

## TRANSACTIONS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

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The Annual Meeting of the Swedenborg Scientific Association took place on Saturday April 24, 2011, in the dining room at Cairnwood Village, Bryn Athyn. After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. President Rev. Dr. Reuben Bell welcomed members and friends, and called for reports from the publisher/editor and treasurer, published in this issue.

The Annual Address titled “Proving God” was given by Mr. Edward F. Sylvia. Following questions, discussion, and expressions of gratitude, the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

## PUBLISHER/EDITOR’S REPORT

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### Publications

The new monograph series is now a reality with the publication of No. 1, Oliver and Rachel Odhner’s *Mentics* presented at a seminar in 2008. This work presents original thought in the field of cognitive science and will be available through the SSA’s online catalog as well as through other online sources; at the Cathedral bookstore; and at Amazon.com.

Next in the series will be Dr. David Fuller’s major work tracing the history of Swedenborg’s influence in the development of osteopathy. Of it, the author says in his introduction:

This then is the study of Emanuel Swedenborg and osteopathy, searching out the influence of Swedenborg on the creation and development of it by A. T. Still and the further development by W. G. Sutherland as well as looking at other influences through different osteopathic physicians – some influences are certain, while others possible but unproven. And so you are invited on this walk through the story of Swedenborg and the story of osteopathy and how the former influenced the latter.

This work of twenty-seven chapters and with a significant bibliography for scholarly research, we anticipate will have wide visibility through our European distributor, JOLANDOS—which focuses on osteopathy—and other avenues for marketing and distribution.

On the back-burner are still (1) Swedenborg's, *On Common Salt*, and (2) a collection of *Swedenborg's Scientific Reviewers*—contemporary reviews in German journals—published in the 1930s in *The New Philosophy* under Alfred Acton's editorship.

### **The Journal**

The January–June issue of the journal is in preparation, and will include solely Karl Birjukov's "Reconfiguring the Twenty-first Century." He opens his preliminary remarks with "One of the major difficulties faced by the New Church in the modern world is that it finds itself in a context in which virtually every link between what is spiritual and what is natural has been torn apart." What follows is a board-ranging philosophical treatment of the topic, drawing on Swedenborg and "Science and Philosophy" extracted from *Words for the New Church* published by the SSA. This complements Vance Genzlinger's "God and Science: A Swedenborgian Paradigm for Science" published in the July–December 2010 issue, as well as Ed Sylvia's current contributions.

### **SPI projects 2010 & 2011**

Of special note about 2010 is that Lenka Machova's translation of *Heaven and Hell* has been published by a Czech publisher; that a Norwegian translation of it has been published by a Norwegian publisher; and that the translation of it into Malayalam has been printed in India. As well, the translation of it into Georgian under the supervision of Bagrat Mamasahklisi has been completed. In 2011, translation into other-than-English languages and publication will continue.

### **The SSA team**

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As you may recall, Lisa Childs works part-time for the Academy of the New Church and General Church publication committees, as well as for the SSA. With two significant works now gone to press (the ANC's publication of the Last Judgment conference's papers titled *The World Transformed* and the SSA's *Mentics*), Lisa can now refocus her attention on marketing. In addition, she has assumed responsibility for book displays and sales at the upcoming General Assembly for the SSA, ANC, and GC. Kirsten Gyllenhaal continues to be responsible for the typesetting of the journal and the SPI newsletters.

Lisa and Kirsten really do keep the show on the road, and we are most grateful for their fine work.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted  
Erland J Brock  
Publisher/Editor