

There will be no “Last Judgment”- as it has been traditionally understood. God will not be physically descending to this planet to judge us or destroy us. We judge ourselves after death by what we love and how we have freely chosen to live. People are saved who love God and try to live a good life according to what they believe is true.

Marriage can last forever - God blesses people with a special love in marriage. A loving married relationship can go on after death, even to eternity, for those who wish. People who have not found a married partner in this world can look forward to meeting someone in the next life.

God’s providence is powerful and unending - God guides each person’s spiritual path, from the smallest things to the largest things, and His angels are with us “every moment of every moment.”

God is with us - At the very end of John’s vision of the New Jerusalem in the book of Revelation, the Lord said three times, “I am coming quickly.” God has come to us again in the form of a new understanding. This was what was meant by the New Jerusalem.

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

Revelation 3:20

Come discover the exciting and life changing teachings of The New Church:

- Connect with a visible, tangible God of love.
- Learn to make sense of the Bible and find healing for your life.
- Be part of a community that has respect for people of other faiths.

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“And let the one who thirsts come.”

Revelation 22:17

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Prophecies

All through the Bible there are prophecies about things to come, promises God makes to His people. The prophets in the Old Testament announced the Lord's birth into this world hundreds of years before it actually happened: *"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder."* Isaiah 55:6

While He was in the world, Jesus told His followers many things about the future - He predicted His own death, but He also assured them that He would still be present with them. *"A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."* John 16:16

Sometimes it sounded like another person - "Spirit of Truth" - would come into the world: *"When He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth."* John 16:13

And in John 16:25 Jesus said, *"These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly about the Father."*

The Book of Revelation is symbolic.

"I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God." Revelation 21:2

The book of Revelation talks about the coming of the "Holy City New Jerusalem." This is not predicting that an actual city will come down from the sky. It is very beautiful promise, described symbolically, about a new understanding of Christianity, a new understanding of the Bible.

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In the middle of the city New Jerusalem stood the tree of life:

"And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." Revelation 22:2

The "leaves" of the tree stand for all of the teachings of the New Church. These new teachings make sense of some of the confusing and seemingly contradictory messages in the Bible. They bring a clear understanding of God and the purpose of creation. They can spiritually heal us, our families, our countries, and our planet.



Some of these teachings are:

God is Love - nothing but what is good can come from God, because His very nature is Love. God came to this world in the form of Jesus Christ, who is the one and only God.

The Word - the Bible has a deeper meaning taught in the New Church, so people can know the Lord and better learn how to live happy and useful lives to eternity.

All religions have goodness in them - there are many paths to heaven.

Heaven is for everyone who wants to live there - heaven is where people (angels) love God and others, and want to be useful. While people are free to choose to live forever in hell, God wants everyone to live with Him to eternity.