

EDITORIAL REMARKS

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Giving attention to both Swedenborg himself and to the pre-Theological works is an important part of the charge of the Swedenborg Scientific Association. Dr. Reuben Bell does both of these things in “A Source Analysis of Emanuel Swedenborg’s Scientific and Theological Ideas.”

Mr. Alan Lewin’s article titled “Chaotic Regeneration” received the undergraduate award in the association’s first essay contest. In it he draws correspondential analogies between chaos theory and regeneration. Application of the theory of correspondences to ideas about the physical world and its spiritual counterparts has found increasing expression in the journal, and have enriched it.

Translation of Dr. Karl-Erik Sjödén’s *Swedenborg en France* continues with chapters 8 and 9. As in earlier installments, the text comes alive with accounts of the role of the many people who contributed to the history of the New Church there.

In Translator’s Corner editor Rev. Dr. J. Durban Odhner includes the final part of the translation by Rev. Kurt Nemitz and himself of Dr. Gottlieb Florschütz’s work on Swedenborg and Kant. Although this analysis and critique focussed on Schopenhauer and Kant, it nonetheless interfaces with Swedenborg because the metaphysical treatment of the “thing in itself” addresses problems that are central to Swedenborg’s philosophy. In the concluding paragraph Dr. Florschütz observes that “in this philosophical investigation the ‘seer’ Swedenborg shows himself to have the role of a *Grenzgänger*—a worker whose home and employment are on different sides of the border—not only between this world and the next, but also between the opposing philosophical positions of Kant and Schopenhauer.” We are grateful to Dr. Florschütz for providing his in-depth analysis of the philosophical issues surrounding Swedenborg and Kant, and to the translators for making it available in English.

New Membership Dues

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