

MY GOD IN MOTION...

Who Was Emanuel Swedenborg?

"In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.'" Acts 2:17

Virtual Home Group Bible Study

02-26-2025

Agenda

- Purpose & Opening
- Topic: What, Why, How, When
- Resources
- Discussion
- Feedback
- Future Topics
- Closing & Send off

Purpose & Opening

Purpose: Exhort One Another Into Love and Good Works

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some,
but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Opening Prayer:

Thank you for this opportunity

Give me Words to deliver Your message

Give us Eyes to See all things from Your perspective

Give us Ears to Hear and understand Your Word

Help us get to know You through Your Word

Help us be transformed into the people You intended us to be

Help us turn Your Words into loving action through our flesh

Help us bring You glory in all we do

Topic

What: Who Was Emanuel Swedenborg

Why:

- Many still do not realize the depth of wisdom available in My Word.
- I revealed Myself as The Word made flesh.
- Swedenborg was one of the brightest scientists of the 18th Century
- I revealed the secrets of heaven to Him so he could understand and share.
- His writings are used in heaven today to teach those who want to learn more about Me and My kingdom.
- You would be wise to understand what He saw and wrote about, it can help you on your journey.

(from journalling 2/21)

Approach: Who, What, Why, How, When

Who: Emmanuel Swedenborg (1688-1772)

Swedish Polymath, Scientist, Mathematician, Physicist, Metallurgist, Crystallographer,
Engineer, Astronomer, Anatomist, Botanist, Chemist, Christian Theologian, Philosopher,
Poet, Mystic, Author, Editor, Publisher, Musician

Studied with leading European scientist and craftsman in many fields.

Pioneered nebulous theory of star formation, 20 yrs before Kant

Pioneered analytic Psychology 140 yrs before Freud

Designed a submarine, a flying machine, a machine gun, and mining machines ~1714

Published Scientific Works, Created and Published first Swedish Scientific Journal.

Published 14,000 pages, 28,000 left in manuscript

Appointed to Swedish Board of Mines

Member of Swedish Nobility, Swedish Parliament, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Extensive research on how mind works and how spirit interacts with brain and body

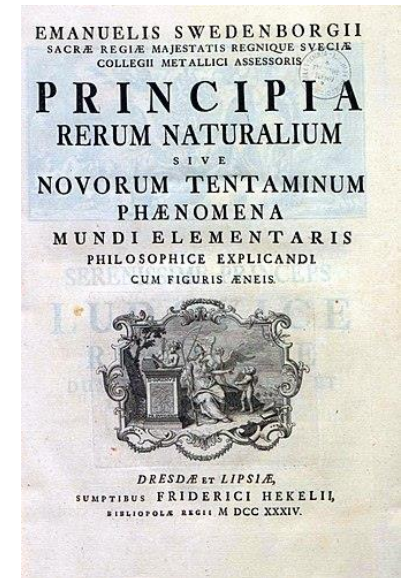
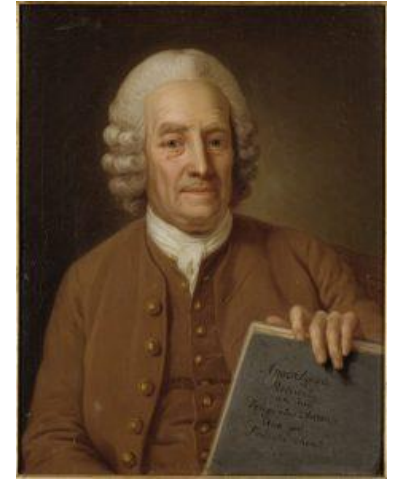
- Documented nervous system functions and mechanism before neurons were discovered
- Described vibrational nature of spiritual and mental events

At 53, began 29-year spiritual experience – Dreams, Visions, Immersion

Called to Study, Document, and Publish what he learned. Anonymous, then Public.

18 books with detailed insights intended to guide church back to True Christianity.

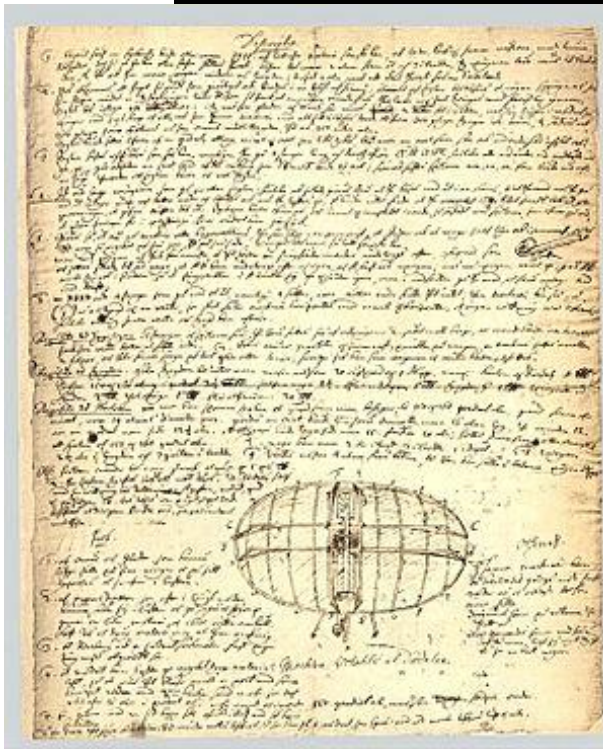
Was “Cancelled” by Scientific Community



Emanuel Swedenborg In The Smithsonian

FLYING MACHINE

Emanuel Swedenborg
1714



What: Spiritual Awakening

- Influence from His Father as Lutheran Bishop
 - Exposure To Christian Theology, Shaped His Thinking
 - Exposed to Lutheran “Piety” sect - Focus on Faith, and Life in communion with God
 - Heard Fear Based “Fire and Brimstone” Lutheran Sermons, Conflicted with God as loving
 - Saw Teaching of “Salvation by Faith Alone” created shallow Christians
- Serious Research into interaction between spirit, mind and body
 - Ex: Weighing patients as they pass to see which portion of body gets lighter
- At 53, Started having Vivid dreams and Visions, Progressing to Full Immersion. Lasted 29 Years
- Vision with Jesus on Easter: Granted Him Access to Heaven and permission to study, and Call to publish findings to facilitate transformation of church and return to true Christianity.
- Visited heaven with escorts on demand, Traveled Heavens and Hells, Interviewed Angels and Demons, Key Biblical Figures, Famous Folks, Folks He Knew, Folks Recently Passed
- Asked What, Where, Why, How, When. Was given answers and shown examples. Documented, analyzed, hypothesis formed, tested, refined.
- Developed robust understanding of interaction/dependency between spiritual world and humans in this life.

What: Writings, Published and Unpublished

The Soul, Rational Psychology

Secrets of Heaven

The Worship and Love of God

New Jerusalem

Heaven and Hell

The White Horse

Last Judgment

Earths in the Universe

Apocalypse Revealed

Married Love

Interaction of the Soul and the Body

True Christianity

Journal Of Dreams

Each Publication detail indexed and cross referenced with others

The human mind and nature of our soul.

A verse-by-verse interpretation of Genesis and Exodus

Discussion on creation and divine love.

Doctrine of the New Church in revelation.

Detailed account of the afterlife

Symbolic meaning of white horse in Revelation (Divine Truth)

Spiritual Last Judgment occurring in 1757

Life on other planets and their spiritual states.

Detailed interpretation of the Book of Revelation

True spiritual marriage vs improper relationships.

Connection between spirit and matter.

Swedenborg's theology and doctrines of the New Church.

Accounting of 20 years of spiritual encounters

What: Results, Influences, Following

Psychology

Carl Jung – Founder of Analytic Psychology - Collective Conscience, Unconscious Mind

Fyodor Dostoyevsky – Psychology and Criminal Pathology, Society and Politics

Architecture/Design

Daniel Burnham – Proper Design Brings Heaven Closer – 1893 Worlds Fair, Chicago City Plan

Lloyd Wright – Wayfarers Church

Romanticism

William Blake, Ralph Waldo Emerson – Embraced spiritual driving forces, but rejected religious dogma

Social Reform, Abolition

Carl Bernhard Wadström – Inner Spiritual Nature of African Peoples - Abolitionist

Elizabeth Barrett Browning – Correspondences, Spiritual Nature of Everything – Poet – Anti Child Labor

Others

Johnny Appleseed (John Chapman) – Traveling Missionary of New Church

Arthur Conan Doyle – Author of Sherlock Holmes, “The History Of Spiritualism”

Hellen Keller - Inspirational Humanitarian Advocate - “My Religion / Light In My Darkness”

Swedenborg Followers

Hellen Keller (1880-1968)

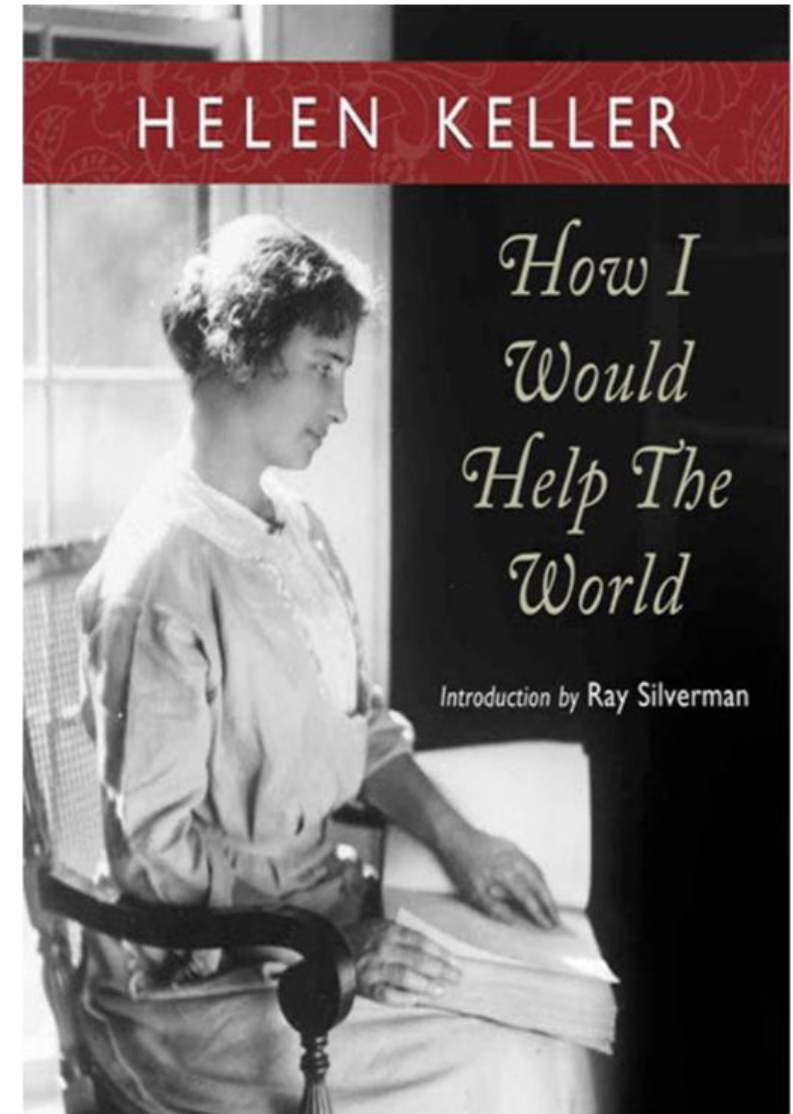
American author, political activist, lecturer, and disability rights advocate.

"The teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg have been my light, and a staff in my hand". *My Religion*, 1927

"I acknowledge my profound indebtedness to Emanuel Swedenborg for a richer interpretation of the Bible, a deeper understanding of the meaning of Christianity, and a precious sense for the divine presence in the world"

"Swedenborg's books are an inexhaustible well-spring of satisfaction to those who live the life of the mind. I plunge my hands into my large Braille volumes containing his teachings and withdraw them full of the secrets of the spiritual world."

How I Would Help The World – written mid 1950's,
Published 2011



Some Key Observations

- Nature of God
- Nature of Heaven
- Nature of Bible
- Nature of Humans
- Spiritual Nature of Everything

Nature Of God

- God Is Pure Love, Powers The Universe
 - Is Loving, Source of All Love In Us
 - God “hating” is metaphor – He grieves when we do not live up to our potential
 - He is ready willing and able to help us once we invite him
 - The more we remain humble, focused on a higher purpose, the more He can help
- God is Pure Truth
 - Truth Make Order Out of Chaos
 - Source of All Truth In Us
- Jesus Is God in Flesh
 - Fully Devine and Fully Human.
 - Suffered to purify human aspects
 - Now Alive In Heaven and Fully Relatable
- God is One: We are formed In His Image
 - Mind (Father), Body (Son/Jesus), Spirit (Holy Spirit)
- Second Coming Is In Progress Through You

Nature Of Heavens

- There is An Afterlife
- All Angels and Demons are Souls Who Have Passed
- Transition first to “World Of Spirits”
 - Tease Out inner most love
 - Transition when ready to Heaven or Hell
- 3 Heavens organized by focus: Obedience, Seeking Truth & Serving, Loving God.
- 3 Opposite Hells – Adverse Behaviors Restrained By Angels.
- You will Choose: Heaven Or Hell
 - Your True Inner Nature / Thoughts Are Transparent To All – You May Wish To Hide
 - Heavens Light Is Pure, People In Falsity Are Blind There,
 - Heavenly Love Is A Powerful Force, People In Evil/Hate Will Feel Burning / Uncomfortable
- Continuous Learning, Progression, Jobs they love, Pursuits based on interests
- Travel At Speed of Thought, Reconnect with Anyone You Wish To

Three Is A Big Deal = “Completeness”

| Three Heavens | Three Areas in Moses Tabernacle | Three Areas in Heaven of Heavens | Three Stages of Spiritual Transformation |
|--|--|--|--|
| 3 rd Heaven – Highest – Celestial Angels - Focused On Connection to God | Holy of Holies - Testimony/Covenant - Mercy Seat - High Priest only | Throne Room - Jesus on Throne - His Blood on Mercy Seat - He is our High Priest | Completed - Dwell in love |
| 2 nd Heaven – Middle – Spiritual Angels - Focused On Serving Others | Holy Place - Lampstand - Incense - Showbread - Priests | In The Midst - Candlesticks - 24 Thrones of Elders | Spiritual Growth - Receive Truth / Light - Reject falsity - Regenerate/Renew |
| 1 st Heaven – Lowest - Natural Angels - Focused On Being Obedient | Outer Court - Cleanse - Sacrifice | Surrounding - Ten Thousand times Ten Thousand, and Thousands | Initial - Turn from Sin - Learn to do good - Sacrifice “Self” - Regenerate/Renew |

Paul visits 3rd heaven (2 Cor. 12:2)

Solomon talks about heavens and heaven of heaven (1 Kings 8:27)

Nature Of Bible

- The Bible Is much more sophisticated than most appreciate
- Deep layers of meaning
 - Literal/History
 - Metaphor / Parable
 - Predictions of Messiah, Jesus Fulfilling
 - Journey of Jesus (Purification of Human aspect through temptation)
 - Our Spiritual Journey (Creation = Chaos to Order)
- Language of Correspondences – Every Name, Place, Thing has spiritual meaning
 - Light = Spiritual Truth, Wisdom
 - Warmth/Heat = Love
 - Sun = Source of Light which carries Heat = Devine Love and Wisdom = God
 - Right Hand = Strength in doing
 - Water = Truth (cleanses falsities)
- Swedenborg was Huge Fan of Bible
 - His Writings are Very Dense With Scripture References

Our Nature

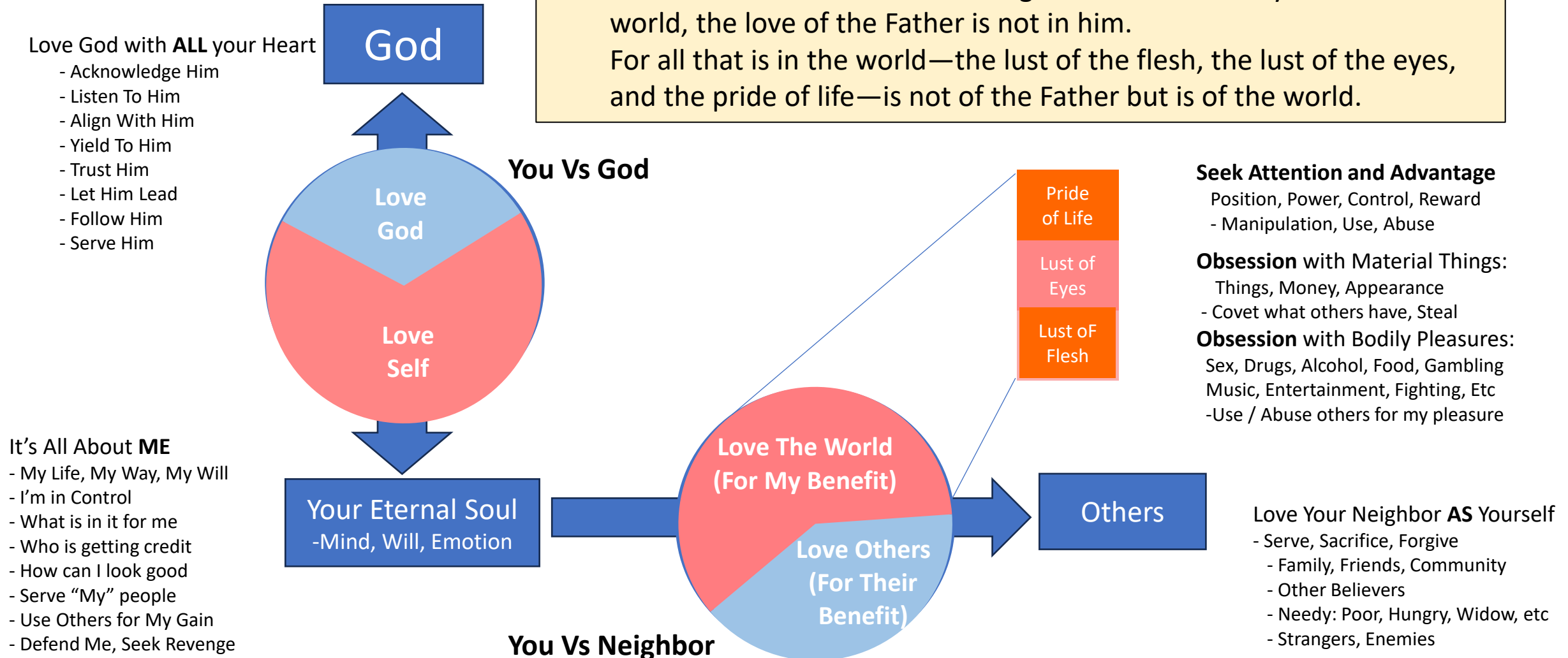
- We have 3 Loves: Self (Me), World (Life/Things), God (Him and Kingdom),
- One is always primary, Primary subordinates the other two
- Love of God optimizes, opens spiritual inflow – humility, compassion, serve
- Love of Self corrupts, cuts off inflow from above (Hardens heart)
- You are born with Love of Self primary, must learn different
- You “Are” your primary Love
- Primary love when you die determines Eternity:
 - Love God = Want To Be With Him, Ready To Be In Heavenly Light
 - Love Self = Prefer To Be Separate, Not Want To Bee Seen In Heavenly Light

Love of Self Blocks Flow Of God's Love

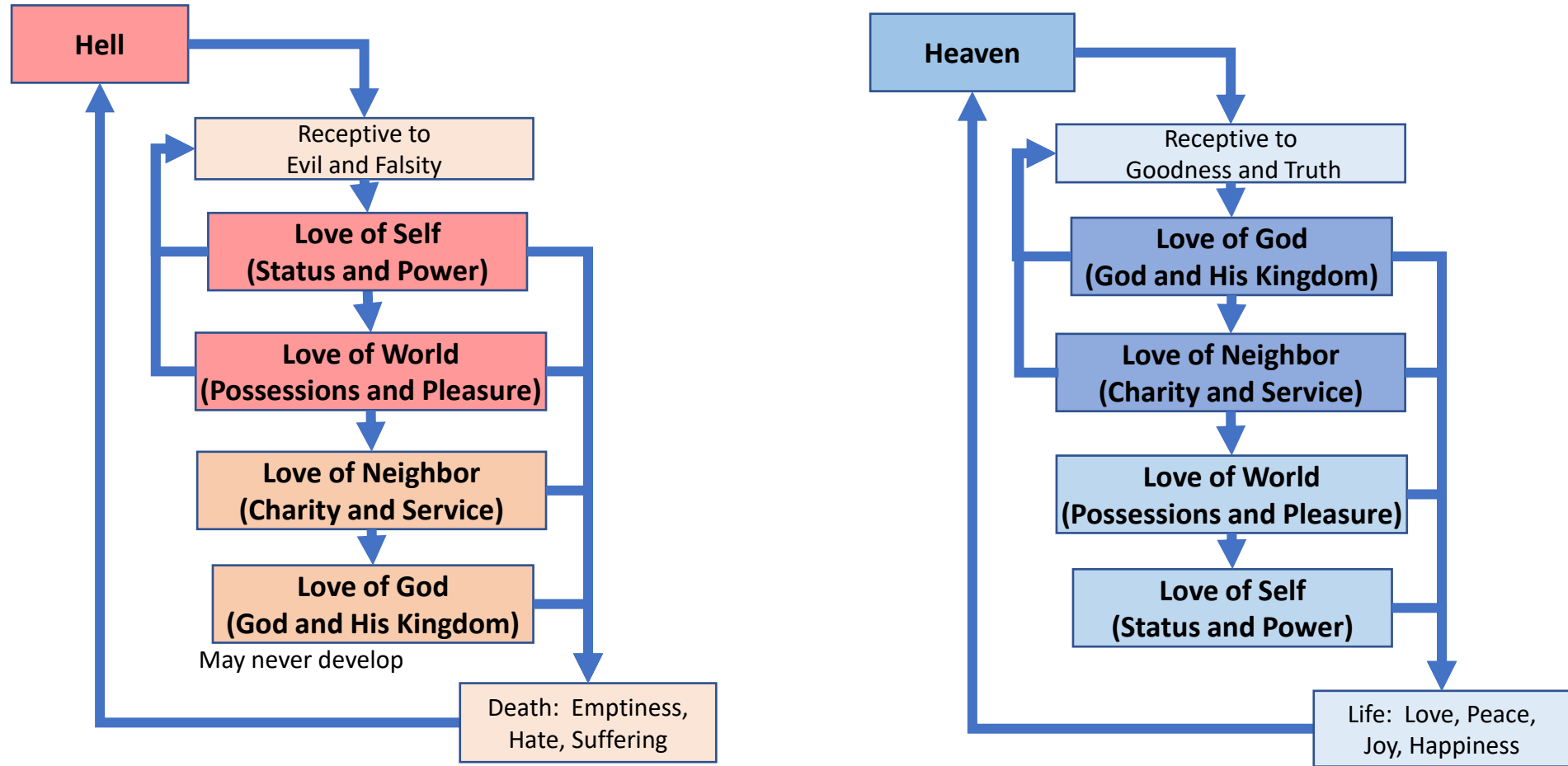
1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.



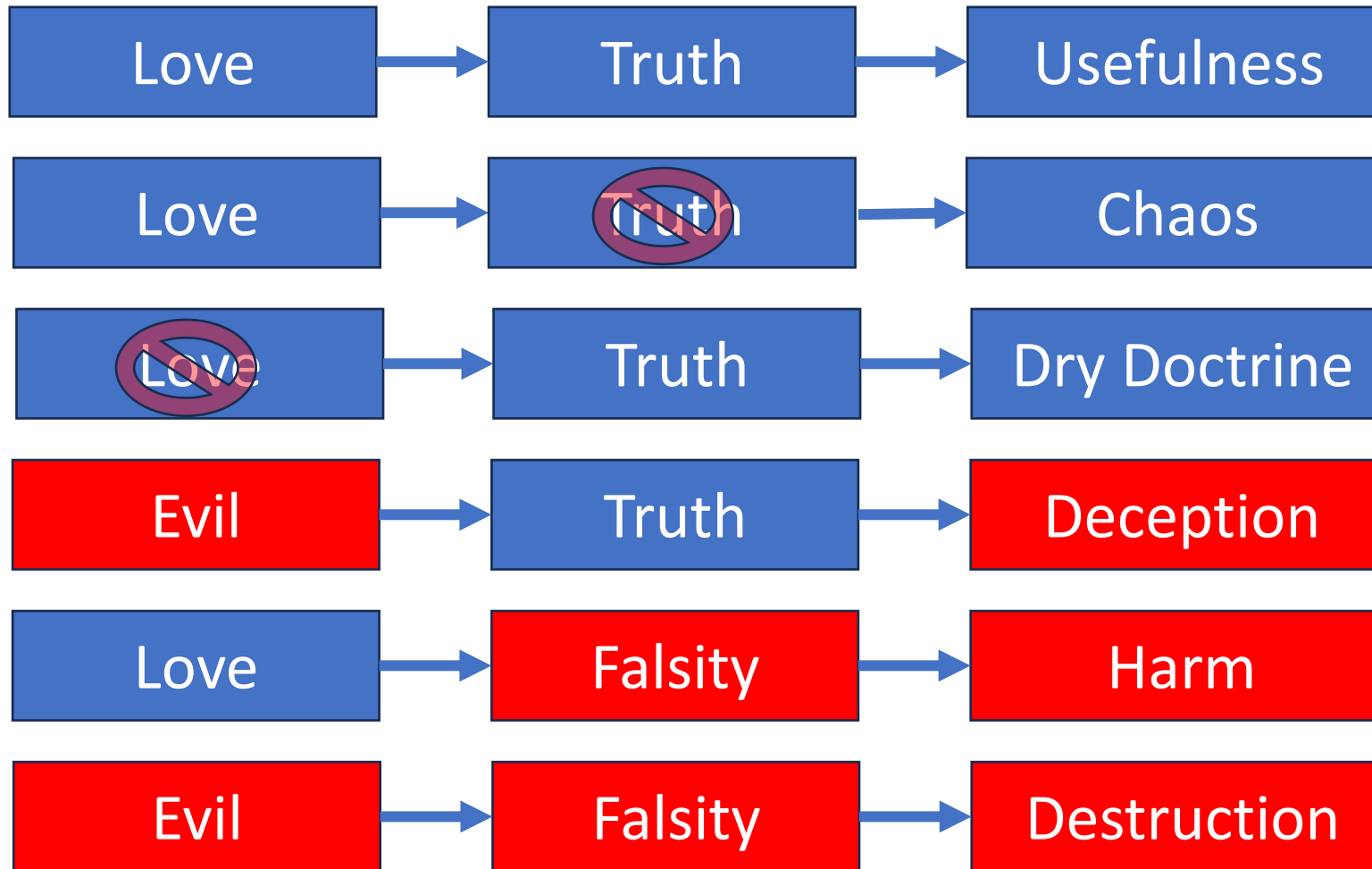
Your “Primary Love” Drives You and Defines You



Our primary love dominates and conforms the other loves to its desires
Our priority loves determine which realms have influence (Heaven/Good. Hell/Evil)
Our primary love determines where and how we will spend eternity
We must get our loves sorted into the right priority while we still can

Spiritual Nature of Everything

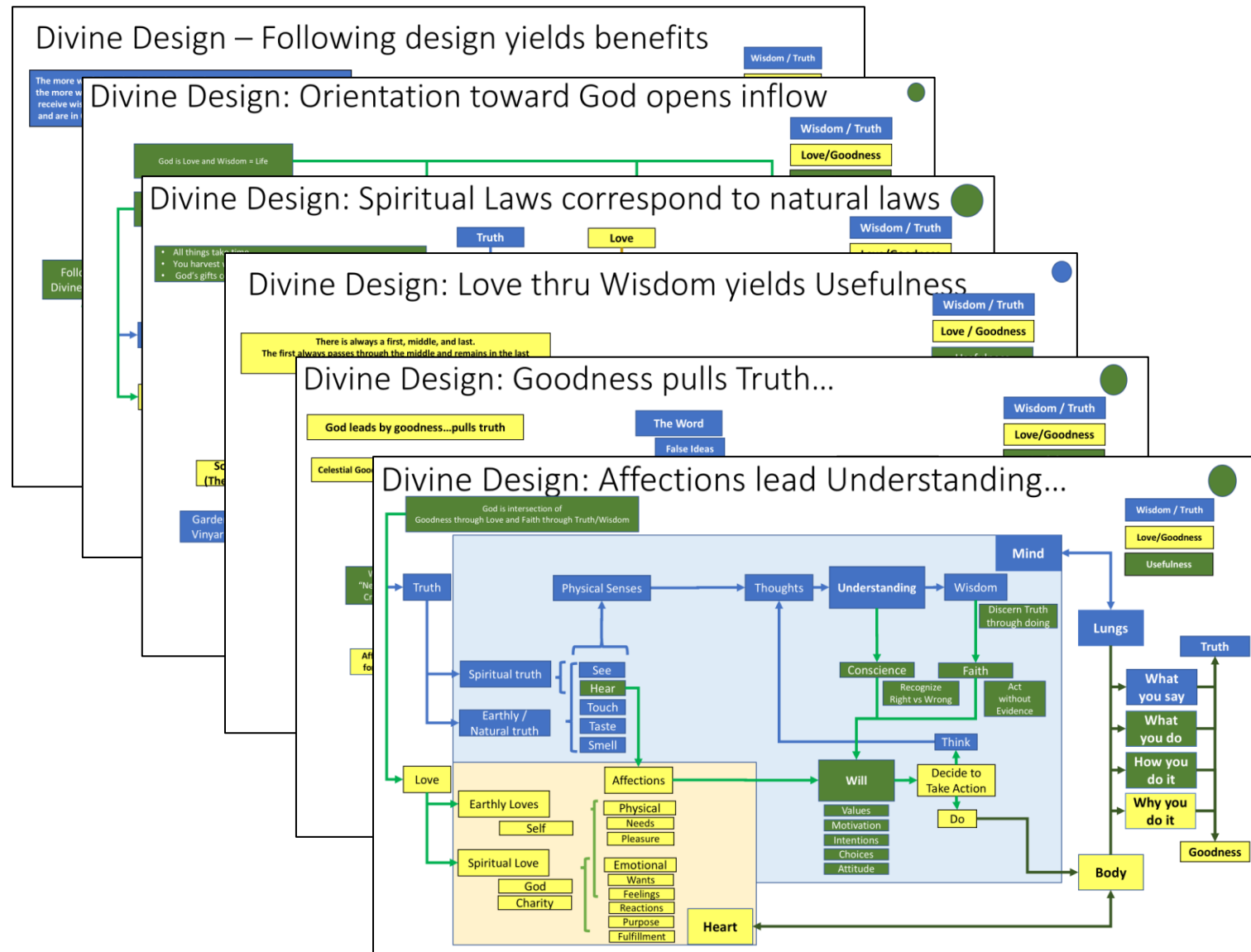
- Love Flows Through Truth To Be Useful, Love Without Truth Is Chaos



Spiritual Process Mapping

- Leveraged Writings
- Drew Graphics
- Reconciled Flow Path
- Gained Understanding
- ~60 Maps
- One Batch:

<https://mygodinmotion.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Selected-maps-Divine-Design-Kirkgasser.pdf>



How: My Approach

Bible Is Primary

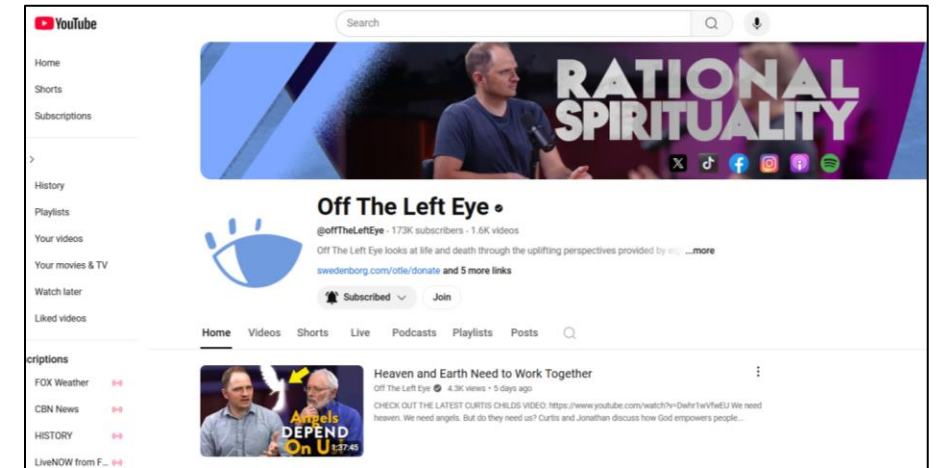
- Wonderful for What, When, Why

Swedenborg Writings Serve As Resource

- Wonderful Insights / Framework / Lense
- Process Perspective On How

Resources

- Swedenborg Foundation: <https://swedenborg.com/>
 - Publishing
 - Free Download of Older Translations
 - “New Century Edition” Translation In Progress
 - Off The Left Eye - YouTube
 - <https://www.youtube.com/user/offTheLeftEye>
 - Interactive Community



Swedenborg Dictionary of Correspondences

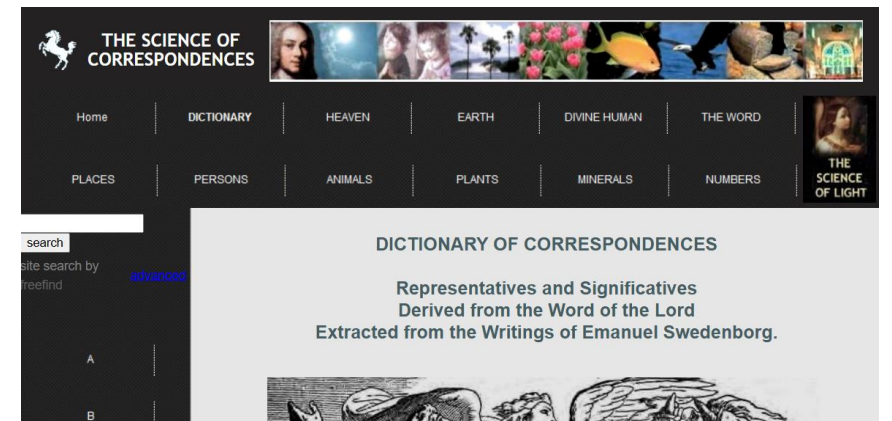
<http://www.scienceofcorrespondences.com/dictionary.htm>

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<https://swedenborg.org/>



The Swedenborgian Church of
North America



Resources

My Website Resource Page on Swedenborg

<https://mygodinmotion.org/home/resources/additional-resources/>

Links to:

Videos

Books

Podcasts

Ex:


What Happens When You Die

What Is The Afterlife Like

Resources – Swedenborg

Links to Specific Articles, Instructional Videos, or Websites

God and His Kingdom



Insights From Spiritual Experiences of Emmanuel Swedenborg

Introductory videos

[Who was Swedenborg](#)

[Swedenborg 101: The basic nature of everything](#)

Main Websites

[The Swedenborg Foundation](#) – Download most of his books for free in PDF

[Off The Left Eye](#) – YouTube publication channel for Swedenborg Foundation

[Spirit and Life Bible Study](#) – Excellent Bible Study with a Swedenborg Lens

[The Science of Correspondences](#) – Encyclopedia of relationships between physical and spiritual worlds

His primary books on spiritual topics

- [Secrets of Heaven: eBook : Podcast](#)
- [Heaven and Hell: eBook : Podcast](#)
- [Four Doctrines: The Lord, Sacred Scripture, Life, Faith: Podcast](#)
- [Love and Wisdom: eBook : Podcast](#)
- [Divine Providence: eBook : Podcast](#)
- [Apocalypse Revealed: eBook : Podcast](#)
- [Apocalypse Explained eBook](#)
- [Marriage Love: Podcast](#)
- [True Christianity: eBook: Podcast](#)
- [New Jerusalem : eBook](#)
- [Spiritual Experiences: Podcast online book](#)

Videos on favorite topics:

[Life here is just the beginning](#)

- [There is more to life than this physical world](#)
- [Your spiritual body – why do you need to “Die”](#)

[How does God work](#)

- [God's hand in your life – Divine Providence](#)
- [Why is God so Angry in the bible](#)
- [What is the trinity and How does it work](#)

[What is heaven / hell – how do they work](#)

- [How are heaven and hell structured](#)
- [What happens immediately after you die](#)
- [What is hell really like?](#)
- [Experience of some historical celebrities in heaven](#)

[How does the Spiritual world work](#)

- [Law of attraction – Good to good, bad to bad](#)
- [How do the Natural world and Spiritual world relate](#)

[What is the Bible](#)

- [What is the bible – and why is it so powerful](#)
- [Is it all literal or are there deeper meanings?](#)
- [Swedenborg on the Word and our hearts](#)

Discussion

This Topic

- Questions?
- Clarification?
- Practical Experiences?
 - Struggles / Barriers
 - Strategies to Overcome
 - Success / Lesson Learned

Other Topics/Questions?

Call To Action:

Explore Some Swedenborg Observations

Test Them By Their Fruit – Rational?, Bring Goodness?

Adopt / Reject As You See Fit



The Basic Nature Of Everything

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Q14EcEwQVQ>



The World Of Spirits

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qoaPwhzDHWM&list=PLgtFTXGqzdSnLsxC6q88vdkLmBjmlzT8S>

Feedback

- What is working: Keep doing
 - ✓ Good Content - Food for thought
 - ✓ Good Mix - Content & Discussion
 - ✓ Good Format - Casual / Informal – Easy to engage
 - ✓ Graphics are good/helpful - Draw the story together
 - ✓ Do quick intro when new folks so they get familiar
 - ✓ Host log in at 6:45 so others can get settled online and start on time
- What could be better: Suggestions to consider
 - ✓ Me: Send Reminder Text Early, and the 30 min before
 - ✓ Me: Set dog up for success to avoid distraction
 - ✓ Me: Mute participants during presentation to improve sound quality

Future Topics

Candidate topic for next week:

Recent Activity / Potential Topics:

- Gratitude Defeats Anxiety
- Deny Your Life To The Point Of Death!
- Act in Faith to Make Room For Grace!
- How do you Restore the Image of God?
- What does it mean to be a Branch of Jesus' Vine?
- How is God's Love perfected through us?
- Fear of God is the beginning of Wisdom!
- Yield Your Life To Find It – His Will, Not Yours

Any hot topics on your mind?

- How to stand in Faith in end times
- What does the new heaven/new earth mean?
- What are the steps to discernment

Next Session:
Wed 3/5

Closing

- Thank You for this opportunity, fellowship, sharing
- Thank you for the gift of Your Word, and Your Son who made it flesh
- May we See, Hear, and Embrace your Word in our Heart, and assimilate it into our flesh
- May we recognize the opportunities within us and around us
- May we seek Your face and embrace Your help to root out our selfish agendas
- May we transform into Your image and perfect the flow of Your love to others
- May we be inspired into the good works that You have prepared
- May we walk in the light as Jesus was in the light
- May we shine as a bright beacon in this dark world.
- We do all things in Your name to bring glory to the Father who sent You

“...if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

