon).

Sun., 1/18/25 - In aft went to Dr. Sadler's. He gave us the answers of 181 questions answered by ABC. Miss Williams and I stayed a while later and heard Dr. and Mrs. Sadler discuss this further.

Sun, 1/25/25 - Went to Dr. Sadler's forum in aft--he read us some more messages from some of the extra-planetary beings.

Sun., 2/8/25 - (With Al Dyon) Then we came down to Dr. Sadler's and heard some of the questions and answers (-?-) were late.

Sun., 2/15/25 - in aft went to Dr. Sadler's forum and heard messages read from the Second Order of the Cardiff. (?) subject of which was Justice Tempered with Mercy. Al Dyon, Miss Faith, Lucy Rowe and I had lunch and discussed things later.

Sun., 12/13/25 - Went out to Dr. Sadler's forum in aft. Mrs. Sadler read the Machavallia (Machiventa) message of Feb. 11, 1924.

Sun., 3/21/26 - Went to Dr. Sadler's forum in aft. He reread the foreword. Had talk with Mr Nichols relative to the whole thing.

Sun., 3/28/26 - Went to Dr. Sadler's forum in aft. No special reading but little bits from several.

Sun., 4/17/27 - then went to Dr. Sadler's forum. Communication on the Seven Dispensations. I drove Miss Anne Williams home, and she served me supper and gave me copies of her transcripts from the communique.

Sat., 11/2/29 - Out to Dr. Sadler's in aft. and read "The Inhabited World, pp 910-937, and one on the Andronover Nebula, from which the Univ. of Nebulon (Nebadon) was created. pp 938 to 970.

Sun., 11/3/29 - Out to Dr. Sadler's forum--the first of the

season--paper on "The Universal Father" new series. pp 1-29.

Sat., 3/29/30 - Went out to Dr. Sadler's and read paper No. 25 (old series) and wrote questions on it.

Sun., 3/30/30 - Out to Dr. Sadler's in aft. Paper #19 read: subject "The Universe Power Directors."

Sat., 5/10/30 - To Dr. Sadler's and read three papers--No. 21, Planetary Mortal Types; 22 - Celestial Artisans; 23 - Composite Personality Groups. Pages 611-684.

Sun., 5/11/30 - Out to Dr. Sadler's forum in afternoon. The last meet of the season. Had the big feed.

~~Sun., 11/16/30 - Out to Dr. Sadler's and read paper No. 25 -~~  
The Personalities of the Local Universe. pages 716-748.  
Heard No. 26 - The Constellation - about 25 pages long.

Mon., 5/7/34 - Went out to Dr. Sadler's and read latest revised papers pages 1-104.

Mon., 7/23/34 - Went to Dr. Sadler's and read pages 105 to 208 of revised papers.

Wed., 8/21/35 - In eve at Chicago, attended forum meeting at Dr. Sadler's. Closing days of Jesus Life.

Fri., 8/23/35 - In eve at Chicago went up to Dr. Sadler's and in company with Al Dyon, read beginning of new series of papers.

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