



The Divine ultimately makes the changes at the spiritual level of our life. Its love and wisdom is endlessly and unceasingly providing for this for all those who acknowledge a creator and who live what they believe to be spiritually true.

Men and women were created to complement one another – the primary focus of the male is intellectual; that of the female is affection. Spiritual life develops when there is a balance between knowing and living truth. True marriage love between a man and woman most closely mirrors the Divine nature.

The Divine reveals itself in forms that contain spiritual principles and heavenly life, such as through nature, with its organic unity and expression, through sacred scriptures which are written in spiritual language and symbols, and through the incarnation, the Christ being the Divine in person who overcame every evil to model what is possible for us and to bring new order into the spirit world.

To me, the above summary provides plenty of food for thought and practice, while the depth of Swedenborg's detailed elaborations on them never ceases to amaze me. I would also encourage you to look at the new pamphlet "Practical Techniques for Spiritual Living" which has some practical gems in it. This pamphlet was recently published by the Association after it was adapted from the work of other generous contributors, people who love to find useful guidelines in Swedenborg's wonderful works.

Happy reading,

Joe Vandermeer

Joe is the third President of the SAA. He has been serving in this role since 2007.

Secretary's Report

Our committee has had a good year, with the production of our new leaflet on Spiritual Living. We are working on ways to help our members who cannot attend meetings. If you have any ideas please contact us.

Our AGM is on 28th September. I hope you can all read through the reports and send in your proxy votes or write with your comments if you cannot attend.

Ruth Duckworth

Practical Techniques for Spiritual Living



Practical Techniques for Spiritual Living Leaflet.

A very helpful leaflet has just been produced. It is based on Emanuel Swedenborg's direct experiences of

how the angels work with people on earth, leading them to life's goodness yet never compromising their spiritual freedom. The techniques can be used for working spiritually on ourselves, observing the quality of our thoughts and feelings, decision making and in our relationships with others. Copies are freely available at the Swedenborg Centre and can be downloaded from the website. We are happy to mail copies to you as well. To download go the Free Items page and go to **Brochures introducing practices and guidance to spiritual growth.**

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PATH

A path leads somewhere and invites us to walk it, offering us safety and direction. It can also beckon us into the unknown. We follow the twists and turns of the path until we find ourselves where it has led us. It is obvious then that a path is a correspondence of our own personal life in its journey and development. One ancient word for a path carried the interesting idea that no path exists until we create it by walking it ourselves, opening it up as we make our decision where to go. Other associations with a path would include our need to keep to it, not to be led astray from it and to have something that illuminates our footsteps along it. The very word 'path' is closely connected with the word 'foot' as in our word 'pedestrian'. The core spiritual idea of a path is that through having a knowledge of what is good and true and the will to follow this, we are led to heaven.

