

Correspondences of Nature

Whenever the most ancients looked at natural things they thought about their spiritual meaning. In time, people lost the “science of correspondences”, as it was called, and could no longer look at plants, animals, rocks, etc. and know their meaning.

The Writings for the New Church restored this ability by teaching the meaning of natural things. Look at the chart, below, to discover the correspondence of various objects. Then examine the pictures on the following pages as the most ancients would have done! How does that change what you see?

<p>Birds Affections that lift our thoughts</p>	<p>High Elevated above worldly concerns</p>	<p>Rocks Stable facts or truths</p>
<p>Boat Beliefs that transport or guide us</p>	<p>House The mind that ‘houses’ our thinking</p>	<p>Seat (sit) To be in or remain in a particular state</p>
<p>Clouds Obscure ideas</p>	<p>Leaves True ideas</p>	<p>Spiritual heat Heavenly love from the Lord</p>
<p>Darkness Ignorance</p>	<p>Light The Lord’s Divine Wisdom</p>	<p>Sun The Lord’s Divine Love</p>
<p>Doors Openings that lead to truth, goodness, or the Lord</p>	<p>Lion Spiritual strength and courage</p>	<p>Sunset The end of a church</p>
<p>Fishermen People who look into and teach earthly truths, then do the same with spiritual truths</p>	<p>Low Superficial, removed from the Lord</p>	<p>Trees Ideas that help us live in safe and orderly ways</p>
<p>Flowers Happy thoughts from being useful</p>	<p>Plant Knowledge about a specific subject</p>	<p>Water True ideas that cleanse the mind</p>
<p>Heat Divine Love going out from the Lord</p>	<p>Roads Ways to understand true ideas</p>	<p>Window Inner sight, ability to think</p>

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