



Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to the 50th issue of the Divine Love Newsletter -- a newsletter dedicated to the global Divine Love community. We applaud all those who are striving to make this world a better place through prayers, healings, mediumship, writing, teaching, and preaching. We acknowledge those who are making great strides in spreading the truth of Divine Love and those who are quietly praying for God's Love and being an example of what it means to be on the path to redemption. It takes courage and strength to break away from traditional teachings and entertain new concepts of our relationship with God. It needs strong will and persistence to want to make better decisions, forgive others, and love ourselves as we love others. As the world seems to spin out of control, remember to turn to your Father and pray for more Divine Love, faith and mercy. He will guide and protect you as long as you don't allow fear to block His Love and angelic influences. Vigilantly monitor your thoughts and make wise decisions regarding the company you keep and how you spend your time.

In this issue, Ron Shoemaker shares a thought-provoking article on the three phases of the soul. Ron refers to the first phase as the time prior to the two halves of the one soul incarnating. During this stage, souls have a consciousness of their existence and their relationship with God. The second phase we are all familiar with as it centers on the mortal earth life where individuals will hopefully choose to nurture their souls and relationship with their Creator. The third phase is life in the spirit realms.

Lisa Sims describes her successful outreach of spreading the Good News of the availability of God's Love to her community. Her efforts are inspiring and so is her enthusiasm to do all she can to get the Padgett messages into people's hands. She has done well at distributing the FCDT message compilation volumes which is no easy task in this day and age. We applaud her for her commitment and are inspired by her dedication and faith.

Jeanne Fike tells us about the five Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation (DLSF) Soul Awakening Retreats during January and February. We are amazed at the energy and dedication that Al and Jeanne demonstrate in their ministry and outreaches. They worked with earth angels to sponsor retreats in Texas, Trinidad, Barbados, Florida, and finishing with a Celebrity Constellation Cruise Ship stopping at four ports of call in the Eastern Caribbean. Mediums received 75 messages from Jesus and Celestial Angels during the five-week Soul Awakening Tour.

Karanne Lambton, on behalf of The LightBringers Board of Directors, invites everyone to participate as contributing authors in creating a book that will be a representative collection sharing the joy of Divine Love in the lives of many. Submissions of personal stories, short essays, poetry, song lyrics, and prayers are welcome, and no previous writing experience is required.

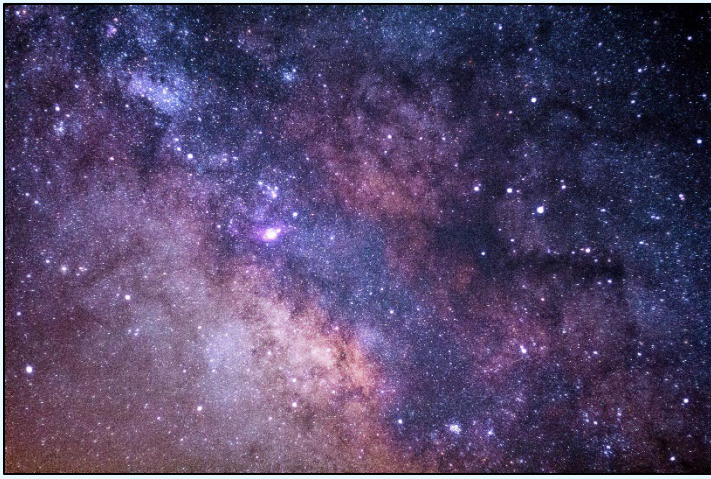
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Judy Gebhart published a book about Dr. Leslie R. Stone, called *The Saddle Maker* and a sequel entitled *Love Letters from Mary*. And Debra Taylor shares a beautiful poem "The Space That's In Between".

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 (Eva Peck and Michael Nedbal)

THREE PHASES OF THE SOUL (RON SHOEMAKER)

In reading through the messages received by James Padgett (*True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*), I noticed three main phases in the human soul's journey.



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About the soul's pre-existence, the first phase, Jesus writes in Vol 1, p. 108, "There was a period in eternity when the human soul did not exist and was created by the Father. It was made the highest and most perfect of all God's creation ... and his attributes and qualities correspond." We learn that the human soul has not always existed and at some point, it had a beginning.

Jesus says on p. 111 that the soul is "the discerner and the portrayer of men's moral and spiritual condition ... and the real ego of the man. In it are centered the love principle, the affections, the appetites and the passions." He further explains on p. 14 that "The love with which man was endowed

... enables him ... to love God and to love his fellowman as himself, for this natural love is one that in its perfection and nature is universal and in its exercise every man is his neighbor's brother." All that makes man human is seated in the soul.

In Vol. 2, p. 253, Luke writes that "The soul, in its existence prior to becoming an indweller in the mortal body, has a consciousness of its existence and of its relationship to God ... and more especially of the duplex character of its being; and by this I mean the sexual differences in the two parts of the soul, which, in the way that they are united, constitutes the one complete soul." Here we learn that in its pre-existence, the soul was aware of its existence and that the complete soul is composed of two parts, male and female.

In Vol. 3, p. 404, The Prayer asks, "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." This means that the human soul and its natural love at their creation are not only good, they are perfect. There is no defilement of the soul or its love. At that stage, the soul would be free to express its love fully: To love God and to love fellow man as oneself, where "every man is his neighbor's brother."

From the above, we can conclude that the human soul has not always existed but at some undisclosed time was brought into existence by the Creator. Nothing is said or implied about certain souls being superior or inferior. There is no comment about a soul's color or whether its character is Asian, Hispanic or African. The same is true about the two parts that make up a complete human soul, male and female.

As Josephus wrote in Vol. 2, p. 126, "The two persons called our first parents, were created at the same time, and not one out of the rib of the other. Therefore, the man and the woman are equal in their dignity, and in their relationship they bear to God, and the one is of just as much importance in the sight of God as is the other." He further comments, "One was just as the other as respects the gifts bestowed, and together, they were the perfect pair ... Power and love were theirs, and neither was made the superior of the other, nor was the one to be subject to the other." Here's food for thought regarding the equality of all souls before God at their creation. No mention is presented of a soul belonging to a certain class of beings where one is designated as superior or inferior.

The earth is the stage where the second phase of the human soul's journey plays out. Jesus writes in Vol. 2, p. 252, "the soul was created by the Father long before its appearance in the flesh, and awaited such incarnation for the purpose only of giving it an individuality, which it did not have in its pre-existence." He goes on to mention that the soul has a duplex

character and each of the two parts needs to be separated and made individual. Continuing on the same page, Jesus writes that “man has nothing to do with the creation of the soul or its appearance in the flesh. His work is to provide a receptacle for its coming – a mere host, as it were, for its entry into the flesh, and existence as a mortal or in the appearance of a mortal.”

In Vol. 2, p. 234 Jesus further comments that “The soul becomes individualized the moment it finds its lodgement in the receptacle prepared by the laws of nature in using the human father and mother as its instruments, and time thereafter does not influence or have any determining effect upon that soul so far as its individualization is concerned.” He continues that the soul’s individualization is “in two appearances; 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.”

Jesus reminds us on p. 252 that after the mother and father have produced a receptacle, man’s “responsibility in this particular is very great, for man can destroy that receptacle, or care for it so that the soul may continue in earth life, a longer or shorter time. And while this receptacle is a creation of man and without him it could not be brought into existence, yet the soul is no part of his creation and is independent of the body.” In the second phase of the soul's journey the human father and mother, according to the laws of nature, will produce a human receptacle. The two parts of the soul, male and female, need to separate and each incarnate in such a receptacle and become individualized. Individualization is the main reason for the second phase.



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John writes in Vol. 2, p. 229 regarding this phase of the soul’s journey: “Then his [man’s] living means that he is placed on the earth merely to acquire an individuality, and to learn that within him is the soul which is his real self and which he must cherish and educate and feed with the higher thoughts and godness of his original creation; and not neglect the opportunities that come to him for this development.” He explains further, “that the spirit body is, of itself, a creation like as is the physical body.” Then he adds, “and has its existence only for the purpose of preserving man’s individuality, and of containing and sheltering his soul, both while on earth and after he becomes a spirit.” So the purpose of the spirit body is to maintain and protect man’s individuality. It is not for the purpose of procreation. That only takes place on earth during the second phase of the soul’s journey.

In Vol. 2, p. 268 Luke offers this insight: “God gave to man in his creation, the great power of will and the right to its unlimited exercise, subject only to the penalties of a wrong exercise; and by the exercise of that will man created sin and disease and became depraved and fallen, and the possessor of false beliefs as to the perfection of his nature.”

With the free will, humanity is granted the power to become a creator. What will humans choose to create? Will they allow the inclination of their soul to love God and their neighbor as themselves to hold sway, or will they choose to create a mindset with values and priorities that follow the influences of the appetites of their physical body? Will they choose to accumulate material wealth and become attached to the feeling of security and power that this brings? Will they choose to seek status and influence in an organization?

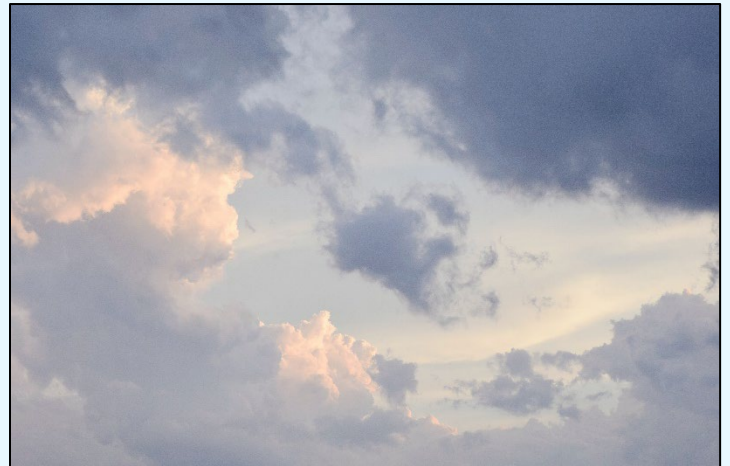
In Vol. 2, p. 390 we are taught in The Prayer to ask: “help us to overcome all temptations of the flesh,” and also to overcome “the influence of the powers of the evil ones, which so constantly surround us and endeavor to turn our thoughts away from

Thee to the pleasures and allurements of this world.” George Washington, commenting on the nature of the natural love and the temptations that exist in phase two of the soul’s journey, writes in Vol. 3, p. 263: “where their material interests or love of power or ambition to extend their territory or commercial interests come in conflict with this natural love for one another, the natural love must succumb, and as a result war will ensue, and hatred and envy and the desire to overcome one another will take the place of love and brotherhood.”

From soon after we incarnate, we are creating our mindset. We are absorbing and choosing the values and priorities that our culture bequeathed to us and that we feel are important and will serve us as we move through our life on earth. We can decide to gather more and more material wealth or we may choose to seek status and influence. Whatever our preference, it means we have decided to devote our time and energy toward that goal. When we choose to devote our time and energy to the pleasures and allurements of this world, we are not concentrating on the development of our souls. “Treating others as you would want to be treated” may not have a very high priority as we seek to achieve our earthly goals.

With the demise of our physical body, we lose our ticket that allowed us to be denizens of earth. The second phase of our soul’s journey concludes as we cross the bridge into the land of spirit, leaving behind all the material wealth, power and prestige that we had accumulated. What we do bring with us is our soul condition and mindset.

Along this line, Ann Rollins writes in Vol. 2, pp. 82-83: “when a spirit enters the spirit world, its condition of mental, moral or spiritual development determines where it shall first live. ... [I]t brings with it all its beliefs, desires and affections, and these respective qualities will, to a more or less extent, influence the direction of its progress. ... [S]uch spirit will naturally be attracted to those things which it considers a continuation of its earthly thoughts, ... and consequently, they are its treasures which necessarily have the most of its affections.” Ann goes on to say that if nothing greater intervenes, the spirit will follow its desires. This applies to all spirits whether seeking mental, moral or spiritual growth.



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During the second phase of the soul’s journey, we will have all lived together on planet earth. Regardless of our mental, moral or spiritual condition, we would have all been riding the same planet around the sun. We will have had to deal with one another. The Hitlers and the Mahatma Gandhis rubbed shoulders as they carried on their lives. Those with a mindset that needs to dominate can choose to create conditions that will cause unnecessary suffering and pain for others. Those desiring to spread light and truth can make the world a better place.

By contrast, in the third phase, when the soul crosses the bridge into the spirit world, each person will reside in a place that reflects the condition of their soul – who and what they are. The Mahatma Gandhis and the Hitlers will no longer be living together. They will reside in their separate worlds which each has created.

While Ann Rollins mentioned our attraction to pursue mental, moral or spiritual development, we can also add the terms natural love path and Divine Love path as possible choices. Jesus, who has been in the third phase of his soul’s journey for nearly 2000 years, wrote in Vol. 1, p. 110 of his experience. Choosing to follow the divine love path, he wrote: “I am a progressing spirit, and as I grew in love and knowledge and wisdom when on earth, I am still growing in these qualities, and the love and mercy of the Father come to me with the assurance that never in all eternity will I cease to progress towards the very fountainhead of these attributes of Him.” It is during the third phase of our soul’s journey that we will all have the opportunity to explore our soul’s possibilities and be attracted to those things that will make that possible.

PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOADING, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION (LISA SIMS)

I've put together three English language prayer card formats based on the original handwritten message (with overlaid typed transcript) found on the [FCDT website](#).

I relied heavily on the "Prayer for Divine Love" posted in [The Padgett Messages](#) for punctuation and layout. Eva Peck helped me with grammar corrections needed in the original text, and with improvements for the page 2 layout. I changed the two occurrences of "Let us..." to "Give us..." and "May we..." which I felt would make it easier for people to translate the prayer into their own languages.

My prayer and hope is that these Prayer PDFs may help many people to begin praying or to start new Divine Love Prayer Circles or Holy Spirit Prayer Meetings. The cards are meant to be a complete gospel message for those who may have no other literature.

To that end, I would like if those who can publish these PDFs on their websites, would do so as widely as possible so that people can begin to download them, print them, and distribute them. You can just include on your website the [FCDT page link](#) from where all the different card formats can be downloaded. Those moved to do so may like to create their own web page with the downloadable PDFs.

The cards are designed for either 8 1/2 x 11" paper (used in the USA and Canada) or slightly different A4 paper (used in other countries). They can be either double- or single-sided with 6, 4, or 2 cards to a sheet. People can inexpensively print the cards on their own home printer/copier or in a library. They can have better quality cards professionally printed on cardstock.



Photo: Lisa Sims

I just got my first order of 90 of the 6-per-sheet small cards from my local print company, and have another order for 60 of the 4-per-sheet size. They are on two-sided slick white cardstock and the first order cost \$35, which pleased me. I needed them for the four Divine Love books (so graciously supplied to me by Holly Bianco and Elizabeth Morana) that I give out from the back of my unattended open van 24/5. I had finally used up all the prayer cards that Dennis Tormey and Elizabeth had given me and was down to only one each of the prepared books to give out, so the need was urgent.

I've begun shuttling the van between the four Walmart superstores in Topeka, moving it from one to the next around mid-day, and parking it at the furthest point in the parking lot from the store for 24 hours before moving it again. I leave a note on the windshield saying, "Never more than 24-hours, Lisa, (time, day), Thank You!", or "❤️ Walmart!!" I've not had any contact about it yet. I leave it at Kansas Expocenter events, too. Recently there was a gun show and the following week, a Monster Buck Classic. The Arab Shrine Circus is coming soon.

I buy 31-day, half-price (senior) bus passes to get me from the van to the house and back. The bus is a great way to be out with people, too. My 20-year-old Chihuahua in his pet taxi is an excellent conversation starter! I keep the van on Wednesdays for errands and Sundays for services, but even those days I usually leave it out for several hours at a closed gas station on

Topeka Boulevard or at a community center – both an easy walk from the house. I bring it home at nightfall from those places.

I also leave a bottle of water, a pair of brown jersey gloves and a lighter as gifts for the homeless. My heart was touched the other day by someone leaving a single dirty worn-out jersey glove with a hole in it in exchange for the new pair. Often, in the big parking lots, the gifts are still there when I pick the van up. I feel so blessed that people are treating the operation with continued respect.

A screen-shot of one of the 6-per-sheet smaller cards from the PDF will fit nicely on a small-screen smart phone for personal use. You can text it to yourself. Besides inserting them in books, I will also be putting these small cards in Catherine Kent's prayer pamphlets that I leave at stores.

I hope to use (in some form) the bigger, 4-per-sheet cards to start prayer groups, and to place inside books as well, because of the larger prayer lettering and the extra Bible verses.

The 2-per-sheet single-sided card I'm making into bilingual Spanish and English cards. It will get a folding crease stamped between the left and right sides. A Mexican church wants these cards and I need them for the Spanish books, too.

The Mexican minister has been given the Spanish and English *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus* (TGRABJ) books. After reviewing the Spanish prayer card draft he said, "I know this is from God." It was his idea to include the Bible verses, "to point people back to the Bible," and I loved the idea of tying together Jesus' first and second comings, and even ancient prophecies.

I have a set of Jesus' Messages to the World (2021) books, to give to him when I give him his cards. I attend a one-hour silent prayer meeting with the Quakers every Sunday morning, but if the Mexicans *do* start an "Amor Divino de Dios" prayer meeting, it will be my first opportunity to pray for the Divine Love with others!

If you see any problems with the cards, please [email me](#). I am also available to format custom PDFs for groups that may like modifications. Examples of custom modifications are: Some groups might want the spiritualist information removed. Some might want the Bible verses removed (or changed.) Some address God as "Mother" rather than "Father", or "Mother/Father". Some might want changes of the prayer text back to what they are more accustomed to (such as adding back, "through love," or even more extensive revisions.) The Mexican minister wanted, "In Jesus' name we pray, amen" after the prayer, so I'm putting that in on his cards, (but not on the other Spanish cards I'm making up.)

It's not what the card says that matters, but that we encourage and motivate people to pray, and to form prayer groups, and that we promote the spread of the true gospel.

God bless you in all your many Kingdom-building ventures.

BEYOND BLESSED IN AN OCEAN OF LOVE IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA (JEANNE FIKE)

This article shares the highlights of five Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation (DLSF) Soul Awakening Retreats during January and February 2023.

On January 5, Elizabeth Mack joined us at the beautiful home of Do Nguyen for five days of intense discussion and prayer. Professor Salyards and Celestial Angels joined in the discussion about diverse beliefs and cultural traditions, emphasizing that *harmony* amongst Divine Love followers is the key to our development. Despite varied life experiences, spiritual practices and beliefs, we all enjoyed a state of love and unity. Kudos to Do for his dedication to helping weary souls release spirit entities causing grief for so many.

During the second leg of our trip, Karen Swanson, Tara Roop and eight members of the Trinidad and Tobago Circle of Light hosted a Divine Love Day for forty participants on San Salvador Estate on the island of Trinidad. The attendees, mostly new to Divine Love, brought with them enthusiastic questions and took part in inspiring discussions about the Truths of Divine Love. Karen's dedicated Circle of Light members provided an intimate and amazing Welcome Dinner for us. They also organized an Farewell Gathering, which was quite emotional with attendees sharing life-changing experiences with one another. We were deeply blessed to have Dr. Matthew Delano, a trauma surgeon from Ann Arbor, Michigan and James Tudor from Barbados join us for two prayers a day for the five-day intensive, as well as the weekend sessions.

Staying on Karen's family's Cocoa Plantation, San Salvador Estate, Gran Couva, we delighted in the diverse tropical plants, a nearby botanical garden and Nanan's Caroni Bird Sanctuary. Karen took us on a guided tour of the plantation and her mini-factory where she makes organic, hand-crafted, delicious San Salvador chocolate bars.

The third leg of our trip was hosted by David Jordan, James Tudor and Michael Rudder in Bridgetown, Barbados. They organized a five-day intensive Divine Love Retreat in Plum Tree, Rockley Golf Course. David also hosted two weekend retreats at his majestic home, inviting enthusiastic family and friends who had been introduced to Divine Love through the Padgett Messages more than two decades ago. One of David's aunts who attended a weekend retreat said she has been praying for Divine Love for 51 years! Time swept us away in ever-deepening daily prayers and lively discussions as participants wanted to know how they might be servants for God during the coming Earth Changes.

We received 75 messages from Jesus and Celestial Angels during the five-week Soul Awakening Tour. A new guide, Bartholomew, an original disciple of Jesus, introduced himself as having been assigned the task of bringing those willing to serve in the Caribbean Islands together in harmony and love, for they have a great purpose in bringing the Truth of God's Love to many. Bartholomew said that while their task was great, they each carried the seeds of knowledge, strength of soul,



Photo submitted by Jeanne Fike

tenacity, wisdom, light and love that is required for success. Bartholomew said the work ahead will also require the capacity to be organized and effective in reaching out to others in the materially minded world.

The fourth leg of our trip, hosted by Ruth Duvall in Beverly Hills, Florida, drew together five ordained ministers of the FCDT (Foundation Church of Divine Truth) for a three-day intensive retreat. Long-time Divine Love followers and old friends, Ruth, Jimbeau Walsh, Al and I celebrated a joyous reunion, not to be outdone in enthusiasm by Catherine Kent, Karen and Randy Lyons, Kristin Lortie, and Rob Lewis. A lively crowd, we all enjoyed Jimbeau's music, story telling and deep bonds of intimacy. Rob Lewis, a dedicated Christian who discovered Divine Love only six months ago, brought his



Photo submitted by Jeanne Fike

beautiful wife and adorable young sons from Greenville, South Carolina, hardly knowing what to expect! Two daily prayers were held in the clubhouse of the Inverness Women’s Club—an ideal location next to a park. Kristin Lortie graced us by sharing her story and the role she played in helping bring some of the original transcripts of messages received by James Padgett together so now they are safe and secure in a temperature- and humidity-controlled vault. A young juggler staying at the hotel entertained us every day – with Rob and his sons joining in the fun!

The fifth leg of our Tour was held aboard the Celebrity Constellation Cruise Ship making stops at four ports of call in the Eastern Caribbean. We were joined in celebrating God’s Love by Mary Ann Kalonick, Jose Miguel Sánchez, and his lovely wife Lida. What a blessing to receive a request from Jose via our website to come to Canada and visit us in our Divine Love Sanctuary for a personal retreat this summer! When Jose introduced himself as an English / Spanish school teacher from the Dominican Republic, we surprised him by sharing that we were on a Caribbean Cruise and would be visiting his island in three day’s time! We asked Jose if he might be able to meet us at the Cruise Ship Terminal in Puerto Plata! God’s *perfect timing!* We spent an unforgettable day together. Jose took us to an old church which Al recognized from a vision he had at age 23 (almost 50 years ago) when he first received his calling from Jesus. The presence of God and Mother Mary was so powerful in the chapel that it brought us to tears. We do hope Jose and Lida will be able to join us for a retreat in Canada ... but in the meantime they are committed to hosting a Divine Love Retreat in the Dominican Republic in January 2024. We will keep you posted as plans unfold.



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During this five-week Soul Awakening Tour we were able to stay in communication with the Circles of Light network as it continues to grow and strengthen the Lattice of Light that connects us all around the world. We joined in simultaneous prayer with many circles, most notably the Spiritual Gifts Development Intensive initiated by Maureen Cardoso the weekend of February 3. Our connection with the two in-person groups meeting that day (one at the home of Terry Adler on the West Coast and the other hosted by Bill Frase on the East Coast) generated such powerful waves of healing energies that we were carried for three days with extra energy!

All of us are being guided to come together in prayer for Divine Love – in loving harmony despite diverse beliefs and traditions – to serve God in strengthening connections among us through the Lattice of Light that envelops the world. What an honour and privilege! Al and I give thanks to each of our hosts for being channels of Divine Love, peace and healing. What a legacy we all share – benefitting from the Truths received from Jesus and other Celestials through the mediumship of James Padgett 100 years ago!

A video created by Lani Domaloy is [here](#).

COMMUNITY BOOK PROJECT – AN INSPIRED LIFE: DL COMMUNITY COLLECTION (KARANNE LAMBTON)

The LightBringers Board of Directors invites you to participate as contributing authors in creating a book that will be a representative collection sharing the joy of Divine Love in the lives of many.

This book intends to connect with a broader global community through writings inspired by living with Divine Love in the soul. The influence of Divine Love can show up in many ways – a mindset shift, a shift in family relationships, greater resonance with spiritual teachings, or a shared healing experience. We welcome creative writing in personal stories, short essays, poetry or song lyrics, and prayers, but we will not be including mediumship messages in this publication. We know that others' experiences help us recognize changes or inspiration along our own spiritual journey. We welcome submissions regardless of your previous writing experience.

Allow others to witness the expression of your soul's growth, whether reflected in baby steps or giant leaps. We each carry the potential of our personality blossoming through the gift of Divine Love. Bring forward the joy that comes from recognizing these tiny blossoms within and nurture them in the safe space of others in the Divine Love community.

Submissions are welcome up to April 30th, 2023. If you recognize that Divine Love is being expressed in your life, please contact [Karanne](#). You will be sent the Contributing Author's Agreement and detailed Submission Guidelines. Once you submit (more than one item is welcomed), a team of editors will proofread and edit, as required, to move us toward completion and publication of the book by Summer 2023.

Welcome aboard on this exciting journey!

CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF JAMES PADGETT PASSING INTO SPIRIT (MARCH 17, 1923)

Please join the Divine Love Sanctuary and LightBringers on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 4:00 pm Pacific time in celebrating the **100th Anniversary of James E. Padgett** passing into spirit.

Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation's weekly Online Circle of Light will be dedicated to the legacy of James Padgett with special guests Dennis Tormey, Cliff de Dora and Bill Frase.

James Padgett passed into spirit March 17, 1923, leaving the world with a legacy of messages received from Jesus of Nazareth and Celestial angels about the Truths of Divine Love and important spiritual truths on soul progression. Click [here](#) to join.

JOIN US FOR A DIVINE LOVE CELEBRATION IN OCTOBER! (JEANNE FIKE)

All are invited to join us as we celebrate together in the simplicity, peace, and beauty of God's Love! LightBringers is sponsoring a global gathering from October 12th - 16th, 2023 at the [Laurelville Retreat Center](#) in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

The Guesthouse is already full, but there is still on-site bunk-style cottage lodging available. Off-site lodging is available as well. The focus of this retreat will be to pray for Divine Love with plenty of time and opportunities for participants to connect and share. This gathering of souls is meant to be an opportunity for spiritual upliftment as we commune with God, the angels, nature, and one another. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us. Click [here](#) for more information or to reserve your spot.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Judy Gebhart** published a book about Dr. Leslie R. Stone, called [The Saddle Maker](#). The book traces with text and photos Dr. Stone's life from his birth in Aldershot, UK, his travel to Toronto and meeting up with his brother, his introduction to spiritualism, to the time he met James Padgett. Dr. Stone became a close friend of Padgett, and was present when James was receiving communication from the various spirit writers. The book includes messages from Dr. Stone's family and the introduction by Helen Padgett to his soul mate, Mary Kennedy. It then follows his life to when he met Dr. Daniel

Samuels, the successor of James Padgett to receive Jesus' Second Coming messages, and [Rev. John Paul Gibson](#) who was instrumental in preserving the messages received. There are also a few articles written by Dr. Stone.

- **Judy Gebhart** also published a sequel to the above entitled [Love Letters from Mary](#). Dr. Leslie R. Stone, of [The Saddle Maker](#), is introduced to Mary Kennedy as his soulmate through the spirit communications of Helen Padgett to her husband James. The result is a series of enchanting and delightful letters that Mr. Padgett received on Leslie's behalf. They illustrate the bittersweet nature and poignancy of their unusual relationship – one living in the spirit world and the other on earth. Join with us in the series as we celebrate the union of their soulmate love.
- The Romanian version of *Awakening to Soul Consciousness* is available on the Facebook group, [Mesajele Padgett](#).
- Arto Aunap has created a [linktree](#) with resources for promoting Divine Love.
- Lani Domaloy created a [You-Tube channel](#) which is a curation of photos and videos of prayer retreats offered by Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation, Lightbringers Inc., and Living Waters Spiritual Healing. The intention is to connect to the global community and share Divine Love through pictures and music.

POETRY CORNER (DEBRA TAYLOR)

The Space That's In Between



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I wonder while I wander in the space that's in between
 The life I have created and the life that wants to be.
 Can my soul be satisfied with maintaining status quo
 Or will providence untether me and lift me in love's glow?
 Will I care enough or dare enough to share the love I know
 And within this caring sharing will my soul's light grow and grow?
 I'll rest inside this gap between what is and what will be
 Until desire bubbles up within and sets me free.

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 [Greg Boster](#) (Sunday Awakening the Soul and Healing Body - Mind and Soul); and [Tim Foley](#) (daily at 6 pm Pacific Time offline prayer for Divine Love / silent contemplative prayer). [Arto Aunap](#) is hosting a group in Estonian.

DIVINE LOVE RESOURCES

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PADGETT MESSAGE (EXCERPT)

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The Soul and Its Relationship to God and Future Life and Immortality
Matthew

The soul is an image of the Great Soul of the Father, and partakes of features like this Great Soul, except that it does not necessarily have in it the Divine Love which makes the soul of a mortal or spirit a partaker of Divinity. The soul may exist in man and spirit in all receptive qualities and yet never have the Divine Essence to fill it, which is necessary in order to make man or spirit a new creature, that is the subject of the New Birth.

Only that mortal or spirit who has received this Divine Love of the Father can be said to be Immortal, all others may live or they may not. It has not yet been revealed to us whether the life or existence of these spirits who have not the conscious knowledge of Immortality will continue to live through all eternity but if they do it will be because God so wills that they shall live. But their existence will be subject to change and if such change should take place, only God knows what its character will be. While on the contrary, the soul that has acquired Immortality can never die, its status as to a life through all eternity is fixed, and even God himself cannot destroy that existence because it is the possessor of that Divinity which makes God Immortal. ...

The soul is the highest part of man, and is the only part, that in any way resembles the Great Father, who is not body or spirit-body in form but is Soul, and the man's soul, as I have said, is an image of that Great Soul. So you see, that when we speak of destroying the soul it does not mean that the soul which belongs to every spirit will be destroyed, but that the essence of the soul, or rather the potentiality of that soul receiving the Divine Love and Nature of the Father will be destroyed.

Of course, the soul can be starved and placed in a condition of stagnation so that all its receptive powers will be, as it were, dead, and only some great miracle or unusual ministrations can awaken it, but to say that the soul ever dies is erroneous. In saying this I do not include the possibility of some great change in the spirit or mortal by which such spirit may be destroyed, and in such case the soul will cease to exist as an individualized soul or entity.

I do not know what would be the destiny of a soul in such event and, hence, can't prophesy, but, unless there be such great change, the soul will live, but not as an immortal soul possessing the Essence of Divinity, unless it has experienced the New Birth.

God, the Great Oversoul, may not recall to Himself the soul of any man in the sense of depriving that man of his soul, but His relation to that soul will be merely that of Creator and created, subject always to the Will of the Creator, whereas, the relationship of God towards the soul that has received the New Birth and hence the Divine Nature, is not only of a Creator and created, but also that of a co-equal so far as this Great Quality of Immortality is concerned. The soul of man then becomes self-existing and not depending upon God for its continuance to exist.