

The Word Is Like a Divine Man



“The Word is like a Divine man; the literal sense is as it were his body, but the internal sense is as it were his soul” (Arcana Coelestia 8943).

“The relationship of these two senses of the Word is like that of the body and the soul—the literal sense being like the body, the internal sense like the soul” (Arcana Coelestia 2311).

There is a common saying, which cautions us against judging by appearances: “Don't judge a book by its cover.” Can a cover reflect what is inside? Does a person's physical appearance reflect his inner qualities? The external appearance may hint at what is more internal, but can not mirror it unless we are in the spiritual world.

The covering of the Word is often made of red leather with gold lettering for the title. This helps show that this is a special book. As we hear the Lord “speaking” to us as we read the Word, we realize more and more that this is no ordinary book!

Activities:

1. Pretend that you are designing a Word stand or a fabric Word cover. Think of ways to indicate that this is a special book. Remember that everything in the Word is about the Lord in its most internal sense.
2. Decorate the place where you keep this book from the Lord—the Word—in your home or room.