



Carbon Dioxide harms the atmosphere because it traps gases and creates heat. Oxygen helps the atmosphere because it enriches the atmosphere with a 'shield' which lessens the dangerous effect of very strong sunlight.

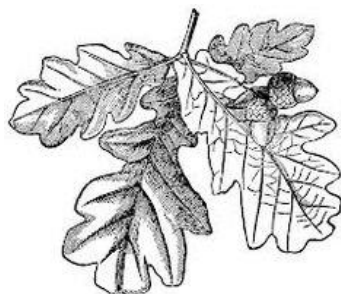
So, if we convert that equation to spiritual things, carbon dioxide can be seen as a fairly self-centred approach to life and oxygen can be seen as an altruistic everything-centred approach to life. The green in every leaf there that exists is collecting the selfish stuff and giving out the loving stuff. All got from the sun, which spiritually is the Divine, but getting internally processed.

So why then are there so many different greens? Aha, because Swedenborg's Heaven and Hell 56 tells us that heaven (where the oxygen is) is perfected by its variety. The more variety there is, the more heaven is what it is.

Well, now it is probably time for us to go and plant something, which, while I've been tapping this out, I've seen my neighbour planting things in her garden bed. This synchronicity tends to make me think I was meant to write what I have but I should point out that I started first and then she came out with her trowel and plants!



Beech leaves



Oak leaves

Something amazing to end on. At the UK New Church/Swedenborg retreat in England, Purley Chase, there is a tree which is an example of a rare fusion. A beech tree and an oak tree grew close as saplings, and for some reason, they fused

into one tree which each year bears hybrid beechy-oak leaves and oaky-beech leaves. An expert from Kew Gardens inspected this and said that while it's rare it isn't unknown. "You can't make it happen!" And in that lovely spiritual place, there grows green a representation of the marriage of all good and all truth.

*In these present times, stay safe and go well,*

*Julian*



A quote from Swedenborg's Spiritual Diary, a collection of his observations and notes of his spiritual experiences.

185. I have sometimes fallen into thoughts about mundane affairs and the cares connected with them and just so often have I fallen away from the company of spirits. I perceived the cause of this to be that the core interior corresponding things were then separated, and the mind only inhaled in external things without any correspondence. This is why the sons of the Ancient Church throughout their life spoke with angels and had continual communication with them, for in the externals the corresponding internals were represented to them. But as long as man indulges only in external things, he is removed from manifest communication with angels. Man is ruled by spirits, and these by angels, and in this manner, he is ruled by God Messiah by his permitting, and this in all things and in the very least things, and thus men are guarded from the evil spirits every single moment.