



Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Greetings dear brothers and sisters in Christ. It is with great pleasure that we bring you another issue of the Divine Love Newsletter. Our sincere hope is that by the sharing of community news, inspirational stories, and member achievements, the newsletter will help to bring us into closer loving rapport with each other.

Of the four retreats held during the month of August and into early September, we are featuring two in this issue -- one held in Kauai, Hawaii and the other in Lily Dale, New York. Both retreats consisted of small groups of like-minded souls who were in loving harmony. While there is certainly a place for large retreats where we get to fellowship with many souls with whom we have been in contact over the Internet, small retreats definitely have a place in allowing us to let go and seek answers in a safe environment.

We are looking forward to reports and pictures of the Blackpool and Frankfurt retreats and will feature them in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to Al on his new book, Tim on his new CD, and Ron on an insightful essay about the difference between the natural love and the Divine Love.

We offer a gentle reminder to keep up your prayers. Living in a world full of distractions, with many people vying for our attention and work responsibilities taking up a considerable amount of our time, we need to be sure to make time for ourselves and for God. Twenty minutes of earnest and sincere prayer several times a day can make a huge difference in how we see the world and give us a greater understanding of how God sees us. Prayer provides a strong connection with Father that enables you to drop your walls, let go of extraneous thoughts, and allow God's Love to flow into your soul. There is nothing more important in all the universe than praying for God's Love. And for those of you who pray longer and/or more often, wonderful! Let's all increase our efforts in maintaining a constant state of Grace and connection with our Heavenly Father.

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

Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the [Divine Love Community portal](#) (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*).

The Editors

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DIVINE LOVE COMMUNITY MAP

The [Divine Love Community map](#), (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has eight churches/prayer groups, 25 ministers, and 71 Divine Love souls registered. If you or your group would like to be included on the map, please send us your email address, location and a picture (editors@fcdt.org).

PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

- Al and Jeanne Fike welcome you to pray with them – in person or simultaneously from your home – every second Monday in Gibsons at 5:30 pm Pacific Time, and alternating Mondays at Barb's in West Vancouver at 6:30 pm PT. Prayer requests are welcome. Contact [Jeanne](#) for more details.
- The Divine Love Ministry invites you to join them for a Sunday Service on Skype at 10:30 am Hawaii-Aleutian Time. Services consist of music, prayers, reading, and channelled messages. Please contact [Michael](#) for more info.
- Tim Foley has a Meditation class in Sonoma, California every Monday at 6 pm Pacific Coast Time. For more information, please contact [Tim](#).



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RETREAT REPORTS

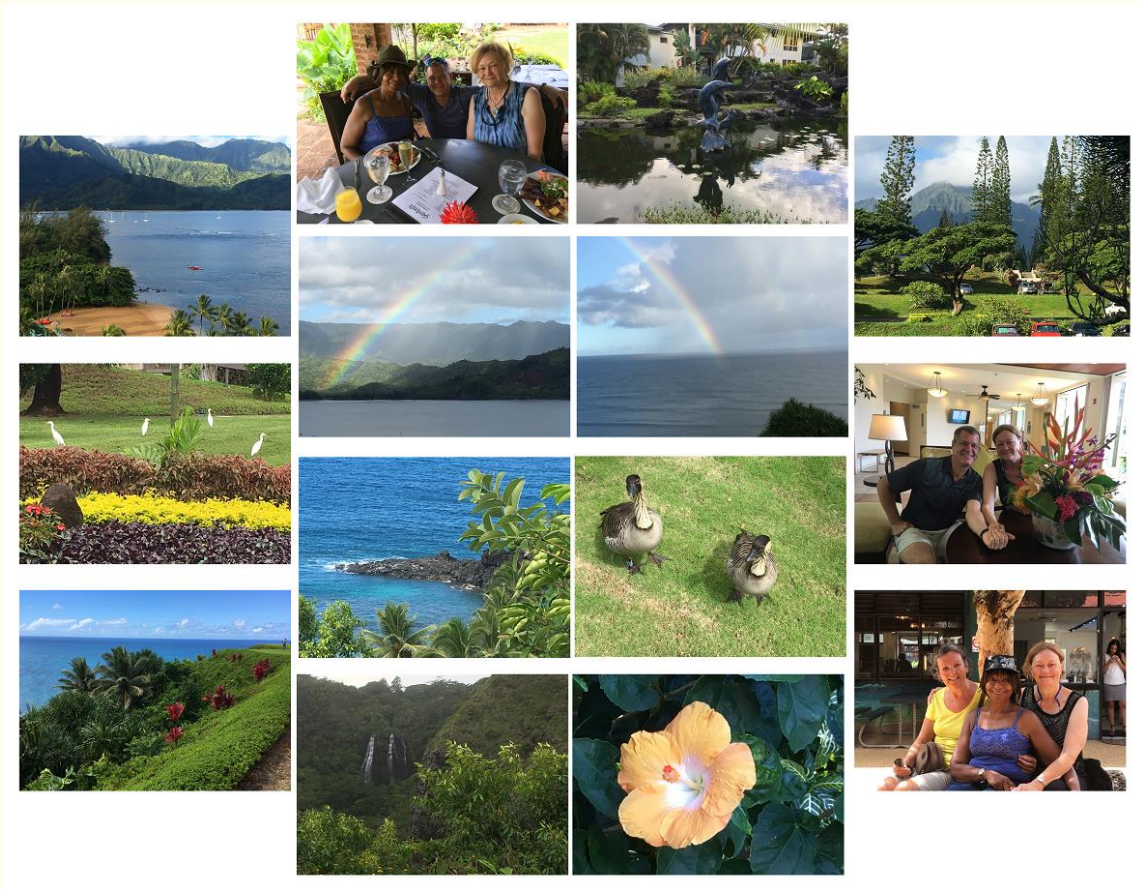
Four retreats have taken place between mid-August and first week of September. We are reporting on the two earlier ones in this issue – Hawaii and Lily Dale – and will include more on Lily Dale and the European retreats in the November issue. If you attended the Blackpool or Frankfurt retreats and would like to contribute to the next newsletter, please send your information and pictures to editors@fcdt.org by October 15. Thank you.

Kauai, Hawaii (Aug. 14-20)

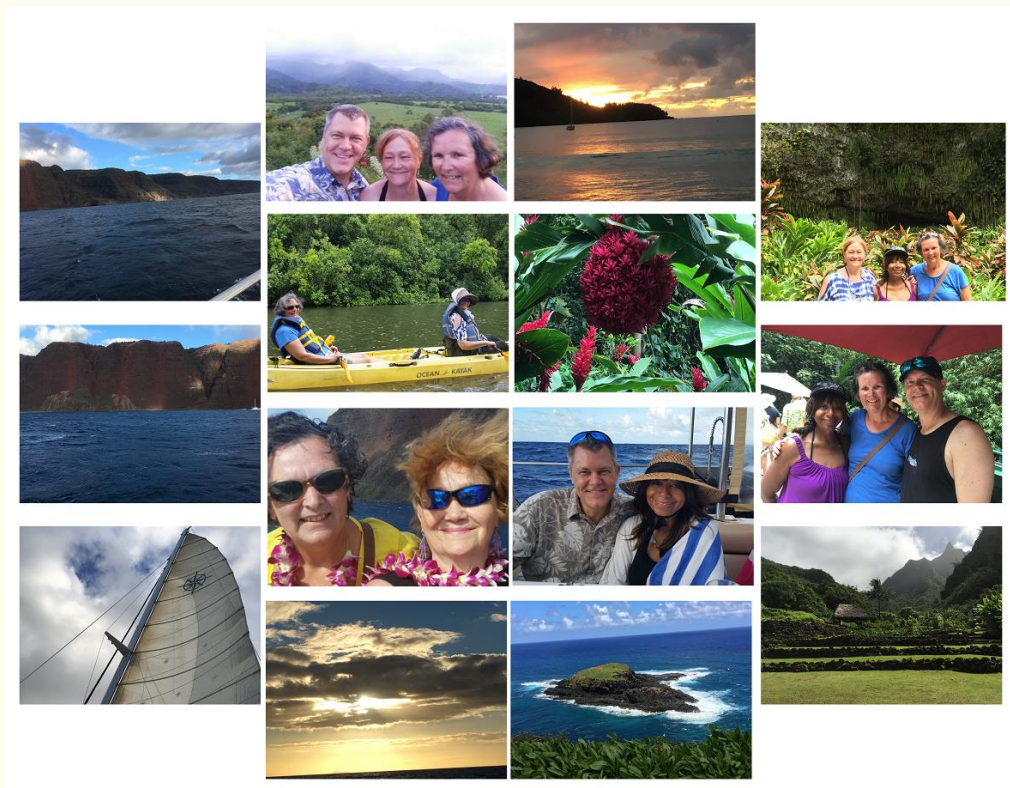
A small group of Divine Love seekers enjoyed an intimate retreat in Princeville, Kauai, the lush green "garden island" of Hawaii. Participants took part in workshops on how to become better persons and in practical, unscheduled "lab sessions" when unexpected challenges arose. They also learned TFT / EFT (energy modalities involving tapping on meridian points). They practiced patience and understanding toward each other, encouraged and de-stressed one another with loving hugs, and learned from each other through sharing of thoughts and insights. A man-made, but true beatitude to live by became "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape." Fun and laughter also contributed to the delightful, growth-promoting experience of the retreat. The group visited Gaylord's Kiloana Plantation near Lihue, participated in a sacred gong ceremony conducted by Diane Cline, kayaked from Wailua to visit the Fern Grotto, sailed along the Na Pali Coast, and stopped by the Kilauea Point Lighthouse and Wildlife Refuge, as well as the caves at Haena. Beautiful rainbows and sunsets, as well as spectacular natural beauty brought about a sense of closeness to our Heavenly Father and feelings of love and gratitude.

Lily Dale, New York (Aug. 21-27)

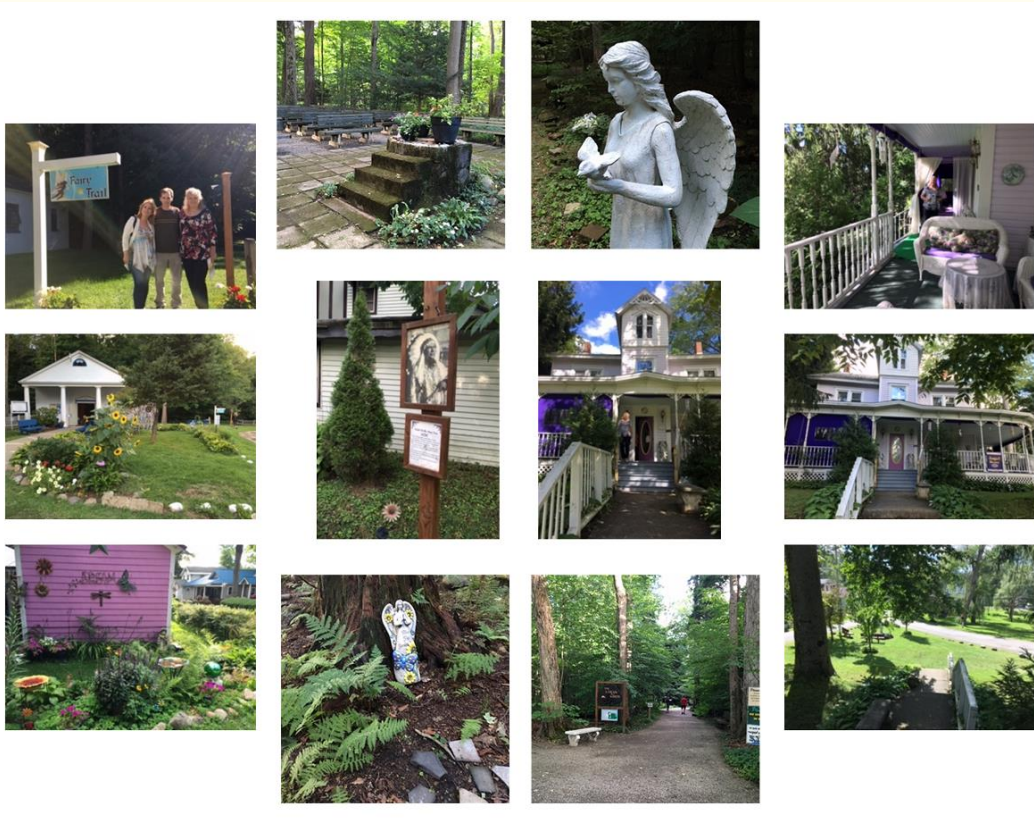
Another small group enjoyed a Divine Love retreat/meet up at Lily Dale, New York. They found Lily Dale an enchanting place with beautiful gardens, a lake, and numerous nature trails. They also visited Panama Rocks, 38 miles from Lily Dale – an area reminiscent of an Indiana Jones adventure. At the time of publication, we only have some pictures, but Holly Bianco commented regarding the group's remarkable experience: "Seen spirit, heard spirit, captured spirit energy on camera, and shared the message of Divine Love with others - oh my! Stay tuned for the full story in the next newsletter."



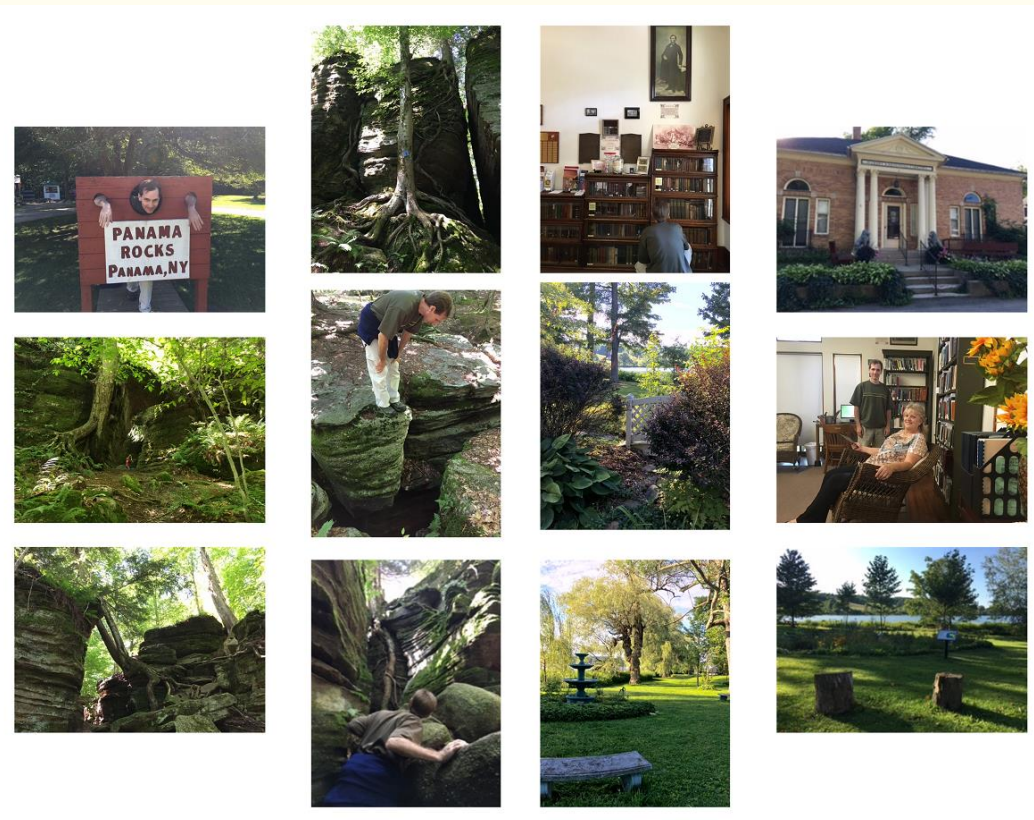
HAWAII: Gaylord's; Princeville accommodation and walks; Hanalei shopping area; Waterfalls at Kapa'a-Wailua.



HAWAII: Hanalei Bay lookout and sunset; Fern Grotto; Na Pali Coast cruise; Kilauea.



NEW YORK: Glimpses of Lily Dale, including accommodation at Angel House, Healing Temple, lovely gardens, and a stroll through the woods.



NEW YORK: Left: Panama Rocks; Right: Lily Dale environs, as well as outside and inside the Lily Dale library, where Dr Stone, and much later Joan Warden, placed their books.

UPCOMING RETREATS

Oahu, Hawaii, November-December 2016

Al and Jeanne Fike, with the assistance of Gilda Holy and Jimbeau Walsh, will be conducting retreat activities on the island of Oahu in Hawaii between November 29 and December 12, 2016. Prayerful gatherings will range from a 3-day retreat (November 29, 30, Dec 1) to daily prayers and a workshop at Unity Church.

A Circle of Light Workshop will be held at the Unity Windward Church (46-005 Kawa St., #303, Kaneohe) on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. To register, email [Jeanne](mailto:Jeanne@alohaakua.com) or call Jimbeau in Punalu'u at 808-392-4809. Cost is by donation.

In addition to the above workshop, there will be Sunday and Monday healing services at Windward Unity, three days of prayers at the home of Gilda, and three to five days of prayers in Punaluua at the accommodation of the Fikes. Note that these activities are on different sides of the island.

For more information, contact [Gilda](#) or [Jeanne](#).

2017 California Retreat

On May 7-12, 2017, FCDT plans to host a retreat at Holly Bianco's timeshare at the WorldMark Resort in Indio, near Palm Springs. Available will be a large 4-bedroom presidential suite, a number of accommodation units, as well as a community room for the twice daily silent prayer circles and musical entertainment. The beautiful resort is near a golf course, a lazy river, and a trail for early morning desert walks. Facilities include several large pools and spas, an indoor gym and recreation room, tennis courts, and a mini-mart. Excursions are planned to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway and Shields Date Farm and Garden. Registration will begin in early 2017, so for now Save the Dates.



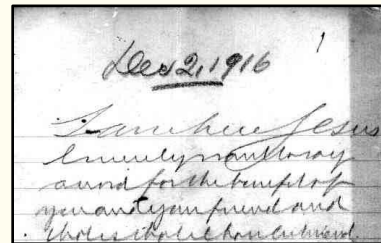
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MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Al Fike, with the assistance of Jeanne Fike, Helge Mercker, and Brian Holmes, has published a "Divine Love book for beginners", *The Quiet Revolution of the Soul: Explorations in Divine Love*. The book touches on subjects such as what is soul, the nature of God, descriptions of the spirit world, and Heaven. The origin of this information comes from Angels communicating through individuals who are gifted with mediumship. *The Quiet Revolution of the Soul* invites readers to a journey of awakening through the transformational effects of receiving Divine Love. Click [here](#) for ordering information. Click [here](#) to read Al's article on how the book was born. If you wish to post a book review or read comments from others, visit [this thread](#) on the Divine Love Sanctuary forum.
- Tim Foley has produced a CD entitled *At the Entrance Way*, with a booklet containing lyrics to all the songs. The album has ten original Divine Love songs and two traditional gospel music pieces and is to be released by the end of September. For advance orders, please email [Tim](#). Mention this newsletter and get your first CD free! Re-order CDs will be available for \$1 above the wholesale manufacturing cost (which is yet to be determined).

TRANSLATORS SOUGHT

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



PRISONER SEEKS LOVE AND MAIL FELLOWSHIP

Eugene Harris, in a Californian prison, has studied and enjoyed books from the church and even held for a time studies with fellow inmates. He would like to have letter contact (he doesn't have email) with other Divine Love followers. If you would like to write to him, his address is: AS-1362, Valley State Prison, A1-11-4Low, P.O. Box 92, Chowchilla, CA 93610, USA.

THE SOUL AND ITS LOVE BY RON SHOEMAKER



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Not long after I became aware of the Padgett messages I had a dream. I was looking through a pair of binoculars at an object that was in perfect focus. It was crystal clear. I couldn't imagine anything being more precise. While I continued to peer through the binoculars, someone reached over my shoulder and ever so slightly adjusted the focussing knob. To my astonishment, the object I was looking at became ever more acutely discernible. I wouldn't have believed this possible if I hadn't experienced it.

What I took from this experience was that my spiritual condition needn't be incarcerated by the walls of immutable dogma. My spiritual growth can always be expanding and insightful – no matter how clearly I experienced a spiritual truth, it would always be possible to engage and discover in greater depth the dimensions of its personal meaning for me.

In *Messages From Jesus and Celestials*, volume one, pages 40-42, is the Prayer received by Mr. Padgett. It contains the words "All Holy". For some time, the meaning of these words was unclear to me and lay hidden in a haze of fog.

I was reminded of my earlier dream, when in a moment of epiphany, like the sun breaking the morning horizon, I realized that "All Holy" meant the Great Soul was the "perfect embodiment of Divine Love, where an infinite number of possibilities seated in the Divine Essence are fully manifested and each infinite possibility brought to fruition. This perfect embodiment of Divine Love is the template for all other loves. Think of a bouquet with an unlimited number of different kinds of flowers where the uniqueness of each flower is fully displayed. This is what makes the Deity All Holy – the one perfect Being and the owner of an Original Love whose purity and intense richness is unique. This authentic Love is the pristine Essence of Immortality, a state of being that cannot experience death or its possibility. It is a self-sustaining Love that is not constrained by the parameters of time – a Love that has been the same in the past as It is in the present and will be in the future.



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When thinking about the time the Creator called forth the human soul and its natural love in His image, I visualized it to be like a painter who decided to paint a self-portrait. No matter how perfectly the painting appears to represent the painter, it is still only an image. Like seeing a

reflection of yourself in a mirror, no matter how exactly the mirror reflects your appearance, it is only an image of you, not the authentic you.

So I asked myself what are some of the differences when comparing the Deity's Divine Love to our natural love? Both loves can demonstrate similar characteristics such as forbearance, humility, empathy, mercy, forgiveness, compassion and kindness. When the first parents refused the offer of the Father's Divine Love, they may have seen that they already appeared to have a love with many of the same qualities as the Love that God displayed. From their perspective, there would be no great advantage to receiving something they already seemed to possess.

Then I thought about what happens when someone's action causes me to feel unnecessary pain. My first reaction is to withhold any expression of love toward the perpetrator. I find feelings of anger and resentment coming to the surface. That was when I realized that I was no longer conscious of feelings of kindness toward the individual. Feelings of love had seemingly disappeared. They were not self-sustaining. Characteristics of natural love were finite images of the authentic ones found in our Father's Original Love, the template for all other loves.

I came to realize that my natural love and its finite characteristics could be influenced by the temptations of surrounding circumstances. At any one time my natural love might not be strong enough or present enough in my consciousness to withstand or counter the prevailing challenges.



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As I thought about this, it came to me that the image I saw in the mirror would cease if I left. It wouldn't matter how exact the image was – it had no staying power on its own. My image in the mirror was dependent on my presence. The qualities of natural love, as finite images of the Divine Love, are not self-sustaining in the same way that the image you see in a mirror is not self-sustaining. These images are not immune from death or the possibility of death; they are dependent on the will of their originator to continue.

Thus I came to understand that those who have reached the highest spheres in the development of their natural love possess a love that is finite. This love, as an image of God's Authentic Love, has no more staying power than the reflection you see in the mirror. And so it is with our soul's natural love, an image of the Great Soul's Original Love. Our natural love is not self-sustaining. In its finiteness, it is not beyond death or its possibility. As an earthling, Jesus discovered there was a distinct difference between the genuine Love of the Great Soul and the created natural love of the human soul. In the unfolding of his transformational experience, Jesus further discovered the "Good News" that His Father's Love was being made available to humankind; that the human soul could become the repository of a Love that is authentic and self-sustaining, sovereign with infinite possibilities.

And so, as I learned to allow His Love to enter my soul, the transformation began. It is a process of becoming more at one with the Great Soul's Essence, an experience of continually becoming, always becoming more at one with the living Repository that is the embodiment of the perfect manifestation of Divine Love.

What Jesus meant when he said: "In my Father's house are many mansions."

I am Jesus.

You are in condition to resume my message tonight.

I am in a condition of love that enables me to know that my Father's Love is the only Love that can redeem mankind and make it at-one with Him. So you must understand that this Divine Love is a Love that has no counterpart in all the universe, and must be received by man in all its fullness, in order for him to attain to the Celestial Spheres, where the Father's fountainhead of Love exists. So I say, that no man can become a part of God's Divinity until he receives this Divine Love and realizes that he and his Father are one in Love and purity.

I will now tell you what this Divine Love means to everyone who has received it. He is in a condition of perfect peace, and his happiness is beyond all comparison, and he is not willing that any thing or power shall lead him to those things that are not in accord with the Divine Love and God's laws of harmony. He is not only happy, but is away beyond the lower spirits in intellectual development and knowledge of the spiritual things of the Father. I know that no man is able to obtain the great soul perceptions until he has the soul development, and is fitted to live in the Celestial Spheres, where only love and harmony exist.

So, do not think if a man merely becomes wonderful in his knowledge in an intellectual sense, he is fitted to live in these higher spheres, for he is not; only the great development of the soul, by obtaining into his soul the Divine Love, will enable him to live there.

(James Padgett asks a question)

John never said that by me were all things created that were created, and that I, as God, came to earth and became an indweller in the flesh. That is a mistake and an interpolation, for I never was God, neither did I ever create any part of the universe. I was only a spirit of God, sent by Him to work out man's salvation, and show him

the only way to the Heavenly Home that God has in keeping for those who receive the New Birth.

Well, I live in all spheres, but my home is in a sphere that is very close to the fountainhead of God's Love. It has no name or number. With me in the Celestial Spheres* are all those who have received this Divine Love to such an extent that they have become entirely purified and at one with the Father. Many are progressing towards that home and will, sooner or later, get there.

Those who fully received this Divine Love through faith and prayer are in the Celestial Spheres, but those who have not yet obtained this Love to the degree mentioned, are not. Yes, Paul is, and so are Peter and John and James and several others.

(James Padgett asks a question)

I meant that I would go to the Celestial Spheres where I now am and prepare these mansions, which I have now done. And it rests with spirits and mortals only to become inhabitants thereof.

Some are, and some are not; the mere fact that these ancient prophets and seers were the mere instruments of God in declaring His purposes and laws, does not mean that they necessarily received this Great Love, so that they

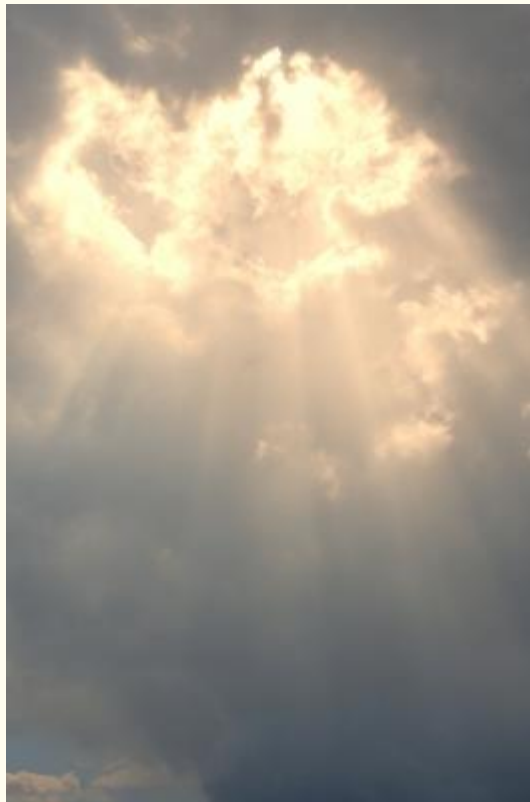


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are now inhabitants of the Celestial Spheres. Moses and Elias are in the Celestial Spheres and so is John the Baptist; but many great teachers of spiritual things or of future existence are not, because they have not obtained the New Birth.

Well, it will depend on whether you live and believe in such a way as to get this Great Love; if you do, you will not have to wait long years to be with me in the Celestial Spheres. You are now in the right way, and if you will only persevere and let your faith increase and get the Divine Love in sufficient abundance in your soul, you will be. And this remember, that I am your special friend and helper, and will be with you when you are in doubt or trouble, and will keep you from relapsing into a state of unbelief or of carelessness.

If, as you say, he will seek that Divine Love, and pray to the Father in faith, and believe that the Father will bestow it upon him, he will receive it; and when he receives it in sufficient abundance all sin that he may have committed will be blotted out. No further will he have to pay the penalties of his deeds of sin and error. This is what I came principally to teach mankind. When I said, as you sow so shall you reap, I meant this to be the law of God as applied to the natural man as well as to everything else in nature; but that law is subject to be set aside so far as its operations on the souls of men are concerned, by the soul of man receiving in sufficient abundance, the Divine Love. And when the Great Love of the Father is sought and received by the soul of man in sufficient abundance, the law of compensation is made non-effective and the law of Love becomes supreme, and man is relieved from the penalties of his sins.

Yes, I know how men reason about this matter and that is the great stumbling block that prevents them from receiving this Divine Love, and believing that it is efficacious in saving them from paying the penalties of their sins. Well, you now see what I am trying to do, and I am so well satisfied that you will make a success of your work, that I feel more than ever certain that my messages will be understood and given to the world. So keep up your courage, and in a short time all will be in such condition that there will be nothing to interfere with your doing the work as you desire.

Yes, most assuredly, and when you get into the work with all your earnestness and faith, you will see that you will be able to receive the messages just as I intend that you shall receive them.

Let us stop now,

Your own true brother in spirit,

Jesus



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