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FROM THE EDITORS

Peace and blessings to you all as we round the corner of another year. The beginning of each new year provides us with an opportunity to review where we are in this experience we call life. We look at our spiritual growth over the past year and contemplate where we would like to be in the future. Too often we are on autopilot taking care of our earthly needs such as making a living, fueling our bodies, and entertaining our minds. Let's face it, life on earth can be challenging. This is especially the case when we allow our minds to lead us in our life's endeavors. But when we allow our souls to be in ascendancy over our minds, our true selves shine forth.

Have you asked yourself lately what your purpose here on earth is? We have already become individualized, so what else is there? Is your purpose to publish books and web sites, to meet others of like mind, to spread the truth of God's Love? All of these pursuits play a role in the Plan of Salvation for humankind, but what is the driving force behind them? It is our soul's desire to know God and become At-one with Him. Our collective and individual purpose is to embody the Divine Love of our Heavenly Father here on earth. As we align ourselves with our true purpose, we become beacons of light and love and agents of transformation in the world.

Let us remember that we are spiritual beings of love and light, and that we each have a spirit band and a whole host of angels that are helping us to fulfill our purpose and to bring more souls home to the Father. Let us rededicate ourselves to allowing our souls to lead our life's endeavors, and be vulnerable in prayers to our Heavenly Father so that our walls drop and the Divine Love takes hold in our souls.

Remember that this is your, the readers', newsletter as much as ours. We always welcome inspiring stories, project updates, retreat reports, articles, personal Divine Love reflections or experiences – anything that you think would be of interest to other Community members.

This issue includes a quick overview of last year's highlights – a lot had been accomplished within the Community – and looking forward to keeping up the momentum.

Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Divine Love Community portal at <http://www.fcdt.org/community/> (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*).

The Editors

Contributions can be emailed to the editors at editors@fcdt.org
(Michael Nedbal and Eva Peck)

DIVINE LOVE COMMUNITY MAP

The Divine Love Community map, <http://www.fcdt.org/community/> (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has eight churches/prayer groups, 24 ministers, and 65 Divine Love souls registered. If you or your group would like to be included on the map, please send us your email address, location and a picture (editors@fcdt.org).

PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

- Elizabeth Morana invites others to join her on Skype for a Silent Prayer Circle which meets on Thursdays, 8:25-9:00 pm, Eastern US time. If you wish to participate, please contact Elizabeth at newbirth@divinelove.org.
- Al and Jeanne Fike welcome you to pray with them – in person or simultaneously from your home – every second Monday in Gibsons at 5:30 pm PST (Pacific Standard Time) and alternating Mondays at Barb’s in West Vancouver at 6:30 pm PST. Prayer requests are welcome and will be added to the Blessings Bowl. Contact Jeanne for more details and schedule of meetings at travellingjeanne@hotmail.com.
- The Divine Love Ministry invites you to join them for a Sunday Service on Skype at 10:30 am Hawaii-Aleutian Time. Services consist of song, readings, healings, prayer and channelled messages. Please contact carolyn@divineloveministry.org for more info.



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LAST QUICK GLANCE AT 2015 – AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR 2016

2015 Highlights

* Jeanne and Al Fike and Geoff Cutler visited Children's Sanctuary Namibia (top left), which has since become a registered welfare organization and received land to build a residential child care facility.

* Five-day retreats were held at Gibsons, Canada (bottom left), and Oceanside, California (bottom right), as well as several weekend retreats (California, New York, Florida and Gibsons)

* A portion of original Padgett messages returned to FCNB (top right).

* Several DL Community members published books, websites, or uploaded Padgett messages on you-tube.

* The following became ordained ministers of the FCNT: Al & Jeanne Fike, Helge Mercker, Eva Peck, and Jesper Sørensen.

* A number of prayer groups / circles of light were established.



UPCOMING 2016 RETREAT IN FRANKFURT, GERMANY (ARIE HORJDIK)

A Divine Love retreat is planned for August 31- September 4, 2016 in Frankfurt, only half an hour's drive from the Frankfurt International Airport. A number of rooms and conference rooms have been booked at a good rate in Maingau hotel (www.maingau.de) which is in a quieter location. In its vicinity, in one of the most popular parts of Frankfurt called Sachsenhausen, there is a large variety of bistros, restaurants, and small shops in price categories to suit all budgets. Within walking distance, visitors can enjoy a stroll along either bank of the river Main, visit one or more museums, and go to a concert or the theatre. Frankfurt has excellent public transport connections. As plans crystallize, more details will be forthcoming.



MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Congratulations to Reverends Helge Mercker and Eva Peck for successfully completing their ministerial course with FCDT.
- Debra Clemente, Divine Love artist and author, started a [Facebook page](#) for the purpose of sharing insights and inspiration and helping participants “better listen and hear the Voice of Love.”

REQUEST AND OFFERS FROM FCNB (ELIZABETH MORANA)

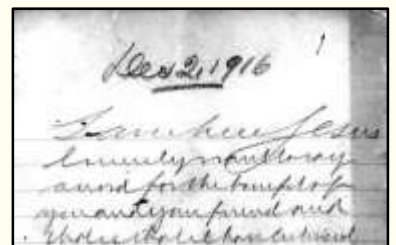
Call for Historical Materials: The FCNB has completed filing the Padgett and Samuels messages in fire proof vaults and are now beginning to create a detailed and coherent collection of early church documents and records. Some of FCNB's early materials (meeting minutes, letters, and announcements) are missing. If you have any old such documents (or pictures) from the 1940s to the 1980s, could you please contact Elizabeth at newbirth@divinelove.org. The FCNB would like to include them in the historical record. This includes not only documents for the FCNB but also the Dr. Leslie. R. Stone Foundation.

True Gospel Books Available for Distribution: For those who wish to distribute volumes of *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*, the Foundation Church of the New Birth is happy to send out, free of charge, boxes of volumes 1, 2, or 4. Each box contains 28 softcover copies of either volume 1, 2, or 4. A box weighs about 42 pounds. The US post office offers "media rate" for books sent within the United States. Postage for international mailings is very costly, with the fee dependent on destination. While we send these free of charge, the FCNB happily accepts donations to contribute to the cost of postage. The FCNB trustees wish to get these books into the hands of interested readers, free of cost to you or to the recipient. And they thank you heartily for being willing to share these with your family, friends, and/or acquaintances! Please contact Elizabeth at newbirth@divinelove.org.

Scanned Copies of Original Padgett Manuscripts Available: The FCNB is eager to make available scanned copies of all known autographs and handwritten manuscripts, and many typed transcripts, of all the known messages received by James Padgett and Dr. Daniel Samuels to those who wish to have them for study purposes or as 'disaster recovery sites' to protect and preserve these precious documents. If you would like to receive these documents on a flash drive, please send your request to newbirth@divinelove.org. Due to cost of the flash drive and postage, the cost is \$20 for each flash drive requested, payable through the FCNB website. Alternatively, you can mail an empty 32G flash drive to: FCNB, PO Box 6, Williamsville, New York, 14231, USA.

TRANSLATORS SOUGHT

Prayer for Divine Love: Joan Warden is working on The Prayer for Divine Love Translation Project with Ian Nicol for his website [Truth for all People](http://TruthforAllPeople.com). Besides English, the Prayer now has authentic translations in Chinese, Spanish, German, Danish, Norwegian, Czech and Dutch. If you can write in another language and would be willing to translate the Prayer and to share it, please contact Joan at wardenjc@hotmail.com and Ian through his [website](http://TruthforAllPeople.com). Thank you and God bless.



Padgett Messages in Mandarin Chinese: Loren Chen has kindly offered to start translating the Padgett messages into Mandarin Chinese as his time allows between studies. If anyone is able to and would like to help with this project, please contact Loren at lorenchen8@gmail.com.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

In this issue, we are featuring three stories as follows:

1. Tribute by Al Fike to a special orphan in Drimiopsis, Namibia, who passed away on November 13, 2015. Helge Mercker wrote: "With a broken heart I am sharing the passing of our dear Ben, an orphaned child. He was sick for the past few days and the ambulance was called, but never showed up. Please pray for him and may he be surrounded by the Angels and may he be happy as his earth life was so harsh and lacked love and care. Dear God, bless this beautiful boy, this wonderful soul. I love him deeply. ... I wished so much a better life for him. Good-bye dear Ben, I will always carry your smile with me. May God's Love embrace you, dearest child. I love you, Helge." (See page 5.)

2. A testimony to divine healing powers and the work of God's angels by Holly Bianco. Holly is a registered nurse and shares her experiences of personal healing and protection, as well as the healing of others that she has witnessed as a part of her work. (See page 6.)

3. Background to the Divine Love Movement in Western Canada by Darlene Gaunt. As most of our readers know, the prayer groups in Vancouver and Gibsons, British Columbia have a long history – perhaps longer than any other Divine Love group. Darlene Gaunt, daughter of Percy Hayes and daughter-in-law of the late Alec Gaunt, recently posted aspects of it on the DLSF forum and kindly agreed to write a summary for the newsletter. (See page 8.)

MY FRIEND BEN (AL FIKE)



Almost a year ago, Jeanne, Geoff and I set out for Namibia. It was a truly God-guided and blessed trip. I must admit, however, that I felt some trepidation when we set out to visit the Drimiopsis camp where Helge is in the process of building an orphanage. I have seen lots of poverty in our travels to third world countries, but feared my reflexive reactions which are a combination of anguish for the conditions, guilt for what I have, and some repulsion towards those living in such deprivation -- a typical western reaction to such situations. When we arrived, I felt exactly as anticipated. I was choked up most of the time -- even as the people greeted us with open arms and joyous smiles.

One person stood out from the crowd and struck me deep within my heart. His name was Ben. He was an orphan 12 or 13 years old with disabilities probably resulting from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, since alcoholism is rampant in the camp. He was living rough in the bush and his clothes were torn and dirty. Yet, he was one of the first to greet us with a smile and a 'how are you?' When we asked how he was, he would always say that he was fine. Ben loved to give high fives and considered himself a sort of ambassador showing us around and staying close wherever we went. Helge had a special interest in him and his plight and mothered him as much as she was able.

Kids like Ben are victims in many ways with no parents, no shelter and very little to sustain them. Everyone in the camp has the daily challenge to survive, but Ben's challenges were increased by his mental disabilities. He was one of the lowest of the low, a scape goat for the other kids who picked on him, and often beaten up by the older kids who used him to vent their own frustrations. He was bottom of the heap, and what he endured would have been beyond any of our abilities to comprehend. Yet, despite the bruises and scars, Ben possessed an amazing compassion and caring. He reached out to us in loving ways and emanated a love which immediately drew me to him. I also recognized in him something that was also in me – that special pain that is wrought from being different and alone. As a child I too felt that pain, not fitting in and being the victim of bullying and harassment. There was a resonance, and as we continued to bond with him, we felt like we needed to lift him out of this hell. I wanted to rescue him by taking him home with us. My heart was that moved by his plight and my own need to heal him and maybe heal myself as well in the process. It was a powerful pull and it haunts me even today.

Recently Ben passed over into spirit after a short illness. My heart is broken for Ben and this inevitable fate of the lost child that he was. He lives on in my mind with very fond memories but I feel a remorse that maybe we could have saved him. The practicalities of such things are onerous and complex. It is one thing to wish to rescue someone and another to actually do it. My desire to enfold him and bring him into our world may have been too much for both Ben and us. We'll never know as he is now in a different, and I hope, more loving place. Ben's physical difficulties are no more. I hope that now his loving spirit can be expressed in all its beauty and strength.

Ben, may you find peace, my dear friend, in a world more suited for you. A world where love is a greater currency than physical strength and power. You passed over into a world where you are wealthy and this will carry you far into greater light. You have been set free. Someday we will meet again and you can tell me all about your adventures in spirit. We will high five each other and smile in recognition of our soul bond. I wish you well on your journey my dear sensitive boy, and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember the time when you stroked my arm and gave me strength and comfort as I talked to the elders. You may have done so out of curiosity because your people are not so hairy, but for me it was a comfort and it told me much about who you are. I remember later that day our dear guide Confucius mentioned you in a message during our prayer. He said: "Like the dear soul who patted this instrument's arm, his love was felt. Is he not a channel of God's Love? This simple and vulnerable child gave love."

Yes, you gave love my brave child, even when you were in a place of no love. You are the strongest soul I have ever met. It will be your gift and strength as you move forward. My love is with you. You have taught me much in a very short time and you will remain in my heart always. With love and gratitude, Al.

(The original version of this story is at the [Divine Love Sanctuary board](#).)

MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S HEALING POWERS (HOLLY BIANCO)

As a registered nurse who has cared for many patients with infectious diseases, I'm grateful for having been blessed with good health. This may be due to more than a strong immunity – perhaps I've been protected by God's healing powers throughout the years. The following is a testimony to divine healing powers and the work of God's angels in my life.

Many years ago I had a bad respiratory infection which I feared was developing into pneumonia. I was thinking of going to the ER to seek medical help, but decided instead to just go to bed to rest and pray. That night I saw an Indian guide beside me. When I awoke the next morning, I felt better and continued to improve until I was completely healed. Since then, I have occasionally seen Indian guides with me, including an Indian Chief in full head-dress.



I experienced another healing intervention ten years later, after the birth of my son by C-section. Two weeks after the surgery, I had an infection with a high fever and had to be hospitalized. The doctor said I couldn't leave the hospital until 24 hours after my fever subsided. I already had a persistent fever three days prior to my hospital admission, and now after two days in the hospital, it wasn't abating. The triple antibiotics infusing into my veins seemed slow in working. I became scared that I wouldn't see my newborn son for many days, so I started to earnestly pray. I could feel my soul go out to the Father and with it came an immediate response – He heard my plea! Right then, I felt a cold sensation passing through me starting from the back of my head. As it passed through my brain and head, these authoritative words came to me: "This will be your last fever." I knew instantly that I would get better and sure enough, it was my last fever! I was able to go home 24 hours later. Thank you Heavenly Father! I was so happy to be reunited with my baby boy whom I hadn't seen for three days.

For me as a nurse working in a hospital setting, it is hard to say whether any of my patients had experienced healing due to God's power or just medical intervention. However, I believe that I did see a healing intervention with a couple of patients.

One evening, my night shift was scheduled in the Intensive Care Unit. While I was charting on my own patient, I heard a male patient yelling out bizarre things. My soul immediately responded with compassion towards this man, and then came to me these words as if from God: "Holly, this young man should not be here. Go to his bedside and take all your high influences with you." I walked in his direction and could feel my spirit band with me. As I was asking him questions, he kept repeating, "Mommy, can you pick me up?"

Besides being in restraints for mental impairment, he also had a lot of respiratory secretions. I learned from the other nurses that they ran tests on him including CT/MRI and drug screening and couldn't find anything to explain why he was acting the way he was. In fact, the patient's nurse told me he was a very intelligent guy who worked on computers. I also learned that his room-mate was into some form of witchcraft.

I took an interest in him and used a device to help suction his oral secretions. (Sorry – it may sound gross but that's what we do.) I found he was able to follow some directions, and remarked to the other nurses that he needed to be encouraged to cough up his secretions. One very experienced ICU nurse, who is able to foretell if patients are getting worse, told me emphatically, "I know he is going to be intubated soon!" (meaning placed on a ventilator).

After that night, I was off work for two days. When I came back to my regular unit which was below the ICU, I ended up caring for this same patient. I told the nurse who gave report on him, "Oh I know this guy – he's crazy." When she said, "He is not crazy and doing very well," I was shocked! That's right, even I had doubts. Not only was the experienced ICU nurse wrong in her prediction of him needing a ventilator, but his mental faculties were restored, he was speaking appropriately, and was now suctioning his own secretions. His mind was clear and he was on his way to a full physical recovery.

I truly believe this young man was possessed by earthbound spirits, and my following guidance to bring angelic influences around him helped to rid him of those spirits. The most interesting thing was how God and His angels led me to this man. It wasn't like I went over to his bedside to try to help him; he wasn't my patient. Instead, I was guided to go there because the angels knew he could be set free from the dark or lost spirits. I should not have doubted but believed in my guidance. I'm sure the angels were pleased that I was able to see his improvement. If I hadn't seen this patient again, I would not have known about his recovery.

I had a similar experience with another male patient who was brought to the hospital after being found on a nearby hillside half-naked and acting very bizarre. He had to be put in restraints for his own protection. I expected him to remain physically restrained for at least 2-3 days, especially if he was going through withdrawal from alcohol or DT's.

Once again, this patient was not my patient, but a co-worker was to look after him. We were both working the night shift. That night my co-worker was at his bedside and then began to walk to the nursing area where I was standing. Immediately I felt a terrible fear and apprehension, as well as feelings of frustration. Then scary thoughts passed through my mind – negative thoughts and anger towards my co-worker. I couldn't understand why I should have such emotions. He is a good guy! I told myself that these cannot be my thoughts or feelings – this is not me! As soon as I acknowledged that these weren't my thoughts or emotions, they left me and I was no longer afraid.

Really amazing to me was how fast that patient recovered. His behavior changed and the restraints were removed. I then knew he must have been possessed by dark spirits, maybe a legion of them, who tried to attack me as they were leaving the

patient, but were unsuccessful. I'm sure my angel guides helped me with these dark spirits as I know they protect me, as well as bringing healing.

I'm grateful for all the protection God and His angels have given me and for the healing powers they have displayed in my life. I pray that God will bless and protect all who read this. May our Heavenly Father's Love and His powers manifest in each of our lives and may our faith in Him increase.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE DIVINE LOVE MOVEMENT IN WESTERN CANADA (DARLENE GAUNT)



Alec and Phyllis were both seekers of truth and had researched many of the world religions and spiritual beliefs. In 1949, Alec discovered in a North Vancouver bookstore one of the Padgett books, published by the Foundation Church of the New Birth in the 1940s. He was drawn to this book because he saw a light around it. Soon after reading it, Alec and Phyllis began praying for God's Divine Love. Not long after this they knew they had found the truth that they had been searching for. They then dedicated their lives to God, wanting to be used as instruments of His Divine Love.

Alec began 24 discussion groups where he spoke to people and read the Padgett messages. He was a naturally gifted promoter, and this with his personal integrity and conviction of the truth of the Divine Love enabled him to attract many to the Divine Love path. Over time, Alec became known for forwarding the truths and especially the Padgett books to various people. In addition to working with the groups, over the course of years he spoke at numerous churches and gave many lectures.

Through the power of the groups that prayed weekly for God's Divine Love, there arose over a few years two gifted mediums, Alice Demures and Rose Crane MacDonnell. They were able to bring through the higher teachers and even Jesus who imparted many uplifting messages regarding God's Divine Love and the spiritual and divine laws of God.

Dr. Leslie Stone came to visit Alec and Phyllis in Vancouver three times. He was brought to Vancouver by Lanktree Thompson, a great advocate of the work. Dr. Stone, Dr. Daniel Samuels and the Vancouver group continued with the Divine Love work for many years. There is much evidence of this work in Dr. Samuels and Dr. Stone's writings.

Phyllis had developed psychic gifts and was blessed with the gift of trance mediumship. Alec, already a gifted psychic, developed a gift of healing and had helped many people. Many healings and much work was done through the various groups that formed until Alec's passing to spirit in 1970. Alec continues his work from the Celestial Heavens supporting and helping his family and his spiritual family on earth.

One of the groups that Alec started in Vancouver has survived to this day because of Divine Love followers and mediums, Ellie and Barbara, who continued the prayer circle after Alec's death. This prayer circle changed over time but continued on thanks to the dedication of Barb and a few other Divine Love followers who have prayed together for over four decades. Members of this group include a few of the founders of the Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation, Al and Jeanne Fike.

In 1970, Phyllis Gaunt became an ordained minister with the International Spiritualist Alliance in Vancouver. She remarried to become the wife of Percy Hayes, who had become a Divine Love follower after discovering the Padgett work through Alec and Phyllis. Percy was ordained in 1972 in the Universal Brotherhood Spiritualist Church.

Phyllis and Percy moved to Edmonton, Alberta where they lived for about 20 years. They worked together, speaking at numerous schools and churches, and many people received the truths of the Padgett messages. They also held weekly prayer groups at their home with interested seekers, and Phyllis gave readings.

In 1984, Percy and Phyllis were both ordained through the Foundation Church of Divine Truth. Shortly after this, they returned to the greater Vancouver area and settled in Surrey. There they again both gave readings at their home, as well as speaking at churches, in particular the First United Spiritualist Church in Burnaby, BC. In 1994, they were ordained with the Foundation Church of the New Birth and served as trustees for many years.

Percy and Phyllis conceived of and starred in their own television show called "The Psychics". The program was produced by a local community television station and aired throughout the greater Vancouver area. Its format was that of a call-in talk show where people phoned in to ask questions. In answering, Percy and Phyllis shared many spiritual truths and laws of God, believing that the laws fit every soul. They taught that everyone was psychic and that psychic gifts were gifts from God to help us through the maze of life. The show ran weekly from 1992 until late 2000 and was positively received. Due to Phyllis' declining health, Percy worked alone from about 1999 to 2000 with a name change of the show to "The Psychic". Phyllis passed to spirit in 2000. She was a very spiritual person who always loved and supported her family and helped many souls onto the Path Divine.



Reverends Percy and Phyllis Hayes

From about 1998 to 2001, Percy worked as "Santa Claus", mostly at the Guildford Town Centre Shopping Centre in Surrey, BC, where he became known and beloved as the "Guildford Santa". Percy had played Santa for a number of charitable events during the years, including the annual "Christmas in July" sponsored by the Surrey Firefighters in conjunction with the Surrey Food Bank.

Percy experienced his own "Christmas in July" on his 84th birthday on July 29, 2015 thanks to a very special gift from Shawn Slavin of Victoria. Shawn was one of the children that visited Percy as Santa at Guildford Town Centre for over a decade, and now in his early 20s discovered that Percy lived in the same nursing home as his great-aunt. He decided to pay tribute to Percy in a Facebook post asking all those who knew him as the "real Santa" to send him a card for his upcoming birthday, to thank him for all of the love and joy he gave to so many. This posting went viral and many thousands paid tribute to Percy. He was interviewed on the CBC News and featured in [local newspapers](#). Percy received hundreds of birthday cards and many visits and presents.

Percy's gifts touched many as he reached out to every soul he met. For decades of his life, he was used as an instrument of healing through God's great Love and light.

(The original version of this story is at the [Divine Love Sanctuary board](#) and other related information is located [here](#).)

Important that Man Must Search and Find the Truth.

I am here, *John*.

I desire to write tonight, and if you think it is not too late, we will do so. Well, I will not make my message very lengthy, but try to condense it in short sentences.

I want to tell you that when a man gets to know the truths of the Father, he will become a very happy and wise man, for these truths have in them only those principles that create happiness and wisdom.

I know that men believe many things on account of their being ancient or having the authority of their forefathers, or some great saint or writer who lived many centuries ago, but such a basis for truth, while worthy of consideration and examination does not of itself, because of being old, afford any certainty that what is thus accepted contains the truth.

Truth is a thing very old, and existed for many thousands of centuries before the times in which these ancient writers, as you call them, lived, and in fact, those days of the writers, in comparison to what had gone before, are as yesterdays; and therefore you will see that because the declarations of these writers are what you consider very ancient, they should not be received as having authority.

Truths of those days, and of the long ages prior thereto, and of the present time are all the same, as truth never changes or assumes new forms no matter what the conditions of mortals may be as to intellectual or spiritual development. And they may be revealed today, and are being constantly revealed as time progresses, and should be accepted with as much credence and satisfaction as any truths that were ever disclosed in ancient days. Men are just as susceptible now to the reception of these truths in their spiritual natures or perceptions as they were in the times of Abraham or Moses or at any time since.

The mind of man was given to him to be exercised in the way of investigation and search, and never was it contemplated in his creation that the time would come when he should accept anything as the ultimates of truth and cease his inquiries, for truths are so many and great and deep, that so far, in the mortal universe, man has acquired only a smattering of these truths. And to rest supinely in this acquirement under the belief that there is nothing more in existence than man may know, violates and subverts the very object of his creation; and what I have said applies to spiritual truths as well as to material ones.

The churches, I know, declare and try to enforce the declaration, that it is not possible to discover or have revealed to men the essential principles of spiritual truths to a greater extent than has already been declared in the Bible and the churches' interpretation of the same, and that, therefore, it is contrary to God's will that men should seek further for any additional truths, and that men should accept, without question, the sayings of the Bible, and the dogmas and creeds of the churches which their claim is founded upon, and which they declare are the true principles of spiritual truths. And for many years this has been the demand of the churches, and the members thereof have acquiesced, without question or doubt.

Now, this has been one of the great causes why men have not progressed more, not only in their spiritual nature but also in what may be called their natural qualities. They have remained satisfied, and what was believed by them centuries ago are believed today. I say all this to show how stagnant the intellects of men have been, as it depends on search and investigation, and has remained so for all these long ages. I further recite this to show the necessity for men to seek and criticize, and accept or reject as the results of the search may demand.

In recent years though, men have made greater progress, and the individual has come to the front and the old accepted fabrications of truths have been assaulted and shaken and denuded of their falsities to a considerable degree, and so it should be. Men must seek, and criticize and accept or reject as their own conscience and reasoning powers dictate, and therein will be freedom of the mind as well as of the will.

The soul, also, has been smothered in these dogmatic beliefs, and as a consequence its development has been slow, and knowledge of things spiritual has not come to men as it should have done, and as is necessary to teach them their destiny and the truths which should control their lives on earth, and which will control their progress in the spirit world.

Well, as you are tired, I will postpone the balance of my discourse. I think it best when you feel tired to discontinue the writing instead of attempting to force yourself into receiving it.

So I will not write more. Believe that I am your brother in Christ.

John