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WELCOME to the fall 2017 edition of the newsletter of the Committee for the Global Endeavor! We appreciate your interest and will do our best to keep you informed as this innovative project attracts additional support and continues to gather momentum.

As an introduction, here are the main topics that we are discussing in this issue:

- *Revelation Revealed*, an intriguing document for active and interactive discussion that readers can download.
- Nine broadcasts on Internet radio devoted to topics 1 and 2 of *Revelation Revealed*.
- Committee membership: two arrivals and one departure.
- Translations into Spanish: now available online.

Revelation Revealed

In April 2015, at the request of Christilyn Biek Larson of the “Cosmic Citizen” program on Internet radio, committee chairman Neal Waldrop began work on a complex discussion document that eventually morphed into *Revelation Revealed*. In its final form, this innovative document focuses on twelve key topics associated with the teachings of *The Urantia Book*, including the following four topics that are specifically associated with the Global Endeavor:

Part Two	The Global Endeavor: Four Key Characteristics
Topic 3	Avoiding any effort to evangelize, while nonetheless providing information about <i>The Urantia Book</i> upon request. Whether it is reasonable to infer that idealistic service and assistance will eventually cause some people to take an interest in the teachings, as the outcome of personal cooperation and natural curiosity.
Topic 4	The personal relationships that will link idealists, innovators, and reformers operating in society with the members and associates of the substantive working groups. The crucial requirement that the latter avoid any prominent public involvement in any specific initiative or cause.
Topic 5	Why regional associations are and must be the most important structural feature of the Global Endeavor. Why people living in one region will not tell people living in any other region what to do, whereas, on the other hand, it is very reasonable to believe that the members and associates of a substantive working group will benefit very substantially from exchanging ideas and experience with their counterparts in other regions. Why these spontaneous and voluntary efforts to cooperate and coordinate will eventually produce a tremendous value added, immense benefits contributing to the progressive growth and development of human society on a global basis.
Topic 6	The path leading to the founding convention when the Global Endeavor will actually come to life.

Neal became convinced, however, that if these four topics were to stand separately, as if in splendid isolation, it would be very difficult to attract the active interest of readers who concentrate on other aspects of *The Urantia Book*. To the contrary, he believed it would be wiser and more productive if the four topics about the Global Endeavor were blended with an active and interactive appraisal of a number of key teachings that the revelators enshrined in the fifth epochal revelation. Therefore Neal recommended to Christilyn an overall arrangement that would include reviewing and analyzing eight other topics:

Part One	Epochal Revelation: Policy and Practice
Topic 1	The characteristic patterns of epochal revelation: comprehensive coverage (<i>as in the first, second, and fifth epochal revelations</i>) versus a dominant focus on spiritual and religious aspects (<i>as in the third and fourth epochal revelations</i>).
Topic 2	<p>Why did the revelators bring forth the fifth epochal revelation during the first one-third of the 20th century? Do you believe that the timing of the revelation was influenced by one or more of the circumstances identified below? If so, please explain the relative significance and importance that you assign to each aspect.</p> <p>a. <i>The spiritual crisis</i>: the fact that the true teachings of Jesus were in danger of being lost.</p> <p>b. <i>The religious crisis</i>: the decline and relative decadence of organized, institutional religion, at least in many parts of the world with a traditional social and cultural background that was predominantly Christian.</p> <p>c. <i>The philosophic crisis</i>: the intense threats stemming from secularism and materialism.</p> <p>d. <i>The political and military crisis</i>: rampantly intolerant nationalism associated with immensely more destructive techniques of warfare.</p> <p>e. <i>The social and cultural crisis</i>: the need for fundamental advances in many social and cultural dimensions, given the factors that a Melchizedek emphasizes in section 1 of Paper 99 (<i>i.e.</i>, 1086:4-6 / 99:1.1-3).</p>

Part Three	The Fifth Epochal Revelation: Six Key Aspects
Topic 7	The extended transition from institutional to personal religion.
Topic 8	Comparing and contrasting the true teachings of Jesus with the traditional tenets and practices of organized, institutional Christianity.
Topic 9	Comparing and contrasting the ministry of the guardian seraphim and the work of the master seraphim.

Part Three	The Fifth Epochal Revelation: Six Key Aspects (continued)
Topic 10	Dangers to the home and to family life that stem from the rising tide of self-gratification.
Topic 11	The ongoing evolution of the human mind as a crucial contribution to more advanced levels of society and civilization on our planet Urantia.
Topic 12	Promoting understanding of, loyalty to, and active cooperation with God immanent, especially via our close association with God the Mother, the Supreme Being.

Christilyn enthusiastically accepted this general framework for *Revelation Revealed*. In doing that, however, she little dreamed that Neal would work on the project intently and intensively for fifteen months (April 2015 to July 2016), nor that the text would ultimately extend for 247 pages! In fairness to Christilyn, Neal did not realize that either. As he ultimately discovered, each of the eight other topics was an adventure in itself. Along this intriguing but arduous path, Neal benefited very substantially from the advice and recommendations that he received from Bob Debold and François Brunet, two other members of the committee.

Neal finally completed *Revelation Revealed* on July 17, 2016. Soon thereafter, the committee decided to post it on our website (<http://www.globalendeavor.net/>). Therefore readers are free to download the full text, as well as a conceptual summary (five pages) that describes the discussion document as a whole.

Each of the document's analytical segments can serve as a scenario for intellectual and spiritual drama, the spirited exchanges of insight and inspiration that will almost invariably ensue when readers of *The Urantia Book* grapple with the provocative, open-ended questions that the text contains. For example, the host and members of a study group could select several pages from one of the twelve topics, and then exchange opinions about them. Another possible approach would be to track through an entire topic, devoting as many meetings as this may require. In any case, the hosts and members of study groups are encouraged to sample *Revelation Revealed* as they think best.

Nine broadcasts on Internet radio

The pioneers in discussing selected aspects of *Revelation Revealed* were those experienced readers of *The Urantia Book* who exchanged opinions and insights during nine weekly broadcasts of the Internet radio program “Cosmic Citizen” — broadcasts devoted to examining topics 1 and 2. Although the cast of characters varied, the participants included Bob Debold, Charles Olivea, Marvin Gawryn, Steven Hecht, Doreen Heyne, Katharina Becker, and André Radatus. Neal sought to focus and steer the discussion while serving as the moderator.

Since these broadcasts were recorded, readers of *The Urantia Book* can listen to or download the recordings. For instructions and direct access, see http://www.globalendeavor.net/RevRev_CC/.

Committee membership: two arrivals and one departure

On November 9, 2015, the committee welcomed Ms. Katharina Becker of Peña Blanca, New Mexico, U.S.A. as a new alternate member. After Katharina had completed the additional phase of training that the committee’s procedures require, the chairman appointed her as a regular member with full rights and privileges (July 31, 2016).

We are delighted at the diversity and very broad experience that Katharina brings to the committee. She was raised in Bern, Switzerland and is fluent in German, French, and Italian as well as in English. Her extensive background in the field of education includes postgraduate studies in Switzerland and the United States, as well as diverse teaching and administrative responsibilities in secondary schools and universities in both countries. For detailed biographic information about Katharina, see pages 7 through 9 below.

We regret to inform you that Barbara Newsom of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, U.S.A. resigned on February 19, 2016, so that she would have more time and energy to devote to her other activities and interests. The chairman expressed appreciation to Barbara for her many years of service, then accepted her resignation with regret at the circumstances. In addition, he wished her success and satisfaction in all other aspects of her life.

On March 3, 2017, the members of the committee were very pleased to welcome Doreen Heyne of Jersey City, New Jersey, U.S.A. and Jensen Beach, Florida, U.S.A. as a new alternate member. Like Katharina, Doreen subsequently completed the second phase of intensive training, and on June 13, 2017 the chairman appointed her as a full member of the committee.

Doreen brought with her a spiritual saga that had constituted a voyage of discovery, a personal quest for God that ultimately led her to *The Urantia Book*. Along the way, while actively assisting her late husband in operating and managing the family's retail business, Doreen synthesized her sense of God and spiritual realities from her own inner experience, and from her intuitive understanding of the attitudes and motives that she could infer on the part of the other human beings whom she met and interacted with in a spirit of understanding and cooperation.

Given these inspiring perspectives, Doreen aspires to minister modestly and quietly to fellow human beings whom she encounters in everyday life — inclinations and interests that harmonize with many key aspects of the Global Endeavor, especially its emphasis on quiet, idealistic, and altruistic service behind the scenes.

Translations into Spanish are available online

We take great pleasure in informing you that Spanish translations of the committee's informative documents have been completed and are available on the website's new home page in Spanish. Members of the committee must now begin their challenging task of seeking to stimulate active interest in *La Campaña Global* among readers of *El Libro de Urantia*. This will of course take a considerable amount of time, but we are very optimistic about the outcome.

NOTE: *This is the sixth in a series of articles that are introducing the members of the Committee for the Global Endeavor to the readers of this newsletter.**

Katharina Becker

Katharina was born in Bern, Switzerland in September 1947. In 1980, she immigrated to the State of New Mexico in the U.S.A., a step that had a profound impact on her life. One year thereafter, she made a return trip to Switzerland and met her future husband (Kosta). At the time, he was serving as a general surgeon at a hospital in Zurich, but he decided to follow her back to New Mexico, where they were married in 1983.

She and Kosta then proceeded to raise their four children while they all, as a family, built their own home in a sparsely inhabited area in northern New Mexico. Today Katharina and Kosta enjoy being actively involved in the lives of their three grandchildren.

Languages and education

Katharina is fluent in English, German, French, and Italian. In addition, she has a working knowledge of Spanish (good comprehension but limited ability to express herself).

While living in Switzerland, Katharina received the equivalent of an A.A. in business administration and an M.A. in social sciences. In addition, she took postgraduate courses at the University of Zurich in sociology, psychology, and anthropology, as well as a range of courses on methods for teaching Italian (partly at the University of Zurich, but also at the International Language Center in Florence, Italy). In 1980, she received that language center's professional degree for teaching the Italian language and Italian literature and culture. From 1980 to 1985, Katharina undertook

* The previous biographic articles appeared in the issues dated June 6, 2010 (Neal Waldrop), May 28, 2011 (Robert "Bob" Debold), November 12, 2012 (Barbara Newsom), April 2, 2014 (François Brunet), and December 12, 2015 (Gary Rawlings).

Ph.D. studies at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, where she completed her course work and took her final exams, but did not finish her dissertation. In 2003, Katharina received the same university's certification for teaching advanced-placement high school courses in German, world history, and European history.

Work experience

From 1971 to 1980, while living in Zurich, Katharina was responsible for planning and implementing a center for the therapy and education of male high school students with behavioral difficulties. At the time, she worked with a team consisting of a physician, a psychiatrist, and social workers.

After Katharina immigrated to the U.S.A., she served as a teaching assistant at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque (1980-1984) and subsequently as a lecturer, so as to teach an introduction to sociology and courses on social theories and problems, and on deviance and criminology (1985-1992).

From 1992 to 2000, Katharina taught her three children at home and served as a substitute teacher in public schools. Thereafter she taught a wide range of high school classes at the Academy for Technology and the Classics in Santa Fe, New Mexico (a public charter school): philosophy, sociology, foreign languages, English as a second language, world history, and study skills (2000-2012).

Spiritual journey

Katharina's parents belonged to different branches of organized, institutional Christianity: a Roman Catholic mother and a Protestant father. She was brought up as a Roman Catholic in the canton of Bern, Switzerland — social circumstances that were predominantly Protestant. This gave her an extended practical introduction to the need for tolerance and mutual respect in contexts that embody diversity. While attending the University of Fribourg, Switzerland (a Roman Catholic institution that was staffed by members of the Dominican and Jesuit orders), she particularly appreciated a course in anthropological philosophy that included an introduction to the concepts and theories of Teilhard de Chardin.

Katharina left the Roman Catholic Church in 1973 when her oldest daughter was born, since she did not agree with that church's teachings on women. Nonetheless, she never lost her faith in God and continued to study comparative religion and philosophy.

In 2001, Charles Olivea, a colleague at the Academy for Technology and the Classics, casually mentioned *The Urantia Book* when she asked him to identify the source of some of his ideas. Katharina obtained a copy within days, initially reading it on her own. In 2004, she joined the study group that Charles attended. Three years later (i.e., in 2007), she attended a conference held at Dominican University in Chicago, joined the Urantia Book Fellowship, and started serving on its education committee. In 2013, she was elected to the Fellowship's General Council, a role that continues to the present.

Katharina was introduced to the concept of the Global Endeavor during the Fellowship's summer study sessions in 2012 and 2013, which included workshops that Bob Debold and Barbara Newsom conducted. During the committee's subsequent conference calls, Bob and Barbara commended Katharina's active interest and excellent understanding of the underlying principles. With these factors in mind, Neal invited Katharina to serve on the former working group on symbols, the subordinate body whose members sought to design and recommend a draft logo (January to December 2014).

Katharina's active participation in the efforts of the working group gave Neal a highly favorable impression of her perceptiveness and her desire to contribute. Immediately after the working group had submitted its final report, Neal invited Katharina to begin the intensive training that would enable her to join the committee. In November 2015, the committee admitted Katharina as an alternate member, a step that led to the second phase of training and her appointment as a regular member with full rights and privileges (July 2016).

Comments are welcome

The Committee for the Global Endeavor welcomes your comments and suggestions, and we will be glad to respond to any questions that you may have. We recommend that you send your inquiries to the following E-mail address: info@globalendeavor.net.

We encourage you to bring the endeavor to the attention of other readers of *The Urantia Book*, in part by recommending that they read and reflect on the documents that are available on our website (*i.e.*, <http://www.globalendeavor.net>).

In spiritual friendship,

The Committee for the Global Endeavor

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Katharina Becker, François Brunet, Doreen Heyne, and Gary Rawlings