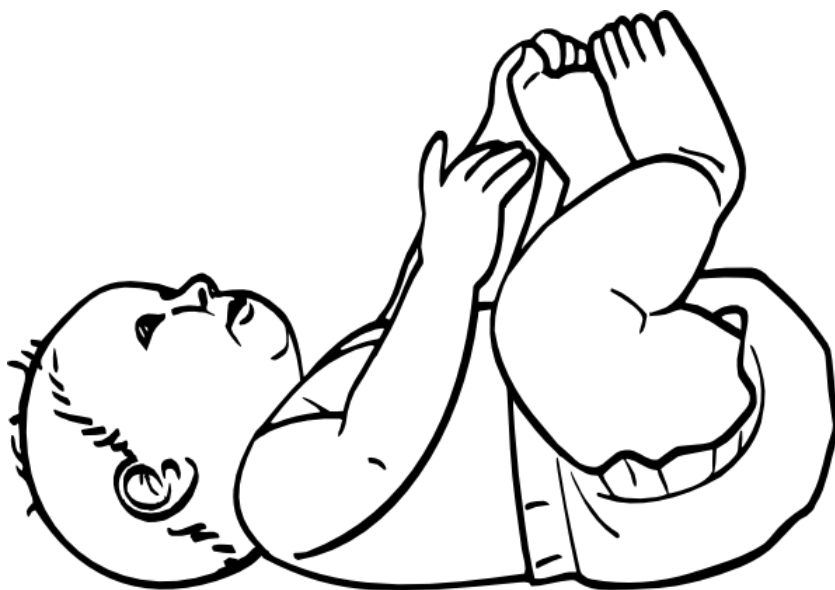


SOUL FOOD

March 2017



Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is His reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them" (Psalm 127:3-5).

Excerpt from 386.CL

THAT FROM THE LORD PROCEED TWO UNIVERSAL SPHERES

(1) IS THE SPHERE OF PROCREATING, (2) THE SPHERE OF PROTECTING THE THINGS PROCREATED.

The Divine proceeding from the Lord is called a sphere because it goes forth from Him, surrounds Him, fills both worlds, the spiritual and the natural, and brings into operation the effects of the ends which the Lord predestined at creation and for which He provides after it.

All that flows out from a subject and encompasses and surrounds it, is called a sphere.....

the sphere of light and heat from and around the sun;

the sphere of life from and around a man;

the fragrance of a plant around it;

the attraction of a magnet around it etc

The universal spheres from and around the Lord, proceed from the sun of the spiritual world in the midst of which He is.

Sphere of heat and light = a sphere of love and wisdom,

*for the bringing into operation of ends which are **uses**.*

*.....spheres have **different names according to its uses**.*

Sphere of Procreating;

*The Divine sphere looking to the preservation of the universe in its created state by means of **successive generations**.*

Sphere of Protecting what is procreated.

*the Divine sphere looking to the **preservation of the generations in their beginnings and afterwards in their progressions***

The operations of uses by means of those spheres are the Divine Providence.

JOY

(Excerpt from Swedenborg Association of Australia web site)

The **delight of a soul** comes from **love and wisdom from the Lord.....**

Love is the motive force, and it acts through wisdom; so you find both love and wisdom in what love and wisdom do, and what they do is something of use.

*This **delight flows from the Lord into your soul** and works down through the higher and lower levels of your mind into all your bodily senses, and there it is fulfilled. This is what **makes joy** really joy, and **makes it eternal** --- from the Eternal, from whom it comes.*

*You've seen something of a paradise, and I assure you that not one thing is there, not even a leaf, that is not **from a marriage of love and wisdom in usefulness**. So if a person has this marriage in him, he is in the paradise of heaven --- in other words, in heaven. [Swedenborg: Conjugal Love]*

*The condition however of **one who serves the Lord by doing according to his commandments, and by being obedient** in that kind of way, is not that of a slave; rather, it is that of one who is free. For **perfect freedom consists for a person in being led by the Lord,***

*The **Lord breathes the good into the person's will** from which his actions spring; and although that good comes from the Lord, **the person nevertheless has** the feeling that his actions are from himself, that is, **he does them in freedom. This freedom exists with all who abide in the Lord;** and coupled with it there is **indescribable happiness.***

*In the natural world we were made as **finite Souls, an internal man** that mirrors our physical, **a receptacle for the influx of the Lord's divine spirit and life.***

His light as Truth descends into our Soul and then mind as the spirit of understanding and His heat as love and goodness into our hearts as will.

The Soul with its spiritual influx of Love and Truth as the one life into our hearts and mind make us what and who we are.

Regeneration(Excerpt from Swedenborg Association of Australia web site)

*In **Arcana Coelestia** it says: Everyone has an **internal man and an external man**, the internal being called the spiritual man, and the external the natural man. **Both must be regenerated**, if a person is to become regenerate.*

*In the case of **the person who has NOT been regenerated***

...the external or natural man is the master and the internal or spiritual is the servant.

.....he considers that everything good consists in pleasure, gain and eminence; and he flares up into hatred and vengeance against those who oppose him. At this time the internal man does not merely go along with all this; he also supplies reasons which support and further it. The internal man is accordingly the servant and the external the master.

*But in the case of **the person who HAS been regenerated***

*... the **internal or spiritual man is the master** and the **external or natural is the servant**. This inversion of roles cannot come about at all except through **regeneration by the Lord**.*

*.....the internal considers all good to consist in **thinking well of the neighbour and wishing him well**, while the external considers it to consist in **speaking well of him and behaving well towards him**. Both at length have **loving the neighbour and loving the Lord as their end in view**, and not loving self and loving the world, as they did at first. Now the external or natural is the servant, and the internal or spiritual is the master.*

*The **internal man is regenerated first by the Lord**,*

*...the external after that, **being regenerated by means of the internal**. The internal man is regenerated through **thinking about matters of faith and intending them**, but the external **through a life in keeping with them**.*

"If you love me then keep my commandments"

Pastoral Visit on 17-19th March

Calendar for March

<i>Sunday 5th March</i>	<i>10:30 am Morning Worship and Sunday School followed by shared meal</i>	<i>McDougall House</i>
<i>Sunday 19th March</i>	<i>10:30am TODD BEISWENGER Morning Worship with Holy Supper and Sunday School followed by shared meal/picnic</i>	<i>McDougall House</i>
<i>Sunday 2nd April</i>	<i>Morning Worship and Sunday School followed by shared meal</i>	<i>McDougall House</i>

Pastoral visit Rev T Beiswenger see below

<i>Friday 17th March</i>	<i>Social meal</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Sat 18th March</i>	<i>Morning class at 10:30 am</i>	<i>Inglewood Dome TBC</i>
<i>Sat 18th March</i>	<i>Afternoon Visit Val and Others</i>	
<i>Sat 18th March</i>	<i>Shared meal at 5:30pm Class 7pm</i>	<i>Mary's home in Aubin Grove</i>
<i>Sunday 19th March</i>	<i>10:30am Morning Worship with HOLY SUPPER</i> <i>followed by shared meal Farewell to MOIRA and business meeting</i>	<i>McDougall House</i>

Birthdays: *Happy birthday to Keagan 18th, Cynthia 23rd,
Elaine 27th*

*The Perth group will be meeting at Groat St, North Beach for
March on the second and fourth Sundays.*

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