

Connections from J. H. Kellogg and Mysticism  
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I would like to highlight a couple of comments and connections that I have been impressed with lately, regarding J. H. Kellogg, William Sadler, and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (all bolding supplied):

**1903**

October 14: EGW Letter to Dr. David Paulson (trained by J. H. Kellogg) [extract]

Let me tell you of a scene that I witnessed while in Oakland [GC Session in March]. **Angels clothed with beautiful garments, like angels of light, were escorting Dr. Kellogg from place to place, and inspiring him to speak words of pompous boasting that were offensive to God.** {SpM 333.4}

October 22: EGW Article "Teach the Word" [first two paragraphs]

I have some things to say to our teachers in reference to the new book, "The Living Temple." Be careful how you sustain the sentiments of this book regarding the personality of God. As the Lord represents matters to me, these sentiments do not bear the indorsement of God. They are **a snare that the enemy has prepared for these last days**. I thought that this would surely be discerned, and that it would not be necessary for me to say anything about it. But since the claim has been made that the teachings of this book can be sustained by statements from my writings, I am compelled to speak in denial of this claim. There may be in this book expressions and sentiments that are in harmony with my writings. And there may be in my writings many statements which, when taken from their connection, and interpreted according to the mind of the writer of "The Living Temple," would seem to be in harmony with the teachings of this book. This may give apparent support to the assertion that the sentiments in "The Living Temple" are in harmony with my writings. But God forbid that this opinion should prevail. {RH, October 22, 1903 par. 1}

We need not the **mysticism** that is in this book. Those who entertain these sophistries will soon find themselves in **a position where the enemy can talk with them**, and lead them away from God. It is represented to me that the writer of this book is on a false track. He has lost sight of the distinguishing truths for this time. He knows not whither his steps are tending. The track of truth lies close beside the track of error, and both tracks may seem to be one to minds which are not worked by the Holy Spirit, and which, therefore, are not quick to discern the difference between truth and error. {RH, October 22, 1903 par. 2}

**1904**

[August 1] EGW Letter to David Paulson, Elder William Sadler, A. T. Jones, E. J. Waggoner [extracts]

Many other words were spoken. Before us were **Dr. Paulson** and **Brother Sadler**. The Speaker took the hand first of one and then of another, and said, "You are beloved of God, but you have not been making straight paths for your feet. Follow Me. **The one to whom you**

**have yielded respect has refused to accept and follow the counsel of God, and has allowed himself to be influenced by seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. The end you cannot possibly imagine.** {21MR 174.3}

Those who are carrying on the work of our sanitariums are not to shun responsibility and neglect their duty in order to give Dr. Kellogg the right of way. He has drawn many of our youth to Battle Creek, and they have become fastened where they will be **brought under influences opposed to God.** They are not to be kept under this training. Cut loose, cut loose, is my message. Souls are being deceived; **sentiments are being received which originate with satanic agencies.** Cut loose, cut loose. {21MR 175.2}

To Brother **Jones** He said, "Why have you permitted your mind to be worked as it has been? I warned you not to permit this." He said to Brother **Waggoner**, "Leave the place where you now are, and walk in the path I have pointed out. **Living Temple is full of seductive sentiments which, if received, will tear down the foundations of your faith and weaken your perceptions of truth and righteousness.**" {21MR 176.4}

The Speaker was represented to me as standing on a high platform. To this platform He raised both men, and placed one at His right hand and the other at His left. Then He said: "The **sentiments that you have received in harmony with the special theories presented in the book Living Temple, are not pure truth. There is a commingling of truth and error, and it will be difficult for you to single out the true from the false, to distinguish between the threads of truth and the threads of error.** My Word is spirit and life. [John 6:35, 47, 51, 53, 54, quoted.] {21MR 176.6}

## 1906

Sadler and wife (niece of J. H. Kellogg) finished medical training as physicians, graduating from the American Medical Missionary College.

Much correspondence with Ellen White; in one letter addressed also to Dr. David Paulson, she wrote, "I am now carrying a very heavy burden for those who are lost in the mysteries of false science." (Lt172-1906.6) A letter the same day to Paulson contained these concerns: "Bear in mind that it is none but God that can hold an argument with Satan. The sentiments of the enemy are to be met with a plain Thus saith the Lord. Human infirmity, I am instructed, will not be able to resist the devil. Always keep aloof from secret science. If the mind is once open to this evil, Satan has the mastery. Flee from this unequal conflict. Let it ever be our individual care to keep clear of Satan's mysterious devisings. He will ever be making efforts to give power to secret science by which to overcome us, and then follows the sin of secret disobedience." Lt206-1906.33

## 1907

Kellogg disfellowshipped by Battle Creek Church

Sadler's specific relation to church during these years are unclear. (He attended and participated in the medical meetings at the 1909 and 1913 GC Sessions.) The Sadler entry in the *Ellen G. White Encyclopedia* states, in regard to the 1906 correspondence with Ellen White, "After several more exchanges he chose to leave the denomination (Lts 224a, 225c, 225d, 234, 1906)." (p. 506). No clear statement was found in these letters about his leaving.

## 1910

"Sadler went to Europe and studied psychiatry for a year under Sigmund Freud."

[William\_S.\_Sadler Wikipedia 20171209.pdf];

Some notes on current events:

1. **Sigmund Freud**'s only visit to the USA was in 1909

[[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sigmund\\_Freud](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sigmund_Freud)]

2. **W. W. Prescott** spoke at the 1909 General Conference Session on "The Message for the Hour" in which he noted:

Three things I will speak about: 1 That the times demand a definite, clearcut gospel message; 2 that God has given such a message to meet the demands of the time; 3 that every messenger should have such a clear understanding of the message that he will be able to deliver it to meet the demands of the time. {May 25, 1909 WASE, GCB 150.19}

Under point #2, he stated:

2. Then, I say, secondly, God has given a message--a clear-cut message --adapted to the needs of this hour. It will bear a deal of study. It is not giving the message merely to repeat forms of words; it is not giving the message merely to take up teachings of a half-century ago, and repeat them. The teachings of a half-century ago in this message are the platform to-day; but the same truths, the same principles, have a new meaning, have a luster and a glory, that they could not have had at that time. The more I see of the developments in the world, the more I see that nowhere else can you turn to find the message for this hour. It is a wonderful thing. We are nothing; we have neither wealth nor talent nor standing to command attention. But here is a truth which, when understood and taught under the guidance of God's Spirit, will itself command attention. It is a living thing. It is the living message to the world. It must be known as such; it must be taught as such; and then it will have power in it. {May 25, 1909 WASE, GCB 152.7}

To my mind, there is no need of theories, there is no need of discussing why there is a lack of power, or how we shall get power. Get the message in the life. There is power in God's message when it is his message and not the message of man. {May 25, 1909 WASE, GCB 152.8}

I would like just to call attention now briefly to some other things that are attracting public attention. They can not escape our observation. They can not stay outside our sphere of thought. {May 25, 1909 WASE, GCB 152.9}

Who in America has not had his attention called over and over again to the Emmanuel Movement? Who in America has not been confronted again and again with Christian Science? Who in America does not hear on every hand, in every town and hamlet, those **teachings of scientific infidelity** that have **in the last half-century taken out from underneath the gospel its very foundation**? It was only this year that the centenary of Charles Darwin was celebrated by scientists; and I noticed an editorial in one of the leading religious journals, summing up the results of Charles Darwin's work as it affected theology. Speaking of the results of his work, it says:-- {May 25, 1909 WASE, GCB 152.10}

"Darwinism has revolutionized not merely biology, but all the sciences, including theology. . . . The new conception of life which he gave to the world has entered the Protestant churches, where it is known as the New Theology, and the Roman Catholic Church, where it is known as Modernism. . . . The Bible is not an infallible book about religion, written by the amanuenses of the Almighty; it is the historical record of the spiritual experiences of the

spiritual leaders of a spiritually endowed people. Redemption is not the recovery of a lost state of innocence; it is **the development of a spiritual order of creation merging from an animal condition and being educated toward a splendor of divine character and life as yet inconceivable by us.** The fall is not a historical episode occurring in a remote past; it is the individual experience of every man when, by conscious disobedience of the laws of his own developed nature, he descends into or toward animal nature from which he has partially emerged. The world is not a natural order in which occasional glimpses of a higher Being may be seen, thanks to his occasional interferences; it is the perpetual and continuous expression of his Presence [note the idea of the immanence of God--God everywhere; God in everything], so that the natural is always supernatural and the supernatural always most natural. And history is not the despairing struggle of a 'remnant' against the ignorance, superstition, and malignancy of a fallen race of men on their way to become devils; it is the **evolution of a race in the making, toward a goal predetermined for them by their Maker and their Friend.**" --The Outlook, Feb. 20, 1909. {May 25, 1909 WASE, GCB 152.11}

### 1911 to 1923

"Sadler professed that a group of celestial beings began to communicate to him through a sleeping man in Chicago from 1911 until 1923. He and his wife, Lena Sadler, both well-known and highly respected local physicians, claimed there were 'probably 250 night sessions,' during which these celestials spoke through their patient. The identity of the patient was never revealed."

[<https://www.amazon.com/Dr-Sadler-Urantia-Book-Revelation/dp/0692306102/>]

### 1924-1934

"From 1924-1934, the Sadlers held a Forum in their home to study the voluminous notes and to compose questions for the celestial beings about human origins and destiny. The result was *The Urantia Book*, which claims to be the fifth epochal revelation to humankind." [*Ibid.*]

### 1955

"First published in 1955, the *Urantia Book*, a 2097-page tome hailed by its advocates as the channeled wisdom of celestial beings, posits one infinite God, the great I AM, and billions of lesser gods"

[<https://www.amazon.com/Urantia-Great-Mystery-Martin-Gardner/dp/1591026229>]

**Observations** on *The Urantia Book*, especially the similarity noted with de Chardin:

"Divided into **four parts**. Part 1: The Central and Superuniverse, Part 2: The Local Universe, Part 3: The History of Urantia, Part 4: The Life and Teachings of Jesus."

[<http://urantia-book.org/archive/readers/bach-urantia-review.htm>]

"As recorded in *The Urantia Book*, two hundred millennia ago 37 planets, including our own, were quarantined from the rest of the Multiverse to quell the spread of **the Lucifer rebellion** within the angelic hierarchy. Now, after eons of isolation, the **fallen angels have been forgiven** and Earth's connection with the Multiverse is being restored, initiating a

**massive transformation of consciousness as we reconnect** with angelic guides, extraterrestrial beings, and our spiritual heritage as **sacred vessels for God's presence.**"

[<https://www.amazon.com/Return-Rebel-Angels-Urantia-Mysteries/dp/1591431255>]

"The *Urantia Book's* teaching on an **evolving universe**, God the Supreme, the Thought Adjuster, and the Kingdom of God on earth being the ultimate goal of human evolution can almost **thought for thought be found in the writings of Teilhard de Chardin**, a Catholic priest who wrote before the *Urantia Book* was published."

[<http://urantia.invisionzone.com/index.php?/topic/1394-urantian-and-catholic/>]

"Teilhard de Chardin was way ahead of his time for his **evolutionary spirituality** and was even persecuted for it. Now, there are buildings named after him at Catholic colleges. I think the Catholic faith is **somewhat ready for certain teachings in the *Urantia Book***, it's just a matter of whether or not the *Urantia Book* itself could be accepted as a new revelation." [*Ibid.*]

"Chardin (1881-1955) was a paleontologist, geologist, philosopher, Catholic priest, and, unfortunately, a Jesuit. He was too advanced, intellectually and spiritually, for the small-minded morons in Rome. Many of his writings were denied publication. He was treated basically as a heretic, a traitor to tradition, dogma, and infallibility. It was incredibly high-handed, born of ignorance and a type of ecclesiastical stupidity that seems to run deep at the Vatican, as well as among the Jesuits, who, with all of their intellectual arrogance and pride, were blind to the fact that in their midst was a true genius. This man was **talking and writing about God and the universe in a way that some readers of THE URANTIA BOOK might find familiar** in many respects."

[<http://maninthemaze.blogspot.com/2010/10/from-teilhard-de-chardin.html>]

"I was raised in the Catholic faith. As a result, I've always had an interest in **mysticism** and also in finding a middle way between **religion and science**. I believe the *Urantia Book* is a very **mystical text** and its harmony of religion and science is something that was **foreshadowed by the Catholic priest Teilhard de Chardin.**"

[<https://www.christianforums.com/threads/the-urantia-book.7710272/>]

"*The Urantia Book* presents an integrated, holistic view of the universe. It combines the best **traditional concepts of God with the most meaningful present day concepts** (Tillich, Teilhard de Chardin, Whitehead) into a uniquely coherent system."

[[http://www.urantiabook.org/archive/mjs\\_archive/our-christian-heritage.htm](http://www.urantiabook.org/archive/mjs_archive/our-christian-heritage.htm)]

"While the eternal Trinity is existentially one, **the inner trinity must achieve unity of function by devoted effort and evolutionary experience**. Through our achievements, we contribute toward **what Teilhard de Chardin called the "omega point"—the far-distant culmination of all of cosmic evolution** in its final completion by means of the exhaustion of the realization of all possible experiential values. We are perfectible beings, in other words, but **the journey to perfection described in *The Urantia Book* (or UB) is far, far more complex, engaging, and lengthy than that conceived of in any previous cosmology.**"

[<http://evolving-souls.org/the-sacred-trinity-at-the-heart-of-the-self/>]

## My Conclusions

1. Apparently this book (and its ongoing foundation and promotion, with study group including Adventists) flow from 1903 and "**a position where the enemy can talk with them.**"
2. The resulting "**seducing spirits and doctrines of devils**" has led to the predicted: "**The end you cannot possibly imagine.**"
3. I wondered if there was any connection between the Kellogg-Sadler-Urantia axis and de Chardin, so searched and found the above observations.

One of our pastors in Walla Walla has recently [as of February 2017] recommended the reading of *The Living Temple*.

I am reminded of an EGW letter of November 1, 1903 to A. G. Daniells where she explained the documents she had sent to the Annual Council in response to her "Meet It!" dream regarding Kellogg and his teaching. She closed the letter with these paragraphs:

Again and again I have been shown that the past experiences of God's people are not to be counted as dead facts. We are not to treat the record of these experiences as we would treat a last year's almanac. The record is to be kept in mind; for history will repeat itself. The darkness of the mysteries of the night is to be illuminated with the light of heaven. {Lt238-1903}

If we watch and pray and trust God's living Word, we shall gain victories. "Watch and pray," Christ said, "that ye enter not into temptation." The day dawns. We must enter each battle with full faith that through Christ we shall be more than conquerors. As faithful watchmen we must diligently watch for the dangers threatening God's people. Other chapters will open before us, and in order to discern their meaning, we shall need keen perception. We are not to be depressed or discouraged, but filled with holy boldness. We are not to be disheartened by the prevalence of sin nor by the difficulties that arise on the right hand and on the left. We must put on the whole armor of God and stand firm for the right. In the future, Satan's superstitions will assume new forms. False theories, clothed with garments of light, will be presented to God's people. Thus Satan will try to deceive if possible the very elect. Our watchword is to be, "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." {Lt238-1903}