

## BOOK EXPO: NEW CHURCH ASSOCIATED PUBLISHERS

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On April 11, 2015 Bryn Athyn College hosted, in its beautiful facilities, an open-to-the-public Book Expo to celebrate and explore science, spirituality, and Swedenborgian thought in general. Hundreds of books on a great variety of topics were available, and speakers were engaging attendees throughout the day. Via books and talks, topics included spirituality weaving through ancient history, the sciences, philosophy, medicine, naturalism, abolition of slavery, child labor rights, new spiritual paradigms, envisioning the afterlife, and Swedenborg's scientific and theological works.

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The talks were rich in content, generating a high level of interest and excitement. Networking added another important dimension to the event. The large array of book was well appreciated. Each hour from 9:00AM to 3:00PM began a new talk, followed by Q & A. We are grateful for those who shared their energy, expertise, and thought: Reuben Bell, David Fuller, Bruce Henderson, Stephen Smith, Ian Thompson, Dan Synnestvedt, and Michael Hogan. We were especially grateful to Ian Thompson, author of *Starting Science From God: Rational Scientific Theories from Theism*, for

traveling from California to join us. Talk videos are now available on youtube.com by searching on “NCAP Swedenborg.” Talks were as follows:

***Swedenborg’s scientific works and the Swedenborg Scientific Association.*** Rev. Dr. Reuben Bell, Doctor of Osteopathy, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Director of Medical Humanities at the University of New England, President of the Swedenborg Scientific Association.

***Swedenborg’s Influence on the Development of Osteopathy.*** Dr. David Fuller, Doctor of Osteopathy, Phila. College of Osteopathic Medicine. Author: *Osteopathy and Swedenborg*.

***The Gift. The gift of revelation about life after death, how providence works, and the inner meanings of the Word and how they relate directly to our lives.*** Mr. Bruce Henderson, 40-yr. Editorial Page Editor for a daily newspaper, Director of Development & Communication for the Academy of the New Church & General Church, Editor: *New Church Life*. Author: *Window to Eternity, Why Does God Let it Happen?* and in late 2015: *Seventh Seal*.

***Mentics, A Mind Modeling Method.*** Dr. Stephen Smith. *Mentics, A Mind Modeling Method* by Rachel and the late Oliver Odhner.

***Starting Science from God.*** Ian Thompson, Ph.D. Theoretical Nuclear Physicist. Author: *Starting Science from God; Philosophy of Nature and Quantum Reality; Nuclear Reactions for Astrophysics; Compound Nuclear Reactions and Related Topics*.

***Unmasking Naturalism: the “science wars” and freeing the spirit.*** Dan Synnestvedt, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Philosophy, Bryn Athyn College. Editor: *Faith and Learning*, Editor and contributing author: *The World Transformed*

***The World Transformed 1700s and beyond.*** Mr. Michael Hogan, Conference Chair: *The World Transformed: 250 years later*, Contributing author: *The World Transformed*

*NewChurchBibleStudy.com* We regret that time did not allow Steve David to give a presentation on this comprehensive New Church Website of resources and the Writings. Please visit the website to be enriched.

Materials available on the mentioned websites, Amazon.com and/or the Bryn Athyn Cathedral Bookstore. NCAP book catalogs can be obtained at the Bryn Athyn Cathedral bookstore or by emailing [ncapbooks@gmail.com](mailto:ncapbooks@gmail.com). Also at [Swedenborg.com](http://Swedenborg.com) for the Swedenborg Foundation's catalog.

Plans are being evaluated for another Book Expo in 2016.

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