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

On Saturday, December 8, we conducted our third 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.”

We began in the middle of page 91 of the document, starting with the heading “(b) Sacrifice and atonement.” Therefore participants read and commented on the teachings about sacrifice and atonement that the Apostle Paul invented, as described and analyzed by the Midwayer Commission [1670:4 / 149:2.3] and by a Divine Counselor [60:3,5-6 / 4:5.3,4-6]. These teachings have profound implications, creating the net religious and philosophic context whereby the cross (or the crucifix) became the key symbol that stands for the Christian faith.

In part, participants deplored the concept of an angry God, thereby agreeing with the Divine Counselor that “It is an affront to God to believe, hold, or teach that innocent blood must be shed in order to win his favor or to divert the fictitious divine wrath.” Participants emphasized that God is a loving Father, not an angry one, then commented on the psychological and emotional implications that are closely associated with human fathers on earth. Several participants offered the view that a positive relationship with one’s own father on Urantia facilitates and/or reinforces the conviction of a Universal Father who loves and encourages us.

I then probed the impact of traditional Christian teachings by asking participants to begin appraising ten statements about salvation (survival into the afterlife) that I had circulated to them beforehand. (See the list of statements shown at the end of this message.)

Statements along these general lines have often been associated with traditional Christianity, although no single denomination proclaims or promotes all ten of them. Therefore it is best to understand them as examples. The time available on December 8 permitted participants to exchange detailed comments on the first three, but we did not reach statements 4 through 10. Therefore we will discuss and appraise them during our webinar on December 15.

After that, participants will grapple with formal question 61 appearing on page 92 of *Revelation Revealed*:

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61. When the Divine Counselor declares that “the inhabitants of Urantia are to find deliverance from these ancient errors” [a Divine Counselor, 60:6 / 4:5.6], is he essentially predicting that most human

beings will eventually accept the teachings of *The Urantia Book*? Are you willing to predict that any institutional religion whose leaders proclaim Jesus as the Son of God will abandon its core doctrine that he died on the cross to redeem mankind and atone for our sins?

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In all likelihood, there will be sufficient time left for participants to begin discussing teachings and practices that amount to discriminating against women, either explicitly or by implication.

(Reference: pages 93 to 95 of *Revelation Revealed*.)

## **PRACTICAL FACTORS**

1. Since the recordings of our previous webinars remain available on YouTube, you could watch any or all of them whenever you wish. Here is the link that would take you to the specific location on the Internet:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_6QHPLuABZojhdjE8XJRQg](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 15:

- 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. (For the first three webinars in our current series, live streaming in YouTube began at about ten minutes past the hour indicated above.)

Regards, Neal Waldrop.  
Chairman, the Committee for the Global Endeavor  
[December 13, 2018 at 11:30 pm]

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## Statements about salvation (survival into the afterlife) that have often been associated with traditional Christianity

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*In fairness, it is important to note that no single branch or denomination proclaims or promotes every single statement. Although these statements are reasonably representative, at least in terms of their spirit and overtones, it is best to interpret them as examples.*

### Possible ratings

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- A – True
- B – Mainly true, but partly false
- C – Mainly false, but partly true
- D – False
- X – Cannot be evaluated

### Statements to evaluate

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1. God saves whom he wills. Although it is possible to be optimistic about someone who leads a godly life, in the final analysis we do not and cannot know whether God has chosen a particular person for heaven, or for hell.
2. It is necessary to believe in Jesus in order to be saved (*in order to survive into the afterlife*).
3. Everyone who believes in Jesus will be saved (*will survive into the afterlife*).
4. Everyone who believes in Jesus will be saved (*will survive into the afterlife*), but only if he or she has been properly baptized.
5. Everyone who believes in Jesus will be saved (*will survive into the afterlife*), but only if he or she has been properly baptized and has accepted the doctrines and teachings that the church proclaims.
6. Everyone who believes in Jesus will be saved (*will survive into the afterlife*), but only if he or she has been properly baptized, has accepted the doctrines and teachings that the church proclaims, and has kept the commandments (although he or she may have sinned from time to time).
7. Outside the church there is no salvation. (*This is the standard translation of the original wording in Latin, "Extra ecclesiam nulla salus."*)
8. Anyone who does not believe in Jesus will be condemned to hell.
9. Anyone who does not believe in God will be condemned to hell.

10. Baptism is necessary in order to remove the stain of original sin that contaminates each infant because of the misconduct of Adam and Eve.

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