

## *Reviews*

*General Index to Swedenborg's Scripture Quotations* by A.H. Searle. (The Swedenborg Society, London, 2006. Cloth, 408 pages)

It is just over half a century since the General Index to Swedenborg's Scripture Quotations was published by the Swedenborg Society in London. It was reviewed in *New Church Life* in April of 1955.

When I packed my books and took ship to Australia as a young minister in 1957, one of my most treasured volumes was this valuable research tool. People generally refer to it as "Searle's Index." Every verse in the Bible that is quoted or mentioned in the Writings is to be found in that volume. For someone writing sermons, this is absolutely vital. I was not the only minister who wore out copies by frequent use over a period of years.

Well, it has been published anew by the Swedenborg Society. They have done a beautiful job. Pick it up and get the feel of this durable edition. Open it and see the new format. What you do not see at first glance is that a tremendous amount of work has been done. This is painstaking work, making sure entries are correct.

In this new edition one sees occasionally the letter "a" after a reference. We learn in the Preface that this refers to an "allusion," for there are places where a phrase of Scripture is quoted without a reference given, and these were generally not included in former editions. For example, the phrase, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." This is in *True Christian Religion* 539. "My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" is in *True Christian Religion* 105. And the saying that in God we "live and move and have our being" is in *Arcana Coelestia* 2892 and

10774. In this case a reference that could have been added is *Divine Love and Wisdom* 301, which illustrates that there are allusions yet to be discovered and recorded.

Congratulations to the Swedenborg Society for producing this excellent and useful research volume.

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***Be of Good Cheer: Discovering the Redeeming Quality of Struggle*** by Ethan D. McCardell (Restyn LLC, Lutherville, MD, 2005. 216 pages)

In this excellent book, Pastor McCardell brings together many of the Lord's teachings in the Sacred Scripture and the Heavenly Doctrine of the New Jerusalem in a very thoughtful and caring way.

Mr. McCardell has written *Be of Good Cheer* with two main purposes in mind, it would appear: to be instrumental, as a dedicated pastor, in the Lord's purposes of redemption and salvation, and to extend the teachings of the New Word to inquirers and interested readers. Of course, numerous treatises by other talented New Church clergy and laity have these purposes in mind. What is rather different with Mr. McCardell's approach is the textbook or workbook style in which this inspiring, gently moving book is written. Read and study a chapter a day. Put its teachings to work in your life prayerfully, thoughtfully, and with affection. Select and memorize a teaching from the Writings as an anchor for your life.

### **The Peace of Heaven Waits**

Chapter one begins with the heading: "Do not fear little flock, for it is your Father's pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).