

EDITORIAL REMARKS

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It has long been recognized that it is important to appreciate Swedenborg's intellectual and cultural milieu in order to understand aspects of his works. The Reverend Nemitz's article "Leibniz and Swedenborg" contributes to this.

In "Paradigms of Revelation," the Reverend Alfred Acton provides a thought-provoking analysis of concepts of the nature of revelation. He uses Kuhn's theory of progress in science in *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* for his consideration of various paradigms of revelation. The article challenges the reader to think about his own concept of revelation. The paper was originally presented at a colloquium at the Academy of the New Church College.

In chapter VI of "Swedenborg's Philosophy of Causality," Dr. William Woofenden brings together Swedenborg's doctrines of degrees and correspondence in showing how Swedenborg presented the doctrine of causality. The relationships between God the Creator and Preserver and the spiritual and natural worlds are considered. The author analyses the difficult philosophic concepts of matter, substance and form in leading into his treatment of causality.

In *Translator's Corner* our attention is drawn to the forthcoming Translators Conference to be held at the Swedenborg Library in Bryn Athyn from August 23 to 26, 1992. Invitations to this conference are being sent to the world-wide community of Neo-Latin scholars. From the titles of the presentations it is clear that some of the sessions would be of benefit to the lay public. Note, also, that Volume III of *Experientiae Spirituales* is now available.

Dues Notice

Included with this issue is a dues notice. Please note that a new option is offered, for a three-year payment. This has distinct advantages both for the subscriber and the SSA. We recommend its use.