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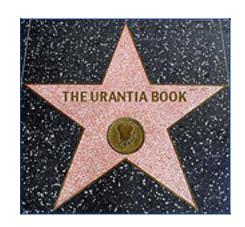
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Sir Hubert Wilkins (1888-1958)

As part of an introduction to his biography, *The Last Explorer* by Simon Nasht (2006), Jeannette Seaver writes:

Hubert Wilkins was a celebrated newsreel cameraman, reporter, pilot, spy, war hero, scientist, and adventurer, but his greatest accomplishments were as an explorer. In fact, if greatness is measured in square miles, Wilkins was the most successful explorer in history, for no one has seen with his own eyes more



undiscovered land and sea. He was also the first to fly across the North Pole, which won him a knighthood and many honors, including a tickertape parade in New York. The New York Times called it "the greatest flight in history." He was the first to fly to the Antarctic, and the first to discover land by airplane. He was the first to take a submarine under the polar ice. He proved that no continent underlies the North Pole. He was the first truly modern explorer, who recognized the importance for discovery of new technologies, like the airplane, submarine, and motion picture camera. A visionary, he also grasped the link between the poles and changing global weather, and was a pioneer in weather forecasting and the study of global warming.

From *The Last Explorer*:

Sir Hubert Wilkins became a steadfast supporter of the Urantia Movement, and his cheque for

\$1000 was the first money to go towards the publication costs of *The Urantia Book*. According to Dr. Sadler it became "Sir Hubert's personal religious philosophy. He came to see us [in Chicago] every year or two, spending two or three weeks reading, studying and making notes." Wilkins would read for up to ten hours a day then spend long evenings with Dr. Sadler and his wife in "very deliberate discussions of the teachings of the Urantia Papers." Asked once by a Urantia devotee how he tested the validity of the book, he responded succinctly: "It's utter consistency with itself." ² ³

- 1. William S. Sadler, letter to Mrs. Nancy Hildick, secretary of Stefansson, 14 August, 1959. http://www.urantiabook.org/index_history.htm
- 2. JC Mills, *The Urantia Book: An Evaluation*, 1970 see: http://urantiabook.org/archive/readers/doc944.htm
- 3. The Last Explorer by Simon Nasht (2006), page 278.

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