

William S. Sadler, Sr. -- Timeline of Life Events, incl. UB-related

Date	Age	Activities/Employment/Publications/UB Events
1851		First YMCA established in Boston, MA
1868		James Redpath conceives idea of making booking arrangements for popular Lyceum speakers; initiates mgmt-agent concept and bureau system for all subsequent lecture business.
1874		Summer, first Chautauqua launched by Bishop John H. Vincent Lake Chautauqua, NY; the Lyceum, founded by Josiah Holbrook in 1826, was to combine in early 1900s
1875		Mary Baker Eddy publishes first edition of "Science and Health" -- soon suppressed by Church officials.
Spring, 1875		John Harvey Kellogg (23) completes two years "orthodox and reputable" medical education, returns to Battle Creek and joins staff of Western Health Reform Inst; "allied himself with Whites in their efforts to maintain control of an expanding church organization."(RN)
June 9, 1875		Lena Celestia Kellogg, future wife, born Abscota, MI
June 24, 1875		Born Spencer, IN to Samuel Cavins Sadler and Sarah Isabelle (Wilson) Sadler; father a grad of Chi. Cons. of Music, teacher, performer, and "great Bible salesman" of his day
1877	2	Alexander Graham Bell delivers first lecture about the telephone in a Lyceum hall
Spring, 1878		First Medical and Surgical Sanitarium completed on grounds of old Health Reform Institute, Battle Creek, MI
1879		Formation of American Health and Temperance Association, presided over by J.H. Kellogg; publication of his "Plain Facts About Sexual Life"; last of Ellen White's dramatic daytime visions, age 52 (RN);Edison demos incandescent lamp
boyhood		Neighbors in Wabash, IN incl. General Lew Wallace, author of <u>Ben Hur</u> , and Gen. McNaught, former chief scout for Grant; read Wallace's history books while author wrote <u>Ben Hur</u> ; parents "set against religion" but later joined Seventh Day Adventist Church after death of one of two twin daughters; home-schooled (due to parental fears of contagion); no formal education (except 3 mos.) until med. school in 1901
1881		Death of James White, pioneer Adventist organizer-publisher.
1883	8	first formal speech "The Crucial Battles of History"
Jan 4, 1885	10	First appendectomy performed by Dr. Wm. Grant, Davenport, IA
1887	12	discovered Bible for first time in attic; later "played church" (as preacher) with childhood baseball buddies in old abandoned church across tracks from home; played baseball in same five-county league that included future acrobatic-evangelist Billy Sunday (1862-1935), who played for the Chicago White Stockings (1883-1891) before a conversion

experience led him to YMCA work, religion, and revivalism; (Sunday said to have conducted more than 300 revivals, reaching an estimated 100,000,000).

- 1887 Ellen White returns from Europe, celebrating with a "large baked fish"; continues to backslide on vegetarianism until 1894 (had lived in Switzerland from 1885-1887); financial disaster of 1887 sends real estate values plummeting
- 1889 14 Moved to Battle Creek, MI; worked as bell boy at San and attended Battle Creek College
- Jan 29, 1890 Emma Louise Christenson (Christy) born, Gem Township, SD
- 1891 16 Guest-preacher in Ft. Wayne, IN: "the boy preacher"; Billy Sunday gives up baseball for YMCA work, turning down offer of \$5000 for one season with Reds in favor of \$83.33 a month with YMCA
- Jan 1, 1892 17 Ellis Island Immigrant Station in NYC finally opened
- 1891-1900 Ellen White evangelizes in Australia & New Zealand
- 1893 18 First World Parliament of Religion held in Chicago, promoting "the Fatherhood of God and the brother of the human race;" denounced by Sunday as a "notion from hell"
- 1893-1894 19-20 Displayed organizational abilities and "penchant for detective work" by forming "Young Mens Intelligence Society" Successful health food salesman for W.K.Kellogg; meets student nurse Lena Kellogg, neice of J.H. Kellogg, in 1893; conducts extremely successful retail campaign for San Foods in Michigan City
- 1894 Patent granted to Kelloggs for Granose Flakes, EGW declines! JHK authorizes WSS to open strictly evangelical "Lifeboat Mission" on S. State Street in Chicago; Billy Sunday quits YMCA work to become advance man for revivalist J.W. Chapman
- Fall, 1895 JHK obtains charter from IL for American Medical Missionary College; awards 194 doctorates in its 15-year existence.
- 1895 20 Sent to Chicago by JHK to act as secretary of the Chicago Medical Mission; initiated "Life Boat" Magazine; worked with "skid row" underclass, lectured at San on Chicago ventures; worked with Comstock Society for the Suppression of Vice, US Post Office Inspectors in exposing porno rings in Chicago
- 1896 21 Billy Sunday starts his own revivals in small towns after Chapman quits revivalism for pastoral work in Philly. Utah admitted as 45th state
- 1897 22 Married Lena Kellogg, neice of John Harvey Kellogg
- 1898 Birth of Clyde Bedell, Forum member and Concordex author
- March 7, 1899 23 Became licensed Seventh Day Adventist minister
- 1899 24 First son born; dies @ 9 months.
- 1900 25 Ellen White returns to St. Helena, CA and, at age 73, begins

writing voluminously and directing major campaign to put Adventist sanitariums "near every large city" -- writes a "testimony" reproving JHK for not sending more \$\$\$ to Aust Frank Lyman Baum publishes "The Wizard of Oz" amidst the gold and silver controversy as Wm. Jennings Bryan gives his "Cross of Gold" speech.

- 1901 26 Became ordained Seventh Day Adventist minister
- 1901 26 Enters Cooper Medical College in San Francisco; operates home for Xian med students; tutors chemistry to pay exp.
- Returns to Chicago per JHK; enters Rush Medical College; lectures and does "special detective work"
- Feb 18, 1902 Burning of Battle Creek Sanitarium; JHK wants to rebuild, EGW wants to decentralize (RN)
- 1903 Ellen White warns to "keep out of the cities"
- 1906- 30- Per Kulieke, initial contact phase, "shakedown period" for
1924 49 Contact Commission
- 1906 Publication of Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle" exposing the vile conditions of the Chicago meat-packing industry; led to passage of Pure Food & Drug Act, and further muckraking.
- April 18, 1906 30 San Francisco Earthquake kills 700.
- April 26, 1906 30 Letter to Ellen White, expressing concerns over her alleged "testimonials" and visions; no reply
- 1906 31 Graduates from Med School; begins practice with Lena Offered medical teaching position @ IU, Bloomington; declined in favor of lecturing/writing
- 1906 31 Per Kendall/Friedman interview, time of initial contact with contact person which led to Urantia Papers; also per Sherman (spring of year); moved in fall, followed by contactee. Subjects contactee to hypnotic analysis; "If you knew what you had here..."(per Sherman)
- 1907 32 Founded "Chicago Institute of Physiologic Therapeutics", 100 State St., "to render diagnostic and surgical services, plus physical and psychological therapeutic assistance" on referrals
- 1907 32 Began affiliation with Chautauquas/Lyceum; Wilfred C. Kellogg who had been managing JHK's Sanitas Company, forced out of his position in "sweeping reorganization" by JHK; later join WSS on Chatauqua tour (later a member of Contact Commission)
- Nov 10, 1907 Dr. J.H. Kellogg is disfellowshipped from S.D.A. Church
- Dec, 1907 32 Son Bill Jr. born
- 1907- 32- Lectures on Chautauqua platforms, delivering "gospel of
1922 47 health" to 100s of thousands, nationwide, assisted by Lena, Wilfred and Anna Kellogg, Bill Jr.

- 1910 35 Wrote four popular health articles for Ladies Home Journal
(From 1905-1926 wrote two articles for medical journals,
and one article for the Journal of Criminal Law on
"Sterilization of the Unfit")
- Sept 29, 1910 College of Medical Evangelists opens in Loma Linda, CA
- 1911 36 Studied in Leeds & Vienna; Fri. nites w. Freud, Jung, Adler
- 1911 36 Began public addresses on the "phenomena and philosophy of
spiritualism"
- 1912 37 Published "The Physiology of Faith & Fear", a compendium of
his most popular Chautauqua lectures; one of 42 books;
sinking of Titanic, April 14-15
- Jan 8, 1914 38 First (of three) "Race Betterment Conferences" opens at the
Battle Creek Sanitarium; others in 1915 and 1928
- July 15, 1915 40 Death of Ellen White, aged 87
- Nov, 1916 41 Billy Sunday's urban crusades gain momentum in Detroit,
preaching to 50,000 in four meetings, converting 3,103 in
one service, compared to the Apostle Peter's 3,000 on the
great day of Pentecost
- April, 1917 42 Billy Sunday's revivals peak in New York City with 2,000
member chorus and massive organization; priests at St. Rose
of Lima nearby refuse absolution for those parishioners who
commit mortal sin by attending Sunday's rally; Billy rails
against heathen Huns and supports War Bonds.
- 1918 43 Publication of "Longheads & Roundheads" at request of Govt.,
another compendium of Chautauqua lectures; JHK suffers most
serious illness and has to spend 7 months in bed in Florida
- 1919 44 Treaty of Versaille, ending WWI; per Kulieke, disapproved by
UB revelators; prohibition adopted with 18th amendment,
enforced beginning January 16, 1920
- 1920-
1932 Chautauquas operate in 8,580 communities nationwide
and employ a total of 5,757 employees
Chautauqua circuits service 436 communities in IA, 198 in MN,
274 in NE, 217 in OH, 260 in KS, 352 in IL, 208 in WI, 113 in
MI, and 164 in IN; start of RADIO, "roaring 20s" leads to
decline of Chautauquas as tastes and morals change;
tents close in 1932
- Nov, 1922 47 Christy comes to Chicago; Reader's Digest first published
- 1923 48 Publication of "The Truth About Spiritualism"
- July, 1923 48 Christy becomes acquainted with the Sadlers
- October, 1923 48 Beginning of the Forum, charter membership at 30
- Dec, 1923 48 Christy joins Sadler household at 533 Diversey Parkway
- 1924-
1942 48- Per Kulieke, "birth phase" of UB, involving "actual writing
67 process and indirect dialogue" bet. superhumans and Forum.

- Feb 11, 1924 48 Per Kulieke, "contact group" receives notice of plans for Urantia Papers;"contact experience" said to have started 17 to 25 years earlier (--> 1899-1907)
- December, 1924 49 "Commission" for UB revealed to Forum members
Per Kulieke, period from 1924-1929 produces 57 papers; then "advanced another generation" between 1929-1935; "...if you knew what you had here..."
- 1925 Scopes Monkey Trial pits Clarence Darrow vs. Wm. J. Bryan
- 1927 52 Per Kulieke, Urantia recognized as a civilized planet; first trans-Atlantic flight by Charles Lindbergh; Kellogg-Briand Pact outlaws war, signed by 15 nations.
- 1929 54 Publication of "The Mind at Mischief" with references to UB contact person/process in Index; Stock Market crashes.
- 1930- 55- Began teaching a class in pastoral psychiatry at McCormick
1955 80 Theological Seminary, continued until 1955
- Dec 5, 1933 Prohibition repealed with 21st Amendment
- 1934-35 60 Per UB, "indictment" of Urantia Papers in Parts I-III, "essentially complete"; "third round" for "clarifying concepts and removing ambiguities" undertaken from 1935-42.
- 1935-42
- August 8, 1939 64 Death of Lena Sadler, age 64, at 533 Diversey.
- 1939 Group known as the Seventy begins; extra Wednesday night classes; per Kulieke, time of many "messages of instruction"
- July, 1941 66 First meeting with Harold Sherman, en route west; Shermans sign secrecy pledge, and are accepted as Forum members.
- Dec 7, 1941 Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor; U.S. enters WWII
- 1942-55 67- Per Kulieke, "organizational development phase" involving
80 fundraising, typesetting, "dress rehearsal".
- May, 1942 67 Harold & Martha Sherman return to Chicago; spend summer catching-up on reading first 92 Papers, at 533 Diversey
- Aug 20, 1942 67 Evening appt. with Shermans at which Shermans claim to have been told of origin methodology
- August, 1942 67 Per Kulieke, "Instructions" given to obtain copyright and register trademark
- Sept 13, 1942 68 Climax of the "Sherman Rebellion" with public questioning of management of Urantia Papers; per Kulieke, midwayers declare crisis, and maintain vigil with Sadler during "rebellion"
- Sept, 1943 68 Per Kulieke, formal reorganization of "the Seventy"
- Dec 14, 1943 68 Death of lifelong mentor John Harvey Kellogg at age 91.
- 1944 69 Publication of "Prescription for Permanent Peace" with ideas for "mankind government" under "international father"

- May, 1947 72 Shermans leave Chicago, after attending Forum readings for five years (and leaving at intermission)
- Jan 11, 1950 74 Formation of Urantia Foundation-- Declaration of Trust
- Aug 21, 1950 75 Per Kulieke, changes in superhuman planetary government
- Oct 6, 1951 76 Death of cereal magnate Will Keith Kellogg at age 91
- Nov, 1951 76 Per Kulieke, newly formed "Supreme Court of Urantia" hands authority over the revelation to The Regent.
- Feb 11, 1952 77 Per Kulieke, Regent tells Contact Commission "he and he alone would decide the time to publish"
- Feb 11, 1954 78 Per Kulieke, "direction of revelation" placed in hands of Seraphim of Progress
- Jan 2, 1955 79 Urantia Brotherhood formed by 36 Forum members acting as original General Council
- Oct 12, 1955 80 Publication of The Urantia Book
- Dec 26, 1955 80 Death of Grandson, Bill III, at age 19
- June 17, 1956 81 Forum becomes First Urantia Society, with 156 members
- Sept 19, 1956 81 Urantia Brotherhood School opened; Oct 1 U. Bro'hood Corp.
- 1957 May 24--Glenview Society; July 26--Los Angeles Society; Nov 23--Oklahoma Society
- May 11, 1960 Second U. Society of Chicago
- Nov 23, 1963 88 Death of Son, Bill, Jr.
- Sept 20, 1965 90 Second U. Society of Chicago dissolved
- Jul 20, 1968 92 Martin Myers, grad of U Kans. law school, stays with Sadlers at 533 and becomes the much-sought-after "that boy"
- Apr 26, 1969 93 Death at age 93, doctoring until 6 mos. previous.

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