



SWEDENBORG ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC
Melbourne Group

Next Meeting

Friday 1st December 2017 commencing 7.30pm

New Church Hall, 426 High Street Road Mt. Waverley



I Want What I Want!

~ Freedom or Slavery?

Our ability to make choices in life at this level of existence is obviously severely limited. We are not free to choose our race, gender or our early environment, which might be in affluence or poverty and therefore with many or few opportunities. Such circumstances in which we find ourselves will certainly affect how we make choices later in life.

Yet freedom of choice is a key aspect found in Swedenborg's spiritual teachings. He does not deny or question any of the limitations mentioned but focusses on the one choice every person is free to make - how we respond to situations we face in life. Will we be others-centred or self-centred? That choice is between what is true or false, good or evil - a choice toward or away from God - being truly free or a slave to one's own desires. No one who is fully human can ever escape the responsibility that this freedom of spiritual choice implies.

Glenn Alden, a retired Minister of the New Church (Swedenborg) in North America visiting Victoria for several months, will be the speaker for the evening, introducing this central concept in Swedenborg's spiritual writings leading to period of questions and discussion. It will be a delight to welcome Glenn and his wife Mary to our meeting.

Entry Donation: \$5 to help cover costs

The evening will conclude with tea & coffee. Being the final gathering before Christmas, please bring a plate of seasonal food to share.

For further information, please ring Neville Jarvis on (03) 8555 9116