



# Divine Love Newsletter

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## FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to another edition of the Divine Love Newsletter. We hope that the contents of this issue draws you closer in heart connection and fellowship to your Divine Love brothers and sisters. For those new to the community, welcome.

This edition has some exciting news about upcoming retreats in Lily Dale, New York; Frankfurt, Germany; and a 2017 retreat in Indio, California. Mark your calendars for some lovely fellowship and prayer sessions with other Divine Love seekers.

We are also delighted to present an excerpt from Joseph Babinsky's upcoming book titled "Journey toward Light – A Memoir." Joseph is an excellent writer and story teller. His humility touches the hearts of many.

Eva shares with us a wonderful article titled "Toward a More Harmonious Community." It takes hard work and a willingness to look at our own thoughts and actions to build and maintain harmony in a community. Jesus has given us the eleventh commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you." This commandment is the Law of God's Love, and Jesus asks us to love each other with the Divine Love in our souls. So the next time your mind asserts itself, ask for your soul to be in ascendancy over your mind, and consciously pray to the Father to be able to "choose Love". In fact, all spiritual growth involves choosing Love and kindness over such attitudes as pride and proving to be right.

Remember that this is your, the readers', newsletter as much as ours. We always welcome inspiring stories, project updates, retreat reports, articles, personal Divine Love reflections or experiences – anything that you think would be of interest to other Community members.

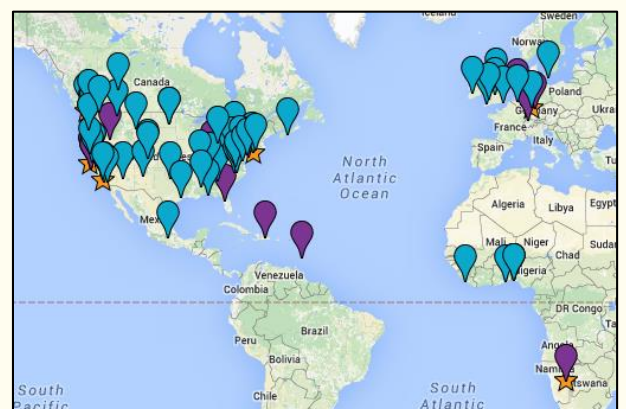
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### The Editors

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

## DIVINE LOVE COMMUNITY MAP

The Divine Love Community map, <http://www.fcdt.org/community/> (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has eight churches/prayer groups, 25 ministers, and 68 Divine Love souls registered. 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](mailto:editors@fcdt.org)).



## PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

- Elizabeth Morana invites others to join an existing group on Skype for a fellowship / prayer circle. The group meets Sundays and Thursdays, 7:45-9:00 pm, Eastern US time. If you'd like to participate, please contact [Elizabeth](#).
- Al and Jeanne Fike welcome you to pray with them – in person or simultaneously from your home – every second Monday in Gibsons at 5:30 pm PST (Pacific Standard Time) and alternating Mondays at Barb's in West Vancouver at 6:30 pm PST. Prayer requests are welcome. Contact [Jeanne](#) for more details.
- The Divine Love Ministry invites you to join them for a Sunday Service on Skype at 10:30 am Hawaii-Aleutian Time. Services consist of music, prayers, reading, and channelled messages. Please contact [Carolyn](#) for more info.



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## UPCOMING 2016-2017 RETREATS

### Lily Dale, New York



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An FCDT-sponsored Divine Love retreat/meet up is being planned for Lily Dale, New York, from August 21-27 at the [Lily Dale Assembly](#). Lily Dale is a special place to relax, pray and enjoy nature. With spiritual workshops throughout the week including free readings from mediums, Lily Dale is a great place for us to minister and share the Divine Love with others who are seeking spiritual enlightenment. Attendees will need to make their own accommodation arrangements at one of the local hotels or guest houses, for example, the [Angel House](#). This retreat/meet up will be different and more open to activities based on individual interests. Excursions can be taken to the Niagara Falls and the [Panama Rock Scenic Park](#). For more information, please contact [Holly Bianco](#) or

[Joan Warden](#). More images can be seen on [Google](#).

### Frankfurt, Germany

A Divine Love retreat is planned for August 31 - September 4, 2016 in Frankfurt, only half an hour's drive from the Frankfurt International Airport. A number of rooms and conference rooms have been booked at a good rate in [Maingau hotel](#) which is in a quieter location. In its vicinity, in one of the most popular parts of Frankfurt called Sachsenhausen, there is a large variety of bistros, restaurants, and small shops in price categories to suit all budgets. Within walking distance, visitors can enjoy a stroll along either bank of the river Main, visit one or more museums, and go to a concert or the theatre. Frankfurt has excellent public transport connections. For more information, visit the [DLSF forum](#).



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### 2017 California Retreat

In April-May 2017 (exact dates to be yet decided), FCDT plans to host a retreat at Holly Bianco's timeshare in Indio, California – a beautiful resort near Palm Springs. Available will be a large 4-bedroom penthouse, a number of accommodation units, as well as a community room. More information will be forthcoming as plans crystalize.



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## LITA BENEFIT DANCE (CATHERINE KOCH)



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On February 13, 2016, [Love Is The Answer \(LITA\) charity](#) held its 2nd Annual Valentine's Benefit Dance in Vancouver, to raise funds for the orphaned and vulnerable children that are being served in eastern Uganda under the leadership of Catherine Koch. Many kind and generous friends weathered the cold and rain that evening and came out to dance the night away to the music of the R & B Allstars and Alpha Yaya Diallo. Heartfelt love on all fronts made this a wonderful evening both for the participants in Vancouver and for the children in Uganda, a number of whom appeared live on the big screen and on an iPad shown to those present. It was indeed a very special occasion for some of the children in Uganda to be part of a night of sharing, friendship, and precious Love.

It appears that net proceeds from the event will top \$8,000. This will help to provide beds, bedding and mosquito nets for 80 orphaned children who will soon be moving into new housing that LITA has just finished building for them in Uganda. Thank you so much to all!

Those interested to learn a little more about LITA's work might enjoy an interview with Catherine Koch conducted on February 11 by Roundhouse radio in Vancouver. It can be accessed at [Our City with Kirk LaPointe - Catherine Koch \(Feb 11, 2016\)](#)



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## MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Downloadable Small Books** As a part of her website ministry and efforts to further the truth, Eva Peck was inspired to start creating small downloadable books on aspects of the Divine Love messages. Drawing on her background, she ties in the Bible, showing how the crux of the angelic messages given to James Padgett is substantiated by biblical scriptures. If you have friends who you think might benefit from these, feel free to send them to her website or email them the downloadable PDF. The finished and coming books are listed at [Eva's website](#). They will all be eventually available on Amazon, at least in Kindle form.
- Presentations at a Spiritualist Church** In October 2015, Joseph Babinsky was invited to speak at the Prescott Spiritualist Church about his latest book, *Family Reunion – Afterlife Contact*. He was pleasantly surprised that his presentation received a standing ovation – an unusual response at a church, and wondered: Were the people perhaps feeling the presence of Celestial spirits and the Divine Love? Joseph was invited to speak again on March 6th, and intends to speak on the great potential that exists for humans.

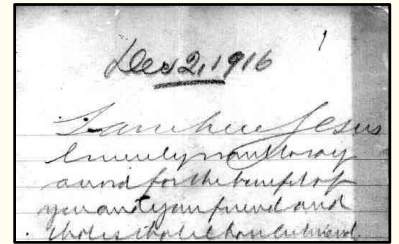
## REQUEST AND OFFERS FROM FCNB (ELIZABETH MORANA)

- Call for Historical Materials** The FCNB has completed filing the Padgett and Samuels messages in fire proof vaults and is now beginning to create a detailed and coherent collection of early church documents and records. Some of FCNB's early materials (meeting minutes, letters, and announcements) are missing. If you have any such documents (or pictures) from the 1940s to the 1980s, could you please contact [Elizabeth](#). The FCNB would like to include them in their historical record. This includes not only documents relating to the FCNB but also to the Dr. Leslie R. Stone Foundation. If you own any such materials and do not feel you can part with them, we would truly appreciate your willingness to share scans or photocopies of these materials!

- **True Gospel Books Available for Distribution** 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, and/or 4. Each box contains 28 softcover copies of one of the volumes. A box weighs about 42 pounds. The FCNB trustees wish to get these books into the hands of interested readers, free of charge 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](#) for more information. Even though we provide the boxes of books free of charge, we need to request a \$20 donation to cover a part of the mailing expense within the USA. Postage for international mailings is very costly, with the fee dependent on the destination. Therefore we ask for a donation to help cover the postage for these mailings as well.
- **Scanned Copies of Original Padgett Manuscripts Available** The FCNB is eager to make available scanned copies of all known autographs and handwritten manuscripts, and many typed transcripts, of all the known messages received by James Padgett and Dr. Daniel Samuels to those who wish to have them for study purposes or as 'disaster recovery sites' to protect and preserve these precious documents. If you would like to receive these documents on a flash drive, please send your request to [Elizabeth](#). To cover the cost of the flash drive and postage, we request \$20 for each flash drive requested, payable through the FCNB website. Alternatively, you can mail an empty 32G flash drive to: FCNB, PO Box 6, Williamsville, New York, 14231, USA.

### TRANSLATORS SOUGHT

- **Prayer for Divine Love:** Joan Warden is working on The Prayer for Divine Love Translation Project with Ian Nicol for his website [Truth for all People](#). Besides English, the Prayer now has authentic translations in Chinese, Spanish, German, Danish, Norwegian, Czech and Dutch. If you can write in another language and would be willing to translate the Prayer and to share it, please contact [Joan](#) or Ian through his [website](#). Thank you and God bless.
- **Padgett Messages in Mandarin Chinese:** Loren Chen has kindly offered to start translating the Padgett messages into Mandarin Chinese as his time allows between studies. If anyone is able to and would like to help with this project, please contact [Loren](#).



### SEEKING FELLOWSHIP

Recently a request was received from a Divine Love follower in Uganda: "I have deeply studied the messages given to Padgett from Jesus, the apostles and other messages to mankind. They are what any soul needs. Many are controversial when compared to the traditional church teachings. It's only he who knows the meaning of Truth that can conceptualise them. My question is, are there any fellow Africans, especially in Uganda that have a similar interest and desire fellowship? I don't have a church but feel people of similar thinking deserve the companionship of each other to spread such good news. Can I be assisted?" Lwanga Musisi Charles

If you would like to connect with Charles, you can email him at [lwamuchar@gmail.com](mailto:lwamuchar@gmail.com).

### MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

We are featuring reflections submitted by:

1. Joseph Babinsky and entitled *The Prodigal Boy*, which is a parable of Joseph's spiritual journey. (See page 5.)
2. Eva Peck and entitled *Towards a More Harmonious Community*, which is encouragement to be more mindful of how we speak about others. (See page 6.)

## THE PRODIGAL BOY (JOSEPH BABINSKY)

A voice within the boy spoke clearly: “Accept that you are a beloved child of God; accept your greatness and allow it to unfold. Allow the light that you certainly are to brighten your day and your world.”

He rejected this quiet voice within, for he only saw his own littleness—weakness, failure and feelings of unworthiness. He turned away, choosing to walk a different direction.

The voice quickly called to him: “Acceptance of the truth about your identity is the beginning of your journey. Your feelings of weakness and failure and unworthiness and similar illusions fade away when you accept the brightness of your glory.”



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High sounding words, he thought, and wanted nothing to do with them. So he fled to hide someplace where words such as these could not find him. He chose shadows that became great illusions.

Because the words of the voice within speak about our true identity, the message the boy received continued to linger in the dark places where he sought to hide.

The voice within did not pursue him like police with a warrant for his arrest. There was no accusing finger pointing at him; and the words were not hammers beating him down deeper into the darkness of his own creation. No. The words were like soothing ointment, like cool

water on a blazing summer’s day.

Many times the words came to remind him of a gentler time, when mother’s tender tones coaxed him to a warm supper of favorite foods with family.

Week after week, year after year he hid from wise counsel. His hair grew gray and the skin developed wrinkles. The darkness did not recede; his illusions were as real as ever.

Nonetheless, though now extremely weak and almost completely hid from his awareness, the words spoken many years ago gently resurfaced to touch the strings of his heart and soul, quietly calling to him: “Come home ... come home to your true self – your true identity as a beloved child of God.”

And one day he stood weakly from his self-imposed hiding place. Feeble as he was, the dark place that he created in order to hide no longer suited him, and thus he commenced to walk.

Words from the past echoed within the silent chambers his heart and grew strong again, becoming as fresh as the day they were first spoken, yet not clearly audible, but fully present to cause his will to respond. And respond he did—though slowly.

He faltered and felt a desire to return to the pit of his gloom. But a stronger desire within urged him to continue and try again. The surprise was that he experienced only the presence of love on his new journey. With the words came a blaze of new energy which enabled him to continue on the path toward light.

What I tell you is my story. It is your story too. Our journey may slowly become as the flow of a river, from moment to moment awakened by the surprises of its own flowing. I am now accepting my complete humanness enveloped in the presence of love, continually unfolding to experience my greatness and glory.

I live in new shadows—shadows created by the Great Divine Love. Now I live in the joy of grateful realization.

As a child of God, I am like a river flowing, ever emerging into vistas of unspeakable beauty. One day the voice of my dear friend came again. I listened and heard these words clearly: “Acceptance of the presence of love is the beginning of your journey, and remains with you always.”

*This is an excerpt from a new book being written by Joseph Babinsky “Journey toward Light – A Memoir”, chapter 46, with an anticipated publication date of spring 2016. As a bit of background and explanation, Joseph wishes to add the following: The above parable came to me as a way to show through the form of a short story the path I have walked. In regards to the 'real' world I lived in, I did not truly realize that I was dwelling in dark places and running from a voice within my soul. And no one who knew me realized this about me. It was not until I turned 70 that I started to awaken to my true condition. This happened when I became aware of the existence of the Great Love of God—which is the Divine Love.*

## TOWARD A MORE HARMONIOUS COMMUNITY (EVA PECK)

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The following reflection was inspired by experience as well as reading. I believe it is an important topic and applying the principles mentioned can make the Divine Love Community stronger, more united, more loving, and thus more effective. That is not to say that the community lacks love. After all, we all pray for the Divine Love and strive to be kind toward one another. Much love and support of one another is reflected on the various forums, prayer circles and retreats. Yet, we can all do better by following the principles that I would like to discuss.

An important starting point is to realize that we are each unique and as a result perceive things differently. Everything we read or hear is colored by the perceptions of the author – and our own. As such it may be in harmony with truth, though not perfect. There is a difference between perfection and harmony, and of the two, harmony is more important. The mind of the soul, corresponding to the mind of God, doesn't seek perfection as much as seeking harmony. As such, there is much room for diversity – we can move to the left or right without leaving harmony.

Each person is like a radio receiver as well as a transmitter. We receive and send thoughts, impressions, desires, and other kinds of spiritual activity – which can be both positive and negative. That door towards the exterior, the transmitter / receiver, is also a part of the soul's mind and can be tuned to what we receive and transmit. We have the choice to tune into sources of positive and beneficial impulses – mainly God and the Celestial angels who serve as “amplifier antennas” for God's waves. We can also send our deep desires towards God, and so establish some soul to soul communication. This kind of transmission or reception works between spirits and mortals, between humans and God, as well as between mortals on earth. Those are the moments when we “feel” that somebody is watching us or that something is happening in another place.

We are participating in an open world of information at multiple levels, and it is therefore important to tune in to the higher levels, in order to block the influence of evil, and to receive the benefit which the higher developed beings may offer. The world media are mainly focusing on the negative aspects of what is happening – but this is not the real picture. Besides the bad, many positive things are also taking place, but they are seldom presented to balance the information.

While the world is feeding us much of what is negative, we can counteract this within our Divine Love community. There are forums, mailing lists, prayer groups, and individual communications where we can share our inspiring experiences, insights and impressions. This newsletter is another such venue. Let's be like a family with good communication and appreciate the vast diversity within the community. And let's also, through our thoughts, words, and actions spread light in the world – in our work places, neighborhoods, and among friends and family members.

The diversity in the community, if understood, accepted, and appreciated will contribute to harmony, which is pleasing to God. As a loving Father, He enjoys His children, albeit imperfect, live and work together in unity and harmony, giving and receiving good things among themselves. And God too is very keen to give us His Love in response to our deep soul longings. Sometimes even when we are not praying, but carry on a positive conversation with a fellow believer, expressing joy and gratitude, the soul longings break through, rising to God to which he responds with the Divine Love.

There is a corollary to this happy state of affairs which I have also witnessed, as well as the resultant disharmony. This gets us on the same low, negative energy level that the world is on. It occurs when people talk to each other about the problems and weaknesses of others. They more often than not don't tell the person concerned, but they tell their friends who in turn tell their friends, etc. Finally the information gets to the person who should have been told first. They can end up deeply hurt, not so much because someone didn't like what they said or did, but because they weren't told, while everyone else was. In addition, their name had been discredited among others, who really didn't need to know.

Also hearing negative things about another person will affect our view of that person, creating an instant prejudice – whether or not we have met them. If and when we do meet the individual, our perceptions will be colored by the gossip

that preceded our meeting. At its worst, it can separate friends. In all cases, it causes division and disharmony, and weakens the community bonds that as brothers and sisters in Christ we should foster with each other and that will promote working together in spreading the truth of God's Love. The Bible and other spiritual traditions don't look kindly on this human proclivity (see for example, Proverbs 6:16-19, 16:28 and 17:9; Galatians 5:19-20 and Matthew 18:15). Other true principles in this regard are that a house divided cannot stand, and that conquest occurs through first causing division.

Why do we tend to avoid pointing out our offences to the person who caused them? Often we fear we'll offend the person or they won't like us any longer. Both may happen but often will not. On the contrary, the person, especially if they desire to grow in God's Love, will be grateful for the correction and take it to heart. Mutual bonds may be strengthened as the person may well appreciate that someone cared enough to help them grow.

And why are we readily open to negative information about others (aka gossip)? There is something attractive and titillating about this kind of information – akin to why people love tabloids featuring all kinds of “juicy” stories. Something perverse in our human nature is attracted to finding out the negative about others. Let's try to resist this tendency and avoid spreading and listening to gossip.

Being few in numbers, we all have to pull together, not separate one another from each other by telling others about people's dark sides and thus causing them to think badly about the person who has been thus discredited. It definitely is not the way of love and walking in the light. It promotes discord and division rather than unity and harmony, and will inevitably work against accomplishing our God-given mission.

As mentioned, we are each unique with unique perceptions of reality – and that's the way God intended it. We may feel that another person is on the “wrong” path and this may or may not be true. The key here is to discern without judging. Discerning means determining truth from error. Judging means concluding that the person is bad and unworthy of our or God's love. If we really feel that they are going astray, our responsibility is to try and show it to them, always communicating the truth in humility and love. However, always keep a person's shortcomings between you and them. Others don't need to know unless it concerns them as well.

A Christian writer, Thomas Merton, stated: "Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy." As Divine Love community, this is something that we should all aspire to. If we start thinking about worthiness, a thorough analysis will reveal that we ourselves are not worthy when we start putting the magnifying glass on other people's lives. So whether or not we resonate with a person (and we won't resonate with all), let's still love and accept each other. All in all, we are exhorted: “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8), or as Jesus encouraged, “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:34-35).

Let me finish with a prayer and a beatitude (blessing):

*May we be given the wisdom to know what and how much to say in all situations, the love to always say it with kindness, and the foresight to consider the consequences of what we are passing on, knowing that thoughts and words are energy. If we feel that one of our brothers or sisters has a blind spot not seeing where they are offending others (we all have some), may we have the courage to tell them privately, the love to be both truthful and kind, the humility to hear their side, the self-control not to react in kind if they get upset with us, and the strength and compassion to be there for them and support them.*

*Blessed are those who haven't been privy to negative gossip, for they can view their brothers and sisters with pure eyes and minds. Amen.*

(Some ideas adopted from this [reference](#).)

*The Condition of Man Is Such That It Is of Utmost Importance for Them to Learn the Truths.*

I am here, John Wesley.

I desire to speak to you upon a matter which is very closely associated with your mission and the work you are now doing. I am one of those spirits who are engaged in the carrying on of that work on this side of the borderline, and know the importance of the work and the necessity for its being done as rapidly as possible, so that men may have the opportunity to learn and know and teach the truths of God. I am with you quite frequently as you receive the messages from the spirits who are revealing these truths, and read your mind and soul, and know your exact condition regarding your conception of the task that has been imposed upon you and which you have assumed to do; and hence, can tell you with almost certainty of your attitude towards this great undertaking, and when I say attitude, I do not mean only that of which you are conscious, but also that which is apparently latent but which, nevertheless, is operating, and obstructing or assisting the progress of the work.

I am glad to say that just now you have a fuller appreciation of your position in the matter and of the necessity for completing the writings and the dissemination of the truths that they contain; and if you continue in this attitude and permit your desires therein to intensify and become manifested in actual performance, the work will progress rapidly and the great end in view will be accomplished.

If you will consider for a moment, you will realize that there is nothing in all your earth so important to mankind as the knowledge of these truths, for they deal with and affect that which belongs to the eternity of the hereafter and the future of the souls of men, and lead to a destiny which will be a Divine existence or a mere living of the perfect man of his original creation.

Of course, men are really more interested in their future destiny than in any or all things of earth and the life thereon, but give less attention to the ascertaining of the truths of the same than to many merely human things which exist only during the short earth life; and this is not to be wondered at, because they have no satisfactory or convincing means of learning what this destiny is or may be. It is natural for the desires and interests of men to be attracted to that which has certainty and probability of realization, rather than to that which is devoid of the elements that give assurance and hope founded on knowledge.

As you know, many of the expectations of men as to the future are based entirely upon what is called faith, which itself is founded upon what the teachers of the Bible call the mysteries of God, and which are not the subject of research or study, because God in His wisdom retains to Himself, with a jealous care, the understanding of these mysteries; and so men, in their lives, accepting the mysteries and applying the faith, turn their thoughts to these things very rarely and even then, in a perfunctory way, applying the idea that sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. Consequently men live more for the present and in a way let the future come and find them in a condition that surprises and injures them, and makes for them a destiny that - were the truth known to them - need not be theirs.

When men shall be able to learn the truths that affect, or rather create, their destinies if believed in and lived, they will not be so indifferent to the life of the future, even though they retain their interests in the life of earth.

And now, in this generation, when men are thinking for themselves and not resting satisfied with the dogmatic teachings of their supposed leaders, they are becoming incredulous and demanding more light, and are refusing to accept the teachings of the mysteries as satisfying to their feelings of want of those things which will give them an assurance of the truths of living as mortals. Such faith is dying, and men prefer its death to the living in the uncertainties. But this preferring to thus die does not imply - nor is it really true - that they are not in their souls interested in the eternity part of their lives and all that it means. But, becoming hopeless because they see no succor from their unsatisfied condition, they resort to the moral teachings and conduct for their salvation, having the hope that a right living in accordance therewith will result in a future as well as a present in which there must be some happiness, and that "all will be well."

This, I say, is the condition of many men today, and because thereof, the ground is fallow for the planting and the nurturing of the truths that are being revealed to you; and so you must appreciate what the revelation and dissemination of these truths mean to the world at this time.

I know that you must give much time and labor to the work of fulfilling your mission, and also that you must live a large portion of your life and thoughts with the spirits who are using you for the great object in view; but this apparent sacrifice will soon cease to be a sacrifice, and become to you a joy and source of never-ending benefit to your soul and its future.

So you must work and think thoughts of the spiritual and, above all, continue in earnest prayer to the Father for increased bestowals of His Love; and you will not be disappointed. I felt that I should write you as I have, and while you, I know, expected some spirit to communicate some unknown and important vital truth, yet I believe that what I have said may serve to facilitate the delivery of the messages. I will not write longer tonight.

I am a possessor of this Divine Love, and from this you will understand what my love is for you, and how earnestly I pray to the Father to bless you and help you in the great work which is yours to do. Good night. I am

Your brother in Christ, John Wesley