

Title and Code of Course: Mysticism in the Age of Enlightenment: counter-current figures in the XVIIIth century philosophy.ERPB-BSB 9530

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Course Description:

Emmanuel Swedenborg is a largely misunderstood figure. Often regarded as an esoteric teacher and thinker, he is in fact a typical representative of neo-protestantism, whose main concern was the re/formulation of Christianity in a form attractive and acceptable for the Age of Reason. The course will start off with the discussion of Swedenborg's wider context – historical, cultural and spiritual. The ensuing study of Swedenborg's philosophical and religious ideas will attempt to map his input and to offer an explanation to the genesis and to the implications of his ideas.

Bibliography:

Swedenborgs's writings

Secrets of Heaven
Heaven and Hell
True Christianity
White Horse
Other Planets

Available for download at: <https://swedenborg.com/bookstore/free-ebooks-downloads/>

Secondary Literature:

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J.S. Rose, *Swedenborg's Garden. An Introduction to Emmanuel Swedenborg's Published Theological Works*, West Chester. PA, 2010.
M. K. Schuchard, *Emanuel Swedenborg, Secret Agent on Earth and in Heaven. Jacobites, Jews, and Freemasons in Early Modern Sweden*, Leiden-Boston, 2012.