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What May Have Been the Most Important
Happening of the Twentieth Century*

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Larry Mullins, Meredith Justin Sprunger : A History of the Urantia Papers before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A History of the Urantia Papers:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Reliable and ObjectiveBy The Other MeMr. Mullins is obviously an excellent researcher, and his objectivity is unflinching - while he isn't 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. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Sharing is next to divinity. By Jean Ascher. 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 an 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 seems to be Larry Mullins' root and spark in his investigation and research into how the history of the Urantia Book got into mortal reality as the Fifth Epochal Revelation to Man. The history reveals 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. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well done! By CustomerA. Must read if you are curious about The Urantia Book and its origins. Mullins takes a scholarly approach and delivers real substance.

Are we children of God, or simply complex animals? Will we survive death, or are we doomed to extinction? Is humankind an accident, or are we part of a grand universe plan? The Urantia Papers give persuasive answers to these questions. Over 500,000 copies of The Urantia Book are now in print. But, who wrote it, and by what authority? More intriguing and thrilling than any science fiction or mystery story are the actual events that were set into motion in Chicago nearly 100 years ago and eventually resulted in one of the most astounding publications ever printed. However, until now, a carefully documented history of these Papers, where they came from, and how they became published as The Urantia Book, has not been available. In *A History of the Urantia Papers*, Larry Mullins and Dr. Meredith Sprunger have collaborated to strip away prejudice and superstition and unfold the facts about the origin and history of the Urantia Papers. Whether you are familiar with the Urantia Papers or simply curious about them, you will find *A History of the Urantia Papers* a captivating and challenging story.

...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. -- Angel F. Sanchez-Escobar, Ph.D., Seville, Spain. From the Publisher. 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. From the Author. Histories are inescapably adversarial and painful processes. The people who undertook this task of developing a good, sound history are aware that the final product is a compelling argument that could help shape the destiny of the Urantia Papers. The stakes are high, because what is ultimately at issue are the various philosophies and agendas of those who seek to control the Urantia Revelation. It will come as no surprise then, that the interpretations of the events relating to the Urantia Papers are destined to be fiercely contested. Sometimes the facts about the Urantia Papers are at issue, but more often the meaning of the facts will be the center of historical controversy. Our effort to develop a good history was very carefully orchestrated, but we are aware that it will not contain the final words. Our team discovered many unexpected things along the way that need a great deal more research. What we will attempt to achieve here are three cardinal goals: [1]. To establish a reasonable foundation of documented facts, [2]. To open as many heretofore

forbidden doors as possible for further investigation, and [3]. To lay down threads for future Urantians to pick up, follow, and develop. In short, we are attempting a beginning.