

Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Happy New Year, dear brothers and sisters in Christ! This is the start of our tenth year in serving the community with inspiring articles and news from members around the world. We hope that you enjoy this issue and welcome your contributions. Ron Shoemaker shares an article entitled *What Makes the Divine Divine?* He compares the natural love to a reflection of the Divine Love, and shows that natural love is finite and subject to change, influenced by shifting desires and ideas. In contrast, Divine Love is the original love, the authentic reality without beginning or end, and is self-sustaining.

Eva Peck and Tim Foley bring us examples of *Prayers for Divine Love from Saints of Old*. They show that while many of Jesus' original teachings have been lost, the Divine Love was understood by Christians of the early church and in subsequent centuries. It may not have been under the exact same name, but it was the same precious and wonderful gift.

Elizabeth Mack describes a retreat that was held at Nancy and Ron Henderson's home in Running Springs, CA. She writes that the retreat was beautiful, meaningful, joyful and impactful as are all retreats that are "thick with love."

Terry Adler provides an update on LITA since Catherine Koch's passing last March. She shares wonderful news that Rickie Avitan, a respected medium and healer, stepped in to support the charity with four fundraisers, the last and largest of which was held November 26 and raised 5000 Canadian dollars. In Uganda, Gideon Okaali Odong, one of the children that Catherine met on her first trip there in 2007, now graduate of four programs, is managing LITA's work on the ground.

Bill Frase announces that LightBringers is sponsoring a seven-week Divine Love Essentials Course. The course provides an overview of key truths and concepts connected with Divine Love for those who haven't studied the messages received through James Padgett. Karen Swanson shares a poem titled *Turn the Wheels of Love*.

As the dawn of 2024 graces our existence, it is an opportune time for introspection and evaluation of our life's priorities. In the tapestry of our earthly journey, the cosmic energies align to offer us a sacred space—a moment to turn inward, seeking guidance from our Heavenly Father. The new year is a time to realign with our purpose here on earth, allowing God to illuminate the path that leads to genuine happiness in His Arms of Love.

Consider what has occupied your thoughts, time, and energy in the past year. Are these activities in alignment with the eternal principles of Divine Love, compassion, and selflessness? Or have the pursuits of the material world overshadowed the quest for spiritual growth and inner peace? The new year beckons us to reassess, and if needed, to reallocate our time and energy to endeavors that contribute to our soul's development.

In the quiet communion with God, seek guidance on what truly matters in your life. Ask for clarity on the path that will lead you to lasting joy and fulfillment. Allow God's Divine Love to illuminate the shadows, revealing the aspects of your life that need attention and transformation. This sacred dialogue with God is a process of co-creation, where you actively participate in shaping your destiny in alignment with His Divine Plan.

In the embrace of the new year, let us embark on this transformative journey with hearts wide open and minds receptive to God's wisdom. May the reevaluation of priorities lead us to a deeper understanding of ourselves, a profound connection with God, and a life illuminated by the radiant light of Divine Love and joy. As we surrender to God's plan, may the new year unfold as a sacred tapestry woven with the threads of purpose, meaning, and divine blessings.

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WHAT MAKES THE DIVINE DIVINE? (RON SHOEMAKER)

Commenting on the finiteness of humankind, Jesus writes in Vol. 1, p. 107 of the Padgett messages (*True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*), that "Generally men cannot understand truth, or the nature of things, except by comparison with what they already know to exist, and with whose qualities and characteristics they are acquainted." Continuing, he notes, "There is nothing in the material world that will afford a basis of comparison with the soul." Then referring to the limits of the mind, "It is difficult for men to comprehend the nature and qualities of the soul by mere intellectual perceptions and reason." The human soul must truly be a unique creation.

In The Prayer in Vol. 1, on pp. 40-42 of the Padgett messages, we learn that the Great Soul is, "... all Holy, and loving and merciful, ... that we are the objects of Thy great soul's love and tenderest care," and that He is "... the bestower of every good and perfect gift." In wondering what is meant by "all Holy", in a moment of epiphany, it dawned on me that God is the one being in all reality that is original and therefore authentic, who is the possessor and manifestation of Divine Love in its infinite perfection. He is the one self-sustaining Being without beginning or end who is the fountainhead from which flows life and all that is good and perfect. Keeping in mind that the human soul and its natural love are created by God, they are, at their creation, good and perfect.

Commenting further, Jesus writes in Vol. 1, p. 351, "When God gave to man a soul, that soul was made in the image, but not the substance, of its Maker, and at the same time there was bestowed on him the privilege of having that soul become of this substance of the Father."

While the human soul has nothing on earth that we can compare it with for the purpose of understanding its nature, there may be something available that can help us comprehend the nature of Divine Love, and that is man's natural love. As an image of the Divine, there ought to be some similarities. I asked myself, in its original perfection, what are some of the qualities natural love would manifest? One quality that came to mind was compassion. Others were empathy, patience, forgiveness, kindness, wisdom and joy.

Then I asked, what is the nature of natural love? In Vol. 1, p. 14 Jesus points out some of his insights. "The love with which man was endowed, as the perfect man, enables him ... to love God and to love his fellow man as himself, for this natural love is one that in its perfection and nature is universal, and in its exercise every man is his neighbor's brother." What I take from this is, in its perfection, natural love is going to flow unrestricted to all humanity regardless of ethnicity, beliefs, sex, place of origin or any other supposed limiting factor.

In Vol. 2, p. 21, Jesus comments further on the nature of natural love, "It is undoubtedly the greatest gift that the Father has bestowed upon mankind, and without it, men would be in a very unhappy condition. This natural love is that which unites men and women while on earth, and enables them to approach nearer to a life of happiness than does any other human quality."

Looking at the nature of natural love more closely, in Vol. 3, p. 74 of the Padgett messages, Jesus explains, "This love is one that is not understood by humanity in its most important particular. This love is of a nature that changes with the change in the desires and ideas of man ... this love is one that may last a long time, and sometimes it seems that it can never die or grow less; yet in its very nature it has not that constancy which ensures its



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lasting longer than a moment of time. [Natural love] has no stability that will serve to keep him constant in his affections, [and] no man who has only this love can ever be in condition to say that he will continue to have that love for a longer time than the present.

Accordingly, the affections that flow from natural love can fade and possibly cease. There seems to be no assured constancy regarding how long the affections of this love will last. There is no guarantee that the focus of natural love is permanent. How long will a feeling of affection last? Will the focus of today's compassion be its focus in the future? Viewing natural love in this light, we can see that it is not proactive but reactive, responding to changing circumstances and an individual's changing views.

To explicate further, two people at 20 years of age may believe beyond any doubt that they have found the one they want to spend the remainder of their lives with. Their love is totally committed. Later, at 30, 40 or 60 years, their desires and ideas may have changed and are no longer in sync with their present feelings for each other. The affections of their natural love may then be tempted to refocus on someone different as they seek to satisfy their modified ideas and desires. It is important to note, there's no guaranteed stability in the natural love.

Another example of how the focus of natural love may change: If within my mindset I decide that another's skin tone says something about the quality of that person's humanity, that would be like building a wall restricting the flow of my natural love. A certain skin color indicates superiority, another, inferiority. If I sincerely believe this and act on it, my feeling of compassion toward the perceived inferior person will not be the same as for the person seen as superior. When I do this, it's like building a barricade that prevents my natural love's compassion from flowing unrestricted to others. Jesus mentioned that natural love had that universal quality, but when I allow these walls to be built, it is like incarcerating my natural love, negating its universal quality. In building walls, I create a tension between my soul's desire for unrestricted expression of its natural love and my mind's need to maintain its worldview.



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It seems to me that since natural love is an image of Divine love, it is like the reflection I see when standing in front of a mirror. No matter how perfect the reflection, it is not the original me. It isn't authentic but only my image. When I move away from the mirror my reflection disappears, emphasizing that my image is neither authentic nor self-existing. The success of my finite image depends on having light, the mirror, and me standing in front of it.

In searching for that which is guaranteed to be eternal, Jesus points out in Vol. 1, p. 60 that "God is Soul, and Soul is God. Not the soul that is in the created man, but the Soul that is Deity and self-existent and without beginning or ending and whose entity is the one great fact in the universe of Being." God

therefore embodies infinity. Natural love as an image of the Divine is finite. It isn't original and therefore it's not authentic. It hasn't always existed. Natural love at some point was created, and at a later time, may have an end. There's no guarantee that it or the focus of its attributes are permanent.

So, we learn that the Great Soul is eternal, self-sustaining and not dependent on surrounding circumstances for its existence. When a human soul receives the Great Soul's Love, it too can become self-sustaining, free from death, no longer subject to surrounding influences such as the changing desires and ideas of natural man.

With the transformation, all the finite natural loves are absorbed by the Divine Love. Ann Rollins writes in Vol. 2, p. 81: "Until we reach the first Celestial Sphere we have not a sufficient quantity of this Love to make us partakers of that divine nature of the Father, in that degree so that all the natural loves are absorbed by the Divine Love." The resulting New Birth establishes a new creature. This is not the created human soul in a new covering, but is a radically and totally new paradigm: one that is founded on the original and therefore authentic love of reality, with neither a beginning nor end, and is guaranteed to be self-sustaining. All the qualities of Divine Love, an Essence that isn't an image, become permanently and consciously present, proactive, never fading or ceasing. Because the attributes of Divine Love are self-sustaining, they are no longer influenced by the natural man's desires or ideas.

Divine Love and its image, natural love, have similar qualities such as being universal in their compassion, forgiveness, empathy, wisdom, joy and hope. What separates the Divine from the natural is that the Divine isn't a reflection or a finite image. Divine Love is the original love, the authentic reality that is without beginning or ending and is self-sustaining. It is these qualities that make the Divine Divine, and will forever separate Divine Love from natural love.

PRAYERS FOR DIVINE LOVE FROM SAINTS OF OLD (EVA PECK AND TIM FOLEY)

A little research shows that despite much of Jesus' original teachings having been lost, the Divine Love was understood by Christians of the early church and in subsequent centuries. It may not have been under the exact same name, but it was the same precious and wonderful gift.

We read in Romans 5:5: "And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."

The apostle Paul eloquently prayed for the churches he ministered to in Ephesus, Colossae, and Philippi:

Ephesians 1:16-19: I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened [prayer for increased soul perceptions] in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance [Celestial Kingdom] in the saints, and his incomparably great power [Divine Love that transforms our souls from divine image to divine substance and mortal to immortal] for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ...



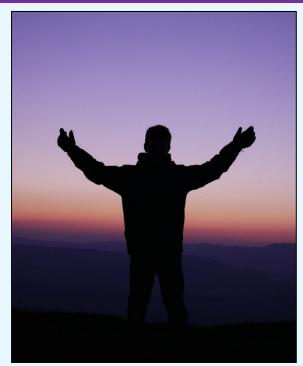
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Ephesians 3:16-21: I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [soul growth and soul perceptions through Divine Love] so that Christ [Divine Love] may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God [all Divine Love here]. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than

all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us [this is awesome!], to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 1:9-11: And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, [prayer for growth in Divine Love and soul perceptions] so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God [righteousness through Divine Love transforming the soul].

Colossians 1:3-6: We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints – the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you [the New Covenant gospel of salvation through the Holy Spirit imparting the Divine Love]. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth [Divine Love is a gift of grace]. ...



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Colossians 1: 9-14: For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding [soul perceptions]. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light [Celestial Kingdom reached through Divine Love]. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, [Celestial Kingdom of which Jesus is the Master] in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins [through praying for and receiving the Divine Love].

Moving on in time, we recognize in this third-century prayer of St. Augustine 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 us to the treasures of Thy wisdom [soul perceptions].

All our desire is known unto Thee, therefore perfect what Thou hast begun and what the spirit has awakened us to ask for in prayer.

We seek Thy face unto us and show us Thy glory.

Then shall our longings be satisfied and our peace shall be perfect."

In the sixth-century book, *Mystical Theology*, Dionysius writes about divine Truth, and that it cannot be obtained by human effort

"Do thou, then, in the practice of mystic contemplation leave behind the senses and the operation of the intellect and all things the senses or intellect can perceive and all things which are not and stain upward in unknowing as far as may be towards union with God, Who is above all things and all knowledge. By unceasing and absolute withdrawal from thyself and all things in purity, abandoning all and set free from all, thou shalt be borne up."

We can all learn and benefit from the insights of spiritual writers from the past.

RETREAT AT RUNNING SPRINGS, CA (ELIZABETH MACK)



Photo supplied by Jeanne Fike

Nancy and Ron Henderson hosted a retreat at their home in Running Springs, California from November 28 - December 5. In the small San Bernardino mountains community at the heart of Big Bear Country, Al and Jeanne Fike, Elizabeth Mack, Cliff De Dora and Matt Delano met with locals Dennis and Suzie Tormey, Devi Grace, David Spellman and Cindy Dupre. During the retreat, some left early and others arrived midweek, including Lisa Sims. Dustin Henderson, Ron and Nancy's son, also participated in the retreat.

Messages were received from Jesus, Augustine, John Hughes, James Padgett, Samuel, Goldie, Mary, Elijah, Confucius, Orion, Barbara Davies and George Stokes. So much love was expressed by these

Celestial Angels, who also provided guidance and encouragement, and acknowledged the diversity of expressions of Divine Love across souls – a good reminder for those who reach into their communities and beyond.

Orion answered questions posed by some in the group who were unfamiliar with Divine Love and the Padgett messages. He shared an example of communicating truth to souls with different and strong viewpoints. Jesus came with the power of his love touching the souls of all who came. Barbara Davies paid a surprise visit and was full of love especially for her former students, crying with joy at their efforts for God. Confucius spoke of the corruption in the world and the need to rise above it. James Padgett explained how even a small decision could be impactful.

During this retreat I experienced a vision of a perfectly round, perfectly clear droplet that had in one part of it a very bright light. With this vision came the knowledge that this droplet was from God and contained a blessing that was specifically designated for my soul. This astonished me, and I understood at that moment that whenever we pray for Divine Love, God gives to each of us individualized blessings. I came to deeply appreciate God's intimately knowing and caring for each soul.

The retreat was beautiful, meaningful, joyful and impactful as are all retreats that are "thick with love."

Lani Domaloy created a retreat video, which can be viewed <u>here</u>. Tying in with the vision of the drop, <u>here</u>, on p. 2 of the article, are a few references from contemporary messages, compiled by Lisa Sims, that use the metaphor of "drop by drop" to refer to the gradual and ongoing receiving of the Divine Love.

UPDATE ON LITA SINCE CATHERINE KOCH'S PASSING (TERRY ADLER)

Anyone who has served on the board of a charity would agree that fundraising is the lifeblood of the organization. For Love Is the Answer (LITA), our beloved founder and CEO, Catherine Koch, was fundraiser extraordinaire! Catherine masterfully used LITA's website and Facebook page as communication tools that engaged donors in the day-to-day work of the charity.

She created short videos telling the stories of children and families whose lives were transformed through LITA's help with education costs, income generating activities, health care, and food security, amongst other initiatives.

Every year prior to the Covid pandemic, Catherine travelled to Vancouver and the Sunshine Coast to participate in fund raising. Working with the board, she would present LITA's mission to small and large groups plus host a musical evening featuring a live band and dancing in a downtown Vancouver club. During the twelve years of Catherine's leadership, LITA raised a million Canadian dollars and supported thousands of children and youth in their schooling.

Catherine partnered with four communities in eastern Uganda to build six schools with dormitories where orphaned children could live and learn along with children supported by their families. Over the past twelve years, many of these children have grown into young adults who are close to completing their studies in computer technology, nursing, medicine, civil engineering, business administration, water engineering, law, international relations, and diplomatic studies, amongst other professions. The higher the educational level, the greater the tuition and living costs.

When Catherine unexpectedly passed into spirit in March of 2023, our board was challenged to fund raise at the level that Catherine was able to do. An unforeseen ally came to our rescue! Rickie Avitan, a respected medium and healer, stepped in to support the charity with four fundraisers, the last and largest of which was held November 26 and raised 5000 Canadian dollars for LITA.

Rickie organized a six-hour workshop featuring healers who volunteered their time. The event was sold out with over 80 people in attendance. Participants learned about and experienced powerful healing modalities, including quantum healing, sound healing, and meditation. Spirit-inspired music composed and performed by Debra Love was also a part of the program. Catherine too was a powerful healer, whose faith in the healing Love of our Creator made her a channel of profound positive change. Catherine was at the event sharing her love – some of us could feel and see her.

The current board consists of people committed to Catherine's vision. Nikki Wiebe is our President; Angela Beaumont, Treasurer; Terry Adler, Secretary; with Eilis Courtney, Nancy Herb and Tim Koch members at large. Rickie Avitan has offered to help us plan four fundraising events for 2024 so we can ensure that senior students complete their studies and contribute to Ugandan society in their respective professions.



Front row, from left to right: Samson, Dorothy, Stella, Fauza. Behind: Gideon, the manager in Uganda since Catherine's passing. Photo supplied by Terry Adler.

The photo shows four nursing students ready to enter their last year of training. Gideon Okaali Odong, standing behind those seated, was one of the children Catherine met on her first trip to Uganda in 2007. At that time, he was looking after his siblings as the child-head of the family. Today, he is a graduate of four programs — Plumbing, Water Engineering, BA in Business Administration, and Master's in Project Planning and Management. Since Catherine's passing, Gideon has been managing LITA's work in Uganda as our trusted delegate.

For updates on LITA developments, please visit our Facebook page. LITA also has a You-tube channel. The board is revamping LITA's website and will announce on Facebook when the site is live.

It is a blessing to be part of a charity that opens the way for orphaned and vulnerable children to leave behind a life of poverty and limitations to develop their gifts, serve their community, and live a meaningful life. If you are moved to help in this work, please support LITA through PayPal at PayPal.me/LoveIsTheAnswerBC or at <u>Canada Helps</u>. Alternatively, cheques can be mailed to LITA, #123 7184 120 Street, Surrey BC, V3W 0M6, Canada.

Thank you for your interest and any prayer or financial support you may choose to give, no matter how small.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Eva Peck** has updated the Divine Love Resource Guide, containing all known Divine Love related websites, you-tubes, and other media. It can be downloaded from her website or the FCDT website community page.
- Michael Willey created a <u>you-tube channel</u> for videos of his grandfather, Jimbeau Walsh's channeled messages and songs.
- Geoff Cutler has a helpful page on his New Birth website about how to use the search facility to find specific messages.
- Debra Love has a playlist of her songs on you-tube.
- **Tim Foley** has a new <u>website</u> featuring his book, *Making It Personal*.

DIVINE LOVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY (BILL FRASE)

LightBringers is sponsoring the Divine Love Essentials Course (FREE). This is your chance to make good on your New Years' resolution to further awaken your soul through the touch of our Creator's Divine Love!

This course and booklet by Bill Frase provides an overview of key truths and concepts connected with Divine Love for those who haven't studied the messages received through James Padgett. If you have a good understanding of the truths contained in the Padgett messages, this course may not be for you.

The Divine Love Essentials course covers 16 topics, including the Creator, the soul, the laws of communication and rapport, and the spirit realms. The weekly reading assignments will be emailed to registered participants before each session.

The course will run on seven Tuesdays, from January 16 through February 27, 2024 at 1:00 PM ET. Each session is scheduled for an hour and 15 minutes to allow for questions and answers. It will be recorded for those who register but can't attend the live Zoom sessions.

If you would like to participate live on Zoom or access the recordings, click <u>here</u> and fill out the registration form by Friday, January 12.

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.

POETRY CORNER (KAREN SWANSON)

Turn the Wheels of Love



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Turn the wheels Stay in balance Of Love In alignment Round and round Recalibrate Let it flow Your mind Let it glow Reinvent yourself

On the rollercoaster Seek to see the best Of life In yourself

It is easy to get lost In others A whirlwind of Perpetual change

Nothingness Always in motion Become the new creature You were destined to be With soulful aspirations And longings

Pray for the New Birth To be born again In the Love of the Father The true essence And substance Of Life and Love Divine

For anything that is not of Love Is not of God Seek the highest The Law of Love The greatest of gifts Bestowed on mankind

PRAYING AND SHARING ACROSS THE MILES

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

Click here 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. There will be separate Zoom links for each that will be posted on the WhatsApp prior to each circle.

Other Groups and Circles

Tim Foley -- daily at 6 pm Pacific Time offline prayer for Divine Love / silent contemplative prayer. Artto Aunap is hosting a group in Estonian.

PADGETT MESSAGE

St. Andrew - Divine Love Casteth Out All Fear.

I am here, St. Andrew.

I came to tell you that where love is there can be no sin or unhappiness, and fear is not.

We, who live in the Celestial Spheres, know this to be a fact, and with all the force and authority that knowledge gives, we declare this truth unto you tonight: the love that casts out all fear is the Divine Love of the Father, and when a spirit obtains that, there exists no such thing as fear, and nothing that could create or permit fear to exist.

God wants the souls of men in love and not in fear, and the only way in which such end can be accomplished is for men to see and know Him as a God of Love only. No man can come to the Father except through this New Birth and faith in the Father's Love.

The performance of duty, good works and mere faith, while they will all help man in the development of his moral character and qualities, yet they will not give him an entrance into the Celestial Heavens which are the heavens where Jesus rules and is the Prince, unless the spirit shall obtain this Divine Love which makes it a part of the Father's very essence of Divinity.

Many spirits are happy by reason of their having led good, moral lives on earth and because of a high development of their natural love, and realize that God is their Father, and watches over them and gives them many blessings; but this happiness is not that which comes with the possession of the Divine Love, and besides, the place of habitation of these spirits is limited and does not permit these spirits to have free access to all the spheres where God's goodness and care are manifested.

The spirits who have obtained this Divine Love have no limitation to the spheres in which they may progress, and are not restricted in their places of habitation or in the spheres in which they may live. And besides, the presence and glory of the Father are so much greater in these Celestial Spheres than in those where the mere natural love obtains.

I must not write more tonight, for you are commencing to tire.

So with all my love I will say, your brother in Christ, St. Andrew.

Andrew the Apostle was born between 5 and 10 AD in Bethsaida, in Galilee. The New Testament states that Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter, and likewise a son of Jonah. "The first striking characteristic of Andrew is his name: it is not Hebrew, as might have been expected, but Greek, indicative of a certain cultural openness in his family. In Galilee, the Greek language and culture are quite present."

The Gospel of John states that Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist, whose testimony first led him, and another unnamed disciple of John the Baptist, to follow Jesus. Andrew at once recognized Jesus as the Messiah, and hastened to introduce him to his brother. He is nicknamed "Protokletos" by the Byzantine Church which means "the first called".

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