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

Last Saturday afternoon (November 24), we conducted our first webinar based on topic 8 of *Revelation Revealed*, a topic that is entitled, “Comparing and contrasting the true teachings of Jesus with the traditional tenets and practices of organized, institutional Christianity.” At the outset, however, I pointed out that we were conducting our broadcast on the Saturday after the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States and therefore, by implication, on the day immediately after a rather different celebration: Black Friday!

I then asked the participants whether this other day could actually be considered a pagan holiday, on the grounds that it is entirely materialistic and certainly does not celebrate or commemorate any sort of idealistic or spiritual values. Further, I later suggested that it might even be considered a plague, not as catastrophic as the Black Death that decimated Europe during the 14th century, but a plague nonetheless.

The other participants were ambivalent about Black Friday. Some of them pointed out that human beings have material needs and wants, then commented that Black Friday enables many people to fulfill them at somewhat lower cost than they might otherwise incur. On balance, I accepted this, stating that the concluding syllable *-ism* in the word *materialism* is the aspect that concerns me the most: the net implication that material values are paramount or even dominant.

Thereafter the other participants and I went on to discuss the first two pages of topic 8 (i.e., pages 88 and 89). We concluded by beginning to examine the statement, “Christianity is an extemporized religion” [*the Midwayer Commission, 2086:4 / 195:10.18*]. The others appeared to agree with the paraphrase given in the text of the document: “They made it up as they went along.” On the other hand, we did not have time to analyze the implications, and this will be the first order of business on December 1.

When the other participants and I subsequently reach the excerpts from Paper 195 that appear on page 90 of the document (those that describe what happened on Pentecost), I plan to seek comments on the following paragraph excerpted from section 6 of Paper 138:

Jesus endeavored to make clear to his apostles the difference between his teachings and his *life among them* and the teachings which might subsequently spring up *about* him. Said Jesus: “My kingdom and the gospel related thereto shall be the burden of your message. Be not sidetracked into preaching *about* me and *about* my teachings. Proclaim the gospel of the kingdom and

portray my revelation of the Father in heaven but do not be misled into the bypaths of creating legends and building up a cult having to do with beliefs and teachings *about* my beliefs and teachings.” But again they did not understand why he thus spoke, and no man dared to ask why he so taught them. [*The Midwayer Commission, 1543:1 / 138:6.3*]

PRACTICAL FACTORS

1. Since the recording of our November 24 webinar remains available on YouTube, you could watch it whenever you wish (just over two hours). Here is the link that would take you to the specific location on the Internet:

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.

2. This is the standard time line that applies to all our discussions, including the next webinar on Saturday, December 1:

- 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.

Please be aware that the starting time is only approximate, for it usually takes us a few minutes to make the adjustments to the rather complicated software that cause all the participants to be viewed and heard correctly. (On November 24, live streaming in YouTube began at about ten minutes past the hour indicated above.)

3. Like the recording of our first webinar on November 24, the recording of our second webinar on December 1 will remain available on YouTube indefinitely. You could watch the program in real time or you could watch it later, whenever you wish.

Regards, Neal Waldrop.
Chairman, the Committee for the Global Endeavor
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