



Divine Love Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE DIVINE LOVE NEWSLETTER!

After several years without a member communication, FCDT is excited to launch this first issue of *Divine Love Newsletter*. Its purpose and goals in serving the worldwide Divine Love Community – not just FCDT members – are envisioned as follows:

- * To share upcoming events of interest.
- * To report on past activities and events.
- * To inform about resources of interest.
- * To promote awareness of, and connect with, others on the Divine Love path, no matter whether they are affiliated with the FCDT, FCNB, another church group, or no group at all, but would like to connect with others of like mind.
- * To acknowledge special achievements of groups and individuals.
- * To mutually share experiences, insights and other kinds of spiritually edifying information.
- * To support one another in love and prayer.

In other words, this newsletter is for you and about you, *the reader*. Therefore, each of you are welcome to share the following kinds of information:

- * In-home prayer groups in your area (frequency of meetings, how many attend, point of contact).
- * Planned retreats (place, time, point of contact)
- * Reports of past Divine Love events/retreats.
- * Prayer requests (for yourself or others) and answered prayers.
- * Personal stories of your spiritual journey and experiences with the Divine Love.
- * Spiritual insights.
- * Stories or poems relevant to the Divine Love.
- * Suggestions for the newsletter (Letters to the Editor).
- * Anything else that you think would be of interest to those on the Divine Love path.

The envisioned frequency of this newsletter is bi-monthly if enough contributions are received – otherwise quarterly. So please feel free to share with each other and encourage one another with your spiritual experiences and insights. You might be already participating in one or more of the Divine Love forums, so why not also submit your forum entry to this newsletter to be enjoyed by those who are not inclined to visit, join or participate in forums?

Thank you in advance for your contributions and may we all look forward to an inspiring newsletter, to borrow a phrase immortalized by Abraham Lincoln, “for the people, by the people, of the people”. (Interestingly, the words originally came from the prologue to probably the earliest Bible translation into English by theologian John Wycliffe in 1384: “This Bible is for the government of the people, for the people and by the people.”)

WELCOME TO THE DIVINE LOVE COMMUNITY PORTAL!

New Divine Love Community portal has been created at <http://www.fcdt.org/community/>. The username is *members*; password is *DivineLove*. The portal includes a membership map, resources, and other Padgett-related information. If you would like to have your contact details added to the portal and newsletter mailing list, please forward your information (email, address or at least city and zip, and optional picture) to michael@fcdt.org.

Welcome!

Welcome to the Divine Love Membership Portal: a place where you can reach out to other members by using the membership map to find others near you. You will also find shared documents and links.

The membership map is editable only by administrators. If you would like changes to your information or your picture added, please send me an [email](#).

- **Membership Map**
 - Send me a picture and web links to be added to your icon.
 - ★ = Churches/Prayer Groups
 - 🟪 = Ministers
 - 🟩 = Members

- **Padgett Documents**
 - [Prayer for Divine Love](#)
 - [Prayer for Divine Love \(Tagalog\)](#) (Evan and Mon, Sep 2013)
 - [Prayer for Divine Love \(Spanish\)](#) (Geraldine, Nov. 2014)
 - [The Life and Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth](#) (FCDT)
 - [The Life and Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth \(Danish\)](#) (Rev. Geoff Cutler, Nov. 2011)
 - [A Gospel of Truth and Light to Mankind](#) (Rev. Geoff Cutler, Nov. 2011)
 - [Presentation: James E. Padgett](#) (Dennis Tormey and Suzie Klein, Sep. 2014)

- **Member Documents**
 - [G20 Interfaith Summit Highlights](#) (Eva Peck, Nov. 2014)
 - [Divine Love Resource Guide](#) (Eva Peck, Dec. 2014)

- **Spirit World Documents**
 - [Through the Mists](#) (Robert James Lees, May 1898)
 - [Bridging Two Worlds](#) (Marti Barham, R.N., Ph.D., 1981)

PLANNED 2015 RETREATS

February 20-22 – USA – Homosassa Springs, Florida

Divine Love followers from Florida are gathering together for the weekend, beginning Friday afternoon and ending Sunday afternoon at the Trade Winds Complex. For more information contact Ruth at ruthnfla@yahoo.com.

March 27-29 – USA – Queens, New York

Hal Eisenburg and Windows of Opportunity are co-hosting this retreat at Hollis Woods Community Church, beginning Friday evening and ending Sunday afternoon. Please contact Jeanne for more info at travellingjeanne@hotmail.com.

August 19-23 – Canada – Gibsons, B.C., Canada

The DLS Foundation Board is hosting a 5-day retreat at [Gibsons Garden Hotel](#). For further information, contact Al at alfike@telus.net or Jeanne at travellingjeanne@hotmail.com.



August 24-28 - USA – Oceanside, California

The FCDT retreat is scheduled for August 24-28th (Monday through Friday). Our dear sister Holly has reserved the Penthouse at [WorldMark Oceanside](#). For further information, contact Joan at wardenjtc@hotmail.com.



Australia – Sunshine Coast, Queensland

There is a possibility of an Australian Retreat on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. We'll keep you posted.



PAST EVENTS

100th Anniversary Divine Love Retreat – September, 2014

A retreat celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Padgett messages was held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Representatives from the U.S., Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and South Africa participated in prayer, healings, group breakout sessions, presentations, Qigong, dancing, and singing by the Divine Love Singers. Dennis Tormey and Suzie Klein reported on their research of Padgett’s life and gave an excellent presentation on the supporting evidence that could be verified in the Padgett material (you can download their presentation from the member portal). Paul King gave several excellent presentations on his dedication to preserving and verifying the Padgett messages. Ron Shoemaker gave us a surprise in recounting his personal experience in meeting Dr. Stone. Eric Niner gave a wonderful gift to the FCNB – the original automatic writing of the prayer perfect. And Michael Bailey promised to give all his original automatic writings into the care of the FCNB! The retreat was a wonderful success thanks to the loving embrace of all the participants and the excellent organizational skills of the sponsors, the FCNB.



G20 Interfaith Summit

In November, our dear sister Eva Peck attended the G20 Interfaith Summit held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. The summit followed on the heels of the G-20 Leadership Summit held in Brisbane. (The G-20 consists of 19 countries plus the European Union.)

The goals of the Summit were to:

- Explore through informed, scholarly discussion the links between economic development and religious freedom.
- Facilitate constructive dialogue between leaders of multiple sectors in society, including faith, government, business, media, education and other social institutions, on how faiths can help to enhance social, economic and cultural policies and programs for the wellbeing of all.



- Demystify and foster communication channels between different faiths.
- Share ideas, experiences and “best practices” in building peace and harmony.
- Explore and affirm common values, virtues and principles among diverse faith and philosophical traditions.

Eva typed up the highlights of the summit from notes she took during the presentations. Her document can be found in our membership portal. One of the talks, by Rev. Helen Summers, discussed examples of diapraxis. Diapraxis is the work of developing mutual appreciation among people of different faiths by working together on common projects – in a nutshell, it involves friendship building. Rev. Summers outlined four principles for resolving problems through respect and seeking understanding:

1. Courage – to address the challenges;
2. Integrity – being true and transparent;
3. Curiosity – asking questions;
4. Humor – enjoying each other’s stories and laughing together.

Historically, terrorism has always been around – yet no religion promotes terrorism. On the other hand, the Golden Rule is common to all religions and should be recovered for every aspect of life. The only way forward is through education, dialogue and cooperation. We serve God by serving others. Our small acts of kindness can go a long way – we may never know how far.

(Photos courtesy of Griffith University Centre for Interfaith & Cultural Dialogue, https://www.facebook.com/icdgriffith/photos_stream?tab=photos_albums)



OTHER NEWS

- FCDT Ministers can now sign up with TechSoup (<http://www.techsoup.org/>) under the FCDT’s 501c3 non-profit status to purchase discounted computers and software.
- Eva has published an updated version of the Divine Love web site list under a new title of Resource Guide. It can be found in the membership / community portal.
- Greg Boster created a new Facebook page, Dissemination of the True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/285979328269764/>). [Email Greg](#) for access.
- Joseph published a new book, entitled *Messages from Heaven* (<http://www.lulu.com/shop/joseph-babinsky-compileditor-and-james-e-padgett-recorder/messages-from-heaven/paperback/product-21904947.html>).
- Tim Foley created a web site for the Divine Love Singers (<http://www.divinelovesingers.com>).
- Jeanne and Al Fike are planning in February to travel to Namibia, Africa in support of Helge’s goal of building an orphanage (<http://www.gofundme.com/building-an-orphanage>).

What Will Be the Religion of the Future, and a Comprehensive and Final One, Founded on the Truths That James E. Padgett Is Receiving.

I AM HERE. *Jesus.*

I have been with you part of the time as you were reading the different explanations of the various religions^{*}, and tried to direct your mind so that you might conceive the difference between the things taught in those teachings and what we are revealing to you. Many things that are set forth in those teachings, that are mysteries and the results of speculation, will be revealed to you in their true existence and meaning, so that all defects that arise because of the insufficiency of these teachings will be corrected and supplied. I am glad that you read these sermons, for they demonstrate to you a number of truths that were known to the ancients, but which fall far short of the Truth. At those times, there was no source from which our Truths could come, either in the spirit world or in the mortal world; hence, humans could not become inspired as to the vital Truths that we are revealing.

The men who appeared as reformers and gave forth the truths that were unknown to their fellowmen were inspired by the intelligences of the spirit world. But that inspiration could not be greater or higher than the knowledge of the spirits by whom these men were inspired. And what I say here applies not only to the prophets and teachers of the Old Testament times, but also to those of all times, and among all races, preceding my coming to earth and making known the great Truths which were revealed to me by the Father.

I noticed that some of these teachers and writers of essays at the great religious gathering attempted to speak of a future, or world, religion, and their claims were divergent, but were based mostly on those foundations that will never support such a religion. They based their concepts almost entirely on the principles of morality, as understood by them. And the churches based their beliefs on the teachings of the New Testament, which, in many and vital particulars, are erroneous, especially the basic one that I am God, the Son, and that my "vicarious atonement" and "sacrifice" must be the touchstone of the future great and ultimate religion. Well, as their claims are not true, it is certain that any religion based upon them cannot be true or lasting.

THERE WILL BE A RELIGION OF THE FUTURE, AND A COMPREHENSIVE AND FINAL ONE; AND IT WILL BE FOUNDED UPON THE TRUTHS WHICH YOU ARE NOW RECEIVING, FOR IT WILL BE INCLUSIVE OF ALL THE OTHER RELIGIONS, SO FAR AS THE TRUTHS THAT THEY CONTAIN ARE CONCERNED, WITH THE ADDITION OF THE GREATEST OF ALL TRUTHS AFFECTING MORTALS—THE NEW BIRTH AND TRANSFORMATION OF THE HUMAN SOUL INTO THE DIVINE. WHEN MEN SHALL COME TO MAKE A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THESE EXISTING RELIGIONS AND THE ONE THAT I SHALL MAKE KNOWN, THERE WILL BE VERY LITTLE CONFLICT IN THE VITAL PRINCIPLES, AND MY TEACHINGS WILL ONLY ADD TO THE OLD TEACHINGS THAT WHICH ALL MEN CAN ACCEPT.

Hence, you see the importance of our working more rapidly in our efforts to disclose and disseminate the Truth. I will come in a few nights and deliver another formal message, and others will come also and write to you. Many of the Celestial spirits are qualified to teach the Truths of the Father, and they are ready and anxious to do so.

I will not write more now; but, with my love and blessings, I will say good night.

I am with you, as I promised, and will continue to be.

Your brother and friend,

JESUS.

^{*}Mr. Padgett had been reading, "The World's Parliament of Religions at the Columbian Exposition of 1893."



The following is a sample prayer given by Jesus for the receipt of the Divine Love. It doesn't have to be prayed verbatim, but it can give ideas how to approach the Father who is always happy when His children ask for His Holy Spirit which imparts the Divine Love. (See Luke 11:13)

In effect, the prayer contains the basic truths given to humankind by Celestial Spirits through the Padgett messages. One person used the following analogy: Praying with those precious words, thought by thought, is like appreciating the beauty of a crystal chandelier, many little crystals of divine truth that we behold in our meditations, and throughout our day.

Our Father, who are in heaven, we recognize that You are all holy and loving and merciful, and that we are Your children, and not the subservient, sinful and depraved creatures that our false teachers would have us believe. That we are the greatest of Your creation, and the most wonderful of all Your handiworks, and the objects of Your great Soul's Love and tenderest care.

That Your will is that we become at one with You, and partake of Your great Love which You have bestowed upon us through Your mercy and desire that we become, in truth, Your children, through Love, and not through the sacrifice and death of any one of Your creatures.

We pray that You will open up our souls to the inflowing of Your Love, and that then may come Your Holy Spirit to bring into our souls this, Your Love in great abundance, until our souls shall be transformed into the very essence of Yourself; and that there may come to us faith -- such faith as will cause us to realize that we are truly Your children and one with You in very substance and not in image only.

Let us have such faith as will cause us to know that You are our Father, and the bestower of every good and perfect gift, and that only we, ourselves, can prevent Your Love changing us from the mortal to the immortal.

Let us never cease to realize that Your Love is waiting for each and all of us, and that when we come to You, in faith and earnest aspiration, Your Love will never be withheld from us.

Keep us in the shadow of Your Love every hour and moment of our lives, and help us to overcome all temptations of the flesh, and the influence of the powers of the evil ones, which so constantly surround us and endeavour to turn our thoughts away from You to the pleasures and allurements of this world.

We thank You for Your Love and the privilege of receiving it, and we believe that You are our Father -- the loving Father who smiles upon us in our weakness, and is always ready to help us and take us to Your arms of Love.

We pray this with all the earnestness and longings of our souls, and trusting in Your Love, give You all the glory and honour and love that our finite souls can give.

Readers are welcome to share their thoughts on or experiences with the prayer and the editors will consider them for publication.