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## *Witnesses to a Revelation*

**Polly:** On January 31, 1993, I spent a wonderful afternoon speaking with my 91-year old mother, Grace Walker, at her home in Montgomery, Illinois, discussing her memories of her early days with the Forum and Seventy.

**What were your religious beliefs at the time you discovered the URANTIA Papers?**

I came from a church background with parents who were dedicated Christians. My father was an Evangelical minister so we were well acquainted with the Bible, but there were still many questions not answered for me.

**How did you hear about the Forum and the papers?**

I was a patient of Dr. Sadler's. I was impressed by his personality and was curious about his beliefs. In conversation one day, he said he would like to tell me about something that was happening to him; so he told me about the papers, and I was pledged to secrecy — this was sometime in the '40s.

**Did Dr. Sadler believe at this time the URANTIA papers were a revelation?**

Yes.

**How were you introduced to the Papers?**

Dr. Sadler told me some of the story of the Papers; that they were in a safe in his office at his home, and if I wanted to read them I could do so after work, taking out one paper at a time, and I did this. There was always somebody at his office as a custodian of the papers. A group of friends had read at the Sadler home every Sunday afternoon, and when he asked me if I was truly interested I attended this meeting, where one paper was usually read. The group was called the Forum at that time.

**What did the papers look like? Could you copy any of this?**

They were standard 8 1/2 x 11 sheets, double spaced. Each paper looked like original copy, not carbon — there were no mistakes. A person sat at the desk and made sure no one copied or took notes.

**How long did it take you to read the Papers?**

It took me three years and then I was invited to join the Seventy group.

**Were you skeptical at all in the beginning?**

Yes, but I was impressed by the genuineness of Dr. Sadler, but more than that, the papers had a tone of sincerity, and authority. By the time I finished the papers on the life and teachings of Jesus, I was losing my skepticism and eager to get into the other parts of the Book. Probably I wouldn't have continued to study had I not read the Jesus Papers first. In my personal life I had many questions about the contents of the Bible — if, for instance, it really was the "Word of God". At the time there was quite a liberal movement in the Protestant churches. The religion department of my college was permeated by religious questions which were left up in the air. In the twenties, I had come to the conclusion that the First Commandment of Jesus — love God and love your fellows — was the way to live, and this became my creed. I felt that was the answer the papers gave too.

**What stands out in your mind about Dr. Sadler's character and personality?**

He was a strong person of conviction, integrity and patience. He was confident, and this seemed rather rare to me because my college professors wanted you to doubt your beliefs.

**Do you have some impressions of Forum days you would like to share?**

Originally the Forum was composed of friends who were invited to the Sadler home for general discussions on Sunday afternoons. Gradually, the Sadlers shared the revelation with these friends who were sworn to secrecy. Friends were brought in one at a time by members. Because the papers contained information that was new and startling, they felt it was not the time to reveal it to everyone. It was felt we should really study the papers and get others to study the papers to be able to teach new readers in case the papers were ever lost. It was a very exciting time.

**How was the Seventy group different from the Forum?**

The Forum was for reading the still unpublished papers and the Seventy was to train teachers and leaders. To belong to the Seventy one had to have read all the papers. To become a teacher you had to go through a certain procedure with examinations to get a teaching certificate, and there were those who did.

**What effect has this had on your way of life?**

There were finally answers to my questions. It was especially a great feeling to have access to knowledge that contributed to my understanding of children, their growth and education. As a parent I found these answers were especially helpful. It has been most enriching to my life. I have a much better understanding of Jesus and his message than I would have otherwise. For me it brings together the human and the divine with a certain harmony that I had never felt before.

**What did you learn about disseminating the teachings that might still be valid for us today?**

In the Forum we were asked not to talk about the origin of the Papers. The emphasis was on the content and meaning. It would be dangerous for people to become more interested in "how we got the Book," instead of "what is *in* the Book." The philosophy that is in the book is most important and speculation as to how it was given to us could take too much time away from the challenge of seeking to master the great truths in the Book.

**Did the basic teachings open up new perceptions for you?**

It makes a great deal of difference to know something about where we come from and where we're going. I was groping for answers and this threw light on many subjects, and that was truly beautiful.

**When you pray to whom do you pray?**

To the Trinity — Father, Son, and Spirit. Sometimes I pray to one, sometimes to another. A thank you prayer or praise is to God the Heavenly Father; if it is for practical guidance, it is to the Thought Adjuster; if it is for comfort and courage, it is Jesus. When I'm praying, I think of all three as One, and know what is going on.

*Grace, thank you for your time and willingness to share these very personal experiences covering more than one-half of a truly significant century in the history of our planet.*

**CORRECTION**

In the 1993 Issue of The Conjoint Reader, "The Timing of a Revelation" is was indicated that on July 1, 1945 the first atomic bomb was dropped. The fact is that on July 16, 1945 the first bombs were tested by the U.S. On August 6 and 9, 1945 bombs were dropped on Japan.