

# MORNING STAR VOICE

## JULY-AUGUST 2010

“I AM THE ROOT AND OFFSPRING OF DAVID, AND THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR” REV. 22:16

### HEALING

**W**hen the Lord was here on earth, He healed many, many people. The medicine of those days was very primitive and there were countless people who because of physical ailments were living lives of abject misery. The Gospels give countless examples: blind people, deaf people, lame people, paralyzed people, people whose bodies were being eaten away with leprosy. One woman had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her money on physicians but to no avail (Mk. 5:25). There was the man lying by the healing waters of Bethesda, unable to walk, afflicted for thirty-eight years, with no one to help him reach the water in time for a healing (Jn. 5:2).

The sheer amount of human misery in those days was staggering. Imagine being blind at a time in history when nobody would help you because you were blind. You might be thrown a few coins, but that was all. Or, imagine the horror of leprosy, seeing your hands and face being eaten away, and being feared and shunned by everybody. These were miserable people indeed.

People can also be miserable in a similar way deep down inside. It might not be as obvious a misery, but it is a misery nevertheless. Take for example a man who is arrogant, who thinks of himself as always right and who has contempt for the opinions of others. Such a man is blind. Because his mind is closed, he is completely without wisdom. Spiritually he is very stupid indeed. It is as if his mind was hardened. Not only are the deeper parts of his mind unable to function, unable to see things, but he is also,

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deep down inside, completely alone. He cuts himself off from everybody else.

Or what of the man who has contempt for the things of religion and for people who believe in religion? His mind becomes dead to what is good and true. It is as if parts of his spirit were being eaten away or dying. He is alone, completely alone in the universe, for he has become cynical about everybody and everything. Not only does he have no real friends, but he does not even believe in a God who watches over him.

Now these are perhaps extreme examples, but when we look inside ourselves we can all see that there are things inside of us that are not healthy. We have ways of thinking and ways of feeling that are sick, and that do harm to our spirits and make us miserable deep inside ourselves. All of us need healing in one way or another. The wonderful

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thing is that the Lord can heal us. He provides us with many different things that can help restore our spiritual health. The Heavenly Doctrine teaches a

great deal about the ways in which the Lord heals our spirits.

Consider just a few of the many things the Lord gives us which can help heal us of whatever evil is eating away at our insides.

*First*, there is spiritual water, or truth. Remember the man lying near the pool of Bethesda who had been infirm for thirty-eight years (Jn. 5:5). He was

there because those waters could heal people. Think of Naaman the leper in the Old Testament who was told to wash seven times in the Jordan (2 Ki. 5:10). We are told in the *Arcana* that "every healing from sickness carried out by the Lord implies purification from evils and falsities, or restoration of spiritual life" (AC 10360:9). If there is to be purification, then there have to be the truths of faith, represented by water (AC 10083:4). Truths help us see clearly what we need to do. Truths help us see what it is we must rid ourselves of. Truths, when lived, are one of the means of reformation and regeneration (cf. AC 4255:5). And so, if you want to be healthy in your spirit, take the time to learn about spiritual things. Don't let all the concerns related to temporary life in this world prevent you from reading and thinking about the Word. Spiritual dehydration is a very serious condition! What you learn from the Lord's Word is pure and living water, water that is vital for your spiritual health.

*Second*, consider the healing power of spiritual oil. Remember the man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho who was wounded by thieves and left half-dead. It was a Samaritan who stopped to help, and who bandaged him, pouring on oil and wine, representing the good of love and the good of faith, or the good and truth of the church (AC 9057; AE 376:30). Oil or love is very much a part of the healing of the spirit. This is why the disciples also anointed the sick with oil. As we read in *Apocalypse Explained*, "Because 'oil' signified the good of love and charity, and by this those are healed who are spiritually sick, therefore it is said of the Lord's disciples: that they anointed many with

oil and healed them (Mark 6:13)" (AE 375:43). The good of love and charity is fundamental to the healing of the spirit. It is so important when someone is sick in his spirit that he practice love and charity, refusing to do evil to others, and seeking to do what is good. It is a principle that has so many applications. If you are burning with anger against someone, make it a point, a principle, that you will do that person no harm. If your spirit is low, and if you are consumed with self-pity, go out and help someone worse off than yourself. Practice charity and love, for these things are like spiritual oil, oil that can heal spiritual wounds and sickness.

*Third*, to be healed of spiritual illness, do what those multitudes did in the days of the New Testament. Go to the Lord. Approach Him directly. Pray to Him. Ask Him for His help. He is the source of all health and all healing. This was something He taught to the Israelites. In the *Book of Exodus* He told them, "I am the LORD who heals you" (Exod. 15:26). And in the New Testament He



speaks of Himself as a physician. "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Lk. 5:31-32; see AC 6502:3). The Lord has within Himself the power of healing. "And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all" (Lk. 6:19). All people had to

do was just touch the Lord, and they were healed. People would beg the Lord to be allowed to touch only the hem of His garment (Matt. 14:36). People would crowd around Him, pressing against Him, just to touch Him (Mk. 3:10). The Lord's touch represented the transmission and reception of Divine power (AC 10023:7).

People approached the Lord because they had faith in Him. They believed in His power. For many of them their faith was, to begin with, external. But still they had faith and they believed. And so many times the Lord asked people if they had faith before healing them, and told people that it was their faith that had healed them.

Think how much more we know about the Lord than did those multitudes. We know that He has power, power to cure us of evil, power to restore our spiritual health. He will not rid us of evil without our cooperation, but neither will He rid us of evil without our turning to Him. And this is something we can do. We can turn to Him. The Lord made it clear when He rose from the sepulcher that He was with people here on earth and that He would never leave us. He is with us here and now. He is present with the power to heal, the power to save.

If you find yourself being eaten up with resentment, if you find yourself burning with hatred or with lust, if you find yourself lacking trust in the Lord's leading and are consumed with worry – whatever the nature of the disease might be that is afflicting your spirit, the Lord can cure you. Reach out to Him. Have faith in Him. Pray to Him. Touch

Him. He will touch your heart and touch your spirit. Follow Him, and He will heal you.



## CAMP MAGNOLIA LEAF

THE THEME for the camp this year will be: –

*“As the Rain Comes Down” – the Word of the Lord.*

Learn more about this theme by reading AE 644:11.

Make plans to attend over the Labor Day Weekend, September 3-6. A pamphlet and further details will be distributed later.

## TRANSITIONS

*Judith Harriet (Kuhl) Leeper* was called by the Lord to the spiritual world on June 3, 2010. A Memorial Service was held on June 8, 2010 at Morning Star Chapel, the Rev. Glenn (Mac) Frazier officiating.

*Dr. Aubrey T. Allen* was called by the Lord to the spiritual world on June 21, 2010. A Memorial Service was held on June 24, 2010 at the graveside in Alexander City, Alabama, the Rev. Patrick A. Rose officiating.

*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. (John 14: 1-3)*

## WOMEN'S GUILD

AT OUR LAST Pastor's Council meeting we discussed briefly the role played by the Women's Guild/Theta Alpha in the life of the society. We felt that the role is a useful and needed one, in sponsoring and organizing such activities as rummage sales and providing flowers for those who are sick, and so on. At the same time, though, we felt that it is not always clear who is in charge of what, who has access to the funds, etc. With the concurrence of the pastor's council, therefore, I am asking Linda Carr and Jayne Burke to confer with the president and arrange for a meeting of those ladies of the society interested in these uses, so as to discuss how these things can be better organized. Jayne will be sending out a note to the ladies soon.

Patrick.

## PUZZLE

LAST MONTH we published a puzzle. The goal was to decipher the following words to get the names of a poet, a king and a statesman, all born in 1757. The same simple substitution cipher was used for all three names.

BDJJDLO YJLWG  
HULKJGN V  
LJGVLTEGK ULODJPQT

There was to be a drawing amongst those who emailed in correct answers for a \$5 Amazon.com gift certificate. No entries were received. The answers were:

William Blake. Charles X. Alexander Hamilton.

## NEWSLETTER LIST

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[www.morningstarchapel.org/Newsletter.html](http://www.morningstarchapel.org/Newsletter.html)  
and scrolling down to the signup form.



CONGRATULATIONS to Caleb Sansom who was recognized on the 2009-2010 Third Term Boys School Honor Roll.



## MUST MINISTRIES

### CURRENT TOP NEEDS

- **Jelly!!!!**
- **Canned Meats**
- **Cereal**

## QUIZ OF THE MONTH



Our questions this month are taken from the work  
“Heaven and Hell.”

1. Infants form what proportion of heaven – a third, a quarter or a sixth?
2. In heaven those in an obscure perception of the good of love dwell towards which quarter – north, east, south, west?
3. How do the angels go about building houses in heaven?
4. What part of the spiritual world does a person first enter after he leaves the natural world?
5. Who rules the hells?

*Answers below.*

1. A third. (HH 4)
2. The west. (HH 148)
3. They do not build them. They are given to them by the Lord (HH 190)
4. World of spirits. (HH 457)
5. The Lord (HH 536)

## **MONSTER SPOTTED!**

**YOU NEVER KNOW** for sure what project will next emerge from the Sunday School. Recently an extremely scary monster was seen in the social room.

*Special note for Stuart et al.:* We are referring to the creature in front of the children, not the one behind them.



## JULY-AUGUST 2010 CALENDAR



- Sun. Jul. 4 11:00am Informal Church Service.
- Fri. Jul. 9 8:00pm Reading Discussion Group. Meeting via Skype.  
*Doctrine of the Lord* 62-65. See pastor for contact details.
- Sun. Jul. 11 11:00am Church Service.  
Informal congregational meeting. Discussion of topics arising from the congregational survey.
- Mon Jul. 12 6:30pm Swedenborg-Atlanta in Marietta/Smyrna.  
DP 92-99. Presented by Keith Roloson,
- Sun. Jul. 18 11:00am church Service.  
Potluck and doctrinal workshop.
- Fri. Jun. 23 8:00pm Reading Discussion by Phone.  
DLW 28-39. Contact pastor for phone-in details.
- Sun. Jul. 25 11:00am Church Service.  
Outreach committee.
- Sun, Aug. 1 11:00am Informal Lay Service.
- Sun, Aug. 8 11:00am Informal Lay Service.
- Sun, Aug. 15 11:00am Informal Lay Service.
- Sun, Aug. 22 11:00am Informal Service.
- Sun, Aug. 29 11:00am Informal Service.

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## WHAT WE BELIEVE

**JESUS CHRIST (THE LORD)** is our one loving God in perfect Human form. Within Him there is a trinity of soul (Father), mind and body (Son) and influence (Holy Spirit).

His Word (the Bible) is a parable with a spiritual meaning throughout.

Faith and charity cannot be separated. The life of religion is to do what is good.

Life continues immediately after death. In the other world what we are really like inside ourselves becomes evident.

Marriage is holy. All joy, happiness, and delight from the Lord are gathered into the love of marriage. A husband and wife who truly love each other and approach the Lord in their marriage will live together as married partners after death. True love really is forever.

The Second Coming of the Lord is not a coming in person but in the Word. The Lord has come again by revealing the internal sense of His Word for His New Church. The Lord used a servant (Emanuel Swedenborg) to reveal these deeper things, just as he used servants to write down the Old and New Testaments.

Our **Lord God Jesus Christ** is the Ruler of Heaven and Earth.