

# *SOUL FOOD*

*May 2006*

*Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and **forgive**, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men. 1 Kings 8:39*

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*"Peace has in it confidence in the Lord, that He directs all things, and provides all things, and that He leads to a good end." Arcana Coelestia 8455, Emanuel Swedenborg*

*"The Word of the Old Testament contains heavenly secrets, with every single detail focusing on the Lord, His heaven, the Church, faith, and what belongs to faith; but no human being grasps this from the letter." Arcana Coelestia 1, Emanuel Swedenborg*

*When Jesus walked on earth, many people did not believe that he was God himself. Even his followers were confronted with doubt when he apparently died on the cross. The same experience can be true when we read the Bible. People have a sense that the Bible is sacred, and are faced with doubt when it seems to be dead and irrelevant to their life. Just as Jesus 'rose again' the Bible can rise again with new meaning when read in a new light.*

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*At the New Church we believe a new understanding of the Bible has been revealed to unlock the many mysteries within.*

*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*

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*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>*

*Lesson 2: HH #41-86, with AC extracts*

*We are currently at this stage of the class. Next class on May 4th*

*Refer to the March Issue for the rest of the lessons and questions.*

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*56. In this passage we see the importance of variety in the heavens, and why it is such a good and useful thing. Combined with #71, coming up shortly, it helps us see the importance of an ever increasing population in heaven, where everyone makes a unique and valuable contribution. Note, in the church sometimes a rather big deal has been made of the difference between variety (which is seen as good) and diversity (which is seen as bad), but here and esp. in HH #405 no distinction is made.*

*If you have read ahead then here is a sample from the blogspot of an answer by Mike Gladish.*

*159. Notice the usual pattern here: first the reasons, the rationale (above), and now the testimony of first-hand experience. What's all this "change" about? Or as the Gospel says, "to what shall we liken it?" Answer: – morning, noon, evening and twilight on the earth.*

*But remember, like the natural sun, the Lord as a spiritual sun does not change, He only appears to change because of the varying states of those observing. And note the idea of progressive changes, affecting "one society after another" almost as if the earth were turning, so that the sun dawns on one location after another. Yet "these alternations are not fixed, but come upon them sooner or later without their knowledge." Amazing!*

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## **News**

Return of Frosts *How good it is to have the Frosts back here with us. Welcome back dear friends and settle in again.*

Easter worship. *We enjoyed the very thoughtful and powerful Good Friday worship. Easter Sunday was a happy occasion with a cheerful shared meal afterwards.*

Harts visit to the South *Val and Richard enjoyed a visit to see Ros and Jack over Easter.*

New Grandchild *Congratulations to Bernice on her latest little arrival of a grandson!*

Visit of Ros Taylor *We enjoyed meeting Ros Taylor and her son Jonathan who visited with Val Hart. The first few days were rainy but we enjoyed a glorious sunny day on Thursday when we all picnicked at Kings Park. Ros shared with us many of her ideas gleaned from her personal studies and both she and Jon enjoyed their visit to Perth.*

*Alex Benjko found our group through the internet and is now studying Hebrew and Greek, to form the basis of further religious studies through the Academy of the New Church. We enjoy his lay leadership and the inspiration we get from him in his new found faith and marvel at the Lord's Divine Providence in leading him to a spiritual home within the church.*

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Date	Worship	Leader	Class
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>10.30am</b>	Alex	
Thursday 4th	7.30pm		Heaven and Hell Lathlain
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5pm</b> FIRST SUNDAY	J.Dwyer	
Thurs 11th	7.30pm		TCR Bullcreek
Sunday 14th	10.30am Mother's Day	John F	
Thurs 18th	7.30pm		Heaven and Hell Lathlain
Sun 21st	10.30am	Tony	
Thursday 25th	7.30pm		TCR Bullcreek
Sun 28th	10.30am	Alex	

*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.*

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

*Classes and systematic study*

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