



# ***SOUL FOOD***

*June 2006*

*"Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war....*

*He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.... And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (Revelation 19:11-13, 16).*

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***The White Horse***

*By Rev. David R. Simons*

*Can you picture in your mind a prancing white stallion whose coat glistens in the sunlight? Can you see him carrying on his back the most important rider in the universe?*

*Perhaps you have already guessed that the beautiful white horse with his powerful rider is not the kind of horse and rider that we would see in the natural world. So you have come to the conclusion that something else, some other kind of horse is meant in the passage from Revelation. This is the horse and rider that John saw on the Isle of Patmos when his spiritual eyes were opened to see into the spiritual world. If you were in the spiritual world, and your spiritual eyes were opened to the light of heaven, you, too, might see this horse and know exactly what you were seeing. For, we are told, a white horse means the Spiritual Sense of the Word, which glistens in the light of the Spiritual Sun. The Rider is the Lord Himself, whose name is KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

*What if I said that we really cannot celebrate New Church Day—the Nineteenth of June—unless we see this white horse and learn to know who the majestic rider is, and what He calls Himself?*

*Here on earth you can see this special horse in a book of the Heavenly Doctrine called *The White Horse*. If I were to show you this book you might say, "But that's a book and not a horse. How can anyone ride a book?" You would be right; it is a book and not a natural animal. However, if you saw it spiritually, you would see it as a beautiful white horse.*

*Did you ever consider that the things a book can do for our minds a horse can do for us in the physical world? Think about this and you will understand why John saw a white horse, and why a book which tells us about the Spiritual Sense of the Word is called *The White Horse*.*

*As a horse is spirited, lively, and beautiful, so a book can inspire us to stimulating thoughts and beautiful feelings or loves.*

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*As a horse carries his rider swiftly from one place to another, so a book can carry us to new ideas.*

*Once men used to fight from horseback, and books—especially those given to us by the Lord—provide us with truths from which to fight what is evil and false.*

*A horse can jump over obstacles and hurdles. And so the truth carries us over walls or bars, over false ideas that would stop our spiritual progress.*

*A horse can carry us great distances, just as a book revealed by the Lord can carry us all the way to heaven. And, what's more, when we study this book, when we learn to think from it and live from it, then the Lord can ride into our minds to be for us the KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

*If we think about what horses do for us and what they mean spiritually we can understand why Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger—a feeding place for horses.*

*In ancient times the kings of Judah rode triumphantly into the capital city on an ass or donkey—a close relative of the horse. So Jesus entered Jerusalem as a king riding on a colt, the foal of an ass. At His Second Coming the Lord chose to come riding on a white horse, on the Spiritual Sense of the Word.*

*And He presented Himself, His precious truth, in a book called *The White Horse*. This is so that all people who read, study, and think about Him from His revelation will come to see, with greater and greater clarity, that "The Lord God Jesus Christ Reigns, and of His kingdom there shall be no end."*

*This is chapter 10 from the book "**Take a Deep Breath**" an illustrated book for young adults dealing with a variety of religious topics. It is available from the General Church Office of Education.*

***On the Lord's Prayer***  
***. By Rt Rev Peter Buss.***

*The Lord's Prayer as it is found in Matthew is the correct one. The reason is that the Word was inspired by the Lord and He caused the correct prayer to be written. What is in Matthew specifically, and in Luke also (slightly different wording) is what the Lord wants us to use.*

*We are told in the Writings that the Lord Himself caused the apostles to write what they wrote. He caused them to write in Greek, in a classical language which is now extinct, so therefore the meaning would remain clear through the ages, just as the latin of Swedenborg will always be frozen in time.*

*It is the Lord who is our Father, and He appeared to us in male form. The Writings explain why.*

*The Writings are clear that the Prayer, as it is now found, is the right version. There were some ancient manuscripts in which the last part in Matthew - "for Thine is the Kingdom....." is omitted.*

*Some have said that it wasn't in the original gospel of Matthew. Others have pointed out that we have no extant versions of the Gospel from that time - the earliest come from the 3rd and fourth centuries, and it was not uncommon for the corrupted ones to be kept and the best ones to be used until they fell apart or were burned.*

*What I know, however, is that the Writings give the entire Lord's Prayer in the Writings themselves. So we may be perfectly happy to use it.*

*The Lord Jesus Christ, in His Divine Human is our visible God.*

Doctrinal Studies

*We have carried on with the True Christian Religion Course from Ghana which was started last year.*

*See website [www.theheavenlydoctrines.org](http://www.theheavenlydoctrines.org) for the book if you do not have a physical copy*

1. True Christian Religion 463-570.

*We are still studying 463 to 570 (see March Issue for the questions)*

2. Heaven and Hell Class by Mike Gladish

*mgladish@shaw.ca*

*The alternate Thursday evenings are for the study of Heaven and Hell which is being run by Mike Gladish over the internet to a world wide "audience".*

*Feel free to email him for any questions or comments. Or look up*

*[www.theheavenlydoctrines.org](http://www.theheavenlydoctrines.org) for the book*

*<http://mdg-hh.blogspot.com/> for comments or*

*<http://newchurchuniversity.org/hh1.htm>*

**News**

*Plans are afoot for the visit of Rev Frank Rose later in the year!*

*June 19<sup>th</sup> Banquet follows **an early worship at 4pm on 18<sup>th</sup> June** at 10 Broome street. Please phone Moira for menu details of what to bring. 9332 5140*

**Bad Attitudes: Self reflection-examination**

*(adapted from a Christian website Satan's Bad attitudes)*

***Evil Spirits will be pleased for the following victories.....***  
*when people*

*are too tired, too busy too distracted to spend an hour once a week  
to worship the Lord.....*

*wait to be asked and expect to be thanked.....*

*are easily annoyed.....*

*are troublemakers.....*

*are complainers.....*

*gossip.....*

*are easily offended.....*

*profess to love God, but hate others.....*

*read this and think it is about other people and not  
themselves.....*

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Class</u>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>5pm</b> FIRST SUNDAY 10 Broome street	
Thurs 8th		TCR 7.30pm Bullcreek
Sunday 11th	10.30am 10 Broome street	
Thurs 15th		7.30pm Heaven and Hell Lathlain
Sun 18th	<b><u>4pm followed by Banquet</u></b> 10 Broome street	
Thursday 22nd		7.30pm TCR Bullcreek
Sun 2th	10.30am 10 Broome street	

*Sunday School every Sunday during Worship. It is great if you can let Mary know whether to expect you or not for preparation purposes. 9310 9402*

*Worship Services are held weekly at 10 Broome Street, South Perth (off Douglas Street) at 10.30am except the first Sunday of the month when it is held at 5pm.*

*You are invited to join in a shared meal afterwards if you wish.*

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Classes and systematic study

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