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FROM THE EDITORS

Compared to the excitement of our last issue featuring several retreats and an adventurous trip to Namibia sponsored by the Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation and spearheaded by Al and Jeanne Fike, this has been a quiet period. But the next issue promises to be exciting in reporting on the Gibsons and Oceanside retreats. Since both editors will be attending retreats, the next issue will be a bit delayed – but we believe worth waiting for! We thank readers in advance for their patience.

As always, contributions in the form of personal news, achievements, article that would help everyone on our spiritual path, a new prayer group, a special event, a planned event that readers should know about, a letter to the editor, etc. are welcome. We appreciate your support and feedback.

The Editors

Contributions can be emailed to the editors at editors@fcdt.org
(Michael Nedbal and Eva Peck)

DIVINE LOVE COMMUNITY PORTAL UPDATE

The Divine Love Community portal, <http://www.fcdt.org/community/> (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has grown to 8 churches/prayer groups, 20 ministers, and 66 Divine Love souls registered on the Divine Love Network map. 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).

PLANNED 2015 RETREATS

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

A 5-day Divine Love Retreat, from Aug 19-23 will be held in Gibsons, B.C., Canada at the [Gibsons Garden Hotel](#). Located in a scenic village on the west coast of Canada, this retreat will provide two daily prayer sessions, opportunities to share our faith, healing gifts, and facilitated discussions on a variety of topics by experienced Divine Love followers! Just a 40-minute ferry ride from Vancouver, B.C., the breathtaking views, beautiful gardens, abundant wildlife, waterfront walks, artisan galleries, opportunities for kayaking, hiking, aboriginal drumming and more all promise a spiritual vacation in a heavenly oasis that will soothe your soul and inspire! For more information, please click Contact us at www.divine-love-sanctuary.ca.

August 24-28 – USA – Oceanside, California

A Divine Love retreat is scheduled for August 24-28th (Monday through Friday) at [WorldMark Oceanside](#), California. This retreat has now reached capacity and registration is closed.

COMMENTS FROM PAST RETREATS

In anticipation of the retreats we are featuring two comments from participants in previous retreats – the first from a first-time attendee, Kristin Lortie, and the second from one who has experienced numerous retreats, Terry Adler.

“About a week before the February Florida retreat, I discovered the Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation forum. I had decided that I wanted to see what was available for spending time with other believers in Divine Love, so was grateful to discover a weekend retreat in my own state! Despite the shortness of time, I was able to get coordinated with the folks in Homosassa through the generous assistance of Geoff Cutler and Jeanne Fike, who wrote to me immediately to help me get the right contacts, and to let me know what to expect at the event.

When I left my home at Lake Worth on Friday evening, I was wondering if I was more than a little nutty to drive to the other side of the state (about a 4-hour drive) to meet a bunch of people I had never met. Yet I have made a decision to follow the Love which includes taking risks and trying new things. Am I glad I did! From the moment I walked in the door I felt surrounded by love and warmth. It felt like coming home to a welcoming family. Thanks to everyone that made this weekend possible – I can still feel the joy and love in my heart.

Over the weekend we prayed, sang, ate, talked, hugged, rejoiced, and were even blessed to celebrate with the many manatees that call Homosassa home. I can't think of anything that would have made the weekend more delightful, and am looking forward to continuing on in the spirit of love. It is exciting to feel the warmth of community in this special work.”

--Kristin Lortie

“The August 19-23 Prayer Retreat in Gibsons, BC, will be the 7th such gathering in which I have participated. The others were Gibsons, BC, 2012; Blackpool, UK, 2013; and in 2014, Caloundra, Australia; Washington DC; Boghill, Ireland; and Blackpool, UK.

Joining a circle of souls praying together for the great gift of Divine Love is a profound blessing! My soul is awakened more fully to God's Presence and I feel connected through invisible bonds of love with everyone participating – human and spirit alike. Healing flows to all of us and out into the world in countless ways, only some of which we are aware of. My consciousness expands, Light engulfs me, God's Love cleanses my soul, mind, body. The Love lives within me, transforming all I do, think, am.

The experiences of these retreats have exponentially accelerated my growth in the Love. There are many challenges on the Divine Love journey, including the cleansing of wounds from my personal history and ancestral legacy, and from the human condition in which we are all immersed. Participating in Divine Love prayer retreats augments my daily prayer efforts in profound ways, for which I am eternally grateful.

I envision retreats to be catalysts for the creation of ongoing prayer circles that will bring God's Light, Love and Healing to our world. May we all make it so.”

--Terry Adler

Readers might also enjoy David Reed's spiritual insights based on his favorite TV series, *Little House on the Prairie*. David also shared how it seemed as though he wouldn't be able to attend the retreats, but with prayer and perseverance, obstacles to his attending both retreats just melted away. The story can be found [here](#).

AN INVITATION TO JOIN IN PRAYER

FCDT and DLSF Divine Love Retreat participants in both Oceanside, California and Gibsons, B.C., invite you to pray with us from Wednesday evening August 18 (beginning of Gibsons retreat) through Saturday, August 29, 11:00 am (the end of the Oceanside Retreat) for a mighty inflowing of Divine Love to light up our troubled world. The prayer times are each morning at 10:00 am Pacific Daylight Time (PST). For more details, please go [here](#).

PAST EVENTS

Divine Love Weekend in Gibsons

On the weekend of June 12-14, Jeanne and Al hosted a mini Divine Love weekend for out of town guests. On Saturday evening they were joined by more than 20 guests from the Vancouver lower mainland area, including two Iranian women of Zoroaster faith, and a first-time attendee – a woman searching the Internet for a naturopath who was led to Jane’s now inactive website as well as a link to the DLSF website! All weekend Celestial angels brought messages of encouragement, and emphasizing the difference between the natural and Divine Love paths to spiritual progression. A unique and surprising message for one of the participants, a practicing Mormon, came from Joseph Smith, the founder of the Mormon faith, who revealed he now resides in the Celestial Kingdom. Contemporary messages received from Celestial guides and teachers are posted at www.divine-love-sanctuary.ca. For impressions of some of the participants, click [here](#).

COMMUNITY COOPERATION

- With the help of Eva Peck from Australia, Brian Holmes from New York, Helge Mercker from Namibia, and Jane Gartshore from Gibsons, together with input from the DLSF board, Al and Jeanne Fike have published excerpts from messages received on their trip to Namibia under the title *Pearls of Wisdom for Creating Circles of Light*. It is available [here](#). In addition, Helge has [posted](#) videos of some of the received messages on YouTube.
- Werner Voets and Helge Mercker are spearheading an ambitious project to produce an audio book of Volume 1 of *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*, as well as of the Padgett messages in chronological order (found at <http://new-birth.net/download.htm>). Here is an update from Helge: “So far we have fourteen edited and nine unedited messages, thus 23 recorded messages, of the planned 170. It is a slow but steady pace, and I thank Werner, and everyone who has been willing to set time aside to do the voice recordings, for their efforts. It is difficult for most to find the time, as well as to have optimal conditions, but I am hopeful. Willing hearts and steadfast commitment will help us all reach the goal. I know the Angels are doing their part in assisting and encouraging us, and I pray and truly wish for us to accomplish this small task in the big scheme of things. Thus, I’d like to encourage those who are willing to go the extra mile, to please do so. I know in my heart that many will benefit. My gratitude to those who have made the efforts -- thank you and God bless you.”
- Regarding the Namibia Orphanage project, “Children’s Sanctuary Namibia”, Helge reported that they have received their official certificate and are now a registered welfare organization in Namibia!
- In addition to the [Children’s Sanctuary Namibia](#) project spearheaded by Helge Mercker, the Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation is also sponsoring Catherine Koch’s [Love is the Answer](#), a Canadian registered charity currently working in Uganda, assisting orphaned and vulnerable children and their caregivers in areas of poverty relief and reduction, the advancement of education, and the development of local community initiatives that benefit the children. One of LITA’s 2015 highlights was its first ever Valentine’s Benefit Dance held in Vancouver, BC. An amazing night of love, music, dancing, sharing and support, it featured the R&B All Stars and twice Juno Award-winning African musician Alpha Yaya Diallo. The event raised \$6000 for the children of Uganda. On February 14, 2016, a similar event is planned in support of LITA.

PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

- Elizabeth Morana has started a Skype fellowship and prayer group on Thursdays, 8 pm Eastern US time. Any who wish to join are welcome. Please contact Elizabeth at newbirth@divinelove.org.
- Several people from various parts of the world (Frankfurt, Denmark, Ireland, Switzerland, Namibia, Australia, and across the U.S. and Canada) have been regularly praying simultaneously with Al and Jeanne Fikes' prayer circles in Vancouver or Gibsons, Canada, which takes place on Monday, 6:30 pm PDT. Jeanne wrote: "You are invited to pray with us in person, or in simultaneous prayer from your own home or community this summer. We are delighted to see many of you with us, in spirit! We always appreciate knowing if you'd like us to pray to draw you into our circles as this will help to strengthen the connection. Just ask your angel spirit guide to bring you, and see what happens! We are all part of a vast network of Light in the world and are being called to be channels of Light in our home communities around the planet. The Light that is generated when we pray together draws the attention of many in the spirit world. Often our relatives, friends and curious spirits are drawn to the light with hundreds of spirits joining us in our prayers. Please let us know if you'd like us to add your name to the Blessings Bowl and pray to draw you into these summer circles." Click [here](#) for more details and schedule of meetings.
- The Divine Love Ministry invites you to join them for Sunday Service on Skype at 10:30 a.m. Hawaii-Aleutian Time Zone. Services consist of song, readings, prayer and channelled messages. Please contact Michael@fcdt.org for more info.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Geoff Cutler now republished all five volumes of *Life Beyond the Veil* by Rev George Vale Owen. These until recently out-of-print books deal with life in the spirit world. For more information check out: [Lowlands of Heaven](#); [Highlands of Heaven](#); [Ministry of Heaven](#); [Battalions of Heaven](#); and the [Outlands of Heaven](#).
- Joseph Babinsky published a new book entitled *Family Reunion*. For a background to the book, and how to purchase it, click [here](#).
- Eva Peck has published a book entitled *Jesus' Gospel of God's Love*. A PDF version is available for free downloading from her [website](#). An Amazon Kindle version is available at <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B010NB6L5S/> and a print version will soon be available as well.
- We are pleased to announce that Al Fike, Jeanne Fike and Helge Mercker have been accepted into the FCDT ministerial ordination program.

FCNB ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ELIZABETH MORANA

For those who wish to distribute volumes of *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*, the Foundation Church of the New Birth is happy to send out, free of charge, boxes of volumes 1, 2, or 4. Each box contains 28 softcover copies of either volume 1, 2, or 4. A box weighs about 42 pounds. The US post office offers "media rate" for books sent within the United States. Postage for international mailings is very costly, with the fee dependent on destination. While we send these free of charge, the FCNB happily accepts donations to contribute to the cost of postage. The FCNB trustees wish to get these books into the hands of interested readers, free of cost to you or to the recipient. And they thank you heartily for being willing to share these with your family, friends, and/or acquaintances! Please contact Elizabeth at newbirth@divinelove.org.

FCNB BOOKS GOING TO AFRICA

Helge Mercker is spearheading a “Divine Love Books for Africa” Outreach. About 60 books in four boxes have been recently shipped to Namibia by Elizabeth at the Foundation Church of the New Birth (FCNB). These books will be distributed to interested individuals in Namibia, as well as other African countries. Presently many requests are coming in from Kenya. Because of the high cost of postage (US\$180 per 28 lb box, which contains about 18 books), Helge is asking for help to defray this cost by making a donation through PayPal to FCNB at divinelove.org (or by a personal check to FCNB at P.O. Box 6, Williamsville, NY 14231, USA.) It’s suggested that donors write an email to FCNB (newbirth@divinelove.org) at the time of their donation, stating that the funds are meant for the “Divine Love Books for Africa” outreach.

Helge also plans to start a Divine Love Library in Swakopmund, Namibia, and appreciates any donations of books towards it. If you have books that were/are meaningful upon your journey of Divine Love and could be valuable to another soul, please contact Helge at divineloveprayersanctuary@gmail.com to discuss further arrangements.

Helge commented: “Books are often times the only means to bring the new gospel to the people here. In the environs I mainly work in, the peoples have no TV or computer. Many are illiterate, but the one who can read, shares his/her ability. My deepest gratitude goes to Elizabeth and FCNB who have put so much effort forth in sending us books from the FCNB. More are coming and hopefully I can take them as surplus luggage on my return flight from NYC to Windhoek in August. Redistribution has begun a year ago or so and many beneficiaries are living in Kenya and throughout Namibia. I hope we can expand throughout Africa. These efforts are solely run on donations and assistance from individuals like you, and support and help of the FCNB who so graciously give all their books for free. May these efforts now, bear fruits in centuries to come. If you are able to, please support these efforts and make a donation on the divinelove.org website so Elizabeth can pay for postage.” Click [here](#) for more information.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

On Praying Without Ceasing

DLSF Forum [comments](#) compiled and edited by Eva Peck

A forum member asked: The Bible (1 Thess. 5:16-18) exhorts: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances.” It appears that joy, gratitude, and a constant attitude of prayer are all interrelated. How can we reach this high state of spirituality – of praying without ceasing?

What is Prayer?

Prayer takes many forms and is expressed in many ways. An *attitude of prayer* is possible in every moment of the day -- that is *being open to God's influence and Love as we go about our day*. Prayer can be an active thing with thoughts going to the Creator frequently and this attitude and devotion can be interwoven into our daily experience. This is a goal rather than a reality – most of us are not at this point except for brief periods of time. Divine Love is the key to this goal and another reason for us to keep longing for its flow within us. In time, our days on earth can be an expression of prayer with every breath.

The longings of the soul want to be expressed to God at all times. We need to allow those expressions to be released and not inhibit them with our minds, but rather consciously join in with thoughts of gratitude and loving intent. God will then use us in overt ways to express His Will in the world. In this flow, our lives become an ongoing prayer in action.

Prayer as Staying in the Flow of Love

If we understand prayer to be sincere longing from the soul for our Creator's Love, the original question becomes, "*How do we enter into and stay in a state of longing for the Love throughout daily life?*" And of course, that state of longing for Love is accompanied by our reciprocal love for our Creator and all Creation.

Our *awareness of the Love* will color everything we see, do and think. Everything becomes a blessing. We are all held in the Loving Consciousness of our Creator, and our loving Creator is holding Him/Her in our own loving awareness as we are held; Soul calling to soul, soul responding to Soul. Indeed, the Bible supports this notion in Deut 32:8-14 and Psalm 17:6-9 by using the metaphor of each of us being the "apple of God's eye" – something of great love and cherishing.

Soul connection is important in maintaining an attitude of prayer. There is time to talk to our Creator with words -- especially when that is the only way to disengage from a negative internal dialogue. Prayer/meditation can help to anchor us in the "felt Presence" of the Love and enable us to choose to call on the Love when unloving states threaten to "take over". In addition, prayer/meditation fill us with a reservoir of Love which we can then let flow to others through a soul communion with God. That is, holding Love in the soul/heart, feeling it flow out to everyone and everything, and feeling its answering Presence.

Another aspect of walking in the Love is *action*. It is through loving, unconditional *service to others* that the soul opens and Love flows. The gift of service is like a prayer for receiving the Father's Love, which, once present in our soul and we become aware of it, transforms our desires and longings to be committed and in continual service in doing His Will.

A *state of gratitude* ("giving thanks in all circumstances") complements prayer, softening and opening the heart in grateful longing and anticipation. The "*rejoicing always*" practice can be seen as the unending sense of privilege to be chosen for life at this moment in time. It's found when we realize what it means to be alive and the seemingly insurmountable sequence of events that were required to bring us here, now. In fact, reasons to rejoice can be seen everywhere and in everything we are and will be. All things, including ourselves, are built in and on Love. Despite the disharmony and our shortcomings here, we cannot fail!

Reconnecting with the Love

When the Love seems distant, we must struggle to re-enter that state of longing for it. The struggles are often with unloving thoughts or feelings that distance us from the Love, yet can be transformed or cleared only by the Love. Even this striving can be seen positively, however, in that it produces growth in our souls. At these times, our choices are pivotal – to remain in an unloving condition of estrangement from the Love, or to reach for the Love.

Reconnecting with the Love can be achieved through taking time to pray and meditate. We can pray with words – such as affirming our love for the Creator and the Creator's Love for each of us. Or, we can center wordlessly on that place within that longs for and knows the Love -- focusing on the breath, feeling gratitude for the breath of life that is a gift from our Creator. Other times, we may stay stuck in the unloving state until something outside of us gets us out of it, such as loving words or actions of another.

Turmoil as Soul Cleansing

The Divine Love journey is much guts and feeling in the formative stages – the peace and joy that we long for comes in greater measure as we progress in our souls. The *turmoil* we often feel can be seen as *evidence that the Love is doing its cleansing work*, bringing inner "stuff" to our attention. Unless we are aware of something, we cannot change it or ask for our Creator's Love to help us change it. So the turmoil can actually be a catalyst for our growth, prodding us to more intense seeking of the Peace of the Creator's Presence. The Love is working inside us and getting rid of rubbish. We are in treatment by our Father and everything is good. But it can still be painful and our mind wants to understand, get a grip on it, and control it.

Negative thoughts and feelings serve to give us perspective. Without them, there would be no understanding of what the positive feels like. They can be viewed as an alarm or signal that it's time to stop and ask for help. The trick is to consciously acknowledge being in a negative state, but the boundaries aren't always obvious and for any subject of change, they move over time. Divine Love affects these boundaries and helps us to keep them moving by expanding our perspective.

Apart from inharmonious things in our soul that need to be cleansed, there is also a lot of *collective pain and suffering* in the world around us. Trying to live a deeply conscious life also makes us susceptible to all that on a subconscious level, influencing us without it being connected with our own lives. In the end it all comes down to faith and letting go.

After becoming aware of the inner turmoil, the next step is to bring it to God. This is not easy because we are stuck in a distraught condition of mind and feeling its power over us – power that we ourselves have given to it. The irony is that only when we choose to call upon the Love does our condition lift, dissolve, fade and reveal itself as an ephemeral state of our own making, without substance. Only we can "pull the plug" on that power by choosing to attend to the Higher Power whose Love harmonizes all.

Nature of Divine Love Path

Choosing the Divine Love Path doesn't necessarily make life easier. Trying to be guided by the Love and to be deeply aware of the greater realities of life can make one vulnerable. Of course, there are times of elevation and joyful awakenings as we live each day. Praying without ceasing enables us to attain and maintain a high vibrational level. It also helps us to replace unproductive thoughts about the past, worry or fear about the future, judging others, taking little ego trips, etc. All those types of thoughts tend to bring us to a negative place, so it is refreshing to have them curtailed by coming back to communion with God. Of course this constant praying is hard to sustain – especially in view of demands of daily life like work or family.

Those sublime states of close communion with the Father are often followed by something far from sublime. Negative emotions can erupt from deep places or rise out of a heightened sensitivity which is the result of spiritual openness. A spiritual high can be followed by a deep low. The energy field in which we all live is overall negative, so it is easy to get caught up in it. Living in an anti-spiritual world makes our journey doubly challenging. The reward comes from overcoming the status quo, feeling the positive effects of our spiritual path, and growing in the Love. Reaching this state is possible in this world at least some of the time, and it is the only treasure we can take with us beyond the grave.

"Dark nights of the soul" are integral experiences on the Divine Love Path, as is getting in touch with the petty judgments, negative thoughts, fears, worries, doubts and so on that are part of our humanness. God and the angels hear all our thoughts, the good, the bad, and the ugly. At times this can make us want to shy away from them. Having our weaknesses exposed can be humbling, and make us feel guilty and unworthy at times. Yet God and the angels love each of us unconditionally, and understand and have compassion for our human imperfections. And *we have to face our darkest selves in order to transcend those parts and move into the light, and it is not easy.*

The *Divine Love illuminates the dark places within so we can acknowledge and take responsibility for them*, and choose whether or not to replace them with Love. Love illuminates what many of us have denied, hidden, or have not had the tools or courage to face. With the Love, they not only reveal themselves to us, but also we can transform them if we so choose!

In the complex field of intertwining positive and negative energies, parts of us resonate with the dark while other parts resonate with the light. *As the Love flows in expunging the dark, we begin to resonate with light until the dark has no place to reside.* It is a subtle but a powerful process. Each day is a step closer to that ideal state. In time we will be less susceptible to the drawing of dark energies. Our minds will be filled with positive thoughts and our souls filled with the Love. Then we will be in the world but not of this world – in a state of being alive with each breath.

Circles of Light

Al Fike, June 1st, 2015

Circles of Light, our prayers take flight,
 Bringing us fully into God's Sight.
 Circles of Light, God's Grace alights,
 Sending us soaring into circles of Light.

Blues and golds, greens and white,
 Rainbows and waves to our souls burning bright.
 Weaving and circling, within and without,
 A blessing from God without a doubt.

Take us to that place, oh Lord,
 Where Your Love is ever found,
 Where Angels join in prayerful refrain,
 Ever more blessings to retain.
 Where none are lost and all are found
 Amazing Grace all around.

Love Divine, Path refined,
 Soul redeemed through Your Will sublime.

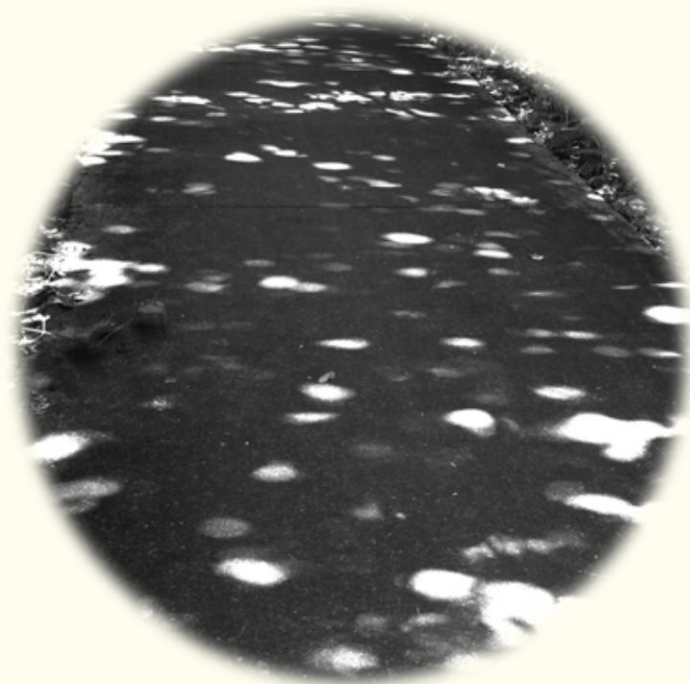
Take us to those infinite places,
 Where we'll find endless embraces,
 Crossing all the time and space,
 Brings us to that knowing place.

My soul replete with Love Divine,
 Shining forth in endless time,
 Circles within circles, life all around,
 Your Love in all, Your Light surrounds.

Thank you Father for all you do
 To keep the circle spinning true.
 My life a movement in its flow,
 Your presence felt wherever I go,
 Returning to you, soul to Soul.

Circles spinning, circles full,
 Light surrounds us, light our goal.
 Let's complete the circle true,
 Be in Light whatever we do.

Father now we know Your Truth,
 Our purpose shared, our souls so new.
 Let us enter into your circle true,
 Children all with souls renewed.



The Story Behind the Photo

About six weeks ago, I was helping Al and Jeanne publish their book *Pearls of Wisdom for Creating Circles of Light*. At that time, Al wrote the above poem under a similar title. That week, my husband, father and I took one of our favorite seaside walks. Walking along the paved path through a small forested area, I noticed on the ground, in the interplay of light and shadows, *circles of light!* My husband had his camera, so he took several photos – three of which were included in the book and one is featured here.

The profoundness lies in the guidance and synchronicity of events: The DLSF book taking its near-final shape before publishing, my family selecting that walk that week, and the sunny weather enabling the circles formation. How amazingly we are led in our efforts to serve God and carry on His purposes!

Photo: Alex Peck

Story: Eva Peck

Who and what is God.

I am here, Your old *Professor Salyards*.

I merely want to say that I am very happy, and want you to know that I am progressing in my condition of soul development and in my knowledge of the truths that pertain to the spirit world. I have not written you for a long time, and would like to tell you of certain truths that I have learned since last I wrote you.

Well, I find that I am now in a condition of soul development that enables me to see the truth of what the Master has told us in reference to the real existence of God, who knows what His creatures are doing and in what way they are making use of their souls and bodies. I mean that this God is one having all the faculties that you would suppose only a being would have who had a personality and form; but can hardly understand how a mere essence or formless existence could have such powers and qualities.

I never, until recently, could comprehend the real truth and meaning of God, I believing him to be mere essence, void of form or personality, who could have the wisdom and love and power that I was taught such God possessed. Such comprehension is beyond the finite mind, and can only be accepted as a realization of an existing condition or truth by means of faith. Yet now I have more than faith to enable me to understand the fact that this God, whom we call our Father, for He is, has all these qualities and powers; and such understanding is to me a wonderful and unexpected addition to my knowledge of God.

This understanding, of course, is not a thing that arises from any exercise of the mind, or the result of any mental power or quality which I may never have realized that I possessed, but is the result of the exercise of my soul perceptions, which have become so great and in such condition of unison or harmony with our Father's qualities of soul, that He and all these attributes appear to me as real, perceptible existences, having a certainty of comprehensible being, as do the existence of spirits and their attributes.

So you see, what soul development may mean and what its possibilities are.

No mere development of the intellectual qualities or attributes could ever lead to a comprehension of the personality of God as I have described it.

I never in all my life, natural or spiritual, conceived or expected that it were possible for any soul of mortal or spirit to see God as I now see Him, and I never could understand what was meant by the beatitude, "the pure in heart shall see God", except in this sense, that as we became pure in heart those qualities that were ascribed to God would become a part of us, and as such possessors, we could see God, or rather the result of those attributes of God in our souls.

I don't know whether you can fully comprehend what I intend to convey to you, but I have tried my best to put the idea in such language that your mind may understand, to some extent, what my meaning is. I know that you will never fully know what this great soul perception is, until you have experienced what this development is in your own soul, which is necessary to enable it to see with the clearness that I now see.

I thought that I would tell you of this progress of my soul, so that you might have some faint idea of what the development of the soul means in a way other than an addition to the development of the love principle. But really all phases of its development are part of or dependent upon and resultant from the development of this love principle; for Divine Love is the fulfilling of the law, and law includes that which enables us to perceive that God is a personality, having these qualities that I speak of.

I see that I have written enough for tonight, and if you will carefully read what I have written, you will find much food for thought, and probably some help to a correct, concrete comprehension of "Who and what God is."

So expressing to you my gratification and pleasure in being able to come to you again and having you take down my ideas of who our Father is, and also for the opportunity to declare that God is a being, having an existence of His own, comprehensible by the soul perceptions of the redeemed of His creatures, I will say, good night.

Your old professor and brother in Christ,

Joseph H. Salyards