



Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Dear beloved friends, welcome to the March 2020 edition of the Divine Love Newsletter! Community members have been quite active and we have much to share with you. There are ten diverse prayer groups, some of which can be joined via modern technology from around the world. A Facebook group focuses on sharing spiritual experiences on the Divine Love path. The WhatsApp LightBringers prayer chat line is a place for prayer requests, support, and discussion of spiritual issues.

The DLSF review the 2019 highlights of their outreaches and announce their Divine Love Circles of Light Spring Tour 2020 with stops at various locations along the US East Coast. Then, starting May 1, DLSF is sponsoring an online mediumship program. Divine Truth Sharing, hosted by Catherine Kent, is holding an October retreat in the Washington D.C. area titled "2020 Vision: Living the Divine Love Journey".

Tim Foley shares book highlights from *The Cloud of Unknowing*. (This is one of the chapters in his upcoming book, *Making It Personal*. Several members describe how they relate to our Heavenly Father. Bill Frase shares a poem: "The Resurrection of the Soul".

Christian Blandin, with the help of others, has translated into French and published Volume 3 of *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*. Klaus Fuchs has added a "Downloads" section to his website with PDFs of the Padgett Messages and books dealing with the Divine Love in English, German and French. The DLSF have published a collection of 85 Celestial messages entitled *Earth Changes and the Spiritual Awakening of Humanity*. Jimbeau Walsh gave an online presentation to a group of AREI (Afterlife Research and Education Institute) members. Brooke Folk has begun making podcasts with the contents of his weekly local newspaper column, "Tales from the Trail", containing snippets of Divine Love truths.

As we reflect on our beautiful home we call planet Earth, it is hard not to notice all the changes that have been occurring, near and far. During these times of uncertainty, let us not succumb to the energy of fear, but rather remember that change is the law eternal¹. God's laws work to create harmony and balance in the universe. When we fully surrender to His Will, we free ourselves from fear and bondage to a desired result. As we let go of "control", we allow God and the Celestials to more effectively work with us to bring about positive change, and channel more love and light into this world. So during your prayer time, surrender your will to our Father, and ask that He molds you into His own design and helps you to be a conduit of His Love and Light to all that you encounter.

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

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 ten churches/prayer groups, 29 ministers, and 84 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.



¹ ARDT, Vol. II, page 96 | TGRABJ, Vol. II, page 54
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PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

Whenever two or more pray at the same time for the best and highest while in the flow of God's Divine Love, even though we may be thousands of miles apart, the amount of spiritual light and power in the world increases, leading to more miracles of light and healing! Such prayers bring us into a greater soul rapport with God, one another, and the angels. This can significantly magnify our efforts to be effective channels of God's Light, Love, Peace, Healing, and Harmony for the world.



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- **Al and Jeanne Fike** welcome you to pray with them – in person in Gibsons or simultaneously from your home – every Monday at 7 pm Pacific Time. **Terry Adler** is hosting prayers every Monday night at 8 pm PST in West Vancouver. Everyone is welcome to join, and prayer requests are welcome. Contact [Jeanne](#) or [Terry](#) for more details.
- **Raphael Legros** is hosting a **prayer circle at the First United Spiritualist Church** in Burnaby, British Columbia, every second Thursday, 7:30-9:00 pm PST. For details, please contact [Raphael](#).
- **Al and Jeanne Fike** in collaboration with **Brooke Folk** and Divine Love Radio are sponsoring **online circles of light** with three Divine Love mediums who channel messages from Celestial angels on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays (North America time). For details, dates and times in your area, please check the [DLSF calendar](#) or subscribe to Mailchimp notifications by contacting [Jeanne](#).
- **Jeanne Fike, Raphael Legros** and **Bill Frase** invite you to join the new [LightBringers Worldwide Lattice of Light](#), a **mobile app-powered prayer network**. Those joining via WhatsApp will be able to coordinate their prayers with others around the world at any given moment through chat messaging. This will help us to take advantage of many more opportunities to join each other in simultaneous prayer. Click [here](#) for specific instructions on how to join the network.
- **The Divine Love Ministry** invites you to join them for a **Sunday service** on Zoom at 11:00 am Hawaii-Aleutian Time. Services consist of music, prayers, reading, and channelled messages. Please contact [Michael](#) or [Carolyn](#) for more info.
- **Jan Blackston** coordinates a **prayer/study group** on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm Eastern US time on Zoom. After initial greetings, the first 30 minutes are spent praying for the Divine Love followed by discussing a message from the *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus* volumes. If interested in joining the group, please contact [Jan](#).
- **Bill Frase** holds a **circle of light at Monroeville United Methodist Church**, Monroeville, PA, every Wednesday, 6-7 pm Eastern US time. Sessions begin with conversation and placing prayer requests into the blessings bowl. The silent prayer time with soft background music starts and ends with a brief spoken prayer. Participants are free to share any thoughts, perceptions, sensations, or feelings before departing in love and peace. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Arie and Marion Hordijk** are periodically hosting a **prayer group in Laufach, Bavaria, Germany**. For dates and times, contact [Arie](#).
- **Rev. Tim Foley** continues to host an **evening meditation class** every Monday in Sonoma, CA. Direct inquiries to Tim at 707.996.6318.
- **Simon Lovell** holds a weekly **circle of light at The Monnaie Chapel in Guernsey, Channel Islands**. The group meets on Tuesdays at 6 pm UK time for one hour to pray and discuss matters of spirit. All religious beliefs welcome.

DIVINE LOVE CONVERSATIONS (JEANNE FIKE)

Thanks to **Brooke Folk**, **Beth Mazur**, **Jesper Sørensen**, **Ruth Duvall** and **Bill Frase**, there are several conversation groups and opportunities available on Zoom, Facebook and WhatsApp. If you are interested in spiritual discussions and connecting with others around the world, please check out the following or contact [Jeanne](#) for more details.

- **Divine Love Sanctuary Facebook Page**

Beth Mazur, **Jesper Sørensen** and **Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation** created a [Divine Love Facebook group](#). It focuses on sharing spiritual experiences and inspiring others on their journey of praying for God's Divine Love. Almost every day, one or more group members post a question or share something edifying with several others commenting. During the first few weeks, over 30 topics were discussed with some amazing personal experiences shared. **Eva Peck** downloaded all the questions and answers posted and edited them into a book format entitled *Experiencing Divine Love* (available for downloading from the [Facebook group page](#)). Volume 2 of *Experiencing Divine Love* is now also available for [downloading](#), as is the last volume, [Volume 3](#). If interested to join the group, go to [its link](#) and click "Join".

- **WhatsApp**

The new Divine Love Conversations group is complementary to the WhatsApp LightBringers prayer chat line. This group was initiated by **Ruth Duvall** and **Bill Frase** for LightBringers participants who wanted more conversation than simply posting a prayer request. To join the group, contact Bill on LightBringers, or, if not a member click [here](#) for instructions on how to join LightBringers.



Supplied by Jeanne Fike – Fellowship in Monroeville with Bill Frase and Judy Dunbar (2019)

DLSF RETREATS – MARCH-APRIL 2020 (JEANNE FIKE)

Our Eastern US Soul Awakening Tour begins in **Monroeville, PA**, where we will be March 6-12. We will spend March 14-15 in **Houston TX**, then onto **Homosassa Springs, FL**, March 21-28. Our final leg of the trip will be in **New York City**, April 10-14. Details for each location can be found [here](#) or by contacting [Jeanne](#).

Divine Love Circles of Light Spring Tour 2020
Soul Awakening Series

DLSF UPCOMING MEDIUMSHIP PROGRAM (JEANNE FIKE)

A Divine Love Mediumship program, in partnership with Brooke Folk and Divine Love Radio, will be launched using the Zoom platform on **Friday, May 1** with three Divine Love mediums participating: **Al Fike**, **Maureen Cardoso** and **Jimbeau Walsh**. The program will consist of six sessions and take place on alternate Fridays (until July 17, 2020). Between episodes, opportunities will be provided for the group to discuss the information given at the preceding episode. "Mediumship" will be dealt with in the broadest definition of the word, i.e., all forms of communication with spirit. For more information, including a list of planned topics, please contact [Jeanne](#).

DIVINE TRUTH SHARING RETREAT (CATHERINE KENT)



Divine Truth Sharing is hosting a retreat entitled “2020 Vision: Living the Divine Love Journey” on **8 - 12 October 2020 in Washington, D.C.** Metropolitan Area.

Enrich your personal experience of living in the world as a true child of God, deeply appreciating and actively seeking His Divine Love each day. The more we understand what it means to be in genuine relationship with God, the easier it is for us to receive, discern, and follow the tender guidance of our Loving Creator, moment by moment. Come learn and share on this guided retreat.

We are all called to pray directly, soul-to-God, to grow in our Father’s Love. Divine Love soul development occurs most effectively in our daily lives when we are able to receive, discern, and obey the guidance that comes privately to us through our own prayers. Yet, few people know how to do this. This retreat, subtitled “What Happens When the Medium Goes Home?” will help participants learn to receive and discern their own personal guidance through prayer, which requires its own study and practice. Everyone will be encouraged to use free time during the retreat to connect with each other and to practice what we are learning, as much as practicable, so we can experience God directly, when no medium is present to provide a channel. On Saturday, we will visit the Washington, D.C. sites once frequented by James E. Padgett. For more information and/or to express interest, contact [Catherine](#).

THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING (TIM FOLEY)

Editor’s Note: This “book review” of *The Cloud of Unknowing* is one of the chapters in Tim’s upcoming book: “MAKING IT PERSONAL...Your Guide to a More Profound and Rewarding Prayer Life”. In the quotes, Tim has changed “the words “he”, “his” and “him” to “He”, “His”, and “Him” when they refer to God. This is to avoid confusion with “he”, etc. when referring to man and because He is God.

THE CLOUD of UNKNOWING

“It is not what you are nor what you have been that God sees with his all-merciful eyes, but what you desire to be.”

The importance of this book cannot be overstated. The book was written in the fourteenth century by an unknown author, likely a teacher of younger student contemplatives. He must have been a religious of uncanny writing skills and an even greater understanding of the practice—or work, as he calls it—of contemplation. The book has become quite popular and translated into many languages.

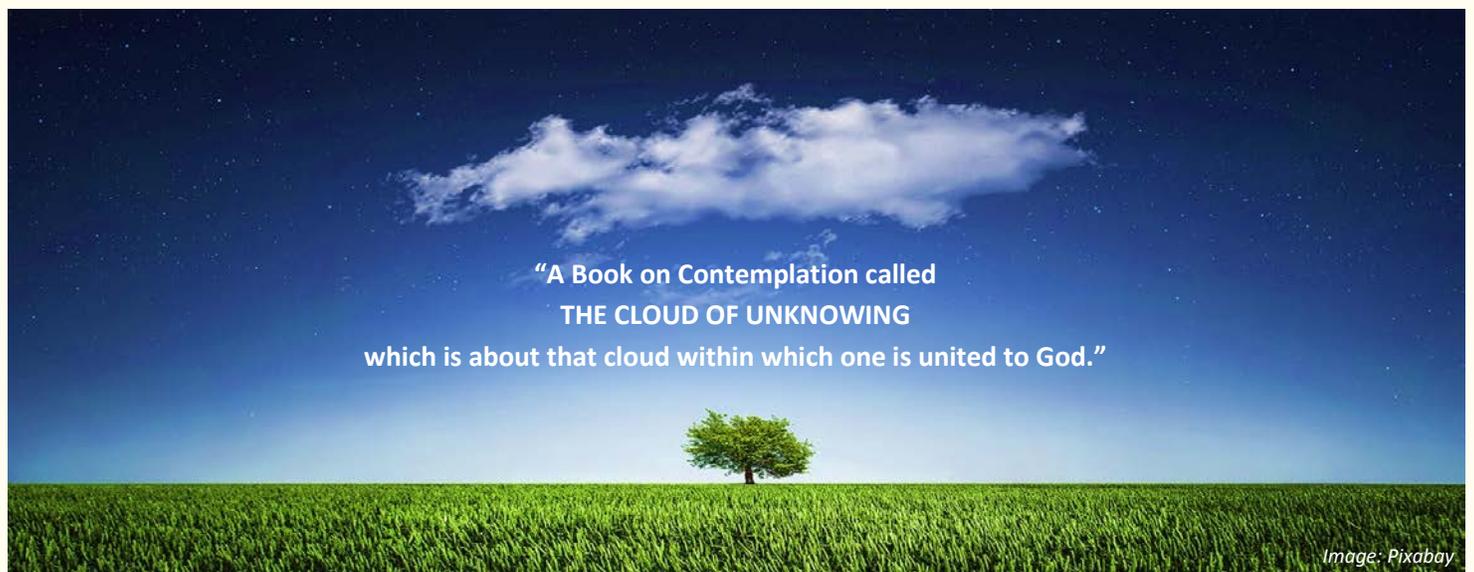


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Our unknown author writes in the Foreword:

“Whoever you are possessing this book, know that I charge you with a serious responsibility, to which I attach the sternest sanctions that the bonds of love can bear. It does not matter if this book belongs to you, whether you are keeping it for someone else ... you are not to read it, write or speak of it ... unless you really believe that he is a person ... who ... has resolved to follow Christ (as far as humanly possible with God’s grace) into the inmost depths of contemplation.

“Moreover I charge you with love’s authority, if you do give this book to someone else, warn them (as I warn you) to take the time to read it thoroughly.

“As for worldly gossips, flatterers, the scrupulous, talebearers, busybodies, and the hypercritical, I would just as soon they never laid eyes on the book. ...This applies also to the merely curious, educated or not. They may be good people by the standards of the active life, but this book is not suited to their needs.

“However, there are some presently engaged in the active life who are being prepared by grace to grasp the message of this book. I am thinking of those who feel the mysterious action of the Spirit in their inmost being stirring them to love. I do not say they continually feel this stirring, as experienced contemplatives do, but now and again they taste something of contemplative love in the very core of their being. Should such folk read this book, I believe they will be greatly encouraged and reassured.”

The unknown author (aka “the author”) starts off the chapters in contrast to the Foreword with welcoming arms and encouragement to the ‘qualified’ readers, of whom he is quite solicitous and affectionate toward. Again, the gifts of his writing talents shine through:

“And so with exquisite kindness, He awakened desire within you, and binding it fast with leash of love’s longing, drew you closer to Himself into what I have called the more Special manner of living. He called you ... to live the interior life more perfectly than was possible in the common way.

“Is there more? Yes, for from the beginning I think God’s love for you was so great that His heart could not rest satisfied with this. What did He do? Do you not see how gently and how kindly He has drawn you on ... you live now at the deep solitary core of your being, learning to direct your loving desire toward the highest and final manner of living which I have called *Perfect*.”

There is more encouragement in Chapter Two:

“I urge you, then, pursue your course relentlessly. Attend to tomorrow and let yesterday be. Never mind what you have gained so far. Instead reach out to what lies ahead. If you do this you will remain in the truth. For now, if you wish to keep growing you must nourish in your heart the lively longing for God. Though this loving desire is certainly God’s gift, it is up to you to nourish it. But mark this, God is a jealous lover. He is at work in your spirit and will tolerate no meddlers. The only other one He needs is you. And all He asks of you is that you fix your love on Him ... close the doors and windows against the onslaught of pests and foes and prayerfully seek His strength; for if you do so He will keep you safe from them.”

“What am I to do next?” Chapter 3 gets us started:

“This is what you are to do: lift your heart up to the Lord, with a gentle stirring of love desiring Him for His own sake and not for His gifts. Center all your attention and desire on Him and let this be the sole concern of your mind and heart. Do all in your power to forget everything else, keeping your thoughts and desires free from involvement with any of God’s creatures or their affairs whether in general or in particular...

What I am contemplating here is the contemplative work of the spirit. It is this which gives God the greatest delight. For when you fix your love on Him, forgetting all else, the saints and angels rejoice and hasten to assist you in every way. ...”

“And so diligently persevere until you feel joy in it. For in the beginning it is usual to feel nothing but a kind of darkness about your mind, or as it were a *cloud of unknowing*. You will seem to know nothing and to feel nothing except a naked intent toward God in the depths of your being. ... learn to be at home in this darkness. Return to it as often as you can, letting your spirit cry out to Him whom you love. For if, in this life, you hope to feel and see God as He is in Himself it must be within this darkness and this cloud. But if you strive to fix your love on Him forgetting all else, which is the work of contemplation I have urged you to begin, I am confident that God in His goodness will bring you to a deep experience of Himself.”

In Chapter 4 the author states correctly that the “work is not time-consuming even though some believe otherwise. Actually it is the shortest you can imagine.”

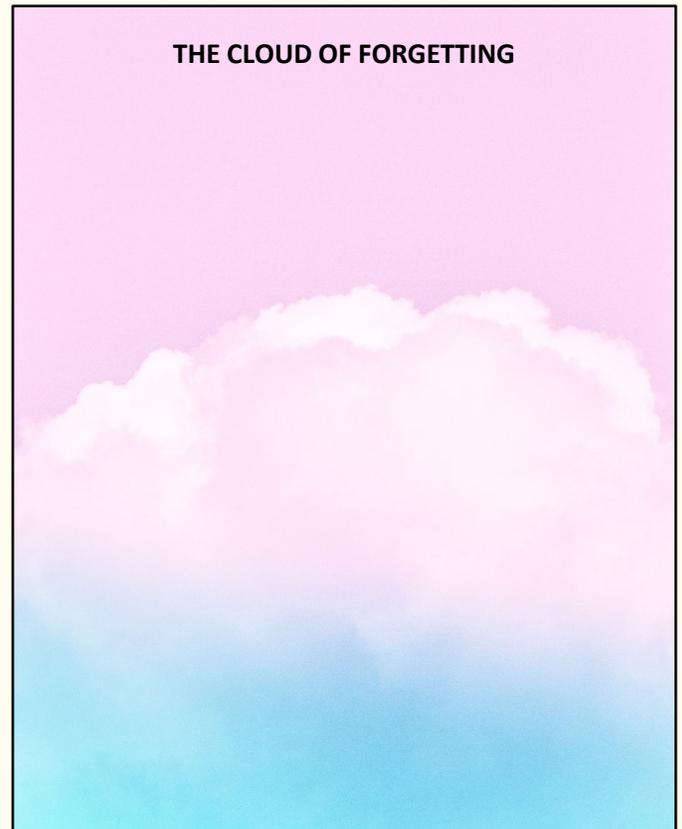
“Rational creatures such as men and angels possess two principal faculties, a knowing power and a loving power. No one can fully comprehend the uncreated God with his knowledge; but each one, in a different way, can grasp Him fully through love. Truly this is the unending miracle of love: that one loving person, through his love, can embrace God, whose being fills and transcends the entire creation. And this marvelous work of love goes on forever, for He whom we love is eternal. Whoever has the grace to appreciate what I am saying, let him take my words to heart, for to experience this love is the joy of eternal life. ...”

Chapter 5 tells us more about “*the cloud*”:

“If you wish to enter into this *cloud*, to be at home in it, and to take up the contemplative work of love as I urge you to, there is something else you must do. Just as the *cloud of unknowing* lies above you, between you and your God, so you must fashion a *cloud of forgetting* beneath you, between you and every created thing. ...You are to concern yourself with no creature whether material or spiritual. ...To put it briefly, during this work you must abandon them all beneath the *cloud of forgetting*.

“...I tell you that everything you dwell upon during this work becomes an obstacle to union with God. For if your mind is cluttered with these concerns, there is no room for Him.

“Yes, and with all due reverence, I go so far as to say that it is equally foolish to think you can nourish your contemplative work by considering God’s attributes, His kindness or His dignity; or by thinking about our Lady, the angels, or the saints; or about the joys of heaven, wonderful as these will be. I believe that this kind of activity is no longer of any use to you. Of course it is laudable to reflect on God’s kindness and to love and praise Him for it, it is far better to let your mind rest in the awareness of Him ... and to love and praise Him for what He is in Himself.”



THE CLOUD OF FORGETTING

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Chapter 7 gives a detailed description of how “a person should conduct himself during prayer”. The author sums up in Chapter 9: “So then, you must reject all clear conceptualizations whenever they arise, as they inevitably will, during the blind work of contemplative love.” Chapter 12 encourages us once again:

“And so to stand firmly and avoid pitfalls, keep to the path you are on. Let your longing relentlessly beat upon the *cloud of unknowing* that lies between you and you God. Pierce that cloud with keen shaft of your love, spurn the thought of anything less than God, and do not give up this work for anything.”

Chapter 24 continues the lesson on prayer conduct:

“Wholly intent upon God, this simple love beats unceasingly upon the dark *cloud of unknowing*, leaving all discursive thought beneath the cloud of forgetting. ... In the contemplative work God is loved above every creature purely and simply for His own sake. Indeed, the very heart of this work is nothing else but a naked intent toward God for His own sake.”

Here is a final quote, though there are many others throughout the book, from Chapter 34:

“Contemplative prayer is God’s gift, wholly gratuitous. No one can earn it. It is in the nature of this Gift that one who receives it receives also the aptitude for it. The aptitude for this work is one with the work; they are identical. He who experiences God working in the depths of his spirit has the aptitude for contemplation and no one else. For without God’s grace a person would be so completely insensitive to the reality of contemplative prayer that he would be unable to desire or long for it. You possess it to the extent that you will and desire to possess it, no more and no less.”

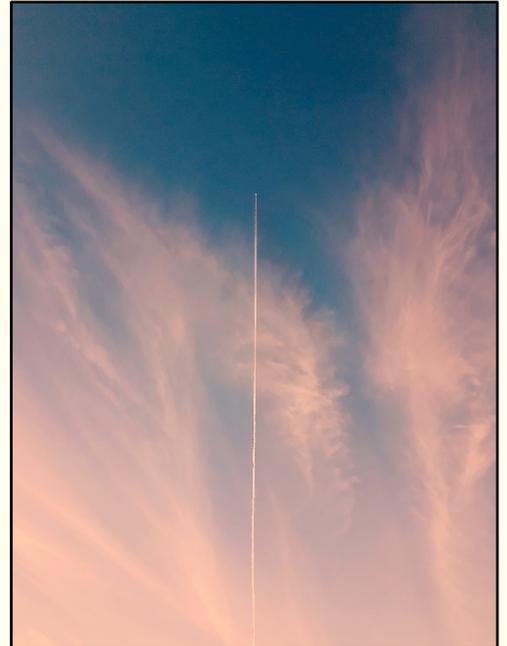


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I urge you all, dear readers, to obtain your own copy of this marvelous work and to read it cover to cover as the author urges you to do. Set it on your night stand.

RELATING TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Ron Shoemaker: In the Prayer Perfect on p. 40 of Vol. 1, TGRABJ, God is referred to as “our Father”. Rather than using the word “God” which is impersonal and can create distance, the choice is made to use the word “Father”, indicating a close, warm personal relationship with all of His children. No one is excluded. The Prayer then goes on to mention that our Father is all Holy, loving and merciful. To me this means that He is the one Being in all reality that is the perfect embodiment and manifestation of Divine Love. And we, as His creations, His children, are not subservient, sinful or depraved creatures, but are in fact the greatest of His creations and the most wonderful of all His handiworks. Each one of us is the object of our Father’s Love and tenderest care.

With this quality of resume, the expectation must have been high for the most wonderful of our Father’s handiworks. Hopefully we will all remember this as we rise from our slumber to begin a new day.

Eva Peck: We know that God is soul and each of us is also a soul. In addition, the messages suggest that God has a mind, we have a mind, and our soul has a mind, which when transformed by God’s Love will take over or absorb the physical mind. Jesus says in his message about the soul: “The mind—that is, the mind as known to mankind—becomes, as it were, nonexistent; and this mind, and as some say, the carnal mind, becomes displaced and replaced by the mind of the transformed soul, which is in substance and quality, and to a degree, the Mind of Deity, Itself. (TGRABJ, Vol. 1, p. 107)

Time and time again, James Padgett was told, that his mind just didn't get much of what was being revealed to him. Our minds are simply limited, as is our language. Using words we are familiar with, we get just a bare inkling, a dim reflection, or to use the KJV Bible phrase, "we see through the glass darkly". I remember from one of my theology classes some years ago, the concept of what is called *via negativa*. It comes from Latin and basically means the need to realize that spiritual concepts are not the same as what the words mean in a literal or physical sense. For example, God is our Father, but He is not literally our Father in most aspects that our physical father is. Similarly, God's mind is not like our mind – it would have to be infinitely more powerful to design all that exists not just on earth, but also in the universe/multiverse or whatever else exists that we just don't have the slightest idea about. Our mind compared to God's may well be like an ant's mind next to ours!

Yet, despite our minds and language being limited, we have a two-fold hope. Firstly, as we seek Divine Love, we will grow in our soul perceptions and understanding of our soul, God's soul and mind, and a myriad other things. Ann Rollins says: "... you will see the great advantage in striving to enter the spheres of the soul or the Divine Heavens; for in doing so, you will not only gain your soul's development but also the development of your mental qualities and your moral nature also. And thus you will understand the great saying of the Bible: 'Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.'" (TGRABJ, Vol. 2, p. 80)



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Secondly, while we wait on the earth till the Celestial Kingdom to even partially understand the above things and more, we can still build a relationship with our loving heavenly Father and seek His Love and mercy, as well as help in times of need. As the Prayer Perfect tells us, He is "the loving Father who smiles upon us in our weakness and is always ready to help us and take us to His arms of Love."

Joseph Babinsky: Each of us relates to our Heavenly Father in our own unique way depending on our personality, background and experience. Here is one man's approach:

"I love you heavenly Father," I began. In words similar to these, is how I normally begin to pray. I realize many people do not pray aloud, but I do. Sometimes I do pray in silence, but not often. And when I do pray silently, it usually comes toward the end of a vocalized prayer.

I learned to pray the way that I do many years ago and I find it most helpful to have an intimate conversation with God using the voice. I visualize the voice as being the instrument of the soul. I am a soul, that's the real me, and my soul is clothed in a spirit body and housed temporarily in this physical body. I know that our Father "hears" the yearnings and longings of my soul without spoken words, but I tend to believe that God also loves to hear the sound of our voice lifted up in prayer.

This morning's prayer was rich and beautiful, and my soul felt gentle waves of Love flowing into it. As I am typing these words, there is a smile on my face; this is an expression of the smile in my soul. And I feel that there is a brighter "sparkle" in my eyes because of the presence of the Divine Love in my soul. Deeper than this, though, there is the peace that I feel that passes all understanding.

For the various ways how members in the Community pray, see
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GodsDivineLove/permalink/2526148747663127/> and
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GodsDivineLove/permalink/2527736400837695/>

DLSF 2019 HIGHLIGHTS (JEANNE FIKE)

The Mission of Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation (DLSF) is to “Awaken humankind to the wonders of Divine Love and to be channels of love, peace and healing for our planet.” Its goals are to facilitate gatherings locally and globally in prayer, healing and learning about the spiritual practice of receiving Divine Love.



Fitzroy Falls, Australia—supplied by Jeanne Fike

Besides our hard working and dedicated Board Members, we are blessed to have a network of volunteers transcribing, editing and distributing contemporary messages received through three Divine Love Mediums. We welcomed several new volunteers to our international team who co-hosted Circles of Light in their homes, communities and online; assisted with publications, facilitated workshops, healing, yoga and Sound Baths and helped to cook and serve meals at our Retreat Centre in Gibsons.

The following outreaches and activities were made possible by the efforts of some amazing “Angels on Earth” as well as Angels from Heaven.

Divine Love Circles of Light

Circles were held regularly in West Vancouver, Gibsons, and First United Spiritualist Church, Burnaby, BC. An estimated 75 individuals participated in these Circles of Light.

Divine Love Circles of Light in Retreat

Personal, weekend and multi-day retreats were ongoing during 2019 with 134 “sleep overs” at the home of the Fikes.

Online Circles of Light

Online Circles of Light hosted every other Sunday expanded with the addition of Online Circles on the first and third Tuesdays to accommodate residents “down under”. In June 2019, Online Circles expanded again with weekly meetings on Fridays. There have been 95 participants with an estimated average of 20 regular participants in any session. Almost 120 messages from the Celestial realms were received online using Zoom Video Conferencing – far surpassing the number of messages received during in-person circles.

WhatsApp LightBringers Group

LightBringers now has 74 participants from time zones in Australia, Asia, Africa, Hawaii, Europe, and across North America, while Divine Love Conversations has 24 group members. LightBringers is also used as the platform for posting audio recordings of channeled messages within minutes or hours after they are received.

Divine Love Website Forum

In 2019, the number of posts in the forum approached 13,600 with 1,436 topics and 393 members. The most popular topic was “Does diet play a role in one’s Spiritual Progress?”

Divine Love Radio

Divine Love Radio (WDLR) founded by Brooke Folk has listed 25 episodes since February 2018. DLSF has been part of 11 episodes. A total of 1,325 listened to the 25 episodes, averaging 50 downloads per episode.

Portals of Light

The number of portals of light in the world continues to increase.

Divine Love Sanctuary Facebook Forum (Group)

The Divine Love Sanctuary Facebook Group was started in late April 2019 by Beth Mazur to create a place where people could share spiritual experiences and inspire others on their journey of praying for God's Divine Love. The Facebook group 'meets people where they are' ... serving as an intermediate communication channel between Lightbringers and the Forum on the DSLF website. Since its launch, the group has more than doubled, growing from an initial 43 members to 106 members. The group has been very successful at engaging participants with nearly 600 posts and 4,200 comments.

First United Spiritualist Church

Al Fike, Darlene Gaunt, Raphael Legros and Ellen Hovan were elected to the FUSC Board of Directors in January 2019. Raphael, Darlene, and Maureen Cardoso facilitate Divine Love Circles of Light and give monthly talks at the Sunday services, as do Al and Jeanne. Fourteen people participated in a Divine Love Mediumship program and up to 20 people have attended Circles of Light.

Soul Awakening Tours and Retreats

Eastern U.S., March 15 – April 20: Seven retreats with a total of about 75 participants were hosted in Florida, on a Caribbean Cruise, in Meyersdale and Monroeville, PA, Queens and Manhattan, N.Y., and St. Louis, MO.

Australia and Hawaii, Oct 31 – Dec 9: Five retreats with a total of 66 participants were hosted in Punaluu and Waianae, Hawaii; and Sydney, Fitzroy Falls, and Eudlo, Australia.

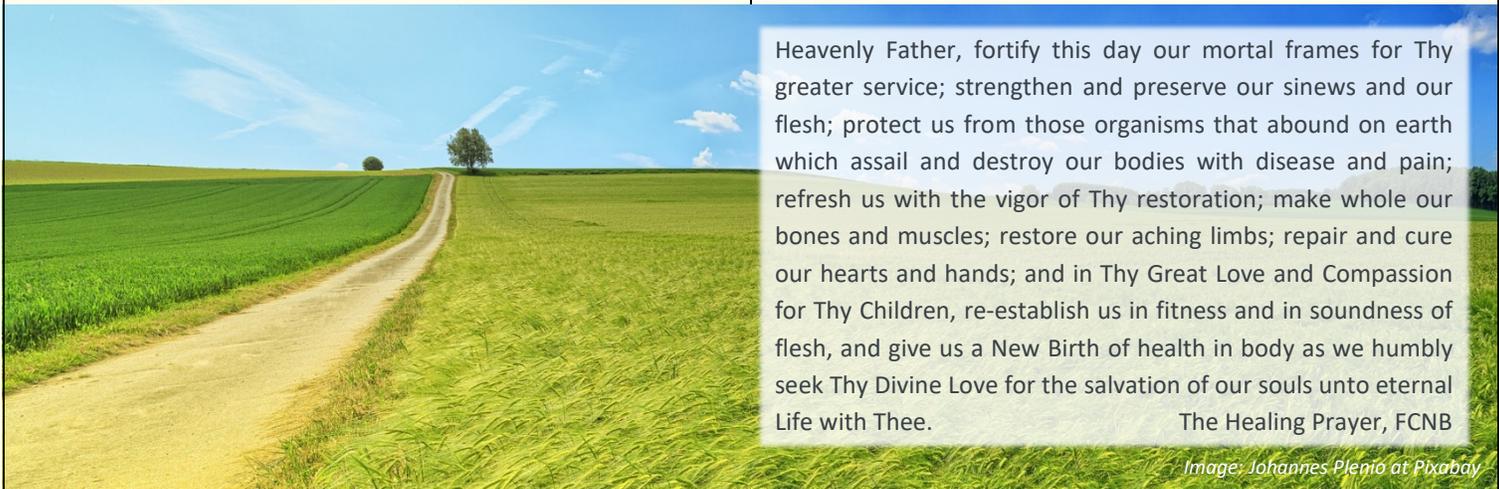
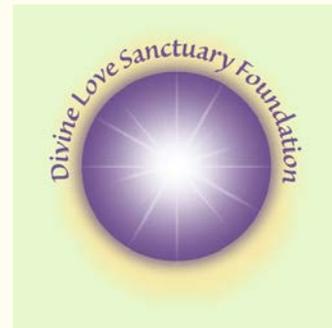
Messages Received

Four Divine Love mediums – Al Fike, Jimbeau Walsh, Maureen Cardoso, and Susan Lytton-Hitchins – channelled 641 messages.

Mailchimp:

The DLSF board wishes to express our deepest gratitude to Kevin O'Neill (New Jersey) for his transcribing and sending out messages and sending announcements to 340+ participants via Mailchimp every Sunday. Kevin also manages a Mailchimp list of 95 participants for Online Circles of Light and 42 contacts for the First United Spiritualist Church. Geoff Cutler has been sending out ten messages a week to about 100 subscribers. If you are hungering to receive more contemporary messages, [visit this page to sign up](#).

For more details, you can read the complete 2019 DLSF Report [here](#).



Heavenly Father, fortify this day our mortal frames for Thy greater service; strengthen and preserve our sinews and our flesh; protect us from those organisms that abound on earth which assail and destroy our bodies with disease and pain; refresh us with the vigor of Thy restoration; make whole our bones and muscles; restore our aching limbs; repair and cure our hearts and hands; and in Thy Great Love and Compassion for Thy Children, re-establish us in fitness and in soundness of flesh, and give us a New Birth of health in body as we humbly seek Thy Divine Love for the salvation of our souls unto eternal Life with Thee.

The Healing Prayer, FCNB

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POETRY CORNER (BILL FRASE)

The Resurrection of the Soul

After the fight,
Death on all sides.
Wounded, I choke
On dust and smoke.

Left for dead
On the field,
My heart screams,
"Please, save me!"

Heaven's sparks fall
And melt the shell
That's made my heart
So cold and hard.

Tendrils of smoke curl
As defenses burn
Away while I die.
Still the ashes lie.



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A soft breeze blows
The dry dust away.
Kindling a small flame
As new life grows.

Feathers unfurl.
Heart springs to life.
Lungs with fresh air fill.
New eyes open wide.

I see birds of flame
Gently bending down

Helping the dying
To catch holy fire.

Young wings of light beat
Against the scorched dirt
Spraying sparks and dust
While achieving lift.

Hearing a loud cry
I come alongside
Knowing the deep pain
Of true life denied.

The mind clings to death,
An unwelcome friend,
For fear of losing
Its soul-killing gains.

New life and hope arise
As the hard walls dissolve
In streaming phoenix tears'
Healing flow of Love-Light.

FCDT DIVINE LOVE BOOKS AND MINISTERS' HANDBOOK AVAILABLE

- The FCDT has several cases of its books – *Angelic Revelations, Volume 2*, *New Testament Revelations of Jesus of Nazareth*, and *What Happens After You Die* – that are free to ministers and followers for distribution. The books can be donated to libraries, used book stores, and charity organizations in your area. If interested, please contact [Holly](#).
- *Divine Love Ministers Handbook* is available to purchase directly from [Lulu](#). Its main purpose is to assist those who conduct public ceremonies (e.g., weddings, child blessings, church services, etc.). [Rev. Jimbeau Walsh](#) is also offering a deluxe version in a "day-planner" ring binder for those who intend to use the Handbook for public ceremonies on an ongoing basis. The deluxe version allows rearranging of pages and insertion of the minister's own material.

FCNB IMAGE ARCHIVE (ELIZABETH MORANA)

The Foundation Church of the New Birth, Inc. is able to provide a 64GB flash drive to anyone interested in helping to preserve the scanned images (22,000+ pages) of ALL the known-to-exist messages (autographs, handwritten manuscripts, and typed transcripts) that came through Mr. James Padgett and Dr. Daniel Samuels – including both published and unpublished messages. These images are easily accessed as they are listed in order of date received. We feel it is imperative that copies of these images be held in many places throughout the world to safeguard them in a way that the Jesus' original teachings were not able to be preserved. Also, these images are of use to anyone wishing to publish them on their own website, or to

carry out research on them. To request a flash drive of images, please email us at newbirth@divinelove.org or write us at Post Office Box 6, Williamsville, New York, 14231, U.S.A. We suggest a donation of \$25 to cover related costs.

Postage costs vary widely, based on destination. Suggested donations are always optional and depend on the financial ability of the individual. Donations, which can be easily made via the Donate button at the bottom of the [FCNB Home page](#), also help to cover our monthly cost of \$115 for preserving the original, physical messages in a climate-controlled storage facility. All board members and ministers serve as volunteers.

MEMBER NEWS

- **Christian Blandin**, with the assistance of others, has translated into French and published Volume 3 of *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*. The book is available on Amazon as a [Kindle](#) and [paperback](#) version, and also on [Lulu](#). Christian is grateful to Al and Jeanne Fike for their invaluable support and soliciting prayers on his behalf, and to Elizabeth Morana for providing Amazon with letters attesting to his rights to translate and publish the TGRABJ volumes whose copyright is held by the FCNB. Translations of *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*, Volume 1, Volume 2, and Volume 3 are also at Christian's [website](#). Translation of TGRABJ, Vol. 4, is in progress. Also available on the website are translations of [Dr. Samuels' mediated messages](#) and [Judah's book](#).
- **Klaus Fuchs** has redesigned his [website](#) and added a *Download* section, where visitors can download PDF copies of the Padgett Messages collections and other Divine Love books written or translated by Community members. Books are available in English, German and French.
- **DLSF** is pleased to announce a new collection of 85 Celestial messages entitled *Earth Changes and the Spiritual Awakening of Humanity*. **Karen Lyons** has compiled relevant excerpts from messages about God's Plan for the Salvation of Mankind received from 2015 to 2020 through the trance mediumship of **Al Fike**. Generally, these messages were received during Divine Love Prayer Circles with anywhere from two to forty participants silently praying for God's Divine Love. The collection is available from the DLSF website [here](#) or under the [Celestial Message Collections](#).
- **Jimbeau Walsh** was invited to speak on February 3 to a Zoom group hosted by Victor and Wendy Zammit, founding members of AREI (Afterlife Research and Education Institute). He spoke about the soul and his presentation was very well received. It can be watched [here](#).
- **Brooke Folk** has been injecting Divine Love comments and snippets of mediated messages into his weekly column, "Tales from the Trail" (including tales from the trail of life) in The New Republic, a local Meyersdale, PA, newspaper featuring the Great Allegheny Passage rails to trails hiking and biking trail. As of February 27th, the contents of the column can also be heard on an online podcast. A Divine Love message is part two of the program, keeping to a half-hour or less duration. To tune in, click [here](#).

HELP NEEDED

- **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 Spanish, French, German, Danish, Norwegian, Czech, Hungarian 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.
- **Jimbeau Walsh**, with the assistance of **Tim Foley**, would like to compile a songbook for use at Divine Love services, retreats and prayer circles. If you have a song or a hymn that is 'public domain' or one that you have the songwriter's permission to use, please feel free to send it along with the **lyrics and chords/melody** to [Jimbeau](#).
- **DLSF** is looking for volunteer assistance to reformat messages into Lulu Template for self-publishing. More volunteers are needed to transcribe messages. Contact [Jeanne](#) if you'd like to be part of the DLSF team!

How the redeemed soul is saved from the penalties that sin and error has brought upon it.

I am here, Jesus.

I desire to write tonight on the subject of how the redeemed soul is saved from the penalties which sin and error has brought upon it.

When the soul is in a condition of sin and error it is not responsive to the inflowing of the Holy Spirit, and in order to get into a condition of receptivity to these influences it must have an awakening as to its actual condition of enslavement by these things; and until such an awakening comes to it there is no possibility of its receiving the Love of God into it, and of turning its thoughts to the Truths of God and to the practices of life that will help it in its progress towards a condition of freedom.

I would not have mankind believe that any soul is compelled to stay in this condition of slavery to sin until the Holy Spirit comes to it with the Father's Love to bestow it in all abundance, for the mission of the Holy Spirit is not to awaken man's soul to a realization of sin and death, but merely to bring to that soul this Love when it, the soul, is ready to receive it.

The awakening must come from other causes that influence the mind as well as the soul, and cause them to realize that the life man lives is not the correct life or one in accord with the demands of the laws of God, or with the real longings of their own hearts and souls. Until this awakening comes the soul is really dead so far as its having a consciousness of the existence of the truths of its redemption is concerned, and such death means a continuance in such thoughts of sin and evil, and in the life which leads only to condemnation and death for long long years, it may be.

But to come nearer to my point of discourse. The soul that is existing in sin and error will have, sooner or later, to pay the penalties for such sin and error, and there is no escape from the payment of these penalties except in the redemption that the Father has provided by the New Birth. These penalties are only the natural results of the operation of God's laws and they must be endured until the full penalty is paid. Even though a man may progress to higher condition of soul excellence and have much happiness, yet he must pay the last farthing and thus release himself from these penalties.

With much love,
I am your friend and brother,
Jesus.

Excerpt from TGRABJ, Vol. I, P. 323

Life is short and time is fleeting, even though a man may live his allotted time of three score and ten years, and there is no place in all God's universe where it is so important that man should start on his way to eternal progress as in the earth life. There the soul should have its awakening and be fed with thoughts and strivings for the things spiritual. When the start is thus made on earth, it is so much easier for the continuous progress of the soul in the spirit world, if not the awakening may be delayed for years, and the progress which follows it may be and generally is very slow.

So I say, let men not devote so much of their time to those things which are of time only, and while they remain in the world of time until the mortal becomes a spirit. Thoughts are things and when applied to man's spiritual development they are things of the most vital importance. A little thought may start a soul to a dormant, hardly living state, or cause it to grow and increase into a thing of beauty and harmony with the spiritual possibilities of its possessor. And as it has been said, where your treasures are, there will your heart be also, so also will your thoughts that turn man's soul into darkness or light.