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In loving dedication to all travelers upon the Divine Love Path.

"There is great hope when a soul walks this Path in the world.

There is great hope for this world when this Light shines and this Love of God is manifest.

And you are truly loved, truly loved, and you will find the joy in your own redemption.

It will come.

It can only come because the power of the Love within your soul must make it so."

Apostle Luke, through A. F. on March 11, 2016.

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#### **Preface**

This book is for you my friend, you who wish to seek for the meaning of life, the purpose of soul, who and what God is, the spiritual ways of living, what happens after death, etc. Many answers are given and hidden in wonderful messages received from the side of spirit. One such work is the teachings by Jesus and other Celestial Angels received through the gift of automatic writing by a lawyer, James E. Padgett, during the early years of the twentieth century.

This is a book for you, who is a seeker of Truth. It is for you who asked me about my spiritual life. What is it exactly that I follow? A new church? A new cult or religious movement? No my friend, I discovered God's Love, His Touch of Grace and realized how deeply each one of us is loved by our Creator. The revelations of Jesus' teachings as

presented in the 'Padgett Messages' had a profound impact on me. It all started with a soulful prayer moments after a cry of deepest despair, aloneness and lost-ness. It was then that my soul journey started, discovering something hidden in me, squashed by a strong mind and intellectual perception of living. Despairing in the emptiness of a materialistically orientated world, I finally discovered the true waters of life freely flowing into me when I asked. The living waters being God's Divine Love, His own Substance, which He is willing to gift us with, provided we ask for in the way Jesus teaches. Thus, the door opened to my discovering the Truths as revealed by Jesus, who wrote the following through James Padgett on August 3, 1915:

"My truths are plain and my teachings can be understood by the simple. Any religion which requires the exercise of the mental faculties to an extent greater than what is required in the ordinary affairs of life, cannot be a true religion; because God has designed that all His children shall understand His Truths without the necessity of having a highly developed mind.

He that runs may understand my teachings and it will not be necessary for any preacher or teacher

to explain them. My language will explain itself. So let not your mind be troubled over the question as to whether only the mentally developed can understand what I may write - the truths are for all."

I invite you, my dear friend, to read what I am sharing here of my experiences in following this path of discovery of soul path. acknowledgment of the subtle transformative action that this Love brings. A discovery of the relationship to our Creator, a discovery of Love so deep that I never dared to dream of it. I can write only of my experience and my understanding as I perceive them at this point in time. I encourage you to discover yours, as each one has a unique relationship to our Creator, our Source of Being, a unique path of discovery. Please also note, that our perceptions change as we grow and I am only presenting here glimpses of my journey in its initial steps of finding solid footing upon this path.

As you read, you will discover that I am often using quotes from messages received through different mediums pertaining to these Truths revealed by Jesus. After the initial work of Padgett, several contemporary mediums are

dedicated to bringing us more lessons of Truth. Through their willingness and dedication to this path, they are able to reveal to us encouragements and support, teachings and help of our Celestial Guides. The purpose of the quotes is to integrate some nuggets of Truth and to give more authenticity and if you will, authority, to my writings. At the same time, the added reference next to the quote will provide you the opportunity to read the whole message and see the excerpt in its original context. I do vou to take time in further encourage investigation of Truth by going to the resources provided.

The resources I used are the Padgett Messages, the book "Judas of Kerioth" and other contemporary material received over the years. Please research the websites <a href="new-birth.net">new-birth.net</a> and <a href="divinelovesanctuary.com">divinelovesanctuary.com</a>

All information is available on these websites for further investigation.

I wish to use this opportunity to thank Terry Adler, Geoff Cutler and especially my family for their unwavering support in this endeavour. I give thanks for all the love and supporting prayers I have received. A special gratitude to my Heavenly

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Angels for always being there and for nudging me onward to start writing on this little book. My love and gratitude goes to Jesus, our beloved brother and Master of the Celestial Heavens for showing us The Way.

In deepest gratitude for the many blessings received,
I greet you my dear friend.

Helge E. Mercker, Swakopmund, Namibia January 15, 2017

#### Foreword

Our journey of life upon this Earth-plane is short and swift but has a great bearing upon where we will continue our life in spirit. We have the gift of 'Free Will' and are able to choose how we live our life and if and what spiritual path we pursue. Regarding the decision to follow the Divine Love Path, Andrew (now an inhabitant of the Celestial Heavens and a disciple of Jesus, as he was on earth) states: "You have a great advantage here on Earth, and as you pray for this (Divine) Love, and as it influences your choices and your actions, you are creating for yourself a wonderful heritage of Light, a wealth within your soul that will bring you to places of great Light and harmony in spirit when that time comes, the end of a short life in the world of material. For the world of spirit, life is much, much longer and you must consider this,

how you are indeed building for the future of your existence. Opening up to God in this way through His Love is a swift road for those who have faith and dedication and acknowledge the yearning of their souls for this Gift (Divine Love). . . . And when one chooses the Divine Path, as the soul is transformed and redeemed by this Love, there are unlimited possibilities, for God's Love, this energy, this Gift is unlimited. The potential for your soul to receive this Gift is unlimited. Therefore you walk a path for all eternity within this great Light of God and His Soul of Love and it is this Love that will be your life-force, that will enliven, transform and carry you to places unimagined, to awarenesses deeper than any ocean, to a capacity to love greater than all the love combined of all the peoples on this Earth, the capacity to love greater than all the love that is here at this moment in this world."1

With this excerpt of a message from Andrew it is clear how important it is to receive and live with the Divine Love even here on earth, for it is here that we build and determine our future in the world of spirit where we leave behind our earthly body and travel on with our soul enveloped by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Andrew through A. F. May 2, 2016.

our spirit body. It is not enough to simply know of this Divine Love: it must be active in our lives. It is important for us to learn what living with it on a daily basis means and how we can apply it practically.

Daily prayers and communion with God are the cornerstone of this life upon our pathway of Love Divine. It is a gentle path which does not need formalism or buildings or temples or preachers. No, it is simple, it is rather a way of life, a way of awakened living, a life of internal and eternal growth in Love, the Divine Love, an opening to God's Truths and an awareness of God's Presence, a purification and transformation of soul. The support of our Celestial Guides and Teachers help us to advance in our experiences of, and thus expressions of living with, this Divine Love.

Traversing the world of have and have-nots, of joy and pain, of harmony and abuse, of belonging and neglect, requires a strength that only the Love in our soul can uphold. It requires repeated efforts not only in the truthful soul longings for this Love, but also the expressing and demonstrating of this Love through our actions in our daily lives. The gifts laid into our soul when

God created it in the image of His Soul, which will be enhanced through the Presence of the Divine Love, will determine the actions we as a soul being desire to express. This creates a harmonious flow within God's Laws of Creation and His Will. Peacefulness and ever increasing joy and happiness are indicators of a truthful soul existence harmonized within the relationship with Our Source, Our Creator.

Judas through medium H<sup>2</sup> tells us that Jesus "after having explained the availability of the Father's Love and the New Birth, he went one step further and showed that the acquisition of God's Love forcibly must lead to more: The mortal must react. He cannot simply accrue Divine Love in his soul, but he must make use of It. In order to carry out its transforming activity, Divine Love needs the mortal's cooperation, like the leaven needs warmth to ferment the batch of dough. If there is no warmth, Divine Love becomes inactive, like those yeast cells in the state of latent life."

Thus, by living the Divine Love, loving as Jesus loves us and as he entreated us to love others

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> From the book 'Judas of Kerioth' pages 38 and 39.

through the 11th commandment,<sup>3</sup> we demonstrate acceptance of and gratitude for this wondrous Gift flowing in us and flowering to full glory in loving tribute to Our Father.

And so it will go on, in ebb and flow, in the living and giving inspired by the awareness of God's Presence within us as Love, the greatest attribute of His Divinity, gifted to us upon our humble requests. It rests upon us as to how to apply our gifts and talents. in the ever-growing companionship of our Celestial friends who guide us to greater opportunities for service to God, as disciples of Love ever attempting to express His Will. This requires that we always to be open hearted and open minded—a challenge in our world, especially now where we feel more and more the intensity of change upon us. Living in these unpredictable times it seems we increasingly need to relv upon our perceptions, "these perceptions serve not only the purpose of acquiring spiritual knowledge, but serve also for a better orientation in 'real life', as you now live it here on earth. They serve exactly for recognizing and distinguishing opportunities, and for thus being able to take

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> More on this later on page 189.

advantage of them, and to avoid imminent dangers."<sup>4</sup>

On the topic of living with Divine Love I wish to share in the coming writings the practical aspects or let us say, integral parts which make it a living experience rather than mental а acknowledgment. By reflecting upon the following aspects we will the expand understanding of living with the Divine Love. Please note, the order in which these topics are presented is not according to priority but rather as it came to me during my writings. All aspects are important as we shift through these, with one the other assuming greater or lesser importance at times. They are all very much interconnected and in constant flow and flux, as dynamic and active as life itself. Preceding these writings, I will briefly present you with the basic information of who we are as a being and our relationship to God, as revealed in the 'Padgett Messages'. This is to benefit the reader who is not familiar with these teachings.

With this I wish you much love and joy, not only in reading these writings, but also as we press

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Judas, 'Judas of Kerioth', p22.

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ahead accompanied by the ever guided presence of our Heavenly support, of God's Hand firmly upon us, as we grow, serve and live in ever greater clarity of purpose and with an ever greater capacity to Love.

#### Some aspects of the Divine Love Teachings

Through our commitment to this path of soul progression, this soul to Soul connection to God, aware that God is Soul and we are soul, we begin to develop a greater understanding as to who we really are. We peel away the layers of erroneous beliefs about ourselves and our understandings of the world and come closer to seeing the beauty that God created, in His image – who we are.

Here now, a brief overview of the three distinct parts of a soul-being, a creation of God, as was given by Jesus<sup>5</sup>: "Then, I say, the object of the incarnation of the soul is to give it an individualization, and this in two appearances;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>Jesus through Mr. James E. Padgett on March 21,</u> 1920.

first, in that of the physical form which men by their perception of their natural organs of sense can perceive, and secondly, a form that is more sublimated and generally invisible to these organs; a spiritual form. At the moment of incarnation the soul takes the form which has been prepared for it by the forces that exist in the parents and retains that form during the natural life: and at the same moment there is created for it or attracted to it, the form of the spirit body, which then and ever afterwards remains with it. Both of these bodies are of the material: one of the visible material of the universe, the other of the invisible but still of the material. As you know, that body which is made of the visible material lasts for a little while only and then disappears forever, while that which is of the invisible, and which is more real and substantial than the former and exists all the time of the existence of the visible, continues with the soul after the disappearance of the visible body; and while changeable in response to the progress of that soul, yet the spirit body never in its composite form leaves that soul. This we in the spirit life know to be true, just as certainly as you mortals know the truth of the existence of the physical body. And as you mortals may in the short space of the life on earth identify the man—which is really the soul—by the appearance of his physical body, so we in the spirit world identify the same man by the appearance of the spirit body, and so this fact must be forever. Then such being the fact, it must be conceived that the soul has its existence in the physical body for an infinitesimal short time; that is, its life on earth is only the breath of a moment, and then it enters on its career through eternity, and after a few years, as you may say, it may cease to remember that it ever had a lodgment in the physical body."

Now we will go into more detail of the three different parts of the one being:

#### 1. The Soul

Jesus wrote through Mr. Padgett giving us more information on the soul: "There is nothing in the material world that will afford a basis of comparison with the soul, and hence, it is difficult for men to comprehend the nature and qualities of the soul by the mere intellectual perceptions and reason, and in order to understand the nature of this great creation—the soul—men must have something of a spiritual development and the possession of what may be known as the soul perceptions. Only soul can understand soul,

and the soul that seeks to comprehend the nature of itself, must be a live soul, with its faculties developed to a small degree, at least."<sup>6</sup>

The human soul is a creature (or creation) of God and not an emanation from Him, and which before its creation had no existence. It has not existed from the beginning of eternity, this means that there was a time when the human soul had no existence; and whether there will ever come a time when any human soul will cease to have an existence is unknown. Jesus further states: "But this I do know, that whenever the human soul partakes of the Essence of the Father, and thereby becomes Divine itself, and the possessor of His Substance of Love, that soul realizes to a certainty that it is Immortal, and can never again become less than Immortal. As God is Immortal, the soul that has been transformed into the Substance of the Father becomes Immortal."

Thus the soul was created by the Father, and when it was made the highest and most perfect of all God's creation, to such an extent that it was made in God's image and the only part of man that was made in His image. The soul has its

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Jesus through Mr. Padgett on March 2, 1917.

Natural love and its attributes and qualities, (such as his intellect, appetites and passions, wisdom, thought, the sense of justice and mercy,- all of which are merely appendages or means of given to that soul). manifestation development of these attributes is a function of the Spirit of God; the Holy Spirit on the other hand, conveys the Divine Essence into the soul when asked for: "But this soul, great and wonderful as it is, was created in the mere image and likeness of God, and not in or of His Substance or Essence, . . . and may cease to exist without any part of the Divine nature or Substance of the Father being lessened or in any way affected. . . . While the soul of man is of the highest order of creation, and his attributes and qualities correspond, yet he is no more divine in essential constituents, than are the lower objects of creation - they each being a creation, and not an emanation, of their Creator."

The soul can never become anything different or greater than the perfect man, unless he receives and possesses the Divine Essence and qualities of the Father, which he did not possess at his creation; only thus could the perfectly created man become the Divine Angel.

The creation of the soul took place long before the appearance of man on earth as a mortal, and the soul prior to such appearance, had its existence in the spirit world as a substantial conscious entity, although without visible form and individuality, but yet having a distinct personality, so that it was different and distinct from every other soul. "The spirit world is filled with these unincarnated souls, awaiting the time of their incarnation, and we spirits know of and sense their presence, and yet with our spirit eyes we cannot see them, and not until they become dwellers in the human form and in the spirit body that inhabits that form, can we see the individual soul."7 The unincarnated soul is a duality which splits during the incarnation process for each half to enter protective 'encapsulation' which is in the form of a physical—and spirit body.

"The soul is a thing of itself, alone. A substance real, though invisible to mortals. The discerner and portrayer of men's moral and spiritual condition—never dying, so far as known, and the real ego of the man. In it are centred the love principle, the affections, the appetites and the passions, and possibilities of receiving and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Jesus through Mr. Padgett, March 2, 1917.

possessing and assimilating those things that will either elevate man to the state or condition of the Divine Angel or the perfect man, or lower him to the condition that fits him for the hells of darkness and suffering."<sup>8</sup>

Now, the other two parts of our being are:

#### 2. The Spirit Body

The spirit body which is the home of the soul, is part of a mortal during life on earth or when passing into the spirit world. Such mortals who died and left their physical, earthly body behind, are not nebulous, unformed and invisible existences; they have a reality of substance, more real and enduring, than has man as a mortal, and are in form and features visible and subject to touch and the object of the spiritual senses.

"These spirit faculties, which man calls the intellect and the five senses, are a part of the spirit body which is enclosed in the material body and which in turn encloses the soul. When the material body dies, the spirit body continues to exist and live on in the world of spirit, and with it and as continuing parts of it, these intellectual

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> <u>Jesus through Mr. Padgett, March 2, 1917.</u>

faculties, performing all their functions free from the limitations that the physical organs placed upon them."9

#### 3. The Material Body

"The body, as you and all men know, has an existence which lasts only during the life of the mortal on earth, and after that life ends, dissolves into its elements, which no more can form the same body either in the mortal world or in the spirit world, for these elements are merely things of matter and may be and are used to form other bodies and manifestations of the material of nature; not necessarily in the form of human beings, for they enter into other forms both animal and vegetable, and are so disseminated that never again will they become parts of a resurrected body. Your orthodox do not teach this truth, but think in some mysterious way that the mortal body will sometime be resurrected.

"No, the body when it has performed its function of maintaining and shielding the soul and spirit of man during his earth life, is no longer and cannot thereafter be a part of that man, and may be considered as something that is no longer a part

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Jesus through Mr. Padgett on March 23, 1916.

of him.

"This body though, even during the life of the mortal is not the same body during that life, for continually are there changes in the elements that compose that body; and one element or set of elements gives place to others and becomes lost or absorbed in the great sea of elements that help form or constitute the universe of God." <sup>10</sup>

In the coming writings, you will see that much emphasis is placed on the soul as our path involves the purification and transformation of soul, from a human soul into a divine soul through the New-Birth. In the following few paragraphs we want to find out more about how we incarnate as a soul, what is the driving force behind it, and how is it that our lives and experiences are so different from each other. Some are seeking a spiritual path while others are living only for material gain or power. Why are we so different? The fact is we have choice.

The soul is subject to the will of man, his free will. God in His Grace and Humility gave upon creation of the human soul, which is made in His image, the great gift of 'free will'. It is interesting to see

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>Jesus through Mr. Padgett on March 23rd, 1916.

the workings of free will even prior to the incarnation of the soul as described here by Mary, mother of Jesus: "Prior to the incarnation of the soul it was able to utilize its free will. Although the perceptions of the soul were undeveloped, it realized opportunities to exercise this gift of will, for the soul 'desired' to individualize. Unformed thoughts are one way to describe emotion, and what drives emotion and thought is desire. From the moment of our creation, our free will responded to our soul's desire to begin its progress and become actualized." 11

"God . . . gave to man that great gift of will, free and not subject to His control, and then man became the responsible being that he is. But in giving man this great gift, He did not relinquish or subordinate His will to that of man nor did He confer upon man the power to change or modify His immutable laws, which He, Himself, will not do. And within the limitations that man can exercise his will, that is when such exercise does not interfere with the will of God or His laws, man may exercise that will with impunity, and without responsibility, as it were, but when in the exercise

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Mother Mary, March 24, 2001 received by A. R.

of that will he infringes upon the will of God or violates one of His laws, then, while man is not controlled in the exercise of his will, yet for such violation he must pay the penalty which such violation calls into operation."<sup>12</sup>

Thus man has free will in every moment of his life; in every instant he has this valuable gift of choice. His choices will dictate his future life in the spirit world, and those choices outside the laws of God and in disharmony with God, will determine his location in the spirit world. The sooner he realizes the responsibility for his violations, the sooner his progression can begin. This brings us to the question as to how does the exercise of the free will affect or determine the two potential destinies of the soul?

#### **The Two Destinations**

To answer this question it is important to understand what the two destinations are for the soul. One is the Natural Love Path, which is the pathway of developing the moral attributes and the intellect, and the purification of the soul in its natural love, the love that was bestowed upon it upon creation. The final destination point is in the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup>Jesus, through Mr. Padgett, December 25, 1915.

Spirit Heavens (or also Kingdom of God in the Spirit World). Its location would be in the 6th Spirit Sphere where the inhabitants live happily and in perfect harmony with God, in a state of a perfect man, the state in which the first parents were before their fall.

The other is the pathway of soul development and soul progression in the Divine Love, also known as the Divine Love Path. The Gift available to all mankind is the Divine Love, the very Essence of God in His Love. Through soul longings and earnest prayer and faith, this Love may be bestowed upon the soul through the workings of the Holy Spirit as mentioned before. The final destination point is the Celestial Heaven, with its location above the Seventh Spirit Sphere. Upon entrance into this Heaven, the human soul is born into a soul of Divinity. This is also known as the New Birth, as per Jesus' teachings.

Both pathways are bringing the human soul into perfect harmony with God, where "the one is of God, that partakes of His very nature (Divine Love Path—reaching the Celestial Heavens), while the other is also of God, but does not partake of His nature, but is only a creation intended to make man happy and perfect in his condition of the

mere man—the merely created existence (Natural Love Path—reaching the highest of the Spirit Heavens)."<sup>13</sup>

"And because of the great gift of free will to man, truth itself, with all the power and knowledge of the Father back of it, will not compel a man to accept it against his will, and hence, as man is very fallible and thinks and believes according as his finite, mental faculties convince him that a certain thing is or is not true, he will not be willing to surrender his convictions until the truth shall come to him in such a way as to persuade him of its reality; and as men differ so much in the operations of their minds and reasoning faculties there will necessarily be a great division among them as to what is and what is not true." 14

"But men have the great gift of free will, and the exercise of that gift towards the seeking and finding of this Love seems to be a difficulty that will prevent a large majority of the human race from receiving this great redemptive boon." <sup>15</sup>

The above statements indicate the difficulty man

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> John, through Mr. Padgett February 19, 1919.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>Jesus, through Mr. Padgett December 25, 1915.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>Jesus, through Mr. Padgett March 3, 1915.

has to find and accept truth; through his free will he might turn away from asking for the Divine Love. God does not force His Love into the souls of men but honours man's free will. It is man's option whether to use his free will in asking for God's Love through prayer and soul longings or to purify his soul as set forth by God's laws (The Law of Compensation) and develop his natural love. Thus, it is a man's choice, through the gift of free will, to become either the perfect man or a Divine Angel.

In our investigation thus far we have acquired the knowledge that our soul is the entity that is capable of receiving the Divine Love from our Heavenly Father through the workings of the supplications of the man himself to God and God's response through the Holy Spirit, that spirit of God's Spirit, that has the function of working on the souls of men. Now, let us have a closer look at who and what God is, what it means to assert that God is Soul, God is Love. In the next section we will investigate God and how our soul can develop and receive salvation, as has been described to us through messages from Jesus and other Celestial Angels.

#### The Soul of God

All of us have an innate knowing that there is something bigger, a Creator, an Oversoul, a great White Spirit, Source of all. Through our soul's existence, though oftentimes without conscious awareness, we long to be close to It, seek Its help and affection. Most often, once we have an intellectual understanding of the knowing of God, the search begins in a spiritual or soul urge to find God. During our God seeking quest, as our soul awareness of God grows through the attainment of His gift of Divine Love, one develops a wholehearted desire to do the Father's Will. Through this process of soul evolution and God awareness, one recognizes to a greater extent who God is. God is real, a Being with whom one can have a personal relationship. God is unchangeable, full of Love and Mercy. His Presence is felt in every way and one increasingly knows, He is a God of Love, Power and Wisdom. He is not far off, but so near and close to us, in a way that His influence of Love and beneficence can be felt. As we grow closer to God, we can definitely feel His Love, solicitude and sympathy, His gentle caring, His personal relation to His children. Through prayer, this personal relationship becomes stronger and stronger.

In the writings received by the gifted medium

James Padgett, many more truths were revealed to us about God and the provisions He has for the happiness and salvation of His children, His creatures. Herewith a more detailed description of God's Being and characteristics:

To help us understand and recognize God, who God is, what God is, we are given a description of Attributes disclosing His character and qualities to us. These qualities or attributes emanate from His great Soul. Firstly, we need to understand that God has personality and is not a nebulous being, or an entity of "force, principle or evolved laws"—but rather Soul with personality. Luke asserts that God has personality with the following: "I know it is difficult for the mere mind to comprehend this great truth of God having a personality, yet it is a truth, . . . And here is another fact in connection with this great truth, and that is that only the spirits who have experienced the New Birth . . . . will ever be able to perceive this great truth of the personality of God."16

Thus, these attributes of God do not constitute God, but are merely qualities which He possesses

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>Luke, through Mr. Padgett November 22, 1915.

and which in their workings upon the hearts and souls of men emanate and flow from Him, His personality. The following passage explains it in Jesus' words: "God has a personality, and this is expressed and made known to man by certain attributes, which to the consciousness of man is existent in the universe . . . . These manifested attributes or forces and powers and principles and laws and expressions do not, all together, constitute or be that from which they flow or in which they have their source. God is Himself, alone. His Attributes or expressions manifested to mortals or spirits are only the results or effects of the workings of His Spirit, which Spirit is only the active energy of His Soul—Himself." 17

Before we look at the working of God's Spirit, which is the active energy of His Soul, bringing about and manifesting His attributes and expressions, we shall consider what those attributes and expressions are. God's Love, Divine Love, is surely the greatest Attribute of God. Another is Truth, which is certainly indisputable inasmuch as He is the Creator of all that is. Further attributes are His Goodness, Wisdom, Kindness, Mercy, Forgiveness, Solicitude,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>Jesus, through Mr. Padgett May 25, 1917.

Sympathy, Tenderness, Omniscience, Majesty and Omnipotence; as "God is back of force and principle and law, which are only expressions of His Being, and which without Him could not exist; and they are only existences, changeable, dependent and subject to the Will of God, . . . . "<sup>18</sup> We can also add the gift of 'Life' as He, through His Spirit, gives and removes life.

I wish to elaborate a little on the Spirit of Life with the help of valuable information given through the messages from the book 'Judas of Kerioth': "The Spirit of Life needs matter for its activity. If it finds adequate matter to confer life upon it, it enters and launches a process, which science doesn't understand so far, the miracle of life. The spirit of life always depends on the operation of matter. Life, therefore, as we know it on the planet Earth, 'material' life, is not an attribute of matter, but it is something external, an energy emanating from God's Soul, an energy which comes and which leaves (death)."

"The soul survives the physical death, that is to say, it continues living when the spirit of life abandons the material body. The soul contains an

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>Jesus, through Mr. Padgett May 25, 1917.

intrinsic vital force, and it doesn't depend on the aforementioned spirit. This intrinsic force is the object of studies in the spirit world; rather fruitless studies so far. And therefore the question, whether man's soul will continue to live through all eternity, still lacks an answer. Nor can I answer this question. Divinity, on the other hand, also entails a characteristic which we call life, but it is of a completely different nature, because it belongs to the Divine Kingdom. It is life, as the Father owns it, which doesn't know a beginning nor an end, because it is eternal. When man's soul acquires the Substance of God little by acquires simultaneously little. it also corresponding attributes, and among them is life 'eternal' "19

"Incorporating Divine Love, the human soul acquires this endless life, the same as God is endless. In the moment of the total transformation of the soul, there remains nothing more of the original substance, and there remains nothing of its original life, there is only eternal Divine life."

"Material life is of a completely different quality

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>Judas, Judas of Kerioth p 45.

from the soul's life. It is external and not intrinsic in matter. Only beings who have a soul, that is, the human beings, can "survive" the body's physical death, in other words, the life of the soul is some sort of separate life, apart from the "organic" life of matter. And following this line of thought, the life of the Divine Soul is of still another category than the life of the purely human soul. It is not true, therefore, that the transformed soul simply acquires true immortality like a continuation of the human soul's life, but rather it is a completely new quality, only possible through the transformation into the Divine"

"The spirit body does not require the spirit of life, because it is like a "material extension" of the soul. It is always under construction, if this expression is admitted, and for that reason reflects the condition of soul. The mind and the senses, which have their seat in the spiritual body, are also subject to this continuous change. In the non-Divine soul, these functions continue strongly, because the soul continues using and trusting these functions of the spiritual body, while in the case of the Divine soul, the ascendance of this soul is so strong that the mind and the senses of the spiritual body wither, since

the soul no longer uses them nor needs them. The spiritual body, in the Celestial world, eventually "degenerates" to a simple appendix of the soul, which practically no longer exercises any other function than that of maintaining individuality."<sup>20</sup>

Let us return to God's Soul and Its Attributes. God's Nature can be affirmed by the following: "God is Soul, and Soul is God, . . . the soul that is deity and self-existent, without beginning or ending, and whose entity is the one great fact in the universe of being." Also, this entity of Soul, "is not dual, as in the case of the human soul, but is One and indivisible."

God is one God, a singleness of being, infinite and eternal. The existence of one God and His Divine Nature was demonstrated by Jesus through his life on earth and the way he gained a full consciousness of Divinity by becoming at-one with the Father and experiencing the New Birth, the first human to become the Christ. Through Jesus the concept of God being a personal,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Judas, Judas of Kerioth p 46-47.

Jesus, through James Padgett May 25, 1917.

Jesus, New Testament Revelations # 53 received by Dr Samuels.

spiritual Father was made known to men, also the fact that God is Divine.

For God to express His Nature and Soul being, He has "His Spirit, which Spirit is only the active energy of His Soul—Himself." Through this very Spirit, God's omnipresence, a quality of God's personality, is established and acknowledged by man. Further, Jesus, <sup>24</sup> reveals to us that "the Spirit of God operates on man and does not fill man; neither does the Holy Spirit fill man (but conveys the Father's Divine Love into the soul of man). The Spirit of God obeys God's command and deals with the development of man's moral and intellectual qualities."

I wish to further elaborate on the functioning of this active energy of God, as it is so vitally important for mortals to understand. In Revelation 8 we read "... the Spirit of God which is a force or energy which acts upon all created beings and things, and the Holy spirit, which operates in a special way upon mankind, is a part of the Spirit of God, but has a special, more exalted function, thus they are separate forces, through their functions that are used by God and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Jesus, through Mr. Padgett May 25, 1917.

Revelation 39 through Dr. Samuels.

God is Soul and that Soul has its form. Jesus, who is the highest developed Celestial being, the Master of the Celestial Heavens and the closest to the fountain head of God, states that God is of form as to give Him an entity and a substance and this very Soul-form of God is "composed of that which is purely spiritual—that is, not of the material, even though to the highest degree sublimated." Further we know that those spirits of very high soul progression are able by their soul perceptions to see God and His form. Thus the Soul of God which has form is "perceptible only to Itself, or that of man, which, by reason of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Jesus, Revelation 8 through Dr. Samuels.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Jesus, Revelation 8 through Dr. Samuels.

Jesus, through Mr. Padgett May 25, 1917.

the sufficient possession of the very Substance of the Great Soul has become like unto God, not in image only, but in very Essence."<sup>28</sup>

For us mortals it is difficult to imagine God's form because "there is nothing in all nature with which men are acquainted or have knowledge of, that can be used as a comparison, even in the spirit perceptions, with this Great Soul", <sup>29</sup> yet there is inner knowledge of this Being of God as a form.

So far we have derived, that God is a being, a soul, with a personality; and we can assume that It must have a location. And yes, God is in His Heavens and those Heavens have a locality, "and His locality is way beyond the highest Celestial spheres known to the highest spirit, and towards which spirits are always progressing, and as they progress, the more and closer they come in contact with these Attributes of God, which are constantly flowing from Him." It is clear thus, that God, the very substance of self-existing soul form has a location and God is not able to be "in man or beast or plant or mineral, but only are His Attributes as he sees the necessity for their

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Jesus, through Mr. Padgett May 25, 1917.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Jesus, through Mr. Padgett May 25, 1917.

Ann Rollins, through Mr. Padgett February 25, 1916.

workings, and man does not live and move and have his being in God."<sup>31</sup> Thus we can see, that God "as regards His personality, is not omnipresent, though He has a knowledge of all things which He created."<sup>32</sup> He is not everywhere and not with man at all times forming a part of their being but is with men in a sense that His attributes are with them always.

In conclusion we may add and reiterate that God is a God of Love, above everything else. The sooner we learn and believe this fact, the sooner will happiness exist on the earth. "His Love is with all mankind, be they saints or sinners, and no man suffers punishment because the Father wants him to suffer. God's great Nature is the caring and the wellbeing of His children and in that He gifts His (Divine) Love when asked for by His child. God's Love is all around you, and may be in you, and if permitted to flow into your soul, with faith accompanying it, you will find yourself growing in at-onement with the Father, and realize that fact." 33

As we receive His great Gift of His Love, the very

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Ann Rol<u>lins, through Mr. Padgett February 25, 1916.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Ann Rollins, through Mr. Padgett February 18, 1916.

Jesus, through Mr. Padgett April 8, 1919.

Substance of Him, we can sense this very presence of His caring spirit and through the many blessings bestowed, recognize the desire of God for His child to be happy and fulfilled, in the process of the unfolding and developing of its soul being. And an even greater exalted state of being can be acquired by a mortal soul in receiving the Gift of God's own Substance, His own Essence, which is His Divine Love (the greatest of all His Attributes). Knowing this encourages us here on earth to live a life in harmony with His Laws and to develop a deep desire to be an instrument of His Will.

From this brief introduction we do realize that we are "first and foremost spirits and this spirit carries forth beyond this world and what ignites the spirit to life, it is the soul, this gift from God, this reflection of God within you. And what will further ignite the soul is the Love of God, the Essence of God, which is not a part of the soul at birth but can become a part with sincere prayer and longing to your Creator to receive this blessing of Love. And in so doing and receiving this blessing you will ignite and open the faculties of the soul, the sensibilities and the wisdom of the soul and you will then see these deeper realities, these greater truths, which are a part of

life and God's creation. . . . It is offered to all mankind, to all souls in the world, are the possibilities of truly opening and understanding and gleaning great truths and awarenesses and knowledge through the opening of the soul to God's Love. For is it not God that created all of the universe and all universes and realities in their many dimensions and complexities? And God has given you the ability to understand this through your soul faculties with His Essence igniting and expanding these abilities within you, these gifts laid within your souls, dormant and small yet waiting to expand and embrace the Truth.

"It is your choice my beloveds. And each of you within your souls is eager to absorb and know these realities, to know God, to know yourselves. And you are young and tender shoots, which will in time become great and mighty oaks. Beautiful lights in God's universe. This journey of growth and discovery of love and truth takes time, each day a step further and closer, each breath propelling the growth within. Be thankful my beloveds, for what is given and be hopeful for what shall be given and what is possible within you and be open to God's loving hand upon you

and you will find your way."34

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> John the Beloved through A. F. March 16, 2015.

# Topics on Living with the Divine Love

## 1. Soul Opening:

As we know, first and foremost we need soulful longings for this wonderful Gift of Divine Love. In the beautiful prayer (perfect) that Jesus gave through Mr. Padgett: "We pray that You will open up our souls to the inflowing of Your Love, and that then may come Your Holy Spirit...."

Thus, we need to ask for Father's help. The opening of the soul is not a passive attitude; it is something active, into which one has to put one's will and effort.

As we incarnate into this world our pure soul,

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<sup>35</sup> Included on page 185.

made in the image of God's Soul, is exposed to the surrounding environment. On incarnation, the spiritual and material bodies are formed, housing the soul. Now, "the formation of the spiritual body and its abilities, however, also implies the formation of the material mind which, fostered by the kind of education we receive, finally asserts itself, squashing and suffocating the soul and its innate longings."36 With incarnation also comes encrustments or encrustations that cover our soul, making it difficult to break through and reach for that Light and Love, in spite of the innate longing of the soul to awaken.

In the following, Luke elaborates on what the soul-encrustments are. "The encrustations of the soul and how the inhibitions that are caused by these encrustations make it difficult for you to truly know your souls, for within your souls is a great joy and Light bursting to come forth into your consciousness. It presses against this shell, this hardening that is caused by your life's experiences and there it creates cracks where the Light does indeed shine through. And as you continue to pray for the Father's Divine Essence to flow into your souls the pressure becomes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Judas, 'Judas of Kerioth' page 17.

greater, the Light brighter, the inner force pushing forth, and as this pressure grows you become more aware of those things that are around your soul holding you back from God, that true and intense desire to be with God, to be at one with God, for the love within you wants this, wants this with all intensity, and a vibrancy to be with God.

"And so you, my beloveds, are in a struggle, a struggle for freedom, a struggle to release those conditions within you, that which hold you back from this at-oneness, and when you feel those feelings of aloneness, the pain, the lack of love, and rage flows from this, and emptiness, those many feelings that are of the human condition, which you yourselves have taken on because you have lived in this world, not because you are sinful and depraved. No, my children, it is merely because you have lived in this world and the conditions of this world create a layer upon your soul which you must struggle to release, these encrustations which hold you back from God. And this is your daily struggle, my beloveds, to release, to purify, to allow God to Touch your soul as deeply and fully as He is able to do and you are able to allow this to be. For in your prayers you must find that intensity, a great desire to be with God, to be at one, to receive His Love, and as this pressure builds it shall burst forth releasing all those conditions which hold you from Him."<sup>37</sup>

And so our struggle on earth continues as we strive to release all that which is not of Love. We don't need to do it ourselves as God is always ready to help us release these pains and hurts and addictions. We need to be honest with ourselves and God, openhearted and loving towards ourselves.<sup>38</sup> We are advised to pray with soulful longings for this Divine Love and to have faith that we are to receive It, the Love that is the very Substance of God.

Once we have faith, we discover that "the opening up of the soul is something active—once it is open, and once a small portion of Divine Love has entered, it is not enough to rest satisfied with the achievement. No, it is a permanent work of keeping open this divine interface, of entering into a continuous communication with Divinity, communication that is necessarily reflected in the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Luke through A. F. March 11, 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> More on this under the topic 'Expiation and Purification of the Soul' page 90.

person's attitude and daily living."39

These soul longings and openings can occur at any moment, prompted by an external stimulus or through intentional prayer and meditation, via practice of silence, acts of devotion, dance, song or other forms of worship. The ways are varied and unique; each one has to find out for themselves when and how best to reach that moment of receptivity to the greatest Gift. Thus, the soul opening process is the act of asking, with anticipation and yearning, one that requires faith and humility.

#### 2. Faith:

We need faith in that we know God will answer our prayers, that we will receive the Divine Love, and that, God by His own Laws is required to respond with Love to our truthful soul longings. From deep within it is a knowing. Faith is interior knowledge with a certainty. We need faith to obtain God's Love and the attainment of His Love in turn increases our faith. It is a circular or reciprocal flow. We can also say that the abovementioned soul longings are born out of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Judas, 'Judas of Kerioth' p 4 – 6.

faith. Faith is so much more and completely different than belief. Faith is that which when possessed in its real and true meaning, makes the soul with its aspirations and longings a real, living existence and one so certain and palpable that there is no doubt present. "Faith is a progressive quality or essence of the soul, and increases as possession of this Divine Love increases, and is not dependent on anything else." The sincere prayers "call from the Father a response that brings with it faith, and with this faith comes a knowledge of the existence of this Love in your own soul."40

Here an excerpt of a message by Judas that explains hope, trust and faith so beautifully: "Faith is knowledge, but not only knowledge of God and the universe, but also of ourselves, about our condition. When faith awakes, it usually manifests itself through a general uneasiness, dissatisfaction, through longings for something that we cannot identify with our mind. We feel the void in ourselves. It is then when our quest starts, but not in Nepal or in Goa, but in ourselves, and it is there where we find peace, a peace which we sought in vain in the different

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Jesus. through Mr. Padgett October 10, 1915.

parts of the earth. Faith teaches us our current condition, and it teaches us how we could or should be. Faith creates humility. However, in order to receive God's Love, our soul needs some preparation. It needs to open up. But how does it open up?

"It is hope that achieves the opening up. And that is exactly where we (Celestials) can help a little through our small contribution. We cannot give you faith, we cannot give you the Love of God, but we can give you hope, or strengthen it in case it already exists. Hope is a human attribute, and like all human things, it constantly changes. It grows as faith becomes stronger, until it finally acquires the character of certainty. Then we call it trust. True faith and trust walk hand in hand. The hope can also be born of belief, but then it will never become trust. True faith and true trust do not belong to the imaginary world, where men live their supposed reality. Always trust in God and then your souls will always be open for the inflowing of His Love."41

"The Lord gives faith to him who seeks for it in

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Judas, January 30, 2002 through H.

earnestness and longing desire"<sup>42</sup>. Thus faith comes with constant, earnest prayer. Beliefs are of the mind and are defined by diverse cultures and creeds of churches and upbringings. Faith is not formulated in words, does not know creeds or cultures; rather, faith needs to be experienced and lived to be fully understood by an awakened soul and to manifest its power. To truly know and have faith, we must activate our soul by asking for the Love of God. Finally, the words of Jesus: "Faith is not a thing that can be obtained by a mere exercise of the mind, but has to be sought for with the soul perceptions, and when obtained will be enjoyed only by the soul perceptions."<sup>43</sup>

Jesus further states, that: "many persons, I know, understand this faith to be a mere belief, but it is greater than belief; it resides in its true sense only in the soul. Belief may arise from a conviction of the mind, but faith never can. Its place of being is in the soul, and no one can possess it unless his soul is awakened by the inflowing of this love. So that, when we pray to the Father to increase our faith it is a prayer for the increase of love. Faith is based on the possession of this love, and without

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> John, through Mr. Padgett September 26, 1915.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Jesus, through Mr. Padgett October 10, 1915.

it there can be no faith, because it is impossible for the soul to exercise its function when love is absent from it."

"True faith can only be born of spiritual experience. It is not only so that the inflowing of Divine Love brings us that faith, that is, it expands our spiritual horizon, but also that the conscious experience anchors this faith as 'certainty' in our reasoning mind. It is absolutely useless to discuss religious themes with arguments. The only possibility for 'convincing' others is showing them the way to their personal and unique spiritual experience. As with all mystics of all religions, the transcendental experience transforms that, which in most cases was conceived merely a hope or a doctrine, into part of our reality we are living in. This personal experience can be repeated time and again, gaining ever more depth. This is the marvelous point in Jesus' teachings: You can put them to the test right now. His teachings are not a matter of believing but of experiencing."44

mentioned before, we require trust, i.e. trusting God and trusting ourselves. "Trust and Faith are part of the same feeling state. Both rely

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Judas, April 25th, 2002.

on taking uncertainty with faith and the knowledge that you are eternally safe when you have complete faith in our Father."<sup>45</sup>

## 3. Humility:

This is a subject much written about with a wide range of interpretations. I would like to express how I perceive this (as with all the writings here) from my current understanding. I know that a major part of living with the Divine Love is to be humble. It seems that humility is ever increasing as we receive more and more of God's Love. As we desire to serve God's Will and let go of self-reliance, replacing it slowly with God reliance, ever trusting His caring hand upon us, a deeper humility comes over us and we desire to be of service, abiding to God's guidance for us.

Augustine said:<sup>46</sup> "This is true humility: to put aside your will for God's Will, to allow God to infuse your being with His Love and to allow what manifests from this wondrous Gift to be enacted within your lives, your consciousness, your

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Richard, "The Richard Messages" through James Reid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> <u>Augustine, Bishop of Hippo on March 30, 2016</u> through A. F.

beings, to be a humble servant of the Heavenly Father."

"This is humility: to not cease your own personal power but to allow God, the power of God's Love to flow through you unrestricted, unfiltered, uncontaminated by your own willful desires."

"Humility is a difficult thing to obtain. It requires a great effort to overcome the human condition within yourselves. The mental condition which has been so crafted by your culture and society for a purpose, to serve the will of man, to serve those in power and yes it is cloaked by a deception, that education is for the good of all, but in truth much of your education is for the good for those in power, those who seek control, those who desire for you to serve them."...

"My beloved students, continue to reach for that high road, that place of true and pure understanding of God's Will, that place of powerful humility, of being in grace, of knowing from the soul. For in that place all that you seek to do in this world to help your brothers and sisters shall unfold in wondrous ways, beyond your wildest conceptions. And it comes with humility, the strength of faith, the power of Love."

Humility is needed to revolutionize the thinking and attitudes of all men; regardless of they serve another religion or other spiritual practices. Humility will empower men to do good, to be loving. It is through arrogance and self-reliance that men fell from their hearts or souls into their minds. It requires effort to be humble, of letting go of learned things and attitudes; however, it comes as we become accepting of God's Love and are willing and open to serve our Heavenly Father. It requires for me to be aware in my prayers and through my prayers to embrace God's Will and open my consciousness to a greater awareness of what that Will is. Enacting such Will is where humility comes in. Enacting the Love and Grace of God in being channels of this Love and Truth will bring strength and even greater humility. Our Master, closest to the fountainhead of God, being the most humble of all.

There is a well written sermon by David Lampron on the Humility of God. It is worth the read. 47

It is truly a gift by God through His humility that we can use our free-will and that we are loved

<sup>47</sup> https://new-birth.net/link47/

unconditionally. I have often wondered and speculated whether humility might be an intrinsic factor of Divine Love or whether it, the humility, is a manifestation through the Divine Love. What do you think?

We do know that the Divine Love is not a feeling state but a substance, a substance from God, with its main characteristic being unconditional Love. It further evokes in us the attributes of health through harmony, peace, perfect balance, wisdom (Divine Wisdom), knowledge (Divine Truth-more on the Spirit of Truth later); "it is true that people without the benefit of Divine Love would lack the protective shield which the intrinsic healing energies of Divine Love provide for those who pray for our Heavenly Father's Grace." 48

The 'interfacing' with Divinity permits "a permanent recharge of this healing energy that allows not only the reestablishment of lost health, but the continuity of health, providing such a perfect balance, even in the physical body, that noxious agents like bacteria and viruses cannot find any opportunity to unchain

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Judas, 'Judas of Kerioth' p 6.

pathological reactions, which we commonly call illness."49

In closing, here are some beautiful quotes from the Richard Messages:50

"true humility involves being yourself as truly as possible to the way you were created by Our Father. This means the full expression of your being and reflection of the glory of God."

"Humility has nothing to do with self-deprecation as one cannot be true to your God-given heritage while failing to accept and acknowledge the attributes of this condition."

"You can never do better than to be yourself fully with love of yourself and of God."

### 4 Truth:

Today I feel inspired to write on one further important aspect upon our path of living with the Divine Love, which is Truth. Discerning Truth and ascertaining Truth requires our engagement of soul, the knowing from that deep place within. Once more, prayer is the first and foremost

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Jud<u>as p 4-6.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Richard Messages p 84.

requirement, the intense communion with God, this falling into our souls and communicating soul to Soul.

Truth is the awareness or acknowledgment of perceptions within the soul. Initially it can have an awareness in the mind but eventually truth will be recognized, accepted and owned by the soul (not so for an untruth). I assume that the reflection of truth within a soul is dependent on the soul condition of that soul, expressed through the spirit body. The mind can be used as an important tool; however, as Jesus says: "You cannot perceive spiritual things with the material mind, neither can a man by reason of those powers of the mind which know only material things, be able to perceive the truths of the spirit. Hence the necessity for man cultivating the soul perceptions, which are greater and more comprehending than all the faculties of the material mind."51 This excerpt shows the importance of acknowledging that we can 'cultivate' our soul perceptions.

"The mind, of itself, cannot always discern the truth, because it is not infallible, even when it is

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup>Jesus October 25, 1915 through James Padgett.

the mind of a spirit and that spirit a highly developed one. But as the soul develops in the Divine Love, this development means that what comes to it as a fact is a truth—the everlasting truth. The soul does not learn all truths at once, but the truth that it does learn is one that never changes, and lets no revision alter or set it aside. No, truth of the soul's discernment is never shown to be error, and no error ever becomes a part of the soul's discernment of truth. So, you see, the great road to the ascertainment of the realities of God is through, and only through, the development of the soul by the inflowing of the Divine Love. The eye of the soul is that interior perception which needs not reason from cause and effect to discern and forever establish the truths of God."52

In brief, how do we acquire Truth? Step one, the most important one, is prayer, especially praying for the Divine Love. Through certain laws, when a sincere and earnest prayer that comes from the soul ascends to the Father, His response is activated. Depending on the prayer, either His ministering Angels or instruments on earth respond if it pertains to material things. However,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup>Ann Rollins through Mr. Padgett March 5, 1915.

if it is of a spiritual matter, God takes care of the prayer Himself. Step two is the reception of the Divine Love which brings with It faith. Here it is important for us to be willing to accept the Love (do we feel worthy, can we trust God etc). Step three is thus Faith, which is based on the possession of this Love, without which there can be no faith, because it is impossible for the soul to exercise its function when Love is absent from it. Through increasing faith that grows (with greater possession of Love) comes step four: Knowledge, not only the knowledge of the Love within oneself, but a soul knowledge revealed in greater quantity as one's own, that we recognize as soul perceptions. Thus, we arrive at step five: ownership of such knowledge.

Here a more matter of fact process as revealed by a message from John,<sup>53</sup> where he teaches us in 5 steps how to become the possessor of Truth. It is the same process by which Jesus became the possessor and teacher of the great spiritual truths that had never before been known and declared by any man. Of course, truth must be taken in gradually and with increased confidence based upon seeking the help of the Father through

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> John through Mr. Padgett April 7, 1916.

sincere and soul aspiring prayers.

**Step 1:** Recognition of a Truth: When we are sure that we have discovered or have had revealed to us a truth, to let it sink deep into our soul so that it will find such lodgment as will cause us to realize that this truth is a reality, and a thing that must not be forgotten or neglected in its application to our daily life on earth.

**Step 2:** Adoption of Truth: When the found truth fits some peculiar condition of one's mind's experience, best is to adopt it as a criterion for determining what the course of action shall be.

**Step 3:** Monitoring of Truth: When one has adopted the truth, it is advised to let it always remain with oneself as a guide and use it to monitor what the belief shall be.

**Step 4:** Faith results in knowledge: When one develops belief founded on faith, it is best to encourage and feed upon it until it becomes a thing of established faith. When faith has become a part of one's very being, one will find that the accompaniments of such faith, in the way of longings and aspirations (i.e. prayer), will become things of real existences, which will result in actual knowledge. However, prayer must arise

from the soul, and the response must come from God. There is no other means by which this knowledge can be obtained. All knowledge of things spiritual, that men may think they possess, coming in any other way cannot be relied on, for there is only one source of such knowledge out of which the real spiritual truths of God emanate.

Step 5: Ownership of Knowledge: When such knowledge is owned, one will become a wo-/man who, when s/he utters knowledge of truth, will speak as one having authority.

In a message from Jesus<sup>54</sup> he states: "spiritual Truth has life within it, and this means a living force of its own. But, for this force to be fully appreciated, it is necessary that Truth find its repository not in the mind alone, where it may or may not reside for a time, but more importantly in the soul where Truth's true home is located. and where it adds to the life and vitality of the soul. And, so, our task is ever so much greater than to merely communicate information; our eternal task is to first reach the souls of earth and of the spirit world with the promotion of desire; for without a desire for Truth, Truth itself can find

<sup>54</sup> Jesus through D. L. on August 11, 1988.

no home of permanence. It is only when desire beckons from a yearning soul that Truth of a spiritual order comes to that soul. And once it enters and finds a lodgment conducive to itself, Truth remains forevermore with and in that soul."

Thus, it is of great importance not only to have a burning desire for the Divine Love but also for the Divine Truth. That said I wish to bring up important information on the Spirit of Truth which Jesus<sup>55</sup> shared with us: "The Spirit of Truth does exist, yet it is not like a spirit as in the Holy Spirit, but exists in (and) of itself. It is part of the Divine Love, it is part of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit of Truth is a manifestation of Divine Love.

"Just as the sun brings light and warmth so does the Divine Love bring its warmth to the soul, and the Spirit of Truth to the soul, and in this comes the awareness of truth, in this comes the gift of truth; the Spirit of Truth is the knowing that knowing comes into the soul and this acknowledges truth. And yes, for many of you, when you speak the words of truth, when you read the words of truth. there acknowledgement within, and this is the Spirit of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Jesus through A. F. on 29 June 2013.

Truth exercising its power within you to understand what truth is. And truth evolves as the soul evolves and comes closer to God.

"Understanding is never complete for all eternity. Your awarenesses and understanding of truth will evolve and grow as you come closer to the Creator, so this Spirit expands within you, and is a gift that comes with the Divine Love. I am very happy to speak to you about this gift. It is an important matter. There are many souls eager to understand truth, and it is important to acknowledge that this understanding comes with the inflowing of the Divine Love and as you receive more of this gift, this blessing from the Heavenly Father, there will be greater understanding of truth. They come hand in hand, a gift together: love and truth, understanding, and your soul's awakening, and your soul's longing to God; and as this longing goes forth to the Creator it is answered with Love and truth. The eyes within open. The longing within intensifies. The closeness to God becomes palpable and powerful, and hence you walk upon the Divine Path."

Here another important excerpt of a channeling

where Jesus<sup>56</sup> states: "Yes, you must keep in mind that real spiritual Truth lives and makes itself primarily known through the loving outpourings that Truth itself encourages from within the soul. And this is only one reason of many why each of you must continue to desire a greater knowledge of spiritual Truth that is available unlimitedly. With such desire and acquisition comes not only greater knowledge but also a greater force of persuasion in Truth's accumulation communication to others. 'Be ye perfect like your Father in heaven is Perfect' is a tall order. I know. But while this is necessarily something we must strive for eternally, inherent in this statement is also the lesson I am trying to communicate today; that is, that the journey to perfection is dependent upon the accumulation of Divine Truths.

"And, as we all know, it is the Divine Love of the Father that allows this accumulation in the first place. I realize I have said all of this before in different ways. But I have chosen to present my message of today in yet another variation on the same theme. What I would like principally communicated and understood is that none of us

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Received by D. L. on August 11, 1988.

should become satisfied and complacent in the notion that, because we perhaps possess more of the Father's Truths than some others, we can therefore rest contentedly in our presumed superiority—languishing, as we may think, until others have incorporated as much as we have.

"No, Truths are not meant to be possessed by a few, but are available to all. And there is no set point where any of us can afford to become content with our accumulated knowledge of Truths. For if we do this, we stagnate, and the resulting lethargy does not allow us to impart that potential but dormant desire within us to share our Truths with others. And, so, I must say again, it is a desire for God's Love and His Truths that not only we must have but also what we must kindle in the hearts, minds and souls of others that is vital to both our Celestial mission and what is your mission and calling as well."

In conclusion we can see that John gives some practical hints how to become the owner of truth, however, that of greater importance is the obtaining of the Divine Love within the soul. As with It comes also the Spirit of Truth and greater discernment is established in recognizing and accepting and then owning the Truths of God. We

start to acquire knowledge with soul perceptions and the soul's mind. Here I wish to take it one step further, as I believe, we need to act to activate or demonstrate the Truth. Jesus wrote the following: "there is a law that operates in wonderful power in shaping men's lives, and which, when obeyed, will determine the career not only of men but of nations; and that law is, that when once a truth is ascertained or comes to the knowledge of men it must be recognized and acted upon, or it will lose its beneficent effect upon the lives of men . . . This is a wonderful truth, and so far as it pervades the life of a man will result in making that life one of consistent goodness, and cause harmony between that man and God who overrules the secret things of the universe, and that man will enjoy a great happiness even while in the flesh."<sup>57</sup>

Here I wish to reflect a little on the words Jesus said: 'No, Truths are not meant to be possessed by a few, but are available to all.' As we know, prayer is the essential way to live, as a prayer life slowly turns into a life of prayer as these longings become constant, this sharing of every single little bit of ones day with our Heavenly Parent, in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Jesus, through Mr. Padgett March 21, 1920.

absolute faith that every whisper is acknowledged and responded to in Love.

As our soul is consumed with the desire for the receiving and the expanding of the Substance prayed for, we all experience that the life we once lived has drastically changed, and is in a continuous flux, with new vistas opening, new understandings and revelations bubbling up into our consciousness. This burning passion within, not only wants us to serve God's Will in areas of humanitarian causes and works of compassion and love, but also to disclose to others the most treasured experiences of a Living God, of a Love that rises us to realms of happiness, joy and peace never known before. This burning desire to share the Truths and the experience of God's Love becomes a daily wish, a driving desire we have to acknowledge. But how to do this, how to share, where to start?

This is where the adventure begins! We need to listen closely to our hearts and the guidance that comes from God, as we pray for His Guidance to fill us with wisdom and compassion in our chosen work of teaching these wonderful Truths, demonstrating this wonderful Love. I had to develop the trust and love for myself and in

myself to step forth with faith in God's support as I go into the day, in the promise that I will meet someone who needs an embrace of healing, a word of comfort, an encouragement to pray, a simple smile etc and through this trust-bond with God, and the ever-growing faith through prayers, I have to come to learn to be a channel of God's Love. In many instances I feel that my soul does the work and leads me, puzzling my mind 'what are you doing?'—my beloved mind that at times does not know to be quiet.

In teaching the Truths, we need access to the written words or other forms and a variety of methods to provide the information. In our time we are fortunate to have so many technical ways to share through print electronically or the internet. In our movement, we have dedicated individuals who make it their life's mission to bring the Truths to the public. May God bless these dedicated souls. I wish to express my deepest gratitude for their dedication to this effort. I also want to express gratitude to the mediums who so willingly dedicate their lives to bringing us new information or encouragements, guidance, teachings and words of Love from our Heavenly Angels. We deeply, deeply thank them as this is not an easy task.

The more difficult task in bringing forth these Truths is to start a spark of desire, to plant a seed in the soul of the seeker. The curious will ask and wanting to know, will come to a prayer circle or a seminar or workshop. They will ask why you live the life you do, why you pray so much, why you go to Divine Love retreats etc. We all have our ways and gifts for responding to the ones who are drawn close. The most powerful way to nurture in another this spark of desire for the Love in another is to invite them to pray together, be it just two or three people or in a bigger circle.

The experience of the opening of soul and reception of Love in a circle of like-hearted people is a very powerful experience. The presence of Angels bringing their Love and praying with us augments the prayers of those present and encourages us to continued prayer. Al and Jeanne Fike of the Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation have dedicated their lives to bring about Circles of Light<sup>58</sup> around the world. Their example encourages us too to start a circle in our neighbourhood. It may not easy, I know, but we cannot lose courage and must keep on trying. In

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> See <a href="https://new-birth.net/link43/">https://new-birth.net/link43/</a> for more information on Circles of Light.

my work, I use spontaneous, unplanned circles of prayer, and whoever feels like joining, joins. To my amazement, when others see us pray in a group somewhere, curious people come close and most join in. The act of prayer itself is a draw. I often teach through prayers and I thank my Heavenly Father for this gift He has given me. It brings such joy to my heart to feel the souls of others opening and being touched by God's Spirit.

To express this Truth in the world is difficult "because of the nature of this Gift. You can perceive the manifestations of it, you can feel the power of it, but can you touch it and see it? No, my friends, it is of the soul, it is a power within the soul. It must be experienced in an awakening, an opening, a sense of its reality. So just as our dear brother Jesus was challenged to convey the Truth of this Love, just as the first parents did not understand the true value of this Gift given by God, just as you struggle to truly speak and convey and teach and demonstrate wondrous Truth. There is no sure way to bring another to these living waters and to drink, for God gave each soul free will, God allowed each soul to choose. And so it is, my beloved friends, and so it shall always be. A choice."59

## 5. Soul Desire and Choices we make:

beautiful universe is God's governed immutable laws. At first our perceptions hardly detect their activity upon us, yet throughout our life's journey we will get greater insights as to what they are and their scope of activity. One such law is the Law of Desire.

Desire is the force that pulls us forward, it is a hidden force making its initial activity upon our soul as we live as a soul-duplex in the spirit world prior to the incarnation of the individual soulhalves for the purpose of individualization. At that point the soul is already able to utilize its free will. "Although the perceptions of the soul were undeveloped, it realized opportunities to exercise this gift of will, for the soul 'desired' to individualize. Unformed thoughts are one way to describe emotion, and what drives emotion and thought is desire. From the moment of our creation, our free will responded to our soul's desire to begin its progress and become

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Judas through A. F. March 31, 2016.

## actualized."60

The soul's desire is love. We are drawn to be close to our Creator, we are drawn to love, joy, peace and harmony. Thus, we have to be in a state of love towards ourselves to utilize the Law of Desire to our soul's benefit in expressing itself by growing to its fullest potential: "Without this self-love the Law of Desire won't benefit them. Rather it will harm them. You can think of positive images, you can want positive things, but that doesn't mean that in the depths of your soul you really desire positive things. When you lack selflove, your true desires very probably won't be positive and profitable for you. You will remember that in the course of the last years many messages about self-love have been delivered. And this is the reason. It is very important; it is the base of everything. But I speak of true self-love, which has nothing to do with narcissism or selfishness. It is the awareness that God loves us. He created us; He gave us some personality, which we may form later on according to our free will. And God likes what He has created. You should also like it. You have to accept that you are God's beloved children. . . .

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Mary through A. R., March 24, 2001.

Thoughts, or to express it more clearly, desires, always materialize."<sup>61</sup>

"The problem is that mortals and also those not very developed spirits frequently ignore their desires. Those desires are born from the very depth of the heart, and mortals or spirits are not necessarily aware of them. Those desires are not always positive, many times they are destructive, even self-destructive. Hence it is so important to elevate spirituality, because only in this way will these desires become. consciously unconsciously, productive and positive forces. . . . Also the guidance we can provide obeys this law. We can only guide the individuals who really want us to do so. So, it is a matter of the soul's disposition."62

Thus, we have to keep in mind that we will receive what we ask for, and in order to receive, it is necessary to request. We have to ask God for His Love, His Mercy, etc. God doesn't simply give, but rather always responds to desires, be they conscious or unconscious. If we desire to know Truth, we will be guided by Celestials.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Judas through H. October 22, 2001.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Judas through H., October 16, 2001.

As indicated in the opening paragraph, in back of thoughts and emotions, is desire. Thus we can direct our desires to bring us positive outcomes. We can change our thoughts in order to change our desires. "You can decide you want to develop the highest potential of your spiritual nature, and know this can be accomplished only through holding good and loving thoughts, and through consistent striving to extend your love, even in situations you have heretofore found it difficult to do so. . . . In order to develop your spiritual desires, resulting in soul development, you must make conscious efforts to change your thoughts, and to bring your mind to focus more on spiritual things, away from revenge, anger and hatred. . . . Make the decision that you want to develop the highest potential of your soul. Recognize that it is within your power to change your direction, to change your thoughts and desires, and that, as a result of a positive change, you will be bringing forces to bear in your behalf. The perfect workings of God's Laws at work in the Universe and in each individual's life will assist you in your progress and the attainment of your goals and desires."63

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Jesus, April 9, 1989, Received by K. S.

Desire will determine the choices we make through the administrations of our free will. The choices we make here on earth will determine our future once we pass into a life of spirit existence. As we know, nothing will change in our attitudes, beliefs etc; basically we take with us those things we carry internally. The "skinsuit" (if I can use this simplified expression) will be left behind and we will be born into a new life of spirit existence which could be fun and exciting depending on how we lived our earth-life. In our current time here on earth we are so fortunate to have the opportunity to decide which pathway of existence we prefer of the 2 pathways made known to us through the amazing work of Jesus and his co-workers, especially James E. Padgett.

In our incarnate existence, we discover the difficulties and challenges we face due to our dual nature. "The reason humankind can't make things work out in a harmonious way in the material world is because they have a dual-nature; spiritual because of the soul, and material because of the body. The mind can go either way, depending upon its free will choices. Since the mind is the energy of the soul, it is spiritual, but because it can hold material thoughts, it can dwell in the material and become stagnant or

bogged down on earth with earthly things."64

The human nature is thus both physical/material in accordance with the conditions of the physical being, enabling man to live on earth in the physical environs. The other part of man is spiritual, "in accordance with the soul qualities and attributes given to him at the time God bestowed a soul upon him. In short, man's nature is dual, and thus we have man with animal passions and feelings and interrelated with these are those emotions and feelings which belong to his spiritual nature as a result of having received a soul."65 The challenges in the earth life are to balance those two natures and bring them into harmony with God and His creation. Fach individual will learn eventually, through experiences in life, usually through a soul awakening, that they are spiritual beings as well. Through prayer, meditation, thoughts and soul longings, the spiritual nature in man can be developed so as to dominate the personality, and he will act through his soul desires in accord with the feelings and emotions of his soul.

Through having a conscious knowledge of the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Jesus, March 8, 1998 through K. S.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Jesus in Revelation 6 received on August 16, 1955.

Divine Love and how to receive It and being aware of its wonderful transforming power, one's desire grows in developing the spiritual nature to greater and greater dominance, and the temptations and nature of the animal appetites start to diminish. "To be in the world, but not of the world" is a saying with great truth and effect, as the soul starts to override the nature of the natural man and the reality of Love and even Divinity becomes actual. The reality of the material-mind diminishes, increasingly appearing as an illusion, a construct of make-beliefs and falsehoods. making room for the transforming soul and reality of the expanding soul-mind.

Our earth experience is a unique opportunity to explore all loves, be they the natural love or the Divine Love. The possessor of Divine Love, even just a drop of It, with continued aspirations for more of It, will experience the purification and expression of the natural love in all its beauty Agnes<sup>66</sup> states: "We here in the Celestial realms know the totality of love, and as you seek the Divine Love and seek to fill your souls with it, I remind you of the wonders of the natural love

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Agnes received by James Reid on May 19, 2014.

which has sustained life ever since life has been, sustains life now and will sustain life as long as life ever is. In your human experience you are offered a breadth and a depth of experience that is indescribable, and very few ever plumb those depths. It is often only after we make our transition that we become aware of what was available. Its not that we have regrets that we did not experience it all, but I do suggest that you look widely and deeply to see what life offers you. You are not on earth for no reason. Living may be difficult as it is, and yet there are gifts, there are beauties, there are wonders at every turn of the way. Yes it is vital, it is important that seek Divine Love. It is an incredible. vou unbelievable, indescribable gift, and you bring this gift into you, upon the foundation of your experience of the natural love with which you were born, with which you were gifted in full and which you can express in full."

Francis goes on to say<sup>67</sup> "Natural and Divine Love are not separated by barriers as may seem to be the case because of the existence of natural and divine love spheres. It is simply the case that there is a transition that is brought about by the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Francis through James Reid on June 8, 2014.

action of Divine Love on the soul of a human which allows progress to the next level. It is vital not to see natural love as the poor cousin of Divine Love for this is absolutely not the case and I cannot stress this too strongly."

As we know and can already perceive here on earth, the Natural Pathway is wide with many different belief systems and expressions. The Divine Path is much narrower, though God leaves room for individual freedoms and expressions. It becomes even narrower as one progresses "not because of any restriction of freedom; (it) is because those walking the (Divine) path are much less beholden to beliefs and much more in harmony with the Laws of Our Father."68 Thus living in the reality of God's Love and Truth lets us walk the narrow and straight path as Jesus taught many, many years ago. With the soul desiring to be in harmony with God's Laws, brings us together, it unifies and a great freedom is felt. The natural path rather diversifies and broadens to accommodate all different concepts of mindal understandings. What I have noticed too in my own experience through my life's journey, after a while of following a natural love concept, the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Richard Messages, through James Reid p. 129.

mind becomes dissatisfied and needs to move on to another attempt in understanding truth and love. And so the search continued, my soul not fulfilled in its yearning for the Truths until the day I heard of the true teachings of Jesus, of God's Love, of the New Birth, the greatest Gift in all the universe.

Once the Truth is discovered, it needs activation, commitment, dedication and a passionate desire to live the learned Truths and no wish becomes greater than sharing these valuable gifts with others. It is a soul's desire to share of the acquired experience of Love with others for them to experience it too. As we start to love with the Love that God has for all His children, it touches every heart, regardless what understanding that person has of his mindal beliefs. For us it is to recognize the Love within a soul of another and touch it there even if the body or mind is cloaked with the garb of a certain religion or belief system. This recognition of resonance of Love within another is possible if we continue to pray for God's Divine Love, for an ever greater infilling, for an ever greater desire to apply the gifts revealed through this Love, through the opening of our soul-eyes and expanding of our soulperceptions, to ever grow in wisdom and knowledge of God's Truths.

The earthly challenges are testing us constantly. Are we prepared to compromise Truth, to live with a luke-warm love, to compromise our soul desires? On the other hand the earthly life provides immense opportunities. What a blessing it is to be here and live the breadth and depth of all loves having received the greatest Love in all the universe, that, which makes us dedicate ourselves to live and love with the Divine Love, as Jesus commanded.

## 6. Prayer:

Considering that prayer is the major requirement to bring about the change of a man into a Divine Angel, I felt it important to include the subject of "Prayer" in these writings. I also have mentioned that Jesus showed the way of true prayer. He also showed the nearness of God. Jesus even taught and made known that God wants a personal relationship with us, that He is a personal God. Jesus used to call Him Avvá, which means "Daddy." Through the closeness of Jesus to His mentor, His Father, and recognizing that he has changed by receiving the Divine Love, and New Birth—becoming the Christ—experiencing

divinity himself, Jesus was the first to say that God is "all Holy, loving and merciful". The Prayer<sup>69</sup> starts out as "Our Father", indicating already the closeness and our relationship to God. Further Jesus teaches us, that God is not only the loving Father, but even more; God is Love and is willing to share this Love with all His children. God is absolute Love, unconditional and unlimited. It has been said that God is Love and those that worship Him in spirit and love will never be forsaken.

Prayer is something that has been done for eons. The ways and methods differ from religion to religion, from church to church, from home to home, from person to person. It is such a deeply personal and individual experience. I have followed Jesus' advice to pray with soul longings, as it is also repeated throughout the Padgett Messages and also throughout all other communications from our Celestial friends. The soulful engagement causes a softening within as I feel tremendous love and it touches me in my core. I always end up being so moved that tears just flow. It is a physical "symptom" I have no control over. These tears are not of pain, but

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> See page 185.

rather of being so deeply and profoundly touched by God's Grace and Love, it only can move me to tears. This is intensified when I feel the Angels near, praying with me. It is a nearness that can be sensed. I do not "see" spirit with my spiritual senses, but rather sense or feel them and also "hear" them when I am open to it. I deeply appreciate their presence as they take this prayer time to a higher level as one feels the Love so intensely. This becomes truly a holy time.

In my prayer hour, usually in the morning upon awakening, I speak a prayer out loud. The spoken word stirs something not only within me but also around me. It is hard to explain. My spoken prayers vary and they can be long or very short. I soon feel the opening of soul. It is as if I am stepping into a room or meadow of pure white light with a softness so soft it can hardly be detected. I feel also lifted and lighter, opened and freed. All is forgotten around me and I know I am close with God. It is as if thinking for a moment that there is nothing between me and my Father, and that as regards my longings and His Love, "they are face to face, and no mediator intervenes or can intervene. Only the Father's Love and you, alone. Think of this, and you will realize not only what a wonderful thing the Divine Love is, but what a wonderful thing your soul is that it can become so in nearness and in Love with the Father."<sup>70</sup>

I usually forget time and then it shifts into silence and listening. Some call it meditation, for me it is communion with God. To be in the silent presence with God, intensely, filled with His Love. It is this moment where I feel intense inflowing of His Love, it is here where I listen to Him for guidance, it is here where there is a stillness that is filled with only Love. It is not stagnant but vibrant, it is still and peaceful yet full of knowing and exchanging. One feels energetic flows and shiftings, openings to guidance or insights. Sometimes I receive visions or pictures, hear words or feel the expansion of this holy connection to others carried on a thread of light or wave of Love, ever expanding, weaving a net around the world.

The sensation in my physical body when I know I am connected to God and His Love, is a comfortable pain or burning in the middle of my chest. It is like a warm glow. The intensity varies and I am not sure if that can be related to the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Elizabeth, cousin of Mary, mother of Jesus, through Mr. Padgett on January 6, 1918.

amount of Love received or not. Sometimes it is so intense it takes my breath away. On two occasions it was so intense I thought I will faint and die. In both instances I know I had received this Gift of Divine Love in a great inflowing. A friend of mine calls it the 'dagger of the heart'. It sure feels that way at times, but mostly it is a comfortable burning. I have seen paintings of Jesus depicted with a heart in the middle of the chest and light radiating from it. The first time I saw such painting I immediately thought: "That's it!!! That's the spot where I feel God's Love, this warm-burning Love smoldering or glowing in my chest".

I pray throughout the day mostly in silence when among others, or out loud when in the car or on a walk in the dunes or the bushveld, in the shower or wherever I might be. Whenever I connect in a conscious way, a comfortable burning sensation in the chest accompanies me. It is my personal barometer of connectedness with God. I have days when it is absent, where I feel pulled into the rat-race of life and I neglect my prayer-life and connection with God. I try and make effort to rise to that awareness again through efforts in prayer. During those phases of lost "interfacing with Divinity", I miss God, I feel empty and

become irritable and I make myself vulnerable for the negativity and darkness of this world. I feel the shield or fortress of Love and Light is missing and I know I have to pray more intensely for the cloak of protection from God. To pray for a greater desire, desiring His Love. I make conscious effort to do things I love like a walk in nature or go to the beach (the ocean or bodies of water have a great healing and calming effect on me).

Sometimes I receive the Love when not consciously connecting to God. In the busyness of the day in doing something, unexpectedly I feel the glow in my chest and I come to pause, to reflect what was I doing, what was my thinking, to have caused an opening in my soul for the reception of the Love. So much happens on the soul level I have no conscious awareness yet. But through experiences like these I sense how slowly the happenings of the soul come to the forefront of my consciousness.

Please note, and I stress this point, each one of us has different experiences. It does not mean that one has to feel something physically; however these energetic sensations may vary. There are other indications where one may learn or see that God's Love is implanted in one's soul. For

instance, there is a greater desire to connect with God, to read more about His Truths. There is a certain consistency of prayer. There is one's hunger for more of this Love. Also, our environment reacts. We have loving experiences and interactions with others, we feel grateful more often, we become more humble in our attitudes, we are happy with small things, we feel a greater inclination to do good deeds and be helpful and kind. Our gifts and talents seem to come forth and how great the reward when we apply them. And as challenging as this path may be, great rewards await us upon the discovery of this Love within us, ever surprising us in its manifestation

I wish to re-iterate that we have to have faith and not await a certain feeling or sensation in our body. I prayed for nearly a year for the Divine Love before I had any awareness or let alone a physical sensation. Fortunately I had faith. I trusted this and followed through. I kept on praying and I eagerly read and tried to learn more of these Truths. I was hooked in a sense, with a knowing from deep inside that I had found the fountain of Truth.

Coming back to prayer or prayer-meditation; it is

of greater importance to drop deeper and deeper into one's soul. It can be distracting if one starts to think and waits for any big happenings, sensations or feelings or any sort of spiritual manifestations. The best is just to float in this river of Love, feeling a deeper and deeper connection to the being we truly are. I ask for the Angels to be with me and help me to drop deeper into my soul, so I can communicate and be at-one with God. In this at-onement, the Love and feeling of joy and peace is profound and passes all understanding. It cannot be explained and words will not suffice. It has such force and power. The stillness of this moment, this intimate togetherness, is all that is needed or have an awareness of. Just to be seated in that place of soul, the mind in stillness and in peace. No interfering thoughts dropping in, but a complete surrender to the oneness with God in His attribute of Love.

The comments above are only a sharing of some of my experiences of my prayer-life. Be assured, each individual has their own way of praying and their own experiences. The cornerstone of teaching the Truths (to anyone, with a religious or non-religious back ground), is to show the way to soulful prayer for Divine Love. The ways and

methods are as multifold as there are souls, each prayer as unique as the individual expressing it. On one occasion, at a Divine Love Retreat, I had the honour in leading a discussion group on prayer. T. was so kind as to take notes regarding my question: "how do you pray"? Here I share the outcome to demonstrate the diverseness within a group of Divine Love followers. These are as close to the verbatim comments of participants present as possible:

Helge: "Everyone's prayer life is unique, so I invite everyone to share about the way(s) in which you pray. How does prayer life become a life of prayer? Prayer is the cornerstone of our path to come to our stillness, to hear God's Voice. For example, B.'s life is a life lived in prayer, a life of prayer."

<sup>-&</sup>quot;I pray aloud so Spirit present can hear."

<sup>-&</sup>quot;I pray to bring Love into each breath, knowing that each breath is a gift from God and connects me to the Creator."

<sup>-&</sup>quot;Using my voice adds another dimension, a vibration, stronger feeling of connection to my soul, more feelings. Whenever something comes in from the mind, I bless it, gently accept it,

because the more loving you are to your mind with your soul, the easier it becomes. Total presence in God comes, a stillness in God's Presence. We never know what stirs us in our soul, what will come up. You know you are in the Presence of God when you feel the Peacefulness."

-"I have different kinds of prayer, breaking in and out of my heart centre. Thoughts of gratitude help me stay in my heart, knowing my connection with all."

-"Frequently, I cry when I connect with God. I tell God how I am feeling. I speak out loud, because it is more of a commitment, more effective. Many different energies come and I don't know which is Divine Love. J. walks the prayer, letting his soul cry out. V. and I prayed together with thanksgiving. I can share our compiled music with you through Dropbox. Praying to music and saying phrases from the Bible helps me get out of myself."

-"Most of my prayer life is quiet, no words. I feel my soul longing as an entity that reaches up and connects, and God and I are reaching together. With 'good prayers' (feeling the connection), I sometimes speak out loud. Sometimes inspiration comes in the Grace, the flow of God's Love."

- -"I hardly ever use the Prayer. I don't use words. Being grateful, expressing gratitude for everything that is, everything there."
- -"I use praying out loud to shut off the inner noise, or I listen to music like 'The Power of Your Love', 'Create in You a Clean Heart', 'I Invite Your Love into My Soul' or I sing and that lays me open and then I can go into a silent prayer."
- -"I go to stillness, then start counting blessings, then praise and love."
- -"So many people are in need of prayer, so I start out by praying for those in need. I try to bless everyone. I don't feel it through quietness."
- -"I am in constant conversation with God in my daily life, asking for support as I am working, asking God to guide me with the person in front of me."
- -"My way is gratitude, going to nature, being inspired by nature."
- -"I have been praying for God's Divine Love for a short time. I started when I didn't feel worthy of God's Love, wasn't comfortable letting it in. I

began by giving it out. Love is for everyone. I am practising feeling worthy of receiving Love, being open to it, often without words."

-"If you look forward to your prayer time and don't want it to stop, you are doing something right."

-"I pray early in the mornings and am often late to work because I don't want it to stop. I need rituals, an opening prayer. I pray thankfully."

-"I pray with words to begin my prayer time, to centre myself, to focus on my soul connection with God, then I try to 'get out of my head' and pray wordlessly, from my soul to the Creator's Soul, sending love and being opening to receiving the Love that is always present. In my deepest prayers, I enter the silence, expand in the Light and the Love and receive impressions. My goal is to bring the Love into every waking moment and I am far from it!"

-"I pray to be used every day in whatever form He sees fit. I pray when I drive: 'in my weakness, You are my strength', 'in my humanness, You are everything I lack' because God does not make junk. It is Love-in-action, prayer-in-action. I tune in at prayer times and ask to be transported to

that place. God will bring us in our spirit bodies."

- -"Spirit have told us it is beneficial for the planet for us to pray together."
- -"I identify with the way H. described it, bringing prayer into every moment in life, teaching myself to pray every moment in life. I am teaching myself longing prayers, because words are not effective."
- -"I have a deep love affair with God. I have a playful nature and God meets me there because He created me there."
- -"It isn't all about me or my self-will; there is a Power greater than me. I try to be grateful, be thankful for whatever comes to mind when I go through the alphabet. I struggle with my selfishness and self-thoughts and look at God's Will rather than my will. This moment is what is important right now."
- -"How you pray is an expression of who you are. What works for me is visualization. If I have a vearning for something, I visualize myself there."

This serves to demonstrate the different ways people in our community pray. The vital and essential part is to soulfully ask for the Divine Love to enter one's soul. It is essential and effective for a beginner to pray The Prayer perfect from Jesus. My mother prays The Prayer<sup>71</sup> three times daily and has done so for the past four years now. I prayed it consistently in the first three years or so. Now I use my own words. I make use of the words of The Prayer when I pray together with people who have never heard of these teachings, as the basics of Jesus' Teachings are within The Prayer. After the prayer it opens the door to explain more of Jesus' Teachings.

Let us get back to Jesus. The amazing thing Jesus revealed to the world in his time on earth, as he continues to do today, is what he teaches about prayer. He teaches that prayer must originate from the longings of our souls and on the wings of these soul longings ascending toward the Father. The hollow recitation of ritualistic prayers or prayers without the soul will not rise higher than the breath escaping the mouth.

This was groundbreaking; some true quotations of this teaching are preserved in the Bible and highlight the immense importance of prayer. When one knows and experiences the effects of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> See page 185.

real prayers, it becomes important to teach others.

Efforts to form prayer circles or Circles of Light<sup>72</sup> are motivated by the importance of prayer and aimed at participants learning about their personal relationship to Our Heavenly Father, which includes "the possibility of communicating with Him, through deep, soulful prayer, because once people start to pray correctly, with authentic soul longings, the Father's answer will arrive in the form of His wonderful Love, and the seed is planted, that small mustard seed, which may grow to form an enormous plant, where the birds of the sky build their nests. But in order to demonstrate power of prayer convincingly, you have to be examples: So, be the examples!"<sup>73</sup>

Much can be accomplished through our examples of showing the way through prayer (e.g. prayer circles). In this way "the seed is planted, a seed which with the necessary and sustained collaboration on the part of man, will grow and cause essential changes in man. And starting with prayer, ecclesiastical reforms will be carried out

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> More information can be found about this topic at https://new-birth.net/link43/

Judas of Kerioth, p. 64.

automatically, and in a correct way." Further, "the parable of the mustard seed contains the soul of Jesus' teachings. Our instrument is prayer."<sup>74</sup> ". . . the parable of the mustard seed refers to the Kingdom's growth within the souls of men, to its growth in Divine Love and faith." In this context it is worthy to note: "When Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God, he always showed that he referred to man's interior, to the substantial change in him, and to the presence of Divine Love. He used expressions like "the Kingdom is not in the sky/heaven, because otherwise the birds would arrive first" [heaven and sky being the same word in Aramaic, as in many other languages]", the Kingdom of God is spread out upon the entire earth, and you don't see it!"75

In the following writings I will give a technical or scientific perspective on this subject and will explain my understandings of 'The way Prayer works'.

As we know, prayer for the Divine Love is the key to life eternal, prayer is the cornerstone and foundation of the path to become a resident in

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Judas of Kerioth p 65.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Judas of Kerioth p 63.

the Celestial Kingdom. The sincerity of prayer is the key; sincere prayers, both from mortals and spirits, activate God's Great Soul, which in turn activates Gods instruments, spirits or mortals, to give the appropriate answer. In the case of spiritual prayers, the Father Himself takes care of the response.

This activation of Father's Soul is dependent upon a law, namely the Law of Prayer.

I wish to elaborate on this wonderful law as was given to us by Jesus through the mediumship of D. L. I suggest that The Law of Prayer can be considered a chain of activations which are integral to securing a benevolent outcome for the supplicant. All links in this "chain reaction" need to be activated.

i)- Supplicant sends soulful prayers to—> God. God offers everything, but He wants us in turn to ask, for He has granted us our free will, and He will never bless us forcibly with His gifts. Thus the process of asking is very important and the manner of asking as well, with two important laws in play: The Law of Desire and The Law of Rapport and Communication. In my opinion, the efficacy of prayer will be greatly influenced by these two laws.

The initial step is that the supplicant, a person or spirit, directs her/his prayers, "which are offered with great sincerity and with a degree of faith that they will be answered" to the Father, whose "listening Ear is only open to those prayers which have a genuine need or benevolent purpose in mind." There are no "formulae that appeal to the Father's Love and Generosity . . . , unless these words are brought forth by the true desires and energies of the soul . . . ". Thus the supplicant's heart and soul are involved in this chain of activation. These "prayerful energies of the soul must be exercised and brought into play, else the prayer lacks the link-up with the Father that will assure a benevolent response and answer."

Now we also have to consider in this initial activation step, which is a prayer directed to the Father with all sincerity and soul longings, who the supplicant or penitent is and for whom and what s/he prays. It is known that a person can also benefit from the prayers of other people or our guardian angel—if those prayers are for spiritual progress, because s/he will receive opportunities to progress, and s/he will receive help and advice. But it is the task of the person

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Jesus, July 8, 1986 by D. L.

prayed for (thus the recipient) to take advantage of the occasion. Thus prayers for other people are useful and beneficial at any level, both material and spiritual, provided that recipient is open and "activated" and has trust and faith in the benevolent effect of the prayers from others. In other words, healing prayers in order to be effective need the free will choice of all parties involved.

ii)- God, according to the-> Law of Prayer <has to respond. The second step in the chain is God, and God's Part is absolutely assured, for He is "to respond to each and every prayer offered to Him with at least some degree of loving, soulful involvement on the part of the supplicant". Once God hears this prayer, by His Own Law, The Law of Prayer, His "listening Ear is automatically and unfailingly activated". 77 We have to remember that our connection to God is soul to Soul connection. and а communication with God can only be done in this way. So, mere intellectual prayer and lip worship are of no effect as the activation through the soulful prayer has not occurred and the chainreaction has thus not been activated.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Jesus, July 8, 1986 by D. L.

God will respond in the following way "if He deems (the prayer) worthy of being answered":

- a)- He answers spiritual prayers with "His great gift of His Divine Love; and
- b)- these things of the material—or earthly in themselves—he leaves to his ministering spirits to bestow, or, in other words, He delegates His angels to so come into contact with and influence the souls of men that they may feel that their prayers have been answered, as they have."<sup>78</sup>

Thus some prayers "are answered through His instrumentalities— the Celestial angels and other good or high spirits—and some are answered directly by the Father Himself as this pertains not to materially related prayers but to spiritually based ones. Material prayers are not answered directly by the Father, but He knows that men have need of these things. But where it comes to man's inner, soulful development, this He attends to directly through His Response to the yearnings of the soul."<sup>79</sup>

iii)- God, through the->Law of Activation->

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> <u>Jesus, through James Padgett September 19, 1920.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> <u>Jesus, July 8, 1986, March 18 and 26, 1987 through</u> D. L.

enlists Helpers to respond to sincere prayers. Now, how do the helpers know when and how to respond? "You have been told thus far that the Father has His helpers to carry out His Will, and that these helpers are always ready, willing, and able to carry out the Desires of our Heavenly Father. And this help, or its communication, is effected through a Law of Activation. When the Father hears and determines that He wishes to answer a material prayer, shall we say, He has to communicate His Desire to those spirits who will conform to His Wishes, and who will perform whatever deeds are necessary for His Will to be fulfilled. And this communication is effected rather immediately and through an inner knowing on the part of His ministering angels that a particular work is to be performed." Jesus says<sup>80</sup> "God does not exercise any arbitrary power to answer prayers, but when they are sincerely offered to Him, He works through His angels in answering them, and He does not by His mere fiat do so. His angels are always watching and working, and when the opportunity comes, they use their influence in the best possible way to bring about the ends desired."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Jesus through D. L. May 20, 1987.

iv)- Finally the—Recipient—: The final link of the activation chain, namely the recipient, spirit or mortal (be it the supplicant or someone prayed for) has to be activated too, to be able to receive the blessings requested. "When the person thus favoured does not recognize the opportunity, the prayers are without effect. Of course, some kind of will is always required, some kind of push from the beneficiary's side. It is the same in health. If people don't have any intention of improving, if they don't contribute anything, for example changing lifestyle, the effect of prayers will be doubtful."<sup>81</sup>

Further, we can elaborate on the benefits that prayer has, for example on our emotional condition, where "prayer does not remove the cause of worry and thus relieve the mortal from worry, but it operates on the mortal's consciousness in such a way as to remove the effect of this cause of worry on the feelings and mental conditions of the mortal, and in this way is the mortal benefited and his prayers responded to. He becomes a new man and ceases to look upon these causes in the same light that he did before the prayers commenced to bring their

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Judas, August 22, 2001.

responses. "82

In conclusion, we can see that the instrumentalities of Angels, spirits and mortals are used to answer material prayers (Law of Activation); as to the spiritual prayers, God answers them directly (Law of Prayer).

### The Law of Prayer:

Supplicant—> soulful prayer (spiritual)—> Father—> supplicant/recipient

Supplicant—> soulful prayer (material)—> Father—> Law of Activation: Helpers—> supplicant/recipient

To be a link-up in the chain as a 'Helper' we need to know God's Will, His Desire. Through our desires and efforts to commune with God and to commit to serving His Will, we are able here on earth to contribute to answering the prayers of others.

For further investigation and a deeper study here are some links below.<sup>83</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> Jesus, July 9, 1917.

<sup>83</sup>The Power of Prayer <a href="https://new-birth.net/link44/">https://new-birth.net/link44/</a>
The Law of Prayer <a href="https://new-birth.net/link45/">https://new-birth.net/link44/</a>

# 7. Expiation and Purification of Soul:

We can say that all souls are created with some innate knowledge. "They do not need to learn it, it is simply there. In many cases, this primitive knowledge, for example, that God exists, He awaits us and He offers us His Love, all becomes covered up in the later development of people, concealed by what we call encrustments of the soul. However, it is always present, only waiting for an awakening of the soul to manifest its power. In saying power, I mean that this knowledge, of course, causes longings and desires in the soul, desires to be with God and to receive His Love. Without this knowledge and desire, the Father's Love would be as if it did not exist." <sup>84</sup>

After the initial awakening of soul and our continued soul longings to receive God's Love, over time, we will discover the disharmonies within us and around us. We go through periods of great pain and conflict, rebellion and frustration, questioning, doubting. We feel this internal friction between what our soul wants to express and inhibitions such as the fear of

The Law of Activation <a href="https://new-birth.net/link46/">https://new-birth.net/link46/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup>Judas, Judas of Kerioth, January 11, 2002.

judgment from others or other hindrances to speaking freely, living freely and breaking free from the chains of societal and man-made rules. We desire to live love and are confronted with the unloving reality man has created. Our sensitivities are heightened, we feel the pangs of pain of the suffering of others, of our environment, the animals, plants and Mother Earth.

This expiation and purification process is often difficult to face but we need to go through this process of releasing the impurities, to face ourselves in truth and love ever knowing God by our side, wanting to help us to become a pure light, lifted and freed from all burdens and suffering. Oftentimes we are presented with opportunities to face ourselves, to help us realize, acknowledge and open the door for healing. It is a gradual process. Little steps. Nothing forced in the acceptance of where we are at, in this moment in time. And so we continue to release all that which is not of love. We don't need to do it ourselves as God is always ready to help us release these pains and hurts. In seeking forgiveness for the hurt we caused in others, admitting to things we did not act upon in love, but out of selfishness or ignorance because we did not know better. We need to be honest with ourselves and God, openhearted and loving towards ourselves. Upon this path of Divine Love, we are advised to pray with soulful longings for this Divine Love and to have faith that we are to receive It, the Love that is the very Substance of God.

We know and have experienced that the Divine Love, upon entering the soul, will remove sin and error from it and provide not only purification but also its transformation into an at-onement with Our Creator. This is the great help God provides on this path of Divine Love. As we reach for God, reach and climb to become something higher and better than what we are today; as we receive God's blessings and His Love in our souls, "there comes a response within your being. The blessing of the Divine Love will cause your souls to begin a cleansing process where you release the toxins, so to speak, of your souls. You release all those elements within your soul that are not of this Love, not of purity and grace and goodness. And this causes discomfort, this causes disturbances within your minds, bodies and all parts of your beings as this cleansing and releasing happens from the Gift of Love which purifies the soul within you, the soul that is you.

With this Love comes other blessings, healings, energies which will cause your bodies to expiate toxins. There are many blessings that God gives you which have their effects upon your being and these effects are meant to purify, to strengthen, to bring more harmony within you. There are and will be times when you feel a state of disruption and disturbance, when your emotions are increased, at times negative, when your bodies feel discomfort. And I tell you, my friends, often what is happening within you has purpose and benefit and is the result of the Touch from God within your beings. And you are all sensitive people, you all feel things intensely and you absorb many energies in the world and these also be released. This, at times, causes discomfort and stress within you. It is important that you maintain a strong connection with the Creator, that you allow His Love, His Blessings to flow through you and into you so as to maintain a certain level of purity and to attain a higher level of purity within you on all levels."85

We also need to remember the effect our mind has upon our being as Jesus explained in writings

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> Celestial Spirit Seretta Kem through A. F. on July 13, 2016.

to Padgett (who often struggled with doubt): "if you let doubt come into your mind, as a consequence, your soul does not respond. although, strange as it may seem, the Divine Love is there, but when this mental doubt exists, it is as if it were a covering which prevents the existence of the love in the soul to shine forth and produce the great feeling of happiness and joy which otherwise you might experience. The mental condition of the mortal undoubtedly has a great influence on the consciousness of the man as to his possession of this soul development and the Divine Love, and consequently, there will have to be this continuous fight as long as life lasts on earth, between the mental conditions and the soul's consciousness. But as the mental beliefs are brought into harmony with the soul's condition, more and more the fight will grow weaker and less frequent, and it is possible that they will cease altogether, and the mental beliefs become entirely and absolutely subordinated or rather absorbed in the soul's consciousness of its being possessed of this Divine Love of the Father."86

The important thing throughout this process is to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> Jesus through James Padgett, January 3, 1916.

stay connected to God. To be honest with oneself and own the emotions or feelings or thoughts we have, asking God to help us to release all that which is not in harmony with His Laws and His Love. We begin to feel the healing we go through. The negativity of this world that we are constantly bombarded with will not touch us as it used to. Our connection to the Source of all Love and Love grows stronger than any evil and pushes away the darkness in which we live. We feel enveloped in a cloak of Love and Light which carry us through tough circumstances and situations. We feel that God's Angels are close, helping us along. As we act on our soul desires to be at one with or in harmony with God as often as possible, we feel compelled to release those things, those threads that hold us back and tie us down, those hindrances that make it difficult to be close to God at all times. A commitment (and responsibility) is asked as we grow on our path to eventually be born anew into the life divine and life eternal

"There comes a time with every soul for them to release that cloak made from fear and error and desire of the material. There comes a day for every soul who truly wants to be with God to put this aside, to put aside those human things that draw one down into darkness rather than to ascend to Light. I went from wealth to poverty, I went from a place of ease and power to a place of aloneness and innocence, and yet I did not lose anything, I gained the world. I gained the world, my beloveds, in my journey to God. Many of you still walk within the world of humanity. You go about your daily lives in this world that distracts you from God. And we cannot blame you or condemn you for this, for you know no different. And although your souls have a deep desire to know God, your mind rules your actions, you are reticent to let go, to be free, to walk away from all your attachments. For you have put great energy and investment in what you have, and your lives as they are. And indeed to detach from these things requires great strength and the shock of letting go as I did, walking away as I did, is too great for many. It is a gradual process of filling yourselves with the Father's Essence through your prayers and desire to receive and then gradually releasing all that is not in harmony with His Love."87

And so it is for each one of us to decide how to walk our path to the at-oneness with God. For me

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> Francis of Assisi through A. F. on August 20, 2015.

personally, Francis' life story was a huge inspiration and example, especially at the time when I went through the question of "how committed am I to God, how committed am I to this path, to these Truths, to my soul growth?" His story was pivotal in my decision to leave the life that I led behind and dedicate myself to work amongst the poor, in service of this Love. Since then, my life has become so rich and joy accompanies me as I sing praises to The One I love most.

We all desire to progress and grow. Our earth life, though a fleeting moment, provides us with ample opportunities for growth based upon challenges met and overcome. A sense of success accompanies achievement or incremental self-awareness, of the growth and development of the soul. True growth is not really possible without challenges to deal with and finding loving solutions. Thus, no one should fear the challenges of life, for it is through the successful handling of such challenges that we all grow and develop greater strength and character. God by our side is only a prayer away, releasing His Love and all His Help to carry and guide us through.

# 8. Soul Progression and Growth

This topic will involve several aspects; a whole book can be written on this subject alone. Here I wish to also include the two spiritual destinies and the ultimate goal of each. Where are we heading to, or growing towards? What is the goal? Further, we have to investigate the laws in place to bring about progression. God's Universe is so magnificently regulated by His Laws I am often amazed at what perfection they work and it gives me great delight to learn of these spiritual matters.

"Progress is the law eternal, and no progress is possible without the application of those efforts which will result in growth and further development." 88

Jesus tells us that progress is a fixed law in God's universe and progression is assured in all things especially when it comes to the soul of man. The soul of man is the real ego,<sup>89</sup> and this "is ever in a state of flux because it is the activator of (man's) very life and vitality". This growth of soul is also referred to as 'spiritual movement'.

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<sup>88</sup> Jesus, July 2, 1987 through D. L.

In the sense of being the real person.

When entering the spirit life, the spiritual laws work with greater specificity than on the earth, where the free will of man is the dominating motivation of 'spiritual movement'. When the spirit body is still encased in the flesh from birth onwards it continues to grow and change. However, the soul of a man is the cause of the spirit body's appearance. It is the soul's free will desire for good or evil which will determine his location in the spirit world and another law is at greater work here than on earth, namely, the Law of Attraction. Like attracts like, and when one has received the Divine Love, one finds oneself attracted to this Substance that can be found in God's Soul and to those moments where one is in communion with Him. "Once your soul has received this life-giving Substance, it multiplies itself, seemingly effortlessly, as if with a life of its own. In truth, this Love does have a life within your soul, as you become a new being, real within the universe of God that is not subject to change, and equally, there is a whole universe of laws that now go into action, as a result of your becoming a part of divinity and immortality." 90

Such a soul, filled with God's Love, will progress

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> John, February 2, 2002 through A. R.

through the specified spheres for soul progression when eventually reaching the Seventh Sphere where the amazing thing happens, that a human soul will be prepared for its transformation into the divine soul through the New Birth. On the other hand, those interested in developing their intellectual and moral side, will progress through the spheres in purifying their natural Love.

Here I wish to elaborate a little. In the teachings transmitted through James Padgett, also known as the 'Padgett Messages', it is stated that mortal and spirit life develops within a framework of laws on the material and spiritual levels. It is shown that there are two ways of progression. The first way leads through soul purification in its natural love, and it ends with the perfect natural man, who has reached the pristine state of soul through its purification, a condition which the first parents (also known as Adam and Eve) enjoyed before their fall. The final destination is the sixth sphere also known as the Spiritual Heavens. When in these Heavens, the soul has not the Divine Love and "the mind stays in ascendancy and erroneous beliefs will cling to the mind into the Sixth Sphere and will never leave as long as the person wants to believe in them. So, without the power of God's Love in a soul, and the power of truth residing there, the mind can remain in ascendancy, and the truth will be overridden by free will."<sup>91</sup>

The other way however, is the way of Truth where each soul has the possibility to obtain God's Substance in the form of His Divine Love through prayer as aforementioned. As the prayers ascend toward the Father, He sends His Holy Spirit, "which conveys the Divine Love into the supplicant's soul in answer. Divine Love also purifies the soul (refer to point 8 above), but even more, it transforms it gradually from a human soul into a Divine soul. When this process finishes, the soul has experienced what we call the New Birth, because it is no longer a 'human being' in the strict meaning of the word, but a Divine being, with the attributes of Divinity in Divine Love. Among these attributes there is true Immortality. And only this Divine soul may enter the Celestial spheres, the Kingdom of God, in order to enjoy an eternity of happiness and progress. Souls without Divine Love are

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Jesus, March 5, 2000 through K. S.

excluded."92

This teaching (of the New Birth and how to obtain it) is the true salvation of mankind, not the vicarious atonement on the cross and washing away of sins of men by the blood of Jesus as it is preached in Christian Churches. Here the words of John trying to explain the error that has been taught all these years: "I want to say that while I wrote a Revelation or rather dictated it to another to write, I never wrote the words declaring the salvation of mankind through the blood of Jesus, which declared that the blood of Jesus washed away sins of mankind and redeemed them, for I did not believe any such doctrine and had never been taught such a belief by Jesus." <sup>93</sup>

When Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'— he meant that through his teachings and example men should be able to find God. Only in John's Gospel [3:3] Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God] is written "the one necessary requirement to a full salvation and redemption of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Judas, September 3, 2001 through H.

John, through James Padgett September 7, 1915.

mankind. I mean the declaration that men must be born again in order to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the only true way by which a man can become a true child of the Father, and fitted to live in and enjoy the Father's Kingdom to the fullest."<sup>94</sup>

Not to digress too much from the subject, I however would like to mention the following. In the gospel revealed anew through Padgett, it is stated that someday in the future, the Celestial Heavens, the Kingdom of God, will close its gates and all souls outside will be excluded. "It is uncertain whether they will ever regain this privilege or not, and so they should not rely on this remote possibility. This day of definitive separation of 'sheep and goats' is also called the Day of Judgment, and there is also the expression of the Second Death, because the excluded souls will have definitely lost their option for true Immortality. All this was presented consistently in the Padgett messages as a fact, which would happen someday in the future, unknown even to Jesus, according to the Father's decree."95

Once we are on the side of spirit life, one very

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> Jesus, through James Padgett May 24, 1915.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> Judas, Sept 3, 2001 through H.

soon realizes that one is in a location where like attracts like. For many the Law of Compensation has to be answered before progression can begin. All progression depends on the help that comes from outside the mind or soul of man. Here I briefly wish to mention the Law of Equipoise and Balance which basically states that "progress is really the blending of two occurrences: one's soul attaining to at least a balance between accumulated goodness and encrustments, and the available help from without given to that soul seeking its progress to greater light happiness. And, of course, once goodness does in begin to outweigh and supersede fact remaining encrustments in a man's soul, progress thereafter not only becomes possible but likely accelerative in nature. For when a person begins to experience happiness and is convinced he is on the right track toward further development and even greater happiness, he tends to naturally pursue that specific course with greater intensity and dedication." Jesus 96 concluded this particular message by saying: "And I am happy to conclude this presentation of today by saying that you, our beloved trustees, will never have to be concerned

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Jesus: The Law of Equipoise or Balance. January 18, 1988, Received by D. L.

about reaching the 'balance' position necessary to progress, because your goodness already far outweighs the remaining encrustments that you will all expiate in good time and as you obtain more and more of the Father's purifying Love."

By adding this, I wanted to emphasize how much we can accomplish here on earth by following the path of Divine Love. We will greatly benefit as to where our position will be once we are carried over to the spirit world upon our transition from earth life to spirit life.

For many the great problem is to begin one's progression. "Of course, this means that a correct start be made. If the start be a false one or based on things other than the truth, instead of progress continuing when the man becomes a spirit, there may have to be a retracing of the way, and a new start made, in order to get on the right road. And this applies to the progress of the mind as well as to the progress of the soul." "97

Further, pertaining to the spirit world, "retrogression is no longer possible because sins on earth no longer have application in the spirit

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> Joseph Salyards through Padgett, April 13, 1915.

world."98 Thus a spirit will be motivated, once a start has been made and help has been accepted, to progress to greater happiness and light. As mentioned, the great problem is to make the start, but fortunately we know that the great cause which operates to relieve spirits as well as mortals from their sins and errors, is love. Only when such love is awakened, and suffering relieved, is one in a position and condition to start the progression as mentioned above.

"Another law of the spirit world is that when a spirit once commences to progress, that progress increases in geometrical progression, as we used to say when teaching on earth. Just as soon as the light breaks into a man's soul or mind, and he commences to see that there is a way for him to reach higher things, and make greater expansion of either his mind or soul, he will find that his desire to progress will increase as that progression continues, and with that desire will come help in such abundance that it will be limited only by the desire of the spirit. His will then becomes a great force in his success in progressing and working in conjunction with the help that calls it into operation. It becomes a

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> <u>Jesus, June 17 - 22, 1987 received by D. L.</u>

wonderful thing of power and irresistible force."99

"The Father, in His Infinite Wisdom, has ordained that His children will always have challenges before them to assist them with their own growth development, as well as in increments in fulfillment and the happiness that comes from the successful completion of tasks or the overcoming of problems. We, in the Celestial Heavens, are subject to the same Law of Change and Growth. If this were not so, we too could not progress in our happiness and fulfillment. For is transitory without further happiness accomplishments resulting in more happiness. To remain fixed in one's development could never provide additional happiness; and, in time, through a lack of further progress, the happiness one has already gained would soon dissipate into a memory of only what once was. . . . Thus, it is important to make humankind more aware of their growth and development potential through the understanding and application of facing and dealing with the challenges of life, realizing that this is the 'stuff' upon which strong and happy souls are made. There can be no growth without

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> Prof Salyards, April 13, 1915. Received by James Padgett.

these challenges to face and overcome. And, so, if each child of the Father were to recognize that this is an eternal and not merely a temporary process, he or she might better be able to approach such challenges more positively, and with the underlying assurance or confidence that accepting such challenges is providing that progress without which ongoing happiness would not be possible." <sup>100</sup>

Jesus further shares: "Our condition, though usually a very happy and blissful one in our own environs, is not always a happy one when our work takes us to lower and misery-laden conditions that exist so prevalently on the earth plane . . . , unless we involve ourselves in attempting to improve such conditions, our own means for further growth and development would be curtailed or at least seriously delayed. Growth and progress are dependent upon the application of taking on adversities and doing something constructive and beneficial about them. And this applies not only to the personal adversities one may encounter but also to the adversities we witness in others which also cry out for remediation. . . . Progress, growth, and

<sup>100</sup> Jesus, July 2, 1987 through D. L.

development depend upon the overcoming of adversities or stumbling blocks that all of us encounter along the way. Even we in the Celestial Heavens are ever in a state of growth and development, and this growth depends upon not only the Divine Love we receive from the Father but also upon the efforts that we ourselves make to face and overcome the challenges of life and living ever before us."<sup>101</sup>

Great relief is in the knowing that we always have help available, though our own efforts are still most important and beneficial to one's own growth and development, yet, we must also understand that the Father does not require of His children that they face each and every challenge alone. There should be a healthy balance between one's own efforts and one's calling for assistance when this too may be appropriate. To call upon God to assist us brings the greatest and most assured help. If we look back where we were five years ago, ten years ago, we clearly may see how we have progressed upon our spiritual path. Upon the Divine Love Path where the soul is not only purified but also transformed in incremental steps as the active

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> Jesus, July 2, 1987 through D. L.

force of God's Love within our soul is at work, we come to learn to perceive with our soul and the soul mind becomes ascendant upon our material mind. We start to 'think' from the soul level and the rational mind quietens, softening into its acceptance of a superior 'knowing' coming from the soul. More on soul-perceptions later.

In conclusion, the beautiful words of John: The Law of Progression puts one into that never ending, ever-moving river of Love. "You have tasted the nectar of God's Love, and you will now be satisfied with nothing else. It is the truth, and this truth will exist longer than any material law that you find comfort in. Yes, the sun will come up every day, until that ancient star burns out. But the immortal light that God's Soul puts forth to you will never be extinguished, and you will always seek its warmth."

#### 9. Some Characteristics of Soul

Many subtle shifts are happening within and it truly can be said that the journey on this path is an exploration of our soul in relationship to our Creator and all of His Creation. In this exploration

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> John, February 2, 2002 through A. R.

and discovery the awarenesses expand as we come to learn more and more of the being we truly are, transforming, growing ever closer to our Heavenly Father. It is not easy to explain, but somehow, through the infusion of the Divine Love something has ignited within, oftentimes without having a conscious awareness of the new perceptions gained. There are many shifts, subtle new perceptions and sensitivities all happening at the soul level, slowly bubbling up into our consciousness. With the help of our Celestial guides and through assistance of mediums, wonderful messages are given that help us to realize what is happening to us as we grow. Through our deepened prayer practice and closeness to God, we grow in our understanding as to what God is sharing with us.

As there are several aspects to this, I added them all under one heading. Here I wish to state that the experience is different for each individual, each having their own road of experiences and their own way to connect to God. These shifts and growths and progressions may be a different experience for each one and there are no 'fixed rules' or gradations. This is the additional benefit of fellowship; to exchange these experiences, to share what we have learned, to ask questions

directed to those who have been travelling this path many years longer than oneself. And here I wish to thank all those who mentored me or shared with me their wisdom, helping me upon my journey.

## i) Soul Longings and Spiritual Emotions

Now we will investigate the soul and how it "thinks" and its relationship to God, the great Oversoul. Judas explains many different aspects in the following message. <sup>103</sup> It gives greater insight and thus this excerpt is rather long but I hope it shines more light and a greater understanding upon this topic of soul:

"Now, as we have detailed on previous occasions, man is composed of three essentially different parts: the physical body, the spirit body and the soul. Of these three components, the physical body is characterized by its fleeting nature, material world, facilitating the interaction of man's spiritual part with the coarse material environment that surrounds him.

"The spirit body, as I have explained previously, is

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Dated May 8, 2002 (from the book Judas of Kerioth through H.).

composed of a different kind of matter, 'finer' or more 'ethereal'. The fact that its aspect reflects the condition of soul is a clear indication that the soul largely influences its formation, and even more, the soul is indeed the creator of this body, which covers it and provides it with the characteristic of individuality. The formation of the spirit body begins at the moment of incarnation of the soul in the foetus, incarnation which only takes place should there exist a high probability that the spirit of life has found in the new organism a stable biological structure, allowing it to carry out its life-giving function.

"The soul, lastly, is man's only part that resembles its Creator. This is why we also refer to God as the Great Soul or the Oversoul . . . A man's soul is made in the image of God. In the image—that means that it is not composed a priori of the same elements as is the Creator's Soul, but rather, that many of its attributes only resemble the Attributes of God. Therefore, the study of man's soul characteristics is a good approach when trying to investigate certain aspects of God's Soul, in order to understand as much as possible. . . .

"Jesus explains that the soul is a creation of God,

a separate and different entity, and is not an emanation from the Supreme Being, as some religions teach. The Master also explains that the soul is the seat of 'spiritual emotions', using the word 'emotions', because the soul does not 'think' as the mind thinks. The intelligent activity of the soul develops on the spiritual level, and not on the level of reason. Therefore, it escapes description, in the same way as the emotions of the animal nature elude the intent of articulating them into words. Words are the shapes and structures of the 'material' mind, to which emotions add colour and life.

"A good example of spiritual emotions are soul longings, an indescribable internal commotion, which intensifies its pressure on occasions, until it no longer fits in the heart and is liberated in a gigantic blast, finding its way to God. This happens in the moments of extreme anguish, when a scream for help breaks out of our chest, leading infallibly to the answer from God. In this case, it is a 'scream of despair,' of a pronounced negative content, but man has the possibility of stimulating this 'internal pressure,' loaded with positive values, until a 'scream of love' breaks out and soars to our Father. That is what Jesus described as true prayer. Not every day are

mortals able to motivate the very essence of their positive side, until it speeds towards God. On most occasions the prayer of the mortal is a sequence of words, accompanied by lukewarm emotions, even knowing that true prayer is different. And sometimes, just when you are not thinking of prayer, your heart suddenly opens up, setting free its huge floods of spiritual emotion, resulting immediately in God's answer—the conveying of His Love. The release of the positive pressure and the subsequent flowing in of Divine Sweetness, are a climax in spiritual experience, unforgettable and deep-seated, the sweet honey of spirituality, which the soul will always thirst for.

"... The human soul is invisible to the material vision and also to the eyes of the spirit body. However, it is accessible to the senses of the soul, which we call 'perceptions,' because we lack a better verbal substitute. Spirits cannot see the soul, ... not even in the moment of its incarnation, but later on, they can observe the development of the spirit body, which serves them as a 'marker' for detecting the presence of a soul, and even for evaluating its condition.

"Now, after so many words on the human soul,

we may apply the same concept to the Father's Great Soul. We cannot see this Soul, neither with the eyes of the physical body, nor with those of the spirit body. But we can perceive Its presence. Even more, we can perceive, within the limitations of our capacity, some aspects of Its being. . . .

"Hence, we may also perceive Kindness, Love, Mercy, Affection and many more of God's attributes, but it is impossible for us to really understand the entirety of His being. He is the All in All, the Eternal Fire of Life and Vigour, the Eternal Source of Love and Wisdom. We, who have received His Essence of Love, are as tiny sparks in front of an Ocean of Light. . . .

"Jesus has never seen God with his material or ethereal eyes, as you may see other people. But in fact, he has seen our Father with those 'eyes of his soul.' I have done so, all spirits in the Celestial Heavens have done so. This internal vision depends on the development of the soul, and the image, which in the beginning is hardly existent, blurred and diffuse, acquires ever more form, and eventually becomes richer in details, as we progress in our own development....

"When the human soul receives the Love of God

— His Essence — it becomes a divine soul. This is called soul transformation, culminating exactly at the moment when this process consumes the last vestiges of the natural soul, in the New Birth. Later on, the divine soul continues incorporating always more of God's Love, but the transformation from the profane into the divine has already concluded. Another process of transformation follows, which I do not dare to describe right now. You still do not understand the basics, so let us leave those advanced teachings for the time when you may have the capacity to digest them.

"I have a transformed soul. However, I cannot share this Immortal Substance with you. My soul wants to help you, it loves you, it offers all its energy for recharging 'your low batteries,' but it cannot share its own essence with you. I am an individual, and as the word says, I cannot divide myself in order to share my happiness with you, although I would like to do so.

"On the other hand, God is doing exactly this continuously. His richly structured Soul constantly emanates part of Its Essence, the Divine Love, and offers It, so that men may incorporate it. God 'divides Himself', He is not an individual. He has

personality, of course, but has no individuality.

"We know very little of His personality, but one single word may suffice to describe what we really know for sure: He is LOVE. God emanates energy and Substance, and as I have said, communication with Him is only possible from soul to Soul, without words. And what God tells you, you will not perceive as words, but as 'positive internal knowledge'. Yes, it is faith."

## ii) Soul Perceptions and Spiritual Awareness

The awareness of a soul is formed by its knowledge or faith (as stated above i.e. positive internal knowledge), and it determines the spectrum or range of its perceptions. Further, a soul's awareness is determined by the soul's development.

"You have heard that the soul's development increases its awareness, and with its awareness, the soul's perceptions gain a wider space of activity. In time, they become keener, and when the soul's awareness through its selective perceptions has taken advantage of what its environment may offer, it experiences a sudden expansion, and a new world of wonders and opportunities opens up. This is the normal way of

development, stimulated by the spirit's or the mortal's interest and inclination, and guided by other spirits, who in their more advanced state lead their charge along the chosen path.

"But there is another possibility, and this is that the Father Himself enlarges the soul's awareness, as if He uncovers a hidden door, a pathway to a new universe. He did this once, when He blessed us with the awareness of His Love, a Love which always existed, which always bathed us, but which mankind could not perceive. This is the so-called privilege of receiving His Soul's Substance, because in order to receive It, you must be aware of Its existence." 104

Jesus states:<sup>105</sup> "You cannot perceive spiritual things with the material mind, neither can a man by reason of those powers of the mind which know only material things, be able to perceive the truths of the spirit. Hence the necessity for man cultivating the soul perceptions, which are greater and more comprehending than all the faculties of the material mind.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> Judas of Kerioth, p 40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Jesus writes through Mr. Padgett on October 25, 1915.

"Mind, as usually understood by man, is undoubtedly a wonderful instrument in investigating and learning the laws of nature and the relation of cause and effect in the physical world, but such powers when applied to the things of the spirit, will not help much, but rather retard the progress of the soul's development of its faculties. . . .

"Laws are eternal and never change and are made by the great Father to be applied to all the conditions and to all the relationships of the material world and of the spiritual world. But the laws that apply to the operations of the material world are not fitted to apply to the operations of the spiritual world; and the man who understands the former and their application to material things is not able to apply the laws applicable to the spiritual world to spiritual things. Knowledge of the laws pertaining to the natural will not supply knowledge of the laws pertaining to the spiritual....

"The material laws may be learned from the operation of the senses that belong to and constitute the material mind, but the spiritual laws can only be learned by the exercise and application of the faculties of the soul. The soul is

to the spiritual things of God what the mind is to the material things of God. And the great mistake that men make and have made, is to attempt to learn these spiritual things with the powers of the material mind

"I write thus because I see that you and your friend desire to learn the nature and operations and workings of the spiritual things, and hence I want to impress upon you the necessity for exercising the soul perceptions which will come to you as your soul develops. These perceptions are just as real as are the five senses of the natural mind, though most men do not even know of their existence; and when once you have succeeded in understanding that they do exist and that you may be able to use them just as you use the faculties of the material mind, you will be able to progress in the development of these faculties or perceptions with as much success and certainty as does the great scientist or philosopher in the studies of the things to which he applies the faculties of his material mind."

Often times it is called a struggle between soul and material mind. I prefer not to use the word 'struggle' but to embrace the capacities of both fully, realizing that the one will finally be absorbed by the other. Yes, the soul is hampered and fettered by beliefs and understandings by the material mind which always is trying to dominate the soul and its perceptions, "but little by little, the soul will erode and remove those obstacles, and although new ones will appear, there will come the day when it asserts itself and finally finds God and its at-onement with Him. Our soul has the innate desire to find God, and man cannot suppress this desire forever. In the seemingly eternal battle between soul and material mind, the soul will prove stronger." Judas, who also says: ". . . soulful Truth, always will conflict in one or other way with your material mind. Let it sink deep into your soul, embrace it humbly, and listen to it. Let yourself not be torn apart in this struggle between soul and material mind. Be yourself, be soul."106

As we know, it is a desire of the mind to control the outcomes of many things around us, to make the world in accordance to our concepts and ideas of how the world should be, and how those around us should be, and "this is a manifestation of fear, and false beliefs and illusion. For the world cannot unfold in accordance to your

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> Judas of Kerioth, p 43.

expectations and ideas. You are powerless in many ways to control these things, and you bring yourselves a great deal of aggravation and pain with these thoughts and expectations. Humility, in many respects, is an act of releasing these things within your mind. And living in grace, in the flow of God's Love, is allowing the world to manifest around you, without your attachment to the outcomes, and your attachment to those whom you love in a way that desires to control and to determine the outcomes of their behaviours. No, my dear students, you must listen to God only, and allow Him to show you the way rather than be distracted by your mind's desire to have control in this world. For this is folly! It has no bearing upon God's Will or His desire for you in your life. Just think, my beloveds, how much freedom you will obtain by letting go in this way. I am not to saying that you should not act appropriately and use your gifts resolve problems and bring harmonious outcomes, for you are given the gift of free will and you are given many gifts to use in your lives, in many different ways. But I merely address your minds' desire to project and to expect certain outcomes in your lives, and certain ways in which your life should flow and be in this flow of God's Love.

"This is a difficult request, I understand this, for you have been taught and you have experienced through most of your life, this other, mortal way of life in which you must feel responsible and in control. And to be with God more closely, to know His Will more fully, these parts of your mind, these old habits, this holding on, must be released so that God may infuse His Will into every part of your life and your being. Yes, it is difficult and we ask much of you, I know. But if you are truly to serve God, you must let go and allow God to guide you with each day and many things will manifest through this humble, gentle acquiescence to God's Will."107

Here another message from our beloved teacher Augustine who every so often tries to help us in our understandings of the functioning of soul and mind: "A yearning soul is the key that will unlock the door to God, and a curious mind is but a symptom of the yearning soul, for the mind must feel comforted by this intense desire that does not originate from mind but soul. Those who seek for truth seek because their souls long for truth,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> Celestial teacher Augustine th<u>rough A. F. on April</u> 12, 2016.

and those who seek for truth through many teachings seek in a direction that often thwarts the yearning soul, for the mind misunderstands the yearning. The mind seeks dominance. The mind wants control. And the soul, the eternal part of your being, is patient and waits for that time when there is an opening, a crack in the armor where the fears fall away and you are willing to feel the vulnerability that comes with those raw yearnings, often tinged with pain and heartache, that come forth to God seeking solace, seeking His loving Touch, to bring true healing to you. My beloveds, it is the yearning soul seeking to not be alone, seeking to know joy, fulfillment, seeking God and in this seeking, this longing, this wordless prayer to your Heavenly Father comes His Holy Spirit to Touch your soul, to convey His Love which shall reside within for all eternity, this great gift of Love.

"So you see, you can ask many questions, appease the mind in its discomfort, but the mind is not in a place of control when these deeper awarenesses and experiences come into your being and consciousness, and so the mind seeks to rationalize, to find structure, to understand with faculties that are in essence incapable of understanding these truths, for these truths

originate on a higher level of understanding, of knowing, and only the soul infused with Divine Essence, opened and developed by this Love so that the faculties of the soul are opened and the capacities of understanding come with these perceptions of the soul. This is where faith begins, my beloveds, to have faith and trust that through this experience of being touched within your soul will come, in time, and flow in harmony when you are capable of understanding through the mind of the soul, the perceptions of the soul.

"In your world the mind is revered, the mind is empowered and nurtured, the mind is considered by most to be the only faculty of the individual able to reason and perceive truth and this, my friends, is error, for the soul has greater faculties, deeper perceptions and greater capacity to understand the universal truths of the Creator. And so, for those willing to step forth into the realms of their soul, knowing full well that what lay within that deep cavity that is your true being is much heartache, many places and corners harbouring deep pain that in order to step into this chamber you must be strong and of strong faith to allow God to come with you, to say to your Heavenly Father:

## (Dear Father) -

Hold my hand through this journey and infuse me with Your Love, so that I might with strength and clarity release these things within and allow You and me together -to live in this place of communion and Light, this deep place that I will carry with me for all eternity, becoming ever brighter and more beautiful. allowing all that is not in harmony with your Love to fall away from me and all truth, all goodness, all joy and deep peace to replace those things that I hold so dear to myself and are not of God or love or true joy and I will release these things and allow the benediction of Your Holy Essence to heal everything within me, to open my arms, to bring me to at-onement with You.

"Yes, my children, this is a great journey, one which you must be willing to take, one which God in His wisdom has given you the choice to take, and many defend and rationalize their reluctance,

for within them they know intuitively that this journey has its difficulties, to confront your true selves, to be in that place of vulnerability. To seek true and deep healing that is permanent, you must be strong in faith, for it is with faith that you are strengthened; it is with faith that you understand and are open to this experience. . . .

"And so the many religions and understandings of your world are based upon this compulsion of the mind to explain reality, for the mind truly does not have this capacity, for it is the soul that truly knows and each being in this world has a soul and therefore has the capacity to know truth. But for most in this world the soul is neglected, misunderstood and little attention is paid to these yearnings to be with God. But the mind is firmly in control, the mind becomes the dictator that would be, and in this so much in error can be rationalized, love is thwarted by the intellect, a great thirst for power, personal power, power over others, desire for accumulation and materialism.

"Much fear comes as the mind cannot truly grasp all the possibilities of this world, and there is no room for faith and a trust in God to guide and protect and so each of you, my students, you wrestle with these dilemmas each day and truly you cannot deny your minds for it is a part of you and a gift from God, but to have your mind in balance and working in harmony with your soul, and in time the mind of your soul enveloping and infusing your material mind is a goal of importance. In this way you will find answers, many answers that are not mere speculation but truth and this takes time and a great deal of effort on your part, in prayer and in receiving the great gift of God's Love which makes all of this possible. It is the great key, the great gift, the highest of all gifts, the highest of all blessings this gift of God's Love....

"So, my beloved students, I have talked seriously about the choices that you and all of mankind have in their existence in this world and in the existence in the world to come in spirit, a great choice and each journey has its rewards, potentials, but only one of these paths will lead to at-onement with God, the other is at-onement with mankind in a pure and perfect world. So I bless you, my students, and I wish you God's speed upon your journeys and I pray that you will use wisdom and plummet your souls to discover what it is that you truly wish for in your spiritual life, for when you follow the wishes of your soul

you are true to yourself, you are true to who you truly are, that great gift that God created in the world, which is you, my beloveds, you, unique and beautiful, full of so much potential and capacities."108

As I grow in my soul perceptions I also grow in spiritual awareness and am blessed with openings of talking to my spiritual guides and teachers. For me it is more a sensing of their presence. We all have different tendencies and gifts as to recognize the benevolent influences of Guardian Angels and Celestial teachers and guides. I noticed that as I prayed more and more consistently for the Divine Love. awarenesses opened. In these writings I do not discuss mediumship wish to or spirit communications as I don't feel I am qualified to do so and also I do not want to divert from the subject of far greater importance, which is to pray for the Divine Love. In my beginnings though, I was tempted to be more interested in spirit communications and I asked in my prayers for the Celestial's guidance and help. Until one day Judas prompted me to write the following down, on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> Celestial Teacher, Augustine through A. F. July 10, 2016.

### September 22nd, 2012:

"It is me, Judas, dear sister, please write as I want to give you a dictation on the subject of "guidance". We are helping you to follow the guidance you receive from Father. Your soul's desire and development will determine where you are going to be and what you will do. We will support you and be by your side. The guidance comes from God, we are the intermediary and His helpers by guiding/helping you. Thus pray for guidance from God, our Father, and He will direct us to guide you. I hope this is clearer to you now. Always ask God for guidance and if we are prompted through the Law of Activation, we will help you, surround you, "guide" you, let's say steer you so you can follow God's direction for you. I am your friend and angel friend and angel helper Judas. I am so glad you reconnected with me as I love you dearly. Go out and enjoy the dav!"

Ever since this communication I turn to God for everything, for every little question. I love God so deeply. It is a burning desire of my soul to be with God and to receive His answers, to receive His Love, for Him to share with me His desires and wishes. God often answers my questions by using

animals, demonstrating in nature, through people, through something written or an Angelic communication, through a piece of music or through the laughter of a child.

Here I wish to share such a story which demonstrates how God guides and teaches me: One day I was walking in the bushveld, close to the area where I work with orphaned, vulnerable and neglected children in a community of San people in the Kalahari. I was praying and contemplating as my senses were disturbed and I was torn needing God's advice. It was in connection with my desire to have a building where we can have prayer circles and other works in the flow of God's Love. At that time an outreach relationship was initiated with a few members of our movement and an UK based charity which has an old established building as their location of operation, providing healing and prayer services to the local community. I prayed in that building in England before and know of the power and influence that place can have for the good of people, for the sick and seekers of love and many more. I longed to be there and be an instrument for God in that place. However, it did not pan out as I envisioned and I prayed to God for clarity. Should we build a structure where we can have a school of these Teachings of Divine Truth? Where we can pray and be channels of healing? Upon this path we clearly have to distinguish as to what is God's Will in contrast to our own will (which is mostly born of mind and not soul). As our mind interferes and we impose our perceptions of what God's Will might be, it is not so easy and often we perceive the "guidance" in a muddled and "muddled" way. Repeated prayers for clarity are needed and a confirmation of previous perceived guidance is to be asked for. I was in that state of "muddledness".

As I walked along, talking with great enthusiasm with God what I was foreseeing. My plans for a place of healing and connecting, a school, etc. I pleaded with God to answer me, as I felt great excitement at such proposition. I continued my walk when suddenly a tortoise entered my path. Out of nowhere she walked out of the grass into this small and narrow footpath. I slowly walked behind her in silence marveling at God's creation. I felt and heard my Heavenly Father's words: "My child, do you see this creature?" "Oh yes", I replied. "Carry your home, your school, your temple like this creature does, carry your heart with you wherever you go and bring my Word of Love." No sooner had God spoken the words and

while tears were running down my cheeks, the tortoise turned off the path in the same way she entered, disappearing into the grass.

This was profound and clear. My anxiousness disappeared and now I carry God's Word of Love with me, in my soul. I have learned, that much comes from the soul, much can be shared from the soul. On my travels when in an airplane, a bus or train or wherever I am, I pray for all present and that God's Love and Touch be on each one. I send my love to, and ask God for His blessing of Love to pour onto those who quarrel, or the baby that cries or those who look worried, who hurry and scuffle. I stand in silence in a mall and just smile at each passer-by and send them the message from my heart, that they are loved. I carry this house of Love with me wherever I go; God asked me to do so and what profound joy and happiness it brings.

#### iii) Soul Gifts

Gifts laid within our soul and that we are born with, once enhanced through the Divine Love, slowly start to bubble into our conscious awareness. I have personally experienced that any gift laid within the soul, like a Truth, or Love, or whatever it is, requires acceptance, embracing,

activation and expressing, so as to demonstrate our gratitude and joy to our Loving God. As we know the biggest Gift we desire is that of the Divine Love.

The following message beautifully explains the effect of the Divine Love within our souls and how our innate gifts, laid within our souls by our Creator, will flourish and develop as we develop our soul perceptions and capacities.

"I am Keea and I have come to speak on the subject of the gifts of the soul. Every being has gifts and abilities and inclinations. And many of these gifts and abilities which reside within the natural being, the mortal, are brought forth through education and a desire to develop creative gifts, mental acuities, understandings and, of course, their hearts bring gifts of love, compassion and empathy. And many things arise from the soul and these natural inclinations and expressions. But when a soul is imbued with God's Love something happens that transforms these gifts in a certain way and there arises many other gifts which manifest through the soul.

"If you think of light passing through a prism and how that light is refracted into many different colours, the Light within your soul brings this effect to some degree that the many aspects of your being, your Light become refracted and changed by the prism of God's Love, and each beautiful colour exemplifies a gift. You have many gifts and all souls have within them many gifts. these colour combinations. And these combinations of gifts are different and unique for each soul. And, of course, you have personality, individuality and vour life's experiences determine much of what you express in this mortal world. And some are more able to see spiritually, to perceive spirit, to hear, to have a strong connection of the mind and able to communicate with spirit. Now each individual has to some degree these capacities but some are more accentuated than others, stronger because of the very make-up of the soul and to some degree the filtering of the mind. Some have a gift for healing and this starts with an innate gift within the soul but also becomes manifest through the physicality of the body, the purity of the spirit, and the attitudes of the mind. And this gift of healing, which indeed each soul is capable of, will manifest in different ways because of these aspects and elements that are inherent within each soul. And there are many other gifts. Some are deeply compassionate and empathetic. Some have the capacity to perceive the vastness of the universe and the laws of God's Creation, the intricacies of His Creation and this is not a mere mental capacity but is a function of the mind of the soul as well.

"And then there comes the wisdom of the soul. Each soul has this capacity to know God, to understand His Laws, His communications to you. And as I have said these bits of information are often filtered by the mind and in many, many cases are completely blocked by the mind. It is your challenge to access this wisdom which lay within each one of you because you are blessed with God's Love, that Light brings the wisdom, it shines wisdom through your soul, your soul has the capacity to absorb, to reflect, to express the kind of Divine Wisdom that comes with God's Love. . . .

"Yes, you will come to know what lies within. You will come to know your true selves and the great beauty that God has created. And each of you, shining your beautiful, unique lights, colours, fabric that is your soul. And all of humanity is meant to express these beautiful spiritual gifts, to see the world through different eyes, to express themselves through these beautiful, colourful

gifts and ways. This is meant for each soul. And you, my beloveds, will be an example of this. God will ignite within you wondrous abilities which are inherent and often not expressed in this world but shall be so powerfully and beautifully. For the world needs to shift in its thinking and doing and in being more in harmony with God's Love, more in harmony with their true selves and their true gifts. And the more beautiful souls who are willing to live in this way, the more change and Light will come to this world." 109

#### 10. Commitment and Service

Our desire grows to serve God's Will, to be in service of His Love, to be a channel of His Love and Truth, to be an instrument of compassion and healing, to bring comfort and love to those who are lost and in pain.

"There is an element of obedience that comes with true love of God. And when you let go and release those resistant and selfish and fearful parts of you, you will know great freedom and joy and the greater wisdom of God's Will will infuse greater depth and many possibilities and gifts

<sup>109</sup> Celestial Teacher Keea Atta-Kem through A. F. on April 4, 2016.

into your being in your life and you will joyfully follow your Heavenly Father. For you will recognize the power and wisdom and glory and joy of this, to walk with God more fully, to understand His Will more completely, and to be infused and fused with this great flow of Love. this great Will of God which seeks the salvation of mankind. How you must listen, beloveds, without all of these aspects of yourself, these old ways. How you must listen and release your willful selves and embrace God's Will. Contemplate this, beloveds. Seek to know God's Will and observe how you so often impose your will upon God's Will, and how you often interpret God's Will and make into something different because it does not seem to jive with your own willful desires."110

"When you have aligned your will with God's Will you become more in sync with the nature of love that exists throughout the universe. Your mind becomes in tune with the rhythm that keeps all of God's creations in harmony. As you interact with people and situations you may recognize a sense of harmony of the part each character plays, which brings you into the awareness of each one's purpose, as it were. You will remember that

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> Augustine through A. F., April 12, 2016.

when you manifest your love there is a definite purpose with which you are engaged in every moment; time and place aligned with the will of love.

"There is a particular power in moments such as these for it is as if every player already knows his or her cue. No, it is not the same as the idea of pre-destiny, for the free will is intact—it is as if the higher will of love becomes the director of the moment. Your desires and aspirations play an important role because these precede thought. Turn your desires to God, and love will become your guiding force. Why is this so? Because God loves you as His dear child, as He loves all His children. All creation waits for love to become the purpose embraced by you as His highest creation." 111

"Each precious and beautiful soul in this circle is engaged in service, in some capacity is helping others. Whether it be raising your children, bringing Light to many others with healing, teaching, embracing all those around you. Each one here has dedicated themselves in some way to bring Light into this world and it is that desire

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> John through A. R., June 8, 2003.

within your souls, . . . , that has brought you together at this time, to celebrate the wondrous ways in which you serve your Heavenly Father. . .

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"And I urge you to continue to open your souls to the inflowing of the Father's Essence, His Divine Love, that sparks this desire to serve others, to love others, to be a channel of Love to those you meet in this world, for indeed how important it is, how powerful this can be, to love others in this way and to seek your Heavenly Father in prayer and a desire to serve. There are many in need in this world, many in deep need. And many who are confused and in the darkness and who need your helping hand, your instrumentality, your channel, that God may reach out to them through you and bring a measure of comfort, healing, Love and Light, for all those in your world. . . .

"It is in your prayers, it is in your humility, it is in your listening to God's whisper within your souls, it is the stirring within your souls, to be a loving channel which brings change for you and around you. And in this world is this Light, this opportunity to serve, reverberates in this world causing change, touching souls, bringing comfort. And I believe that you all recognize this, you all

recognize that is within that deep place within you that you receive the Light, the change that brings to you the opportunities for service. It is that deep recognition within you that you are a meant to love, you are meant to be a channel of God's Love, that when you bring love, you bring a joy, a sense of meaning, a purpose and recognize your potentials, you recognize the gifts that lay within your souls which are ever eager to be expressed."<sup>112</sup>

My way of committing to God started in a profound way. I felt my growth within, turning to a way of life which is rather unpredictable in its daily functionings and is left to the flow or dictations of the soul in whatever form the guidance comes. Be it through a prompting by an Angel or an inspiration, a soul desire or just a daily routine in our earthly lives that needs to be done. I plan as little as possible and try to be in a state of being open to what unfolds during the day. Strange as it may seem, once committed to such a life of serving God's Will, doors open and all provisions are given. Every morning upon awakening I have a great sense of gratitude. I give thanks for a roof over my head, that I can sleep in

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> Andrew through A. F., March 26, 2016.

a bed, am healthy and am provided for to sustain my body. It is truly amazing how God provides if one has a determined desire to serve His Desire and Will. As the words have been said so often: Seek the Kingdom and all things will come onto you. I can bear testimony to this Truth.

On one day I had a profound spiritual experience that gave me insight into something that was beyond my ordinary affairs of life. I was staying on the farm my parents used to own. The farm is close to the village where I work with the San orphans. Living on the farm is still a little backwards and simple (which I like). We don't have a proper signal for cellular reception. On that particular day I needed to send off a text message to someone. There is a little hill we have to climb, to be able to use the cell phone. Finally, I sent off my important text (sms) and was happily hopping down the little hill, when I froze in my tracks. A black mamba was approaching lifting the frontal part of her body off the ground; there was about a meter between us. I knew this to be my death and the hour of my passing. In these split-seconds I saw my life passing in front of me as if in a movie. I felt great peace and I was happy with the life I lived. There was no fear. Then the amazing thing happened; I was

enveloped in the most profound feeling of love; I loved the snake, I loved all the surroundings with great intensity. The colours changed to greater fullness and vibrancy. The mamba was a beautiful silver; a white light and brightness was over me illuminating everything around The me. overwhelming feeling was Love. I was sending all my love to the snake and told her that she can go ahead, I am at peace and that I love her. I gave her all the power and acknowledgement that she was a beautiful creature as I was. In my full surrender to this moment of love, in the anticipation of a peaceful departure, the snake lowered its body to the ground and slowly slithered in a ninety degree turn into the shrubs. I guessed her length to be two meters. I slowly walked down the hill passing the snake knowing that I had been granted a second chance at life. As I was walking back to the house with great calm and a knowing of having experienced something profound, I spoke to God and thanked Him. I said: "From now on I will commit my life to You, my Heavenly Father, and Your plan for the salvation of mankind. I dedicate myself to serve your Will." And so it is.

There is more I have learned from the above experience. Upon reflection on such an

impactful, life-changing event, I recognized that death is not to be feared. Even being confronted by an adversary that causes one's imminent physical passing, one cannot fear that moment when one feels secured in God's Love. In this enveloping sense of forgiveness that is powered by unconditional Love, fear cannot enter. Nothing enters but Love. I have great difficulty in describing this experience to you properly. For a long time it gave me cause to ponder greatly. I could not shake this but felt that I received a glimpse or a better understanding of how our beloved Jesus was able to love so deeply and compassionately in the moments even when facing his gruesome, physical death. I am deeply grateful for not only having received a second chance at life, but for the tremendous learning experience of Love that I was granted.

As we know, truths have to be experienced; it is such a gift to be able to come to the awareness of a truth, even though sometimes it may be under the most scary or difficult circumstances.

Let us read the following beautiful message from Joseph: "I have come to talk about the power of commitment. How difficult it is for mortals to commit to a single path, to a simple truth, for you

are constantly being buffeted by the conditions of this world and the many ideas and thoughts that enter into your consciousness from outside of yourselves. And I too had this trouble. I too found it difficult to commit to my son (Jesus) who taught his simple Truths of Love, to be with the Heavenly Father in prayer and simple communion. The tenets of my religion made it difficult for me to commit to his Truth. I waffled and wavered, argued, and created much in the way of obstructions. And though I supported him as a father who loves his son, I did not always support his mission and efforts. This did not come until I entered the world of spirit and came to clearly understand this Path of God's Love.

"And so I see your struggle, my friends. You seek guidance, reassurance and support, clarity and further reassurance and you waiver somewhat, although you have progressed greatly upon your paths and are more committed than you were the day before and the day before that, because the power of God's Love draws you into that more clear understanding of what it is you seek, the path that you take, yet your minds often draw you elsewhere. But the mind is often not satisfied with a simple truth. The mind wishes to elaborate, to bring more complex ideas into the

matter. It is the soul that understands and accepts and is satisfied, fulfilled if you will, by the simple Truth. And this is what you must seek, my friends, the satisfaction of the soul, the peace that comes with the sure knowing of Truth. For the mind will forever dance in this desire to complicate and this is a distraction to the growth of your soul in many ways, for the mind can only understand from the context of what is within the mind. And these immaterial things where the soul is able to commune with the great Soul of God and draws its understanding from this connection to such a vast storehouse of knowledge and Truth lies within the Soul of God.

"So, you see your efforts to find Truth are often obscured by the desire of the mind to distract from the simplicity and the awareness and functions of the soul. As you receive more of God's Love you will be better able to commit to your path. As you already know, the growth of your soul, the growth of your spiritual path, your awareness, your capacity to love, is a gradual thing dependent upon your prayers, your efforts to reach God. And that commitment, of which I speak grows as your faith grows within you, acknowledging the power of your soul to know Truth, and seeing from a clear perspective the

capacities of your mind which is limited, yet necessary in this world in order to navigate this world and to relate to one another, to function.

"Yet, there will come a time when you will function in a different way, a way in which your souls will inform your mind and have a greater capacity and ability to accommodate to the desires of your soul, the understandings of your soul. For the power of that knowing of soulful understanding will be irrefutable by your mind. You will come to a place of deep peace and sure understanding of great commitment wondrous joy, for this is the promise of God's Love transforming you. You will indeed be reborn in Love and all your faculties and capacities, the many aspects of your being will be harmonized by this Love, this Gift from God. There will be no doubt or fear or speculation, wondering what steps you must take, how they must be made. That clear channel you built in your soul to God's great Soul, from your soul to your mind will be clear and vibrant and in harmony with God's Will and His intentions for each one of you.

"Yes, beloved souls, continue to reach for this goal, to walk that high road, that road where your soul informs all that you do and God informs your soul. It's coming. You feel it. In many ways you know it already. There is just this dance which you must acquiesce to, dealing with what comes from the mind. It takes discipline, it takes great faith and a commitment to your soul, to God, to this Path of Love Divine. And as you further commit to this, the angels shall be with you in greater numbers, in closer proximity, and much work can be accomplished through a deeper commitment.

"Yes, you seek clarity with each day as each step you take you receive greater clarity, and with each prayer you receive greater Love and with each drop of Love given within your soul you come closer to God, more in harmony with our Heavenly Father. And so you walk in this world, less bewildered by the meaning of your life and the purpose and more open to the understandings that come from your soul, the faith that grows within you, the Touch of God's loving Hand upon you. And your commitment unfolds in this way, beyond mere mental belief to place of soulful knowing and a greater understanding of your soul's commitment to God.

"Carry on, beloved souls. You have overcome many hurdles. And unlike myself when I walked

the Earth you have come to commit to the teachings of our beloved Jesus. You are so much further ahead than many and you continue to grow and strengthen in the Love. There is much work to do and God has a great plan for each one of you as His channels of Love. We observe and support and pray for you, send forth our gratitude and joy that there are Lights in this world who bring this simple Truth, who bring the source of the salvation of mankind. Yes, so much to do, my beloved friends, so much to do. Continue to grow and to strengthen your commitment, to be strong and disciplined and prayerful and of good faith and humility and all will unfold in the harmony of God's Will and intentions through each one of you. God bless you, I am Joseph and I love you. God bless you."113

The call to stand up, to act in the flow of His Love and serve in any capacity, to listen to God's soft whispers as we seek His help and support, to open us up to the vastness of opportunities to do the work of Love. Great, great joy comes through fulfilling this soul desire in the joyful state of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>113</sup> Joseph (father of Jesus) through A. F., March 28, 2016.

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being with God in His work, ever embraced by His supporting Angels.

# **General Questions**

# What does it take to be on this path?

"The conditions of this world, the thought energies of this world which cloud and clog the actions and minds of mankind are powerful indeed and when you choose to engage in these thoughts and conditions, you bring yourself down from the Light and reinforce a darker place. We in spirit who watch you and watch over you can only wait for you to climb back out of your condition, your negative condition to a place that is more in harmony with God's Love.

"Yes, we do assist you but we cannot always assist you. We cannot always make that effort that you need to make in order to be in the Light. And indeed when you pray for assistance you receive it. This is the first choice when one feels

these heavy conditions and when one seems to be in the thought loop of negativity.

"Prayer, prayer, my beloveds, is important, crucial, for this opens the possibilities for us to assist you. But I must reiterate, it is that choice you make with each thought and when you allow inner reactivity, strong negative emotions to flow freely within you, you do indeed attract negative energies and forces to you, forces which are all too happy to reinforce these conditions. No, you are not immune, my beloveds. You are not immune to this, but you could be if you but exercise more discipline and more conscious awareness of your thoughts, the patterns of your thinking and exercise more effort in prayer.

"This is the most challenging aspect of walking upon the Divine Path, my beloveds, to be in the world but not of the world, to fight against those old patterns that are worn deeply within your consciousness and your being. Patterns of thoughts and emotions that governed your state of being in a conscious way. And often this is in conflict with the state of your soul, for your soul is in Light, it continues to engage in its progression, its shedding of conditions that are not in harmony with God's Love. It expands and

grows each time you pray to God to receive this Gift of Love and yet through your free will you often place your consciousness within these mindful areas and emotions that are not productive and are counterproductive towards your soul growth.

"Each of you must grow to a sort of maturity where you can control these conditions within you in order to be a channel of the highest magnitude, in order for us to use you in powerful ways, in order for God to manifest beautiful healings and touches of Love and comfort to another through you. You must struggle to this place of strength, of discipline and dare I say courage to be able to surmount the human condition and to be strong enough to walk in Light always, to become immune to those negative thoughts, judgments that are tossed your way from others, to feel God's presence with you always, to walk in this Light where we are able to walk with you in close rapport, to set aside those old patterns, to know this joy, this deep joy always.

"Is this not a desirable goal, to strive towards this, to make a conscious effort, a conscious willful effort to be in this Light? You have all that is required to be in this Light always. You have been given the gift of God's Love and this Love shines within you. It informs your steps and it will inform your thoughts and your emotions, if you allow it."<sup>114</sup>

So it is, every day anew we reach up to be in that place of goodness and love, compassion and kindness: to be forgiving and uplifting, encouraging and inspiring ever seeking to be close to God, prayerful and in loving thought. Indeed, it is a challenge in our world but we have choice and we can direct our day by putting forth our intentions and desire. The start is to make a prayerful effort and be grounded through the touch of Love. The morning prayer is the most important time for me. It gives me the foundation for the day. I do ask for the cloak of protection especially when I have to work in an area that is of great challenge and darkness; where the atmosphere is heavy, noisy and loud; where encounters are challenging due to circumstances of severe neglect and lack of love. I make a conscious effort to stay centered in God's Love. I ask to be surrounded by His Angels and to be a channel of His Love bringing healing and comfort

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>114</sup> Augustine through A. F., September 14, 2016.

to whomever I reach.

I do make sure to return to my sanctuary or home of love, where I can rest and enjoy something joyful, like a walk in a beautiful garden or listening to the birds or some music. Every day I make effort of connecting with spiritual material by reading or writing, by working on transcribing audio messages from our Celestial friends or translations of the Padgett Material or any other form of connecting to the Teachings of Jesus, of the Divine Truths. Through the law of attraction I soon have the benefit of our Celestial Angels and Divine Love spirits being close. I do love spending time in their presence and "listening" to their promptings or inspirations or being motivated to my soul to a pray. brings Ιt place of connectedness to God through the Divine Love and a desire to be close to Him and His Angels. Thus I make sure to incorporate something like this into my daily schedule. When it gets hectic in the house or other pressing matters await, I try to rise an hour earlier in the morning. Amazingly, a day tends to unfold in such a way that I find the time for these important, soulful hours.

#### How to be a channel of Divine Love?

"I am Simon and if I may I wish to give a message on what it is to be a channel of God's Love in the world. Each of you desires to be this channel of Love and indeed each of you are a channel of Love for God. That channel is open to the extent of your soul development, the amount of Divine Love within your souls and the way in which you are willing to be that clear channel of Love in the world. It is not determined by the skills you have learned through your life, it is determined by the development of your soul and your rapport and connection with the Heavenly Father. For anyone can be a channel of Love in the world, no matter their vocation or personality they may be a channel of Love in the world, for this very act is the essence of simplicity, it is a state of grace, it is being in close rapport with your Heavenly Father.

"Now to some degree that channel of Love can be directed by who you are and the gifts that you possess for this Love amplifies and exemplifies these God-given Gifts which emerge from your soul and in this way you are used by God to love and support others within your environment and using your Gifts is a great blessing, not only to you but to those around you but assuming that your vocation and what you say makes you a channel of Love isn't correct. This is the illusion of

the ego.

"What makes you a channel of Love is what resides within your souls and wherever you are, whatever you do, however you may be in this world will facilitate this channel of Love given the conditions within yourself to allow this to flow, and God will direct this Love. God will guide those to you whom He wishes to touch through you. It is not of your doing, my beloveds. It is God's work and Will and it takes a great humility and a deep soul awareness to allow God's Will to manifest through you in this pure way and the most humble of instruments performing the most simple tasks may enact and ignite through God's ministrations a great Light in the world.

"It does not require words. It does not require titles. It does not require manmade structures and labels and wonderful elocution and articulations. It requires Grace filled within you and all about you and when this is so then the words come, the connections are made, the Light is poured upon this world through you.

"Do not worry, my beloveds, about what God has planned for you. Do not cast yourself to and fro in your mind and with others trying to formulate the plan that is not God's Plan but your very need to feel a part of this. My children, you are a part of God's Plan, a channel of God's Love, but you are most effective and most clear when you are not consciously involved in this, but merely with God in His Grace, merely being that beautiful soul that you are in the world and living your lives in harmony with His laws.

"Yes, it is the habit of most to look forward, to make plans, to enact the concepts of the mind, to imprint in the world the distorted ideas of the mind and this has brought mankind a great deal of suffering and has empowered some and injured many. It is time to put aside these things and trust in God and faith with the surety that God will guide you through each day as a channel of His Love. Whether you are digging in your garden or talking to many souls, you remain a channel of God's Love. It is always with you if the Love burns bright within your souls. It is always with and God can vou use this Light unencumbered by your need to direct it in many ways and many different levels touching many souls without your mind having so much as an inkling of what that would be. Ahh, there is so much for you to perceive, to know from your soul perceptions and faculties. It is so vast. It is so beautiful. It is so simple.

"My beloveds, be at peace and know that you are indeed channels of Love in the world, and you need not worry and fret and feel that you are unworthy and ineffective as God's channels of Love for you barely see, you barely see what that is and how that will be as each day passes and you are growing in this Love. Beloved souls, continue to reveal your inner desires and your inner fears and release this in Love. Go to God always, do not hide away from yourselves but come in that innocence and childlike trust that God will take from you that which is not required or necessary or in harmony with His Love and will replace this with His Love and His wisdom and will reveal to you His Will for you for this world.

"You embark upon a great journey and you are young and you are growing and you feel your growing pains and you struggle with this, my beloveds. And we who love you walk with you and beseech you to continue in your journey, to truly open your eyes and to be at peace, to feel this joy, to know God in every way that you can. Yes, there is much to know, a great journey to be had, many lessons to be learned and a wondrous flow of God's Love through you to this world that will manifest in beautiful ways more powerfully with every day that passes as you continue with

your prayers and walk in this beautiful Light knowing God's Grace with every breath.

"God bless you, my beloveds. Your friend Simon loves you and I thank you for allowing me to speak this day about God's Love, the greatest gift in all the universe, the most powerful agent of change and Light bringing harmony and peace. God bless you, beloveds. God bless you." 115

This message from Simon so beautifully sums it up and it is unnecessary to add anything to his instructions.

### How does the Divine Love change us?

It definitely changes us. Here let us read this message: "You all have experience with the Touch of the Love within and how this has brought some change within you. A greater understanding and more openness to God, a greater capacity to love others and to love yourselves.

This touch of Love heals your wounds, brings a deep peace, a peace that passes all understanding into yourselves so that you may walk your path in life in harmony and peace that you do not drag with you those pains and hurts,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>115</sup> Simon through A. F., November 26, 2015.

those conditions which every mortal collects within their lives and inherits from the human condition. No, my beloveds, you will shed these conditions, this heaviness that you all carry to some degree. It continues to fall away from you and you continue to feel the lightness, the unburdening of your souls. And there will come a day where all that is not in harmony with God's Love will fall away from you and your souls are redeemed in Love, healed completely, nothing within you will be of the human condition and everything is in harmony with the laws of God's Love. This state of Grace brings a great power and strength and many Gifts and blessings come as the Grace of God changes you.

"Each of you have many gifts within your souls which lie dormant without the Love's influence and ability to awaken these beautiful gifts. As you awaken, as your souls expand in this Light, as that which shields and encrusts your soul falls away and that Light shines through, you begin to see the world from different eyes, your souls begin to have more influence upon your thinking and doing and being.

"The soul has different perceptions from the mind; the mind requires a certain way of

deducing truth and perceives in certain ways that are very characteristic. Mankind has developed their minds to a great degree but the soul is often neglected, unrecognized because the mind does not see the presence of the soul to any great degree. It is accomplished through prayer and reaching to your Heavenly Father, it is in opening that part of you that is not truly of mind that allows you to see this aspect of yourself, this reflection of God within you. And in this way you begin to see a different reality. You begin to have different ideas and your mind becomes more influenced and affected by the soul and the mind of the soul which is completely separate from the mind, the material mind. From this evolution of your consciousness comes the new awakening, the new perceptions and you are able, as each one is guite capable of knowing our presence and knowing the presence of God.

"And you begin to see the continuity of life, the wondrous energies of life, the wonderful colours of the aura, the beautiful Touch from God in His healing, the great insights which come from God into your souls that rise up into your minds. You begin to recognize certain truths, to understand God's Creation in ways that the mind, the material mind is not capable of. Even in this you

see but a reflection of the truth. For it is when you are fully redeemed in Love and continue to progress closer to God with greater portions of Love, that the truth is truly present and tangible and known.

"So you see, my beloveds, a great journey is awaiting each one of you who choose to walk upon this Path to at-onement with God. It requires your prayers to receive this Essence of God, His Divine Love and when you do, the change begins, the healing begins, the awakening begins. It is for you, beloveds to discover all these wondrous truths, to come to know God and to know your true selves as this Love awakens your perceptions and ability to understand. Love is the key. Love is the key, my beloveds. You feel it, you know its presence, you know that God wishes for you to have an abundance, an infinite abundance of Love. It is there for the asking, so ask. Take time and ask:

"Dear Creator, fill my soul with your great Essence, your Love Divine and I will walk this Path as your child, ever seeking to come closer to you, ever seeking to receive this wondrous Gift, ever seeking to open my eyes and my ears and my mind of the soul so that I may know truly and wondrously who You are, who I am and the wonderment that is your creation, Beloved Father. I am ready. I am willing. I have a deep desire to know, I have a deep desire within my soul to love and I want to love, Father, in all the ways that I am capable of and to be your channel of Love in this world, to bring the Light of your Love into this world, to be in this wondrous flow and harmony, to know this great joy, profound and deep, holy and joyous. Father, I am with you. Be with me within my soul. Be with me now. 116

The power of this Love lets us live and love in a different way. Our loving becomes selfless; by that I mean it becomes unconditional and unattached to the outcomes in its giving and sharing. We begin to love as God loves: "And for men to love one another with the Divine Love is to be a participant in that Love with which the Father loves His children, and we, both mortal and spirits, who possess that Love in our hearts, become at-one with the Father in that Love to the extent of that possession." 117

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>116</sup> <u>Celestial Teacher Keea Atta-Kem through A. F., May</u> 16, 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> Jesus, 10 April 1958 through Dr Samuels, Sermon 12.

# Why should we continue to pray for the Divine Love once we receive It?

Through discussions earlier, we recognize that once some of the Divine Nature is lodged in a soul, it can never be removed! That soul has the privilege of seeking more and more of the Father's Nature for all eternity. Different laws are activated upon a soul having received this Gift of the Divine Love, one of which is the Law of Progression. This will compel the soul to further develop and grow towards greater happiness and attainment of more of this Love, which brings this desired effect (of happiness, joy and peace). We also looked at the Law of Attraction, where like attracts like, and when one has received the Divine Love, one finds oneself attracted to this Substance that can be found in God's Soul, or within His Celestial Angels. "Once your soul has received this life-giving Substance, it multiplies itself, seemingly effortlessly, as if with a life of its own. In truth, this Love does have a life within your soul, as you become a new being, real within the universe of God that is not subject to change, and equally, there is a whole universe of laws that now go into action, as a result of your becoming a part of divinity and immortality."118

As we know, Jesus taught us the Way, which is that this Divine Love may be obtained through the soul-yearnings and longings of a man. It will not be forced, but will be bestowed by the workings of the Holy Spirit, the instrumentality of God to perform specifically this function. This Love within causes us to seek more, finding ever greater happiness as we harmonize more and more with God and His Creation. We grow in Love as the Divine Love envelops our natural love and transforms our soul, like the leaven in the dough. We desire to continue to pray and long for more Love so as to become in greater at-onement with God, eventually being born anew into a Divine Angel, a redeemed child of God, living in the happiness of His Kingdom.

We also have the knowledge of the closing of the Celestial Heavens. Though Divine Love is the essence and the nature of God and it is always in existence, for if it did not exist, God could not exist, and therefore it does not mean that if withdrawn by God, that it ceases to exist. The privilege of obtaining this Great Gift will be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>118</sup>John, February 2, 2002 through A. R.

withdrawn from mortals and spirits who have not obtained any of the Divine Love of the Father at some time, known as the Second Death. However, those whose soul mates are in the Celestial Heavens or those who have some of the Divine Love in their souls and are progressing through the spheres towards the Celestial Heavens will retain the privilege of obtaining the Love "for a certain period of time, as a period of grace, before the privilege is taken away from them as well." 119

In the case of Celestial Spirits, the privilege of obtaining the Divine Love can never be withdrawn! This is also true for souls with some of the Love who are progressing towards the Celestial Heavens, "for the Father cannot withdraw from a soul His Love and Divine Nature once He has bestowed upon that soul His Great Gift." The Divine Love in the soul of man or spirit gives to that mortal or spirit a kinship in nature with the Father born as a result of the atonement that then exists between the soul of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>119</sup> <u>Jesus in Revelation 3 through Dr. Samuels on April</u> 21, and May 3 1955.

Jesus in Revelation 3 through Dr. Samuels on April 21, and May 3 1955.

that mortal or spirit and the Great Soul of God, if only to a certain extent, and in fact, this kinship grows ever closer throughout all eternity as more and more of the Nature of God is conveyed into the soul of that mortal or spirit. God does not withdraw His own Nature or Essence from the soul of the mortal or spirit which has done the will of the Father and has obtained, if only to a small degree, His Divine Nature.

The withdrawal of the Divine Love at some time in the future indicates that this Gift is merely a privilege bestowed upon mankind by a Loving Father. When the Celestial Heavens are closed we don't know if it will be only for a certain amount of time or for all eternity. Maybe another Heaven will be opened? Only God will reveal such things when the time is ripe. Jesus tells us that it "does not mean that the Divine Love will be withdrawn from mankind for all eternity, for actually this is something which has not been revealed to the Celestial Heavens as yet, but knowing the Father to the extent that I do. I cannot believe that God in His Great Goodness and Mercy does not have a plan of salvation which will permit all of His created souls the opportunity to seek Atonement with Him even though at the time of their incarnation the Gift of Immortality has been withdrawn. . . . And even though the Celestial Heavens will be filled and its doors closed after the second withdrawal, this does not mean that there will not be created another Celestial Heaven in God's realms, for as I said on earth, 'In my Father's house are many mansions', and the possibilities of God's acts of goodness and loving kindness are commensurate with His infinite ways of controlling His universe and the creatures which it contains."<sup>121</sup>

For further consideration I suggest, that once the Love received, it is important to activate It. By this I mean it is important to demonstrate the Love that is within one's soul. We all have different talents and gifts for so doing. I personally believe that through our action (or inaction) our souls remain open (or only half-open or even closed). I liken it to the process of making bread. Once the leaven is in the dough, the batch needs some good kneading and to be placed in a warm spot. As well as keeping our souls opened for the reception of the Love, we need to keep the Love within our souls warm and burning for it to do its transformative work. It is an active process. With

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121</sup>Jesus, 'New Testament Revelations' through Dr. Samuels, May 3, 1955.

every portion of the Divine Love entering us, filling one room within the house of our soul with the Light of His Love, it is not enough to rest satisfied with achievement, believing this portion of Love can do the work or process of transformation. Oh no, it is a daily, ongoing, life-long effort to keep the channels open for continuous communication with Divinity and God Himself.

This communion is reflected in one's daily living and how one chooses to express and live this Love. Thus we, and only we ourselves, need to keep the fermentation process going, providing the warmth through daily prayers and communions with God. The form of prayer and what prayer is, was discussed earlier. A large form of my prayer life is to be in the flow of servitude to the lost souls in this world, being called upon to serve in communities of hopelessness and lack of love. I perceive each gift or act in this service to be prayer, as I sense God's Love being given and shared in such acts and deeds. No greater joy has yet filled my heart except that of being a true child of God, redeemed in His Love, able to love with this Love which has no conditions attached, but just is, a substance of reality, given freely.

# What is meant by the statement, "Ye must be born again in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven"?

This famous sentence that Jesus spoke has reference to the New Birth, which is the only way to become an inhabitant of the Celestial Kingdom of God. A human soul that has received sufficient quantity of the Divine Love transforming it into a soul divine is then born anew into divinity, thus qualified to live in the Kingdom of God in the Celestial Heavens. These words of Truth were spoken by Jesus when on earth and is one of the few Truths in the Bible where we read under John 3:3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Jesus was known as being a marvelous orator, fond of using parables and playing with words. Thus, we need to look at the original meaning of the words. In Aramaic Jesus said: "Mitiled min d'resh", which means to be "born from the head," an idiomatic expression, which may be understood as "born from above" or "born again". These two terms are commonly used in the different Bible translations.

Jesus spoke these words when asked by

Nicodemus who wanted to know about the Kingdom of God, and how to enter therein. "Since he could not . . . understand Divine Love, nor transformation of the soul from the human into the divine through the Father's Love, I had recourse to a parable, as I usually had in speaking to the people, 'except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God' . . . I showed that being born of the flesh was the work of the womb, and that here there was no possibility of rebirth, but that spiritually, the soul could be reborn. (The soul) was born as the human soul, but could be born again into a divine soul, the transformation - or rebirth - taking place as the individual sought the Father's Love through prayer and obtained that Love, which permeated the human soul and made it divine. It was this divinity of soul that rendered it immortal, and enabled one to see the Kingdom of God, and not the perfection of the human soul resulting from the doing of good works and practicing charity and righteousness."122

Jesus noticed the conflict Nicodemus had in accepting the Truths of Divine Love, due to his

New Testament Revelation 10, Jesus of Nazareth through Dr. Samuels, July 12, 1960.

deep-seated doctrines of the law and the precepts of the Torah, and his inability to accept the glad tidings immediately. Thus he asked, 'How could these things be?' and so Jesus replied: 'Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto you, you must be born again.' Nicodemus still could not understand. So, Jesus continued: 'The wind blows where it lists, and you hear the sound thereof, but cannot tell whence it comes, and whither it goes; so it is with the Spiritual Rebirth.'

Jesus did not say, or mean, that Nicodemus had to be born of the spirit in the sense that Christians usually interpret the words as being the Holy Spirit, "for the soul is not reborn of the Holy Spirit, but of God's Love, which comes into the soul conveyed by the Holy Spirit . . . Neither did I say that he had to be born of water, for this is simply a much later interpolation referring to baptism. This is all wrong, for baptism has no efficacy in the soul's obtaining of the Divine Love . . . Nicodemus left with an inkling of the Father's Love and heard me explain several times that the Kingdom of God had come; he was confused,

because of the concept of new transformation and his ideas of a Messiah ushering in a new ideal Kingdom on earth, but he understood later at Pentecost, when mental concept was replaced by emotion, for Nicodemus greatly respected me, and his reverence was turned into love and sorrow, and brought into his Divine Love. Nicodemus understood with his soul, and he now stands by me in the Celestial Heavens, eager with his love and influence to bring mankind into At-onement with the Father."123

Thus through this story of Nicodemus, Jesus revealed the New Birth and Immortality and the only thing that brings to men salvation, and "I will say this, that 'except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven', nothing less is sufficient and nothing added to, can in any way bring about man's salvation. . . . no sacrifice of Jesus, no shedding of his blood and no vicarious atonement as it is called, can save a human soul from sin, or bring it into the Love of the Father, or cause it to become a partaker of

New Testament Revelation 10 – Jesus through Dr. Samuels on July 12, 1960.

the Divine Nature."124

This teaching of the New Birth is one of Jesus' prime teachings making known to mankind their salvation in becoming the true child of God. He taught it when on earth and it was revealed anew through the messages received by James Padgett. Here Nicodemus' own words given to James Padgett: "The New Birth means the flowing into the soul of a man the Divine Love of the Father, so that that man becomes, as it were, a part of the Father in His Divinity and Immortality . . . I think you will find this Truth of the New Birth to be the one thing that Jesus will emphasize and reiterate most. It is the most important thing for men not only to hear about and acquiesce in their beliefs. but also to intellectual actually experience."125

In the orthodox churches we hear the word "Born-again Christian" which has a totally different connotation than what it actually means as explained to us in the true teachings of Jesus; and thus it is understandable that James Padgett asked this question: what does it mean to be 'born again?' "It is the flowing of the Holy Spirit

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>124</sup> Luke through Mr. Padgett, June 4, 1916.

Nicodemus through Mr. Padgett, July 30, 1915.

into the soul of a man and the disappearing of all that tended to keep it in a condition of sin and error. It is not the workings of the man's own will but the Grace of God. It is the Love that passes all understanding."<sup>126</sup>

"The words are few and the way is plain, and no mystery prevents men from comprehending the meaning thereof. When I said, 'Except a man be born again, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God', I disclosed the only and true way to this (Celestial) Kingdom." 127

In closing I wish to add a few words given to me by my Heavenly Guide: "Release all the falsehoods of old beliefs and rejoice in the Truth of the New—in the Revelation of the New Birth. Renewed prayers, as each day is a new day, with renewed commitment to our Heavenly Father. Your body renews daily, your mind refreshes and renews—live with a knowledge of the New. Slough off the old and heavy, rejoice in the Light and know the New Life and commit to it. Nothing will ever be the same or what you thought you knew. There is a New Knowing in being part of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>126</sup> Jesus through Mr. Padgett, September 24, 1914.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>127</sup> Jesus through Mr. Padgett, May 15, 1917.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>128</sup> Seretta Kem on June 24, 2015. Not published.

God in His Substance of Love. Love, as I love you."

#### What is the Brotherhood of Man?

This knowing of the New lets me know of the New World, the Heavens on Earth. It will come, the true Brotherhood of Man. For "when we see our brothers and sisters on earth suffering the ills of the world we do not see the things they lack, but the potential of their souls to become true children of God, feasting upon the eternal waters of His Love. It is with this reverence and respect that we approach the one who suffers, for he is great despite his physical condition and place. Our sister, Mother Teresa, saw this light of the soul within the suffering and touched that light with her own. Love has a way of finding itself in the smallest acts of kindness and respect, and the exchange of heartfelt gratitude between two people may be among the richest experiences one may have on earth."129

And thus, as partakers of God's Love we will be ushered into the New Dawn for humanity. It is the brotherhood founded on Divine Love in our hearts; the true Brotherhood of Humanity as the

Mary, September 3, 2005, Received by A. R.

Kingdom of God on Earth. Jesus says: "The possession of this Divine Love also means the absence of those desires and longings of what is called the natural man, which produce selfishness and unkindness and other qualities which create sin and error, and prevent the existence of this true brotherhood which men so earnestly desire as the forerunner of peace and good will, and the more of this Divine Love that enters into the soul of man, the less there is of evil tendencies and desires, and the more of the Divine Nature and Qualities.

"The Father is all Goodness and Love and Truth, and Forgiveness, and Kindness, and these qualities the souls of men become possessed of when they receive and possess the Divine Love. And when man is sincere and faithful, and possesses these qualities, they never leave him or change; and when this brotherhood shall be founded on them, it will be built on a rock and will continue to live and become purer and firmer in its binding effect, and in the great results that will flow from it, for its foundation stone will be the Divine Nature of the Father, which is without variableness or change and never disappointing.

"A brotherhood so created and joined together is,

as I say, "the only true brotherhood that will make for man a kind of heaven on earth, and banish wars and hatred and strife and selfishness, and the principal of mine and thine. The mine will be changed to ours, and all mankind will be truly brothers, without reference to race or sect or intellectual acquirements. All will be recognized as the children of the one father."

"Such will be the effect of the existence of this Love in men's souls on earth, and when such souls leave their envelope of flesh, they will find their homes in the Kingdom of God—parts of the Divinity of the Father, and partakers of his Immortality.

"But only this Divine Love will fit the souls of men for this Kingdom because in this Kingdom all things partake of this Divine Nature and nothing which has not that quality can possibly enter therein. So men must understand that no mere belief or ceremony of church or baptism, or any of these things are sufficient to enable a soul to become an inhabitant of this Kingdom. Men may do and deceive themselves in their beliefs that anything short of or other than this Divine Love can ensure them an entrance into the Kingdom. Beliefs may help men to seek and aspire to the

possession of this Love, and other ceremonies may also assist, but unless and until this Divine Love is actually possessed by the souls of men, they cannot become partakers of the divine nature and enjoy the happiness and peace of the Father's Kingdom.

"When the way to obtain this Love is so easy and the joy of its possession is so great, it is surprising that men will be satisfied with the husks of formalism and the satisfaction and delusion of mere lip worship and intellectual beliefs. As I have said this Love is waiting for every man to possess, who sincerely and with true soul aspirations seek it. It is not a part of, but surrounding and enveloping every man, but at the same time forming no part of him unless his longings and prayers have opened up his soul, so that it may flow in and infill him with its presence.

"Man is never compelled to receive it, as he is never compelled to do other things against his will, but as in the latter case, when in the exercise of that same will, he refuses to let the Divine Love flow into his soul, he must suffer the penalty, which is the utter and absolute deprivation of any possibility to become an inhabitant of the Kingdom of God, or Celestial Kingdom, and of any

consciousness of the fact of his immortality.

"Let men turn their thoughts and aspirations to God, and in truth and sincerely pray to the Father for an inflowing into their souls of his Divine Love, and have faith, and they always find that the Father will bestow His love upon them, in accordance with the extent of their aspirations and longings, which are mediums of opening up their souls to the workings of the Holy Spirit, which, as I have before written, is the messenger of God, for the conveying of His Divine Love from his Fountainhead of Love to the souls of the prayerful and aspiring men." 130

In my desire to experience the New-Birth and with God's Love expanding within my soul, I would like to partake in the new birth of our world. As we know, the cornerstone of it all is the Divine Love, which often times do not need words to be explained. Talking about the Truths is so much harder in my experience than demonstrating the Love. Giving life to these Truths is best done by living the words and enacting the Love, through works. People are drawn somehow. The curious individual will ask;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>130</sup> Jesus through James Padgett on February 28, 1916.

fertile soil to host a seed. Oftentimes it seems that greater effect is accomplished in quiet works, in sharing of a prayer, in giving a healing act of kindness, than attempting to speak about the facts of a newly revealed gospel. Rejection in words I have oftentimes received, yet I sense and feel that soul's curiosity and resonance. All I can do is continue in quiet works and be ready with the answer of Truth, when so asked. In this way the quiet expansion of this Love will move around the world, through the resonance within the souls of men, bringing us together. In little steps, we demonstrate our longing for peace and harmony among all men, by being the change we desire to see in this world.

# The Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, we recognize that Thou art all Holy and loving and merciful, and that we are Thy children, and not the subservient, sinful and depraved creatures that our false teachers would have us believe.

That we are the greatest of Thy creation, and the most wonderful of all Thy handiworks, and the objects of Thy great Soul's Love and tenderest care.

That Thy Will is, that we become at one with Thee, and partake of Thy great love which Thou hast bestowed upon us through Thy mercy and desire that we become, in truth, Thy children, through love, and not through the sacrifice and death of any one of Thy creatures.

We pray that Thou will open up our souls to the

inflowing of Thy love, and that then may come Thy Holy Spirit to bring into our souls this, Thy love in great abundance, until our souls shall be transformed into the very essence of Thyself; and that there may come to us faith—such faith as will cause us to realize that we are truly Thy children and one with Thee in very substance and not in image only.

Let us have such faith as will cause us to know that Thou art our Father, and the bestower of every good and perfect gift, and that only we, ourselves, can prevent Thy love changing us from the mortal to the immortal.

Let us never cease to realize that Thy love is waiting for each and all of us, and that when we come to Thee, in faith and earnest aspiration, Thy love will never be with-holden from us.

Keep us in the shadow of Thy love every hour and moment of our lives, and help us to overcome all temptations of the flesh, and the influence of the powers of the evil ones, which so constantly surround us and endeavour to turn our thoughts away from Thee to the pleasures and allurements of this world.

We thank Thee for Thy love and the privilege of

receiving it, and we believe that Thou art our Father—the loving Father who smiles upon us in our weakness, and is always ready to help us and take us to Thy arms of love.

We pray thus with all the earnestness and longings of our souls, and trusting in Thy love, give Thee all the glory and honour and love that our finite souls can give,

Amen. 131

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>131</sup> The Prayer' from Jesus, received by James Padgett on December 2, 1916.

## The Eleventh Commandment

wish to reflect on the Commandment that Jesus gave, that commandment which is the guiding principle for our life, here on earth and in the spirit world.

The gracious Gift of God's Divine Love received, changes us. As our faith grows, the friction within our soul becomes evident, as the newly gained Truth confronts our errors. The yearning for greater harmony encourages us to take steps to change our lives. The initial pain of change is soon replaced by a sense of freedom; a freedom so joyous and filled with greater yearnings to be nearer to God, our beloved Father, ever seeking and longing for more of His Love, carried in this new found peace. It is not long before we feel the power of this Love having Its influence upon us as we start to love in a different way. This deepened

love makes one a new being it seems and the words spoken by Jesus through the eleventh commandment gain a deeper meaning. And here I wish to elaborate more on this fascinating, guiding commandment which was given to Jesus, as the Messiah, and placed with and above the οf commandments This ten Moses commandment is the Law of God's Love. It is for us to love one another with the Divine Love, not the natural love, but the Divine Love, which is unconditional and absolute Love—a gift from God.

"It was during the Passover meal before my arrest by Pilate that I gave to my disciples the Eleventh Commandment, Love one another as I have loved you. I meant that since I loved mankind, and especially my followers, with the Love that came to me from the Father's Essence, the disciples were to seek the Divine Love in prayer to the Father and love one another with this Divine Love. Thus, we were all to be one in the Father's Love. This was the Commandment, to be obeyed by my followers and binding upon them, just as the Ten Commandments were binding upon all Jews of that time, and even of this day, as the moral precepts given to mankind by God through

Moses."132

We have a beautiful reference in the Bible, in John's gospel in the New Testament, which reads as follows: John 15:10 "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His Love."

Jesus explains what he meant: "which was another way of saying that those disciples who believed I was the Messiah and loved me would believe that my soul was an immortal one through the Divine Love and pray to the Father for His Love as the way to at-onement with Him and immortality, which was the message I taught and which I asked my disciples, and all my hearers, to apply to themselves and actually pray, and the result would be that they would be filled with the same Love as I was and that we could thus have a mutual Love for one another in the same way that as I prayed to the Father and received more of His Love, I loved God more and

<sup>132</sup> Jesus, received by Dr. Samuels. September and October 1955, August and October 1962, May and June 1965.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>133</sup> In Revelation 23 received by Dr. Samuels from Jesus.

more, and His Love for me was in my heart."

John 15:12 "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved thee." Jesus also says: 134 "I told my disciples that they were to love one another, not merely that they were to love only themselves, but all mankind, . . . ; and this love was to include human beings who despitefully used them, and they were to love their enemies as well as their friends. And that love which they were to entertain for mankind was not the natural love given to all men at their creation by God, but the Divine Love which God had re-bestowed upon mankind with my coming; and this Love could be obtained by my disciples if they believed that it was available and that it could be conveyed into their souls through the action of the Holy Spirit." And this is what Jesus meant by 'as I have loved thee.' He loved his disciples, and all mankind, with the Divine Love which God had implanted in his soul because of his longings for God's Love. He wanted to demonstrate that every soul, all mankind, can

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>134</sup>In Revelation 23 which Jesus gave to Dr Samuels on June 16, 1955, more details are given on the exact meaning of what Jesus meant by this new commandment.

love this way by following the way he taught: through earnest prayer to the Father for His Divine Love, which fills their souls as It did his. It is with this received Love, we should love each other.

Jesus further states: 135 "These writings from John are correct, in that they show that Love was the great subject of my teachings, but they do not explain the Divine Nature of the Father's Love towards His children, or the fact that I was filled with His Divine Love and sought to have my disciples obtain it as well, through the one way it could be obtained—through prayer. It does not explain that this Love with which my disciples were to love one another was something more than the ordinary love which humans have for each other, or the special nature of my love for them and humanity. But, if these interpretations are added, then the real meaning of these passages from the Gospel are made manifest."

In a message by Judas through the medium H., he explains how a New-Birth Christian can understand the Christian religious holidays in the context of the true teaching of Jesus; and upon

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>135</sup> Jesus through Dr. Samuels in Revelation 23.

the Easter holiday, Judas is suggesting the following: "Easter will be the feast when you don't celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead, or that his blood 'washed away all sins'. Instead commemorate the eleventh and most difficult commandment, which Jesus has given you, that is, to love your neighbour as Jesus loves you, with the Divine Love, this unconditional and absolute Love."

Thus as Divine Love followers or New-Birth Christians, it is an essential commandment to be followed and we are asked to live by it and continue in our prayers and faith, to receive more of God's Love, and love all mankind with this Love, regardless of their being enemy or friend, rich or poor, sick or healthy. This Divine Love in our soul desires to love this way, unconditional, pure and non-judgmental. We are all to be one in this, His Love and bonded through this Essence of God for eternity.

My heart is filled as I awaken to the Truth of this commandment from deep within and may God grant me the strength and joy today and every day, to love in His Love, in this new way, This Way

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>136</sup> Judas, December 17, 2001.

of a New Heart.

"Now, when Jesus gave this new commandment to his disciples at the Passover supper, the Mosaic Laws which were the highest laws available to mankind before the coming of Jesus were superseded by this 11th commandment. The teachings of Jesus of the New Birth of the soul and New Covenant of the Heart were becoming alive and real through the fulfilling of this new law which actually came about on Pentecost. His disciples were grieving and were broken hearted, they loved their brother and rabbi wholeheartedly and the brutal death of Jesus must have left them with shock, despair and deep sadness. Their love was so great for him and this must have "made their souls ready to receive the Father's Love when it was poured out upon them". 137 On this day of Pentecost the Father's Love came into their souls with "a great inflowing and a burning of the heart and they, being greatly confused and excited by this phenomenon which they were unable to explain.

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"The Divine Love which Jesus had taught them of,

Message received from Jesus by Dr. Samuels in August 1963.

and which they had understood only mentally, became a living reality in their hearts and souls at the time of the Pentecostal Showering of God's precious essence upon them. Because it was conveyed into their souls with such power and in such abundance, they knew, convincingly and overwhelmingly, that Jesus had come to bring the very Essence of the Father to mankind if they would but seek it through earnest prayer." 138

Jesus wrote the following: "The end of the Jewish dispensation, or the end of the Hebrew world, came with the Pentecost, for it was at that time that the Divine Love of the Father, which was first bestowed upon me, was granted to my followers in abundance, and the Mosaic Laws superseded by the New Covenant and the New Birth. As Daniel (prophet of old) predicted, it was then that the Hebrew rituals of sacrifice and oblations were set aside as having no binding force, and the Son of Man was seen by many riding on the clouds of glory, Daniel's way of describing my appearance to my disciples

<sup>138</sup> Quotations from The Foundation Church of the New Birth (F.C.N.B.) pamphlet "The Life and Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth" revised 1992.

Through Dr. Samuels in the New Testament Revelation 6

following my death and at my ascension on the Mt. of Olives."

This wonderful Gift of Divine Love has been available ever since, ready to be poured upon us, to anyone desiring it. Have you experienced a Pentecostal Showering? How much has it changed your life? Do you feel the 'burning of the heart'?

The disciples after this experience knew in their souls and in their heart of the Divine Love of the Father. They stepped out and carried this forward into the world and they dispersed and nothing stopped them from sharing this wonderful news of the Father's Love, of what Jesus taught them and they themselves experienced. I am truly inspired by this and I know through continued prayers for Father's Love and faith in receiving It, we will step forward sharing of this wonderful news so that each soul may experience peace and joy even in this darkened world of ours. True peace will come to all of us, harmony will be once again restored, our beloved earth will breathe again as we seek the continued burning of our Father's Love within our hearts.

May God bless us with the riches of His blessings, most of all, His Divine Love, the very Essence of Him.

With a humble heart and deepest gratitude, I give my joy and love and praises to God and may I find the courage to go out into this world and 'share of Your Love and the Truth of You, dear Father'!

## Closing

In closing this little book, I wish to present a beautiful message from our beloved Judas, who resides in the Celestial Heavens where Jesus is Master. This message so beautifully sums up and helps us to understand the history and purpose of the Divine Love.

"To understand Divine Love, one must go to the very beginnings. When mankind was created the Heavenly Father selected an appropriate vessel to receive a special gift of the reflection of God Himself in the form of a soul. And that soul was given and placed within a male and female human body. And with the gift of this soul came great promise, great promise and great potential.

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Channeled by our gifted medium Al Fike on March31, 2016

And God had great plans for His new creatures, His most beloved and beautiful creation. The only creatures to receive a soul, an individuated soul. And what was the purpose for this soul? The purpose was to reflect the beauty of God and in some ways reflect the attributes of God, in the living being of the flesh and of the spirit.

"And in order for this expression to be full and rich, God gave the gift of 'free will' with the intention that with the wisdom inherent within a pure soul, which of course these two souls (Adam and Eve) were pure in their incarnation, free of any sin and error, and the Father placed them within an environment which nurtured them fully and gave them free reign upon this earth imbued with all the wisdom and perception a purified soul may have. Then He offered another gift, a more beautiful gift, the gift of His Essence. Not the mere reflection of His Being, but the Essence of His Being. That it may infill the soul with attributes and abilities similar to that of God. It could never be equal to God, for God is infinite in His Attributes, in His Love, in all that He is. But these pearls of souls may have that Light, those qualities to a degree that reflects God. And so this Gift was offered, it was offered as a choice. And it was rejected. For the happiness for those original beings was great and full in their existence as it was. And so they decided that they were indeed fulfilled in their lives as they were, as beings upon this world. And so the Gift was withdrawn (from our first parents) until another beautiful soul was incarnated into this world free of sin and error, as you know, our dear brother Jesus brought this Gift back to humanity.

"And this Gift was offered to him and he accepted for he knew this was his purpose in the world to bring this Gift again to humanity and to show by his example, his knowledge and teachings what this Gift is, how to obtain It. And I was one of his disciples, one of many. And I along with all of my brothers and sisters who followed Jesus, I was very unclear as to what this Gift was. We saw embodied within our dear brother great power and wisdom, love and affection, gifts of healing and insight and perceptions which we did not have. And we glorified our brother, we put him upon a pedestal and we saw him as different and far above us. But we did not understand why he was different. How he was able to manifest his beautiful spiritual gifts, how he was able to love to such a pure degree.

"And the essence to my betrayal to my dear and

beloved brother was a naive perception that he would turn the tables upon the oppressors and become the ruler of our land, a true king. You can imagine my horror at what happened. And you know my story.

"And the great grief that was shared amongst my brothers and sisters of the murder of our dear and beloved Messiah, how distraught we all were. And yet he reappeared and again reiterated his message and beseeched us to pray for this Love, the Love Divine. Yes, my brothers and sisters came together in prayer and received the Pentecost, it changed them. It gave them the insight which Jesus longed to show us in his ministry.

"We understood the power of God's Love infilling our souls taking us beyond the human condition to a place of greater joy and harmony and peace and Light, closer to God. And you my dear and beloved friends have walked this road for some years now and you have gotten glimpses to the power of this Love; what it can do, how It does indeed change your thinking and being, those things which motivate you, and your perceptions of God and of life and of purpose.

"This Truth exists. The Truth of God's Love and

the power of God's Love. In the beginning it was lost, then it was found again and in many ways lost again and now found again. Now you have the opportunity, just as those who followed Jesus many years ago had, to express this Truth in the world. It is difficult because of the nature of this Gift. You can perceive the manifestations of it, you can feel the power of it, but can you touch it and see it? No, my friends, it is of the soul, it is a power within the soul. It must be experienced in an awakening, an opening in order to make sense of its reality. So just as our dear brother Jesus was challenged to convey the Truth of this Love, just as the first parents did not understand the true value of this Gift given by God, so you too struggle to truly speak and convey and teach and demonstrate this wondrous Truth. There is no sure way to bring another to these living waters and to drink, for God gave each soul free will, God allowed each soul to choose. And so it is, my beloved friends, and so it shall always be. A choice.

"This does not mean you should be quiet about this Truth, but indeed your persistence and your desire to teach of God's Love is a great gift in this world. All who attempt to show this Truth to others are blessed indeed, for it is God's Will that all humanity will be given this choice and you are a part of God's plan to bring this choice to humanity. And that part of you that is human brings you some confusion and doubt. The part of you that is your soul eager to be reunited with its Creator, to resonate in that deep soul awareness and being, knows and is in many ways already redeemed. For now you cannot turn back on this path, you only can move forward. And God will usher you forward upon this path, streaming His Love into your soul, caring, protecting, guiding, showing you the way forward. Your eyes begin to open, your ears to hear His Voice. Your longing intensifies and you walk more firmly upon this road, this road to redemption, freedom, joy, infinite happiness, fulfillment, at-onement.

"But someone told you my beloved friends of this great possibility, this Love Divine. So you must tell others. You must tell of your joy, of your experiences with God, your happiness. How you have been healed and carried and nurtured in love. Your examples, your words, your prayers, your thoughts, all contribute to this message which must be given: That God wishes for His Universe, the universe of souls that He has created, that each one be a great shining pearl of light infused with His Essence and in harmony

with Him, at-one. It is only through this Gift of God's Essence that this can be so and this was God's intended purpose for every soul to receive this Gift of Love, to come to that place of atonement and to accompany God on that infinite journey of life and existence.

"And you my beloved friends, my brothers and sisters, are with us upon this journey and we embrace you and welcome you on this wondrous road of discovery, of infinite soul growth and atonement with God. And we love you, we love you all and we wish to embrace all of humanity in this way as God wishes His children to be gathered together in His Love. Is this not beautiful my friends? This knowing, this acknowledgement of God's great Gift to His most wondrous creations and do you not sense within your soul the joy of knowing this and living this and being a part of it? Being a part of something truly, truly beautiful and glorious. Carry on my friends in your efforts and we will accompany you upon your journey. There is much to see, to experience, to know and you have much to share with your brothers and sisters. Continue to be open to your guidance, to be open in loving ways to all you meet. And may your smile and the twinkle in your eyes reflect the great Truth of God's Love that resides within your

soul. In this way you speak Truth as you attempt to embrace all that you meet in Love.

"God bless you, I am happy to speak through my friend. God bless you, I am Judas and I love you."

Over time upon this journey dedicated to a life with God and in His Love, in service of His Will, partaking in His plan for the salvation of mankind, so many special gifts were given, special dispensations, so much granted and gained, it is difficult to even have a glimpse of the huge impact God has in our lives. We all shift as we receive God's Divine Love. Much, much healing is given through accepting this Gift, old traumas released, emotional blockages opened, with the symptoms prevailing for a time as our material body does its utmost to adjust. In this period of regeneration and healing we need to bless our body, be loving to it, rest and nourish it, for it to gain the benefits of what is happening to it.

Here I wish to reiterate, that the Love received requires activation, meaning that we need to live this Love. The Divine Love is the greatest attribute of God, a substance of reality given to us which finds lodgment within our soul. Wow! This is so amazing a miracle and is mind blowing if one tries to think about it!

We are able to receive God's guidance for us by dropping deep into our souls, to be in the place of listening what God reveals to us through this substance of Love. Our daily dedication to go inward will lead to outward manifestations as we align ourselves to God's Will. This is the key, the commitment, dedication and discipline to go into prayer, into the stillness, leaving all the cluttering noises of our minds behind and carefully listening to what is revealed through dropping into our soul. The soul's mind slowly starts to take precedence, especially in those moments of stillness and connectedness with God. It seems as if the soul mind is infusing the material mind through this power of Love, purifying harmonizing it. The Divine Love is the catalyst in so many processes, for instance; purifying our natural love, healing our soul, infusing our material mind, etc . . . all being a part of a path of soul transformation to reach the day of a new birthing, becoming a new creature, divine in its being of Love.

My sense is that we as a group or movement of Divine Love and followers of Jesus' true teachings are needed to accomplish our part of God's plan in the salvation of mankind. It is this solidified unit, bonded through His Love within us, that is asked to step forward and to closely listen to His guidance, as this will help us on an individual and group level where to be and what to do in fulfilling our part in God's plan. Our bonds grow tighter and closer as we progress in His Love, in the awakening of greater soul awarenesses. I am sure that we will be connected through our soul-bonds during times of chaos and upheavals. It will be our soul connectedness to God and His guidance, our obedience to His Will, that will determine where we will be when the changes and shiftings take place. We all do sense the time is near where change on earth must take place, where people need to seek for the new heart, for the love, for closeness to God.

Most important of all is our state of Love; to stand firmly and resolutely in His Light and Love. We are being prepared, we need to pray for His Love as never before. We have been called. We are needed. I sense we all do realize the responsibility that we have, to actively partake in doing God's Will in service so as to bring the change into our beloved world it so desperately cries for. It was on earth that God re-bestowed His Divine Love to mankind (through Jesus) and I sense that the desire for His Love and His Love in the hearts of men on earth will determine the

establishing of the Heavens on Earth, the true brotherhood of man, the 1000 years of peace.

May we all be guided in deep and profound ways in the manifesting of the circles and centres of Light, the sanctuaries of care and compassion; as the rivers of Love move through the lands, as we walk the roads and byways to bring Love and the teachings of God's Truth. I am so grateful for each of you, my brother, my sister, as we join hands upon the adventure of our lives. We are called, and we know this and we are willing and ready to make the steps. I hope we remain open and loving in sharing our experiences, our guidance, sharing God's Truths of the Divine Love with others, since as we know, the time grows short and the labourers are few.

In closing I wish to state and bear witness to the power of this Love. Oftentimes we need to be only in the presence of His Love, and God does the rest. In the interaction with others, oftentimes words are not needed. The souls interact. These connections are so subtle and yet profound. The soul communications, through their perceptions and receptiveness, are almost undetectable to the conscious mind. Once the Love resides in a soul, much of our

communication comes from there. It radiates to what is all around us, plants, animals, earth, people etc.

I love God deeply! There is this constant longing to be with God. A desire to converse with God, a happening from conversation the continuously engaged with His Soul. It is a burning desire of my soul to be with God and to receive His answers, to receive His Love, for Him to share with me His desires and wishes. God often answers my questions by using animals, demonstrating in nature, through people, through something written or an Angelic communication, through a piece of music or through the laughter of a child. It is as if we start hearing with the heart—soul. And thus, I feel so be a child of God, wishing happy to demonstrate His Love, to live His Love and to share the Truth of this Love being available to each and every one.

Wishing God's blessing upon you and your loved ones as we live and love in an awakened life of soul. May His Love infill your soul and it is my sincere hope through the sharing of a little of my experience upon the Divine Love Path thus far, that you feel encouraged to pray for the greatest

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Gift in all the Universe, God's Divine Love.

In deep gratitude for this opportunity to connect with you,

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"The heart of man has never conceived nor the mind of man thought of the great blessings and joy which the Father has prepared for those who love Him in the way of possessing His Divine Love which makes their souls at-one with Him, and causes them to partake of His Divine Nature, and realize that they are a part of His Great Divinity, and Immortal.

"If mortals would only learn of this great plan of the Father for their redemption, and then believe and try to get this Great Love, how much more happiness there would be, not only among spirits but among mortals also, for this Love can be possessed to a very great degree by mortals, notwithstanding (that) they have all the trials and temptations of the flesh.

"My object is to have you and your friend obtain this Great Love while you are still in the flesh, for your work will require that you have this Love so that you can not only teach its existence, but by your very lives show and prove to mankind that it is a thing of reality."  $^{141}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>141</sup> Jesus through James Padgett on December 28, 1915.