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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

A very warm welcome to this latest edition of the Candela.

This edition of the Candela is a departure from the previous practice of editions consisting of articles and contributions focused on a particular theme. The themed editions have allowed us to direct our attention to a defined stream of spiritual thought or experience and ponder upon the topic at hand. The challenge was then to bring forth an expression of it in words or images and to share it with the others.

The opportunity provided by having a non-themed issue is that of being able to capture the diverse states of the contributors and for their words and images to be then woven into the tapestry of the current edition. This means that we can get a sense of the spiritual pulse of the various qualities of influx that are currently enriching our community. This is exciting because we can get more of a flavour of what is inspiring encouraging us as well as what is disturbing us. For we know that life for us is not one continuous collection of idylls.

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

#### Next Issue - November 2015

The last edition for 2015 can include any items but if you want to share your own story of how you found Swedenborg, or write something about Christmas that would be much appreciated. Please send me contributions by **19**<sup>th</sup> **October** 

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By stepping back and seeking an undirected collection of contributions the outcome may be the input to allow some of our fixed views or states to be challenged. It follows that by seeking a broader spectrum of influx our own current state of doctrine and heuristic methods can be confronted. And if we don't confront things our understanding and affections cannot grow. So in a sense a non-themed Candela is like the early spring when we see the diversity of the first shoots of life sprouting after the cold of winter. So even as we look and experience the rich diversity of spring we know it is but an expression of a deeper stream of life and meaning. So too with the diversity of this non-themed collection of contributions, there is likely to be an underlying stream for us to seek out.

Throughout his writings Swedenborg challenged us to grasp the hidden correspondences and representations of the Word and of the world in which we

live. By accepting a literal understanding of the Word and the world we are confronted by incongruities and things that do not seem to fit or string together in a sensible way. It is only by unfolding correspondences and representations that we start to glimpse the immense cohesion and harmony that lies hidden. So too is our experience enriched by taking in the diversity of contributions of fellow seekers and digesting them.

So I hope very much that you enjoy reading through this edition of the Candela. I hope that its diversisty may contribute to the onset of spring for you.

With warm wishes

# Robert

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People in heaven are continually progressing toward the springtime of life. The more thousands of years they live, the more pleasant and happy is their springtime. This continues for ever, increasing according to growth and level of their thoughtfulness and faith. In a word, to grow old in heaven is to grow young. People who have lived in love for the Lord and in thoughtfulness neighbour have toward their beautiful appearance in the other life. All angels are forms like this, in infinite variety. This is what makes heaven.

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## A MOMENT IN TIME or SPONTANEITY

By John Brogan

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I happened across Ruth in the art class this morning and in passing she suggested I contribute a page for Candela.

The art class had not started, not because we were early, but some of us had been to the opera last evening and needed to explore our experiences of *The Marriage of Figaro*.

There are times when one is aware that something special has transpired, a moment in time. Last night's performance was one of those inspirational events, the memory of which will remain, I know, for the rest of my days.



The amazing thing is that Mozart wrote the opera in a month on command of Emperor Joseph II of Austria. Mozart conducted the first two performances and at the end of the first performance the Emperor said to him:

"You must admit, however, my dear Mozart, that there are a great many notes in your score,"

"Not one too many, Sire," was Mozart's reply. (The anecdote, it should be noted is told of the first performance of Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutti" as well and also included in the film Amadeus in another context.)

No opera composed before *The Marriage* of *Figaro* can be compared with it for

development of ensemble, charm, and novelty of melody, richness and variety of orchestration. The finale to the second act occupied him but two days.

At the time of the first performance almost everything was being encored, so that the time required for its performance was nearly doubled. Notwithstanding this success, it was withdrawn after comparatively few representations, owing to Italian intrigue at the court and opera, led by Mozart's rival, the composer Salieri. (The name of Salieri is remembered today because of that rivalry.)

To place the event in history, it was in 1786, 14 years after Swedenborg's passing and 2 years before Arthur Phillip arrived in Sydney Cove.

I mention the anecdote of the "number of notes" in Mozart's work, (but not too many), because Swedenborg strove above all for clarity and directness. He wrote in a relatively limited Latin and uses straightforward vocabulary and very syntax. He coped with complex ideas by writing extensively (read; too words) rather than intricately. I profess and admit that I read Swedenborg's Writings in as close to the original translation as possible (though not in Latin). When I read a synopsis of the Arcana sav, I feel robbed. I feel someone has come between Swedenborg and me it is an intrusion.

Likewise I read the King James Bible version or earlier translations in preference to modern versions. The beauty of the language is still felt and the poetry of expression is not lost to the same extent as a modern translation.

Mozart wrote the score of this three-hour play in four weeks. It is a play of humour, intrigue, contretemps galore and social comment. The last is not the least of

these attributes. The opera is not facile in any way at all but one that speaks to the people of equality of gender and position, truth and integrity. In many ways it plays the same part as the Writings. Before the reader throws the *Newsletter* to one side, ask yourself what does one get out of the

Swedenborg Writings? Is it not about how to live a wholesome life in the knowledge that there is a Higher source of all there is? One can only measure against the ultimate if there is to be improvement in all things.

I believe spontaneity or a deadline brings about a form of inspiration (breathe in spirit of Divine life). This is not to imply that given a deadline one just waits till the last minute to charge up the batteries. The batteries need to be ready to go and preparation means a lifetime of charging up the batteries.

# New features on Swedenborg Association website

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By Joe Vandermeer

Recent work on our Swedenborg
Association website
(www.swedenborg.com.au) has been
completed, which added a few new
improved features enabling you to get
more out of your connection with us.

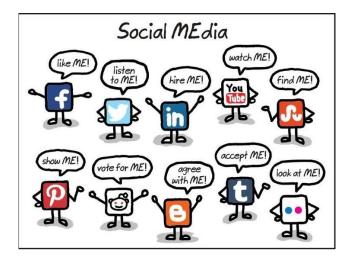
In addition to flaunting the renewed colourful logo (which we love), we have updated the home page with a picture slideshow (known in the internet industry as a 'slider'), which can be paused by placing your mouse over it and in which each image can be clicked to direct you to content that relates to it. Currently there are three images:

1. "Free: inspiring learning resources" – clicking on this will lead you to lots of free download resources, including links to film clips,

extensive audio content and some excellent free documents and transcripts.

- 2. "Empowering ideas" clicking on this will lead you to some brief summaries of key components of Swedenborg's philosophy (teachings contained in his writings).
- 3. "Great books" clicking on this will lead you to the online bookshop which has a very wide range of interesting publications at very affordable prices and is well worth visiting.

The home page slider can easily be altered, so allows us to showcase and promote various valuable corners of the website from time to time. In future we may provide links to video clips and other relevant and interesting content.



The new features are friendly to mobile devices like your smartphone, so you can surf the new features even while you're travelling. Please do let us know what your experience is like and any suggestions and feedback you may have, and if you come across any Swedenborg-related information you have found that you think might be worth promoting, let us know.

Also on the home page we added a section for "Special Offers", in which we can let you know about bookshop specials.

being promoted, or other new material which is hot off the press.

And for those of you who love sharing internet content on your favourite social media sites like Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Tumblr, etc, you will notice some social media button installed on each page of our site to make it easier to share.

Finally, on the "Contact Us" page we have added a link to Transport Info so that you can more easily find info about public transport options which can help you get to the centre at 1 Avon Rd, North Ryde.

Happy surfing and let us know what you think.

## Joe Vandermeer

# C.V.A. HASLER or My Dad

By Ruth Duckworth

My father Christopher Hasler passed into the spiritual world, on a significant day for me, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015. He was 87 years old and it was my birthday.

He was keen а very Swedenborgian, his auntie Czechoslovakia introduced him to the writings when he was six years old. He became very interested in learning all about it. When Germany invaded Czechoslovakia his father left to join the British army, because Christopher's

grandparents had come from England many years before. Later in the war Christopher was allowed to leave on an exchange of prisoners to travel to the U.K. He was sixteen years old and had to make up his mind overnight, and also leave his Czech mother. A frightening train journey through Germany and France led him to a prisoner of war camp and he eventually

reached London. He was sent to build roads in Scotland and then became a lab assistant at University College Hospital, preparing slides for medical students.

But he longed to study Swedenborg and become a minister and was accepted to train when he was just 18 years old. He took a year longer to train as he had to study English first.

He was ordained and married in 1952 to Joy. They quickly moved to Mauritius to serve the New Church there for eight years. Then to Brisbane for four years during which time Christopher was the President of the New Church in Australia. We moved back to England in 1964 and he served the churches in Lancashire, Derby and Southend and was the President of the British New Church.

He was always full of new ideas and projects. He was a marriage guidance counselor and believed very strongly in marriage. He and Joy were married for 63 years and had six children, 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He introduced Joy to the art of puppetry

which she developed a great deal, and as a family we used to put on marionette shows like Jack and the Beanstalk and also glove puppet shows done to Bible readings. They also had a Swedenborg puppet show as Dad said that people will always listen to a puppet rather than someone just talking.

My father passed his love of the writings on to me. He gave my brother and I lessons on Heaven and Hell showing us that it was not so difficult to read even as

young teenagers. He visited Australia for the last time in 1994 and gave a talk at the Swedenborg Centre.

He was always interested in developing new ideas and encouraged others to follow their dreams.

I miss him but I know he will be having a wonderful time now seeing for himself all he has been studying for eighty years.



# SWEDENBORG, EXOPLANETS AND BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT

By Wayne Kasmar

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In the news recently it was reported that detected scientists have earth-like exoplanets. Exoplanets are planets that orbit stars other than our sun, and it has been some years now since they were first detected. But up to now they have been of a size that scientists feel sure are like the gas giants of our solar system. Planets that are often even larger than Jupiter. But with this latest discovery there is firm evidence that there are planets that may well support life as we know it here on earth.

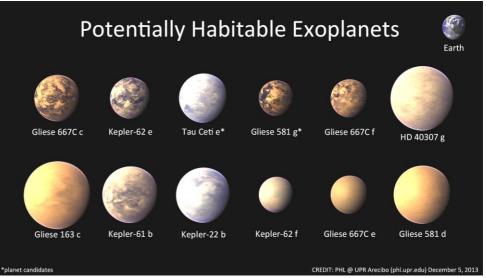
From their much smaller size scientists are sure that they are rocky planets, that is, ones which aren't enveloped in a thick cloud of atmospheric gas, such as we find on Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus or Neptune. And somehow the scientists are also able

know by what distance they orbit their parent stars and from that deduce that any water present on the planet would be liquid form, and thereby provide an essential for the development of life. If the planets had been much closer to their stars the water would exist only as vapour and if it was much further away it would

Interestingly, I think there was more excitement about this announcement of eart-like exoplanets than there was some years ago when the detection of an exoplanet was first announced. This might seem strange, but I think we had become very used to the idea that surely there must be other solar systems in the universe. Science has long told us that our sun is a very average star, and we have also long known how truly vast are the number of stars that exist. So it was no real surprise when it was confirmed that exoplanets actually exist.

The question, of how many such planets are like earth - possible cradles of life - is a more debatable one. And now that we have found them we can wonder what it might be like on its surface, and if it is possibly the home of beings ourselves. Beings who might have trained telescopes on our star and noticing the light from it dim as Earth passes before it and thereby realising they might here be detecting a life-harbouring planet like their own.

Swedenborg had a great deal to say about such beings. In his book "Earths in the Universe," he assured us that there were intelligent beings on all heavenly bodies, including those of our own solar system. Now because he made these statements, many people who would otherwise be



inclined to believe him have dismissed all his ideas across the board. I can see how that is easy enough to do. After all, we have been to the moon, and we have found no one there, we have probes on Mars and can see it only as a lifeless desert, Mercury and Venus are thermal hells, the gas giants have outer levels of dense clouds thousands of kilometres thick under which is supposed to be seas of liquid metal. And as we have just been seeing graphically in recent weeks, the outermost worlds like Pluto are utterly frigid, lifeless looking places.

But I would always caution people to be very careful about rejecting anything that Swedenborg said, no matter how crazy it seems. In my experience it is wise to reserve judgment if you don't understand the truth of something he states, because it has an uncanny knack of sooner or later becoming clear. And often the truth of the matter is so convincingly demonstrated in Swedenborg's favour, that you rather feel left with egg on your face if previously you had been quite dismissive of him, such is the power of his explanations to ultimately fill out your areas of confusion.

We can usefully look at Swedenborg's contributions to the world of science to see how his truths are sometimes not immediately appreciated. Again and again he was ahead of his time in suggesting things. So far ahead in fact that by the time his insight was rediscovered by someone else, it had been forgotten that he had ever suggested it. In recent years I have been amazed by the truly significant firsts he has been able to achieve in so many different fields, many of which somehow I had not been aware of. Coupled with the extraordinarily long

lag times between his discovery, and someone rediscovery, else's really makes me wonder about his status in the natural sciences and whether he seriously should be regarded as having the greatest scientific/technological mind of all time.

But before making an argument for such a case, it is worth pointing out that the confirmation the of existence exoplanets came and went without anyone pointing out that back in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century Swedenbora assured everyone that they did in fact exist. Granted, it was in the context of teachings that were part of his work to enlighten people spiritually and not scientifically, but in his day there was no certainly that our solar system was not the only one in existence. The people then had no idea that the sun wasn't particularly special in

the cosmic scheme of things. In fact, at that time it had not been long since it had been accepted that the earth was not the centre of the known universe. The humbling knowledge that our solar system is microscopically small compared to the scale of the cosmos has become evident only in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

So Swedenborg's talk of exoplanets was probably met initially with a lot of disbelief, like so many of his statements on the nature of things. Back in the 1830s he was the first to propose the nebular hypothesis. This has become the accepted theory on how the solar system came into being. Even though Kant and LaPlace supported the theory before the 18<sup>th</sup> century ended, there were real problems with it until a Soviet scientist came up with solutions in 1977.

That the matter was so recently decided in Swedenborg's favour wasn't something I was aware of until recently. And it was also only in the last couple of years that I found myself looking at a first edition anatomy book by Swedenborg opened where it described the localised functioning of the human brain. This was

part of an extensive exhibition on the history of brain science in the lowest level of Sydney University's Library. The text next to the book stated that while it was generally thought that the understanding regarding different parts of the

brain controlling different bodily functions dates from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, here was proof that Swedenborg had attained that in the early part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

This breakthrough was a huge one for medical and psychological science and I have wondered how I hadn't really been aware of it. But what really blew my mind in recent years was reading the script of a talk given by Michael Stanley, the English solid-state physicist turned New Church (Swedenborgian) minister, describing how Swedenborg outlined high energy nuclear physics 200 years before Einstein.



The revolution in understanding that Einstein ushered in 100 years ago now supplanted the Newtonian world view, which saw material as particles of dense mass that were animated from without by natural forces such as gravity and the like. Einstein was able to make us see that matter is far from being dead inert density, but is in fact energetic in nature the more you look within it. Swedenborg asserted that at its most fundamental level material is essentially dimensionless yet infinitely energetic in nature. But he made it clear that you do not see this until you go down through different levels which are successively less mass-related and more energy-based. Research into nuclear physics over the last few decades has born all this out.

Just this by itself is surely enough to sky rocket Swedenborg into the scientific firmament. It is quite staggering that anybody should have done this. Again it came as a big surprise to me that it had not lodged in my consciousness earlier. His stature is truly colossal. Not only has he discerned the true nature of the smallest, the most fundamental of physical things, he also did the same with the solar system. At that time the biggest discernible structure in the apparent infinity of space was the solar system.

If you are a hard marker, you might demand that if Swedenborg has such extraordinary powers of discernment he would realise that the universe is made up much bigger structures, galaxies. Well, recently I have come to learn once again to my surprise, that he did in fact do that. He did it well before anvone else, well ahead development of the large telescope in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

All this warns us to reserve judgment on the things that Swedenborg asserts. And I think this goes doubly when it comes to spiritual things, because these are not as straightforward as science. When it comes to the existence of beings on other planets and moons, I wonder if there might be physical dimensions that we are not actually aware of. Swedenborg stated that we human beings on this earth are the

most external of all intelligent beings that God creates. Perhaps there are levels of being that are not evident to us through our rather limited physical senses. The mystery of the universe is something we have barely begun to explore. Surely there are more truths in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our philosophies.

# The Spiritual Way of Life

Meek but not weak
Trusting but not gullible
Faithful and fearless
Loving and truthful
Simple but not stupid
Affectionate without lust
Diligent but not restless
Attached yet apart
Love the ultimate cohesive
both within and without

Lillian King 2011

# Swedenborg's words and terms

#### **Most Ancient Church**

This refers to the earliest people, in the Golden Age. Its quality and development is described symbolically in the Garden of Eden story.

They were celestial in nature, perceiving good and being willing to be led by the Lord and by angels. They had open communication with the spiritual world.

#### **Ancient Church**

This is the second spiritual epoch of mankind, the Silver Age.

These people had conscience in place of perception, understood correspondences and had a written form of the Word. The formation of their minds is described in the flood and building of the ark.

#### SPIRITUALITY AND HEALTH

By Geoff Forster

Spiritual medicine is extending, for instance, more than 75% of USA undergraduate medical schools have available courses in spiritual medicine.

In the "Handbook of Religion and Health" by various authors (Oxford University Press) a sample of four thousand 65-year-olds was taken, and asked how many were living six years later. Of those who went to church less than once a week, just over 60% were still living. Whereas of those who went to church one a week or more, almost 80% were still alive.

Another survey of those hospitalized in the previous year, with a sample of 500 people, found that those who went to church once a week or more only had four days in hospital, while those who never went to church (or only a few times) had twelve.

In addition to such factors as fellowship, and discouragement from alcohol and smoking, there is also of course the fact of direct spiritual influence.

Then there is the study of 393 patients in the coronary care unit at San Francisco General Hospital; half were randomly allotted to to a group prayed for by home prayer groups; the other half to a group not remembered in prayer. The study was randomized and double blind, in which neither

patients, nurses nor doctors knew in which group the patients were included. The prayer groups were given the names of the patients, general details, and asked to pray daily but with no specific instructions about how to pray. Each person prayed for different patients, while each patient had 5 and 7 people praying for him or her.

Prayed-for patients were five times less likely than the unremembered to require antibiotics. (3 patients compared to 16). They were three times less likely to develop pulmonary oedema (54 compared to 18). None of the prayed-for group required and tracked intubation, while 12 of the

None of the prayed-for group required endotracheal intubation, while 12 of the other group required special treatment. Fewer patients in the prayer group died, but the difference is not statistically significant.

A group in Oregon, USA, called Spindrift, experimented with effect of prayer on plant growth.

Among its conclusions were:

- The greater the amount of prayer, the greater the effect.
- The more clearly the practitioner of prayer is aware of the subject, the greater the effect of prayer.
- the more experienced the practitioner, compared with an inexperienced one, the better the outcome.

"Non-directed" prayer was more effective than directed prayer. Translated to the human situation: the "thy will be done" approach is better. And the Spindrift researches did not support visualization approaches.

A study at Columbia University on the effect of prayer on in vitro fertilization of transferred embryos was a prospective, randomized, double-blind study. Neither

patients nor care providers were told that a trial was taking place. One group was prayed for over a 4-month period, the other group only standard treatment. Both groups were in South Korea; the prayer groups were in the USA, Canada and Australia.

Indentation rates and pregnancies doubled in the prayed-for group – a

highly significant result.

#### Comment

No doubt the ethics involved in some of these studies may raise eyebrows; however, arguably the studies have been done, so let us benefit from them!

Prayer experiments on plants may seem odd, but the Spindrift experiments were certainly rigorous .

There is more to prayer than seeking specific results or making requests; communion with God is more central. But prayer requests or their equivalent warrant attention.

#### Acknowledgement

I am indebted to medical authors Peter Fenwick (UK) and Larry Dossey (USA) as sources for the above material.

## Swedenborg's Goods and Truths

By Julian Duckworth

When you pick up one of Swedenborg's spiritual volumes and dip into it – or begin reading it from the start – you are extremely likely to meet the two words 'truth' and 'good', and meet them again

and again, so frequently that as one young lady said, "Swedenborg! It is all goods and truths!"

That is actually not true as such, because Swedenborg covers a very wide ground of diverse spiritual teaching, such as the make-up of the spiritual world and the correspondence of the Bible to name only two specific ones. But yes, this is certainly an impression you can quickly get, which, for some people, gives his writing a feeling of repetitiveness and at times, even dullness.

I would say that this use of 'truths and goods' which underpins Swedenborg is the way that he keeps bringing everything back to ourselves. If you get rapt with correspondences and your mind is full of them, he says that they each give you a truth which you are then to turn towards good in your life. If you wonder how we can possibly recognise each other in the spiritual world, he says that we can know each other because we will see each other's truth which is being lived out in good useful ways.

I am a church minister, sermonising and giving pastoral care. Swedenborg says that ministers are to teach people the truths of faith which lead to the good of life. It starts to look like Swedenborg, far from being repetitive, is endlessly pointing out the fact that our spiritual life has to be seeing, realising, understanding, working with, intending doing and living what we know. Perhaps our trouble is that we want excitement in our spiritual discoveries and to be told that it is ultimately all about the kind of person we are becoming is not only unexciting but we are likely to resist it because it asks us

to look at ourselves and do something about it. This is not a popular theme.

So, keep going with your reading of Swedenborg and notice what he is doing as he goes into the various areas of reality and brings each one back to this personal dynamic of what he terms 'the truths of good' and the 'goods of truth' and 'the marriage of good and truth'. It is spiritual food for your life.

# Correspondences

#### SHEEP



Sheep are harmless and gentle, they don't quarrel among themselves and like to flock together. They will willingly follow a shepherd who cares for them. They eat grass and are useful to us providing wool, milk and meat. So their correspondence is mostly a good one.

In the Bible the Lord talks about our relationship with him as that of sheep to a shepherd.

So we can have these corresponding gentle feelings within us, wanting to be led by the Lord, gentle and kind in our dealings with others, wanting to be useful and with an innocence about life.

But it says "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned, every one to his own way." Isaiah 53:6

If we are being sheep-like we will not survive if we try to lead a good gentle life on our own, we need to be willing to be led by the Lord, our Good Shepherd.

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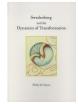
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#### The Lord by Emanuel Swedenborg

2014, 120 pages, paperback

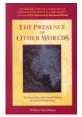
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In his short work *The Lord*, Swedenborg presents an answer to the time-honored question of how Jesus and God are related: he argues that they became in every way one and the same. Its old title is *The Doctrine of the Lord* & is often published together with three other short works—Life, Faith, and Sacred Scripture—under the title *The Four Doctrines*.



**Swedenborg and the dynamics of transformation** by **Dr Philip W Groves**Release date: 2010, 63 pages, paperback RRP \$15.00

A collection of 5 essays looking at different aspects of Swedenborg's Writings. The titles are Swedenborg's Life: A Dynamic Life; Spiritual and Material Connections; The Sources and Nature of Spiritual Teaching; Conditions for Spiritual Growth and *De Verbo* revisited.



#### The Presence of other worlds by Dr Wilson van Dusen

Release date: 2004, 256 page, paperback

**RRP \$20.00** 

The book presents the psychological and spiritual findings of Emanuel Swedenborg. It has inspired thousands to look more closely into Swedenborg's works and to consider the implications of living a useful and thoughtfully directed life. The chapter 'The presence of spirits in madness' confirms Swedenborg's findings that a person's life involves an interaction with a hierarchy of spirits. An amazing insight.

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- <u>Sydney region:</u> 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 <u>Michael Chester</u>.

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**Brisbane**: New Church Hall, 21 Agars Street, Rosalie.

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Last Fridays commencing 8pm.

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct **What has Christianity done to Jesus?** by Rev. Lorraine Parkinson

**Sydney**: Swedenborg Centre, 1 Avon Road, North Ryde. Commencing 7:45 pm.

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept **The law of Affinity** by Julian Duckworth Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct **Correspondences** by Wayne Kasmar

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