

# Swedenborg Birthday Meeting 2016

talk | discussion | short film screening



still from *Last Acre* © Cartwright & Jordan 2016

SATURDAY 23 JANUARY 2016 | 4.00-6.00 pm | Doors open and refreshments from 3.30 pm | FREE ADMISSION

The Swedenborg Birthday Meeting traditionally opens the Swedenborg Society's annual programme of events and activities—an occasion that marries the Society's informal and welcoming hospitality to the grandeur of celebrating Swedenborg's vast cultural legacy. This afternoon sees a premiere of a new short documentary film to be followed by three 20-minute talks and a panel discussion from our special guest speakers that will look at the influence of Swedenborgian and utopian thought on environmentalism, architecture and town planning.

- TIME: 4.00-6.00 pm  
(Doors open 3.30 pm)
- DATE: 23/01/2016
- ADMISSION: Free  
(please book in advance)
- VENUE:  
Swedenborg Hall  
20/21 Bloomsbury Way  
London WC1A 2TH
- NEAREST TUBE:  
Holborn /  
Tottenham Court Road
- TICKETS:  
[www.swedenborg.org.uk](http://www.swedenborg.org.uk)  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)  
(search for 'Swedenborg';  
or use full URL below)

- Jacob Cartwright & Nick Jordan's short film *Last Acre* (2016, 11 mins)
- Devin Zuber on Swedenborg's influence on ecological aesthetics
- Ian Hunt on 'E G Trobridge: Swedenborgian Architect'
- Ken Worpole on 'Experiments in Living: valuing the land as a basis for community'

**DEVIN ZUBER** is assistant professor of American Studies, Religion, and Literature at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. His forthcoming book *A Language of Things: Swedenborg and the American Environmental Imagination* (University of Virginia Press, 2017) explores the impact of Swedenborgian thought on 19th-century ecological aesthetics.

**IAN HUNT** is a poet, academic and art critic who is Lecturer in Fine Art, Critical Studies at Goldsmiths University. His books include *Library Relocations* (Book Works, 1997) and *Green Light* (Barque Press, 2006) and his writing has been published extensively in *Art Monthly*.

**KEN WORPOLE** has written books on architecture, landscape and contemporary culture, and is Emeritus Professor at London Metropolitan University. Recent publications include *The New English Landscape* (with photographer Jason Orton, 2013), *Contemporary Library Architecture* (2013) and *New Jerusalem: the good city and the good society* (Swedenborg Society, 2015).

**JACOB CARTWRIGHT & NICK JORDAN**'s collaborative practice looks at the relationship between the natural world and our multifaceted cultural histories. They published *Alien Invaders* with Book Works in 2006 and their films include *The Audubon Trilogy* (2010) and *Heaven, Hell and Other Places* (2010), a documentary on Emanuel Swedenborg.

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