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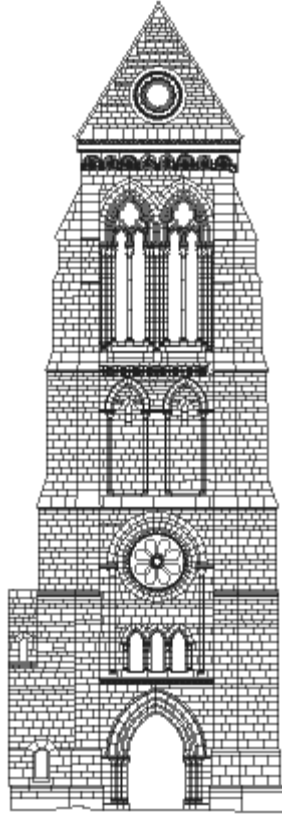
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TCR 43. (5) It is the essence of Love to love others outside of oneself, to desire to be one with them, and to render them blessed from oneself. The essence of God consists of two things, love and wisdom; while the essence of His love consists of three things, namely, to love others outside of Himself, to desire to be one with them, and from Himself to render them blessed. And because love and wisdom in God make one, as has been shown above, the same three things constitute the essence of His wisdom; and love desires these three things, and wisdom brings them forth.

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'The Art of Spiritual Warfare "

is written by Grant Schnarr, and can be ordered via the Stone Soup website.

The Mind as the Two Kingdoms.

As represented by Rev Burnham and taken from the website of Leon James Swedenborg Glossary.

THE whole spiritual or internal mind is here presented in two degrees, the celestial and the spiritual. When by regeneration these two degrees are opened in man and stored with good and truth from the LORD, they answer to the two kingdoms, celestial and spiritual, into which the whole heaven is divided. When the degrees of the spiritual mind are so opened and stored, then also the two degrees of the natural mind are cleansed of evil and falsity and replenished with good and truth of a lower degree, and form an orderly and correspondent base for the two kingdoms of the internal mind.

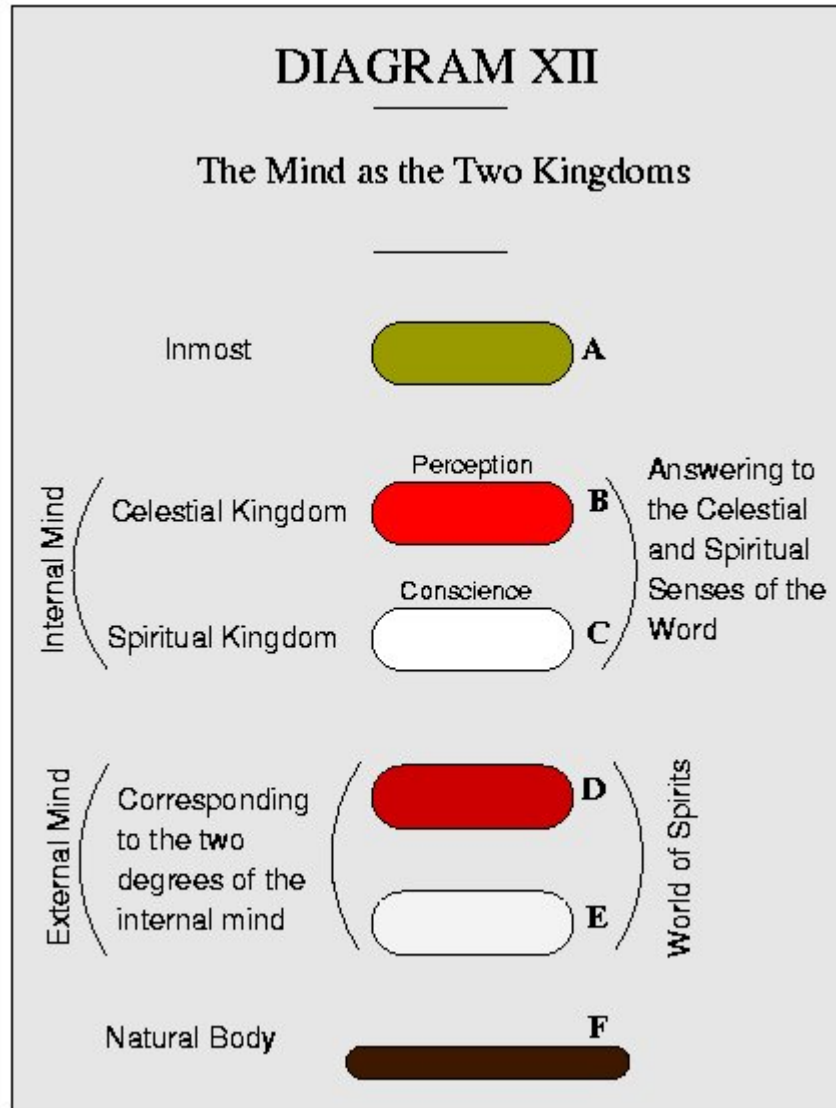
Every regenerate man is in one kingdom or the other according to his state of regeneration.

In the internal mind reside love to the LORD and love to the neighbor, and these heavenly loves ought to rule and qualify the loves of self and of the world located in the external mind. With the regenerate they do rule and impart a good and true quality to these natural loves.

But if the natural loves rebel and throw off the dominion of the higher, as with the wicked, they become evil, pervert the external mind, and close up the internal. This state of the external is called hell.

DIAGRAM XII

The Mind as the Two Kingdoms



This diagram presents also a view of the two kingdoms of hell opposite to the two kingdoms of heaven. The satanic kingdom lies in the plane **D**, the diabolic in **E**. (**Read D.L.W. 273**, and recur to the diagram; **T.C.R. 281 end**; **A.E. 740.**)

In Last Judgment n. 14, the lowest hell (in the degree **E** and called the hell of devils,) is said to be behind, because that which is lowest in the order from above down, and outmost from within out, is *behind* in the order from front back.

The satans mentioned in **Apocalypse Revealed n. 97, 550 and 841** are in the degree **D**, the devils in **E**.

There is no discrepancy between the statement in one passage that devil is evil and thence falsity, and in another that devil is the love of self and of dominion thence. In one passage satan means falsity or the love of falsity and the evil thence, in another it means the love of the world, and thence the love of possessing the goods of others, in still another pride of intellect and of self-derived intelligence. A similar variety of statements occurs in regard to *heavenly* principles. It is said that the celestial principle or kingdom in heaven is love of good and thence of truth, and is love to the LORD and thence love to the neighbor; and that the spiritual kingdom is truth and thence good, or love of the neighbor and thence of the LORD. The good of the spiritual kingdom is intellectual good because the good there is from truth reduced to practice, thus truth which is intellectual is the essence of that good. Concerning the spiritual kingdom we read, - "The angels of the second heaven are in spiritual love. Spiritual love is the love of truth, and in the supreme sense the love of Divine Truth which proceeds from the LORD, thus also love to the LORD but in an inferior degree to that in which are the celestial angels, for the celestials are in love to the LORD from the reception of Divine Good from Him; whereas the spiritual angels are in love to the LORD from the reception of Divine Truth from Him; the difference is as between love in the will and love in the understanding, or, as between flame and its light."- *A.E.* 831

The meaning in this passage is not that the spirituals have not will but that their will of good is formed by truth and is therefore

intellectual. Inversely among the *satans* evil is the evil of falsity and is therefore intellectual, and inheres in the love of the world as a final end. Evil arising primarily in the will is voluntary and is the evil inhering in love of self as a final end; this is the ruling love among the devils.

This diagram illustrates *True Christian Religion* n. 234, 235 and 236 and like passages throughout the Writings in which the angels are considered in two kingdoms and men in the natural degree below. The celestial angels are in **B**, the spiritual in **C**. In **B** is the celestial sense of the Word; the spiritual sense in **C**. The natural sense is in **D, E, F**, which together constitute the natural kingdom mentioned in n. 236. The higher celestial part of the natural sense is in **D** and the higher spiritual part in **E**; the merely literal sense, including the lowest spiritual and celestial element, is in **F** and answers to the life of the natural body.

The celestial degree and kingdom of the internal mind, is the primal abode of celestial perception, the spiritual degree that of conscience.

Perception and conscience flow thence into the natural mind, gifting it with natural perception which is celestial, and natural conscience which is spiritual

READING GROUP

Our bi-weekly reading groups are at present studying TCR and the above diagrams and descriptions are very relevant and informative.

Website:

<http://www.soc.hawaii.edu/leonj/leonj/leonpsy/instructor/gloss/abbrev.html>

ASSEMBLY 2005

Bryn Athyn congregation, I want to warmly invite you to participate in the **General Church Assembly, June 5-8, 2005, in Bryn Athyn, PA**. The General Church has a new Executive Bishop in Tom Kline, and will have a new Assistant Bishop in Brian Keith as well, pending his confirmation this summer. It will be an exciting event, a new beginning for our church.

The theme of this assembly is *"Renewing Our Purpose,"* celebrating the mission and purpose of our church organization. Our aim is to re-inspire one another, so that we each may feel connected, as crucial, useful participants in making the vision of the New Church a reality in our lives.

Rev. Jeremy Simons

We are inviting you to apply to lead a workshop for this Assembly. [Click here](#) for an application that explains the criteria we will be looking for as we choose approximately 20 workshops (90 minutes each). Our vision of the workshops is that they enrich and inspire the participants as an important part of this Assembly. We encourage you to share a topic with us that you have experience with and feel passionate about.

If you would like to apply to lead a workshop for the Assembly, please return the application **by September 1st**. Feel free to call and leave a message on the Assembly 2005 voicemail (267.502.2696), or email Assembly2005@Newchurch.org (subject: Assembly 2005) if you have any questions.

This assembly will also have programs for teens and children. We are looking for people interested in helping with these programs. If you are interested in this area, contact us by [email](#) or by phone (267

Via Email

The Paradoxical Commandments

The Paradoxical Commandments demonstrate that to be free from a difficult or painful past, we must first acknowledge it. Each commandment acknowledges the harsh realities of life. But the do it anyway response creates liberation and renewal. We don't have to be imprisoned by our past, nor do we have to forget the pain. But when we choose a higher path, no matter what the world does to us, we can heal and create a re-birthing that can change ourselves and our world in the process.

by Kent Keith

- 1. People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred. Love them anyway.**
- 2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Do good anyway.**
- 3. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.**
- 4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.**
- 5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.**
- 6. The biggest person with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest person with the smallest mind. Think big anyway.**
- 7. People favour underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway.**
- 8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.**
- 9. People really need help but may attack if you help them. Help people anyway.**

*10. Give the world the best you have and you might get kicked in the teeth.
Give the world the best you've got anyway.*

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NEWS

Cynthia Macpherson is writing a book recounting all the colourful events of her life in South Africa.

Rt Rev P.M.Buss will be visiting Cape Town in the near future and will be visiting her two sons Stuart and Alistair.

Fund Raising Some casual fund raising has begun in an informal way. People who have any produce or nicks nacks have been raffling them off or creating a little extra cash for the church.

Lunch times Those who stay for the shared meals after morning church have delighted in sunny outdoor affairs under the shade and on the green lawns just outside the church. The very convenient door on the lawn has offered this delightful opportunity!.....and offers a lot for future use in Sunday school, tableaux, outdoor carols etc.

Congratulations to Tony Phan for his recent speech given in Melbourne after which he received 4 job offers.....one to the Mayo Clinic in USA!

Congratulations to Verity Smuts for the completion of her Bowen and homeopathic qualifications.

Congratulations to Jason Smuts on the purchase of plot of land! The choice of a plan for a house is now in the offing.

Retreat The Moore River Retreat is now well under way with deposits paid and the house booked. Many thanks to Moira and John for the action. We look forward to meeting up again with our far flung friends Norm and Lois Burney!

So book the dates in your diary8th and 9th October!

September Calendar 2004

Thursday 2nd	Doctrinal Class 7.30pm	Harts home Floreat
Sun 5th	Worship 5pm followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street <u>upstairs</u> South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Sun 12th	Worship 10.30am followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street <u>upstairs</u> South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Thurs 16th	Doctrinal Class 7.30pm	Frost's Home Willetton
Sun 19th	Worship 10.30am followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street <u>upstairs</u> South Perth (off Douglas St.)
Sun 26th	Worship 10.30am followed by a shared meal	10 Broome Street <u>upstairs</u> (off Douglas St.) South Perth
Thurs 30th	Doctrinal Class 7.30pm	Hart's Home Floreat
Sunday 3 rd October	Worship 5pm followed by a shared	10 Broome Street <u>upstairs</u> (off Douglas

	meal	St.) South Perth
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10 Broome Street, South Perth

(off Douglas Street)

Worship at 10.30am every Sunday

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Reach new satisfying states of peaceful tranquillity and calm through inner faith and deep conviction in God's Divine plan for us.

Enjoy happiness and joy by living principles of charity and use in your everyday life as taught us by the Lord God Jesus Christ.

Reach out to others with love and understanding.

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