

Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Dearly beloved friends, welcome to the 46th edition of the Divine Love Newsletter – a newsletter dedicated to the Divine Love community. We are again pleased to provide you with inspiring articles and member updates from around the world.

Catherine Kent reminds us that life on earth can be challenging, even for those with spiritual maturity on the Divine Love path. It is very telling that Celestial Spirit Ann Rollins could only tolerate the earth plane for short periods of time. It shows just how dense the energy on earth can be, and how we need to reach out and accept help from others rather than try to go it alone.

Coverage of the DLSF Soul-Awakening Tour continues with the Transatlantic cruise from the US to Europe and the retreat at Blackpool, England. Jeanne shares her heartfelt appreciation for everyone who supported them during their travels physically and spiritually – both on the tour and back at home. Looking forward to the fall, Jeanne and Al have been inspired to take a 5-day Holland America Pacific Coast Cruise to San Diego, and on the way back they will be visiting various locations along the West Coast.

Geoff Cutler writes about why it takes so long on earth to be born again. He relates that it isn't just about praying for God's Divine Love, but also about desiring to be a better person and making choices common to those on the natural love path. Spiritual progression on the Divine Love path is enhanced by embracing techniques that reveal and help conquer ingrained habits that may not be founded on love.

Debra Taylor offers a beautiful poem "Transformation". Alejandra Naranjo shares her daily commitments to God in prayer form. And Chuck Bloodgood gives us a glimpse of how his perspective on life has changed since praying for the Divine Love.

Based on feedback from the community, we plan to feature a Youth Corner section in the newsletter. We invite contributions from our young people – children, teenagers, young adults – who would like to share about their spiritual journey and experiences with the Divine Love, or to give praise to God for what He has done in their lives.

It is important for our spiritual progression to listen to and follow the inner guidance from our soul. The soul is our direct channel to God and He knows what is best for us and what will bring us happiness. Our mind may think it knows what will make us happy, but it is mostly based on programming from outside influences, and, therefore, can lead us astray. We may spend our entire life in pursuit of happiness based on the perceptions of the mind, only to realize that what we thought would bring us happiness has not. True happiness comes from God and is experienced by the soul.

How can you distinguish between your mind speaking and your soul's guidance? This explanation, by <u>Lifecoachvisa</u>, may resonate with you. 1) Your soul speaks to you in stillness and silence whereas your mind feels chaotic and quite loud. Your soul whispers whereas your mind shouts. 2) Your soul has conviction energy whereas your mind has convincing energy. Your soul never tries to convince you of anything, it simply stands in your truth. By contrast, your mind will go round and round in circles trying to convince you of something. 3) When your soul speaks to you, it feels expansive. It may feel scary but it's taking you to a vision of your life that you want to create. However, when your mind speaks to you, it often makes you feel scared and small.

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 (Eva Peck and Michael Nedbal)

CHALLENGES HAPPEN (CATHERINE KENT)

Sometimes on the Divine Love path, we may expect to be above or beyond challenges. We may imagine that if our soul condition is high enough, we will not experience any disturbance of our peace. This is not true.

We know from the Padgett Messages that Ann Rollins, a Divine Angel, could not tolerate the atmosphere here on Earth for long. She had to return to her place of habitation after only a short time. How fortunate for Ann, that she could simply depart. We must remain on Earth for the duration of our mortal lives.

As our souls are being transformed, we become in closer harmony with God and the Angels ... and we fall out of relative harmony with those around us who are not on the Divine Love path. This results in challenges for which we have prayer and one another to overcome.

Similar challenges were encountered by Jesus -- even after he was fully transformed into the Divine by God's Love! Below are direct quotes from *Judas of Kerioth*, that demonstrate this truth:



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- Jesus had obtained ... Divinity ... He already possessed a fully transformed soul. (p.367)
- ... [Jesus] smiled, but his eyes looked sad ... something was wrong. (p. 362)
- [Jesus experienced] frictions between father and son [because Joseph did not understand Jesus' true path] (p. 362)
- [when Jesus spoke in his home temple, and claimed to be the Messiah] ... people mocked him and threw him out of the village. (p. 362)
- ... inside Jesus waves of happiness and disillusion were churning, a tempest of heat and cold that put him into an emotional state, and he needed to talk to somebody. (p. 364)
- Jesus talked all night with his first disciple, Nathanael the Apostle. (p. 362)

So it is clear that such is life on planet Earth. We will be challenged, emotionally. We may need to talk to someone mortal. This is true for a fully Divine soul, and was true even for the Master, Jesus.

We live among the darkness here, and will have our moments of really feeling that. Even with Divine Love. Keep the faith. Keep up your prayers. Know that I am here with you and for you. I love you. God loves you. Jesus loves you. You are never alone.

Note: The two messages quoted above are <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>. Catherine's link tree can be found <u>here</u>.

DLSF Soul-Awakening Tour 2022 (concluding)

In this issue we are concluding the coverage of the DLSF Soul-Awakening Tour starting with the Holland America Cruise.

Soul Awakening Tour – Cruise Ship Style (Elizabeth Mack)

A part of the DLSF Soul Awakening Tour was a cruise from the US to Europe, which took place April 17 to May 1 with four retreatants. What's more crucial to a spiritual retreat than prayer? So I asked my travel mates about their prayer life and more specifically, for a description of their prayer experiences. Here are their responses.

Prayer life varied from sitting in prayer at specific times of the day, such as first thing in the morning and later in formal circles; to intermittent prayers throughout the day; to prayers for assistance as needed; to waking up in a prayerful state. No one format was used by all four people.

The prayer experience varied almost as much. One person described a sense of soul opening and connecting to God in a very real way, of feeling that peacefulness that comes when Divine Love is received. Another mentioned an overwhelming sense of joy and expansion of self, being part of something greater and feeling the overshadowing of angels, and with the angelic presence came a feeling of the Divine Love. Another mentioned having an experience of sharing love with God, no thoughts or reactions, just a love exchange between two



Photo submitted by Jeanne Fike

souls, with God's Love powerfully flowing into the human soul. All mentioned inconsistency of achieving this high level of connection with God.

During the times of less than a complete connection with the Father, effort was needed to remedy the situation. This included strengthening the connection, asking God for assistance with getting better attuned to Him, and struggling with the mind to be able to shift into the soul.

Each person was able to recognize when they were connected with God. To some, feeling the inflowing of the Love was proof of the connection. Two people mentioned knowing that they had connected to God because their prayers were answered either immediately or later. And, one mentioned the level of connectedness being measured by whether returning to the normal state of consciousness was achieved independently or by being called back by others who were praying at the same time.

It is apparent from this small sample of dedicated pray-ers, that God will connect in whatever way one chooses to pray, however often one chooses to pray, and however intensively one chooses to pray. God is ready whenever and wherever we are, even on a cruise ship.

For a short video created by Lani Domaloy, click here.

Blackpool (Beth Bleaden)

It was with a mixture of anticipation, excitement, hope and joy that we travelled from various parts of the UK to join Al and Jeanne Fike in Blackpool on the weekend of May 5-9. We were welcomed by Steve, the owner of the Waldorf Hotel and a long-time friend of Al and Jeanne. The time had come to meet up with members of our Divine Love family in person – loads of hugs and laughter.

Steve provided us with a huge breakfast every morning and we were given the sun lounge as a private area to hold our daily prayer and discussion sessions. Breaks for drinks and lots of chocolate gave us plenty of time to socialise. We walked into Blackpool to eat together every evening, and made memories we'll never forget.

Messages were received from Celestials including Jesus, John, James, Aaron, Augustine, Queen Victoria, St Francis of Assisi, Orion, Brother Mandus, Faith, Michael Collier and Goldie.

Mandus Nyquist set up an interdenominational World Healing Crusade based at the World Healing Centre (WHC) in Blackpool in the 1950s. He travelled around the world expressing his faith and ideas and gained thousands of followers. Brother Mandus, as he became known, only discovered Jesus' message about the gift of God's Divine Love after he had transitioned into the spirit world. Through Al he expressed a wish for the Divine Love community to have closer ties with the WHC and for the WHC to play a part in God's plan to bring healing and harmony to our ailing world. Three visits were made to the WHC to pray in the chapel and lay flowers on the altar as Goldie had requested.



WHC – Photo supplied by Jeanne Fike

A group also visited the Blackpool Spiritualist Church where we received a message from a local medium. Plans for Al and Jeanne to speak at the church in 2023 were also discussed. Al, Jeanne and Karanne travelled to Durham to meet two mediums who are interested in the Divine Love messages, one receiving a message of encouragement from Orion.

We all left the retreat reluctantly, hoping we would meet again soon, but very grateful to the inventors of Zoom and WhatsApp which keep our Divine Love family connected and close in the meantime.

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Big Thanks to Those Who Helped Make the Soul Awakening Tour a Success (Jeanne Fike)



Guernsey photo supplied by Jeanne Fike

It was lovely to read recent articles by Terry Adler, Elizabeth Mack, Cheri Bell and Karen Swanson highlighting the power of group prayer in four Soul Awakening in-person retreats held in March and April. We will be forever grateful to Terry for launching an amazing global tour that began in North Vancouver, B.C.; Bill Frase and the Soul Fire Circle of Light for hosting 20 participants in Monroeville, Pennsylvania; Do Nguyen for hosting a retreat in Houston, Texas with the most diverse group of participants ever; Chuck Bloodgood for hosting prayers in Austin, Texas; and Michael Rudder, James Tudor and Karen Swanson for hosting the first Divine Love retreat in Christchurch, Barbados.

Kudos to Elizabeth Mack and Beth Bleaden for their respective articles about the Holland America Transatlantic cruise and the retreat in Blackpool, U.K. We'd also like to recognize Bill Raine and Freda Robson who hosted prayers in Durham, England, and Simon Lovell who gathered over 20 new participants for a 2-day retreat in Les Monnaie Chapel on Guernsey Island in the U.K.

We are extremely grateful to all the hosts and volunteers who transported us, fed us, sang to us, prayed with us and played with us – sharing their love and support with the broader community. What a joy to witness the growing

momentum of the Divine Love movement around the world and to meet new seekers drawn to the Light of God's Love. Kudos to FCDT for promoting individual and collective efforts that support outreach and unity in our diverse community with members scattered around the world – for bringing us all together!

Our deep gratitude extends to those who hosted Online Circles of Light on Zoom while we were away: Brooke Folk, Karanne Lambton, Judy Dunbar, Jimbeau Walsh, Carol Gallagher, Debra Taylor, Terry Adler, Yvonne Riley, Debra Love, Darlene Gaunt, Elizabeth Mack, Kevin O'Neil and others who carried on seamlessly, upholding one another in various Circles almost every day of the week.

Kudos to Simon Lovell and Lorraine Marsden in Guernsey, Karen Swanson and Tara Roop in Trinidad and Tobago, and Artto Aunap in Estonia for starting up new in-person Divine Love Circles in their local communities! We feel drawn to go and pray with these circles in the coming year and do all we can to provide support for their efforts.

It probably goes without saying that the greatest source of happiness common to Divine Love followers is in receiving an inflowing of God's Love. We basked in the instant connections we felt with many we'd never met before. We rejoiced in group experiences and witnessed mini miracles that magnified the blessings of sharing and praying with others in singleness of purpose. We grew spiritually and were humbled by being part of something so much greater than ourselves.

UPCOMING EVENTS (JEANNE FIKE)

Our bags were barely unpacked when Al and I received guidance to embark on another Soul Awakening Tour this Fall, next Winter and Spring! Please consider joining us on a <u>5-day Holland America Pacific Coast Cruise</u> **now on sale until July 14,** aboard the M.S. Zuiderdam, leaving Vancouver, B.C., on Wednesday, September 28. Two group prayers for Divine Love are planned each day, as well as three public Divine Love presentations for ship's passengers.

On the weekend of Oct 7-8, Dennis Tormey and Suzie Klein are hosting a retreat in their home (Menifee, California), dedicated to James and Helen Padgett and those seeking to live their legacy.

Al and I will be *praying our way* back up the Pacific Coast to British Columbia. If you'd like to meet up along the way for prayers in such destinations as Santa Cruz (Amy Reza), Hidden Valley Lake (Cliff De Dora), Redding (Matt Sinclair), or Dallas, Oregon (Lorraine Borchers), contact <u>Jeanne</u> for details.

On January 12, 2023, Karen Swanson and Tara Roop will host the first Divine Love International Retreat in Trinidad and Tobago, while Michael Rudder, James Tudor and David Jordan will host a retreat in Barbados the following weekend. If you are interested in joining with us in prayer at either of these locations, please contact Jeanne.

WHY DOES IT TAKE SO LONG ON EARTH TO BE BORN AGAIN? (GEOFF CUTLER)

In the Spirit World, Helen achieved the new birth inside a year. Why does it take so long on the Earth?

There are several determining issues, including:

- How old you were when you started to get serious about soul transformation
- What society you were brought up in
- What your family and family life was like
- What influences outside the family you had in your early years

Why is it easier in the spirit heavens to progress? Fundamentally it's because of the way the heavens work. When you reach the Third Sphere, you are only amongst individuals at that level and walking the same path. This is an awesome support

group with good enough examples of being loving all the time, and it becomes even more pronounced in the Fifth and Seventh Spheres. You also have available Celestial guides and your communication with them is perfect. You can identify what you need to change and how best to do that.

Let's come back to earth. We have major issues identifying unloving behaviour that is entrenched from our early years. For myself, I was subject to bullying both at home and at school, and later boarding school. There are four ways to react to that type of aggression – flight, freeze, fawn or flee. I have an absolutely automatic fight response. It has caused me significant health issues, all related to my spirit body and physical body holding these negative energies. I am fully committed to change, and slowly I am succeeding, but it's very hard to change such ingrained behaviour.

Now at least I have committed to change anything and everything that stands between me and my goal. Many people, at a subconscious level, refuse to change. Long-time Divine Love followers may not be growing because they don't want to change – they like who they are. People have free will, so nothing will circumvent that choice. Even Celestial Guides (especially Celestial Guides!) will not push these free-will boundaries.

The later in life you start on the Divine Love journey, the more years of error (compensation) you have to deal with before you can move forward. You have to revisit all the stuff ups you made, and make peace with everyone who was involved – not necessarily face to face but certainly within.

I think it's possible to get a long way – maybe to the top of the Fifth Sphere – in say 8 to 10 years. I wasted 10 years because old-timers believed that you don't need to do anything except pray. So that's all I did for those years. Many in the Community still believe that. It's not untrue long-term except it does mean that you have limited your soul growth while on this planet. No doubt in the Spirit Heavens these things are easier to deal with.

Some Divine Love followers tend to see anything "natural path" as an enemy. It's not. We walk a similar path. To be in the Seventh Sphere, you have to have reached the Sixth and passed beyond it. So techniques that the Buddhists teach as one example, to be a better person, are valuable. You are consciously trying to change ingrained habits, and are forced to be observant and realise what has to change. It can be very hard to come to grips with what motivates unloving behaviour in yourself. For example, if you like to control – why is that? It's not loving. It's a behaviour that has helped you cope, but it needs to change. Then worst of all are the "sins of the fathers." They are basically ingrained values in societies that are at their root unloving.

So in many ways, the two paths parallel. The beauty of the Divine Love path is that Father walks with you in a way that those on the natural love path don't experience.

(Adapted from DLSF Forum post)

My Daily Commitments to God (Alejandra Naranjo)

Today I pray, offering myself as a channel of Divine Love, giving myself to the divine light in order to work as a Celestial instrument of love, compassion, help and healing. I ask my beloved Father and all the Celestial angels to work in transforming other lives and creatures that live in this earth. I surrender to the light and Love that the Divine Source of life sends to my heart.

I leave behind the ego and the mental boundaries that judge the material reality, others and even myself. I embrace the evolution in light and love that the Divine Love path offers me. I ask for the guidance of all the masters, angels and teachers in the Celestial Kingdom on my way as I am returning to the Source of truth, love and light.

These are my commitments on this path so that I can give back of the abundance and blessings that I have received every single day since I allowed the Divine Love into my life, since I understood the power of the unconditional Love of our Celestial Father and our mother Earth. That Love transformed my soul, and my existence has been more graceful and blessed from that moment.

Thanks, Father, for supporting me and loving me. Thanks for giving me so many brothers and sisters around the globe, for showing me that we are the essence of love and have the power of our inner light to transform and love everything around us. Sending my love to all of you, to all the creation, to all that exists, now and always.

POETRY CORNER (DEBRA TAYLOR)



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Are you prepared for transformation?
RSVP the invitation from the source of all creation.

Rise above all confrontation, letting go of irritation, seek a break from desperation.

Take a stress-free love vacation. Fill your lungs with inspiration releasing guilt on exhalation.

Feel your own heart's palpitations beating rhythms of salvation.

Do a dance of celebration, hear the Angels' affirmations as you seek the elevation of peace beyond imagination. You are love's manifestation, in my humble estimation. Focus on your liberation.

Tuning up your calibration, dissolve with love all encrustation, welcome tears of expiation.

Blessed be this salutation, sharing joy with love's elation.

EXPERIENCING DIVINE LOVE (CHUCK BLOODGOOD)

For me, Divine Love changes my perspective. Whereas before I saw life with mortal eyes, now I see it differently. Before, I would see a person. Now I see the loving soul inside them regardless of their behavior. Before, I saw a tree, but now I see a tree fulfilling the measure of its creation with joy. Before, I saw events causing a negative world, now I see that we live in a world of glory, just a bit lower than the spirit spheres. I see the oneness of all things and love of everything for everything. Before I saw through the eyes in my head, now it seems that I see through another set of eyes that are somewhere inside. It seems to me that we all are one in mind, spirit and body, each adding our own uniqueness and color in harmony with each other. What else could cause this change other than Divine Love? This change happened gradually over a few years, is continuing, and is requiring much inner effort. I am a different being. I see joy and love in everything I look at.

YOUTH CORNER - INVITATION TO CONTRIBUTE

It has been suggested that we include a "Youth Corner" in the newsletter, dedicated to the spiritual views, opinions, and experiences of our younger readership. To that end, we invite contributions from our young people – children, teenagers, young adults – who would like to share their thoughts about their spiritual journey, experiences with the Divine Love, or give praise to God for what He has done in their lives. This sharing can be in the form of a short article, a poem, or an interview – answering questions such as: What does Divine Love mean to me? What are the benefits of Divine Love / relationship with God? What challenges am I facing as young person? How do I perceive God in my life? How has my life changed since I found God / Divine Love? What is my experience with prayer – how do I pray, and have my prayers been answered? These questions are merely suggestions, but the topic should in some way pertain to God's Divine Love and/or the truths contained in the Padgett messages.

Adults can learn from children at any age. Parents and/or grandparents that have had spiritual experiences with their children and grandchildren are welcome to submit an article quoting them or describing their experiences.

If you wish to submit a contribution for the Youth Corner, please note it as such in your submission. The deadline for submissions is 20th of August or 20th of October for the remaining 2022 issues. Please email submissions to <u>Eva Peck</u>.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Ruth Duvall has become the newest FCDT Trustee. We congratulate her and welcome her to the Board.
- Al Fike has published Volume II of his book series *Our World in Transition, Messages from Jesus,* titled *Finding Our Way Home.* It is available to purchase from <u>Amazon</u>.
- **Cliff De Dora** was interviewed by Lorraine Burchers of LightBringers on May 20. The story of Cliff's Divine Love journey can be listened to here. **Ron Henderson's** story of his "Born Again" experience can be viewed here.
- **Artto Aunap** created a short but powerful <u>video</u> pointing viewers to the Divine Love messages for answers to life's important questions.
- **The LightBringers** are continuing to add to and develop their resource <u>website</u>. One of the latest additions is a <u>forum</u>, which includes inspiring stories of blessings, answered prayers, etc. There are also many interesting books, stories and articles in the <u>Publications section</u>.
- Catherine Kent is available for private 1:1 sessions via Zoom. Click here to schedule.

PRAYING AND SHARING ACROSS THE MILES

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

See the DLSF website for general Circles of Light information. If you would like to receive weekly information about new and upcoming programs as well as regular online prayer circles, please sign up for the weekly calendar which is sent out on Sunday morning via Mailchimp. For any questions, please contact Jeanne.

Information on additional activities, including Divine Love healing or learning, as well as gift or leadership development can be found on the LightBringers Calendar administered by Bill Frase.

Other Groups and Circles

For information about their respective outreaches, time and Zoom link, contact Jan Blackston (Thursday prayer/study group); Greg Boster - Greg@LoveLightPower.com (Sunday Awakening the Soul and Healing Body - Mind and Soul); and Tim Foley (daily at 6 pm Pacific Time offline prayer for Divine Love / silent contemplative prayer).

DIVINE LOVE RESOURCES

For details on how to receive a free box of FCDT books for distribution; where to find foreign language translations of the Padgett messages; and a listing and accessing messages of all our contemporary mediums, go to the FCDT website. This website also has a comprehensive Resource Guide of Divine Love websites, forums, you-tube and audio ministries, book authors, Facebook groups, and more. If you'd like to request a flash drive of all scanned Padgett messages, please contact Elizabeth Morana.

PADGETT MESSAGE EXCERPT

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Ann Rollins Stresses the Importance of Getting the Divine Love in the Soul

I AM HERE. Your grandmother.

I wish to tell you more about the things of the spirit, for they are the important things that you should know. You are very near the Kingdom and, if you keep on trying to have more of God's Love in your soul, you will soon realize the full joy and peace which comes with such possession. Try to let your heart receive more of His Love, for He is always ready and waiting to bestow His Love upon you. He is the One, Lovely Father for you to long for and keep with you in all your thoughts and aspirations. Do not let the worries of life keep you from loving and believing that He wants you to become one with Him in Love and Grace. He is not only waiting for you to let His Love flow into your heart, but He is also anxiously knocking at the door of your heart that you may open and let Him enter.

Be true to your best spiritual longings and you will soon feel that you have got that in your soul which will give you perfect peace and happiness. You are only now beginning to learn that you must feel that your Father is so near to you that He must become a part of your life and being. When that Love has fully taken possession of you, you will know that you are His Own true and reconciled son, just as all are who have come into a realization of that Love. So, do not doubt that you may become such a son of your Father, for I tell you that I know from my own experience and grandeur of living in the favor of His Blessings that this is true.

Be my own dear boy, and do try to reach out and get this Love. You must not let the things of your earth life keep you from the higher things that the Father has prepared to give you. You will soon know, as I know, that the only things worth striving after are the things of this Spiritual Love of the Father. Be more anxious to get this knowledge and it will come to you in all its beauty and convincing force. I so wish that you could see the Holy Spirit's work among men and spirits, for then you would not doubt any more that God is a God of Love and not of anger or retribution.

KEEP PRAYING, FOR THAT IS THE ONE GREAT MEANS TO RECEIVE THE LOVE OF GOD. WITHOUT PRAYER, MEN CANNOT REACH THE ANSWERING EAR OF THE FATHER'S GRACE. HE WILL HEAR THE PENITENT ONLY, FOR HE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANYONE WHO IS NOT TRULY AND ANXIOUSLY SEEKING HIM. MAN HAS A WILL TO EITHER ACCEPT OR REJECT THE LOVE OF GOD. AND UNTIL HE EXERCISES THAT WILL IN A WAY TO SHOW THAT HE WANTS THAT LOVE, IT WILL NOT BE GIVEN HIM. NO MAN IS EVER FORCED TO LOVE GOD OR TO LET GOD'S LOVE COME INTO HIS HEART.

The Love of God cannot be defined, for It passes all understanding. But the result of that Love, when in the souls of men, can be seen and felt in the exceeding beauty of the countenances of men and their wonderful happiness. No fear of death or anything that maketh afraid can possibly exist where that Love is. It is not the kind of love that permits any feelings of jealousy or envy to have an entrance, but is so perfect and all soul-filling that there cannot possibly be any room for anything but Its own great Self. I know that the Love of God is the only thing that can make man supremely happy while on earth, and after he becomes a spirit. My love for Him is such that I love every one of His creatures, be they saints or sinners, and that is the difference between the love that He inspires in all His Love- seeking children and the love that exists among men and spirits who have not His Love for their foundation. Be sure that no man can be perfectly happy without this Divine Love.