

# *SOUL FOOD*

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## ***The Second Coming***

**Matthew 24 :2** And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, **There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.**<sup>3</sup> And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, **Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?**<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.<sup>5</sup> For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.<sup>6</sup> And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.<sup>7</sup> For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.....<sup>16</sup> Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:<sup>17</sup> Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house:<sup>18</sup> Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.<sup>19</sup> And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!.....<sup>29</sup> Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall **the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:**<sup>30</sup> And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.<sup>31</sup> And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.<sup>32</sup>.

### ***The Second Coming (excerpt from OFFTHELEFT EYE)***

The human race functions as **one body**—including both people on earth and people in heaven—with **the church as its heart and lungs**. Again, when Swedenborg says “**church**,” he’s not talking about a specific religion, denomination, or building; he’s talking about **all of the people on earth who have a spiritual connection to the Divine**.

*So, if that group is in trouble, the entire human race is in danger of losing its connection to the higher spiritual realms.*

***When the church on earth dies, the lower heavens also disintegrate.*** *The reason is that the heavens consist of people from the world. **When there is nothing good left in the human heart and no truth from the Word, the heavens are flooded with evils** that rise up; they are choked by them as by the waters of the Styx. Nevertheless the Lord hides [good spirits] somewhere else and preserves them till the day of the Last Judgment, then lifts them into a new heaven. (**True Christianity §119:3**)*

*When you take this definition of the church and put it next to Jesus's description of the end times in Matthew 24, what the Bible is describing in Swedenborgian terms is a theological heart attack that would affect all of humanity.*

*When we look at **Jesus's end times predictions in Matthew 24**, we can see a deeper meaning that applies not only to the people who form the "church" in our time but to our individual spiritual lives as well.*

***People within the church weren't able to see what was happening,*** *and we must be careful not to be blind to this in ourselves. In Swedenborg's experiences of the spiritual world, he encountered many people who pretended to be faithful and loving on earth but who were in fact filled with hatred for others—and even for Jesus.*

***But those persisting to the end will be saved*** *symbolizes the salvation of **people who love their neighbour**. Those persisting to the end means **those who do not let themselves be led astray, who do not give way in times of trial.** (**Secrets of Heaven §3488:7**)*

*No matter how bad things get, there will always be good people, and Swedenborg wrote that the human race as a whole is moving towards love and goodness. He predicted that a new religion would arise as the Christian church collapses.*

## ***Calendar for May and June***

### ***Retreat with david Millar and visit of Bishop Buss and his wife Teresa***

<i>Sun 5 May</i>	<i>10:30am Worship Godly Play (Mary)</i>	<i>Environmental Centre, end of Groat St, N Beach</i>
<i>Sun 12 May</i>	<i>10:30 am Worship Godly Play (Mary)</i>	<i>McDougall House Clydesdale Road Como</i>
<i>Fri 17 May</i>	<i>Arrive for retreat with David Millar</i>	<i>Anapanda House 35 Gilchrist road Lesmurdie</i>
<i>Sat 18 May</i>	<i>Retreat continues</i>	
<i>Sun 19 May</i>	<i>Retreat ends at 12:30pm</i>	
<i>Friday 24</i>	<i>Bishop Buss and his wife Teresa arrive</i>	<i>See programme for Peter Buss below</i>
<i>Sun 26 May</i>	<i>9am Logo Praxis 10:30 am Worship by BISHOP PETER BUSS with Holy Supper Godly Pay (Mary) Shared meal Ladies meet with Teresa</i>	<i>McDougall House Clydesdale Road Como</i>
<i>2 June</i>	<i>10:30 am Worship Godly Play (Mary)</i>	<i>Environmental Centre, end of Groat St, N Beach</i>
<i>9 June</i>	<i>9am Logo Praxis 10:30 am Worship</i>	<i>McDougall House Clydesdale Road Como</i>

	<i>Godly Pay (Deb)</i>	
<i>16 June</i>	<i>10:30 am Worship Godly Play (Mary)</i>	<i>Environmental Centre, end of Groat St, N Beach</i>
<i>23 June</i>	<i>9am Logo Praxis 10:30 am Worship Godly Pay (Deb)</i>	<i>McDougall House Clydesdale Road Como</i>
<i>30 June</i>	<i>Home worship</i>	

**May 2019**  
**Programme for Bishop Buss and Teresa :**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Topic</i>
<i>Friday 24 May</i>	<i>2pm</i>	<i>Belmont Dome</i>	<i>Aging topic....</i>
	<i>5pm</i>	<i>Aubin Grove</i>	<i>Meal with phans /Wynne family</i>
<i>Saturday 25 May</i>	<i>10:30am</i>	<i>Belmont Dome</i>	<i>Activity for Children; and essentials of New Church parenting class for young parents</i>
	<i>12pm</i>		<i>Lunch at Dome</i>
	<i>2:30pm</i>	<i>Aubin Grove</i>	<i>Business meeting</i>
	<i>3:30pm</i>		<i>Afternoon tea</i>
	<i>4pm</i>		<i>Class: Spiritual perspectives</i>
	<i>5:30pm</i>		<i>Shared meal</i>
	<i>7pm</i>		<i>Class/discussion on principles drawn from Divine Providence</i>
<i>Sunday 26 May</i>	<i>9am</i>	<i>McDougall House</i>	<i>Logo Praxis</i>
	<i>10:30am</i>		<i>Worship with Holy Supper</i>

	12		<i>Shared meal</i>
	1pm		<i>Ladies meet with Teresa while Dads play with kids in park</i>
	3pm	<i>King's Park</i>	<i>Tea at Zamia's</i>
	5pm	<i>Fremantle</i>	<i>Meal at Cicerello's</i>

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***Worship: 10:30am on the Second and Fourth Sundays with Godly Play for children***

***Venue: Mc Dougall House Clydesdale Road  
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