

Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Dearly beloved friends, welcome to another edition of the Divine Love Newsletter – a newsletter dedicated to the Divine Love community. We are pleased to inform you about ongoing and upcoming events you can participate in, as well as to bring you inspiring articles. There are currently nine active prayer groups in the community. Recently, four new social web sites have been dedicated to discussions of God's Love and the Padgett messages. The DLSF has announced several upcoming retreats in Canada, Australia, and Hawaii. Brooke Folk shares his reflections about *Soul Science and the SOS*. Jimbeau Walsh has written a beautiful poem, *On the Wings of Love*. Terry Adler has submitted a story from a local newspaper about how Catherine Koch was led to become a missionary and the beautiful works of love that resulted. Ron Shoemaker shares his first-hand experiences in meeting Dr. Stone and Rev. Gibson. Ron leads us on a walk down memory lane and gives us a glimpse into the lives that these men led. Finally, Eva Peck brings us a story illustrating the preciousness of each human being and reminding us to view each other through God's eyes.

In addition to seeing others through eyes of love, learn to love yourself. See yourself as a beautiful, loving soul with a strong connection to the Source of all goodness and Love. Accept yourself just as you are and not how you may be perceived by others. When we allow others to define us, based on social or work status, we hinder our Father in blessing us with His Love because we are essentially saying, "God, I am putting the acceptance of my peers above Your Will for me." But when we go to the Source and fully embrace the divine child that we are, or will become, no outside force can shake the Love that God has for us and that therefore we should have for ourselves. We stand in the truth that we each are a child of love. We understand that the lessons that we have yet to learn are a result of past teachings or inheritances from our forefathers. It isn't about being less-than, it is about a transformation from a beautiful child of God into a divine extension of God.

We don't earn God's Love by our actions. We exemplify God's Love through our actions not only because we want more Love but because we love God. And the more we love God, the more we are in alignment with His Will and with the greater plan of salvation for mankind. As we receive more of God's Love and continue to embrace the lessons that we need to learn on our individual paths, we start to realize the gifts that God has imbued us with. We see how our gifts can be used in service to others — to bring God's children into an awareness of His Love, giving them hope and showing them an illuminated pathway to the Celestial realms. Great happiness is found in bringing happiness to others, especially by helping them become aware of the availability of God's Divine Love. Let us all love ourselves and in loving ourselves, embrace each other, and each other's gifts that we were given by God to ultimately assist His children in coming home to Him.

Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Divine Love Community portal (username: members, password: DivineLove) or from the Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation website.

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, (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has ten churches/prayer groups, 27 ministers, and 79 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.



PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

Whenever two or more pray at the same time for the best and highest while in the flow of God's Divine Love, even though we may be thousands of miles apart, the amount of spiritual light and power available in the world is significantly increased, leading to more miracles of light and healing! Such prayers bring us into a greater soul rapport with God, one another, and the angels. This can significantly magnify our efforts to be effective channels of God's Light, Love, Peace, Healing, and Harmony for the world.

Al and Jeanne Fike welcome you to pray with them – in person in Gibsons or simultaneously from your home – every Monday at 7 pm Pacific Time. Terry Adler and Barb Davies are hosting prayers every Monday night at 7 pm PST in West Vancouver. Everyone is welcome to join, and prayer requests are welcome. Contact Jeanne or Terry for more details.



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- **Raphael Legros** is hosting a prayer circle at the First United Spiritualist Church in Burnaby, British Columbia, every second Thursday, 7:30-9:00 pm PST. For details, please contact Raphael.
- Al and Jeanne Fike in collaboration with Brooke Folk and Divine Love Radio are sponsoring two bi-monthly online Divine
 Love Prayer Circles over Zoom every second Sunday at 10 am PST, and on the first and third Tuesdays of every month
 at 4 pm PST. For details, dates and times, or to receive email notifications before each meeting, please click here or
 contact Jeanne.
- Jeanne Fike, Raphael Legros and Bill Frase invite you to join the new LightBringers Worldwide Lattice of Light, a mobile app-powered prayer network. Those joining via WhatsApp will be able to coordinate their prayers with others around the world at any given moment through chat messaging. This will help us to take advantage of many more opportunities to join each other in simultaneous prayer. Click here for specific instructions on how to join the network.
- The Divine Love Ministry 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.
- **Jan Blackston** coordinates a prayer/study group on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm Eastern US time on Zoom. After initial greetings, the first 30 minutes are spent praying for the Divine Love followed by discussing a message from the *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus* volumes. If interested in joining the group, please contact Jan.
- **Bill Frase** holds a circle of light at Monroeville United Methodist Church, Monroeville, PA, every Wednesday, 6-7 pm Eastern US time. Sessions begin with conversation and placing prayer requests into the blessings bowl. The silent prayer time with soft background music starts and ends with a brief spoken prayer. Participants are free to share any thoughts, perceptions, sensations, or feelings before departing in love and peace. Click here for more information.
- Arie and Marion Hordijk are periodically hosting a prayer group in Laufach, Bavaria, Germany. For dates and times, contact Arie.
- **Rev. Tim Foley** continues to host the Monday Evening Meditation Class every Monday in Sonoma, CA. Direct inquiries to Tim at 707.996.6318. According to Tim, "the 'class' is well-attended by spirit guides, teachers, guardian angels, and invited guests, but poorly attended by physical bodies. The Love Energy is phenomenal."

DIVINE LOVE CONVERSATIONS (JEANNE FIKE)

Thanks to Brooke Folk, Lorraine Borchers, Beth Mazur, Jesper Sørensen, Ruth Duvall and Bill Frase, there are several conversation groups and opportunities available on Zoom, Facebook and WhatsApp. If you are interested in spiritual discussions and connecting with others around the world, please check out the following or contact Jeanne for more details.

• <u>Divine Love Sanctuary Facebook Page</u>

Beth Mazur, **Jesper Sørensen** and **Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation** recently created a Divine Love Facebook group. It focuses on sharing spiritual experiences and inspiring others on their journey of praying for God's Divine Love. One or more group members post a question almost every day with several others commenting. During the first few weeks, over 30 topics were discussed with some amazing personal experiences shared. In fact, **Eva Peck** downloaded all the questions and answers posted and edited them into a book format (available for downloading from the Facebook group page) with the potential for wider distribution. If interested to join, go to the group and click "Join".

WhatsApp

The new Divine Love Conversations group is complementary to the WhatsApp LightBringers prayer chat line. This group was initiated by **Ruth Duvall** and **Bill Frase** for LightBringers participants who wanted more conversation than simply posting a prayer request. To join the new group, contact Bill on LightBringers or, if not a member, click here for specific instructions on how to join LightBringers.

• Afternoon Chats on Zoom

Thanks to **Lorraine Borchers** in Bend, Oregon, for initiating an "Afternoon Chat" on the Zoom platform. It uses Brooke's account and the same login information as the Online Circles. Since it's afternoon only on the west coast, maybe the name of the group should be changed to Divine Love Conversations too! It's great to use the Zoom platform to see everyone on the call and to have spiritual discussions in real time.

• Divine Love Conversations on Zoom Online Circles

Brooke Folk together with **AI** and **Jeanne Fike** are available for informal conversation half an hour before each regular Zoom Online Circle. The connections between the participants are strengthened with each meeting!



UPCOMING DLSF DIVINE LOVE RETREATS (JEANNE FIKE)

- **Gibsons, B.C. Canada**: Al and Jeanne are hosting a Divine Love Retreat in Gibsons, August 30 September 2.
- **Australia**: In November, our dear friends "down under" are hosting three prayerful gatherings in Sydney, Fitzroy Falls and on the Sunshine Coast.
- **Hawaii**: A retreat will be held the first week of December on the island of Oahu, Makaha Beach area on the west coast in Waianae.

Please contact Jeanne for further information.

SOUL SCIENCE AND THE SOS (BROOKE FOLK)

One passion quest for most of my adult life has been spiritual enlightenment of a different path than orthodox upbringing. Why? It was simply because of something not feeling right in some elusive emotional part of my thoughts. That something would never let me rest and I became a seeker.

I guess I'm what you can call a Soul Scientist. After thirty years of not only seeking truth about life, but having it served to me in a simple to understand formula, that was my quest. Like the famous scientists and inventors, many of my formulas were tainted and found to be in error. They couldn't stand up to the wholesome scrutiny of my own comfort of having that true eureka moment. Over thirty years later, I methodically became aware of this elusive element of distrust of my spiritual beliefs. It's an individual effort, seeking truth. We each need to become a scientist of the soul. There is a scripture about not having an intercessor between you and your Creator. You need to go direct to seek the truth. Do seek, knock and ask and the doors will ultimately be opened to your seeking if you are in earnest.

Become your own scientist of the soul. In this, all things flow when going direct to the Source. I know for most, including myself, that was intimidating and a distress signal in the same breath of thoughts. Who are you to expect answers direct from your Creator? There is another scripture that says in essence that the simple will confound the mighty. Your argument that you don't have a degree in theology and therefore can't understand the scriptures is a positive statement in disguise. The simple message that Jesus taught did confound the mighty, and it has been suppressed for millennia because of its simplicity. It threatened to put the theology leaders out of business. They couldn't stand for that and something was done about it.

Regardless of where you are in life, who you are, or what your belief background is, do you have those doubting distress thoughts when it comes to the most important subject, life and what happens when you draw your last breath? Is it possible to send out your own personal distress call — your own SOS distress signal — to GOD? Three dots, three dashes, three dots. When ships filled the seas, Morse code was their communication method. SOS is not an acronym. It's simply a code sequence, introduced in 1905 by the German government, a part of radio regulations to stand out from less important telegraph transmissions.



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The internationally famous ... --- ..., signaled urgency in its elegant simplicity. It didn't

form any known word or abbreviation. SOS is a palindrome (a word that reads the same backwards and forwards) and an ambigram, a word that looks identical upside-down or right-side-up. It became the official international distress signal in 1908 and remained so until 1999, when Morse code was declared dead. Modern instantaneous technology took care of that. What is ironic is that when people are asked what SOS stands for, some say Save Our Ship and others say Save Our Souls, but neither is correct until now. Now I've coined SOS to mean 'Save One's Soul'. This can happen through seeking the truth and thus setting yourself free. What an amazing journey and it can come with a stamp of approval. Yours!

MISSIONARY DREAM FINALLY CAME TRUE FOR LFA GRAD (SUBMITTED BY TERRY ADLER)

As a teenager, Catherine Koch would burst into tears when TV commercials came on showing images of emaciated African children.

The advertisements were seeking donations for aid organizations, but they struck Koch far deeper than her pockets. They echoed in her heart, and by the time she completed Grade 12 at Little Flower Academy in 1975, she knew without a doubt what she wanted to be when she grew up.

"The first thing I wanted to do (after graduation) was volunteer in developing countries," she said.

Unfortunately, volunteers were required to have post-secondary degrees at the time. Koch's father was ill and her family didn't have the funds to send her to university, so she entered the work force.

Koch found herself happy and successful in various retail and customer service jobs. She eventually rose to management-level positions. "I didn't know it," she said, but "what I think I was doing then was honing my skills to be able to run a charitable organization today."

She was in her early 40s when both of her parents died, 10 months apart, in the year 2000.

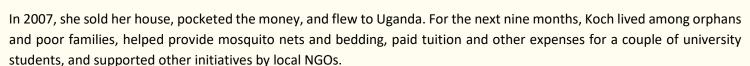
"Within five years of the passing of my parents, I started to realize through dreams and even visions that I was being called again, reminded, to answer the calls of children who were suffering, as if I could hear them crying."

Koch's dream could wait no longer. She told her brothers she was moving to Africa and began reading about orphaned and vulnerable children and where in the world she could serve them. In 2006, the UN predicted that disease, war, and famine would increase the number of orphans in sub-Saharan Africa to 50 million by 2010.

"I thought: I know where I'm going. I'm going to learn, I'm going to respect, and I'm going to see how, in my little way, I can make a contribution to the lives of these children."

She met Juliet Tembe, a PhD student at the University of British Columbia during an event called Africa Awareness Week. Tembe shed light on the plight of

children affected by HIV/AIDS, especially in Uganda, and Koch found her direction.



She was deeply moved by orphaned children who were raising their younger siblings, by poor girls married by age 15 because their families needed the dowry payment, by parents who had to bury their children, by grandparents who had to raise their grandchildren, and by communities living without drinking water, electricity, or access to education.

By 2011, she incorporated her own non-profit, Love is the Answer. "In a word, the best way to describe us is 'love,'" Koch told a small crowd of supporters in Vancouver this spring. "I just want them to know how special they are."

Koch, who lives in Uganda most of the year, has raised more than \$1 million through her charity. She has used the funds provide emergency food, medicine, and supplies, to help students pay for school or boarding fees, to set up incomegenerating programs, and even to build three primary schools and a dormitory. Love is the Answer will serve any orphan it comes across, regardless of faith.

Uganda is small, about a quarter of the area of B.C., but has more people than all of Canada. Koch said due to HIV/AIDS, illness, poverty, famine, and other factors, about half of the population is under the age of 16.

She estimates she's served thousands of children, though she's lost track of the number. "We don't count. We're not coming to count."



Three Ugandan boys have a special place in her heart. They were some of the first children Koch met, and she has watched them grow up and helped them get into post-secondary programs. Now, one has a certificate in motor vehicle mechanics and a driving permit, another is studying social work, and a third is on his way to becoming a doctor.

For more information visit loveistheanswer.ca.

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MEMORIES (RON SHOEMAKER)



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When I first met Dr. Stone in April, 1960, he had a positive working relationship with Dr. Samuels and Rev. Gibson. He spoke highly of both. I never had the opportunity to meet Dr Samuels, but subsequently met Rev. Gibson on one of my trips to visit Dr. Stone. At that time, Rev. Gibson was still residing in New Jersey and working on an airport construction project. He was also very successful in the stock market during the 1950s after losing everything during the collapse of the late 1920s and early 1930s. During the 1950s and 1960s, Rev. Gibson would drive to Washington, D.C. for meetings with Drs. Stone and Samuels to discuss church business and to receive messages via automatic writing. He also became involved with transcribing until Dr. Samuels decided to stop receiving messages.

During his latter years, Dr. Stone had to go twice to the hospital. Rev. Gibson drove from New Jersey to help Dr. Stone through those times. During one of the hospital visits, the doctors had found additional problems they didn't expect. The medical cost of both visits to the hospital were paid by Rev. Gibson. On each occasion, Dr. Stone made a good recovery. In happier moments, Rev. Gibson would also visit with Dr. Stone on his birthday as well as other times.

While both Dr. Stone and Rev. Gibson were committed to the preservation of the messages and the spread of their gospel, there were differences in their lifestyles. When I first met Dr. Stone, he was residing in a one-room apartment in an old wooden boarding house with the bathroom down the hallway. His view overlooked a residential street with old wooden houses from an earlier era. By contrast, Rev. Gibson, after he moved to Washington, D.C., lived in a five-room apartment on the fifth floor of a condominium with a view overlooking the surrounding area. His living quarters included a kitchen, bathroom and a walk-in closet. In the basement of the condominium was a swimming pool that Rev. Gibson used. He apparently loved to swim.

When I met Dr. Stone, both he and Rev. Gibson were unmarried and living alone. Dr. Stone was tall and thin with a white head of hair. He always wore a dark blue suit with a white shirt and tie. His favorite drink was cream sherry which I also had at one of our meals. Rev. Gibson was short and portly with a balding head. He ate well and wore a suit with a white shirt and tie except in moments of relaxation. His walk-in closet was filled with clothes. By contrast, Dr. Stone, in one corner of his one-room apartment, had a few clothes hangers hanging from a stick – not all of them filled.

Dr. Stone had no car, so he walked wherever he went. When I was with him, we also walked. Rev. Gibson told me that Dr. Stone walked miles every day after he no longer worked. He had his favorite routes and places he liked to stop for a cup of coffee and a snack. He was careful where he walked as some of the neighborhoods were unsafe. Rev. Gibson on the other hand had a Cadillac and rode everywhere he went. When I was with him, we never walked any farther than necessary.

Dr. Stone didn't seem to have many friends. When he wasn't walking, he spent time talking to spirits while in his apartment. With little or no insulation in the walls, other boarders must have found the one-sided conversations interesting. Rev. Gibson

had friends and connections and travelled well as he visited them. He served in the United States Coast Guard during the Second World War and was still enjoying their reunions when I met him. He also had connections with the Swedenborg Church and Bishop Pike of the Anglican Church.

During the years when Dr. Stone was by himself, he kept the Padgett messages in cardboard boxes stored under his bed in his one-room apartment. Rev. Gibson, after he joined Drs. Stone and Samuels in this effort, took possession of the messages, and no doubt with some help, organized them by author, date and subject. They were filed in five or six large metal cabinets. When I saw them, they were stored in a room in Rev. Gibson's apartment. That was the only thing that room was used for. When I looked through the filing cabinets, the messages were clearly marked and easy to identify.

As I recall, the first time I met Rev. Gibson was when I was traveling to Washington, D.C. to talk with both him and Dr. Stone. Rev. Gibson had arranged for me to stay at the Burlington Hotel where he also would be staying. When I arrived, the desk clerk handed me a note that informed me that Dr. Stone had passed away and that Rev. Gibson was returning to New Jersey to retrieve Dr. Stone's will.

When Rev. Gibson returned, he made arrangements for the funeral. He and I were the only ones attending. Rev. Gibson gave a short talk, we said the Prayer, then spread red rose petals over Dr. Stone's body. After the funeral we went to a downtown basement restaurant that James Padgett used to frequent. Rev. Gibson told me it was the same place where Mr. Padgett would order their fresh-baked bread that supposedly was the cause of his demise. Unfortunately, I don't recall the name of the restaurant. It had a German decor with a violinist walking from table to table as he played. The ambiance was very pleasant and relaxing.

In accordance with his will, Dr. Stone's body was cremated. The ashes along with his few belongings were sent to relatives in southeast Canada. When Rev. Gibson went to retrieve Dr. Stone's belongings from his apartment, the landlord had already rented it, removed Dr. Stone's things and piled them in the hallway. His will provided no monetary rewards for the relatives. They expressed their disappointment to Rev. Gibson.

PRECIOUS BALLS OF CLAY (SUBMITTED BY EVA PECK)

A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could.

He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone!

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Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls.

Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left.

Then it struck him. He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it.

We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person.

There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them.

Appreciate every single thing you have, especially your friends. Life is too short and friends are too few.

(Author unknown)

A couple more thoughts:

"Doing" versus "Being"

We are so obsessed with doing that we have no time and no imagination left for being. As a result, people are valued not for what they are but for what they do or what they have – for their usefulness. When a person is reduced to their function, they are placed in a servile, alienated condition. They exist for someone else or even worse for something else.

The Hidden Beauty of Every Person

It was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts where neither sin, nor desire, nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person each one is in God's eyes. If only they could all see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time.

There would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed . . .

(Above quotes from Thomas Merton, Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander)

POETRY CORNER - JIMBEAU WALSH

On the Wings of Love

Guided by a luminous cloud to this place of sweet repose, moving towards the light I go, carrying a sacred rose.

Across the hillside and the vale angels carried me to Your shore, saying "come, be free, beyond the pale" on the Wings of Love Forevermore.

Touched anew by grace Divine, my busy mind these days at ease, every glimpse out of space and time brings to my heart tranquillity. Beyond the canon and the creed finding the key to heaven's door, my soul is lifted with the spirit's breeze on the Wings of Love Forevermore.

Pray and come hither the Ancient Well, walk away from hate and war, let us drink from the Living Waters on the Wings of Love Forevermore.

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FCDT DIVINE LOVE BOOKS AND MINISTERS' HANDBOOK AVAILABLE

- The FCDT has several cases of books that are free to ministers and followers for distribution. The books can be donated to libraries, used book stores, and charity organizations in your area. If interested, please contact Holly.
- Divine Love Ministers Handbook is available to purchase directly from Lulu. Its main purpose is to assist those who conduct public ceremonies (e.g., weddings, child blessings, church services, etc.).
 Rev. Jimbeau Walsh is also offering a deluxe version in a "day-planner" ring binder for those who intend to use the Handbook for public ceremonies on an ongoing basis. The deluxe version allows rearranging of pages and insertion of the minister's own material.

Divine Love Ministers Handbook

FCNB IMAGE ARCHIVE (ELIZABETH MORANA)

The Foundation Church of the New Birth, Inc. is able to 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 – including both published and unpublished

Love 18,1918

Let mount a new lives as I see that you are renjament morned about your taby, and feel that shows my seriously ill, and from what the doctors say you may be justified in having your many.

But oponweed not morn, so much as she is not so ill as you

messages. These images are easily accessed as they are listed in order of date received. We feel it is imperative that copies of these images be held in many places throughout the world to safeguard them in a way that the Jesus' original teachings were not able to be preserved. Also, these images are of use to anyone wishing to publish them on their own website, or to carry out research on them.

To request a flash drive of images, please email us at newbirth@divinelove.org or write us at Post Office Box 6, Williamsville, New York, 14231, U.S.A. We suggest a donation of \$25 to cover related costs.

Postage costs vary widely, based on destination. Suggested donations are always optional and depend on the financial ability of the individual. Donations, which can be easily made via the Donate button at the bottom of the FCNB Home page, also help to cover our monthly cost of \$115 for preserving the original, physical messages in a climate-controlled storage facility. All board members and ministers serve as volunteers.

HELP NEEDED

- Joan Warden is working on The Prayer for Divine Love Translation Project with Ian Nicol for his website Truth for all People. Besides English, the Prayer now has authentic translations in Spanish, French, 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 or Ian through his website. Thank you and God bless.
- **Rev. Jimbeau Walsh**, with the assistance of **Rev. Tim Foley**, would like to compile a songbook for use at Divine Love services, retreats and prayer circles. If you have a song or a hymn that is 'public domain' or one that you have the songwriter's permission to use, please feel free to send it along with the **lyrics and chords/melody** to Jimbeau.
- Writers wanted! Rev. Tim Foley is working on a book entitled: "MAKING IT PERSONAL...Your Guide to a More Profound
 and Rewarding Prayer Life". He is planning to include a chapter of testimonies which can include such individual sharing
 as prayer experiences of particular interest or amazement, detailed prayer life descriptions, or reports of the rewards
 received as a result of the transforming powers of the Divine Love. Send your testimonies of any length (up to 800-900
 words and checked for grammar and spelling) either in the body of an email or a Word file. Previously published pieces

are acceptable if you obtain a use permit, e.g. 'permission to reprint granted' from the publisher with details of the book, name of publisher, etc. For any questions, or if you'd like an excerpt of the book, please email Tim.

Member News

- Christian Blandin published a French translation of the Judas of Kerioth messages with the assistance from Raphaël Legros who designed the cover, and Raphaël's mother, Fabienne Govindin, and two friends who checked his translation. Thanks also need to go Geoff Cutler for publishing the book on his website, and Klaus Fuchs for advising on how to produce an E-book version. The book is available on Lulu and on Amazon. Click here for more details.
- Catherine Kent was recently invited to address the Metaphysical Interpretation of the Bible group at Unity of Fairfax. On May 12, she gave a presentation on the Truth of Divine Love as Jesus' Second Coming (through the Messages received by James Padgett) to ten souls. The presentation was well received and the books and contact information cards that she brought with her were taken. At the end, Catherine received two informal invitations to address two other groups. Click here for more details.
- Brooke Folk was admitted into the FCDT Ministerial Ordination Program.

PADGETT MESSAGE

Faith and How It Can Be Obtained

I AM HERE. Jesus.

I came to-night to tell you that you are nearer the Kingdom than you have been for a long time, and that if you pray to the Father in more earnestness you will soon realize the inflowing of the Divine Love, that will make you free indeed and fit you to enjoy that close communion with the Father that will enable you to forget all your worries and disappointments, and see with your soul perceptions the great truths which I and my followers may endeavor to teach you.

I know, that at times, it seems difficult to grasp the full meaning of faith in the Father and His love, but if you will earnestly seek for His love, you will find that there will come to you such a belief in His Wonderful Love and in the nearness of His presence, that you will be free from all doubt.

You have asked me "what is faith" and I will answer: Faith is that which when possessed in its real and true meaning makes the aspirations and longings of the soul a real, living existence; and one so certain and palpable that no doubt will arise as to its reality.

This faith is not the belief that arises from the mere operation of the mind, but that which comes from the opening of the perceptions of the soul, and which enables its possessor to see God in all His Beauty and Love. I do not mean that the possessor of this faith will actually see God in form or feature, for he has none such, but his soul perceptions will be in such condition that all the Attributes of the Father will appear so plainly to him, that they will be as real as anything that he can see with the eyes of the spirit form. Such faith comes only with constant earnest prayer, and the reception into the soul of the Divine Love.

No man can be said to have faith who has not this Divine Love. Of course, faith is a progressive quality or essence of the soul, and increases as possession of this Divine Love increases, and is not dependent on anything else. Your prayers call from the Father a response that brings with it faith, and with this faith comes a knowledge of the existence of this Love in your own soul.

Many persons, I know, understand this faith to be a mere belief, but it is greater than belief, and is existing in its true sense only in the soul. Belief may arise from a conviction of the mind, but faith never can. Its place of being is in the soul, and no one can possess it unless his soul is awakened by the inflowing of this Love.

So that, when we pray to the Father to increase our faith it is a prayer for the increase of Love. Faith is based on the possession of this Love, and without it there can be no faith, because it is impossible for the soul to exercise its function when Love is absent from it.

Sometime, as you progress in these writings, you will be in soul condition to understand just what faith is, but until that time your faith will be limited by your possession of this Love.

Well, in my healing of the sick, and the blind and the others of earth, who needed a cure, when I said: "as your faith so be it unto you," I meant that they must believe that the Father had power to bring about the cure; but I did not mean that if their minds merely had the belief that I might cure them, that then they would be cured. Belief was not sufficient of itself, but faith was required.

Faith is not a thing that can be obtained by a mere exercise of the mind, but has to be sought for with the soul perceptions, and when obtained will be enjoyed only by the soul perceptions.

I am with you in all my love and power, for I love you as I told you and desire that you shall become free and happy, so that you can do my work.

With all my love and blessings I will say good-night.

Your brother and friend,

JESUS.

When man takes on the Divine Nature and becomes absorbed in the Essence of the Father, he then becomes like the Father, and whatever his image to the Father may have been when he was mere man, now he becomes the real Substance, and limitations of possibilities become removed, love sees no ending and intellectual development, no boundaries, happiness no limitations, and Immortality becomes a thing of knowledge, and the soul a new creature, having the Divine Essence of the Father; and until this new creation has taken place, and the transformation becomes a thing of reality, and the soul be made at-one with the Father, man cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. Then, no longer man but now an Angel.

(ARDT, Vol I, Page 177, TGRABJ, Vol. I, Page 101)

