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"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profitsth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."—St. John vi. 63.

"By peace, the Ancients meant in the supreme sense the Lord Himself; in the internal sense, His kingdom, and life in Him or salvation; but in the external sense, angety in the world, or health."—Bwnnennong, Arcona, 4681.

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FOREWORD

Truth needs no defence, it is its own power and explanation. Truth is not a mere statement of words, it is the consciously perceived activity of God's love and wisdom in the plane of the human mind. We advance, therefore, by the affirmation, "yea, yea," of good and the negation, "nay, nay," of evil.

This brief compilation of statements from the voluminous works of Swedenborg comes forth to meet the cry—"What portion of Truth lies back of those systems claiming the power of Divine Healing?"

No attempt is made to analyse the intellectual concepts of popular systems, such as "New-Thought," "Mental Healing," "Christian Science," and other forms of Psychopathy. If there is error in their explanation of the Law, we shall be of small service in beholding the "mote," merely, and calling attention to it, before we have considered the "beam" in our own eye. Trees are judged by their fruits; the good which they inaugurate comes forth by another and immutable law whereby life flows into that mind which affirms and seeks good.

It is hoped that those who read these pages will find reason for that broader charity, first enunciated by our Lord,—"he that is not against us is on our part."

As an indication of Swedenborg's entire system, even upon the one subject of the relation of soul and body, this compilation is too fragmentary and exclusive. But those who are familiar with modern thought cannot fail to see that the true philosophy of how the Divine life restores and heals humanity was more fully set forth by Swedenborg, long before the partial and limited teachings of to-day were conceived.

Students who seek a fuller knowledge of Divine order, of which health is an effect, will find ample reward in the teachings concerning Degrees, Influx, Correspondences, Soul, Body, and related subjects.

INTRODUCTION

The questions concerning life and death, health and disease, have been and ever will be of all-absorbing interest;—because, "All that a man hath will he give for his life."

With this new period of the world's life comes the reawakening of humanity to its birth-right of spiritual, intellectual, moral and civil order; this needs no other demonstration than "the signs following." Life is inflowing, we are feeling it; light is breaking through the clouds, men are working in it,—working to such good advantage that we say, "This is a New Age." But the startling activity comes from the same fundamental principles which have generated the good things throughout human history.

True philosophy and theology have always taught the Unity of life, the subsistence of the creature from the constant expression of the Divine. Swedenborg has not added to this general idea, it was not necessary; but he has given it new meaning and force. He has broken the shell of the general concept and brought to light the complex but most orderly arrangement of all that lies within the totality of human experience.

No one can become aware of the purport of Swedenborg's teaching of discrete degrees, the Maximus Homo or Greatest Man of the Spiritual heavens—as well as of the starry heavens with their spiritual and natural influences, and the correspondence or cause and effect