

Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Happy New Year to you all! We pray that God's Love and light flow with renewed abundance into your receptive soul and the souls of all of God's children on earth and in the spirit realms. May God lift our hearts, souls and minds into a higher consciousness needed to transform the challenges confronting us. This is a time of transformation and a time of awakening to our true identity as beloved children of God. We are loved, we are powerful, we are beacons of truth and light to the world. Let us embrace our divine purpose here on earth to serve our Heavenly Father and be open to His Will and divine intervention for those in need and in search of the truth of God's Love.

We are pleased to present you with another newsletter filled with material to inspire you. Eva Peck writes about the laws found in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and how Jesus came to transcend these and teach that the highest law is the Law of Love. Brooke Folk shares a story entitled "Finding Love in All the Right Places - A Thanksgiving Promise". Terry Adler pays a loving tribute to our dear sister Barbara Davies who recently passed over. We also present an inspired article by Pierre Pradervand about the spiritual practice and art of blessing. Finally, Bill Frase offers a beautiful poem titled "Your Love".

The year 2020 has brought unprecedented global changes. Over 1.8 million deaths occurred worldwide due to the coronavirus. While there had been more deadly plagues in the past², the coronavirus pandemic has certainly taken a big toll on humanity. More than 20 million people have lost their jobs in the U.S. alone resulting in an unemployment level not seen since the 1930s Great Depression. In addition to the virus, extreme weather has caused deaths and financial losses. The Australian bushfires cost over \$100 bn in property damage. Asian countries experienced flooding, the U.S. experienced wildfires, Africa experienced locust swarms, and devastating storms occurred in Ireland, UK, the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico resulting in more than \$110 bn in damages.

Great change can be a catalyst for spiritual transformation. The word "change" typically refers to a new beginning. But transformation occurs when something in our life falls apart. The pain of our lives falling apart – chaos to the mind – invites the soul to listen at a deeper level. It forces the soul to become in ascendancy over the mind because the mind can no longer make sense of what is happening and maintain a state of harmony and well-being from a strictly mental perception. During the time of transformation, fear is often the initial emotion – for example, fear of letting go of what has worked for us in the past, fear of an unknown future, fear of losing control. As the soul's more expansive perceptions of reality become alive and available to the mind, fear eventually gives way to freedom and discovery. It is at this point when search for and finding truth enables spiritual transformation and a rediscovery of who we are and what our purpose for living is. During this time we become able to reconnect to our Creator to Whom we were bound prior to incarnation. We rediscover that what defines us is not the perceptions and judgments of others in society, but the loving relationships that we have to God and to each other. Let us all embrace this time of great change as a period of transformation and growth, and reaffirm the unconditional loving relationship that we have with God and one another.

Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Divine Love Community portal or from the Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation website.

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

¹ John Hopkins Coronavirus Research Center

² Visualizing the History of Pandemics

³ US job losses due to COVID-19 highest since Great Depression

⁴ 2019–20 Australian bushfire season

⁵ Climate change: Extreme weather causes huge losses in 2020

⁶ Center for Action and Contemplation

THE HIGHEST LAW - LAW OF LOVE (EVA PECK)

This article explores what in the universe is the highest law. Most religions have sacred texts including lists of laws – moral, ethical, and spiritual, and sometime other types. Do all those laws need to be kept, or is there a law that transcends and fulfils them all? Yes indeed. The highest law is the law of Divine Love.

Human activities on all levels can be boiled down to two ways of life which may be called "the give way" and "the get way". There are aspects or other expressions that can be used to refer to, or are embodied in, these two ways, such as help versus hinder; love versus hate; and co-operation versus competition. Or we can call them the way of love and the way of fear.

The laws in sacred inspired books and human law books are intended to regulate human conduct for everyone's well-being. If laws are kept, there is harmony. When they are broken, there is strife and suffering. We reap what we sow — if not immediately in this life, then ultimately in the next life. I want to show, however, that obedience to laws is not the highest law and can actually have a dark side to it — especially in religious circles. Law keeping, while important in a secular society, is often motivated by fear of punishment rather than love for others. The way of love, in particular Divine Love, transcends that and therefore becomes the highest law.

Obedience Seen as the Highest Law



The Hebrew Bible, known to Christians as the Old Testament, has as one of the main themes running through it a covenant between God and the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (renamed Israel). The twelve sons of Jacob gave rise to the twelve tribes of Israel, who later became the kingdom of Israel, and still later split into two kingdoms, Israel and Judah.

The terms of the covenant or agreement between God and the people of Israel are largely blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience (Lev. 26 and Deut. 28). Even though the Old Testament portrays God as gracious, loving and compassionate, He is also

shown to be just. (Ex. 34:6; Num. 14:18; Neh. 9:17-37). After multiple unheeded warnings from God's prophets, who sometimes focused on the angry side of God, the promised curses kicked in. While seen as God's punishment, this may have simply been the law of cause and effect.

The Old Testament history peaks with the twelve tribes receiving the Promised Land and ends with exile of both nations / kingdoms, Israel and Judah, from their lands. The kingdom of Israel was overrun by Assyria in 722 BC, and after that had totally disappeared from view.

Some 150 years later, the smaller kingdom of Judah was conquered by Babylon. After about 70 years of Babylonian captivity, some of the people returned to Judah and Jerusalem at the behest of the Persian King Cyrus, who had by that time conquered Babylon. Encouraged by the prophets Zechariah and Haggai, the returnees rebuilt the temple in Jerusalem. Much later this temple was embellished by King Herod, and was the same temple that Jesus got to know. However, foreign domination largely remained the lot of those who were left from the original twelve tribes of Israel. The descendants of these people were the Jews that Jesus encountered centuries later.

The Jews in Jesus' time were very meticulous about law keeping. They had to observe many rules in addition to the scriptural ones (the orthodox Jews still use a book with literally hundreds of rules about different things). The reason is that after the Babylonian conquest and exile, it was felt that the national disaster was a result of and punishment for the people's

disobedience to God. This especially focused on Sabbath breaking, which then led them away from God and into idolatry. To ensure that something similar would never happen again, the religious leaders created dozens of minute laws for Sabbath observance. All this was motivated by fear of another punishment as they saw it.

The issue of law keeping then became the source of bitter conflict between the Jews and Jesus. His actions, such as healing on the Sabbath, were motivated by love and mercy, whereas the Jews made law obedience the highest law motivated by fear of punishment.

Jesus Taught the Highest Law

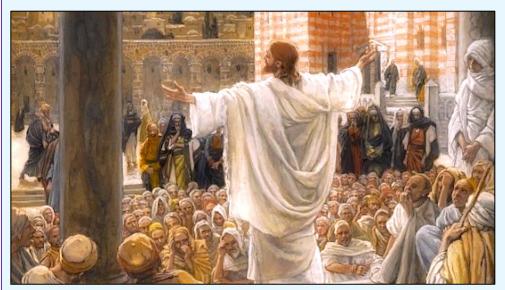


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the new heart in the form of God's Divine Love in his soul.

Jesus, as he was maturing and growing spiritually, remembered scriptural prophecies of a future new covenant being established between God and the people – not one based on written laws and regulations, but one where the laws would be in people's hearts (Jer. 31:31-34). This would lead to a personal transformation - indeed a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). From his experience and God-given discernment and understanding, Jesus recognized himself as the pioneer and messenger of the new covenant – the Messiah (Heb. 8:6-13). He was the first to receive

He then understood his commission as to make known the restored availability of the Divine Love and how it can be obtained. He was also to set the example of living this new way of knowing and relating to God the Father as his true son. He taught his followers to love each other as he loved them — with the Divine Love (John 15:12). This was a new commandment of the heart (John 13:34) which supersedes all laws. It can be seen as the Eleventh Commandment overarching and superseding the Ten Commandments that Moses wrote on tablets of stone for Israel in the wilderness (2 Cor. 3:3).

Jesus thus opened the way to God and to our eternal inheritance in the Celestial Kingdom – though not through a bloody sacrifice and death on the cross, but rather through his life-giving teachings (Heb. 9:15; John 6:63). He showed that love – Divine Love – is the highest law, and his words are spirit and life. Thus he brought eternal life and immortality to light (2 Tim. 1:10) and opened the way to the greatest human potential – to become at one with God by acquiring His divine nature. What an awesome privilege and amazing future we have to look forward to!

SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE AND TRUTH (BROOKE FOLK)

Brooke Folk shares the truth in stories in a weekly column in the local paper, Tales from the Trail. This is his Thanksgiving contribution dated 11-26-2020.

Finding Love in All the Right Places - A Thanksgiving Promise

Sadie didn't expect to find true love in her life. Romance, in her mid-twenties was sure to be elusive. The expected excitement of the possibilities of dating the right person who would then share a family and home together for the remainder of their days, seemed to be an evaporating possibility. All her girlfriends who stayed in the local area after high

school were married and already had one, if not two children. The pressure of finding true love, getting a start at having a family and fitting in with the accepted norms of the day caused the breaking of some of the rules of her young teen dreams.



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mother died from a rare immune illness.

The prince of her dreams had to realistically be trimmed down a bit in both stature and perfection. Riding a stallion to her young maiden rescue had to be re-evaluated and toned down also. Even with the compromises, it took a few more years and a few more adjustments before true love claimed her heart and marital bliss with the perfect home and family materialized.

Far from her dream scenarios, love caught her off guard in some respects but was perfect in others. She later learned in her marriage that it was she that became the princess in shining armor to the rescue of her husband and children. He idolized Sadie. She became not only his second love but the endearing mother of his three children, after their

Sadie, now in her eighties, reflects at how at the age of 27, on Thanksgiving Day, she became a wife to an amazing loving man and a mother to three adorable children, in a small country home that she still lives in to this day. Losing her love after forty-five years of marriage, in appreciation and thanksgiving, she has since devoted her life to another deep love that she gives credit to for her gifted life. It was through her husband, sending her intuition thoughts from the heavenly realms – she was sure of it – that she learned of what was missing in their Christian family life. It was her departed husband that became her prince in shining armor, after all.

Amazingly, it became Sadie's inspired desire to read any available books that described life after death, the bliss of spiritual life, and how one's soul and spirit body continues beyond this life. This newfound curiosity awakened something in her soul to seek truth of the spirit realms, from a source she could trust. The truths that Jesus taught in his ministry. That became her prayerful request and renewed quest in first seeking the Kingdom and His righteousness, and believing that all things would be added unto her. The source of truth, at first a bit uncomfortable to her upbringing beliefs, felt soothing and comforting to what she learned was her soul's confirmation, that this indeed was the truth.

Sadie's soul was awakened to a new birth, ironically on a nationally celebrated Thanksgiving morning after a sincere and earnest prayer to God for guidance to the truth. The truth that His son Jesus taught. Because of her desire, she was directed to the messages of truth. She learned of God's gift of His Divine Love, available to all who earnestly prayed to receive it into their soul. Unlike the natural love gifted to all at birth, it is the Divine Love gift that puts us on the pathway to eternal life. It is the very gift that our first parents refused in the garden because they felt so independent and powerful in their free will gift, given to all and sadly ignored for life's material gains instead of spirituality.

On this day, make a Thanksgiving Day promise. In this year of life-changing events and approaching earth changes, make a promise to add to your every prayer this simple request. "Father, I pray for my soul to awaken to receive your Divine Love, Your very Essence." Expect to receive an answer, expect a special acknowledgement from your soul, letting you know, that this is what Jesus taught. With God's Divine Love in your soul, your prayers become more powerful. That's another celestial promise!

(Comments can be emailed to Brooke. To listen to messages of truth, visit Brooke's website.)

IN MEMORIAM: BARBARA CORINNE DAVIES (MAY 31, 1931 TO OCTOBER 28, 2020) BY TERRY ADLER



Photo by Helge Mercker (2014) edited by Dennis Tormey

Barbara was a truly humble person and a beautiful instrument for God. She was raised by a Cree (Aboriginal) mother who had endured 14 years of Indian Residential schooling and acted out her woundedness by abusing Barb from infancy. Barb credited spirit for helping her survive her childhood.

It wasn't until Barbara was guided to meet Alec Gaunt in 1969 that she found the Truth of Divine Love and validation of her psychic giftedness. Her relationship with God became central to her life.

She devoted herself in service to the Highest and sought God's guidance every day. In

1971 she started a charity that became the expression of her love for God and God's Love for the homeless, physically handicapped, mentally ill, poor, abused, drug addicted and other cast-offs of society, struggling to survive. She felt that "there but for the Grace of God go I". She brought to each person emotional, material, and spiritual support given with non-judgmental, unconditional love. Her clients felt themselves seen, valued and no longer alone in their struggles.

Barbara served on the Boards of Vancouver's Community Legal Assistance Society (a non-profit law firm providing free legal assistance for low-income people), the Federated Anti-Poverty Groups of British Columbia, and for five years, as a delegate from British Columbia to the Canadian Council of Welfare. In these organizations she was a voice for the poor and participated in changing legislation and drafting welfare guidelines for all of Canada.

To her large circle of family and friends, Barb was a nurturer, trusted mentor and spiritual model. Her soul, awakened in Love, guided her life. She was a great storyteller, terrific hostess, cook and baker, with a delightful sense of humour.

She loved animals as well as people, and over the years rescued many dogs and cats who came to adore their human mother. After stressful days at work, she relaxed by caring for the fish, turtles and plants in the 14 aquariums in her home. They too flourished under her healing touch!

In her late 70's, Barb was diagnosed with probable Alzheimer's. Knowing that she did not wish to be in a nursing home, I ensured Barb could stay in her own home by selling mine, moving into hers and managing her care. God sent us a team of extraordinary caregivers who were received with love by Barb and reciprocated by providing exemplary, loving care.

At the West Vancouver prayer circle the evening of her passing, we received the guidance that Jesus had taken Barb's hand to guide her into her new home in the fifth sphere. I was not surprised, as of all humans I have known, Barb most fully lived love, expressing it in all aspects of her personal and work life. She continues her journey to at-one-ment with God, ministering to humans and spirits, her soul freed to express its gifts and enact its purpose.

You are welcome to share your memories of, experiences with, and tributes to Barbara on the DLSF Forum.

THE GENTLE ART OF BLESSING (PIERRE PRADERVAND)

The editors feel that the following specially inspired blessing by Pierre Pradervand is appropriate as we enter the new year 2021 in that blessing can be a powerful means of healing. This website elaborates on the power of the practice of blessing.



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On awakening, bless this day, for it is already full of unseen good which your blessings will call forth; for to bless is to acknowledge the unlimited good that is embedded in the very texture of the universe and awaiting each and all.

On passing people in the street, on the bus, in places of work and play, bless them. The peace of your blessing will accompany them on their way and the aura of its gentle fragrance will be a light to their path.

On meeting and talking to people, bless them in their health, their work, their joy, their relationships to God, themselves, and others. Bless them in their abundance, their finances...bless them in every conceivable way, for such blessings not only sow seeds of healing but one day

will spring forth as flowers of joy in the waste places of your own life.

As you walk, bless the city in which you live, its government and teachers, its nurses and streetsweepers, its children and bankers, its priests and prostitutes. The minute anyone expresses the least aggression or unkindness to you, respond with a blessing: bless them totally, sincerely, joyfully, for such blessings are a shield which protects them from the ignorance of their misdeed, and deflects the arrow that was aimed at you.

To bless means to wish, unconditionally, total, unrestricted good for others and events from the deepest wellspring in the innermost chamber of your heart: it means to hallow, to hold in reverence, to behold with utter awe that which is always a gift from the Creator. He who is hallowed by your blessing is set aside, consecrated, holy, whole. To bless is yet to invoke divine care upon, to think or speak gratefully for, to confer happiness upon – although we ourselves are never the bestower, but simply the joyful witnesses of Life's abundance.

To bless all without discrimination of any sort is the ultimate form of giving, because those you bless will never know from whence came the sudden ray of sun that burst through the clouds of their skies, and you will rarely be a witness to the sunlight in their lives.

When something goes completely askew in your day, some unexpected event knocks down your plans and you too also, burst into blessing: for life is teaching you a lesson, and the very event you believe to be unwanted, you yourself called forth, so as to learn the lesson you might balk against were you not to bless it. Trials are blessings in disguise, and hosts of angels follow in their path.

To bless is to acknowledge the omnipresent, universal beauty hidden to material eyes; it is to activate that law of attraction which, from the furthest reaches of the universe, will bring into your life exactly what you need to experience and enjoy.

When you pass a prison, mentally bless its inmates in their innocence and freedom, their gentleness, pure essence and unconditional forgiveness; for one can only be prisoner of one's self-image, and a free man can walk unshackled in the courtyard of a jail, just as citizens of countries where freedom reigns can be prisoners when fear lurks in their thoughts.

When you pass a hospital, bless its patients in their present wholeness, for even in their suffering, this wholeness awaits in them to be discovered. When your eyes behold a man in tears, or seemingly broken by life, bless him in his vitality and joy: for the material senses present but the inverted image of the ultimate splendor and perfection which only the inner eye beholds.

It is impossible to bless and to judge at the same time. So hold constantly as a deep, hallowed, intoned thought that desire to bless, for truly then shall you become a peacemaker, and one day you shall, everywhere, behold the very face of God.

P.S. And of course, above all, don't forget to bless the utterly beautiful person YOU are!

POETRY CORNER (BILL FRASE)

Your Love



Christopher Bruno, Freelmages.com

Your Love is fire
Giving warmth and light
In the cold and fright
Of long winter's night.

Your Love is cool shade From the heat of day.

Your Love is the breeze That helps me to breathe.

Your Love is cloud and rain When the flames close in.

Your Love is a guide
Out of the maze my
Thoughts and fears have made.

Your Love is the deep blue ocean To which my snowflake soul shall run.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rev. Catherine Kent's Zoom class entitled "Tuning Your Instrument" scheduled for Saturday, 9 January 2021, 1-3 pm US Eastern time has been cancelled.

Member / Community News

Eva Peck updated her *Divine Love Resource Guide*, which contains known Divine Love websites, blogs, videos, podcasts, Facebook groups / pages, forums, authors of books relating to the Divine Love path, services utilizing and/or promoting Divine Love information, prayer/discussion/worship groups, as well as websites with message translations into Spanish, French, German, Norwegian and Portuguese. The reference can be downloaded from Eva's website or the FCDT website.

Praying and Sharing across the Miles

DLSF Circles of Light and Other Opportunities for Prayer, Sharing and Learning

• See the DLSF website for Circles of Light with times and contact information for the hosts. For special Winter events and programs, click here. For any questions, please contact Jeanne.

Prayer/Discussion Groups

• <u>Jan Blackston</u> coordinates a *prayer/study group* on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm Eastern US time on Zoom. If interested, please contact Jan.

Awakening the Soul Meditation

• <u>Gregory</u> Boster is offering "Celestial Healing Qigong & Divine Love Meditation" on Thursdays and Sundays 7:30 - 8:30 pm Eastern US Time, on Zoom. This meditation incorporates both moving and stillness. The movement cultivates the flow of Life Force through the body and the non-moving allows going deeper into soul awakening and connection with the Divine. If you would like to participate and experience whole healing and the integration and transformation of the soul, please contact Greg@LoveLightPower.com for the Zoom link. For more information, go to LoveLightPower.com.

Sunday Church Service

• <u>The Divine Love Ministry</u> invites you to join them for a *Sunday service* on Zoom at 11:00 am Hawaii-Aleutian Time. Services consist of music, prayers, reading, and channelled messages. Please contact Michael or Carolyn for more info.

French Circle of Light

• Raphael Legros and Fabienne Govindin are hosting on Zoom a French-speaking Divine Love Cercle de Lumière every first and third Sundays of the month at 5 pm Paris Time. The circle lasts one hour and includes 20-30 minutes of holy communion with God in silent prayer. For details and the Zoom link, contact Raphael.

DIVINE LOVE RESOURCES

FCDT Books

- The FCDT has several cases of books *Angelic Revelations, Vol 2, New Testament Revelations of Jesus of Nazareth,* and *What Happens After You Die* that are free to ministers and followers for distribution. If interested, please contact Holly.
- Divine Love Ministers Handbook is available to purchase from Lulu. Its main purpose is to assist those who conduct weddings, child blessings, church services, etc. Rev. Jimbeau Walsh is also offering a ring-binder deluxe version.

FCNB Image Archive

The FCNB can provide a 64GB flash drive to anyone interested in helping to preserve the scanned images (22,000+ pages) of ALL the known-to-exist messages (autographs, handwritten manuscripts, and typed transcripts) that came through Mr. James Padgett and Dr. Daniel Samuels. If interested, please email us. We suggest a donation of \$25 to cover related costs.

Padgett Messages in Other Languages

We now have extensive translations of the Padgett messages into French (Christian Blandin's website and Amazon); German (Klaus Fuchs' website, Markus Jäckle's website, Helge Mercker's YouTube channel, and Amazon); and Spanish (Geraldine

Cousins' translation of TGRABJ, Vol. 1 on Amazon.) *Angelic Revelations of Divine Truth* as well as some contemporary messages in varying degrees of completion have been discovered in Spanish, Norwegian and Portuguese.

Contemporary Messages

Published contemporary messages from all known Divine Love mediums can be accessed from this page. If you are a medium with a public access to your messages, are not included, but would like to be, or if you wish to be listed differently or not at all, please contact us.

PADGETT MESSAGE
TGRABJ V. 2, P. 33

The power of Love to redeem men from sin and error.

I am here, Jesus.

I want to write tonight on the power of Divine Love to redeem men from sin and error.

My Father's Love is, as I have written, the only thing in all this universe that can save men from their evil natures (sic), and make them at one with Him. This Divine Love I have already explained, and when mankind will read my messages and try to understand the meaning of this Love, it will soon become more at peace with itself and with God.

This Divine Love is the one great power that moves the universe, and without it there would not be that wonderful harmony that exists in the Celestial Heavens of the spirit world; nor would so much happiness exist among the angels who inhabit these spheres.

This Divine Love is also the influence which makes men on earth think and do that which makes for peace and good will among men. It is not possessed by all men, in fact, by comparatively few, yet its influence is felt over nearly the whole earth. Even those who have never heard of my teachings, or of my Father, enjoy the benefit of its influence; in some kind of belief or faith in an overshadowing spirit of great power and watchfulness. I know that this is true, for I have visited all parts of the earth, and have looked into men's hearts and found in them some elements of belief, which evidenced that this Great Love was influencing these unenlightened people. So, notwithstanding the fact that my gospel is not preached to every creature, as I commanded when on earth, yet this Love of the Father is everywhere and all pervading.

Still, it is not received in all that fullness that enables those who feel its influence to realize that God is their Father, and they are his children, who may become members of his household in the Celestial Spheres.

No man can receive this Love unless he has faith in the Father's willingness to bestow it upon him, and truly and with earnestness prays for it.

Every man has in him the natural love which will give him great happiness in eternity as a mere spirit and an inhabitant of the spheres lower than the Celestial - even though he refuses to seek for the Divine Love that will make him a Divine angel of the Celestial Heavens.

Only this Divine Love can change the natural man into a man having the Divine nature in Love that the Father has. I do not mean that man, even though he be filled with this Love to the highest degree, will ever become a god and equal to the Father in any of his powers or attributes. This cannot be, but this Love will make him like the Father in Love and happiness and harmony. This Love has no counterpart in all creation, and comes from the Father alone. It changes not, nor is ever bestowed on anyone who is unworthy, or refuses to seek for it in the only way provided by the Father.

My experience in these Celestial Heavens is that this Love has the power to change the most hardened sinner into a true child of God, if only through faith and prayer such sinner will seek for it. Let this Love take possession of a man or spirit, and its power to purify and change the heart of that man or spirit never fails.

Your brother and friend,

Jesus