

**JUNE THE NINETEENTH**  
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The celebration of the Second Coming of the Lord is mentioned specifically in the *Writings* to have happened on the nineteenth day of June. This dramatic, monumental occurrence which effected a new Heaven and re-ordered the Hells is not called in the *Writings*, “New Church Day”, or the “Church’s Birthday,” but is only referred to as “The 19th day of June.”

Is this number “nineteen” used on purpose? With investigation, we can come to see that we are actually taught in the Word to believe that it is, and is called The Nineteenth of June for a reason.

Quoting from the *Arcana*: “Sometimes, when I have been speaking with the angels, numbers have been seen, as it were written before the eyes, like those which are seen on paper in clear day; and it was seen that the things themselves which were being spoken of fall into such numbers; from which experience also it has been given to know that every number in the Word contains some Arcanum” (*Arcana Coelestia* 4495:2, 6). Further, “It is manifestly evident that whatever numbers are used in the Word never mean numbers” (*Arcana Coelestia* 716:5) because “‘number’ in the spiritual sense...has relation to quality” (*Apocalypse Revealed* 287). “The numbers themselves...are by no means perceived as numbers by those who are in the internal sense, but as real things or states” (*Arcana Coelestia* 2252).

At first analysis, the number “nineteen” always seems a strange number to have such tremendous importance. We can note first, that it is not a multiple of anything. Most numbers are related in importance by their correspondence and out of a relationship to each other.

When looking up the correspondence of all other numbers in the Old or New Testament we do not find the number “nineteen” itself given a specific meaning anywhere. Wonderful to find, it is mentioned only in the Heavenly Doctrine in relation to the Second Coming and the New Revelation. Can we see then how “nineteen” is saying something totally new?

To quote: “It has pleased the Lord to open the sight of my spirit, and to permit me to converse face to face with angels and men that have died, and to observe them and touch them, and to say many things about the unbelief and fallacies of men who are still living. With these I have had daily association from the year 1744 to the present time, a period of nineteen years...” (*Divine Wisdom* 7). Isn’t this fact lovely and amazing when we know that angels only see the internal sense of the letter?

How can we further understand this number “nineteen” so that we can appreciate why the Lord, in Providence, used this date for the Second Coming? There are many combinations of numbers that make up nineteen. However, the ones that are immediately noticed are the combinations “ten and nine,” and “twelve and seven.” What might they mean? The number ten corresponds to what is ‘much,’ ‘complete’ or ‘full’, and also sometimes, ‘remains.’ It is a very significant number, relating to so many major things in the Word, such as The Ten Commandments, The Ten Blessings, ten virgins, ten horns, and so on.

There are also hundreds of passages throughout all the books of the Word where the number “three” is mentioned, and “in each case it is where a finished and perfect work” is described. This is the meaning of the number “three:” “what is full and complete and perfect” (cf. *Arcana Coelestia* 8150, *Sacred Scripture* 29, *True Christian Religion* 211). We are taught that nine corresponds to knowledge and conjunction (*Arcana*

*Coelestia* 2075). Nine being the multiple of three has within it three “threes, which would seem to express what is even more than just perfect, but it seems to mean something “perfectly” perfect. (See *Arcana Coelestia* 5335).

As for the numbers “twelve” and “seven” which also add up to nineteen, we all know the many, many stories in the Word that relate to twelve: the 12 disciples, twelve gates to the city, twelve stones on Aaron's breast plate, and so on. The number “seven” is also quite often used. “Twelve” simply means, “all Goods and Truths in their complex” (*Arcana Coelestia* 5315:6) and “seven,” “what is Holy” (*Arcana Coelestia* 716).

By absorbing these things about correspondences in the letter of the Word and letting our minds be lifted up by the Lord to think about something more deeply when we say "Happy Nineteenth of June, we can be led to see an indefinite number of new things contained in the number “nineteen.” For example, putting the above together: ‘The Lord has come again perfectly, in a new way in His Divine Human, with all knowledge given in His New Word. And this Word makes possible a new conjunction. It is for all time, and out of this Word there is now possible a complete and perfect holy conjunction.’

Isn't it important to the Church that we move into the realm of the spirit? Thus we may see what can be created new within our own minds from His New Word, and thereby be led to a spiritual awakening to the realities of the spiritual Nineteenth day of June in our lives

### ***Eldergarten 2009***

To our New Church friends and members, 60 years of age and older: The members and friends of the Boynton Beach Society invite you to attend ELDERGARTEN 2009, to be held in Boynton Beach, Florida, January 18th—23rd, 2009. Our speakers will be Rt. Rev. Louis B. King, Rev. Walter Orthwein, and Rev Scott Frazier.,

The Eldergarten program begins on January 18th, Sunday evening, with registration and a light buffet. Speakers will give presentations on four mornings, with a free day mid-week. Events include a reception, box lunches during the week, and a banquet on Friday. All meal functions are included in the registration fee of \$130 per person.

Seating is limited, so when you receive our mailing, return your registration form and check promptly.

Address questions to Gale Arnoux, Director, at The New Church at Boynton Beach, 10621 El Clair Ranch Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33437-4203. Gale's e-mail: pcagca@bellsouth.net; Phone:561-734-8616."

### ***From the Bishop's Office: Ministers' Moves***

Effective July 1, 2008 The Rev. Ethan D. McCardell has been called to serve as Pastor of the Cascade New Church in Seattle, Washington.

The Rev. Frederick M. Chapin has been called to serve as Pastor of the Freeport New Church (Sower's Chapel), Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Daniel W. Goodenough has been named as Regional Pastor for the Southwestern United States, effective immediately.