

***SOUL FOOD***  
*August and September 2016*



***This is the day which the LORD has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***  
***Psalm 118:24***

# GRATITUDE

***"The Lord therefore desires a humble attitude in us on our behalf, because when we have that attitude, the Lord can flow in with heavenly good. The same applies to worship and gratitude."*—Secrets of Heaven 5957**

*About offTheLeftEye Curtis Childs*



*When we wake up in heaven, Swedenborg tells us, angels roll a covering from off of our left eye so that we can see everything in a spiritual light. The offTheLeftEye YouTube channel uses an array of educational and entertaining video formats to help others look at life and death through an uplifting spiritual lens.*

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***Gratitude is a perpetual Thanksgiving.*** So why does something so useful feel like it requires a national holiday to make us stop and give thanks for all that we have? ***There are documented physical and spiritual benefits*** from practicing gratitude on a daily basis, but it's not something many of us do.

***"Give thanks for a little and you will receive a lot."—  
Nigerian Proverb***

## ***Receiving Gifts***

***"Nothing can arise from God the Creator that is not useful."—  
Divine Love and Wisdom 327***

*This doesn't mean that everything in life is ideal and pleasant, but it does mean that everything in life has a purpose with the potential for good. A short animation at minute 4:40 explains **how the mind, body, and spirit work together to receive and act on gifts from God.***

*It can be hard to see every aspect of life as a gift, especially when we're experience pain or grief. Even money and wealth can feel like a burden and hardship to some, which Curtis elaborates on at minute 10:23.*

***"The Lord grants all these gifts [on earth] upon our acknowledgment that everything physical also comes from the Lord and that we are simply like servants or steward given responsibility for the Lord's goods."—Divine Love and Wisdom 333***

***It allows us to see that everything we receive (good and bad) is temporarily given to us for the limited time we are here to do what we will with it. It's up to us to ensure **the good (like money) is preserved for good (not greed) and the negative (like sadness) is used for compassion (not frustration).*****



## ***Why Does God Want Our Gratitude?***

***"When you drink from a stream, remember the spring."—Chinese Proverb***

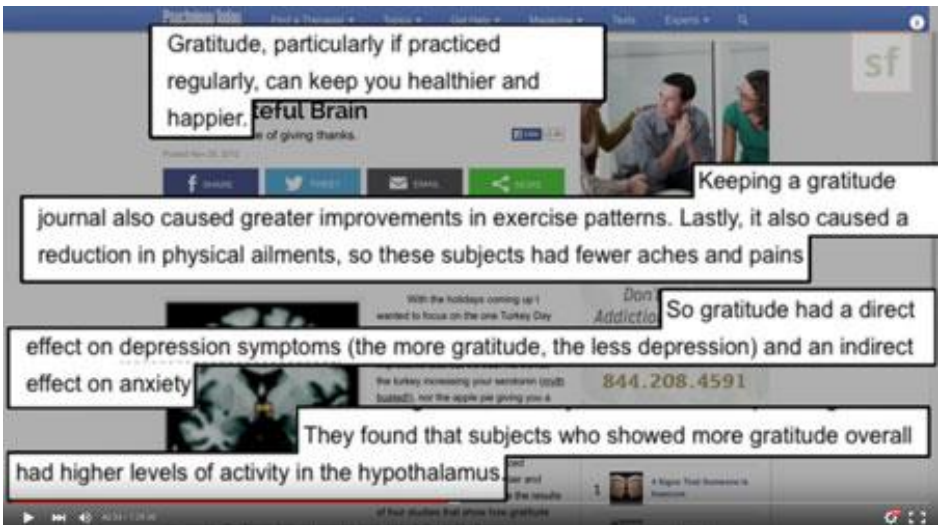
*God wants our gratitude not because it's good for God, but because it's good for us! **Gratitude creates humility in us, and humility allows us to have positive, loving, fulfilling encounters and relationships with others.***

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***"The richest man, whatever his lot, is the one who's content with whatever he's got."***

*Modern psychology gives us some important information about the benefits of gratitude. To elaborate, Dr. Soni Werner of Bryn Athyn College explains the phenomenon called "positive psychology" and provides specific examples of psychological benefits of gratitude.*



***"Charity holds within it the presence of the Lord..."—Secrets of Heaven 1096***



### ***June 19<sup>th</sup> Celebration***

*We used **Michael Gladish 's Review** of the whole book of Revelation and a projector to view the images described to contemplate the wonders of the New Revelation.*

***Deb instructed the children*** very simply on the correspondence of a sword, and how Michael and his angels had fought the great Red Dragon!

*So after a presentation of gifts to the children by Deb, we all went outside to watch the children line up and take turns in "fighting " the "**Red dragon Pinnato** " that Anni had made☺ (see below) Thank you Anni☺*





***Presentation of gifts by Deb: Note Michael's sword waiting on the altar to be used to fight the dragon. (see below)***



***Morning tea for July **birthdays** at the Boatshed. (see above)***

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Aurora Circle General Church of the New Jerusalem

## **News**

**A morning tea** for all the **July Birthdays** was held at the Boatshed on 24th July. It was well attended and we were delighted that Val was able to join us. Moira is recuperating nicely.

Our first **Sacred Circle** was held on 17<sup>th</sup> July and was well received. We used the "**The sign of the Prophet Jonah**" CDs by Rev Ray Silverman, which study **the miracles of the Lord**.

**Mary** will be away overseas from 18 August till 28 September visiting her siblings in USA and South Africa.

**Birthdays in August:** Verity 18<sup>th</sup>, Leon 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Birthdays in September:** Shaun 6<sup>th</sup>, Lois 11<sup>th</sup>,

Norm 29<sup>th</sup>, Michael 30<sup>th</sup>

## **Johnny Apple Seed Grace**

**The Lord is good to me; and so I thank the Lord !**

**For giving me the things I need ; the sun and the rain**

**and the apple seed ☺      The Lord is good to me!**



Sun 7 Aug	<b>10:30am Worship</b> Followed by Shared lunch	McDougall House
Sun 14 Aug	<b>10.30</b> <b>Sacred Circle 3</b> Followed by Shared lunch	McDougall House
Sun 21 Aug	<b>Venue not available</b> <b>Social meetup</b> in park 10:30 followed by shared lunch (subject to weather)	<b>McDougall Park meet up</b> <b>OR attend Perth Society</b>
Sun 28 Aug	10.30 <b>Worship</b> Followed by Shared lunch	McDougall House
Sun 4 Sept	<b>Venue not available</b> Social meetup in park 10:30 followed by shared lunch (subject to weather)	<b>McDougall Park meet up</b> <b>OR attend Perth Society</b> Rev Trevor Moffat officiating
Sun 11 Sept	10.30 <b>Worship</b> Followed by Shared lunch	McDougall House
Sun 18 Sept	10.30 <b>Worship</b> Followed by Shared lunch	McDougall House
Sun 25 Sept	10.30 <b>Worship</b> Followed by Shared lunch	McDougall House



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which is a kingdom of communities.***

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*Worship Services are held weekly at 10.30am  
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