

Heaven & Hell

A physical representation of the structure of the Heavens and Hells in the Spiritual World (afterlife) as disclosed by the Lord through the theological writings of Emanuel Swedenborg



Spiritual Kingdom
"Love of the Neighbour"

The Lord-God

Celestial Kingdom
"Love of the Lord"

Most perceptive to Love & Goodness

Inmost / Celestial Heavens

Love of the Lord is their highest love. This enables the Lord fully to share his love and wisdom. Gone beyond the teachings of the church and comprehend God's love.



Not as much Wisdom

People that love doing good for the sake of others, but feel dependent on the church and its teachings for salvation. The Good they do is what they are taught.



Intermediate / Spiritual Heavens

More Wisdom

No believe in Lord in natural world, but are active for what they believe is good, yet don't want to be in the church

Outermost / Natural Heavens

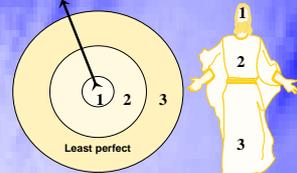
Less perceptive to Love & Goodness

In the world of spirits a person's soul is uncovered and a person's thought can no longer be hidden. Our true nature comes to the fore and a person is eventually drawn to a community of likeminded people. This is a place where we feel most happy. Even evil spirits can find themselves in a place they enjoy. However since they are drawn to likeminded people they will receive the same treatment as they give out. Such is the automatic nature of punishment in the Hells.

THE WRITINGS OF EMANUEL SWEDENBORG AND
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It is impossible to physically represent the actual way the heavens and hells are created, since the dimensions of space and time have no meaning in the spiritual world. Therefore the following diagram is only a humble attempt to make things more understandable. Each community, however small, has the appearance of a man. More perfect members are located towards the centre, while less perfect are situated further outwards.

Most perfect **COMMUNITY**

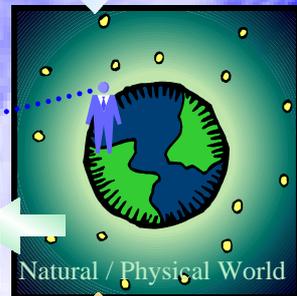
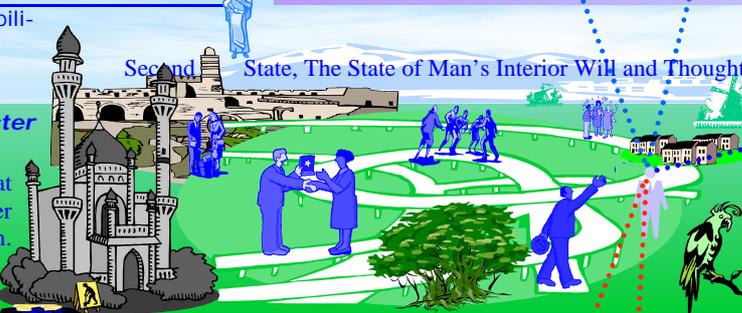


The Lord regards nothing else in a person but the person's aim or purpose. Whatever the thoughts and deeds may be, varying in countless ways, they are all good, provided the purpose is good. But if the end in view is bad, they are all bad. A person's aim is his very life.
Emanuel Swedenborg

Third State, Preparation and Instruction for Heaven

No physical or mental disabilities exist. People are confronted with the truth and make a choice of who they are. **intent = true character**

There is nothing covered that shall not be uncovered, neither hid, that shall not be known. Luke 12, v. 2
Separation of evil and good.



The Lower Earth

The Lord sends some of the most loving angels to the Hells to limit the punishment the evil spirits inflict on themselves.

Spirits
Lower Hellish Communities
Materialism

...those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men into destruction and perdition. 1 Tim.6 v9

Most Dreadful, malice and cunning

Less Dreadful, malice and cunning

Robbery

Stealing

Pride

Racism

Rape

Lust

Satanic Hells

Murder

Control over others by means of fear. Wanting to rule at any cost.

Devilish / Diabolical Hells

Absolute hate of Love & God

Genii

Those who are there (Hells) do not look to the Lord as a sun nor as a moon, but they look backward away from the Lord to that dense darkness that is in the place of the sun of the world, and to the darkness that is in the place of the earth's moon. Those that are called geni look to that dense darkness that is in the place of the world's sun, and those called spirits look to the darkness that is in the place of the earth's moon. It has been shown above (n. 122) that the world's sun and the earth's moon are not seen in the spiritual world, but in place of that sun a dense darkness over against the sun of heaven, and in place of that moon a darkness over against the moon of heaven. For this reason the quarters with those in the Hells are opposite to the quarters of heaven. The east to them is where that dense darkness and darkness are, the west is where the sun of heaven is, the south is to their right, and the north to their left, and this also in every turning of their bodies. Nor can they face otherwise, because the whole bent and consequent determination of their interiors tends and strives that way. Heaven & Hell, 151

Our spirit is already in the spiritual world when alive in the natural world, but in a state of sleep. Whilst living in the physical world other spirits rarely communicate with us directly. Each person is connected to two good and two evil spirits in the natural world, but neither side is conscious of the other. This is to keep us in freedom to choose whether to be influenced by the good or evil thoughts. We are to recognise that all good stems from the Lord alone, for God is Love itself, but we can experience it as our own.

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No Space and Time in the Spiritual World as we perceive it in the natural world