



SOUL FOOD

October 2008

***Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who shall stand in His holy place?
He that hath clean hands, and a pure
heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto
vanity nor sworn deceitfully. Ps 24 3,4.***

About the New Church

INFLUENCE ON THE GREAT MINDS IN HISTORY

Emanuel Swedenborg's theological writings have had a tremendous influence on many great people.

Calvin Coolidge, American President

"I desire to express my deep interest in the work and life of this advanced scientist and thinker Swedenborg, who was a pioneer two hundred years ago in much of the progress and advancement in mechanical, biological and medical science of the present day, and whose great learning and deep understanding of the mysteries of life was supplemented by the strong religious faith which has had devout followers many generations after the founder's death."

Helen Keller, Author

I acknowledge my profound indebtedness to Emanuel Swedenborg for a richer interpretation of the Bible, a deeper understanding of Christianity, and a precious sense of the divine presence in the world. "His message has meant so much to me. It has given color and reality and unity to my thought of the life to come; it has exalted my ideas of love, truth and usefulness; it has been my strongest incitement to overcome limitations. Swedenborg's [Divine Love and Wisdom](#) is a fountain of life I am always happy to be near."

Dr. Carl Gustav Jung, Psychologist

"I admire Swedenborg as a great scientist and a great mystic at the same time. His life and work has always been of great interest to me and I read about seven fat volumes of his writings when I was a medical student."

Henry James Sr., Author

"Emanuel Swedenborg had the sanest and most far-reaching intellect this age has ever known."

William Butler Yeats, Poet

"It was indeed Swedenborg who affirmed for the modern world, as against the abstract reasoning of the learned, the doctrine and practice of the desolate places, of shepherds and midwives, and discovered a world of spirits where there was a scenery like that of the earth, human forms, grotesque or beautiful, senses that knew pleasure and pain, marriage and war, all that could be painted upon canvas or put into stories."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Author

"The great Swedish seer Emanuel Swedenborg has some claim to be the father of Aurora New Church October 2008 10 Broome St. South Perth. www.newchurch.org

our new knowledge of supernal matters. When the first rays of the rising sun of spiritual knowledge fell upon the earth they illuminated the greatest and highest human mind before they shed their light on lesser men. That mountain peak of mentality was this great religious reformer and clairvoyant medium..."

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Poet

"Of the too limited time which my ill-health and the exigencies of the today leave in my power, I have given the larger portion to the works of Swedenborg. I remember nothing in Lord Bacon superior, few passages equal, either in depth of thought, or in richness, dignity and felicity of diction, or in the weightiness of the truths contained in these articles. I can venture to assert that as a moralist Swedenborg is above all praise; and that as a naturalist, psychologist and theologian, he has strong and varied claims on the gratitude and admiration of the professional and philosophical world."

Jorge Luis Borges, Author

"Of another famous Scandinavian, Charles XII, Voltaire was able to write that he was the most extraordinary person on earth. The superlative mode is an imprudence in that it implies less conviction than mere polemic; but I would apply Voltaire's characterization, not to Charles XII but to that most mysterious of his subjects, Emanuel Swedenborg."

Honoré de Balzac (1799-1850), Author

"Do you know, I have come back to Swedenborg after vast studies of all religions, and after reading all the works published within the last sixty years? Swedenborg undoubtedly epitomizes all the religions - or rather the one religion - of humanity."

"Men no less distinguished by their learning than by their worldly rank have publicly adopted Swedenborg's beliefs, which are indeed more consolatory than those of any other Christian communion."

"Swedenborg's creed is the only acceptable one to superior souls."

Elizabeth Barret Browning, Poet

"To my mind the only light that has been cast on the other life is found in Swedenborg's philosophy. It explains much that was incomprehensible."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, Poet (1803-1882)

"The most remarkable step in the religious history of recent ages is that made by the genius of Swedenborg."

"One of the mastodons of literature, he is not to be measured by whole colleges of ordinary scholars. His stalwart presence would flutter the gowns of a university. Our books are false by being fragmentary...but Swedenborg is systematic and respective of the world in every sentence. All the means are orderly given; his faculties work with astronomic punctuality, and this admirable writing is pure from all pertness or egotism.

"His writings would be a sufficient library to a lonely and athletic student; and the [Economy Of The Animal Kingdom](#) is one of those books which, by the sustained dignity of thinking, is an honor to the human race."

Thomas Carlyle, Clergyman

"Swedenborg was a man of great and indisputable cultivation, strong mathematical intellect, and the most pious, seraphic turn of mind; a man beautiful, lovable and tragical to me. More truths are confessed in his writings than in those of any other man. One of the loftiest minds in the realm of mind. One of the spiritual suns that will shine brighter as the years go on."

Walter M. Horton, Professor of Philosophy of Christianity (Oberlin College)

"In the age of 'one-eyed' reason, as it has been called, Swedenborg was among the very few who kept both eyes open, the eye of the soul and the eye of the senses. By sheer devotion to scientific research he discovered the limitations of science two centuries before Einstein and Eddington; but unlike many prophets of the soul, he never disparaged reason in the name of faith, or nature in the name of grace. For him, the material and spiritual universes were joined together by multiple correspondences, and an unbroken chain of discrete degrees."

Hiram Powers, American Sculptor

"Swedenborg is my author. All other writers (in comparison) seem moving in the dark with tapers in hand, groping their way, while he moves in the broad daylight of the sun."

News

Residency Congratulations to Dwyers who have now finally after a long long wait obtained their permanent residency here in Perth. How wonderful for you to at last feel settled!

Recovery We are very happy for **Lyall** who is on the road to recovery after his nasty accident and to **Vanessa** daughter of **Cynthia** who had an emergency operation at Fremantle during this last month.

Aurora New Church October 2008 10 Broome St. South Perth. www.newchurch.org

Also glad to hear that **Val** who has undergone eye surgery last week is on the mend and still plays the organ in spite of it all. **Lorna Caine** is on the mend after similar eye surgery.

Memorial Service A lovely service was held by **Rev Bruce Jarvis** visiting from England for **Mary Booth**, his late mother in law, and dear friend of us all, who passed recently into the spiritual world. Combined congregations enjoyed a shared meal after the service at Petros in Albany Highway.

Relocation. **Alex** has a new address in North Perth and **Bernice** is moving North this week to a unit in Floreat.

Ray continues with chemo therapy and now also radiation therapy. It is not an easy route to take☹

Heaven and Hell Classes continue to be a success being held on alternate Friday mornings at Val's. (see Calandar)

Visit of Rev Henry Kalo from South Africa

Sunday 19th October 4.30pm

There will be no church at Broome street see calendar: go to Vic Park Venue.

We are all invited to join the New Church in Australia at the Friendlies Society Hall, Rathay St, Vic Park, for a service by **Rev Henry Kalo**, the President of the Conference New Church in Southern Africa.

Please bring a plate for a shared meal afterwards.

Tuesday 21st October 7.30pm - presentation by Rev Kalo at home of Ros and David Walker - please RSVP 93423595 if going.

October Calendar

<i>Saturday 4th</i>		3.30pm - management meeting at 8A Rankin Way (all welcome)
<i>Sunday 5th</i>		5pm worship followed by shared meal
<i>Friday 10th</i>	10.30am - Heaven and Hell class at Val's	
<i>Sunday 12th</i>	10.30am Worship followed by shared meal	
<i>Sunday 19th</i>	10.30am Worship followed by shared meal	
<i>Friday 24th October</i>	10.30am - Heaven and Hell class at Val's	
<i>Sunday 26th October</i>	10.30am Worship followed by shared meal	
<i>Sunday 2nd November</i>		5pm worship followed by shared meal

Worship Services are held weekly at 10 Broome Street, South Perth (off Douglas Street) See calendar for times. You are invited to join in a shared meal afterwards if you wish.



10 Broome Street, South Perth (off Douglas Street)

www.newchurch.org

<http://www.newchurch.org/locations/asiaPacific/australia>

Based on the Holy Bible, The New Church gains further inspiration and understanding through the Revelation of 18th century scientist and theologian [Emanuel Swedenborg](#). In his 35 volumes of theology, Swedenborg helps set forth the Lord's plan for a rebirth of Christianity, a clear vision of God in His own Word, and what that means in our lives.

*For ordering books see www.swedenborg.com.au
Or phone Alex 0428517813*

*We sponsor "**The Loving Arms Mission**" in Nepal, a home for orphaned children. Donations gladly accepted.*

Lay Leader In Perth :

John Frost tel (08)93159850

C/o 57 Boronia St. Innaloo, 6018