

titled: "God's Ecology and Spiritual Gardening" to a large and appreciative audience. This was followed by a questions-and-answers period, an expression of gratitude to the speaker, and a gathering in the Pendleton Hall's commons for conversation and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted
Lisa Childs, *Secretary*

PUBLISHER/EDITOR'S REPORT

Annual Meeting, April 26, 2008, 7:00PM

Book Production

We are pleased to announce that all out-of-print titles are available. We are especially grateful to Kirsten Gyllenhaal for creating the covers, to Reuben Bell for writing the back cover copy for all but one of them, and to Stephen Cole who wrote the copy for *A Philosopher's Notebook*. Reading these provides not only a synopsis of the texts, but also places them in the story of Swedenborg's developing thought on how the soul operates in its domain, the human body.

The Journal

The January–June 2009 issue is in preparation. It includes the closing installment of Shanda Heindricks' "Religion: The 'Indispensible Support' of the Nation"; "The Life Cycle of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus: a Useful tool for Teaching Scientific and New Church Principles in the Biology Classroom" by Fredrik Bryntesson; and "Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment* and Swedenborg's *Heaven and Hell*" by David Simpson.

The New Philosophy in digital form

The next major project, now in progress, is that of scanning all the journal from its beginning in 1898 to the present. Lisa Childs is doing this after consultation with Carroll Odhner, Director of the Swedenborg Library, and Marvin Clymer, Digital Collection Cataloger. Lisa works with ABBYY software (the latest and greatest) that can provide searchable pdf files; it can also make Word files. In addition to providing files for the library's Digital Library and New Search, the SSA could produce CD sets for those interested. And who knows what other uses will surface out of new software developments. Of the software, Lisa says "I am so very pleased with the ABBYY software as it is very powerful and is the tool I needed to make this happen." We can anticipate that the job will be completed in 2010.

SPI projects 2009

Projects being supported this year again include translation, publication, and distribution activity being undertaken by Lenka Machova (Czech—Don Rose's *Afterlife*) in the Czech Republic, Bagrat Manasakhlisi (Georgian—*NJHD*) in Georgia, Peter Devassy (Malayalam—*HH*) in Cochin in India, and Kent Rogers (Nepalese—Extracts from Warren's *Compendia* and *NewSearch*) in Katmandu, Nepal. In addition, SPI provides support for Elaine Kim's translation of the Writings, currently *Divine Love and Wisdom*. She recently reported that the first printing of 3,000 copies of her translation of *Heaven and Hell* have sold out in South Korea and that her publisher is reprinting it.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted
Erland J. Brock, *Publisher/Editor*