

# *SOUL FOOD*

*November December 2017*



*Peace on earth and goodwill to all men*

## ***Why Jesus was born (SF)***

<https://swedenborg.com/why-jesus-was-born/>

### ***The Divine Human***



*"Before the Lord's arrival in the world, life flowing into people and into spirits from Jehovah (the Lord) came through the heavenly kingdom—that is, through angels in the heavenly kingdom. This lent the angels the power they then had." —Secrets of Heaven 6371*

*The earliest humans were so spiritual and close to God that He was able to speak to them directly through heavenly angels in their minds. As time went on, and the human mindset began to stray from Divine love and wisdom, God needed another way to communicate.*

### ***The Threat***

*Not long before Jesus's birth, Swedenborg describes **a war between Heaven and hell in the spiritual world**, which was reflected in the physical world. **As hell began to threaten its dominance over Heaven**, evil gained dominance over good on earth, too.*



*Because the Divine design requires both good and evil, God cannot simply banish hell and make it disappear. But, he can maintain a balance between the two so that freewill can exist for every person to choose goodness, truth, love, and Heaven over evil, falsity, hate, and hell.*

*“Redemption was something only the Divine could bring about. If you knew what hell is like, and you knew how high it swelled and how it flooded the entire world of spirits at the time of the Lord’s coming, and you saw the great power with which the Lord cast hell down and scattered it and then restructured both it and heaven in accordance with the divine design, you could not help being stunned and exclaiming that all of it was something only the Divine could do...[Hell] consists of millions, since it consists of all from the creation of the world who have alienated themselves from God through their evil lives and false beliefs...The Lord uses the same divine power today to fight against hell in every one of us who is being regenerated. Hell attacks us all with diabolical fury. If the Lord did not counter hell and control it, we could not help succumbing.” —True Christianity 123*

*So, angels in Heaven and humans on earth were in dire need of a hero who had both Divine and human powers to restore the balance of good and evil in both the spiritual and physical worlds. Here's what happened next...*

### **The Big Move**

*Because of the threat from hell and the resulting shift in the collective human mindset, God needed a new way to reach us, a new way to show us how to live in preparation for Heaven. And so, a baby was born—full of innocence, truth, goodness, and love*

*"Jehovah means the underlying divine reality, which existed from eternity; but the human aspect that he took on in time was not that underlying reality...When we say "the Lord" we mean Jehovah in his human manifestation...The concept of the Lord has an excellence that surpasses all other concepts." —True Christianity 81*

*And how can the infinite become finite? **Jesus is God himself.***

*"By means of his human manifestation, which was divine truth, Jehovah God lifted this pending damnation and redeemed both people and angels. Afterward, in his human manifestation, he **united divine truth to divine goodness**, or divine wisdom to divine love. In this way he returned to the divine nature that he had had from eternity, together with and in the human manifestation, which had been glorified." —True Christianity 3*

*In short, he was here to unite and join the puzzle pieces that would help people choose Heaven over hell.*

*Why did God choose to be manifested as a human which in comparison to the infinite is a weak, flawed form? Because God is goodness and love itself, **becoming human was the only way he could have access to hell to fight against it.***

***(See U tube Related Swedenborg and Life Video: The Spiritual Battles of Jesus Christ)***

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVVOypnm9bU>*

*How did God become human? Simple. He followed the same Divine design we all live by. (See U tube animated excerpt from Swedenborg's True Christianity which explains the phenomena in depth.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyC1Y6GO11s>*

*God will not come to earth in the physical form again. However, God will come again through the hearts and minds of each of us as we come to know him through the Word or Scripture.*

*(See U tube video called The Christmas in You to understand)*

## ***Do you have Christmas in you?***



## ***Recent Visit of Rev Todd Beiswenger***

*During September we had the pleasure of a visit from Todd during which time he visited the ill and elderly, gave two classes to members and friends, met up with two enquirers, administered Holy Supper and baptised two babies. A very productive and busy schedule which affected the lives of many people☺*

*Thank you Todd and thanks to Bryn Athyn for helping fund the visits. Thank you also for the funding received from Basil Lazer fund for Godly play.*

## ***Baptisms:***

*Miles Jacob Harris and Heidi Rae Hester both baptised on 24 September*

*Congratulations to parents and thank you to Rev Todd Beiswenger.*

**Rev Todd Beiswenger** will be visiting Perth on the 16, 17 and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Please diarise.

**Calendar for November**

5 December	Godly Play 10:30am	Mc Dougall House
12 November	Worship 10am Godly Play 10:30am	Smuts home (McDougal House not available)
19 November	Godly Play 10:30am	McDougall House Clydesdale Road
26 November	Worship 10 am Godly Play 10:30am	Mary's home

**Calendar for December**

3 December	Godly Play 10:30am	McDougall House Clydesdale Road
10 December	Worship 10 am Godly Play 10:30am	McDougall House Clydesdale Road
17 December	Godly Play 10:30am	McDougall House Clydesdale Road
24 December	Worship 10 am Godly Play 10:30am	McDougall House Clydesdale Road
31 December	Godly Play 10:30am	McDougall House Clydesdale Road

**Birthdays:**

November: Miles Harris 4, John Dwyer 8, Deb Dwyer 27.

December: Erin Dwyer 14, Val Hart 16, Heidi Hester 19

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