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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend and Reader,

Welcome to this latest edition of the Candela.

Here we are at midyear and experiencing, in our part of the world, the shortest day of the year and the cold of winter.

In Australia we do not experience the great depths of winter such as happens in higher latitudes of the northern hemisphere in such places as Siberia. But we do experience cold and snow falls to the ground blanketing some areas of the broad landscape in a white eiderdown. Even in our land winter presents many challenges for plants and animals. In winter when life around us pulls in on itself and is less exuberant we tend to retreat into our homes and put on the heaters and dress with thicker clothing. It is a time for eating

stews and other hearty meals and maybe even drinking mulled wine.

It is also a time of annoying flues and colds. A time when viruses, small infections agents that can only replicate inside another organism, find susceptible candidates to have some fun with, with the impact of laying us very low.

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Two copies of this Newsletter are being sent to members as usual, the second for giving away.

<u>Next Issue</u> – September 2013 **Theme** – **Wholistic Health**

To be healthy we need a balance in our life, of what types of foods we eat, what activities we do and between mind body and spirit. Healing takes place when we can restore this balance. What are your thoughts on healing, have you ever had a healing experience? Swedenborg has said a lot about how the spiritual world influences our life and body here in the world. We already have a few contributions so just short articles next time please. The deadline is **20**th **August.**

Thank you to everyone who wrote for this edition.

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'Membership.'

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Swedenborg states that winter corresponds to, in a similar way that night does, the end of the Church. The life cycle of the Church has gone through the seasons of spring, summer and autumn.

So what does it mean for us? It does not mean that the Church ends every winter. It does however give us the opportunity to maybe retreat from the frenetic pace of life.



Well, with the longer nights and cold it is a good time for us to have a break from the

exuberance of the warmer months and to spend some of this time pondering and reading. Swedenborg gives us a great amount of material to read through and ponder. Maybe during this quieter time we can take the opportunity to explore some of our dormant interests and breathe new energy into one or more of them. It may be the time for us to explore our spiritual immune system see how the spiritual viruses can lay us low as well.

Hopefully the contributions within this edition of the Candela will spark something within and encourage some further exploration. Hopefully the love and energy put into the contributions will warm you too and the materials will help strengthen your spiritual immune system.

As always, wishing you good health, warmth and the enjoyment that comes from your unique approach to the works of Swedenborg and the application of it in the living.

Robert

The Good Life, Swedenborg and the New Church

We highly recommend a 15 minute interview between Noel Debien and Julian Duckworth.

Noel is the host of the ABC radio program 'The Good Life'. Noel Debien's series of interviews and stories explores the full spectrum of religious belief and practice, as people pursue fulfilment through spirituality. You can go to his interview with Julian (broadcast on Sunday 16th June) via this link -

http://www.abc.net.au/sundaynights/stories/s 3782872.htm

Secretary's Report

By Ruth Duckworth

Since March we have been happy to welcome the following new members:

Jennifer Danckert (NSW)

Bruce Disney (NSW) **Nick Goritsas** (NSW)

We hope that you will find the Candela helpful and thought provoking and that if you are able to get to talks and social activities you will enjoy meeting others who have a similar interest in spiritual matters.

Earliest Memories

By Christopher V. A. Hasler

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What are our earliest memories?

It may come as a surprise that we do not remember anything before we were 2 years old, and often not till we were two and half. During that time we had constant attention from our mother, or nurse or older siblings. So why can't we remember some unusual event – whether pleasant or unpleasant?

In the widely accepted Christian doctrine about our resurrection it is believed that it will take place at the end of the world when we shall all rise from our graves when the last trumpet shall sound. Some artists

have even painted this great event, but how many people can still believe this? Surely, it is impossible to take it seriously!

The works of Swedenborg give us a very surprising answer as to why we have so few early memories. But before we go into any detail, let us remind ourselves about something which appears in the

very early chapters of Genesis which describe the creation of the world and of mankind. But very soon we are into the story of the 'Fall of Man". Let me however assure you that the early chapters of Genesis cannot be treated as genuine history. The world was not created in 6 days and it took millions of years before mankind made their appearance, but Genesis chapter one is really a parable of the creation of man – today, as much as in the past.

The first people

We understand that in the beginning mankind was gentle and loving and it took centuries or even millennia before selfishness became established as part of our normal character, and this led to deeper and deeper evil into which everyone is born today. In Genesis this is described in the story of Noah, who was instructed to build an ark and bring in his family and all the animals. But again, still it is a spiritual story which was taking place in the heart and mind of mankind, of which some could be saved. Why such care for mankind who had been going from bad to worse? Well, the answer is

quite simple: We have a Creator who is our Father who cares for us and desires us to be happy in heaven, surrounded by like-minded people who are our brothers and sister.

There are many people today who do not believe that we have an immortal life before us. Somehow it can seem difficult to accept this. Life for ever and ever? And yet, when we have children, we are very much in the situation in which our Creator finds Himself,

we somehow cannot believe that our children will one day die and that will be the end of it.

Life After Death

The Lord certainly taught that when we die, our life continues immediately in the spiritual world. Let us recall his teaching from the four Gospels:

Matthew 19.21: "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, and come and follow me." In Mark 12. 27, the Lord rebukes the Sadducees, "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living." In Luke 16.19-31 the Lord uses parables to teach that our life continues after death, but adds a warning: "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." There are many references in John, but let me just use one, which is linked with the sacrament of the Holy Supper: "Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." (Meaning, the last day of our life on earth!)

Followers of Swedenborg approach the whole concept of God and of eternity from a new point of view, and though this a longish quote, it is fitting when we are considering the continuing of our life after death and so our relationship with the Lord. Swedenborg was meditating about the Trinity and the angels perceived this and started to question him:

'What are you thinking? Are you not thinking those things out of a natural light with which our spiritual light does not agree? And therefore unless you remove the ideas of



that thought, we close heaven to you and go away.' (Swedenborg replied,) 'Please enter more deeply into my thought. And maybe you will see an agreement.' And they did so, and saw that by the three Persons I understood three proceeding Divine Attributes, which are Creation, Salvation and Reformation, and that those are Attributes of the One God; and that by birth of the Son of God from eternity I understand His birth foreseen from eternity and provided in time. And then I told them that I had my natural thought concerning the Trinity and Unity of Persons, and concerning the birth of the Son of God from eternity, derived from the Church's doctrine of faith, which has its name from Athanasius; and that that doctrine is just and right, provided that instead of a Trinity of Persons there is understood the Trinity of Person that is given solely in the Lord Jesus Christ, and instead of the birth of the Son of God (from eternity) there is understood His birth foreseen from eternity and provided in time, because as to the Human in time He is openly called the 'Son of God'. The angels then said, 'It is well'. Apocalypse Revealed 961.6)

Basically, life in this world is to give us the opportunity to learn something about ourselves and to live in such a way that we shall be worthy to enter heaven. And further to learn that when we are selfish and even evil, we shall not lose our life when we die, but go and live with likeminded people: people who simply do not fit into heaven and so could never feel 'at home' there.

Human Freedom

Having been created to be free to follow our desires and choices, the Lord cannot condemn us for making our choice where our love leads us. That is our human right and we are intelligent enough to realise what life would be like if we were full of lies and deceptions - such as are often used to avoid some awkward situation! But if such experiences are sometimes painful, we know that we have only ourselves to blame. In a sense we bring upon ourselves our own punishment. What could be fairer than that? Nor is it an unknown situation if we are parents. Our children make mistakes and get into trouble - sometimes quite serious trouble. And we feel for them, would be willing to help them, but in the end it is up to them. But we still love them.

However, the Lord takes great care that He does not send us into the world unprepared and unprotected. This brings us to the doctrine of the 'Remnant' or simply 'Remains' which every child receives in infancy. It is interesting that we do not remember the first two years, even two-and-half years from our infancy. This is perhaps not so surprising because the mind of the baby at that early point is really quite empty: the baby knows nothing, except to cry when hungry, thirsty, cold or feeling some pain. Instinct makes the baby cry to draw attention. But there is no thinking involved.

It is therefore very interesting to read in Swedenborg's doctrines that the angels are



very close to all babies. Consider this: we do not really inherit many good attributes of character from our parents, who are still usually young and have not developed the higher planes of their minds, which are close to heaven. Here are some quotes from Arcana Caelestia by Emanuel Swedenborg:

At birth no one of himself possesses any good at all, but is wholly defiled with hereditary evil. Everything good flows in, such as his love for parents, nursemaids, and playmates, this influx being from innocence. These are the gifts which flow in from the Lord through the heaven of innocence and peace, and this is the manner in which they are imparted to him during early childhood. (1906.1)

Three kinds of goods meant by 'remnants' (or 'remains') – those instilled in earliest childhood, those instilled when want of knowledge is still present, and those instilled when intelligence is present. The goods of earliest childhood are those instilled into a person from birth up to the age when he starts to be taught and to know something. The goods received when

want of knowledge is still present are instilled when he is taught and starts to know something. The goods that come with intelligence are instilled when he is able to reflect on what is good and what truth is. Good instilled in earliest childhood is received up to his tenth year. (2280.2-3)

The heaven through which the Lord imparts conjugial love is the inmost one, whose inhabitants enjoy greater peace than all others. Peace in the heavens may compared to spring in the world which makes everything delightful; for in origin peace is something utterly heavenly. The angels inhabiting that inmost heaven are the wisest of all, and because of their innocence they are seen by others as young children. They themselves also love young children far more than even their forebears and mothers. They are present with infants in the womb, and through them the Lord takes care of the nourishment and proper development of infants in the womb. Thus angels from that heaven are placed in charge of those who are pregnant. (5052)

Our early life

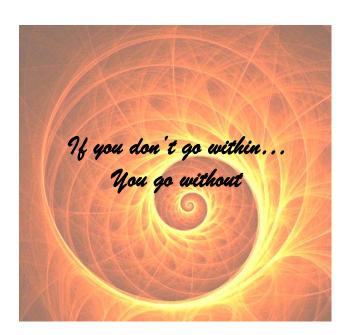
This concept is one of the revelations of the New Church, and many similar passages appear in the Writings to teach us that the Lord is most intimately present by means of the highest angels with every foetus in an expectant mother. The teaching is quite simple: We, with our fallen heredity, are full of evil - both men and women: so for a time (and it could be for a year or longer) the parental heredity is as it were closed, so that evil spirits who are lurking around and trying to invade the new infant are isolated from the foetus and therefore can do no harm. But that is the time the angels have access to the infant in the womb and then to the child after birth. So it seems to me that these precious moments are stored up in the child and are the means whereby heaven can be with the child. This is the heavenly heredity, not from our parents, but directly from the Lord through the angelic heaven.

As soon as the parental heredity begins to be opened, the evil spirits then have access to the mind and consciousness of the child and that is soon manifest in the child's behaviour and tantrums when, perhaps, he or she cannot get just what they want straight away.

So let us think of those first two years of our life when we are closer to heaven than we shall be for most of our earthly life. It seems

such a wonderful mystery, and similarly when we can hold an infant at that age, are we not holding the sphere of heaven? Are we ever closer to our heavenly Father and Creator?

... and as we say, "Heaven lies about us in our infancy."



Where is Heaven?

Some Pharisees asked Jesus when the Kingdom of God would come. His answer was, "The Kingdom of God does not come in such a way as to be seen. No one will say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!'; because the Kingdom of God is within you." Luke 17:20-21

What then is **your** heaven? What makes you feel you are in heaven?

Searching for heaven is not searching for a place, but for a quality and a way of life. Each one of us was created to receive heavenly life, and moreover to receive it without threatening others. It is possible for all people to enjoy it and share it. That life is the Divine Life – the life of goodness and truth. Wherever that goodness and truth are received in purity – be it on earth or in the spiritual world – there is heaven.

Crossword answers

ACROSS 4. PELICAN, 7. SILK, 8. CORRESPONDENCES, 9. BREAD, 10. SUN

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The Kingdom Within

By Julian Duckworth

In the biblical New Testament, Jesus frequently uses the word 'kingdom' to describe the rule of God - the king - over people and over the world which God has made. It comes either as the kingdom of God or as the kingdom of heaven and these are interchangeable because 'heaven' was only used so as not to utter the name of God. Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is at hand; that we are to first seek the kingdom of God and all other things will be given us; that it is easier for a camel to go through the eve of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God, and so on. An important use of the 'kingdom' is Jesus' many parables where, example, he likens the kingdom of heaven

to a man going out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard, or to a man sowing seeds, or to a woman hiding yeast in flour until it permeates all through the dough.

And at one point (Luke 17.21) Jesus says, 'The kingdom of God is within you' or more fully, 'The kingdom of God does not come with observation, nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed the kingdom of God is within you.'

This word 'kingdom' is very evocative for me. I've read enough fantasy novels to appreciate that the setting of warlords, dragons, ice and fire and clashes of steel in reclaiming the kingdom is really just another exciting take on the gospel message of whether in the end truth

and goodness will rule or the dark forces of the ego and its fears.

The idea that the kingdom is within us then makes even more sense. A kingdom is a territory with regions over which a king has sovereignty. It unites under his kingship and peace is enjoyed by all its inhabitants, but from time to time, a rival in one of the regions stirs up an insurrection and claims the throne. It's very tempting to think of the kingdom of God as the epitome of lasting peace in which our mind and our view of life is stable and secure in the knowledge that God and truth always lead

our life. The reality however is that it is the mix of both – it is, as we know, war and peace.

Another thing about a 'kingdom' that I find very helpful is that it is a representation that I can work with visually. Like with all correspondences, the visual picture of something – in this case, a kingdom – describes everything about its spiritual – or personal – meaning which is not physical and so seems hard to describe or feels more abstract. So we need these analogies very much.

This is true of everything and there is a wonderfully simple way in which we can make the connection. If you take a scripture like the Bible or if you just think of

the forms and patterns of things in nature and add "in me" to whatever it is you are reading or looking at, then you immediately cross over from the symbol to its meaning – and to particular meaning for you. So we can relate to the 'mountain-in-me' and to the 'lion-in-me' and of course to the 'kingdom-in-me' which is just another way of saying 'the kingdom of God is within vou'.

Let's use another instance where the word 'kingdom' gets used to describe something that is also within us. We try to describe how the world of nature is made

up and so we talk about the mineral kingdom, the vegetable (or plant) kingdom and the animal kingdom. Together they form everything in the natural world and yet each kingdom is quite different. The mineral kingdom – rocks, water, precious stones, gold and silver, clay etc. – is one in which things are deposited to be the ground upon which we live. The plant kingdom – grass, trees, fruit, flowers, seeds, leaves etc. – is one in which living things emerge from the ground, being rooted in it and rising up where they grow. The animal kingdom – fish, birds, insects, lions, tigers,



cows, dogs etc. – is one where conscious living things roam and move around freely on the ground, many of them feeding on the plants but some on other animals.

Now if we take these three kingdoms, can we helpfully apply them to the 'kingdom within' us? We can, if we make use of the features each kingdom shows us. The mineral kingdom within us is like basic factual information we learn and deposit in our mind, for example, that 2+2=4 or that yellow and blue make green. Even some spiritual facts work like minerals, such as the idea that God works with the wicked and the good.

The plant kingdom is one where something now lives and grows, so let's try and go within with it. Our plant kingdom is where facts have now become truths – living truths – which feed our mind. We become involved with people around us and we know it is vitally true that we need to work together, enjoying the differences, appreciating our similarities and seeing that each person can become a better kind of person through their experiences in life. And notice how many plants branch and divide, something which is all part of how truth works.



The animal kingdom is one where living things move and roam freely and they also feel pain and other physical sensations like cold and heat. They may fight each other or they may be happily together, but this kingdom is the world of emotions and desires that are within us. And as with animals, our emotions can be aggressive or gentle and our desires can be for ourselves or for serving other people.

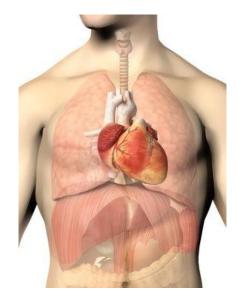
When we look outwardly we see all this around us as God's created kingdom and we are really looking in a mirror when we contemplate it because it accurately pictures

this truth that the kingdom is not one that comes with observation, with a 'See here!' or a 'See there!' but is the kingdom within us and in reality, is our spirit and life.



Quote from Swedenborg's Arcana Coelestia 3888

Those two kingdoms manifest themselves in man through the two kingdoms which exist within him - the kingdom of the will and the kingdom of the understanding which constitute man's mind, indeed man himself. It is the will to which the beating of the heart corresponds, and the understanding to which the breathing of the lungs corresponds. Those two kingdoms also manifest themselves in man's body, where again there are two kingdoms - that of the heart and that of the lungs. Anyone who knows this arcanum is also able to know about the influx of the will into the understanding and of the understanding into the will and consequently to know about the influx of the good of love into the truth of faith, and vice versa, and so about the regeneration of man.



Correspondences

CITY



is city relatively large permanent and settlement people. It has to have auite complex structure or organization to function properly.

In our lives we

need to form a structure in our minds of what we believe in so that we can save ourselves having to think about every single action we take. We may have decided not to steal from other people. If we keep this as a permanent belief we do not have to spend time thinking about it every time the opportunity presents itself to take something. This structure of beliefs is like a city in us.

A permanent belief system is called **doctrine** and involves beliefs about God, how to live our life and what we believe happens after our life on earth.

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."

Matthew 5:14

If we have a true system of doctrine our life will be a light for other people, a city that is open, busy and useful.

But like all correspondences there is the negative side too. Bad doctrine is a collection of false ideas and beliefs, something we have to be on a constant look out for in our lives. We may protest and say, "I only follow true ideas!" but if we look at how we are living our life we may find that we are not following them as we should be. Take the example of stealing, you probably don't walk into a shop and pinch things but have you ever stolen someone's reputation by gossiping about them? Or have you stolen from your employer by wasting time at work, or stolen from the Lord by thinking that what you did to help someone was all your own work?

We all have a good and bad city within us and hopefully we will keep working on ourselves so that our good city will become the Holy City New Jerusalem and that we can live in it for ever in peace and harmony.



Swedenborg's words and terms

CONSCIENCE

The faculty of distinguishing good from evil -



not innate, but learned and thus not same with everyone. Only the good have a true conscience.

A spurious conscience is well intentioned but based in part on a false belief.

INFLUX



Meaning inflow, input or influence. This term is used to describe the fundamental concept that all power to act flows into all of creation God every moment, constantly and unceasingly.

PROPRIUM

This refers to self, living from self, sense or feeling of selfhood, a necessary illusion of selfguidance in our regeneration.





Cartoon by Joe Vandermeer

Divine Creation - My grasp of Swedenborg's ideas

By Joe Vandermeer

I imagine that many people when they read Emanuel Swedenborg (e.g. Divine Love and Wisdom), many things seem to our modern logical way of thinking totally irrational. His writings contain many a priori statements. Yet truth is not always within the grasp of human ways of thinking. Here then is my irrational but honest personal rendition of what Swedenborg and others have revealed. It's just a rough imperfect sketch, a starting point, so I expect this to generate heaps of discussion and correspondence to the editor...

- God exists, and has always existed.
- God exists everywhere at once, yet is separate from all of space(the natural world is of God but all of nature is not a replacement for God).
- There is only ONE God.
- The Divine is made of actual substance and has a form, a human form, complete with arms, legs, a head, eyes, heart, lungs, etc.
- Love is a real substance (of very fine grade).
- Divine Love is THE substance which is the Divine's Life and make up the Divine's essence.
- The Divine finds Its love provides enjoyment. It wants to express that enjoyment beyond Self, to share and pass on the joy.
- In order to share that love, the Divine conceives the need for a recipient other than Its Self that can receive and enjoy that love. Therefore It needs either a companion or an offspring.
- Usually, when we receive someone's love in action towards us (a gesture, a gift, supporting words, friendship, etc) we feel good.
- The Divine IS love, and since the effect of that love in action results in feeling of good, the Divine IS pure goodness. The Divine possesses no ill-will, malice, anger or selfishness of any kind.
- The ultimate goodness is to love someone other than oneself and in wanting to share freely with that other while not expecting repayment or gain from that in any way. The opposite

- state would be to seek only to gain oneself and not to be sensitive (loving) to or care about the need and joy of others.
- When the Divine expresses Its love, It shapes and governs (controls and guides) that love to ensure it achieves the greatest possible good and reaches the best possible outcome, maintaining and enhancing the harmony of - and ultimate benefit to - everything which exists. This guidance or shaping of Its love in expression is referred to as the Divine's Wisdom. Its wisdom shapes Its expression of love just like our consonants shape, form, and limit, our vowel sounds. Wisdom serves, guides and protects the expression of love. Wisdom is the servant of love, and as they work inseparably together they make up the essence of the Divine.
- In the beginning, there was no being other than God. God was alone.
- The Divine was alone, yet wished to

express Its goodness, so decided to embark on a great experiment and create a companion who can be a mirror of Itself in many respects and who is also capable of receiving the outpouring of Its love and can receive and enjoy Its life. With the idea of a companion is born the

need for separation from Itself, from the One.

- However, God does not create the end It had in mind as a completed heavenly companion, 'a Grand Human', a 'Friend'. The Divine realised the quality of the companion depends on it being as much as possible an image of Itself, yet as much as possible separate from Itself. A true companion unless such a being has independence from Itself.
- The Divine enjoys beauty and delights in an infinite variety of expression. Therefore there is in the Divine realm constant change. The Divine ponders how to make a companion possible, and decides it will grow this Grand Human over time by building it out of



- an infinite variety and diversity of separated beings which can each play some part in the overall functioning of this Grand Human.
- It decides to hide Itself from Its creation and from the beings It created, as if behind a curtain, so that they can individually and collectively feel like independent agents of volition and action. The Divine does ensure that it is possible for these created beings to know their Creator, but certainty of this knowledge can only be obtained on an individual basis. The Divine will not permit one being to convince another of its belief and knowledge, each has to come to a conclusion and a relationship with the Divine by itself. God calls this free will.



- The Divine enables new beings to be continually born and to grow gradually into fullness, providing time as a dimension to provide for the experience and expression of growth, learning, expression and consequences. Divine Wisdom governs and guards these conditions of freedom above all things. It knows these beings will inevitably be distracted with the delights of the world around them, and that they may forget to ask how all this came to be, and sometimes that they will think that there is no Creator and so will seek to protect themselves at the cost of the welfare of others. So the Divine ensures that there are limits to how far their action will reach when they are in this separated state of thought and selfish state of feeling.
- Because God protects their freedom to think and act as if of themselves so extensively and so completely, this creation remains an experiment. There is a danger that too many new beings stray from the desired path, nevertheless that separation from the

- path is permitted and is still supported by the Divine. When the Creator sees many beings getting horribly lost and losing the plot, forgetting to look for the deeper relationship and companionship with Itself that they are intended to find and enjoy, than the Divine will send reminders to these beings by way of experiences and by way of very awakened beings who see the path and will draw their attention to it. So by example these awakened beings save their fellows from ultimate, irretrievable and complete separation.
- God took the idea of separation of creation from Itself further. separated the human beings into two types, one expressing Its love and the other expressing Its wisdom. Since these work together in God, the human beings are also given a desire to combine these separated parts into a whole, both by seeking and enjoying the opposite in each other as they are to enjoy bringing the two aspects together in themselves by aligning their feeling with their thinking as they express them in action.

If this article has helped you think about how the Divine creates us, or has thrown up any questions or thoughts we would love to hear from you. Ruth (Editor)



Cartoon by Joe Vandermeer

Happiness

is not determined by what's happening around you, but rather what is happening inside you. You can't depend on others for happiness, it always comes from within.

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- Melbourne: Chris Skinner on (03) 94320322; email: cskinner9@optusnet.com.au;

- Sydney region: Michael Chester on (02) 98881066; email: michael@swedenborg.com.au;

It would be good to establish Groups in other areas. If you can help, please contact Michael Chester.

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Last Fridays commencing 8pm.

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28th June **The Spiritual Causes for Natural Disease** by Todd Beiswenger

10th August *Living with Joy Workshop* with Walter Mason

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Crossword puzzle - Robert Bryce

Answers on page five.

Across

- 4. Large beaked sea bird which signifies an affection for falsity.
- 7. What smooth fabric signifies celestial good and truth?
- 8. Swedenborg constantly explains spiritual matters using the science of?
- 9. In the Holy Sacrament which food corresponds to Love
- 10. What in our universe completely represents Divine Love?

Down

- South American author who had a great love of Swedenborg's work? (three words)
- 2. A model of Swedenborg's design of an aeroplane at the beginning of The History of Flight Exhibition is in which American museum?
- 3. Name of an American clinical psychologist who was greatly influenced by Swedenborg's writings (two words)
- 5. Which country represents the establishment and growth of the Lord's Kingdom?
- 6. Of which city did Swedenborg's father become the Bishop?



