

EDITORIAL REMARKS

In This Issue

Continuing in this issue are three series. In Edward F. Allen's on Swedenborg's philosophy as a connected whole, he completes his analysis of the development of that philosophy as it appears in *Principia*, *The Infinite and The Final Cause of Creation*, and *The Mechanism of the Intercourse Between the Soul and the Body*. Following the completion of this series of works, Swedenborg extended his thought into an analysis of the dynamics of the human body, treating the latter as the soul's kingdom. This development finds expression in a work published by Swedenborg, under the somewhat misleading title *The Economy of the Animal Kingdom*. We look forward to Prof. Allen's treatment of the philosophical content of this work.

The concept of "order" is one that pervades all realms of human inquiry and activity. The presumption of it is basic to science, and its importance in human life, at individual and collective levels, is self-evident. In the present installment of Walter E. Orthwein's series he extends his treatment of the subject to the means whereby man can restore order to the spiritual plane of his existence.

The third part of the series on New Church epistemology under my name, extends the consideration of mental processes that can lead to knowledge, examining reflection, perception and enlightenment from their treatment in Swedenborg's Theological Writings.

Swedenborg 88' Symposium

Over the period February 7-9, 1988, The Academy of the New Church will host a symposium to mark the three hundredth birthday of Emanuel Swedenborg. Its goals are as follows:

- 1) To celebrate the tricentennial of Swedenborg's birth in recognition of his manifold contributions to science, philosophy, and theology, and to bring these contributions increasingly to the attention of the intellectual world;
- 2) To provide a forum for new research regarding Swedenborg's importance to the culture of his own time and of ours, to stimulate thought within The Academy of the New Church as a center dedicated to propagating the doctrines presented in his theological writings, and thus to build bridges between the Academy and other centers of learning.

3) To share with others, within the New Church and beyond, the gift of Swedenborg's insights into the nature of God, the spiritual and physical worlds, and man, and thus to help impart the rational vision of a New Christianity.

Elsewhere in this issue there is a Call for Papers, and your attention is drawn to it. At a later date this journal will enclose a registration form for the symposium. This event is an important one, and we have no doubt that those attending it will be richly rewarded.

Reprint of *Physiological Correspondences*

John Worcester's *Physiological Correspondences* is now being reprinted, and will be available again soon. The Association is reprinting 1500 copies.

Annual Meeting

Your attention is drawn to the notice of the Annual Meeting to be held on April 27, 1987, and we encourage our readers to come to it. The Association needs the support of its members and the readers of this journal, and attendance at the meeting is an important way to show that support.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The ninetieth annual meeting of the Swedenborg Scientific Association will be held on Monday, April 27th, 1987, in the Pendleton Hall auditorium of The Academy of the New Church, Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, at 8:00 p.m. A short business meeting will precede the annual address by the Reverend Stephen D. Cole. Members of the Association and other interested persons are cordially invited.