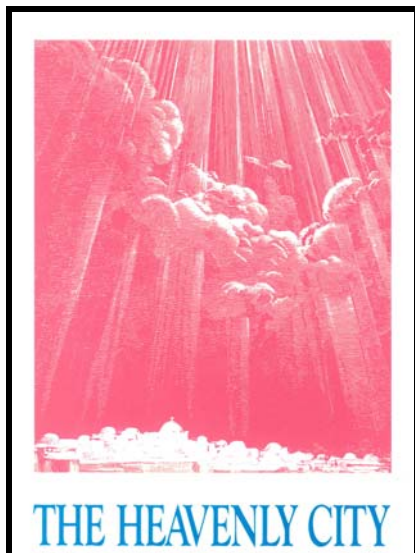


Overview of Swedenborg's Spiritual Philosophy



A Dispersed Learning Certificate Course

offered by the



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Summary

This Course is offered to gain a grasp of the essential principles forming the Spiritual Philosophy given by Emanuel Swedenborg, based on his own words.

Course material and responses can be received and submitted either by mail or email. There are eleven units (see later), each including several questions and a conclusion for completion. For management purposes, it is expected that participants will complete each unit and tasks on a calendar month basis. The next unit will only be provided once the completed previous section has been received. At the end of the units, a concluding assignment will be required, again within a specified time-frame if at all possible.

On successful completion, the Swedenborg Association of Australia Inc. will issue a Certificate. This will be useful when participating in future courses offered by the Swedenborg Association of Australia Inc. or within the wider Swedenborg movement.

Focus Text

The Heavenly City

As a means of reaching new audiences, Swedenborg wrote and published this work in 1758. It was originally issued in Latin under the title equivalent to *The New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine*, and included many references to paragraphs in his earlier major work *Arcana Caelestia*, or *Secrets of Heaven*. Its brevity and simple presentation makes the book an ideal recommendation for anyone who is interested in gaining a broad understanding Swedenborg's spiritual philosophy.

Course Objectives

The reading and activities are arranged according to the sections of the focus text to:

- ▶ Identify key themes of Emanuel Swedenborg's spiritual philosophy;
- ▶ Explain Swedenborg's particular use of a range of common and spiritual/theological terms;
- ▶ Communicate an understanding of Swedenborg's main spiritual concepts to others; and
- ▶ Reflect on the principles in the context of what personal life brings.

Evaluation

Essentially this is a self-assessment process answering questions asked as well as recording personal conclusions emerging from the session or wider reading of suggested sources; maintaining a listing of Terms used by Swedenborg; and keeping a Journal for noting how key themes relate to experiences in life. Various means of assistance will be provided as necessary. The reason for requesting the submission of the answered questions and conclusions for each section is simply to ensure participants are maintaining their involvement and dealing with any issues raised. Options will be offered for the concluding assignment.

Course Units

- 1 *Introduction and Preface*
- 2 *Our Inner Structure - I*
Goodness and Truth; Motivation and Understanding
- 3 *Our Inner Structure - II*
Our Inner and Outer Selves
- 4 *Our Different Loves*
- 5 *Our Spiritual Life - I*
Faith and Religious Devotion
- 6 *Our Spiritual Life - II*
Conscience, Freedom and Taking Credit for Our Actions
- 7 *Our Spiritual Development*
- 8 *Life After Death*
- 9 *Facets of Religion - I*
The Bible: A Holy Book
- 10 *Facets of Religion - II*
The Lord's Provision for Us
- 11 *Facets of Religion - III*
The Lord

Requirement and Cost

Access to a copy of the book *The Heavenly City* which can be obtained from the Swedenborg Centre for \$20 (SAA membership discount applies) plus \$3 postage. Alternatively, it is available online at swedenborg.newearth.org/hcsg

There will be a one-off administration fee of \$40 to defray costs.

APPLICATION FORM

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I wish to participate in your next *Overview of Swedenborg's Spiritual Philosophy* Course:

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone Number: _____

I prefer to receive and submit material by email: Yes / No (please circle)
(If applicable)

Email address: _____

Enclose a cheque/money order (payable to Swedenborg Association of Australia Inc) for the administration fee - \$40.00

Or provide credit card details to be charged with \$40.00

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Expiry Date: __ / __ Signature: _____