



Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Happy New Year, dear brothers and sisters in Christ! We are pleased to bring you another newsletter that we hope will encourage and uplift you. We are blessed to share a beautiful article, “Our Second Heritage” by Ron Shoemaker. Ron inspires us with his creativity in describing what the Second Heritage is and how it relates to the quality and quantity of Divine Love. Eva Peck shows us how the Jewish culture celebrates their New Year, which is spiritual and introspective. She explains that in this tradition, the blowing of a ram’s horn, a *shofar* in Hebrew, had two principal purposes: a call to war and a declaration of freedom. These can be seen as the two paths – via natural love or Divine Love – to soul purification. Catherine Kent gives us an uplifting summary of a ten-day summit on Collective Trauma Healing convened by Thomas Hübl, the founder of The Academy of Inner Science. As we continue to pray for God’s Love, submitting our will to God’s (how we on this path integrate trauma) Hübl suggests, “Our numbness will soften and we will be able to [allow] love into the places that are digesting (or needing to digest) what is happening within our own trauma responses.”

We have a beautiful prayer written by Marianne Bellettini and some news from the community. Maureen Cardoso, Betty Owen, Judy Dunbar, and Beth Mazur will begin offering Living Waters Spiritual Healing Sessions on January 15th. Zoom sessions are also planned, starting on January 17th, for those interested in learning more about the crystal gift, a message about which was channeled through Al Fike on November 27th, 2021.

As we enter into a new year, let us remember that “God’s Divine Love is the greatest thing in all the universe, and not only the greatest, but the sum of all things, for from it flows every other thing that brings peace and happiness”¹. The inhabitants of the world are awakening. Change is upon the earth and has taken several forms: climatic, environmental, economic, sociopolitical, and health through a global pandemic. These changes have challenged people’s balance in multiple dimensions of wellness: physical, mental, emotional, intellectual, occupational, environmental, social, and spiritual. As a result, many are being challenged to move out of their comfort zones and re-evaluate their lives’ purpose. New teachers and ideas are springing up to fill the void. There are discussions of dimensional shifts (shifting into the fifth dimension), awakening to the realization that we are aliens (star seeds), the world is a simulation (a Matrix), and even of a new language of sound (light language). So many new ideas and things have sprung up to distract us that it can be almost intoxicating.

Thankfully, we have been blessed with the truths contained in the Padgett messages. In particular, we know that praying for God’s Divine Love is the highest spiritual food and most beneficial way to receive truths – truths not of the mind, which can waiver and change over time, but truths of the soul. Jesus states, “You cannot perceive spiritual things with the material mind... Hence, there is the necessity for man cultivating the soul perceptions.”² When the Father sends the Holy Spirit to fill our souls with His Divine Love in response to prayer, our soul perceptions increase. Slowly we start to grow accustomed to sensing these soul perceptions. They are akin to a light illuminating God’s truths and the path to His Kingdom. They provide us feedback on the decisions made by our mind, and reveal to us new truths as well as visions of ourselves and our relationship with God. In order to successfully navigate the changes of this world, let us remember that there is nothing more important than praying to receive God’s Divine Love and cultivating our soul perceptions.

Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the Divine Love Community portal or from the Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation website. Contributions can be emailed to the editors at editors@fcdt.org (Michael Nedbal and Eva Peck)

¹ ARDT, Vol. I, 138 | TGRABJ, Vol. I, 36.

² ARDT, Vol. II, 105 | TGBABJ, Vol. II, 200.

OUR SECOND HERITAGE (RON SHOEMAKER)

My understanding of who and what God is has been revolutionized since I first opened Vol. 2 of the Padgett messages.

When I was young, my mother took me to a Protestant church where I attended Saturday services. For whatever reason, I rebelled at the idea that a God of love would require a painful sacrifice and death of any of His creatures as a form of propitiation.



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What do I think now? I think that the Great Soul is the one unique Being in all reality; the one entity that is authentic. There is no duplicate! The essence of this Being is Divine Love, a self-sustaining substance. His Love never loses its purity or richness. It is a Love that is always true to itself and not subject to circumstances. It is the Great Soul's essence of Divine Love that embodies the vitality of eternity and its infinite number of possibilities. The potential embodied in each soul attribute is without limit. In His uniqueness, the Great Soul possesses and manifests His Divineness in its perfection. When this unique love becomes dominant in the human soul, that soul can experience the hope and promise of immortality and the capacity for unlimited growth. This is our second heritage.

I have also come to understand that as I allow the Great Soul to open my soul to the inflowing of His Love, my soul can become filled with the essence of His Divineness. As this takes place, all the possibilities founded on my finite natural love, the first heritage, will be replaced. The hope and promise of my natural love, my humanness, will be transformed into that which is authentic, everlasting and no more only an image.

I like to imagine my soul as a house with several rooms. When I allow my soul to be opened to the inflowing of His Love, I imagine a small, warm, glowing ember of His Divinity entering and finding a place to

lodge in one of the rooms. In the Prayer from Jesus, Vol. 1, p 42 of the Padgett messages, he writes "...that when we come to thee in faith and earnest aspiration, Thy love will never be with-holden from us." Notice that it doesn't promise that we will feel His Love every time it enters, but it also doesn't promise that we won't. What it does promise is that when we "in faith and earnest aspiration" seek the inflowing of His Love, it will arrive. Let us not forget that.

If we allow this process to continue, at some point, these glowing embers of Divinity will fill a room in our souls and become the controlling influence. If we permit this process to occur in each room, the Divine Essence will become dominant and we will experience transformation from our humanness to the Great Soul's Divineness.

Ann Rollins comments on this experience in Vol. 2, p 81 of the Padgett messages. She writes, "Until we reach the first Celestial Spheres, we have not a sufficient quantity of this love to make us partakers of this divine nature of the Father, in that degree so that all the natural loves are absorbed by the Divine Love." With this transformation, the divineness of our souls will become at-one in quality with the Father's self-sustaining essence.

Thinking about this, I imagined myself with a glass container. Filling it with ocean water, I could see that the water in the container was of the same color, cloudiness, taste and smell as the water in the ocean. They were the same in quality.

While the at-onement in quality of ocean water in my container and the water in the ocean can be verified, it cannot be said that they are at-one in quantity. The volume of water in my container is insignificant when compared to the immense capacity of Earth's oceans. Likewise, when we are able to enter the first Celestial Heaven, the quality of our soul's love is at-one with the quality of the Father's Love. However, a resident of the First Celestial Sphere possesses finite amounts of Divine Love. There's no comparison between the infinite vastness of God's quantity of Divine Love and our soul's possession of Divine Love in the First Celestial Heaven.

In Vol. 1, p 9 in the TGRABJ, Jesus writes "I was not, when on earth, so filled with the love of the Father as I am now, and had not the power to make men feel that this love is the only thing that will reconcile them to the Father and make them at one with Him, as I now have." So, regarding the Divine Love, we need to keep in mind not only *quality* but just as important, *quantity*. Continuing on, Jesus writes: "I was not then as perfect as I am now, and my knowledge of the truths of the Father was not so great as it is now." While the quality of Jesus' love may be in perfect at-onement with the quality of his Father's everlasting Love, the quantity of his eternal love is not at one with his Father's. There is room for continued soul development and growth -- for an unending progress toward obtaining a greater volume of Divine Love.

Jesus offers the following insight in Vol. 4, p 193 of TGRABJ: "I am but a mere spirit - a child of God praying for an increased bestowal of His Love and for a complete unity with Him, and with the longings to progress eternally in the development of my soul." Since his time on earth, Jesus' quantity of the Divine Love has been growing. That's over 2000 years of growth with regard to his increased possession of the Great Soul's Essence and the truths embedded therein.

I wondered what it would mean to receive a greater quantity of the Heavenly Father's Love. If my love is at one in quality with the Father's Love, according to Ann Rollins, I would be in the first Celestial Sphere -- which might be like entering kindergarten of the second heritage. So, what changes as I progress to the higher heavens, as I receive greater quantities of His Love?

Thinking of an analogy, I thought of music. When I began to take piano lessons, I knew almost nothing about music except that I could sing a few simple tunes. About the piano, I knew even less. As I reluctantly made the effort to practice the scales and chords, I began to gain confidence. I was also learning to read music and the names of the notes on the keyboard. As I learned about the piano, I became more and more aware of the hope and promise that the instrument offered me. I started off with simple tunes such as "Mary Had a Little Lamb." As I progressed, the music I could express with the piano became more complex. I began delving into different genres such as Dixieland, ragtime, ballads and classical music. The challenge to play with greater sensitivity and beauty was always before me. I kept reaching for greater perfection and searching for that which was unique.

When we progress above the First Celestial Sphere and receive greater quantities of God's Love, the divine truths that His Love brings become ours. We are able to manifest that love more perfectly with greater assurance. As we receive more of our Father's Love, the truths of His Divineness will be revealed. We will be able to come closer to Him one truth at a time as we experience a more complete unity with Him in the quantity of His Love.

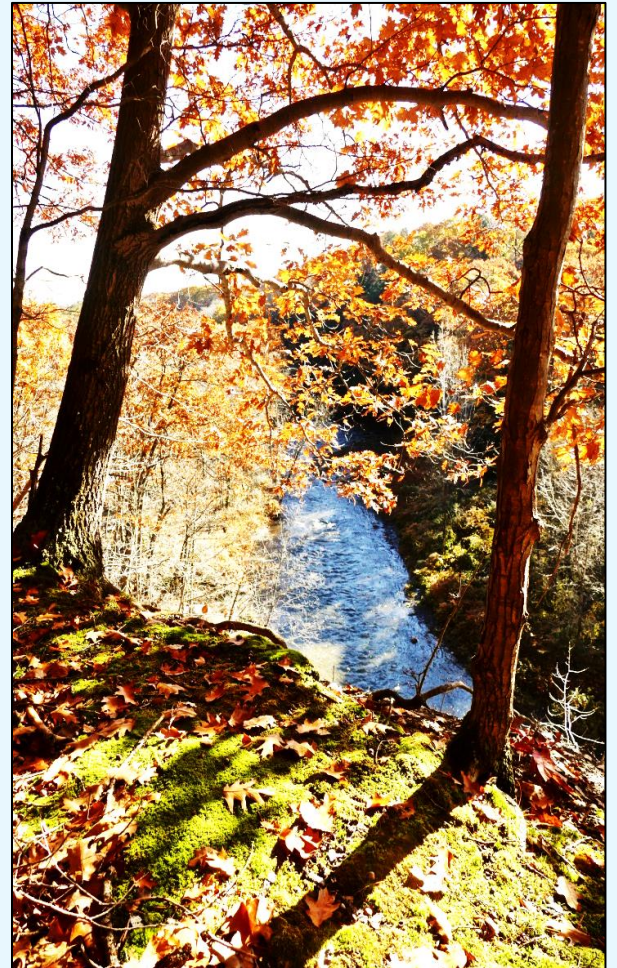


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In Vol. 4, p 193 of the Padgett messages, Jesus writes, I am "...praying for an increased bestowal of His Love and a complete unity with Him...", understanding that the uniqueness of the Heavenly Father was the capacity to fully possess and perfectly manifest the hope and promise embedded in His Divine Love. And so, the stage is set for humankind to receive the second heritage: that each of us may grasp the opportunity to continually grow and progress in the ownership of the myriad truths that His Divine Love embodies. Once we reach the first Celestial Heaven and our soul's love becomes transformed to the same quality as the Father's, it is in the area of quantity that we have the opportunity to grow and progress.

In Vol. 3, p 208, of the TGRABJ, Jesus wrote to Padgett: "Just here I want to say that while the great vital truth of the new birth is already known to you and can be made known to men, yet, you, in your day, will not receive all the truths of the infinite." As we learn to allow our souls to be opened to a more complete in-flowing of greater quantities of His Love, the revelation of truths that lay hidden therein will become ours.

Continuing on, Jesus comments: "Always new ones will come to the knowledge of man, and the revelations of truth will never have a finality" — adding "and no man or spirit can ever be able to say that his knowledge is complete." And then we learn that: "Progress is the one law of the universe that exists always, and man, when he gets in condition, will always be the object and subject of that law."

After a soul reaches the first Celestial sphere and is one in quality with the Father's Love, the opportunity for receiving unlimited quantities of His self-sustaining Essence is the future. With each increase in the quantity of His Love will come revelations of the truths embedded therein,

truths that before had been hidden. With each increase will come the ability to understand and express the Divineness of the Father more perfectly and fully, moving ever nearer to a complete unity in quantity with the Great Soul one truth at a time.



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NEW YEAR'S REFLECTION FROM ANOTHER FAITH TRADITION (EVA PECK)

As we enter 2022, with our traditional New Year's celebrations, resolutions, as well as hopes and dreams for a better year both personally and globally, I would like to draw on some spiritual principles gleaned from another spiritual tradition using another calendar.

In the first week of September this past year, based on the luni-solar Hebrew calendar, devout Jews observed their religious new year, known as the *Rosh Hashana*, or in the Old Testament language, Feast of Trumpets referred to in Leviticus 23:23-24 - The LORD said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites: 'On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts.'" This festival was marked by blowing "trumpets", which was not quite the instrument we envision under a term. The Hebrew name is *shofar* and it is actually a ram's horn.

Drawing on information from [Rabbi Raymond Apple](#) in this and the next two paragraphs, blowing the *shofar* was a well-known multi-purpose call in biblical times. The *shofar's* two principal, seemingly contradictory, purposes were a call to war (Numbers 10:1-10) and a proclamation of freedom (Leviticus 25:9). Turned into personal spiritual terms, the first purpose sees the individual struggling with themselves, battling an inner enemy, and feeling guilt for the year's wrongdoing. The

second purpose sees the human soul, cleansed of its transgressions, committing to a new regimen that is full of positive possibilities.

The medieval philosopher Moses Maimonides says: "... the blowing of the *shofar* ... has this further meaning: 'Awake, you slumberers, from your sleep, and rouse yourselves from your lethargy. Search your deeds, return in repentance. Remember your Creator, you who forget truth in the vanities of the moment, who go astray all your years after vain illusions which neither profit nor save. Look to your souls, mend your ways and actions, leave your evil path and unworthy purpose, seek the way of the Lord.'"

Rosh Hashana is said to commemorate the creation of man and with it free will and the first human - divine relationship. Marking the start of a new year, it is a time of gratitude for the past year and hopes and dreams for the commencing year. It is a time of introspection, repentance, forgiveness, spiritual cleansing, as well as a new start, renewal and resolutions.

While western New Year's celebrations are full of partying and joviality, Jewish ones are more spiritual, subdued and contemplative. I believe that there are lessons we can learn and benefit from.

As mentioned, the two principal purposes of the *shofar* were *call to war* and *declaration of freedom*. These can be seen as the two paths to soul purification – the natural love path leading to the Kingdom of the Perfect Man; and the Divine Love path leading to the Celestial Kingdom of Divine Angels and unlimited possibilities.



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In some ways, the natural love path is a call to war – war on sin, transgression of God's laws, and overcoming of one's shortcomings. In all these struggles, God and our spirit helpers can assist if asked. The declaration of freedom is encapsulated in the Divine Love path – through God's Love transforming the soul, freedom of sin is progressively achieved as the individuals is changing from within and becoming a new creation.

Paul in the book of Romans contrasts the two ways. First the natural love path – overcoming sin and achieving soul purification through one's own strength – which is a constant struggle and frustration: Romans 7:21-24 -- So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law [I want to do what's right]; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, *waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members*. [desire to obey the law but being hindered and resisted by the human condition, referred to as the "sinful nature"]. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? [frustration and despair in this ongoing struggle].

The second way leads to freedom through the soul transformation (new heart) by the Divine Love, which makes overcoming sin much easier: Romans 7:25 - Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord [who brought and lived the truth of the Divine Love as a way to salvation]! ... Romans 8:1-2 - Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus [have Divine Love in their souls], because through Christ Jesus *the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death*. [the Holy Spirit imparting Divine Love into our hearts/souls and leading to immortality transcends our human condition as our souls are transformed into divine substance and acquiring divine nature.]



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Paul further exhorts in the letter to the Galatians: Gal. 5:16-18 – So I say, live by the Spirit [motivated and transformed by the Divine Love], and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature [human condition]. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want [again, the struggle of the natural love path]. But if you are led by the Spirit [Divine Love path], you are not under law [the law is transcended and fulfilled, the struggle diminishes, and freedom from sin is being achieved].

In the letter to the Philippians, Paul encourages us to rejoice and give thanks in our new state and ongoing progression: Philippians 4:4-7 - Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ... Do not be anxious about

anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [Divine Love].

The Divine Love path, or “walking in the Spirit” also promotes soul awakening and increased soul perceptions of spiritual truths. Even though New Year’s Day is behind us, as we are looking forward in hope to 2022, let us pause and ponder our spiritual journey with the blessings of God’s Love and the path of freedom. Let’s resolve to continue growing in the Divine Love irrespective of what will happen in the world or in our lives, for the degree of our soul transformation will determine our future destiny with a potential well beyond what we can imagine. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 – “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him” — but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit [Divine Love and developing soul perceptions]. As we continue to spiritually grow, we’ll be motivated to further growth by better perceiving our awesome and incredible potential in the Celestial Kingdom of God.

HEALING TRAUMA IGNITES HOPE (CATHERINE KENT)

In September 2021, mystic and spiritual teacher [Thomas Hübl](#), the founder of The Academy of Inner Science, convened a ten-day summit on Collective Trauma Healing. The summit, in its third consecutive year, brought together 45 speakers, poets and musicians to inform and inspire attendees to embrace trauma as an individual, collective and ancestral experience that - when integrated - yields valuable wisdom for peace and harmony. To state it metaphorically, trauma can be farmed and transformed from the manure-like byproduct of sin and error into a rich fertilizer for growth and the sustainable evolution of the human experience.

Summit topics were broad, ranging from the very root, which we on the Divine Love Path know to be humanity’s choice to seek independence from God, to the farthest reaches of traumatic influence, pervasive across the world. “We are all born into, and are swimming in, a sea of collective trauma that is thousands of years in the making. How do I



Thomas Hübl – organizer of Summit

become a *purifying particle* within the water that *moment-to-moment has the choice* to either add more pollution or bring more purification (restoration, integration, love, compassion, bridging fragmentation) to this sea? These are everyday micro-decisions; how I walk into the market, how I sit in a cab, how I am in my daily life. We are all called to contribute moment to moment (not just in circles, therapy, and groups). We must shift from Patterns of Protection to Patterns of Connection. Ultimately, trauma is an intelligent response to overwhelming situations.” Such are some of the thoughts shared by Hübl.

The summit exceeded my expectations. It was well organized and seamlessly executed, bringing together more than 100,000 participants from 120 countries. The speakers were engaging and inspired tremendous hope for the future. Throughout the ten days, a beautiful bridge of light was constructed across our planet, uniting not only participants but their respective networks in a collective healing experience that was deeply harmonious with love.

Many speakers were familiar to me, such as Gabor Maté, Esther Perel and Jack Saul; but many more were new to me, and equally inspiring. [Dr. Christina Bethell](#), a researcher and professor at Johns Hopkins University who advances national policies for thriving mentioned specifically that while her work measures nervous system responses - needed to capture the data required to effect change in laws - it’s really about love. “Love is an endless source of fuel. We are built for loving.”

Social psychologist [Deran Young](#) embraced shamanic healing practices because she didn’t feel safe in her own (traumatized) body. Trying to protect herself constantly from all external threats was a full-time job. [Dr. Richard Schwartz](#), Founder of the Internal Family Systems Model, views the trauma response from a non-pathologizing, optimistic, and empowering perspective, with a practical and effective set of techniques for integration of experience that fosters loving relationships.

Every speaker shared from the wealth of a fully-developed healing practice that is reaching hundreds, thousands, even tens of thousands of people around the globe. Seldom if ever have so many people doing so much good connected with such purposeful intention to bless humanity. As Thomas says, “We are a human family and we are supposed to do our work together. Healing ourselves is part of our purpose. It’s not something we have to fix before finding our purpose. We apply inner practices until we achieve clarity. Then more and more outward contributions will emerge. Coming into coherent presence within ourselves is our truest work. Better to think about small steps and do them than to think about big steps and never do them. Ask yourself: What is the ‘doable next step’ in order to manifest my purpose?”

From our Divine Love perspective, we know that daily prayers for Divine Love transform our souls into the very essence of our Creator, bringing light and harmony everywhere we go. Thus, the Divine Love Path weaves a gorgeous tapestry that is a lovely match for the trauma healing work being conducted by this ever-expanding group of professionals around the world.

In the words of summit co-convenor [Laura Calderón de la Barca](#), “We need to continue to walk together, because everyone who engages really brings something unique. Every single one of us brings a very specific light that no one else on the planet has. Invest the time to really connect with yourself [soul] and become a clear vessel for light, for the wind that blows through us [Holy Spirit]. The more of us who do this, the stronger and more beautiful this movement will become.”

As we continue to pray for God’s Love, submitting our will to God’s (how we on this path integrate trauma) Hübl suggests, “Our numbness will soften and we will be able to [allow] love into the places that are digesting (or needing to digest) what is happening within our own trauma responses. If we cannot do that, we can just be an aware witness of where our capacity to do this ends at the moment. And not believe ourselves to be more [in harmony] than we are. I meet my own limits. I meet my own overwhelm. I meet my own absence. I meet my own dissociation. I’m consciously aware that that’s what’s happening. System-sensing, witnessing, and examining my own way of living, where do I get enrolled in fragmentation and where do I bridge fragmentation in order to become part of a higher, more cohesive whole, these are great practices to be part of a collective coherence building force on the planet. How much are we able to stay caring and loving, consciously, in the moment. Being in the (polluted) water but bringing light. Once humanity [through God’s Love] heals the large-scale wounds of collective trauma, untold creativity will be unleashed for us to expand in consciousness. It’s important that every one of us crystalizes our path, whatever that is. Our path becomes the answer.”

POETRY CORNER -- MARIANNE BELLETTINI

Guidance



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*What guidance do I follow today?
Oh dear Lord I pray I pray.*

*Do I dance the dance of Love Divine?
Or do I fall in step with the worldly
line?*

*Take the path that will
Bring love ever-last?
My choice free will.*

*The choice to love,
The choice to be still.*

*Be beautiful.
Be kind.
Be loving.*

*Guide me, teach me, I do pray.
Lead me Lord all the way.*

MEMBER / COMMUNITY NEWS

- On Sunday, November 21, **Al and Jeanne Fike** gave a [Zoom presentation](#) to AREI's (After Life Research and Education Institute) Global Gathering giving highlights of Al's newly released book, *Our World in Transition - Messages from Jesus* received through Al's trance mediumship. The following weekend, Al was invited to be on a panel discussing the importance of discernment in mediumship, which can be viewed [here](#).
- **Marianne Bellettini** published a book of poems entitled *Trilogy Book of Poems: Faith Hope Love*. The [paperback version](#) and the [Kindle version](#) are both available at Amazon.
- **Eva Peck** created a PDF book entitled *Gospel of God's Grace and His Kingdom*. It is downloadable from [her website](#).
- **Helge and Henning Mercker** translated *Our World in Transition – Messages from Jesus* into German and published on [Amazon](#). They also created an [audio recording](#) of the book.
- **Tim Foley** has published a [website](#) dedicated to his recently published book, *Making It Personal: Your Guide to a More Profound and Rewarding Prayer Life*. The website contains excerpts from [the book](#) as well as from Tim's [other writings](#), and invites readers to write a review in return for a free copy of the book.
- **Eva Peck** updated the "Divine Love Resource Guide" listing Divine Love websites, Facebook groups, forums, authors, audio and video, services, and more. It can be downloaded from the [FCDT community website](#) and Eva's [website](#).

PRAYING AND SHARING ACROSS THE MILES

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

See the [DLSF website](#) for general Circles of Light information. If you would like to receive weekly information about new and upcoming programs as well as regular online prayer circles, please [sign up for the weekly calendar](#) which is sent out on Sunday morning via Mailchimp. For any questions, please contact [Jeanne](#).

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

Other Groups and Circles

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

New Prayer Group

Karanne Lambton from Vancouver, BC, Canada has begun hosting a 'Take-30 Circle of Light' every Tuesday from 7:30-8:00 am Pacific Time. It consists of group prayer with some sharing, and in less than 30 minutes, it kickstarts the day or provides an opportunity to calm the swirl. If interested and for the Zoom details, please contact [Karanne](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Living Waters Spiritual Healing Sessions (Maureen Cardoso)

In the fall of 2020, Maureen Cardoso received guidance to facilitate a development circle for healers who desire to serve as a channel of love through this gift. For over a year, a group of about 25 has met weekly with singleness of purpose praying for Divine Love and the intention for their healing gift to be developed. The development within each individual is unique and according to the attributes of their specific gift blessed by God's design.

Opportunities for service are expanding and one way is through free online group healing sessions using Zoom. Maureen, Betty Owen, Judy Dunbar and Beth Mazur have created a setting which they are ready to share with others. Ongoing monthly group healing sessions, starting on **January 15, 2022**, will be open to all. For more information and how to join the first session, click on this [Facebook link](#). Future date notifications can be found at the [Living Waters Spiritual Healing](#) page. Feel welcome to [email Maureen Cardoso](#) with any questions.

A Spiritual Gift Available for the Asking

During the September 2021 Gibson's retreat, a gift (called the crystal gift) was given to all in attendance and offered to others who desire it. For those interested in learning more about this gift that is available for the asking, or sharing their experiences with the gift, a series of Zoom sessions is being planned. The first one will be held on Monday, January 17th at 4 pm PST. A WhatsApp group called The Alliance of Light is also being created to share ongoing experiences. If you'd like to join the Zoom sessions or be added to the WhatsApp group, please [email Elizabeth Mack](#). (More about the gift can be read [here](#) and listened to [here](#).)

DIVINE LOVE RESOURCES

For details on how to receive a free box of FCDT books for distribution; where to find foreign language translations of the Padgett messages; and a listing and accessing messages of all our contemporary mediums, go to the [FCDT website](#). If you'd like to request a flash drive of all scanned Padgett messages, please contact [Elizabeth Morana](#).

The Importance of Man Cultivating the Soul Perceptions.

I am here, Jesus.

I have heard your discussion and am much pleased that you and your friend are progressing so rapidly in the knowledge of truth, and very soon you both will be surprised at the extent of knowledge of spiritual things and truths that will come to you.

No man, who on earth is given to only what you may call the material things, will be able, when he becomes a spirit, to understand the spiritual laws, until he has gotten rid of the material mind, and the reasoning that comes from the powers which have been exercised only in the investigation of material things.

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.

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.

The reasoning power given to man is the highest quality of the material mind and, when properly exercised, affords a very safe and satisfactory method of arriving at the truth. But such power when exercised in reference to things which are strangers to it, or with which such powers having no acquaintance, or have never been concerned in the investigation of the phenomena of their existence, cannot be depended upon to bring conclusions that will assure men of truth.

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. A knowledge of the laws pertaining to the natural will not supply a knowledge of the laws pertaining to the spiritual.

And hence the great scientist who, when on earth, was able to discover and show the operation of the laws controlling material things, when he comes to the spiritual world and attempts to apply this knowledge to the things of the spirit, will be wholly unable to do so, and will be as a babe in his ability to understand and draw deductions from the spiritual laws. So you see the necessity for man's becoming acquainted with these spiritual laws, if he expects to progress in things to which they apply.

The material laws may be learned by 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. I hope that I have made plain what I intend to convey.

I will not write more tonight, but say let your faith increase and pray more to the Father, and you will see open up to you a wonderful vista of knowledge of the truths of the spirit.

Your friend and brother,

Jesus