

## EDITORIAL REMARKS

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### An apology

In Editorial Remarks in the July-December 2007 issue of the journal (p. 165), when introducing Rev. Brian Talbot's contribution, I said, "The article 'Schuchard's Swedenborg' is a reprint of an analysis first published in the *New-Church Magazine* No. 35 (April 2001)." This is not correct, and indeed the author stated in a footnote that "This article is an updated and revised version of my article . . ." (p. 165). I extend my apologies to Rev. Talbot for this.

### In this issue

Dr. Gregory L Baker needs no introduction to our readers; he has contributed to the journal over several decades, most recently in the July-December issue 2006 with "Boundary Issues in Science: An Historical Approach." In "Human Free Choice and Divine Omniscience: Toward Resolution of an Apparent Incompatibility" he brings thought from history, logic, and relativity theory to bear on the topic.

On January 25, 2008, the Bryn Athyn community celebrated Swedenborg's birthday. At that event Dr. Sylvia Montgomery Shaw gave an address titled "Joyous Readings and Misreadings of Swedenborg," drawing on her wide experience as a university teacher of literature and rhetoric. Introducing the final section of her talk she says, "I'd like to comment on the impact that this book [*Heaven and Hell*]<sup>1</sup>—and other works from the Writings—had on one of my countrymen, Dr. León Calleja. It is both a sad and a joyful story that Don Rose recently brought to my attention. An article that appeared in May, 1910, in *New Church Life*, describes Dr. Calleja as 'the first Mexican receiver of the Doctrines in the world.'" It is an honor for us to be able to bring this talk into print.

In a sense, Mr. Karl Birjukov, in his article "Footnotes to Swedenborg," picks up where he left off in "Science and Spirituality" published in the July-December 2007 issue of this journal. There, in his closing paragraph, he says: "This ends where it began [with a quote from Ezekiel beginning 'When I have blotted you out . . .'], and perhaps as you read the same

opening passage here, at the end, you may feel something of the real intent its words contain, and that what is blotted out is any sense of the relevance of love in the modern world, since the modern world is driving it out deliberately. We are in darkness, and we are taking it for light." The "darkness" is the consequence of human thought that is devoid of the recognition of the influence of the realm of the spirit and of the all-pervading Divine providential care.

In "Just War Theory: A New Church Perspective" Mr. David Gyllenhaal provides us with very timely considerations of war under these headings: "A History of Just War Theory"; "A New Church Just War"; "Just Cause"; "Just Conduct in War"; Just Conduct in the Aftermath of War."

In *Notes and Comments* attention is drawn to two recent publications received for review from the Swedenborg Society—a new translation by K.C. Ryder of *The White Horse* and *the arms of morpheus [essays on swedenborg and mysticism]*.

### **Abbreviations of titles of Swedenborg's works**

Reference to titles of Swedenborg's works are sometimes given in abbreviated form. A list of these used in the journal are given at the back of this issue.