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Chicago Area

A SELF-MADE RENAISSANCE MAN

Most students of The URANTIA Book are aware of the significance of the name of Dr. William S. Sadler with regards to the history of the movement. But many perhaps do not realize that Dr. Sadler had led a widely varied and fascinating life before ever coming in contact with the teachings.

Born in Spencer, Indiana, in 1875, Dr. Sadler spent the next 93 years in a variety of pursuits. His invariably successful careers included those of surgeon, psychiatrist, teacher, lecturer, salesman and writer.

William's family moved a great deal around Indiana when he was young, as his father, Samuel Cavins Sadler, went from teaching music to being in the mercantile business (William was at times put in charge of his father's general stores) to selling Bibles.

While growing up in Indiana, William was taught history by General McNaught, one-time Chief of Scouts to General U.S. Grant. McNaught arranged for William to give his first lecture at the age of eight, on "Crucial Battles of History," to a high school graduating class in Indianapolis.

Since the Sadlers lived across the street from author Lew Wallace, the boy would go lie on the floor of Wallace's library, reading his history books while the author



William S. Sadler in 1963, at age 88

wrote Ben Hur. This kind of self-education was the pattern of Sadler's life, which contained virtually no formal education, since his mother did not want him to go to school for fear of what might happen.

His first taste of religion was also self-acquired. William's parents were set against religion; William did not discover the Bible until he was 12. But soon he was preaching in a nearby vacant church to friends of his with whom he played baseball. (He also played baseball in a five-county league that included Billy Sunday, who would become a famous evangelist.)

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from the editors

The onset of spring often provides us with feelings of exhilaration as we witness the rebirth, as it is, of the material earth. We become more aware of nature --- flowers, grass, birds...the landscape above and below. Oftentimes, we experience these same uplifting feelings as we witness the splendor of a mountain range, the peacefulness of an open field or the torrent of a river or ocean. All of these wonders many times bring our hearts and minds to the creator of these and all things: our Heavenly Father.

Although we know that the Father and nature are not one and the same, we do know that He is represented in natural beauty. The amazement of the perfection of beauty, in our eyes, of a flower or bird, reminds us of how unimaginably magnificent the Father is.

Jesus often retreated to the mountains to seek companionship with the Father; the starry heavens caused him to rise in communion, and he stressed beauty in worship to his apostles and his followers.

So at this particularly fruitful time of the year, perhaps we might all renew and refreshen our relationships with the Father and Jesus, as well as our brothers and sisters.

Nature by itself may not be worthy of worship, but if used as a tool for growing closer to the Father and others, it is most assuredly inspiring.

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To Him Who Would Admit
No Mistakes

You think perfection is your state,
And know not how to spell defeat.
In your mind you think you find
The way to conquer all you meet.
You turn, you squirm, you reaffirm
Refusal to fill a back seat.
But caution is my word to you,
For clay, you'll find, makes up your feet.

books

Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow
Lindbergh

Gift from the Sea is a collection of essays by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, written during her vacation alone at the Connecticut seacoast, in which she seeks to work out some problems in her own life as a woman involved in a busy, often hectic, family life in suburban New York.

Ms. Lindbergh uses various shells collected at the seashore as symbols of the different life stages she has experienced as a woman, and seems destined to pass through. Some of these shells include the Moon shell, representing the need for occasional solitude in an active life; the Double Sunrise, representing the embarking on a relationship between two people; and the Argonauta, symbolizing the greater maturity and freedom for growth in the later years.

With each seashell, Lindbergh reflects on the struggles and the beauty of that life period, and questions the meaning and value of her pattern of living.

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STUDY GROUP IDEAS

Here is a sampling of various ways to facilitate the intellectual understanding of the book, to stimulate creative socialization, and to promote personal spiritual growth in study groups. In other words, here are a few methods which you want to experiment with to spice up your meetings.

- 1) Each member reads the paper ahead of time. At the meeting:
 - discuss any questions.
 - delve into a particular topic.
- 2) Choose one person each week to pick out a short passage that he wants to read next week at the meeting.
- 3) Favorite Passage Night
 - Everyone brings a favorite passage to share.
- 4) Set a time limit on the reading sessions or dispense with them.
- 5) Concept of the Week
 - Pick out a question or statement for the members to think about during the week. (e.g., "What does discipleship mean to you?")
 - At the next meeting set aside a time for sharing of thoughts on that concept.
- 6) Meditation on a concept
 - Pick out a question or statement as in number five.
 - Have the group meditate on it for five minutes or so.
 - Share thoughts or feelings about it.
- 7) Remembrance Supper
- 8) Topicals (study of a particular topic)
 - One person may prepare all the references to read at the next meeting,
 - OR
 - Each member may be assigned to find one reference to read and discuss at the next meeting.
- 9) Encourage members to bring related materials (music, maps, poems, newspaper articles, etc.) to share at the meeting.
- 10) Prayer
 - Silent prayer.
 - Oral prayer (one person may read a prayer he likes or one he composed or he may make one up on the spot)
 - Group, thankful prayer (the group may

join hands and the members may spontaneously offer thanks for something).

- 11) Show and Tell
 - Perhaps dispense with reading for one meeting (or hold an extra get-together) and have each member bring in something they'd like to show and tell about. (Anything goes, from sharing a favorite idea from Plato's Republic to demonstrating one's favorite duck call.)

Bob and Vicki Arkens
Central Wisconsin Study Group

INDIANAPOLIS CONFERENCE

The 1979 Midwest Regional Conference is being held this weekend, June 9 and 10, in Indianapolis. The Conference is at Marion College.

The meetings will feature four speakers who will talk on the theme of the relation of URANTIA teachings to Christian teachings and churches. The speakers include: Dr. Meredith Sprunger, on "Why Be Involved with Churches"; David Schlundt, on "Comparing and Contrasting of The URANTIA Book Teachings and Current Christianity"; Father Robert Schuer, on "Problems of Interfacing The URANTIA Book Teachings and the Church"; and Lynne Kulieke, on "How Jesus Taught."

Mike Painter, when interviewed one week before the Conference, said that he and his committee had received about 75 reg-

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graduations

Memorial services were recently held for First Society members Olga DuVal, of Evanston, and Eva Vincent, of Chicago. Both graduated during this past winter. Our best wishes go with them.

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Many people extend their thoughts and prayers to Norman and Patty Hovda, whose 3-1/2 - year-old daughter Kristen recently passed on.

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William's mother, Sarah Isabelle (Wilson), had secretly joined a Christian church after one of two twin daughters had died. Soon the family became interested in Seventh Day Adventist literature, as well as studying the Bible. Finally, his parents were baptized and joined the Adventist church. Eventually, Cavins Sadler became known as one of the great Bible salesmen of a day when there were many.

When he was 14, William went to Battle Creek, Michigan, to work as a bell boy at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. The superintendent was Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, brother of W. K. Kellogg, who was chiefly responsible for starting the Kellogg's cereal empire, and uncle of Lena Kellogg who was later to become William's wife.

In 1893, the Sanitarium began the manufacture of health foods. "Willie" was chosen to represent the Sanitarium at stores around the Midwest. He was eminently successful, at times even selling more food than could be produced; once, he even won a bread-baking contest at a local store.

Lena Kellogg was a student nurse when she met William in 1893. They were married in 1897, beginning a long personal and working career together. A few years later, their first son died at the age of 10 months. The Sadlers decided to go to medical school. They went to different schools throughout the country, finally graduating from Rush Medical University of Chicago. For William, except for three months, medical school was his first formal education. William and Lena were partners both as doctors and authors while living in the Chicago area.

After several years as a general surgeon, Dr. Sadler said, "After taking out 10 gall-bladders, there wasn't much charm left. But minds are all different." So he resolved to become a psychiatrist, passing an exam.

He spent nearly a year in Vienna, studying with Freud, along with Adler and Jung. But he could not accept all that he learned

there, leaving to form what he termed as the school of "American Psychiatry."

Dr. Sadler lived and practiced psychiatry for many years at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, in the building that is now URANTIA headquarters. He also was a professor and lecturer of pastoral psychiatry at McCormick Theological Seminary, director and chief psychiatrist at the Chicago Institute of Research and Diagnosis, and attending psychiatrist at Columbus Hospital. He never really retired; he said that his patients retired him.

Dr. Sadler, who was described in International Who's Who as a "pioneer in the popularization of preventive medicine," wrote 42 books on various subjects. Among them were The Mind at Mischief, a bestseller, and Theory and Practice of Psychiatry, long a major text in psychiatric schools.

The Sadlers were married nearly 42 years before Lena's death in 1939. According to E. L. Christensen, their adopted daughter, "They worked together in everything. I never met a nicer couple!" The Sadlers had another son, Bill, who, among other things, was the first president of URANTIA Brotherhood. Dr. Sadler was survived by three grandchildren.

The Forum, the original group to study the URANTIA Papers, evolved from one of the many groups organized by Dr. Sadler during his life for the study of a wide variety of topics. During the last portion of his long life, the study and teaching of The URANTIA Book was a most important pursuit.

For those that knew him, Dr. William S. Sadler was an individual impossible to forget.

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istrations and expected about 90 to 100 to attend.

The editors and staff of PERVADED SPACE look forward to meeting many of you at the Conference.

people

Throughout most of the history of The URANTIA Book movement, many important tasks have been performed by the capable hands of Marian Rowley. Whether completing the routine daily assignments of the Brotherhood office, handling the registration at a general conference or executing the office of president of First URANTIA Society, many people have come to recognize Marian as a dependable person to turn to when they want something done.

Marian became involved with the URANTIA teachings in January 1939, while working as secretary to Clyde Bedell, who was advertising manager of Butler Brothers in Chicago at the time. He brought Marian to the Forum, the predecessor to the Brotherhood, where she was accepted for membership. She says that she entered the group because of her association with Clyde, acceptance of the teachings of the papers was not a prerequisite. But she adds that she almost immediately came to believe them, saying, "I was a pushover."



Marian Rowley

Marian has spent much of her life as a private secretary. In addition to her years at Butler Brothers, she worked at The Kemper Insurance Co. (when she first arrived in Chicago), she continued as Clyde Bedell's secretary at Marshall Field, and she retired from the Pure Oil Co. in 1966. (Actually, she said that she was "pushed out" when Union Oil took over the company.)

Her career as a secretary was prepared at the Rochester, New York, Business Institute. Before this experience, she had spent two years acquiring a liberal arts education at Wells College, Aurora, New York. She grew up in western New York, in Medina, Buffalo and Rochester.

She moved to Chicago at age 22 and has lived there ever since.

The URANTIA Movement began utilizing her skills almost as soon as she joined it in 1939. She also helped Dr. Sadler by typing his texts during this period.

When Marian retired in 1966, she began to work part-time at the Brotherhood headquarters, as she continued to work part-time until 1970. Since then, she has spent more than a full work week at the Brotherhood.

Marian was elected secretary-general of the Brotherhood when it began in 1955. She held this position until 1976, when she became secretary. She also had a stint as a member of the Education Committee. During the last three years, Marian has demonstrated her competency as president of First URANTIA Society, of which she is a charter member.

Marian feels that the Brotherhood "is progressing well. The movement is slow, but sure."

She added that, "Communication is necessary between people and between groups."

At the Brotherhood headquarters she commented, "We do look toward the

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future, but we work one day at a time." One major change which she has noticed is that "mail that comes in is more and more from people we haven't heard from before. Most of the letters I answer ask where other nearby readers of the book are. I'm most impressed with that."

Personally, she has come to realize that "you've got to have tolerance and realize that other men are our brothers. This thought has influenced my job and the letters I write."

Marian, who is 77, is still an integral part of Brotherhood activities. She says that the teachings of The URANTIA Book have a strong effect on her. "The thing that impresses me most about the teachings is the surety of what's ahead."

commentaries

The subject for the following commentaries is "Should General Councilors be geographically represented?"

There are 36 General Councilors in URANTIA Brotherhood, each of which serves a nine-year term. This August, delegates representing each society will meet in Chicago to elect 12 Councilors.

There are many criteria that should rightfully be used in selecting General Councilors. Each triennial delegate and other individuals involved in the qualification process will likely have his or her own personally preferred factors.

It does not seem that geographical considerations should be primal but rather secondary.

The following, taken from "Basic Principles For General Council Membership," authored by the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood and sent to all Societies, puts this in good perspective, I think.

11. "Individuals should be elected to the General Council because of their

qualifications rather than because they are geographically close to headquarters or because they are willing to pay their expenses to attend General Council meetings."

13. "General Council members are not selected to represent geographical areas or philosophic viewpoints. Nevertheless, in situations where the aforementioned qualities and qualifications appear to be equal, geographic, ethnic, philosophic, or social factors may be considerations in selection for service."

Certainly we should elect only the very best individuals as councilors. The future expansion of the Brotherhood will make it increasingly difficult to choose from among an ever enlarging group of qualified people to staff a relatively small body of 36. It should also make it more difficult to select other than worthy councilors.

May we always choose wisely. I believe that in the great majority of cases, we will.

Thomas A. Kendall
Wheeling, IL



This question has been one that has existed since more than one society of URANTIA Brotherhood was formed. Credence was given and since many Councilors have been chosen from societies so that they come from different geographical locations.

At present there are some twelve or more societies. There are 36 Councilors as so stipulated by URANTIA Brotherhood Constitution.

When 36 or more societies come into existence, not all can be represented or can any one or more represent a geographic location.

In the past and as of now quality over quantity has always been stressed. Surely if the Brotherhood is to progress in its leadership, devoted and wise personalities and quality individuals loyal to the cause

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of the movement should be chosen as Councilors in preference to geographic location.

Nothing is gained without effort or a price willingly paid in this world or, for that matter, any other evolutionary or architectural sphere. Hence, a Councilor should be willing to make a supreme effort and be willing to pay whatever price is demanded regardless of his or her geographic location.

Inez V. Burch
Western Springs, IL



The URANTIA Book instructs us that representative government is the divine form of government. Although the URANTIA Brotherhood Constitution establishes a representative form of government, an additional question is whether or not the General Councilors should be geographically representative. I offer a few questions to help focus on the issue.

First, try to sort out to what degree we are naturally inclined toward geographically representative government due to our political heritage. Is there any parallel between geographic special interest material concerns and universal spiritual concerns? In today's world of expanding perspectives, is there any single viewpoint totally shared by the people of any geographic area that can be represented? Does the value of geographic representation outweigh the value of selecting the highest quality representatives, regardless of where they live? Is geographic representation an issue on more advanced worlds?

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My present opinion is that it is more important now to elect the highest quality individuals as Councilors, and the solutions to the geographic question will unfold at the proper time.

Michael Painter
Indianapolis, IN

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Although written initially for herself, Ms. Lindbergh says of her book, "In varying settings and under different forms, I discovered that many women, and men, too, were grappling with essentially the same questions as I, and were hungry to discuss and argue and hammer out possible answers."

What results is truly, for the reader, a Gift from the Sea.

Claudia Claeys
Waukegan, IL



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