

INDEX TO NEW CHURCH PERIODICALS 1981-2000 ("The Jacobs Index")

The New Church College is delighted to make available this major research tool, the devoted work over some 20 years of Mr Gordon Jacobs of Birmingham. The work comprises an introductory Classification of Subjects of 10 pages, followed by the main body of the Index of 257 pages.

This work is in the tradition of the indices of Rev and Mrs A Faraday, which covered the early period of the New Church movement up to 1881. Gordon Jacobs, however, has added to the concept of that early index by identifying subject matters as well as titles. The periodicals covered in this remarkable piece of work are:-

Arcana, Chrysalis, Covenant, Lifeline, The Messenger, New Church Life, New-Church Magazine, New Philosophy, Studia Swedenborgiana, Swedenborg Society Magazine, Things Heard & Seen.

Gordon Jacobs produced an earlier index, covering 1961-1980, but this regrettably is not in a readily-reproducible form. Copies may, however, be consulted in major New Church Libraries, such as at the College. Articles by Gordon on his work and vision appeared in *Lifeline No 58, January 1981*, and *New Church Magazine, No 690, Jan- Mar 1981*.

The richness of this latest edition (1981-2000) is that it can be made widely available, thanks to the excellent work of a College staff member, Mrs Sarah Talbot, over a year or more, in word-processing Gordon Jacobs' manuscripts. A distinct advantage of the Index on a computer is that it may be very easily searched by author, desired words or subjects, etc. Copies of the 1981-2000 Index may be obtained as follows:-

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Anybody outside the UK who would like to receive the Index should discuss arrangements with the College Administrator: There will be special arrangements for libraries and other research centres.

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On behalf of the many who will benefit from this amazing work, I congratulate and thank Gordon for enabling the College to make available such a fine resource, and celebrate our ability, given modern technology, to offer it far and wide. Thanks be to God.

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