

# Readings from the Word of God

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### Isaiah 5:20-21 (NKJV)

- <sup>20</sup> Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;  
Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;  
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
- <sup>21</sup> Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,  
And prudent in their own sight!

### ***Secrets of Heaven §4404***

Each of the five external senses—touch, taste, smell, hearing, and sight—has a correspondence with one of the internal senses.

### ***Secrets of Heaven §6013:2***

[E]xteriorly, ... a person is so created that he conforms to an image of the world.... The ear has been made to conform to the whole nature of air and sound; the eye to conform to the whole nature of the ether and light; the tongue to every perception of particles dissolved and suspended in fluids; the nostrils to the perception of particles suspended in the atmosphere; touch to the perception of cold and heat, and also of weights; and so on. Just as a person's external senses conform to an entire image of the natural world, so his internal senses, which are those of his understanding and will, have been so created that they conform to an entire image of heaven. They have been created like this so that the human being as an individual... may be a recipient of Divine Good from the Lord.

## ***Married Love §291***

Every love has its own special sense. The love of seeing, arising from a love of understanding, has the sense of sight; and the things that give it pleasure are symmetries and qualities of beauty. The love of hearing, arising from a love of listening and complying, has the sense of hearing; and the things that give it pleasure are harmonies. The love of identifying odours floating about in the air, arising from a love of perceiving, has the sense of smell; and the things that give it pleasure are fragrances. The love of nourishing oneself, arising from a love of filling oneself with good qualities and truths, has the sense of taste; and the things that give it pleasure are fine foods. The love of identifying objects, arising from a love of looking out and protecting oneself, has the sense of touch; and the things that give it pleasure are sensations that tickle and tingle.

## ***Secrets of Heaven §7161:4***

[The fact that] people who are in evils and from that in falsities have a stink, is very evident from the hells ...which are called excremental, where [there] are adulterers and those who have filthy pleasures as their purpose.

## ***Married Love §49***

...in the case of people who from their youth had loved, desired and sought from the Lord a lawful and lovely partnership with one, and who spurn and reject roving lusts as an offense to the nostrils.

## **Secrets of Heaven §9448**

Being able to be maintained by the Lord in the good of love and the truths of faith and to be withheld from evils and falsities constitutes the forgiveness of sins; and at the same time keeping well away from evil and falsity and detesting them constitutes repentance.

### **John 8:11 (NKJV)**

Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

### **Isaiah 55:2 (NKJV)**

2 “Why do you spend money for what is not bread,  
And your wages for what does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good,  
And let your soul delight itself in abundance.”

### **Psalms 19:7-10 (NKJV, modified)**

7 The law of Jehovah is perfect, converting the soul;  
The testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple;  
8 The statutes of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart;  
The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes;  
9 The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring forever;  
The judgments of Jehovah are true and righteous altogether.  
10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
Yea, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

### **Psalms 34:8 (NKJV)**

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;  
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!