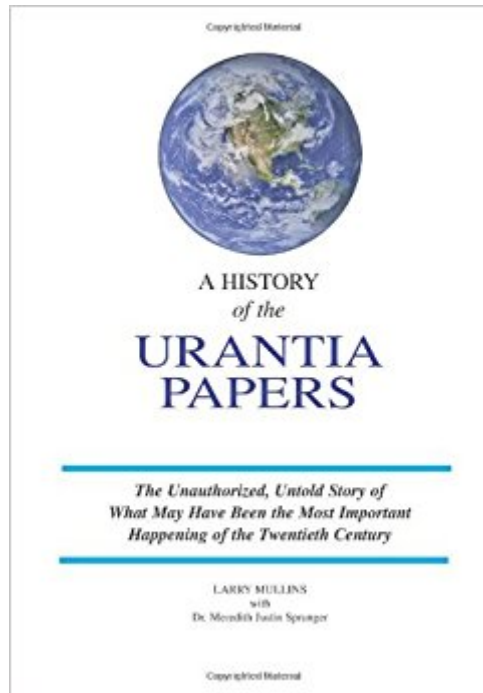




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A History Of The Urantia Papers



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...by far the clearest, most carefully researched and documented history of The Urantia Book yet to appear in print. -- David Kantor Chairman: International Fellowship Committee, The Urantia Book Fellowship ...it will open the eyes of many readers around the world. -- Ángel F.

Sánchez-Escobar, Ph.D. , Seville, Spain

Larry Mullins has studied the Urantia Book for over 30 years. He was convinced that many questions about the origin remained unanswered, and several "forbidden" doors had never been opened to candid investigation. He had hoped eventually some Urantian old-timer would fearlessly open those doors and begin an authentic historical investigation. Then it dawned on him one day that he had become an "old-timer" himself. He had been handed a first edition of The Urantia Book by Clyde Bedell, who was one of the first Urantians, and a charter member of a group called the Forum. He had watched Clyde pore over an immense table covered with files of 3 x 5 cards, as he prepared his original Concordex of The Urantia Book. He worked for Clyde for three years, and discussed the Urantia Papers and his experiences in the Forum until Clyde's death in 1985. In the seventies Larry had several conversations with one of the surviving Contact Commissioners, and served for eight years as a General Councilor in what was then called the Urantia Brotherhood. Fortunately, his wife Joan (who had originally suggested this project) has a remarkable knowledge of the Papers. Larry has always depended upon Joan's insights and integrity when developing Urantia undertakings. Even so, they came to realize that they needed help, and that an adequate history of the Urantia Papers could only be achieved with group wisdom and collaboration. A team effort by several Urantians would be necessary. They first sought out their friend Dr. Meredith Justin Sprunger, the only living colleague of Dr. William Sadler. Gradually they added several seasoned Urantians who have an exceptional knowledge of the Urantia Papers, and a great deal of experience in the Urantia Movement. Unhampered by "official" sanctions or approval, the team has produced a watershed work, unquestionably the most authoritative, clear, and best documented record of the Urantia Papers written to date.

Mr. Mullins is obviously an excellent researcher, and his objectivity is unfailing - while he is self-admittedly a devotee of the Urantia Book. He doesn't ignore or gloss over the difficult or controversial factors. Nor does he go for sensationalism...unlike at least one other "history" author. There are numerous well-chosen digital images of letters, photos and other documents that give extra "meat" to the story of the manifestation and publication of the Urantia Book. The history of the Book is fraught with many twists, turns, and apparent cul-de-sacs ... out of which Mr. Mullins has organized into an order which clears the path to the reader's understanding. This is the best, most reliable and complete history about the Urantia Book, in my opinion. I will probably never have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Mullins - but if I did, I would give him a grateful bow of respect.

As a long time reader of The Urantia Book and as a searching soul for many years within the

libraries of the universe of universes for answers to the most mysterious and perplexing questions man can ask - I can without any doubt recommend this book to any serious mortal. The research which Larry has done is of such a quality and with such valuable and deep insight that not only will one get a a expanded knowledge of its origin but you will get the best there ever yet today is written. Urantia Book P.557 - ¶12 26. Knowledge is possessed only by sharing; it is safeguarded by wisdom and socialized by love. This seem to be Larry Mullins root and spark in his investigation and research into How the History of Urantia Book got into mortal reality as the Fifth Epochal Revelation to Man. The history reveal in details and with such a thoroughly seriousness the backdrop of The Urantia Book. Any reader of The Urantia Book should without any doubt also read this one. Urantia Book P.556 - ¶7 5. Difficulties may challenge mediocrity and defeat the fearful, but they only stimulate the true children of the Most Highs. Am quite sure Larry is one of those children - His work is trustworthy, honest and done with the utmost sincerity. I am grateful for a man like him, to do the work I never was able to do. Thank You Larry.

A must read if you are curious about The Urantia Book. and its origins. Mullins takes a scholarly approach and delivers real substance.

Great

Larry Mullins has crafted a valuable resource for anyone interested in the origin of the Urantia Papers. The second edition of A History of the Urantia Papers is well written and was well researched by Mullins. The Urantia Papers he refers to were received over several years in the 1930's by a group of people known as the Contact Commission. The Papers were later combined with an index and published in 1955 as the Urantia Book. While Mullins' stated objective was to provide a history of the Papers and not of the persons involved with the Papers, it is obviously impossible to discuss the papers without mentioning the people involved. He covers not just the origin of the Urantia Papers and eventual printing of the Urantia Book, but also discusses some of the significant people connected with the Papers and some pivotal events that shaped that community right to the present day. One of the pivotal persons was Dr. William Sadler, one of the six people on the Contact Commission who received the papers. Another is Dr. Meredith Sprunger, who became influential in the community of Urantians soon after the publication of the book and provided much information for Mullins' book. Mullins also covers several major events in the history of the Urantian community such as the split between Urantia Foundation and Urantia Brotherhood,

the Vern Grimsley affair, and Martin Gardner's book, *Urantia-The Great Cult Mystery*, where Gardner attempted to discredit the Urantia Book and the associated community. Mullins is obviously a believer in the veracity of the Papers and in their supermortal origin as is evident from his writing, so some may claim that his book is biased. But in the opinion of this reviewer, Mullins has been very objective about the events and people involved with the appearance and history of the Urantia Papers. The Urantia Book: Indexed Version with free Audio Book on DVD (Can only be played on a computer with a DVD drive.)

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