



For Reflection

### **Helen Keller Understands W-A-T-E-R**

Do you know that the first word Helen Keller learned after being blind and deaf for nearly six years was “water”? Annie Sullivan took Helen to the pump and poured water over her hands at the same time as she spelled “w-a-t-e-r” into them. Suddenly, for the first time, Helen understood the connection between words and things! For the first time she could begin to communicate. In *Light in My Darkness*, Helen calls this “an experience somewhat in the nature of revelation.”

The Writings for the New Church tell us that water symbolizes or corresponds to truth. Does the fact that it was water that first made Helen’s breakthrough seem *amazing* to you? Does it seem like an “*of course*”? Or both? What does this experience suggest about correspondences or the connection between natural things and spiritual things?