

MORNING STAR VOICE

SEPTEMBER 2011

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

RESUSCITATION

IN THE HEAVENLY DOCTRINE we are told in wonderful detail not only about life in the other world but also about that process that begins when our worldly bodies die, that process by which we are introduced to life in that other world.

In the *Arcana* there is a wonderful description of this (see AC 168ff). It is something to reread and reflect on from time to time. So too is a similar description in *Heaven & Hell* (HH 445ff). We are told in detail what it is like to die, and what it is like to wake up. And as we read these descriptions, of how we are ministered to by celestial angels, of how we are protected from evil spirits, of how at that time we are kept thinking about eternal life, we can come to understand, even while we still live here on earth, that process we will one day all undergo. We learn that it is a peaceful process, a wonderful process. It is exciting!! So often people dread the thought of dying. What the Lord reveals in the Writings, though, can help us see how wonderful and exciting it is going to be to wake up one day in a far better world – in a world of life, a world where we will live forever.

These teachings can change fundamentally the way we see life in this world. Yes, we will have our doubts. Everybody has his doubts. But the more you learn about the life after death, the more you can see your life here in its proper perspective. You come to see what

is important and what is not important. You realize that after you leave this world it won't matter how much money you had. It won't matter what people thought about you. What will matter is what is in your heart. How we live our lives now becomes very, very important to us. The other world is real to us, and we know that our life there will depend upon how we live here in this world. The church will also mean more, because the church teaches about that world where we are one day going to live forever. As we read in the *Arcana*, "there should be heavenly truths somewhere, by which man may be instructed, because he was born for heavenly things" (AC 1775).

Above all, though, the Lord Himself will become central to our lives. There are many details given in the Heavenly Doctrine in explaining what it is like to die. One thing especially, should not *(Continued on [page 2](#))*

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(Continued from [page 1](#)) be overlooked. We are told that Swedenborg experienced a powerful force, a powerful attraction. And when people die this power, this force, pulls them out of their physical bodies. We are told that, "as soon as the internal parts of the body grow cold, the vital substances are separated from the man, wherever they may be, even if inclosed in a thousand labyrinthine interlacings, for such is the efficacy of the Lord's mercy (which I had previously perceived as a living and mighty attraction), that nothing vital can remain behind" (AC 179). Yes, there are angels with us as we die. There are angels with us as we wake up in the other world. There are angels, special angels, with us throughout the whole process. But the angels do not resuscitate us. Only the Lord does this. To continue living we must be drawn forth from our dead bodies. And we are pulled out of our bodies by the power of the Lord's mercy, the power of His love.

To learn about life after death, to learn about the resurrection, is not simply to learn what is going to happen to us one day. It is also to learn about the Lord Himself. The Lord is a God of Love. From love He created us. From love He prepares us, if we allow Him, for life in another world. And at the end of our lives in this world, this same love, this mighty Divine love, will draw us out of our bodies, and bring us home to Himself in the spiritual world.

BREAKFAST BEFORE CHURCH

IF YOU HAVE missed out on camp all these years this is the time to bring yourself and the family and enjoy our camp breakfast. Menu includes: pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit, coffee, tea and orange juice. Cost of \$1.00 per plate.



Come join us this Sunday Sept 4th and mark your calendars for the 1st Sunday of every month for the Morning Star Chapel breakfast.

Breakfast will be served from 9:45 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. So fill up your plate and share a breakfast with your friends.

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SEPT 2011 CALENDAR



- Sun. Sep.4 9.45am. Breakfast at church
11:00am Informal Church Service.
- Fri. Sep. 9 8:00pm Reading Discussion Group. Meeting via Skype.
New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine. HD 141-149.
Contact pastor for details.
- Sun. Sep. 11 11:00am Church Service.
Pastor's Council.
- Mon. Sep.12 6:30pm Swedenborg-Atlanta in Marietta/Smyrna .
DP 195-213. Presentation by Keith Roloson.
- Sun. Sep.18 11:00am Church Service.
Pot luck and doctrinal class.
- Fri. Sep. 23 8:00pm Reading Discussion via Skype.
DLW 157-172. Contact pastor for details.
- Sun. Sep 25 11:00am Church Service.
Outreach Committee.

Go to www.morningstarchapel.org/calendar.html to get the latest calendar information.
Information on Swedenborg-Atlanta events can be found at www.swedenborg-atlanta.org.

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DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH

From downtown Atlanta, take GA 400 north to exit #11, (Windward Parkway). At the bottom of the exit ramp make a left on Windward Parkway. Proceed through the sets of traffic lights, and cross Hwy. 9 (Alpharetta Hwy). Continue on the new extension of Windward past the Kroger. This new extension to Windward bends gently into Cogburn Rd. Take Cogburn about 1.5 miles to the traffic light on Bethany Bend. Make a left on Bethany Bend. Our church, *Morning Star Chapel*, is the second property on the right. The address is 2780 Bethany Bend.

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OUR FAITH

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.