

The Power of the Word

There are many other wonderful things proceeding from the Word that have relation to the power of the truth within it. This power is so great that if described it would surpass all belief... In short the power of the Lord proceeding from the Word is infinite (*True Christian Religion* 209:5).

[In the spiritual world] if someone who believes falsities looks toward the Word, darkness covers his eyes and the Word then appears black to him (see *True Christian Religion* 209:3).

Angelic spirits were invited to come into a room with walls that shone as if from gold. They saw the Word lying on a table, and around the Word were precious stones. The angel said, "When the Word is opened, it shines with light and from the precious stones, comes a rainbow above and around the Word" (paraphrased from *Apocalypse Revealed* 566:6).

The angel guard also said, "If anyone who has falsified the Word approaches, the splendor disappears. If he continues to approach the Word, it looks like there is blood around it, and he is warned to leave because there is danger" (paraphrased from *Apocalypse Revealed* 566:6).

A person who falsified the Word (by teaching about faith alone) came up to the table, and despite the warning of the angel, touched the Word. Suddenly fire and smoke came from the Word and an explosion took place with a great crash, throwing the man into the corner of the room where he lay as if dead for half an hour (paraphrased from *Apocalypse Revealed* 566:7).