

SPIRITUAL TASK—OUR IDEA OF GOD (Deuteronomy 6:4)

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Story The New Church teaches that God is one: “*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!*” The God who is named Jehovah in the Old Testament is the same one who came down on earth and was born of the virgin Mary. Jesus is Jehovah made flesh: “*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us*” (John 1:14).

Meaning Our idea of God is the most important idea we can have. The Writings of the New Church teach that our place in heaven is determined by our idea of God. Everything else we believe about celestial, spiritual and natural things hangs upon our idea of God, like the first link in a chain. How strong is it?

Task As you think about the Lord our God, pray for a clearer picture of the Divine. Reading the Word after this prayer could help give you some clarity. We are taught that truths are like so many mirrors reflecting the divine—more truths make for more clarity. For real insight I suggest reading the four gospels and the first several chapters of the work, *The True Christian Religion*.