

Reflecting - January, 2011

Emanuel Swedenborg spoke about our human tendency to be only partly aware of the world around us. To illustrate this he highlighted two everyday incidents in his own life. One was the tolling of nearby church bells. When he was preoccupied with others things he became unconscious to the sound of the bells when they rang. It was the same with the quill pen that he wrote with. When he was fully engaged in the content of what he was writing, he was unaware of the sensation of the pen in his hand or of the physical effort that was going in to putting the words on paper (see *Spiritual Experiences* 2248).

The Lord has provided us with the ability to pause and think about many of the things that might otherwise pass us by. We can reflect on the year that has passed. What happened both to us and around us? How did we respond? What lessons did we learn?

In the Lord's providence, 2010 was a year of personal growth. We should expect 2011 to bring similar opportunities. May we all therefore choose to work with the Lord so that the year ahead may be one in which we move ever closer to Him.

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