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FROM THE EDITORS

Dearly beloved friends, welcome to the 40th edition of the Divine Love Newsletter – a newsletter dedicated to the Divine Love community. We are pleased to provide you with inspiring articles and member updates from around the world.

In this edition we bring you the following articles: Rev. Carolyn Stokes shows how our dear friends and family members from the spirit realm can communicate their love and support for us through the manifestation of blooming flowers. Rev. Jeanne Fike shares how she and Al received a message from Jesus asking that Al channels a series of Divine Love teachings. Jesus' messages talk about energetic changes in the world, errors and illusions of the mind, the soul awakening of humanity, and much more. Al has recently published the messages in a book, *Our World in Transition, Messages from Jesus*, and they can also be found on [Geoff's web site](#). Rev. Eva Peck has compiled inspirational feedback from WhatsApp Conversations members about sharing the truths through embodying the Divine Love in our daily lives since it can be difficult to reach people with spiritual information through the spoken word. Terry Adler gives us wonderful news about the sanctuary home for 18 orphans of Drimiopsis, Namibia, being completed. She also relates the inspiring story of the San community in Namibia and how love, generosity, and helping hands of those more fortunate from other parts of the world have been able to change a people in despair into a community of hope. Rev. Bianco shares her latest version of *We are One*, a children's book, also suitable for adults, conveying the Divine Love truths of the Father in a simple visual manner.

In community news we learn that the Kauai mini-retreat has been postponed until next year, Arto Aunap has created two YouTube videos sharing his spiritual journey and discussing what is Divine Love, why and how it is life changing, and how anyone who wants to may acquire it and become united with the Creator through His nature. In Arto's second video he discusses life as a spirit in the spirit world. The Circle of Light prayer groups continue to attract souls around the world.

Dear friends, we are never alone. Our spiritual paths may lead us through rolling hills, flowering meadows, waterfalls flowing from mountain peaks, and deep pools of healing waters. Sometimes, we may travel long stretches of flat barren earth or slowly climb steep hills. The diversity of our path is what makes it both interesting and challenging. We never know what opportunities lie ahead. What is consistent in our journey, is our spiritual family who pick us up when we fall, and continue to love us in spite of ourselves. Consistent is the presence of our angelic guides, who focus our vision on God's attributes of beauty, who influence our navigation to experience greater heights of happiness and soul expressions of Love, and who protect us from ourselves and others. Our Heavenly Father and our angelic guides are always with us, even during periods of "soul consolidation" when nothing seems to be happening in our spiritual progress but it is a time when our souls are being made stronger in the Love. So, remember that you are loved, you are beautiful, you are important to God and the Celestials, and you are never alone. In fact, you are a member of the Celestial Family. Contemplate that and let it sink in.



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MIRACLES AMONGST US (REV. CAROLYN R. STOKES)



Photo by Michael Nedbal

One Mother's Day, I had been given a gift of orchids from my daughter, Glorianna. They were beautiful and bloomed for two weeks, before the blossoms faded and fell off. Eventually, I neglected the plant because it looked dead, despite watering and feeding it from time to time. I kept the basket and bow for its sentimental value and forgot about it. (Over the years, I have come to accept that I have no talent for maintaining orchids. So, I try to admire them, in their initial beauty.)

Despite avoiding COVID-19, it was an especially challenging winter for me with several surgeries. When I was well enough to sit in the healing room for Sunday service, I noticed that the orchids were in full bloom, again. We were shocked because the day before, there weren't even any buds on the plant.

We received a **message** that morning, in service, from our late friend, Susan K. She said that she and the spirits used their power to give us

this gift. They reminded us that we are loved and that they are there praying with us for God's Divine Love. The orchids have been blooming for several months, now without me having to do anything to care for them.

This event also brings to mind a story from my late friend, Don D. He shared how after his wife, Carol O., passed over, he was suffering in his grief. One day he had woken up and saw that the whole back yard had bloomed overnight in tulips. This lasted for two weeks. He and his wife had gotten the tulip bulbs during their visit in Holland. Upon returning home she had planted them, but they never produced flowers, even after several years. Upon seeing the spectacular floral display, he knew she had done it to let him know that everything would be all right.

Beautiful Miracles Quotes That May Help You Work Miracles

There is more to life than what we see and miracles make us believe this. Many of us believe in the famous saying, 'That miracles happen to those who believe in [them]' and many are sceptical about their existence. ... When the things beyond the bonds of possibility occur, they are termed as miracles. Those who believe in them usually find opportunities in obstacles and have a firm belief that their prayers will be answered. If we open our eyes we can see miracles happening everywhere. Miracles usually occur when you least expect them. So if you are waiting for a miracle then the following corpus of inspiring quotes and sayings on miracles might motivate you to cling on and stay positive. Zoom through the quotes and thoughts on miracles that might open the doors of the miraculous world for you.

Here are a couple of examples: "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." Albert Einstein

"If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly our whole life would change."



*Susan Kaufman in 1992
(Photo supplied by Carolyn Stokes)*

OUR WORLD IN TRANSITION: MESSAGES FROM JESUS TO THE WORLD (JEANNE FIKE)



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In late September 2020, Jesus came to AI and me in our morning prayer and announced that he would like to use AI to deliver a series of Divine Love teachings. He asked us to schedule a time for him to come every week for this purpose. His first lesson was delivered on October 1 and thereafter followed 20 lessons, each about one hour in length. These covered a broad range of spiritual truths and a commentary on the current state of our world as it continues to escalate towards greater challenges and ecological degradation.

Jesus describes how the energetic conditions of the world are changing, but for those on the Divine Path, although challenging, it is a very blessed time, a time of great change that will bring the unfolding of a new era. The old will crumble and make way for the new. All will not be lost, however, as some of our inventions and machines will survive the cataclysmic changes. We will then have the wisdom and knowledge to use these things for good and in harmony with God's Laws.

In Lesson 7 on Divine Love Mediumship (November 12, 2020), Jesus states that his most successful effort in bringing the truths was through James Padgett and that the volumes that were published took much effort to make available to the world. Jesus describes James' struggle and his own dismay

that relatively few read these volumes in our world today. Though the volumes have been made available to humanity, few have come to them with an open mind and a willingness to learn. This is a reflection of the present earthly condition in which the majority expects things to come in an instant, revelations to be easily obtained, truth to be easily understood and practiced, and tangible results to appear quickly. Jesus says that because of these mindful barriers, he continues to communicate through various mediums on the earth plane.

Other lessons in the teachings include: The Soul's Journey to God; Shattering the Error and Illusions of the Mind; A Changing World and a Call for Unity; and The Nature of the Universe and Humanity's Place Within It. In lesson 20, Jesus implores humanity to change their ways – to reconcile their minds and souls to God. Following the 20 lessons, Jesus invited readers of his messages to submit questions. Thereafter followed four Q & A sessions, the last received on March 18.

Thanks to Geoff Cutler, the 20 lessons and Jesus' responses to questions are available at the [Soul Truth website](#). This first volume of Jesus' messages, entitled *Our World in Transition – Messages from Jesus*, has just been published and is available from [Amazon](#).

A second volume of messages is currently being received, which Geoff continues to post at the [Soul Truth website](#). The latest message in this series, Lesson 13, Volume 2, "Earth Changes to Come", was received June 25.

With the escalation of earth changes, along with the great and growing spiritual power generated by group prayer for Divine Love, Jesus and his disciples come frequently to Circles of Light to bless and pray with those gathered together. All Divine Love followers are welcome to join us in prayer. Simply subscribe on the [DLSF Home Page](#) to receive email announcements with login information for Circles of Light, as well as upcoming special events.

SOWING SEEDS OF LOVE AND TRUTH: HOW TO SHARE THE TRUTHS WITH OTHERS (EVA PECK – EDITOR)

The following article, in a questions and answers format, was inspired by excellent comments in a WhatsApp Divine Love conversation. Since sharing the truth with others is a very important and relevant topic that even the angels have mentioned, I thought it would be helpful to our newsletter readers. Credit is due to Terry Adler, Davina Callas, Jeanne Fike, Karen Lyons, and Beth Mazur. Also, [this article](#) has some helpful principles.

Today, once again, I tried to explain to a lady the Coming Earth Changes of God and why this is happening and also spoke about Jesus' latest message upon humanity and how humanity needs to come together in Love. Although the woman agreed to hear what I had to say, she basically just laughed about it, and admitted it all went over her head.

I only share what I know when people start talking about certain events and have questions about them. I still get laughed at though and when they enquire as to where I got my evidence and can I prove what I say, that's when things turn and I am looked down on, especially when I mention God and His Angels bringing us these messages. Their ignorance becomes clear and I go away feeling like some religious nut case. How am I to do the work of God when I am always met with such disbelief, ignorance and negativity?

I certainly don't have all the answers. I have shared the truth with a few people when guided or when they asked me. I look at it as "sowing seeds". It is doubtful you will ever change a soul with one conversation. However, someday something may happen and their soul will remind them of what you shared and that may bring them to the path.

Most people you meet will be hearing you with their material minds. The messages have repeatedly told us that the connection will largely happen soul to soul, and that trying to convince people at the mindful level may not be all that useful. I think the work of God is more about living Divine Love day to day so that, rather than be an assertive evangelizer. Someone might be curious about how we seem to be a more loving person and want to know about that. Don't worry so much about their mindful beliefs and as mentioned, know that you have at least planted a seed ... you have not signed on to be their gardener!



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Just pray silently! No need to talk about Truths unless asked. Living the love is the most powerful.

One can plant seeds without too many words. Often the only thing needed is carrying a loving condition, express a silent prayer that the person find their own way to God and that love instead of fear come to their hearts.

A saying often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi states, "Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words." Implicit in this saying is the fact that often the most powerful sermons are unspoken. Be a light, radiate joy, peace and happiness, bless and pray for people that cross your path. Sometimes that's all you can do, but when opportunities arise and they ask, be ready to answer their question. If they don't

accept your answer, don't take it personally, but trust that you have done your best, and one day the seed you have sown will sprout.

STORY OF CHILDREN'S SANCTUARY NAMIBIA SOCIETY (CSNS) BY TERRY ADLER

Good news! The sanctuary home for 18 orphans of Drimiopsis, Namibia, has been completed! Once we raise funds to pay for and install solar power, the house will be operational.

Much has been accomplished in the seven years since our sister charity CSN (Children's Sanctuary Namibia) started and the two years since CSNS became a Canadian registered charity. So that you can appreciate how far we have come in these years, I would like to tell you about the community we help and why it needs support from people half a world away. The story reveals both the strengths and frailties of human nature and what is required to build on the strengths.

The story begins in 1991 when the Namibian government took a San community of 200 families and relocated them from their ancestral lands to a resettlement camp created for them, called Drimiopsis. Prior to being relocated, the San lived a self-sufficient hunter-gatherer lifestyle, practicing their culture and traditions which were inextricably interwoven with the natural world. It was not their choice to move. The government's stated reason for moving them was "to settle them into a more economically viable sector of society". It could be argued that the real reason was to free more land for cattle ranching.

In fact, rather than being a doorway to economic integration, the resettlement camp is situated 45 km north of the nearest town, Gobabis, with no public transport, no health care or other services, and most importantly, no access to jobs. It is surrounded by cattle ranches.

Consequently, people are dependent on the government monthly pension (equivalent to about \$130 Canadian Dollars) given to San seniors and those of other tribes who have moved to the community. Parents and guardians are eligible for \$25 CAD a month to support an orphan or vulnerable child, but many do not receive it since they do not have the necessary documents (either the parents' identity document or a birth certificate).

The outcomes are predictable, as they would be for any group of people similarly relocated – hopelessness, crippling government dependency, and vulnerability to HIV/AIDS. Because of the absence of ways to make a living, men are the hardest hit. Only a tiny minority found employment at the local cattle ranches. The vast majority cannot provide for their loved ones in traditional ways nor in contemporary ways because the former was possible only in relationship to the land which is no longer available, and the latter to jobs and access to jobs which also are not available.

Despair makes people vulnerable to alcohol and drug abuse as forms of escape from an intolerable life without purpose. Everyone in the Drimiopsis community is affected by alcoholism and HIV/AIDS. Namibia has one of the world's highest HIV rates, currently at about 12% of the population, down from 18% seven years ago.

The entire community suffers from malnutrition, subsisting on a diet of mealie (maize) porridge severely lacking in protein, vitamins, minerals and other important nutrients. This of course impacts health at every age and stage of life.

This is the context in which one person, a teacher at the local residential high school that serves district teens, was moved to make a difference. Her name is Theresa Matengu. In 2013, Theresa began feeding the most vulnerable children from her home kitchen on the school grounds. She had been doing this for some months when our dear friend Helge Mercker heard of her and went to meet her.



Helge and Theresa. Photo: Judy Dunbar

They instantly connected and began working together with the elected chief of the San people, Ita Kambases, mother, grandmother, problem solver and natural helper. Helge's father Hanse, who at the time owned a cattle ranch 17 km away, came to the community and built a simple outdoor kitchen. To get it started, he and Theresa's sister donated giant cooking pots, maize and lentils. The numbers of children coming for a meal quickly grew into the hundreds.

Helge appealed to her networks in Germany, Namibia, the US and Canada for help. Amongst her early supporters were Al and Jeanne Fike of Gibsons, BC, Canada and Geoff Cutler from Sydney, Australia who had met Helge at a prayer retreat at the Fikes' home in 2012. Later, in 2014, they all went to visit her in Namibia. That was the year CSN received charitable status from the Namibian government, and a donation of 4.5 hectares of land in the resettlement camp of Drimiopsis to establish a sanctuary for OVC (Orphaned and Vulnerable Children).



Chief Ita with a new washing machine. Photo: Theresa Matengu

In April 2017, I visited Namibia and upon returning, set in motion the process for creating a Canadian sister charity to CSN. It was clear to me that the San people have tremendous human potential, and that an ally from the so-called developed world partnering with CSN to help meet the San's basic human needs was a necessary first step towards actualizing their potential. In April 2018, we were granted charitable status by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). In August 2019, three other board members, Betty Owen, Judy Dunbar, and Diane Mawson, spent ten days visiting Drimiopsis.

Since the San were relocated to Drimiopsis 30 years ago, the burden of care has fallen upon women. Because they still have the important job of producing and raising children, their lives have more meaning than the men's, but the challenges are enormous. From the survey conducted by Helge in 2013, it was found that 92% of the household respondents were female, 8% were male. Absenteeism of males has become common as they either work out of the community, move away to seek work, are imprisoned or have died.

The survey further revealed that in 66% of the homes, for every one of their own children, caregivers were looking after two additional non-biological children. The one parent number of orphans with no parent and children with only continues to increase due to HIV/AIDS, poverty, unemployment, TB, cancer, accidents, and deaths.

Losses and death are a great part of this community's life. It falls primarily to mothers, grandmothers, aunts and older female children to support children in the grief process and indeed, support them in nearly every way. For the first time in the 30 years since the San were re-settled to a place without jobs, transportation, health care or other services, this community has allies in achieving self-sufficiency. CSN and CSNS have created an avenue for hope in the community. As needs are identified by community members, CSN and CSNS provide the means to fulfill them. The result is growing community engagement, especially by women, more opportunities for paid work, a foundation for self-sufficiency through the community garden, empowerment, and growing evidence that they can not only survive but thrive.

The building of the sanctuary and feeding of the most vulnerable members has become a source of hope for the community and tangible evidence that they are not alone, that positive change can happen with their involvement, and that more good is to come.

Moving forward, in 2021 CSNS is committed to: providing necessary funds to CSN to cover the annual operational expenses of the sanctuary; providing funds for the soup kitchen and kindergarten food programs; paying salaries for five people; providing honoraria to eleven volunteers; and maintaining the garden. These costs are expected to be approximately \$27,000 for the year, including purchase and installation of solar power.

We are grateful and honoured to be a part of this continuing process of community development in Drimiopsis, Namibia, a process that started with one woman opening her heart, joined by another, and now, by many others.

Thank you for your prayerful and financial support. To learn more and/or to make a donation, visit the CSNS website. Whatever you can give will contribute toward putting love into action and thereby transform lives.

WE ARE ONE, A CHILDREN'S BOOK BY HOLLY BIANCO

After many days and long hours in completing my latest version of *We are One*, I realized the challenges that our Master Jesus must have faced in trying to teach the truths of salvation and the way to the kingdom. As a teaching tool, Jesus used parables and stories which the people could relate to, mainly because spiritual truths are not easily grasped with our material minds.

So it was with my visual book creation as well. I wanted a simple book that a child could understand or even an adult who would rather read a quick version of the core messages. I decided to use Shutterfly with which anyone could easily create. But even that had its challenges because of their limited art graphics. This meant that I had to be extra creative in order to capture the imagery of what needed to be expressed.

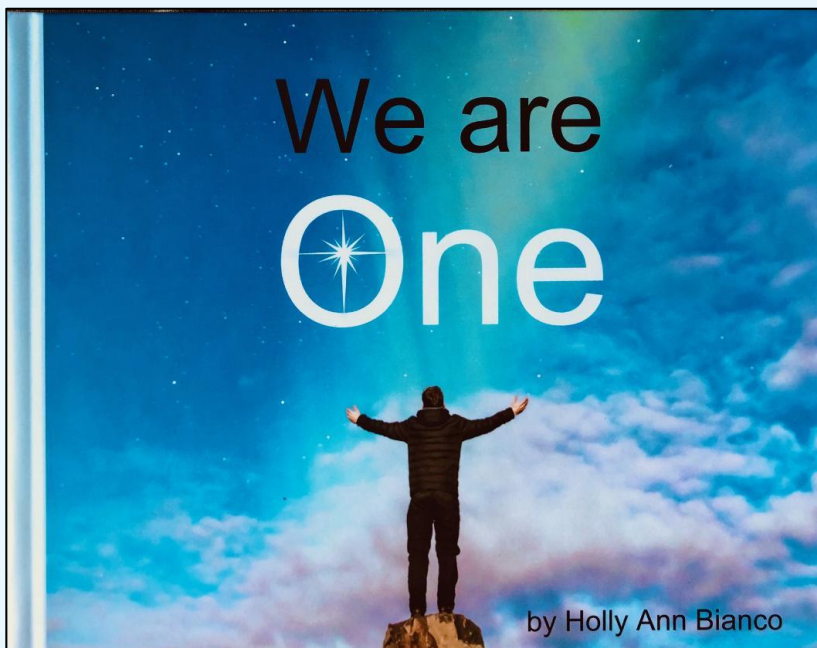


Photo: Holly Bianco

The title, *We are One*, was chosen because I wanted to convey that in our creation “we are all one in our natural love nature”. This is why we suffer together and find joy in each other; it is the link to our happiness. But the book also reveals God’s Greater Plan for us - to one day make “humanity one with Him” and that by receiving God’s Love that brings lasting happiness and eternal life.

Moreover, the story reveals that God made us with a plan and purpose beginning with creation itself and our first parents. It shows how they were given the opportunity to seek His Divine Love but chose to reject it, and thus how we came to be where we are today and where we are ultimately headed. It also differentiates the natural love from the Divine Love and shows what it means to be filled with God’s Love.

Some of the pictures and graphics are a collage of photos taken from my travels. The mansion on page 25 is the Biltmore Estate from South Carolina. I then merged this mansion with photos of flowers and trees taken in England, Alaska, Canada and Washington state. The white swans are from England and the waterfall came from Washington state. The palm trees

behind Jesus on page 26 came from the small palm trees outside my home. So I used whatever was at my fingertips to capture the image I wanted to convey.

To add some fun and whimsy, I created a page of the first parents right before their fall. I used runway models wearing white clothing and attached a red superpower cape to their backs. I also gave them dark sun glasses to show how confident and powerful they were. I have them above the clouds as if they are on top of the world.

We are One has been a work in progress, and my guess is that it will continue to evolve over time as I find new ways to visually express those spiritual ideas. In fact, some in the Divine Love community already have a different version compared than my latest attempt to improve the book, including two extra pages I just added on the subject of the spirit world and spheres of progression. The current version can be previewed [here](#).

If anyone is interested in the “now version” of *We are One*, please [email me](#). The cost is \$40 and I offer it at the cost price – without making any profit. Even though it may seem like a children’s book, it is also a good teaching book for adults, who may not be inclined to read the Padgett messages. Friends said that the book is beautiful, which confirmed what my spirit guide told me previously.

Thank you for allowing me to share. May God’s Wondrous Love and Blessings be with all of you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Update on proposed Kauai Divine Love Gathering: Dear brothers and sisters, for those who would have been interested in the retreat this coming August 2021, please know that for safety and peace of mind, we will be looking forward to an August, 2022 date, instead for the next official Kauai gathering. We will keep you updated. Please contact [Carolyn R. Stokes](#) if you have any questions.

MEMBER / COMMUNITY NEWS

Artto Aunap has recently created two YouTube videos. The first [presentation](#) is entitled “Soul Transformation via the Power of Divine Love”. In it Artto shares his spiritual journey and experiences and then explains what is Divine Love, why and how it is life changing, and how anyone who wants to may acquire it and become united with the Creator through His nature. The [second presentation](#), about half an hour in length, is entitled “Preparing Yourself for the Life to Come.” For any questions or comments about the videos, contact [Artto](#).

PRAYING AND SHARING ACROSS THE MILES

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

See the [DLSF website](#) for general 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 additional activities, including Divine Love healing or learning, as well as gift or leadership development can be found on the [LightBringers Calendar](#) administered by [Bill Frase](#).

Other Groups and Circles

For information about their respective outreaches, time and Zoom link, contact [Jan Blackston](#) (Thursday prayer/study group); [Greg Boster - Greg@LoveLightPower.com](#) (Sunday Awakening the Soul and Healing Body - Mind and Soul); and [Tim Foley](#) (daily offline prayer for Divine Love / silent contemplative prayer).

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 [FCDT website](#). If you'd like to request a flash drive of all scanned Padgett messages, please contact [Elizabeth Morana](#).

PADGETT MESSAGE EXCERPT

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Contrasting Divine Love with Natural Love

... The Divine Love of the Father is an entirely distinct kind of love from the love which the Father bestowed upon man at the time of his creation, and which man has possessed in a more or less condition of purity ever since that time.

This Divine Love was never conferred upon man as a perfect and completed gift, either at the time of his creation, or since my coming to earth, but as a gift which is waiting for man's own efforts and aspirations to obtain, and without which it can never become his, although it is always close to him, waiting to answer his call.

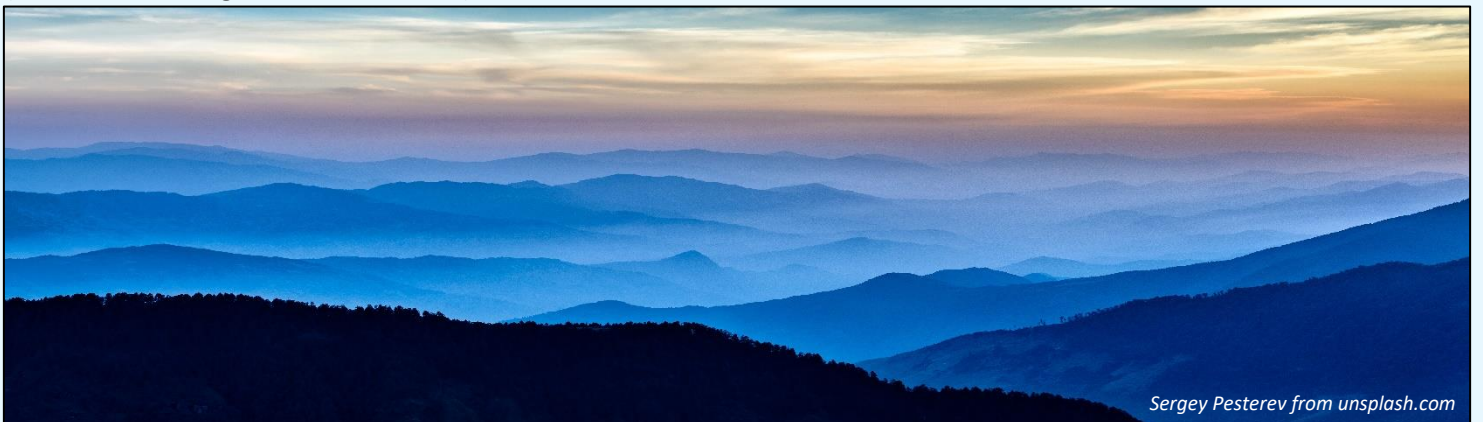
Then in understanding what this Love is, and that man must seek for it, and what its effect upon the soul of man is, it becomes very important that man should make the obtaining of it the one great object of his aspirations and desires. For when he possesses it to a degree that makes him at one with the Father, he ceases to be a mere man, and becomes of a nature of soul existence that makes him Divine, with many qualities of the Father, the chief of which is, of course, Love; and also causes him to absolutely realize the fact of his immortality.

Mere moral goodness, or the possession of the natural love to its fullest degree will not confer upon man this Divine Nature that I have mentioned; nor will good acts, and charity and kindness, of themselves lead men to the possession of this Love, but the possession of this Love in truth and in fact, will lead to charity, and good deeds, and kindness, always unselfish, and to a brotherhood of men on earth that the mere natural love cannot possibly lead to or cause to exist. ...

The Divine Love that I speak of, is of itself not only able to make a man an inhabitant of the Father's Kingdom, but is sufficient to enable him to bring about and realize to the fullest of his dreams that great brotherhood, even while on earth.

This Love of the Father's Own Self is of a never changing nature, and in all places and under all conditions is working out the same results and converting the souls of men on earth as well as of the spirits in the spirit world, into not only the image but the substance of the Divine Nature. It may be possessed in smaller or greater degree, depending upon man himself; and this degree of possession determines the condition of the soul, and its nearness to the Father's Kingdom, whether the soul be in the flesh or in the spirit.

(The whole message can be read [here](#).)



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