

August 25 & September 1, 2007

PROPHETIC TOPIC

TRUTH UNITED TO GOOD

FORMAT

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCE GUEST

LOVE AND LIGHT, I'M REV. PHIL AND I'M YOUR HOST FOR "WORDS OF THE PROPHETS."

RETURNING THIS AFTERNOON AS MY GUEST IS REV. GRANT SCHNARR, WHO IS AN ASSISTANT PASTOR OF THE SWEDENBORG NEW CHRISTIANITY CHURCH IN BRYN ATHYN, PA. REV. SCHNARR IS ALSO AN AUTHOR, WHOSE LATEST BOOK "YOU CAN BELIEVE! AN INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW CHRISTIANITY" WAS THE SUBJECT OF A COUPLE OF SHOWS AIRED BACK IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. TODAY REV. SCHNARR AND I WILL BE DISCUSSING ANOTHER ONE OF HIS BOOKS, "SPIRITUAL RECOVERY". TODAY'S PROPHETIC TOPIC IS "TRUTH UNITED TO GOOD". THIS PHRASE COMES FROM EMANUEL SWEDENBORG'S BOOK "DIVINE PROVIDENCE" AND CAN BE FOUND IN PARAGRAPH 36 OF THAT TEXT. THE PASSAGE THAT CONTAINS OUR TOPIC READS AS FOLLOWS: "THE ANGELS SAID, THAT THEY PICTURE WISDOM AS A MAGNIFICENT AND HIGHLY ORNATE PALACE INTO WHICH ONE MOUNTS BY 12 STEPS. NO ONE ARRIVES AT EVEN THE FIRST STEP, THEY SAID, EXCEPT FROM THE LORD BY CONJUNCTION WITH HIM; ALSO AS ONE ASCENDS, ONE PERCEIVES THAT NO MAN IS WISE FROM HIMSELF BUT FROM THE LORD. BY THE 12 STEPS INTO THE PALACE OF WISDOM ARE MEANT GOOD UNITED TO TRUTH AND TRUTH UNITED TO GOOD."

- 1. WHO IS EMANUEL SWEDENBORG? (BORN JANUARY 29, 1688, DIED MARCH 29, 1772)**
 - **SCIENTIST ,PHILOSOPHER AND THEOLOGIAN.**
 - **APRIL, 1745 VISION THAT LED TO SWEDENBORG BECOMING A SPIRITUAL REVELATOR.**
 - **TAUGHT BY THE LORD ALONE, THROUGH ANGELS BUT NOT BY ANGELS.**
 - **DIVINE FORCE UNDERLIES ALL MATTERS.**
 - **THE HUMAN SOUL IS THE LINK BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.**
- 2. GRANT SCHNARR'S STORY.**
- 3. CONNECTIONS BETWEEN 12 STEP AND EMANUEL SWEDENBORG.**
 - **BILL WILSON FAMILIAR WITH EMANUEL SWEDENBORG.**
 - **BILL'S WIFE, LOIS BURNHAM (FOUNDER OF AL-ANON) WAS A MEMBER OF A SWEDENBORG CHRISTIAN NEW CHURCH.**
- 4. THE TWELVE STEPS.**
 - 01. STEP 1 – WE ADMITTED THAT WE WERE POWERLESS OVER OUR DESTRUCTIVE TENDENCIES AND THAT, WHEN WE FOLLOWED THEM, OUR LIVES BECAME UNMANAGEABLE.**
 - 02. STEP 2 – CAME TO BELIEVE THAT A POWER GREATER THAN OURSELVES COULD BRING US TRUE SANITY.**
 - 03. STEP 3 – MADE A DECISION TO TURN OUR WILL AND OUR LIVES OVER TO THE CARE OF GOD AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM.**

- 04. STEP 4 – MADE A SEARCHING AND FEARLESS MORAL INVENTORY OF OURSELVES.**
- 05. STEP 5 – ADMITTED TO GOD, TO OURSELVES AND TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING THE EXACT NATURE OF OUR WRONGS.**
- 06. STEP 6 – BECAME ENTIRELY READY TO HAVE GOD REMOVE ALL THESE DEFECTS OF CHARACTER.**
- 07. STEP 7 – HUMBLY ASKED GOD TO REMOVE OUR SHORTCOMINGS AND BEGIN A NEW LIFE.**
- 08. STEP 8 – MADE A LIST OF ALL THE PERSONS WE HAD HARMED AND BECAME WILLING TO MAKE AMENDS TO ALL.**
- 09. STEP 9 – BEGAN TO MAKE AMENDS, TO DO GOOD, TO BE HONEST AND FAITHFUL IN ALL OUR AFFAIRS AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.**
- 10. STEP 10 – CONTINUED TO TAKE PERSONAL INVENTORY AND WHEN WE WERE WRONG PROMPTLY ADMITTED IT.**
- 11. STEP 11 – SOUGHT THROUGH PRAYER AND MEDITATION TO IMPROVE OUR CONSCIOUS CONTACT WITH GOD AS WE UNDERSTOOD HIM, PRAYING ONLY FOR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL FOR US AND THE POWER TO CARRY THAT OUT.**
- 12. STEP 12 – HAVING HAD A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AS THE RESULT OF THESE STEPS, WE TRIED TO CARRY THIS MESSAGE TO OTHERS AND TO PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES IN ALL OF OUR AFFAIRS.**

- 5. SEPTEMBER 1 OPENING QUOTATION BY REV. SCHNARR, QUOTING EMANUEL SWEDENBORG'S "TRUE CHRISTIAN RELIGION" PARAGRAPH 589.**
- **"SUCH ARE NOT INTELLIGENT BUT INSANE IN SPIRITUAL THINGS, BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WILL GOOD BUT EVIL; CONSEQUENTLY, THEY ARE AVERSE TO KNOWING AND UNDERSTANDING TRUTH, FOR TRUTH FAVORS GOOD AND OPPOSES EVIL. THE FIRST STEP IN THE NEW BIRTH IS A RECEPTION OF TRUTH BY THE UNDERSTANDING, AND THE SECOND IS THE WILL TO ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRUTH, AND FINALLY TO PRACTICE IT."**

6. GRANT'S CONTACT INFORMATION.

- **<http://grantschnarr.com/>**
- **E-mail: grs@grantschnarr.com**
- **WRITE:**
GRANT SCHNARR
P.O. BOX 277
BRYN ATHYN, PA 19009