

EDITORIAL REMARKS

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Jane Williams-Hogan gave the address titled “Swedenborg Studies 2002: ‘On the Shoulders of Giants,’” at a Swedenborg birthday celebration in Bryn Athyn on January 26, 2002. By way of introduction, she said “. . . we gather here tonight to commemorate the birthday of Emanuel Swedenborg. We recognize him as the man who . . . was called by the Lord to announce the Last Judgment and proclaim His Second Coming.” Then she presented her subject under the headings “Introduction and Foundation,” “Swedenborg Studies,” “Giants,” and “Swedenborg Studies 2002.” Several of the giants of which she spoke were prominent in the life of the Swedenborg Scientific Association.

Dan Synnestvedt addresses central philosophical ideas in “Two Theories of Truth.” The theories in question are those of secular Postmodernism and of Neo-Christianity. In the opening sections “What is truth?” and “Why truth is important,” Synnestvedt lays out fundamental ideas. Following these, he elaborates on the subjects at hand; and in the “Conclusion,” he closes with “We must remember though that ‘truths exist to the end that good may flow in’ (AC 3387) because, as regards life, ‘truth is charity itself’” (AC 3157).

In her article “*Index Biblicus*: Swedenborg’s Indexes to the Bible,” Alanna Rose observes that “For over two centuries scholars have unearthed, reproduced, transcribed, published, and translated hundreds of documents penned by Emanuel Swedenborg . . . It is astounding, therefore, that there exists a six-volume work by Emanuel Swedenborg that . . . to this day has no critical Latin edition or English translation: Swedenborg’s *Index Biblicus*, an extensive collection of indexes to the Old and New Testaments . . .” This study is a contribution to our appreciation of “the circumstances that apparently led to his indexing the Bible.”

In News, Notes, and Comments we have the pleasure of introducing our readers to a new Swedenborg Association, in Spain. Vice-Presidente Jesus de la Fuente kindly sent us an account of the association, published here. We extend greetings from the Swedenborg Scientific Association, and wish the Asociación Swedenborg España all the best in developing its uses, recognizing the wide influence it is sure to have in many parts of the world.