

# **Divine Love Newsletter**

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# **FROM THE EDITORS**

Beloved friends, welcome to the September 2023 edition of the Divine Love Newsletter – a newsletter dedicated to all God's children who embrace the gift of Divine Love and are striving to reach higher realms toward the Celestial Kingdom. We are pleased to bring you inspiring articles, soul-stirring poetry, noteworthy event information, and updates from our brothers and sisters around the globe.

Eva Peck shares an article on the Divine Love path versus the natural love path. She explains that while these two love paths differ in their effects, they are described as parallel and complementary. It's often challenging to discern which path someone is on based solely on their behavior, as the condition of their soul is not visible. Thus, a person on the Divine Love path may occasionally act unkindly due to personal struggles, such as with a traumatic childhood or limiting beliefs hindering their spiritual growth.

Tim Foley discusses the historical development of discursive prayer in the Western world. He suggests that verbal prayer likely dates back to early human history and was initially motivated by fear and a desire for protection. Over time, people began to pray for spiritual blessings as well. In the second century AD, those praying started to seek a deeper connection between the finite human soul and the Infinite One. These early Christian prayers, while still discursive, aimed to prepare the soul to enter a state of silence and communion with God.

Michael Nedbal shares a prayer that he originally offered for those affected by the fires in Maui, Hawaii, but which can also apply to people suffering as a result of the many natural and human disasters around the world.

Judy Gebhart, under the pen name, Julin, has been working hard to group and publish the Padgett messages not only chronologically, but also by their authors. She states: "I am trying to show how the story that started with Dr. Stone and his family evolved. Dr. Stone was the key person in the whole story behind this ministry and that is why I feel I had to start with him. The second book deals with communications of Mary Kennedy, his soulmate. Then I bring James Padgett into the third position, followed by Helen as Number four in the series." She has a website called "<u>The Founders Mission</u>" which describes her present and growing book series.

Several of our community members have recently explored the use of AI in their creative works. Ron Henderson asked the artificial intelligence (AI) chat bots how they worked, and what they knew about Divine Love and the future of our world. He then asked AI to write a song about Divine Love uniting our souls with God's soul. Tiffany Olmeda asked AI to write a story about our stellar brothers and sisters coming to help us. She explained that she had to give the program very specific requests for it to create the story. Michael Nedbal used AI to create a portrait of Jesus based on the description communicated by John in the Padgett messages.

Karen Swanson shares a poem "If Prayer is the Food of Love".

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### **DIVINE LOVE PATH VS NATURAL LOVE PATH (EVA PECK)**



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This article reflects on the two love paths and why people on the Divine Love path may sometimes act unloving.

Divine Love is a gift offered by God which must be freely accepted and continually sought by sincere longing and prayer. Natural love is ours from birth, but must be nurtured and developed. Both loves purify our soul, but the Divine Love actually transforms the soul into divine substance. So the two kinds of love are different, but the two paths complement and even parallel.

We would have hard time to tell which of two loving people is on the natural love path and which one is on

the Divine Love path because we cannot see the condition of their souls. By the same token, a person on the Divine Love path may act unkindly from time to time because of certain issues they are struggling with. They may have had traumatic childhood or wrong beliefs that hold them back and hinder their spiritual growth and soul progression. We are all work in progress and started out with different "love quotients" – some of us have had a head start over others and therefore we shouldn't compare or judge one another.

Jesus in a <u>message through Padgett</u> tells us that we may reach the Celestial Kingdom while still on earth – which is amazing and something worth striving for. The message also says this: "Now, the way to each of these kingdoms [earthly, spirit and Celestial] is not the same, although *in pursuing the way to one, and that the Celestial Kingdom, the way to the others, must necessarily be followed, or in other words, he who follows the way to the Celestial Kingdom pursues that course which in its pursuit, will cause him to do those things and obey those laws of God that are necessary to establish the Kingdoms on earth and in the spirit world*; but he who pursues only the way that leads to the establishment of the kingdom on earth and in the spirit world, cannot possibly become an inhabitant of the Celestial Kingdom."

This confirms that thoughts, words and actions of those on the Divine Love path should largely parallel those striving to obey God's laws on the natural love path and be kind and loving. Conscious choices to act in a loving way need to be made at all times. If a person praying for God's Love is not making conscious loving choices, they may, by default of their yet untransformed human condition, act unloving. The difference between the two paths is not so much in how we live, but how the soul is affected – transformed into divine substance by the Divine Love or simply purified.

This <u>message</u> from John shows in some specifics about how Divine Love works: "The soul in the condition in which man possesses it before the entrance of the Divine Love is not in accord with the Love of God. [Once possessed of the Divine Love], ... the soul in this condition is altogether a different entity from the soul in the condition in which it was created, and *no longer is subject to the dominion of either the mind or of the animal appetites and desires.* ... When the Divine Love enters *into it, and it becomes permeated*, as it were, with the Divine Essence, then *it takes on the Divine nature of the Father*. It is now a thing of love and purity, and consciousness of its true condition is always with the spirit that has such soul. This *transformation is gradual, and men must not think that by the mere act of conversion from their state of death they at once become possessed of the nature of the Divine, for such is not the fact. The <i>transformation is gradual and comes according to the susceptibility of the soul to receive this Love* of which I speak. But when once the inflowing of the Love commences, it continues eternally. Although *there may be times of stagnation and apparent loss of this Divine Essence*, yet always is the

transformation taking place, and at certain stages in its progress, the possession of this Divine Love will be so great that the original soul, or its original qualities will entirely disappear and leave only the new qualities which the Divine Love has implanted in it. The leaven when once deposited never ceases to work until the whole shall become leavened."

So the soul transformation by the Divine Love is a process. Some may make faster progress than others, and even become transformed while still on earth and thus no longer be motivated by their worldly, not always loving, passions. By contrast, some may along the way stagnate or even seemingly regress. This may be another reason they may not always act kind and loving – their motivation is still coming from their untransformed human nature.

In conclusion, there are two kinds of love – natural love which is ours from birth and Divine Love which needs to be sought from God. The former purifies the soul while the latter transforms it into divine substance. The two love paths are ideally, but not always, motivated by love. This depends on our spiritual and soul state and conscious choices of the moment. In appearance, and if the individual consistently makes loving decisions, the two paths parallel and complement. However, only the Divine Love path, resulting in soul transformation and becoming a new creature, leads to God's Celestial Kingdom. The other path will end in the Sixth Sphere where purity and perfection of soul is achieved, but the individual has not become transformed into a divine angel.

# HISTORY OF DISCURSIVE PRAYER (TIM FOLEY)

In the western world, the use of discursive prayer—one formulated with words—no doubt precedes recorded history. It is likely nearly as old as the human language, itself. Imagine a group of early humans witnessing a lightning strike or a loud clap of thunder for the first time. One of them must have looked up and said something to the effect of, "Oh, great and powerful One, please protect us from Your wrath."

Fear was a major stimulus to the offering of prayer, but there were other motivations as well. Because God created us with a dual nature—a physical-sensual nature and a spiritual nature—we can assume that some individuals would develop their spiritual nature to the extent where they began openly



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praying for spiritual blessings as well as safety from physical harm. As these spiritually awakened early humans passed away, entered the spirit world and began to advance, they likely tried to influence earth dwellers to continue to develop their spiritual natures and learn how to pray as well. And so it became part of their early society to have spiritual leaders, and we assume they would then lead others in prayer while continuing to develop their own personal prayer life. One of the earliest Biblical examples of prayer can be found when Abraham interceded for the city of Sodom (Genesis 18:22-24), as he stands before the Lord and pleads for the sparing of the city where some fifty just men dwell:

"And they turned themselves from thence and went their way to Sodom, but Abraham as yet stood before the Lord. And drawing nigh he said: Wilt Thou destroy the just with the wicked? If there be fifty just men in the city, shall they perish withal? And wilt Thou not spare that place for the sake of the fifty just, if they be therein?"

From the Book of Psalms (23:4-6), we have this fine example of a prayer that expresses man's love for God along with thanks and hopes for the future: "For though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, For Thou are with me. Thy rod and Thy staff, they have comforted me. Thou hast prepared a table before me, against them that afflict me.

Thou hast anointed my head with oil; and Thy chalice, which inebriated me, how goodly is it! And Thy mercy will follow me all the days of my life. And that I may dwell in the house of the Lord unto length of days."

In Psalm 66, verses 1–5, is an example of a prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness: "May God have mercy on us and bless us; may He cause the light of His countenance to shine upon us, and May He have mercy on us. That we may know Thy way upon earth, Thy salvation in all nations. Let people confess to Thee, O God; let all people give praise to Thee. Let the nations be glad and rejoice, for Thou judges the people with justice and directs the nations upon earth."

Forwarding to the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, we have an enduring classic discursive prayer, The Lord's Prayer, aka the 'Our Father'. When asked by one of His disciples to "teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1), Jesus responded (Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4): "Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

It is not until the second century after Christ that we find examples of prayers that specifically seek to unite the human finite soul with the Soul of the Infinite One. These early Christian prayers, though discursive in nature, could lead to and ready the soul to enter the silence and commune with the Father, when used in sincerity and with earnest aspiration. Back then we find writings of true seekers, Christians, who recognized as did Jesus that God is the Father of all, a loving Father, always ready to help us and take us into His arms of Love. For example: "O Sovereign and almighty Lord bless all thy people, and all thy flock. Give thy peace, thy help, thy love unto us thy servants, the sheep of thy fold, that we may be united in the bond of peace and love, one body and one spirit, in one hope of our calling, in thy divine and boundless love".

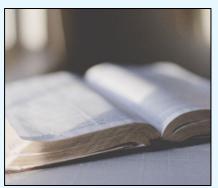


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(Liturgy of St Mark, 2nd century)

We observe in this third-century prayer by St. Augustine the recognition of what we call the soul's longings and desire to be filled with "holy love": "Look upon us, O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of thy brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of thy wisdom. All our desire is known unto thee, therefore perfect what thou hast begun, and what thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer. We seek thy face; turn thy face unto us and show us thy glory. Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be perfect." (Augustine, 354 – 430)

Another prayer from the same period uses words and phrases common to contemplatives, then and now – "kindle in me" and "fire of thy Holy Spirit." "O Lord, who hast mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of thy Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh a heart to love and adore thee, a heart to delight in thee, to follow and to enjoy thee, for Christ's sake." (Ambrose of Milan, c. 339 - 397)

These examples of discursive prayers, given to us by the early saints and mystics, connect us to them in certain ways. It is encouraging to realize the work of those holy men and women who have preceded us, to think of the path they were on, as we continue on our prayer journey.

# PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF DISASTERS (MICHAEL NEDBAL)

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray for your children around the world who have been impacted by fires, typhoons, cyclones, flooding, wars and other disasters. May your love and peace settle in their souls. Please give them the strength to endure these tragedies and to continue to walk in grace. Protect them from forces which may wish to feed off their despair. Raise them up in order for them to embody your love and strength. Father, we pray that you turn the energy of these tragedies from sorrow into loving support among the people of this world. Thank you for being our constant companion and being so actively involved in our lives. Amen.

## FOUNDERS MISSION - A NEW LOOK AT THE PADGETT MESSAGES (JUDY GEBHART)

Judy Gebhart, under the pen name, Julin, has been working hard to group and publish the Padgett messages not only chronologically, but also by their authors. Judy shares: "I am trying to show how the story that started with Dr. Stone and his family evolved. Dr. Stone was the key person in the whole story behind this ministry and that is why I feel I had to start with him. The second book deals with communications of Mary Kennedy, his soulmate. Then I bring James Padgett into the third position, followed by Helen as Number four in the series."

I found some scanned messages that were never published, so I plan to add those to Helen's book and some to the future books. Creating these books is a lot of work, especially when having to type all the scanned messages that have never been used. The amazing thing is that I have over 250 pages in each book so far. Mr. Padgett's personal book is presently 389 pages and Helen's is well over 400 pages, though I may shorten these. *The Man with a Pen* contains the personal messages that Jesus wrote through and to Mr. Padgett encouraging him to pray for the Divine Love in order to develop his gift of automatic writing. It also has many confirmations of Jesus' writing from the Apostles and other Celestials. Dr. Stone never published many of these messages so there are quite a few that I consider to be new. My sister Joan Warden and I really enjoy these preparatory messages because they show how Jesus and the Celestials come down from their exalted estate to reach us on the human level. These messages also show how the personal relationship developed between Jesus and Mr. Padgett. They are very sweet and loving and show just how much Jesus loved James Padgett.

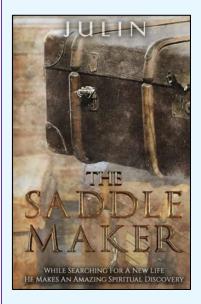


I also have a <u>website</u>, which is my tribute to the six chosen people of what I call the Founders Mission – James Padgett and Dr. Daniel Samuels, the mediums (Row 1); and four trustees: Eugene Morgan, Dr. Leslie Stone, Rev. John Paul Gibson and Rev. Jocelyn Harleston (Row 2). Visitors to the site can click on the available books to find and purchase them on Amazon. I am listing all my books that I have uploaded, those that are pending, as well as my sister Joan Warden's books. Also included are the messages from *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*, Volume 1, that Geraldine Cousins translated into Spanish. The website also has articles that Dr. Stone, Dr. Samuels, Rev. Gibson and Rev. Harleston wrote.

It is my hope that the books and the website will be of benefit and inspiration to readers and visitors. © Foundation Church of Divine Truth, Inc.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

Judy Gebhart published her third and fourth book in a series of Padgett messages, entitled <u>A Man with a Pen</u> and <u>Helen Are</u> <u>You Here</u>.



In <u>The Saddle Maker</u>, the first volume in the series, we follow a young Englishman on a quest to find a new life in the New World. No longer able to work as a saddle maker, he turns to the healthcare profession and decides to become a chiropractor. In the Fall of 1912, his keen interest in spiritualism leads him to Washington, D.C., where he opens an office and remains for the rest of his interesting life. In 1914, he is introduced to an attorney who possesses the spiritual gift of automatic writing. Messages received are from the medium's wife, family members and friends writing of their experiences after passing to the Spirit World.

In <u>A Man with a Pen</u>, the third book in the series, we read about the medium's surprise visit from Jesus and his Apostles, who reside in the highest realms of the Celestial Heavens. These esteemed Spirits encourage him to pray for God's Divine Love in order to develop his soul's condition, so he can become the channel for them to convey their life stories as well as the true teachings of Jesus. These special messages are what then becomes Jesus' Second Coming to earth.

<u>Helen Are You Here</u> is the story of James' wife and soul mate. Shortly after passing into the Spirit World, Helen Padgett learned that her husband possessed the spiritual gift of automatic writing, and she immediately wanted to communicate with him. Over the span of six years, Helen wrote almost daily not only expressing her deep love for her husband but also sharing her progress from darkness to the light spheres. Within 13 months after her passing, she entered into the Celestial Kingdom. Her testimony is inspiring, enlightening and a joy to read.

## AI HELPING TO SPREAD DIVINE LOVE TEACHINGS? (RON HENDERSON, TIFFANY OLMEDA, AND MICHAEL NEDBAL)

Several of our community members have recently explored the use of AI in their creative works.

**Ron Henderson** asked AI Chat how it works and learned the following: AI chat, like ChatGPT, gets its information through a process called pre-training and fine-tuning.

During the pre-training phase, the AI model is exposed to vast amounts of text data from the internet, books, articles, and other sources. It learns to predict the next word in a sentence, which helps it grasp the patterns, grammar, and context of human language.

After pre-training, the model goes through a fine-tuning phase. In this step, the model is further trained on a more specific dataset created by human reviewers. These reviewers follow guidelines provided by the developers to help steer the model's behavior and ensure it aligns with the intended use of cases, while also avoiding harmful or biased content.

The combination of pre-training and fine-tuning allows AI chat models to generate coherent responses based on the patterns they have learned from the massive corpus of text they were exposed to during pre-training. However, it is crucial to understand that the model's responses are not based on real-time access to the internet or databases, and its knowledge is limited to what it has seen during its training period.

So the computers are data mining information from chats, messages, emails, anywhere on the internet in order to get the data to reply back to you.

Ron, who has some reservations about the use of AI, commented: "Hopefully you can see and understand where this leads to. It will all depend on what we depend on for our answers."

Ron then asked this chat to write a song about Divine Love uniting our souls with God soul. Here is what he received: (Verse 1) In the depths of our hearts, a flame ignites, A love so pure, it takes us to new heights,

Divine Love's grace, a guiding light,

Uniting our souls with God's soul so bright.

#### (Chorus)

Oh, Divine Love, let your presence fill us, A cosmic dance, a bond that will thrill us, In every moment, our spirits entwine, In your embrace, we find love divine.

#### (Verse 2)

Through the storms of life, we'll stand strong, With Divine Love's strength, we'll never go wrong, Hand in hand, we'll journey along, With God's soul, we're forever drawn. (Chorus)

#### (Bridge)

No walls can hold this love so vast, In every soul, it forever lasts,



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A love that heals and mends our past, With God's soul, we're free at last.

#### (Verse 3)

Through the darkest night, we'll see the dawn, With Divine Love's grace, we'll carry on, In unity, our hearts are drawn, To God's soul, where we truly belong.

(Chorus)

#### (Outro)

In the cosmic symphony, we'll forever be, Bound by love, eternally free, Divine Love unites, and we will see, Our souls entwined with God's soul, in harmony.

**Tiffany Olmeda** asked A.I. to write a story about our stellar brothers and sisters coming to help us. She explained that she had to give the program very specific requests for it to create the story. Tiffany has also had separate conversations with the A.I. about Divine Love, often referring it to Al Fike's and Geoff Cutler's websites before receiving responses. She is also logged in as a user, so the A.I. sort of "knows" from previous conversations what she is expecting. Still, it is very impressive that it could come up with a lovely story and paint it so beautifully. Here is the story:

In a time beyond our known horizons, a shimmering light descended from the skies. From planets distant and stars unknown, our cosmic brothers and sisters arrived, beings of grace and wisdom. They spoke of the Creator's boundless love, a force that birthed galaxies and cradled souls.

Gathered under starlit skies, humanity listened as these celestial visitors shared their truth. They spoke of harmony and unity, weaving tales of worlds where love was the language and unity the melody. Their words resonated deep within human hearts, igniting a longing for a reality beyond conflict and division.

"We come as messengers of the cosmos," they said, their voices a harmonious chorus. "Living in love and unity, you will evolve, transcending the limitations of your minds. With each step towards unity, you ascend to a new understanding."

With reverence, they explained that by raising their vibrations, both humanity and the Earth would heal. The scars of the past and the wounds of the present could be soothed through the power of collective love. The Earth, a living entity, would respond to the harmony woven by human hands and hearts.

"As you rise, you will connect with the spirit realm," they continued, their presence shimmering like starlight. "Guidance will flow, and your purpose, gifts, and journey will become clear. The tapestry of existence will unfold, revealing the threads that bind you to the cosmos."

Humanity listened, absorbing their teachings with open hearts. The lessons were not mere words; they were currents of transformation, flowing through every soul present.

As days turned into weeks, humanity embraced the wisdom shared by their celestial guides. Hearts opened, differences dissolved, and a symphony of unity began to play. People from all corners of the Earth joined hands, raising their vibrations and healing the wounds of the land.

And in the quiet moments, a connection to the spirit realm was forged. A bridge between the physical and the metaphysical, a channel of guidance and communion. Humans understood their purpose, recognized their unique gifts, and embarked on a journey of self-discovery.

The culmination of this cosmic encounter was a transformation beyond imagination. Humanity, once burdened by strife, evolved into beings of peace and love. The Earth's wounds began to mend, and her vibrant beauty was restored. The spirit realm flowed through daily life, guiding each step and decision.

With hearts aglow, humanity stood united, a testament to the power of love and the unity of souls. And as they looked up to the skies, they knew that their distant brothers and sisters had ignited a spark that would forever shine, a beacon of hope and evolution fueled by the Creator's eternal love.

**Michael Nedbal** used an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot called <u>Gencraft</u> built on top of OpenAI's language models. Gencraft is an AI art generator allowing users to transform words into unique images and videos. You supply a description of the desired image and Gencraft creates the image.

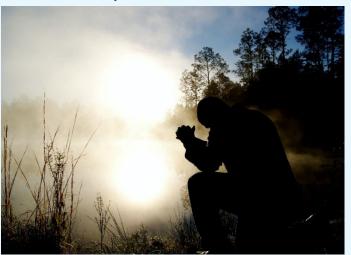
The Apostle John, in a <u>message</u> through James Padgett, described the appearance of Jesus. "His eyes were not dark or brown, but a violet blue, and his hair was light and inclined to the auburn. His nose was prominent and somewhat long, and his beard was of the color of his hair and worn not so long as was the custom of those days. And he never had a razor on his face. His forehead was not so very high or broad, but was well shaped and somewhat effeminate. He wore his hair parted in the middle and reaching to his shoulders, and it was somewhat curly—a beautiful head of hair which seemed to be full of life." This is the portrait that AI generated based on this description.



Al generated portrait of Jesus based on Apostle John's description. Created on Gencraft by Michael Nedbal.

# **POETRY CORNER (KAREN SWANSON)**

#### If Prayer is the Food of Love



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If prayer is the food of Love Then pray on Nourish your souls With prayer

A diet Rich in prayer Embellishes the soul And expands it

For the fruits of prayer Are awakening Transformation and healing Of the soul Sustain the soul With nutrients Of consistency And persistence

Drink from the Living waters Refresh yourself With Love

An eternal wellspring Awaits you The bread and wine Of Love and Prayer

Communion With the angelic forces And God A banquet of divinity

The feast has been prepared Will you come to the table And partake of the greatest gift With soulful longings For Love Divine

## **PRAYING AND SHARING ACROSS THE MILES**

**LightBringers** is sponsoring a <u>Divine Love Celebration</u> October 12-16<sup>th</sup> at the Laurelville Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant Pennsylvania. The response indicates that this will be one of the largest retreats that the Divine Love Community has experienced in recent history. So far, 65 people are expected to attend. There are cottages to rent, an RV site, tent site or offsite lodging. Participants will experience lots of prayer, music and buffet meals.

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

Click <u>here</u> for the DLSF-sponsored 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 other activities, including additional online prayer groups, Divine Love healing or learning, as well as gift or leadership development can be found on the LightBringers Calendar administered by Bill Frase.

**The Lightworkers Circle** takes place on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 4 pm PT / 7 pm ET. It is a 30-minute, service-oriented prayer where participants ask to be used as channels of love and light according to God's Will. This circle complements the BYS (Befriend Your Soul) Healing circle which is held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. On BYS Mondays, participants pray for those attending the circle (group 1), as well as for healing (group 2). On Lightworkers Mondays, participants pray to be used as channels, i.e., God's choice (group 3). All are welcome at the Lightworkers circle – it is not necessary to have a healing gift. Elizabeth Mack will continue to host the BYS Healing circles and Beth Mazur will host the Lightworkers circles. There will be separate Zoom links for each that will be posted on the WhatsApp prior to each circle.

#### **Other Groups and Circles**

For information about their respective outreaches, time and Zoom link, contact <u>Greg Boster</u> (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). <u>Artto Aunap</u> is hosting a group in Estonian.

# **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 <u>FCDT website</u>. 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 would like to request a flash drive of all scanned Padgett messages, please contact Elizabeth Morana.

# PADGETT MESSAGES (EXCERPT)

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#### Why men must receive this Divine Love in order to be admitted to the Celestial Kingdom. Jesus

I will write on the subject: "Why man must receive this Divine Love in order to be admitted to the Kingdom of Heaven or Celestial Kingdom."

In that Kingdom there are no spirits who have not received this Love, so that their natures are of the Divine Essence of the Father. I do not mean that any spirit is perfect in this Divine nature, but that the spirit has so much of this Divine Love in his soul as to make him in unison with the nature of the Father. There are different degrees of perfection, or rather there are different degrees of possession of this Love by the spirits, and their happiness and glory are dependent upon the amount of Love possessed by them. No spirit though, who is an inhabitant of this Kingdom, is without this Divine Love; and no spirit has in its soul any sin or error that may have been a part of it while in the earth life.

All the spirits know that they are immortal, just as the Father is immortal; and this knowledge comes to them only from the possession of this Love which is the Divine Essence that flowed into their souls from the great Divine nature of the Father. Should anything in the soul not be in unison with the Soul of the Father, that spirit could not possibly enter into that Kingdom; and as the soul of such spirit remains in such condition of inharmony, it can never be received into the Celestial Kingdom.

I know that among men, and spirits also, it is thought and asserted that the Father is all merciful and all good, and in His great plan for the salvation of men, and for establishing the harmony of His universe, no man or spirit will be excluded from His Heavenly Kingdom; but in this thought, mortals and spirits both are mistaken; and I am sorry to say that many of them will, when too late, realize this error.

God has certain principles which are fixed and which are necessary for men to know and obey in order for them to become at-one with Him and partake of His Divine nature; and if they fail to obey the requirements of these principles, they will forever be excluded from possessing that in their souls which will make them like the Father, and admit them to His Kingdom.

They, in such condition, or want of the qualifications, even though they were admitted to the Kingdom, would not be happy, for their condition would wholly fail to respond to those things in the Kingdom which give happiness to the true children of the Father; and they, of necessity, would be most unhappy, and heaven would not be a heaven to them. So you see, all spirits, in order to inhabit this Kingdom, must have the prescribed requirements of soul love and soul development.

As I said when on earth, <u>"He that enters into the sheepfold in any other way than through the gate is a thief and a robber,"</u> and no thief or robber is fitted for this Kingdom of Divine Love.

Let man know, that no Mercy or Love of the Father will be given him to enable him to enter this Kingdom, unless that man seeks this Love and this Mercy in the way the Father has ordained that they shall be sought for. No special providence will be extended to any man, and if he comes to the marriage feast without his wedding garment, he will be cast out and not be permitted to enjoy the feast. Men may reason to the extent of all their reasoning powers to prove that the Father, being a loving and merciful Father, will not cast them out or keep them from entering this Kingdom, because they are all His children and the objects of His Love and favor, and that one is as dear to Him as the other, and that He is no respecter of persons, and, therefore, will treat all alike; but I tell them that they are mistaken, and if they wait until the Great Day when the sheep shall be separated from the goats, they will realize to their everlasting exclusion from this Kingdom, that what I say is true.

Of course, every spirit ever born is the object of the Father's care, and He makes no distinction between the spirits and mortals that He has created, and wants every one of them to inhabit His Kingdom and partake of those things which He has provided for them, and which are beyond their conception in the greatness of the grandeur and beauty of these things. And He calls to all His creatures to come and partake of these great provisions that He has made for them, and no creature is refused the gift of these things, or heard to ask and not be answered with their bestowal; yet, when that man or spirit who has this great boon, and the way shown by which he can receive these gifts, refuses or neglects to follow that way or to receive these gifts in the way ordained by the Father, then all these Great Gifts are withdrawn from him, and never, after the Great Day of separation, will he have the privilege of receiving them.

And men cannot say that the Father is unjust or unmerciful or unloving because He forever, thereafter, shuts the door to these privileges or the opportunity of receiving them. Men have rejected His Gift and neglected to search His plans for their great happiness, and, consequently, they will have no right to complain, when they, like the foolish virgins, find the door shut against them. So I say, <u>men must realize the necessity of putting on the wedding garments and of filling their lamps</u> with oil, in order to be admitted into the Kingdom.

#### What is True Happiness?

Genuine happiness stems from the Father – the timeless source of everything. As we come to recognize the multitude of gifts bestowed upon us throughout our journey, leading us to this very moment, we start comprehending that true happiness resides in the profound experience of being cherished by God. Authentic happiness knows no bounds in the dimensions of space and time, deriving its essence from the limitless wellspring of God's Love. When we open our hearts to Him, we unearth the realization that we are precisely where we are meant to be. Each of us has been endowed with unique gifts, empowering us to fulfill a distinct role in His divine plan. It's when we embrace this profound truth, refraining from casting our gaze into the uncertain future and the realm of "what if," that we embark on the journey of self-acceptance and self-love. Through this acceptance of and love for ourselves, we unlock the gates to receive even more of God's boundless Love and blessings. Thus, the key to authentic happiness lies in embracing your present self and expressing gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed upon you throughout your life. Within the space of gratitude, surrendering to God's Will, and earnestly praying to receive an abundance of His Love, you unlock the path to true happiness. – Michael Nedbal.