



Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the May 2016 edition of the Divine Love Newsletter! We have three upcoming Divine Love retreats to announce – all occurring in August. One will be in Lily Dale, New York, USA, and two back to back in Europe – in Blackpool, England and Frankfurt, Germany. They are sure to be filled with lots of Divine Love flowing from our Heavenly Father, fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, and much laughter and happiness. We hope you can make it to one of them.

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Eva Peck has completed several primers to the Truths of the Divine Love as found in the Bible. Eva has studied the Bible for many years and is gifted in seeing the Divine Love Truths in scripture. Her books are an excellent source of spiritual truths for those who have familiarity with the Bible.

In our "Honoring a Special Person" section, we join with Terry Adler in celebrating the birthday of an extraordinary soul, Barbara Davies, on May 13th. Barb is a beautiful, loving person who has done much for the community. In fact, Terry, Barb, and Catherine are all remarkable women - angels on earth who exemplify God's Divine Love.

We are excited to share the results of Dennis' latest research on James Padgett and his wife, Helen. Dennis certainly has a gift in uncovering the past and bringing together pieces of the Padgett puzzle.

Our main article, "Musings on Prayer" is written by Rev. Al Fike. Al does a wonderful job of what it means to fervently pray to our Heavenly Father and how our minds strive to be in control. I just love his analogy of our soul being like a growing garden that needs to be watered through prayer. Thank you Al for your contribution.

Keep in mind 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.

Remember that you are each a beacon of light in the darkness of the earth plane. By exemplifying God's Divine Love in your soul, and in your thoughts, words, and actions, you give hope where there was none. You set up a clarion call to souls who are seeking the Truths and a closer relationship with God. Amazingly, a part of God is within you! And when His Love is activated in your soul, other souls respond. Let us be more conscious of what we are putting out into the world. Let's become increasingly aware of our spirit bands and ask them for help. When interacting with others, consciously give your Love. When you are in prayer, teach the spirits. Acknowledge their presence and invite them to pray with you. Point them to the bright spirits as James Padgett did, and thus be a bridge between the lower spirits who are seeking help and the angels who are ready to give help. Read the Padgett messages aloud so that the spirits around you can also benefit. May our Heavenly Father bless us all with a great abundance of His Divine Love and may we know the peace that passes all understanding.

Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the [Divine Love Community portal](#) (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*).

The Editors

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

DIVINE LOVE COMMUNITY MAP

The [Divine Love Community map](#), (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). Charles Lwanga Musisi from Uganda is our newest member. He has been joining the Hawaii Sunday Service and sharing his beautiful African songs. He is a loving and prayerful soul who is often asked to preach at his local churches. He would love to be in contact with more like-minded souls.



NEW INFORMATION AT FCDT WEBSITE / COMMUNITY PORTAL

The following new information has been added to the Divine Love Community Portal or the FCDT website:

- [Divine Love Resource Guide](#): Eva Peck updated and expanded this reference which lists websites, blogs, you-tube ministries, Facebook pages or groups, forums, and book authors of material related to the Padgett messages or other similar and helpful spiritual information.
- New [webpage](#) showing Divine Love references in the Bible.
- Downloadable small book entitled *Jesus Christ: A New Look at His Identity and Mission* produced for new visitors by the cooperative effort of Rev. Dr. Michael Nedbal and Rev. Eva Peck.

PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

- Elizabeth Morana invites others to join existing groups on Skype for a fellowship / prayer circle. You are welcome to join any one (or all) of the regular groups, which meet on Sundays, Wednesdays 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 Pacific Time, and alternating Mondays at Barb's in West Vancouver at 6:30 pm PT. 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.

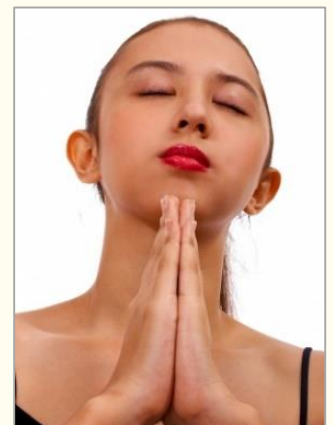


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UPCOMING 2016-2017 RETREATS

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. It is in the mountains and there are several lakes in the area, including Lake Erie. 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 can come for one or two days or the whole week as it suits them. They will need to make their own accommodation arrangements at one of the local hotels or guest houses, for example, the [Angel House](#). Reservations need to be made soon as accommodations fill up fast for the summer. This retreat/meet up will be different and more open to activities based on individual interests, such as attending the [on-site workshops](#). Excursions can be taken to the Niagara Falls, the [Panama Rock Scenic Park](#), as well as Jamestown and the [Desi & Lucy Museum](#). For additional information, please contact [Holly Bianco](#) or [Joan Warden](#). More images can be seen on [Google](#).

Blackpool, England

Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation (DLSF) is pleased to announce their participation in a Summer Celebration Retreat hosted by World Healing Centre in Blackpool, England from August 25-28, 2016. For more information, visit the forum [here](#) or contact [Terry Adler](#) or [Jeanne Fike](#).

Frankfurt, Germany

A Divine Love retreat is planned for August 31 - September 4, 2016 in Frankfurt, Germany 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

On May 7-12, 2017, 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. Click [here](#) for more information. Further details will be forthcoming as plans crystalize.



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MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Downloadable Small Divine Love Books As a part of her website ministry and efforts to further the truth, Rev. Eva Peck was inspired to create small downloadable books on aspects of the Divine Love messages. Seven books are currently available. 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

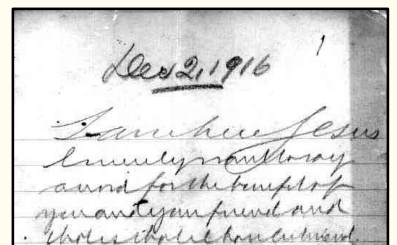
Eva's website or email them one or more of the downloadable PDF files. The books (and future books) are listed at [Eva's website](#). They will all be eventually available on Amazon, at least in Kindle form.

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](#).



PRISONER SEEKS LOVE AND MAIL FELLOWSHIP

Eugene Harris, in a Californian prison, has studied and enjoyed books from the church and even held for a time studies with fellow inmates. He would like to have letter contact (he doesn't have email) with other Divine Love followers. If you would like to write to him, his address is: AS-1362, Valley State Prison, A1-11-4Low, P.O. Box 92, Chowchilla, CA 93610, USA.

HONORING A SPECIAL PERSON (TERRY ADLER)



Catherine Koch, Barbara Davies, Terry Adler
(Photo by Terry Adler)

We often grow in relationship with those who are further ahead in their growth than ourselves. Next to the gift of the breath of life and the gift of rebirth in Love Divine, the greatest gift given me by our Creator is my 40-year friendship with Barbara Davies. In her, I see living proof that Love transforms all. For the last decade, though her material mind has deteriorated, her soul mind continues to guide her unflinchingly. The Love she carries affects everyone who meets her.

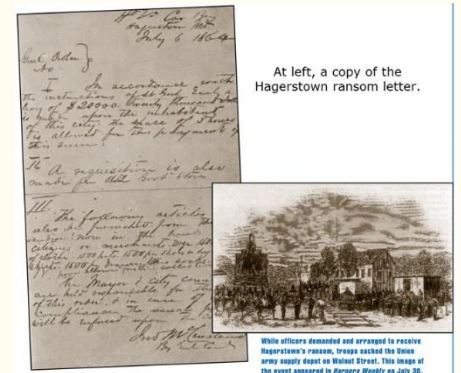
On May 13th, Barb will turn 85. The following day, on May 14th, her son and daughter-in-law are hosting a birthday celebration to honor the Love that Barbara is and the many contributions she has made in her work and personal life. Barb is suggesting that instead of customary gifts, donations be made to [Love is the Answer](#) and/or [Children's Sanctuary Namibia](#) for their work with underprivileged children in Africa. Supporting these love-in-action projects will honour Barbara's long life of loving service to those in her community who faced multiple challenges including poverty, racism, addictions, mental illness and marginalization. Despite her physical limitations, Barb continues to serve as a channel of Love, and is a vital link in the chain of Love that connects all beings to our Creator.

JOINING THE DOTS (DENNIS TORMEY)

In this new section we are featuring the results of the [fascinating research](#) by Dennis Tormey, attorney and historian in the field of information relating to James Padgett.

One hundred fifty-two years ago, the USA was in the throngs of a great Civil War. The ravages of war were terrible. This was the case not only for the soldiers who died or were injured, but also for the citizens of every city and town where battles were fought.

In keeping with the Confederates' "scorched earth" policy, rebel forces were attacking townships, often getting into armed conflicts with the residents themselves. In July 1864, the Confederate army was heading into Maryland. They arrived in Hagerstown, and when they took the town, their leader, General John McCausland, set pencil to paper and wrote a ransom note. He demanded \$20,000 plus clothing for 1,500 men. If the ransom was not paid, his forces would torch the town and burn it to the ground.



At left, a copy of the Hagerstown ransom letter.

While officers demanded and arranged to receive Hagerstown's ransom, troops sacked the Union army supply depot on Market Street. This image of the event appeared in *Harper's Weekly* on July 30.

As the Union army had many prisoners of war, the Confederate army was looking for opportunities to obtain bargaining power by taking prominent Union citizens as hostages. On July 29, 1864, McCausland's soldiers took hostage five Hagerstown men to be exchanged for some of the prisoners held in Jefferson County, West Virginia. The hostages, taken under guard to the Confederates' headquarters at Williamsport, were Frederick McComas, Isaac Nesbitt, Andrew H. Hager, Rev. Henry Edwards, and Rev. George W. Heyde. They were ultimately released, but we can only imagine the horror of not knowing what might happen during the uncertainty and fog of war. No doubt, these five gentlemen were relieved and happy to be back home in Hagerstown and reunited with their families.

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Rev. George Heyde would have been joyfully welcomed by his young wife and their baby girl, not quite two years old, Helen Worman Heyde. Yes, the future Mrs. James E. Padgett may have never met her loving Ned had her father not returned from this horrific episode during the Civil War. Our Great Father and His Angels do work in mysterious ways.

MUSINGS ON PRAYER (REV. AL FIKE)



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Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. Or, to quote Mahatma Gandhi, "It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart."

The simple but powerful quote from Gandhi says much about what we are aiming for in our prayer life. The challenge is how to get to that place of heartfelt, fervent prayer. So many factors stand in the way of experiencing that kind of communication with God that many give up the pursuit because they feel unsatisfied with the results.

Often our most soul-felt prayers occur in a crisis or out of a deep longing to know that God exists. It is in essence an act of faith, a knowing that someone or something out there listens. It's not quite a dialogue or conversation, but often there is a response. God does indeed hear our prayers and answer. This may not always be evident as we may have a hard time discerning the response, but more often than not, an answer

comes, if not immediately then in time.

As a gardener, I liken prayer to the hope and patience gardeners must have in order to grow a landscape. You place the potential in the ground in the form of a seed. Not much happens right away, but given time, patience and a little know-how, the garden begins to take shape. So it is with our souls. The seed of a desire emerges in our prayers. Often it is small and subtle, yet if nurtured, it has a great potential. In our impatient society, time is compressed and instant results are expected. In the garden of our souls, things like an instantaneous revelation and rapid growth are rare. Our souls take time to mature, and we need time to nurture their growth.

Divine Love is often referred to as the living waters. If we see our souls as a growing garden, this analogy fits perfectly. God placed many seeds or potentials into the soil of our souls. As we water our souls with prayer, God's response in the form of His Divine Love will cause the seeds to sprout and become something beautiful and unique. This miracle of growth and beauty is what delights the gardeners and keeps them toiling.

A garden is tangible and visible as it bears delightful fruit. By contrast, the nonphysical soul is far more subtle. The mind tends to dominate and often smothers the soul, making it difficult to discern amongst all those weedy thoughts. In contrast to the complexity of the mind, the soul is relatively simple in its needs. While no doubt a sophisticated part of us, its mechanisms, at least as a raw, undeveloped thing, are simple in their functioning. Hence the soul needs little to be sustained. Those living waters of God's Love are sufficient to trigger growth.

Prayer then is the key element for the soul gardener. Yet heartfelt and sincere prayer is often stunted by our mental machinations. Our minds get in the way of our prayers, yet both play a part in the process. As Gandhi says, better a wordless heartfelt prayer than one with no heart. Many find it easy to mouth a prayer, spin a wheel, or allow someone else to say a prayer on their behalf. This, however, does not turn on the tap. It may invoke some response depending on how invested we are in the process, but half-hearted attempts often bring half-hearted results.

One must pray from that place deep inside, with heart and soul. The closer we get to that place, the more fervent and focused we will be while in that state of consciousness, and the more the manna from heaven will rain upon us.

Prayer requires effort and discipline. It's not something to put in a box and take out when we have time. If prayer opens up a relationship with God, then for the best results to occur, that connection should remain at all times. A prayerful state is not just in verbal communication or silently communing with God. These times are important, but not the only way to pray. God is always reaching out to us and desiring connection. With a little discipline and openness, a soul can learn to sense this and remain connected. It is in this state of grace that we become attuned to and feel God's presence in our lives. The angels

often call this being in the flow of God's Love. That great river of Love is waiting for us to enter its flow and take us on a great journey. In order to get there however, we must tame our minds.

The mind does not readily work in concert with the soul. It wants dominance and reason, and is suspicious of faith-based actions. The mind's version of prayer is a word-oriented recitation. It may even not want to engage the soul in this endeavor. The mind does not like to share its seat of power in controlling our consciousness. So it is tricky to sidestep our minds and go to our souls. The weedy garden must first be dealt with.

In our pursuit of truth, we must first read the map. This can be the Padgett messages or another spiritual source. The road signs are important so that, with inspiration, we can discern how to take the leap of faith out of our mind into the soul. At first this can be daunting and a bit scary.

The soul holds the essence of who we are, and if we have been repressing many things over our lifetime, we may be in for a bit of a shock. The soul may be in either much pain or just numb because of the ignored or suppressed emotions which are seated there. The mind, in continuing the old pattern, often wants to take over and cover up the pain. One must persist, and often the soul compels us to do so. We feel the rightness in the act of prayer even though it feels different or even painful. On the soul level it is as natural as any physical act, but how we deal with the mind's resistance determines the success of our prayer. Listening to the urgings of the soul gives us the strength to push through, taking us beyond the barrier of self into the awareness of connection with the Divine. Once that is achieved, there is no turning back. When you truly feel God's Love for you, how can you ignore such a powerful life-affirming experience? You must keep returning to the well for more of those living waters to quench your thirst and water the garden of your soul.

Prayer then is a deep need or longing from the soul for something outside of itself. It needs connection with the Divine, a sense of coming home, being with Father, feeling the Love. Prayer can be full of requests without fear of asking too much as God's blessings are limitless. We limit what we receive by our own mind concepts and limited perceptions. This changes with time as our soul garden, watered by the living waters, grows. The seeds begin to sprout and take form, and the part of us often ignored or obscured by the mind comes into focus. New perceptions emerge with this blooming consciousness, and the possibility of living on the premise of faith and being guided by God becomes possible. Our consciousness shifts from mind-based reasoning to soul-based knowing.

Most of us are somewhere between these two levels of existence. We juggle between the mind and soul, engaging and disengaging as we see fit. We dance from one to the other, and when something difficult or painful happens in our lives, the mind is quick to discredit the validity of the soul or even the existence of a loving God. We are also tested and buffeted by a world skeptical of our experiences, and often buy into the prevailing views. But God hauls us back into the flow of His Love and reinforces the soul consciousness. The angels are ever willing to help us find our way if we let them.

We always have the choice. Help does not come unless we ask and are open to it. Many of us have had dry periods where we have felt out of the flow. Some have never felt a flow, just glimpses of it from the river bank. Yet I believe that we all sense it in one way or another. Our souls long to be in that water, carried by God, and we long to release ourselves to the current. Unfortunately our minds kick in all too often and shout the "what ifs". Letting go is a brave and seemingly dangerous act if the mind is to be believed. Just being in communion with God is often broken by the pestering of the mind. We tend to let our minds rule us like a spoiled child who constantly seeks our attention. Often we fear the consequences of being close to God despite our soul longings to be there. That battle rages every day in my life. I sit in prayer for an hour a day and then often get distracted by material things so that the precious Divine connection is ignored or broken off. As much as my soul longs for this, my mind still insists on dominance. It is the most frustrating thing and I wonder if that will be my lot until I pass into spirit. Only time will tell. More prayer please.

For comments by others sharing their perspectives and prayer experiences, go [here](#).

The Celestial Heavens

I am here, Samuel, the Prophet.

I am the prophet who came to you [before and wrote](#). Tonight, I want to tell you of the wonderful things which God has prepared for his redeemed children in the Celestial Spheres, where only those who have received the New Birth can enter.

In these spheres are homes made of the most beautiful materials that can be imagined, and which are of a real and permanent character, and not subject to decay or deterioration of any kind, and which are made without hands, but by the soul's development, and the love which each spirit possesses.

These homes are furnished with everything that is suited to make the inhabitants happy and contented; and not one element of in-harmony has any abiding place therein. Every home has its library, and the most beautiful furniture and paintings and wall coverings, and also rooms that are devoted to the various uses that a spirit may need them for. The music is sublime beyond conception; and there are all kinds of musical instruments which the spirits know how to play, and, as you may not suppose, every spirit has the ability to sing. There are no voices that are out of tune with the surroundings and with the other voices. Every spirit has music in his soul, and every spirit has the vocal qualities to express that music.

Couches for repose are provided and running fountains and beautiful flowers of every hue and variety, and lawns the most beautiful and green. Trees are in abundance and are planted in the most artistic manner, so that they are in harmony with the surrounding landscape.

And the light that comes to our homes is of such a kind that I cannot describe it, and can only say that with it and in it are the most soothing and wonderful influences that spirits can conceive of.

All these things and many more are provided by our loving Father for the happiness of His children. But above all is this, the wonderful Love of the Father, which is always with us, and which fills our souls to overflowing, and keeps us in one continuous state of happiness and peace and joy.

All these things are freely given to us, and with them the knowledge that we are a part of the Father's Divine Being, and have, beyond the possibility of losing it, the immortality which Jesus brought to light when he came to earth.

I have been in these heavens many years, and know whereof I speak; and when I tell you of these things, I do so that you and all mankind may know that these delights may be yours and theirs, if you will only let the Divine Love of the Father enter your souls, and take complete possession of it.

Well, as to our social enjoyments, we are so loving, one to the other, that nothing arises, as on earth, to cause one the slightest jar in our wonderful harmony. We visit one another and give our experiences of the love life that we lead, and have music, and interchange thoughts about our continuous progress, and our work in the spirit world. Every spirit in our sphere may visit every other spirit, and know that the door is always open and a warm welcome awaiting him.

I cannot tell you of all these wonders because there are no words that will convey our meanings. Your capacity to understand is limited by your mental boundaries, and hence, I am at a disadvantage. But this I can tell you, and that is, that someday, if you get the Divine Love in your soul in sufficient abundance, you will see and understand for yourselves what God has in store for you. It was truly said, "That no eye has seen, or mind conceived, the wonderful things that await the true child of the Father."

No, there are no streets of gold or walls of jasper, or any of these material things that John made use of in his Apocalypse to describe the City of God. They were merely used as symbols, but they did not express the wonders of our homes.

I will not write more tonight, but will come again sometime and tell you of things that are of more importance than a description of our homes.

With all my love, I am your brother in Christ,

Samuel.