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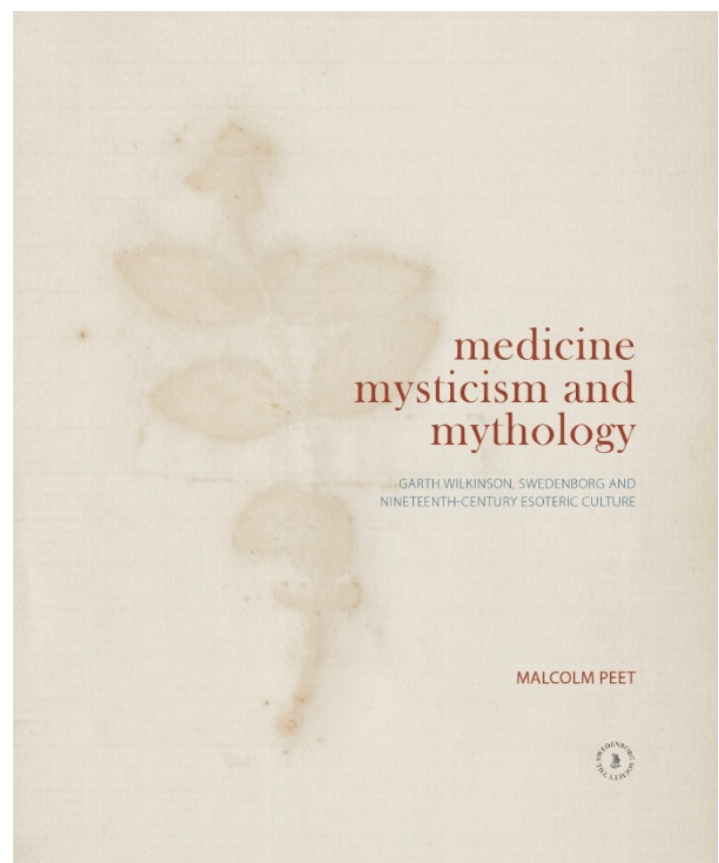
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Bridget Smith's *Now it is Permitted* on display in Lincoln as part of Mansions of the Future; Swedenborg House building improvements: Gardens and Flowers!; a VIP visit; New book: Malcolm Peet's, *Medicine, Mysticism and Mythology: Garth Wilkinson, Swedenborg and Nineteenth-Century Esoteric Culture*; announcement: *Visions of Beyond* conference; Henry Corbin Discussion Group: Chapter Two; news of Tomas Tranströmer archive book... and the *Arcana Caelestia* Reading Group...



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exhibition | Bridget
Smith's *Now it is Permitted* as
part of Mansions of the



Future

8 May 2018 (opening) | ongoing events
throughout the year

Displayed on hoardings and billboards across the city of Lincoln, visual artist Bridget Smith presents *Now It is Permitted*. Smith has installed visionary statements from invited artists, writers, musicians, playwrights and filmmakers, inspired by Emanuel Swedenborg - an 18th-century visionary - across Lincoln's public realm. These wayside pulpits offer ways of thinking about how to live in these uncertain times

The exhibition is staged by [Mansions of the Future](#), a new arts venue bringing a radical new cultural programme of national and international artists to Lincoln. In a variety of art forms, world-class artists will investigate culture, power and democracy from Lincoln. The new cultural centre opened 11 May in the Cornhill Quarter, with thanks to Lincolnshire Co-op.

swedenborg house | VIP visit

We were delighted by a recent visit to Swedenborg House by **Eoin** and **Patricia McMahon**. Long-standing members and visitors will remember Eoin in his role as the Society's House Manager. Since leaving Swedenborg House they have both gone on to great things, jet-setting across the Atlantic and as busy as ever. We hope to see you both again soon.

new book | *Medicine, Mysticism and Mythology* by Malcolm Peet

Hardback | 464 pages | foreword by Robert Rix

Malcolm Peet's *Medicine, Mysticism and Mythology: Garth Wilkinson, Swedenborg and Nineteenth-Century Esoteric Culture* explores the life and cultural milieu of the nineteenth-century Swedenborgian James John Garth Wilkinson (1812-99), whose largely forgotten influence touched a diverse range of intellectual fields and social reform movements.

MALCOLM PEET is a retired Consultant Psychiatrist and an Honorary Professor in the School of Health and Related Research at the University of Sheffield. Internationally recognized for his research on the relationship between nutrition and mental well-being, Malcolm also holds a Master's Degree in Western Esotericism.

[You can order copies of this title at our online bookstore](#)

swedenborg house | gardens and flowers!

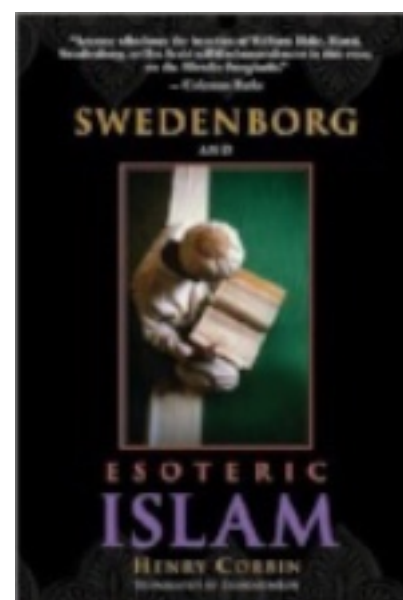
Swedenborg House is currently undergoing a flower and garden upgrade. Plans are underway to develop a quiet reading garden in our light well, flower displays on the balcony facades on Bloomsbury Way, and (eventually) a rooftop garden with bee hives (and

The two photographs here were taken by our former artist in residence [Madeleine Waller](#) and are included in the book *Madeleine Waller: Portraits* published by the Swedenborg Society in 2011 with an introduction by Sean O'Hagan.



Photographs © Madeleine Waller, 2011

heavenly honey)! Much praise must go to Jacob Cartwright for organizing and managing this. Here are two snapshots of the Society's light well. More photographs to follow in the next newsletter.





conference | *Visions of Beyond*

29 September 2018 | Swedenborg Hall

This autumn Swedenborg House will be staging a multi-disciplinary conference on *Visions of the Beyond*, featuring writers, artists, scientists and thinkers speaking on the ways that the human imagination can be employed to create new spatial and temporal frameworks, of this and other worlds. More details to follow, but make a note of the date: Saturday 29 September 2018!

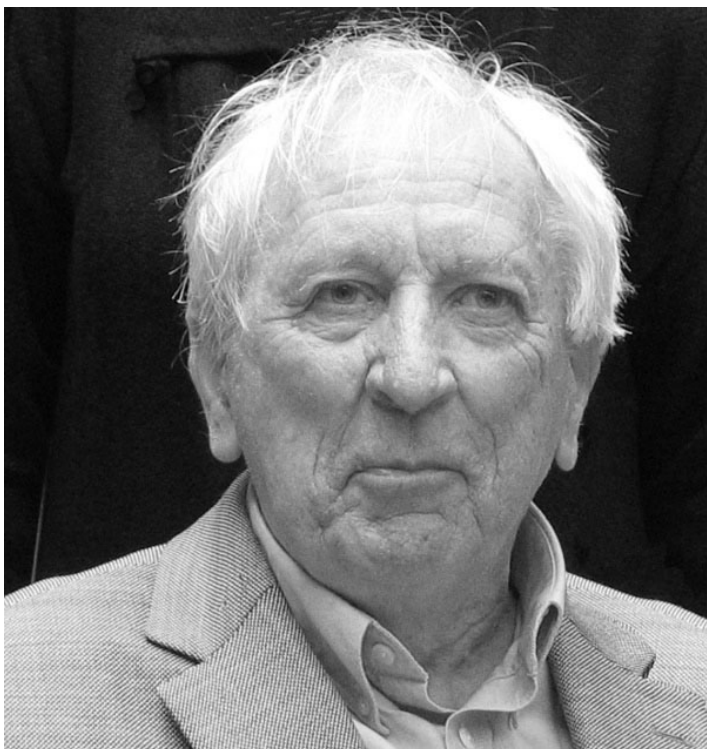
update | Henry Corbin Discussion Group: *Swedenborg and Esoteric Islam*

Chapter Two: Comparative Spiritual Hermeneutics

2.00 - 4.00 pm | Swedenborg House | dates tbc | FREE | Refreshments served | Discussions will be led by Max Phillips and Stephen McNeilly

The second in a series of discussion groups focusing on Henry Corbin's *Swedenborg and Esoteric Islam*. Following on from the success of the previous discussions, we now take the second chapter, 'Comparative Spiritual Hermeneutics', to study and discuss in depth!

Stay tuned for more details!



new book | the swedenborg archive series – *In*



update | *Arcana Coelestia* reading group

Next meeting: Thursday 31 May 2018 |

Celebration of Tomas Tranströmer

We are pleased to announce that the next book in our popular Swedenborg Archive Series will be *In Celebration of Tomas Tranströmer*.

The book features contributions from Homero Aridjis, Kjell Espmark, Ulrika Funered, Monica Lauritzen, David Lister, Monica Tranströmer, Per Wästberg, and a selection of Tomas Tranströmer's poems translated by Robin Robertson. This *liber amicorum* was born out of a moving day of tributes held at [Swedenborg House](#) in 2016 in conjunction with the Swedish Embassy.

6.00 - 8.00 pm | Gardiner Room,
Swedenborg House, 20/21 Bloomsbury
Way, London WC1A 2TH | FREE | Last
Thursday of every month

The dates of following meetings are
scheduled as planned: **28 June, 26 July
2018**



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