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Dear fellow readers of *The Urantia Book* and friends of the Global Endeavor,

SUMMARY

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I am very pleased to announce a new series of four video programs during which the participants will analyze and discuss the initial pages of topic 8 of *Revelation Revealed*. This topic is entitled, “Comparing and contrasting the true teachings of Jesus with the traditional tenets and practices of organized, institutional Christianity.” These discussions will occur on four successive Saturday afternoons, starting on November 24 and extending through December 15. Thereafter we will pause for the year-end holidays and will resume on some date in January that we have not yet chosen.

The discussions will occur via the Zoom website on the Internet, but will be streamed to YouTube in real time. Therefore readers will be able to view them in YouTube. Further, the recordings will be maintained there and will be available indefinitely, so that readers will be able to watch the recordings whenever they wish.

Here is the time line for each discussion, keyed to the time zones in North America:

- Pacific Time Zone: from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.
- Mountain Time Zone: from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.
- Central Time Zone: from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.
- Eastern Time Zone: from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

BACKGROUND

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Our previous series of interactive discussions pertained to topic 7 of *Revelation Revealed* (“The extended transition from institutional to personal religion”) and ended last March. After considering various possible approaches to future broadcasts, the Committee for the Global Endeavor decided to shift to a video format, instead of continuing the audio-only framework that previously associated us with the Cosmic Citizen program on Internet radio. Subsequent research into the video options that were being offered enabled us to identify various providers of video webinar services, as well as a number of other companies that are willing to compile the corresponding video recordings and then make them available.

On the other hand, there was only one “package deal” whereby the provider of video-webinar services offers a standing arrangement that includes real-time streaming and subsequent availability

of the video recordings. That possibility comes from the Internet meeting provider called Zoom, which has established an ongoing partnership with YouTube. In other words, a Zoom webinar can be streamed to YouTube in real time, and the corresponding recording will remain available on YouTube. This, of course, is the approach that the committee decided to adopt.

PRACTICAL ASPECTS

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1. For your convenience, I have attached a PDF file that consists of topic 8 of *Revelation Revealed* (60 pages). You will understand our discussion much better if you follow along as the participants work through the text, and I strongly recommend this. If you wish, you could download the full text of *Revelation Revealed* (all twelve topics) from the website of the Committee for the Global Endeavor, <http://www.globalendeavor.net>.

2. Here is a link to the location in YouTube where you will be able to watch the programs live and/or view them later:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_6QHPLuABZojhdjE8XJRQg

As a workaround that would help you if you do not have this link immediately to hand, you could log onto the main site for YouTube and then search for “Global Endeavor.” The results would include a reference to our programs, although it may not appear at the top of the list.

3. Please be aware that the starting time listed above is only approximate. The practical experiments that we conducted taught us that the software is complicated and that it may take ten minutes or so to make the adjustments that turn out to be necessary before all participants are online and can be viewed and heard correctly. *As a practical matter, it is quite possible that the streaming in YouTube will not actually get started until ten or even fifteen minutes after the hour indicated.*

4. Our experience with the previous series of audio discussions leads us to believe that there will be many more readers of *The Urantia Book* who view the discussion programs at some other moment that turns out to be convenient, rather than in real time. YouTube makes this quite easy, for the recordings will remain available indefinitely.

5. On the other hand, YouTube does not automatically enable viewers to download recordings. We plan to post the recordings in some Internet folder from which you will be able to download them if you wish. Please be aware, however, that this option will not be available right away, for it may take us a few weeks to work out the details.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

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If you have questions that you would like the participants to address, please write to the standard address for inquiries that appears at the bottom of the home page of the website of the Committee for the Global Endeavor:

Info@GlobalEndeavor.net

During some future program, participants will answer questions that we have selected — on the understanding that we reserve the right to edit and adapt the wording as we think suitable.

THE IMMEDIATE HORIZON

As you may already know, the persons who participate in our discussion programs are experienced readers of *The Urantia Book* with independent opinions and viewpoints. From a practical perspective, we always intend to embody a range of ideas and insights that demonstrates pluralism and diversity — NOT some unwise effort to stimulate or simulate unanimity or uniformity. We believe that you will find our video discussions very interesting and perhaps even inspiring, and therefore we hope that many of you will decide to view them.

Regards, Neal Waldrop.
Chairman, the Committee for the Global Endeavor
[November 20, 2018 at 9:50 pm]