

# Australia and the New Jerusalem: Spiritual Vision and Swedenborgian Politics



*"Heaven's order is the basis of all worldly order, and its highest completion."*

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## **Presenter:**

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In this lecture, scholar Dell J. Rose will discuss the influence of Swedenborg's ideas in the movement for Australian federation. Australia's second prime minister, Alfred Deakin (1856-1919) was fundamental in the push for home rule, and was the primary architect for a politically independent Australia. Though his legacy is widely recognised today, few are aware of Deakin's intense spirituality and the way that it informed his political vision. At the center of his spiritual view of the world was the vision of Emanuel Swedenborg, and before his initial engagement with the Federation movement in 1889, he wrote a six-hundred page spiritual manifesto called *The Gospel According to Swedenborg*. In Swedenborg's celestial visions the seeds for a new political paradigm were revealed, and Deakin sought to utilise these insights in a concrete way for the benefit of his country.



Dell J. Rose is a cultural historian working on the intersection of Swedenborgian ideas and cultures of reform in the 19th century Anglophone world. His primary topic considers early Swedenborgianism and its influence in British hospital and social reform, especially as it relates to MP Charles Augustus Tulk. Dell is the newly appointed assistant director of the Swedenborg Library Chicago, and is Swedenborg Doctoral Fellow at the HHP Centre, Universiteit van Amsterdam.

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