

"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you **living water**.' The woman said to Him, 'Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?' ... Jesus answered and said to her, 'Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give them will never thirst. But the water that I shall give them will become in them a **fountain of water springing up into everlasting life**.'" (John 4:1-26)

"And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the **fountain of the water of life** freely to those who thirst.' ... And he showed me a **pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.... And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let those who hear say, 'Come!' And let those who thirst come. **Whoever desires, let them take the water of life freely**.'" (Revelation 21:5-6; 22:1,17)

"**Water symbolizes the spiritual aspects of faith**. The Lord speaks of it this way in John: *Jesus said, 'Anyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But those who drink the water that I give them will never be thirsty to eternity. Instead, the water that I give them will become a spring of water gushing up in them to provide eternal life.'* (John 4:13-14) People do exist today, however, who resemble the woman the Lord talked to by the spring, when she answered, *Lord, give me this water, to keep me from being thirsty and coming here to draw!* (John 4:15)." (Arcana Coelestia 680.3)

"**'Jacob's spring' stands for the Word and the doctrine of truth drawn from it**. ... Because **'Jacob's spring' meant the Word, 'water' truth, and 'Samaria' the spiritual Church**, as is the case many times in the Word, therefore the Lord talked to the woman from Samaria and taught that the doctrine of truth is derived from Himself, and that when it is derived from Himself, or what amounts to the same, from His Word, it is *'a spring of water welling up into eternal life'*; also that the truth itself is *'living water'*." (Arcana Coelestia 2702.5; see also Sacred Scripture 2.2; TCR 190)

"**It is life itself which the Word contains** and which flows into the minds of those who read the Word devoutly. This is why the Lord, in regard to the Word which comes from Himself, calls Himself *'a spring of water welling up into eternal life'*." (Arcana Coelestia 3424:2)

"**'The spring of the water of life' stands for the truth and good of faith. 'The thirsting one' stands for one desiring them from affection for them**, as accords with the Lord's words in John.... *'Water'* here plainly stands for the truth of faith obtained from the Word, and so from the Lord; and **'not thirsting' stands for our being never again in want of truth**." (Arcana Coelestia 8568:3)

"*'And lead them to living fountains of waters.'* This symbolically means, and lead them by the truths in the Word to conjunction with Him. Since a living fountain of waters symbolizes the Lord and also the Word, and waters symbolize truths, and because **when Divine truths in the Word are applied to life, which happens when a person lives in accordance with them, they bring about a conjunction with the Lord**, therefore to lead people to living fountains of waters means, symbolically, to lead them by the truths in the Word to conjunction with the Lord." (Apocalypse Revealed 384)

# "Water of Life"

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#### Discussion

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**"Please join us on Zoom at 11:00 am Sunday for a discussion."**

**Musicians:** Song leader- Lori Odhner

Vocals- John Odhner, Stephanie Latta, Lisa Cooper,

Bass- Ethan Daum, Keyboard- Ben Rogers-Petro,

**Sound Technician** - Keith Genzlinger

**Livestreaming** -Katie Odhner

**"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."**

**(Numbers 6:24-26)**

"**The water [of baptism]** does nothing towards regeneration, only the truth of faith and the good of love do so; for water washes away solely dirt that is on the body and by no means evils present in the heart. ... The external act does not accomplish anything, only the inner reality meant by it, namely regeneration by means of the truths of faith. ... Nor can anyone who does not know that *'water'* means the truths of faith know what is meant by *'water'* in John, *Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst. But the water that I shall give will become in them a spring of water welling up into eternal life.* John 4:13,14. ... **'Baptism' means regeneration by means of the truths of faith.**"

(Arcana Coelestia 10238:4)

"Association with angels comes about through the Word's earthly or literal meaning because three levels of life have been built into every one of us from creation: a heavenly level, a spiritual level, and an earthly level. As long as we are alive in the world we are conscious of **the earthly level**; during this time we are conscious of **the spiritual angelic level** only to the extent that we have genuine truths, and we are conscious of **the heavenly level** only to the extent that we live our lives by those truths. Even in that case, we do not come into full consciousness of what is spiritual or heavenly until after death, because what is spiritual or heavenly is locked and hidden inside our earthly ideas. When our earthly level passes away through death, the spiritual and heavenly levels remain and form the basis of the ideas in our thinking. It stands to reason, then, that **only the Word has spirit and life**. As the Lord says, *The words that I speak to you are spirit and are life.* (John 6:63) *The water that I will give you will become a fountain of water springing up to eternal life* (John 4:14)."

(True Christian Religion 239; see also Sacred Scripture 69)