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**Dedicated to
our Loving Heavenly Father
and all His children
on the way to His Divine Kingdom.**

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Preface

The conversations in this book come from the Divine Love Sanctuary Facebook group. The group welcomes all faiths, creeds, nationalities, and spiritual beliefs. Members believe that God exists and that every soul in the universe is loved by God. God's Love is substantive and can be brought into our souls with sincere prayer. This energy is transformative as it purifies and awakens the soul.

The group's focus is to inform and inspire others to pray for the inflowing of God's Love into their souls. The hope is that those who join the group might share some of their spiritual experiences and/or ask questions about their journey and soul awakening that others may in turn comment on and everyone can learn and be edified. This volume covers 16 topics.

May this book become a helpful resource to the group participants and others who may come across it. May the insights gained from sharing these experiences accelerate everyone's progress on the Divine Love path as we all walk, both collectively and individually, toward our Heavenly Father's Kingdom.

What is Prayer

Question: What exactly is meant by "prayer"? Do we merely ask God for His Love into our souls, or is there a different definition of prayer? Are there any Padgett messages that define what prayer is?

Response: There is a prayer that Jesus gives in the Padgett messages. He says it's the only prayer you'll need but it's also stated in the messages that a short moment of prayer from the heart is better than a long-recited prayer. It's more about being present and earnest in your asking God to fill your soul with Divine Love.

Personally, I just talk to God and ask Him for the Love. I find it hard to recite prayers because I find my mind wandering as I do, or just reading words on a page without any feeling behind it. I believe that God would prefer that His children just get to the point and ask Him for the Love rather than flatter Him with pretty words. From what I've read, He wants you to ask Him but you don't have to beg for it. He wants to give it to you and He has been waiting for you to ask! It's the best and highest use of your free will, in my opinion.

Response: Any request for the Divine Love, be it exhortation, thankfulness, just talking to Him, listening to music, anything that stirs the soul toward Him can be considered prayer.

Response: A desire to be impregnated by God's own substance and being prepared to change and be used in His service, knowing that you are valued and loved as His child, whatever baggage you bring with you.

Are there any words which will be enough to encapsulate that great desire to have Him within you? If you need to use words, then let them flow through you. If you wish to inhale His essence with every breath, then breathe deep. If you want to act in His place, then embrace His Love and bubbling joy and share it from the depths of your soul.

Response: Prayer is at its heart intention in whatever way that is expressed. The intention of your soul, those deepest of desires need to be focused like a beam of light towards God. If you truly want to receive God's blessings, whether it be healing, peace or that highest blessing of the Essence of God's Soul, then the desire must come from deep within. That is true prayer. Words spoken without intent and desire do not constitute true prayer, although words may be the outward expression of a yearning soul.

Response: For me, it's delving deep into my soul. Really allowing the active energy of my soul to be experienced by my material mind. Knowing who I am, understanding where I've been, and seeing the light of God's Love leading me to where my destiny lies in His Will.

Prayer is where I leave myself fully vulnerable and open, but all the while, feeling fully secure, where I find myself in a state of much higher vibration.

Prayer for me is less about words and more about realizing the connection of Love that is as eager for me to acknowledge as I am to receive. It's a tough feeling to put into words really, but if I had two words to describe it, I suppose I would say prayer is 'holy communion'.

Some days my condition isn't so good, and on those days I seek prayer in my words, allowing my mind the gratification of thanking God for everything in my life.

Response: I believe that prayer is any communication with God. This can be asking for God's Love, praising God, thanksgiving, praying for our needs, or interceding for others. It needs to be heartfelt and sincere, and can be expressed in words or silence. My website has several articles on prayer based on Padgett, contemporary messages or other sources at <http://universal-spirituality.net/law-of-prayer/>. The Bible encourages us to pray without ceasing, to give thanks for everything, and to praise God with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Longings of the Soul in Prayer

Question: Do you sense the longings of your soul in prayer? If so, can you describe those feelings and sensations that accompany this longing? Are they tangible and clearly evident to you?

Response: We all experience prayer in our own ways. How we pray is often unique in words and desires, although we all share in our desire to receive the blessing of God's Love. The angels are always stressing that our 'soul longings' are the key to connect us with God. Yet delving below the surface of our mental chatter to unleash these longings heavenward is often a challenge.

Having the mindful intention to go to God does not guarantee success in receiving this blessing. It must be felt deeply. A soul longing is the emergence of heartfelt feelings which may or may not be accompanied by words. And words are not so important but can help us shape and direct what are essentially energies from the soul expressing itself to God.

The soul is drawn, as if by a magnetic force, to God. In my own experience, this inner force feels almost physical. In prayer I feel as if my soul is reaching for God like a hand emerging from my soul in an effort to grab onto God. It's that palpable. My soul feels a need to connect. Somewhat like the toddler who reaches for their mother or father to be

lifted up. It is that primal desire and need to be acknowledged and loved. It's not sophisticated, or even mindful, just pure desire for love, Divine Love.

No wonder Jesus called God Father, because the soul, like the innocent and vulnerable child, knows what it needs and longs for it. The Love of God is the thing that completes the soul. It thirsts for the perfect living waters of God's essence. Longing then is beyond thought or even most emotion, it is that intense need to be loved by the source of all Love, and the only thing that gets in the way of that natural desire is our mind. We've got to go deep, stripping away the veneer of thought and find that core place that is raw, vulnerable but wise at the same time.

Response: In the late 14th century, an anonymous monk wrote this in a guide to contemplative prayer: "Lift your heart up to the Lord with a gentle stirring of love, desiring him for his own sake and not for his gifts." That expression – gentle stirring of love – resonates a lot with me and seems to fit with your concept of 'soul longings.' I've also read the suggestion that some beginners may find it helpful to start feeling this love in a more material way (i.e., feel it towards a loved one or pet) and then transfer that to God.

Response: I have always been amazed at the Master's message in the Padgett volumes that the great majority of souls will never seek God's Love. Wow how tragic. How sad.

Response: In the same work referred to above, called *The Cloud of Unknowing*, in Chapter 8, the writer traces the progression from active life – largely of the mind and cares of this world, though including good deeds and works of mercy – to a more and more contemplative life – starting with meditation on the things of the spirit and God's gifts, kindnesses and wonderful works in creation to eventually "turning to God with a burning desire for himself alone and resting in the blind awareness of his naked being."

As this happens, the person "becomes increasingly interior, living more from the depths of himself and becoming therefore, more fully human. But in the higher degree of the contemplative life, he transcends himself because he achieves by grace what is beyond him by nature. For now he is bound to God spiritually in a communion of love and desire."

Even though the writer doesn't use the expression "Divine Love" or anything similar, I believe that that is what he is referring to. The same happens in other spiritual writings – they refer to the Divine Love in different words or expressions.

Response: The progression from mind/action to soul/contemplation is also reflected in this message from Mary: "The lack of love that is present within your soul and mind that causes you to doubt and fear, will be healed with

such subtlety that it becomes absorbed by the greater presence of the love and the change will occur over a time, so that you may not even notice it. This change will become noticeable to you as you begin to feel free from the limitations of negative thoughts and feelings and you employ the qualities of love and faith more in your actions toward yourself and others."

I suspect that the quote from chapter 3 of *The Cloud of Unknowing* ("Lift your heart up to the Lord with a gentle stirring of love, desiring him for his own sake and not for his gifts.") is not an instruction as much as it is an inspiration. By sitting in prayer, eventually we achieve "by grace what is beyond [us] by nature."

Response: Words fail me when it comes to describing what I experience. All I can say is I feel a longing place alive in me. This place is in my chest, it is intense, expansive. When I tune into it, which is more and more throughout the day, I sometimes weep with the joy of feeling this connection with God, this longing for more intimacy with God.

Sometimes I feel bereft of closeness, though I feel the longing for it, I want more. At the same time, I feel my longings bring my guides and teachers close because I feel their presence as energies around my head and heart. I become more, sense more, than my physical boundedness.

The gratitude that comes with soul longing is great, for together with my soul reaching for God comes the awareness of God's Presence. This is probably what accounts for my frequent tears!

Response: I weep all the time with gratitude – for all He has done for me and continues to do for me. He raised me from the pits! I will forever praise Him!

Dealing with Earthly Issues

Question: I have the challenge of getting past the mental chatter while praying for the Divine Love. Also, I grew up without a father or any father figure so I have trouble understanding the relationship of a father to a child. I have always believed that life continues after physical death and very much believe the Padgett messages. I want to progress in the next life to live in the Celestial spheres, but I am encumbered by this mortal life and the things that come with it, such as finding a job and making sure I have enough money for when I can no longer work. I understand how asking for Divine Love helps me in the next life, but how can it help me to solve my problems in this life?

Response: I've come to believe that the answer is, more often than not, prayer (and more prayer). By the time we've prayed enough to be transformed by Divine Love, the things that are occupying the material mind just won't be of the same kind of concern.

Response: I have found through prayer that I'm less angry. Overall my outlook on life is less cynical, and dealing with different personalities is easier as I learn about people's stories and see the inner child in them like God would. The point is to stay faithful to your journey and moments will arise that make you realize something about yourself that you need to pray about to change. It's always

an ongoing process. Life doesn't get better – your perspective on life does. It's easier to handle tough situations with God's Divine Love guiding you.

Response: I was introduced to the Padgett messages and Divine Love when I was 18 years old when I met Dr. Samuels. I met and married my husband eight years later ... we have both been dedicated to the Divine Love path for four decades!

I would think I would be much more progressed than I am now at age 70, but alas, I believe it is this very issue that you raise about our mind's interference that keeps us from truly understanding our soul experience while we are on earth.

We have received countless messages on this topic from our Celestial guides and teachers who keep reassuring us and loving us and nurturing us on our own unique spiritual journey. My best advice is to keep praying as often as possible with all your heart and soul for God to uplift you above the conditions of this world and the conditions of your own mind, and remove and heal your soul from any obstacles that keep you from being at one with God. Ask for a Celestial guide to come and pray with you and to overshadow you with their love. Ask God to help you open up your soul to receive His Love.

Response: I echo what has been stated re prayer -- which in effect is a question of priorities -- putting God first. The Bible puts it this way:

Matthew 6:31-34 – So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Response: These are great Bible verses that I will keep up front in my mind. As a child in school I learned a song that contained these very verses.

Response: The Bible also has a lot of references to the Divine Love, even if not necessarily in those exact words. If you like, check this page on my website: <http://universal-spirituality.net/tru.../gospels-reflection/>.

On another note, many of us have had varying experiences with different churches. My 50-year spiritual journey had taken me through a range of Protestant groups, one or two non-mainstream ones, as well as a short time in the Catholic church. I find that they were all stepping stones to where I am now in that each of them gave me something to now build on (as well as of course

some things to leave behind as I don't believe that any more). So my point is that we don't have to feel bad about our past church (or other) experiences or consider them waste of time but rather make them a part of our learning experience and journey to our present situation.

Response: I also had no real Father, so adopted God. Talk to him constantly. Never read the Bible, though I grew up around Bible believers. So this Divine Love Truth really turned me upside down. But oh, so worth taking the time to understand it all. Please don't feel you have to rush with your feelings, they will be more genuine, if you give them time to grow with your soul. Ask all or any questions, there are many good teachers to answer your questions and all of us have had many experiences to give you what we have experienced.

Spiritual Message for the World

Question: If you had the opportunity to post a spiritual message on a billboard seen around the world, what would you say?

Response: A paraphrase of a message I read related to Jesus' two commandments in Matthew: "Love God ... and love what God loves (everything)."

Response: Seek God's Love and You Can Bet All Your Needs Will Then Be Met!

Response: What You Give is What You Get: Give Love

Response: Woops! I had it Wrong but Now I'm on a Path to get It Right. Search your Soul and Divine Love!

Response: Prayer Hope Lives Here.

Response: Develop a relationship with God! Ask for His Love.

Response: I AM with you now, you only have to ask!

Response: Oh Creator, Rain Down Your Love on Your People!

Response: Give your heart to God and He will return it a thousandfold. Divine Love is the key to awakening your soul.

Response: Pray for Divine Love! If done sincerely and honestly, you will feel its inflowing into your soul.

Response: Love Yourself, Love Others.

Response: Live today as if you are going to die tomorrow.

Response: God's Divine Love longs to heal you, it's only a sincere prayer away.

Letter to an Atheist

Question: I was at my relatives' this afternoon, and my atheist brother-in-law, was telling me about their 96-year-old neighbour who was the first female head of school in the island. This was way back and she used to teach Divinity until she realised that there was so much in it which was indigestible. She became an atheist, believing God to be in nature..... I was in the bath musing on the letter I might write to her which might open her mind so that she saw it all in a new way. It was a long letter and I have a short memory, and don't know how well I can recreate it. And then I realised that it was something we should all take a stab at! So I look forward to what you may all come up with.

Response: Dear friend,

You may have no desire or interest in things spiritual or religious. You probably call yourself an atheist, one who believes in all that is physical in life and can be seen or proven by the five senses and intellect. Our world is certainly full of things to investigate and experience and so the world of the atheist is as full as that of people who may venture into more esoteric matters.

Since so much of the spiritual is based on feelings and more subtle perceptions, it is a less accessible idea that is more suited to soul than mind. We all have a soul, that which pulses life within us and gives a sense of direction.

To the mind, such things are all material and somewhat two-dimensional in form. The mind is like that, it wants to form everything into the well-constructed boxes of the intellect. That is what some call reality, proven, concrete and indisputable. It's a safe way to view the world and in many ways it works.

The problem as I see it, is that there is always more to discover and some of that reality might not fit the paradigm of the mind and its need for verifiable truth. I believe that some truth is merely experienced just as two people might view the same object but have a different subjective experience of it. So it is in many aspects of life, it has a subjective component to it as well as the objective.

The ambition of science is to verify objectively everything in the universe, but is this possible? Can we objectively verify love? Some say that it is a personal neurochemical interaction and nothing more. Yet there is evidence that love can be transferred as an energetic field that is measurable and verified and maybe that is the tip of the iceberg.

Experiencing God is like that as well. It's a feeling rather than an objective experience. How bland would it be to walk through a garden and just see the landscape as forms and objects without experiencing the textures, colors and vitality of it. We experience God from that place of soul

which takes in God with feelings and other sensory ways. We turn on the faculties of soul knowing and feeling that is not so dependent on the rigidity of intellectual understanding or observation.

God will never be recognized by strictly scientific means because God lacks a material form. Yet God can be recognized and known with non-mental reasoning. Acknowledging soul is the key. Without sensitizing our 'other' faculties, there is little chance of truly knowing God. We don't fall in love with another without utilizing these feeling aspects of our selves and so it is with God. We need to trust those parts that are so very different from the intellect and for some that is a hard thing to do. Going beyond the verifiable to territory that lacks concrete evidence is considered by some to be foolhardy, yet when we experience love, joy and even bliss, there is no reasonable objective explanation for this state of mind.

Despite this code of scientific understanding, we all have emotional/spiritual sides to us that defy the precepts of science. I would rather walk through a beautiful garden not knowing the facts of each plant than identifying as I go, analyzing its purpose and reason for existence, just seeing the objective reality of it and not appreciating its beauty and magnificence in full color and form. How two-dimensional life would be in this regard.

In my own personal life, having a daily conscious experience of God and the quality of love that comes with that experience colors my life garden in ways that cannot be expressed here. My daily happiness depends on this 'knowing' of God's Presence and existence. Life's garden is beautiful with God there in all light and glory that is God's form and emanations. That dimension of reality grows and evolves as I trust in the faculties of my soul.

God exists, I have no doubt. Will the atheist be able to disprove my experience of God? It's not possible, because to be objective in this highly subjective experience does not jive with the facts. The atheist may continue to view the world with the objectivity of the mind, but without the subjective experience of the soul, you will never understand nor will you experience the full beauty of God's Garden.

Opening the doorway of the soul is the only way that you could prove to yourself the existence of God. It takes courage and a willingness to go beyond well-worn ideas of the nature of reality. Let's hope that one day we will be able to compare notes on what that experience has been. The soul needs to be nourished and recognized for what it is. A doorway to a different dimension of truth and life.

Response: Here is my letter:

Dear Atheist,

I didn't believe in divorce until I got one.

It doesn't matter that you don't believe in God. He believes in you.

Love,

Me

Message Discrepancy?

Question: Many years ago, September 5, 1915, Jesus said this about Paul:

“Paul in his epistle did write that blood washes away sins, but he did not know at that time that only the reception (of Divine Love) in the souls of men removes sin and all tendency to sin. He has learned better since he came to the spirit world and some time he will write you on this subject and correct the great error he made in his epistles.”

But when Paul responded, this is what he said on Oct 26 1915:

I am here, St. Paul.

Yes I am and I want to say just a few words. The book on the “vicarious atonement” that you have been reading – about the ransom price and the blood of Jesus and the sacrifice on the cross – as to these things is all wrong, and you must not believe what it says.

Well, I know the Bible ascribes to me the teaching of these things, but I never did; and I tell you now, as I have before told you, that the Bible cannot be depended on as containing things that I wrote, for there are many additions to what I wrote, and many omissions of what I wrote; and so with the others whose names are stated as the writers of

the New Testament. Many things contained in that book were never written by any of the alleged authors of the book. The writings of any of us are not in existence, and have not been for many centuries; and when they were copied and recopied, great additions and omissions were made, and, at last, doctrines and dogmas were interpolated that we never at any time believed or wrote.”

So what is it? Was Jesus so badly received by Padgett?

Response: I thought these might have been early messages, but that doesn't seem to apply. And this doesn't seem like the kind of thing that sounds like Padgett could be applying his own interpretation. So it makes me wonder if both might be true to an extent. Paul may have written something to the effect that blood washes away sins (thinking more in terms of sacrifice in the Jewish tradition), but in the centuries since, that got morphed into 'God demanded that Jesus die for our sins.' So perhaps Paul may have written something like the former, but did not write or mean the latter?

Response: This is the one thing I wish the churches would understand. As a child, I understood that God loves us all. However, it was never taught (obviously) that we need to be asking for his Love to heal us, not just assume that our prayers would be answered if you believed hard enough.

It kind of stuns me that a lot of people are convinced that Jesus is God when in fact he was not, just God's instrument to saving humanity with Jesus's choice to accept God's Love. When I mention Divine Love, they look at me like I'm crazy and act like I'm sacrilegious for not thinking that Jesus is God. They completely forget the line in the Bible where Jesus says we are all sons and daughters of God.

I mean Jesus worshipped God, not himself. He was supposed to be the example to live by, not to worship as God. Hopefully one day we can inject God's Divine Love plan to the human consciousness as it were.

Response: You not alone, dear sister. Telling anyone of some of the truths we discovered in the messages vs what is written in the Bible is probably not a good idea. Let them read for themselves just like we did.

Response: I gave up the notion years ago that I could tell Christian believers about the Divine Love truths. Once marinated in orthodox thinking, it's very hard to break the yoke of error. Be love, express love and say little is my present philosophy. The example of the light that we carry reaches more souls on a soul level than trying to teach truth from the material mind. This rarely works and often backfires. Be the love my friends, be the love.

Response: Oh, the long centuries lost and the price those who altered the Master's and the apostles' teachings will have to pay!

Response: Yet many of those who did not know the Divine Love truths with their minds received the Divine Love with their souls. I believe that it is more the actions of the individual than the erroneous thoughts that bring what you call punishment. And if we judge them with anger and condemnation, then unfortunately we pay the price. Better to have love and compassion.

Response: Well of course, thoughts lead to action. God does not judge. His laws are tough and the law of compensation is perhaps the toughest. It is merely intended to bring His children into harmony. Some folks see that as anger and condemnation. I see that as love and compassion.

Response: We have to remember that the gospels were compiled by the Roman State for political ends. No wonder there were a few additions and changes. Jesus was already history when the gospels were compiled, so no surprises in finding them altered to suit the current beliefs so as to bring in more punters. The Roman Catholic church has lived off that ever since along with most other Christian denominations. Look how long it's taken for the Dead Sea

Scrolls and the Nag Hammadi scrolls to see the light of day, in part anyway.

It makes you wonder what all the learned Christian scholars really believe. If they were clever enough to get degrees, then they must be clever enough to know that they were selling a pup!

Response: Well, the texts were altered by church minions who wanted to control the masses. I'm sure they have already paid the price, but we got the Padgett messages now, so praise God!

Response: I don't know if they were minions, somehow I doubt it, as there was a definite direction to the changes - elevating Jesus to a God, adding a blood ritual, etc.

Response: I have looked to see if we have the originals of either of these messages to check their accuracy. The only clue is an opening statement by Jesus that he expects Padgett to be in condition the following evening. He does not say that he was in poor condition that evening, but it looks like that might be the case.

Response: Imagine having to channel Jesus. Padgett had to pray constantly. The law of rapport and communication demands that the medium's soul be on a par with the spirit. Considering who the spirits were, this was almost an inhuman job!

Response: I am the only one in both my close and wider family group and indeed among my everyday friends. The thing is *I know* and they are still lost, but happily unaware of it.

Our job is to connect with those who are ready to take the next step and are led into our path, show them, and then leave them to choose their own path, whatever that might be. If that includes joining us, then that's great, but we are not recruitment sergeants. Rather, we are sign posts saying yes, you are on the right path, just turn left or right at the junction ahead, welcome fellow traveller, you are not alone!

You may be drawn to a total stranger and it could be at a most unlikely time or place. Your story of your voyage into Love with a personal God is a real treasure which will touch a ready and waiting soul and you will know it when it happens.

Response: I have a similar experience being the only one I know besides you folks that believe in the Divine Love. Actually, as a massage therapist I've had many opportunities to direct people to a Divine Love website. I simply mention my experience and the understanding I have and leave it up to them to check the site out.

I just wish I could reach the people that are the closest to me (mostly my boyfriend). My mom may not agree with

me, but at least she has some belief in God. I'm caught up in the "unequally yoked" thing and having a hard time balancing my excitement to grow but almost feeling like I'm among the first Christians that had to hide their faith from public. I feel very selfish about it.

Response: Does anyone know why some people find this Divine Love Truth and some do not? As my very dear friend is devoted to God, and myself just finding out, I know little to nothing and feel very blessed to have found it.

Response: My personal feeling has been for many years that people who find the path are ready and/or predisposed to embark on a spiritual/Divine Love path. The readiness is assisted by God and/or the angels. Some may have souls that are spiritually predisposed and therefore open to a spiritual path and leading. Jesus was obviously in that category, but he wasn't the only one.

For some, something happens in their lives where their soul becomes open and receptive. Of course, we don't know how exactly this happens or why. But the Bible speaks a lot of the symbolism of the firstborn and/or first fruits. Are possibly those of us who have found the truth drawn into a role of firstborn children in the family who are there to help their younger siblings who will arrive later? Anyway, just some thoughts.

Response: I don't think anyone is predisposed to the Love. That wouldn't be fair, and above all else He is a God of Fairness. I really don't understand why some choose to go for the Love and some do not, except that it is a choice that some make and some don't. We will understand it better in the sweet by and by.

Our Self-Description

Question: Can you find a word or phrase that best describes what we do on this path. Divine Love Christian, Divine Lover, child of God. Does anything fit for you and do you share this description with others? Just curious.

Response: My daughter and I were talking about this. We don't want to call ourselves 'Christians' because these people do *not* follow Christ's teachings – even the few that may be found in the Bible. Someone came up with “Divine Love Christian”, so that's what we call ourselves now. When somebody wants to know what we are about or ask about my religion, I reply “God is Love”. Hard to argue with that!

Response: Someone paraphrased the commandments in Matthew attributed to Jesus ("Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." and "Love your neighbor as yourself.") as "Love God and love what God loves." Works for me!

Response: I like “God is Love”. Fits up to a tee. If we can manage in this world we live in to really love others, even if we don't care for their actions, all else can be taken care of when we go home.

Response: I agree with the above. God is Love. It has more meaning than most people realize. I also now would call myself a Divine Love Christian. “Christian” in that

Jesus is closest to the Father in Divine Love and oversees the Celestial Heavens.

Response: I'm a "Godian", as opposed to a Christian.

Response: I often think I am a child of God. But it's not anything that I say to anyone.

Response: I do say that I am a child of God, but I get blank looks in return. Most of them just haven't a clue what we are talking about! What a world. We are like fish out of the water here. We are just passing through. I try not to get too emotionally involved but it's hard!

Response: We still need to live in this world.

Response: I like to think of myself as a "Godian" as well, not one who worships Jesus as most "Christians" do.

Response: Be of service to others as well as ourselves.

Response: Lightworkers.

Response: Ask me how I know God and I answer that I can feel his Love burning in my soul.

Response: I think of myself as a Divine Love follower. I tend to leave Jesus out of my description because most then fall back on 'oh, he's a born again, or some sort of Christian as in Bible Christian'. It is unfortunate that so many religious institutions have done such a disservice to the

truth that Jesus taught. In my experience, adding Jesus or Christ to the description of what we do if we are introducing the prayer practice of Divine Love only gives the wrong impression, or shuts down the conversation.

We do as much outreach as we can and over the years, we have found that simple is best when describing what we do. It's better to start from neutral ground rather than ignite speculation and a tendency to pigeonhole our spiritual process into Christian dogma and beliefs. Although I love my elder brother and friend Jesus, his name tends to bring unwanted responses or undesired assumptions about our beliefs.

When describing what we do to newbies, our intent is always to entice others to be open to the experience of receiving God's Love into their souls. As most of you know, there is no requirement of belief in Jesus or much of anything that the mind can conjure up. Instead the *experience* of receiving the Love with our souls is the starting point of the journey. As such we make this practice easy to accept with neutral language and loving acceptance as to where others are at.

I would say that all who meet us with some interest are engaged in some sort of belief system or spiritual practice and that nine times out of ten, it is a natural love practice. Do we turn people away for their beliefs? Absolutely not.

Do we try to correct others who believe in some error?
When the time is right.

Sharing this prayer practice requires patience and love. Accepting others, no matter what their background and beliefs, is the key if we are to open that door of understanding so that they may add the prayer for God's Love to whatever they are doing. A gentle approach is necessary.

Some may say that we are compromising the truth by not being crystal clear. I say that real truth comes to the soul and unless that door to the soul is opened to receive the Love, then nothing is accomplished but a mind full of beliefs but a soul bereft in experience. Experience first, then the words of truth can follow in good time.

So a phrase or moniker to describe what this is all about need not be complicated or off-putting to those whose radar towards Christian/religious beliefs are triggered by incendiary descriptions.

Response: I have somewhat of a different take on the Master. My feelings run similar to the mainstream Christians on this one. Jesus is my personal savior. Without the completion of his mission, the good news (that the Divine Love has been restored) is not spread throughout the land! Also the fact that he has been my personal guide

for almost 50 years now (according to trusted celestial mediums) and remains so also plays a part in my thinking.

The other angels were (almost) shocked that Jesus chose Padgett to receive the messages. Those in the family of mankind were also quite shocked that Jesus had chosen himself to be my guide. To say the least, given my spiritual condition of 50 years ago! Nonetheless, I am so happy that he did so. I use his name daily in my communications with the mainstream Christians.

In our endeavor to reach others we must have a common ground: Jesus is it for my work! After (and only after) there is a rapport made between myself and the seeker do I then patiently and lovingly explain that *Jesus is not God* and does not want us referring to him as God, that it is in fact blasphemy. At that point if there is an openness, then I continue with the other truths, the first always being God is a Being of Love and mercy. If I suffer excommunication from the mainstream Christians, then nothing has been lost, but I have put the germ of truth in their minds, hopefully to sprout later in their lives, be it earthly or of the spirit. I say this not in the spirit of disagreement with others but rather to share the different viewpoints we can share in our efforts to reach His lost children.

Response: Yes, we all have our approaches which touch different souls on this path. We're all pieces in the puzzle

that makes a Divine picture of service for truth and for God. I love Jesus too and he is around me as well. It is truly a gift to know him and know his presence in my life. In this way we are indeed brothers.

Response: When asked what I do, I say I'm a teacher of Divine Love and they always ask "What's that?", so I tell them what Divine Love is and how to acquire it.

Coming Time of Chaos and Trials

Question: What are your thoughts on the following message from Jesus received through Al Fike in 2015?

“Now my beloveds, I wish to say some things to you that are very important. The world is fast approaching a time of chaos. There is a great change coming, the storm is just upon the horizon. It requires for you, my beloveds, to have great faith and strength and to rely upon your Heavenly Father to guide you through the coming times in the world. For it will be dramatic and it will be destructive and this will not be caused by men but by God and by God’s Creation which responds to the actions of men.

The earth rises in pain, it has been abused so greatly by the will of men, by the greed of men, and the earth is fighting back. And I do not think that any of you truly understand the power of the earth, the forces of the earth. Indeed when these winds of change come, you must secure yourself in Light and all of these questions that you ask will become irrelevant and the burning question will be: “Father, guide me through these darkening times, help me to be a beacon of Light for those around me who are frightened” as the earth shifts and the winds blow and the oceans rise, as the fires and the rain and all the elements of the earth conspire to wash away all the traces of man.

This is indeed a very serious time and you my beloveds are given a warning as to what is coming and in this I want you to redouble your efforts in prayer to dedicate your lives to spiritual progression, to walk as clearly and powerfully upon this Divine Path and in this, many gifts will open to you, many faculties and abilities which will serve you greatly in the times to come and will help you to assist others to survive these times.”

Response: I for one am going to have to work very hard to be prepared for the coming changes to our world, especially spiritually. I heard that the other side has no time like our time. In this case, does this message from Jesus mean this will happen, in a year or so or it will not happen for several years? For it really has already started.

Response: It has already started and will build. Just look at the weird weather, more than usual disasters, and unstable political environment. Lots of things going on under our noses, but we motor along in our apparently normal lives and ignore the warning signs. Not sure what will happen, but it will be big and will touch all of us. Yes, now is the time for prayer and building light within our souls. That’s all we can do for now.

Response: Yes, the earth changes have begun, but the best we can do is to not dwell on the possibilities of what will come, but pray to be as close to God as possible, to

know His will for us, and just trust that we will be guided through whatever we're faced with.

Response: Kind of scary, since we've heard so much of flooding, deadly tornados, fires, and just this morning another earthquake. I think I'll get two survival packs – one for snacks and clothes, the other for my Padgett books. I was a girl scout, prepared and ready.

I will take this seriously and ask God to keep me on my path with prayer and hope. He can help me to become a guide for those in this small community I live in. I will plan on being as ready as possible.

Response: This is why we indeed must have faith in our Father's Divine Love and pray often.

Response: Whatever changes do arise, they will be a shock for the western world and by the time the media have finished with it, half the world will in panic.

Personally I don't think we are going to get anywhere with all this CO2 blame game as it's far bigger than that. Nor do we need to lay it at God's door as a divine punishment. Earth changes are inevitable and part of natural cycles which are probably unavoidable. It is how we deal with them when they arise which will be the test of our soul's growth.

Expiation

Question: With all the blessings and uplifting experiences that come with receiving the Divine Love, there is also the challenge of expiation. The soul has its way of purifying through releasing negative and dark conditions surrounding it. These 'encrustations' are released in time as the Divine Love works to purify our soul condition.

But in this process we must acknowledge the hurt, memory or trauma that is stuck to the soul. This experience often leads to unwelcome memories or relived experiences that are often buried deep within us. They may come seemingly out of nowhere and at first glance, we often want to distance ourselves from it. Despite our resistance, these thoughts and feelings continue to bubble up into our consciousness.

With expiation we cannot truly turn back from the process of soul purification. We need to confront our darkness before there is room for more soul growth and love. After we successfully release these often-painful adhesions to the soul, there is a great relief and sense of joy.

Can any of you comment on this difficult part of 'living the Love'? Does this description ring true to your experience? Can you add further comments regarding the process and reveal some personal experiences?

Question: Just today, early in the morning, I had an experience where I cried with pain because of encrustations I felt smothering the beauty of my soul. The meaning of this experience is slightly clearer after reading the above.

Question: I've had many experiences like that. Something out of the blue that strikes the heart like a knife. It's best to cry it out or whatever your expression is and let it go. It is a tremendous gift to be able to see and release these clinkers of the soul. It indicates that the Divine Love is certainly active within you and doing its job well. I've also felt deep soul compassion for myself when going through such an experience. We need to love ourselves above all else. That way we become a purer channel and expression of love.

Response: I would only add, that though these events "seem" to come "out of the blue", they are in fact brought to us through God's beautiful Law of Attraction. His beautiful messenger of Truth is showing us what is in our soul that needs healing.

I've been doing this for twelve years now and have had hundreds of emotional release experiences, going deep into and releasing childhood causal emotions. The experiential release of the emotions has been emotionally very overwhelming each time. Allowing the emotional overwhelm feels so "out of control" as far as societal norms

and probably the hardest thing I 've ever done, while at the same being the easiest thing once you get started. From my experience, *real* healing happens in this place.

Response: I call it the Law of Displacement. It is like filling a tub filled with dirty water with pure water. As the pure water level rises in the tub (soul), the dirty water spills over the tub (soul). It is truly wonderful, but I tell you, there will be dirty water all over the floor that must be cleaned up and some of it is real doo doo! But hey, when it's done (which takes a longer or shorter time depending on the sincerity of prayer and the amount of doo doo), the pure water left in the tub (soul) is so wonderful that you can bathe in it all the day long and come out smelling like a rose.

Response: This process is *the* most challenging thing I've ever undertaken ... but *the* most rewarding – with the most beautiful ongoing consequences for your soul. It's like starting a snowball of Love rolling down a hill – it just grows and grows in (often) very unexpected ways.

Just yesterday while slowing down for a woman crossing the road, we smiled at each other and connected. It was just two souls connecting ... so beautiful it was and my heart so full of love for this woman that the beauty of it brought me to tears. God truly is wonderful.

It's an amazing way to live – very difficult, because we are swimming against the current, but we are swimming with God. In reading Samuels' messages from Jesus last night, I noted that it was the same for the early prophets as far as resistance from the world ... but God is Greater!!

Response: My own experience with soul expiation has been rich with pain and insight. The more I resisted acknowledging and then letting go of those unloving and angst-ridden parts of myself, the more painful it got. Over the years I tried to live up to the standards of being a loving person as we have been encouraged to do by our Angel friends. Unfortunately we can't just bypass the dark side of ourselves and try to extol those gratifying and good places within.

As with any relationship, I had to work hard to maintain a semblance of integrity in the process of growing my soul with Divine Love. That meant having a deep and honest look at myself and my motivations. This did not just come about with prayer and introspection. These components are necessary and key to the process, but I also sought out help to direct me to look at myself more objectively.

In my late twenties and thirties, my wife and I went to retreats and counselling in order to heal some long-standing emotional hurts. These experiences were dynamic and very effective, but I must acknowledge that it was my

soul longing for healing through God's Touch that motivated me throughout these times. I had a deep sense that God was guiding me through these experiences of recognizing and releasing the pain and I knew that I needed to go there if I was to progress further in my soul awakenings.

I am forever grateful how I was led to various people and experiences that helped me loosen the shackles of my soul. Some can accomplish this alone with God, while others need to go on a journey of discovery enhanced by the counsel of wiser souls. Whatever way we get to unburdening ourselves of the dark matter that we invariably all carry is up to the individual and their journey. What is important is that we are strong enough and brave enough to go there. God will always accompany us to the light of true soul healing. It's all part of the transformational process that is the Divine Love gift to the soul.

Question: How do you release these dark conditions? I often feel pain, but I don't know what to do about it.

Response: Take it to God and allow yourself to feel that pain as intensely as you can. God will take it from you as you pray for His Love to replace that condition. It works!

Different Consciousness in Prayer?

Question: When in prayer for Divine Love, are you in a different state of consciousness? Do you see and hear things as you are praying and meditating? Is this a rare experience or common? Can you describe what happens when you have a special awakening or insight? Please share your spiritual experiences.

Response: Sometimes I'm just making my grocery list, but when I get an insight, it is usually auditory. I hear a word or words that are not my own thoughts. I've learned to tell the difference. I'd say it's not rare, but not usual either. Somewhere in-between. Mostly when I'm most relaxed and not much is going on.

The other night I was praying and asked what my guardian angel's name was and the name "Jeremiah" came to me from nowhere. I asked for validation, thinking I don't know anyone by that name! Our Vice-principal came in the next day telling us a story of how she taught her grandson the song "Jeremiah was a bullfrog..." and sang it all day!

Response: Going to massage school allowed me to explore the energy side of things. I also realized that I may be an empath as well because I can usually sense people's emotions. Since discovering the Padgett messages I've

made a connection between prayer and the energy of God's love. I remember feeling it as a child, but always thought it was my own mind creating it. When I pray sincerely enough, I usually feel the energy being drawn through me, accompanied by a sense of love. I was always waiting for a more auditory or visual response, but now I understand how I connect with God.

I have also realized (hindsight being 20/20), that God uses many different types of people that help me to understand different perspectives. Not to mention that I was always interested in the spirit realm and had some pretty interesting ghostly experiences when I was young. Oh, and an out-of-body experience when I was four that looking back, and after researching astral projection, probably actually happened and was not a dream. Still so much to learn and experience.

Response: At first I felt nothing different, but now I have periodic feelings of energy flowing into my upper body. I know it happens when I am able to turn off my mind completely, but as soon as I feel it, my mind reacts. Then I'm back to trying to disengage my mind. I have ways to go before I can be in a true meditative state, fully in touch with my soul, but I try every day, multiple times each day.

Response: I try to feel His Love 7/24. I have to – without it I am lost.

Response: When I pray for Divine Love and close my eyes, I naturally and quickly enter a different state of consciousness. I don't see anything with my visual senses, but I feel a lot and would say that I see through my feelings. I feel the Love very strongly and sense the spirit close by. It's more of a knowing than of seeing, but then again you also see through your knowing. It is always a beautiful experience as the Love is the main experience.

So visually I don't see anything, but feel and know a lot. I am learning to follow my feelings in life, and spirit have told me that our feelings are what we need to follow. This is because they guide us through our feelings, heart feelings. Often when I have prayed for Divine Love, I get a feeling to do something or contact someone. That's when my guidance is the clearest, but following my feelings (heart feelings) on a daily basis, I believe I am guided.

What Led to Your Spiritual Search?

Question: Tell us what inspired you to seek spiritually. Was your journey a long one before discovering Divine Love or relatively short? What was your response when discovering either Padgett or other sources speaking about God's Love? What motivates you to keep going with your devotions and prayers for Divine Love?

Response: Fourteen years ago, at 70 years old, I was a relatively happy man and not searching for answers to my life. I was writing a book and searching the internet and somehow stumbled onto a strange website, <https://new-birth.net/>. This experience was the beginning of the greatest thing that ever happened in my life. This is saying a lot! I've had a full and varied life. Long ago I was an ordained Christian minister with many wonderful experiences. I wrote about all this and much more in my memoir *Climb the Mountain*.

But when I was seventy, I began the journey of faith with knowledge and experience of the greatest of all truths – the *Divine Love*. I am now 84 and feel that I am on a journey of a new life, each day enjoying this life of faith, realizing my soul has awakened and the Divine Love is a real living experience.

Response: What inspired me to seek spiritually was a hunger in my soul to know why I was here, what was the purpose of my life, the meaning of the suffering I witnessed from birth in my extended family and the human family. Ever since I can remember, I wondered about life, wanted to know the Source of all life. From my pre-teen years, I sought answers to my questions by reading, by questioning rabbis, by observing people. I choose to study philosophy at University hoping it would lead me to answers. Instead, I found total dead ends in all the theories we studied.

In addition, my personal life was greatly challenged in that I fell in love with a gorgeous man, a Quaker classmate who proposed marriage. However, the reaction from my Jewish parents when I shared this was so extreme, I realized I could not inflict this on them, separated from my loved one and plunged into depression. So my seeking was suspended as I tried to decide if life was worth living.

I was guided to work in a treatment centre for emotionally disturbed children, an environment that saved my life and opened me to my emotional history. In my early 30s, having moved to Vancouver, my hunger to know Source returned with intensity after I had brain surgery to remove a tumour. Early in my recovery, I befriended a lady, Ellie, who lived across the street from me. When I asked her how she came to be so full of joy, she replied ecstatically “because God loves me!”

Ellie immediately gave me the first of the Padgett books. After I read three pages or so, I knew this was what I had been searching for! Right away, I sat down to pray, to open my heart to God, then quiet my mind to hear His answer. It came in a powerful feeling of Love! I had no doubt this was a gift given by a Source beyond me, not generated by my mind.

My motivation to keep praying for the Love is to receive more and more of this amazing, transformative gift. Because of the dominance of my mind (a survival strategy of my first 24 years of life), I choose to invest time in prayer rather than in reading or otherwise feeding my mind, as my soul was starving, not my mind. I trust that as my soul continues to thrive, it will inform my mind of all the truths it has sought. And so it is! Thanks be to God!

Response: I grew up in a Christian church, having a good experience that set me on a nice spiritual path, one focused mostly on love. My family was (is) very loving and accepting, which also strengthened my spiritual connection. I have always felt a close connection with my Father in Heaven.

I was always curious about spirituality, always wanted to know all that there was, wanted to understand the massive puzzle that was our existence here and in the afterlife. I found myself drawn to books about ghosts,

demons, angels, heaven, aliens, "conspiracies," etc. I watched shows and read books on these topics. In high school, a friend revealed her near-death experience to me and I then had a fascination with learning all that I could about heaven and the afterlife. I read every book I could get on the topic over many years! It was as exciting as discovering a new world and learning its amazing secrets!

During these years of discovery, I always had a close relationship with God and Jesus (whom I presumed to be God as a part of the Trinity). I continued going to church, praying for more truths to be revealed, always praying for God to use me as His vessel to do His will and help make this world a better place.

Then I ran out of near-death experience books! I searched online and wasn't finding anything new. In one of my searches, the *Judas of Kerioth* book popped up. I decided it sounded interesting so I gave it a whirl. WOW! Life changer! It both challenged and thrilled me. The information I was reading made *so much sense*! It just felt *right*! All the years of having questions about the Bible, getting answers that never really appeased my soul, now I was reading the answers and it was amazing! I toiled through that book and became a Divine Love follower. I was driven to learn more, so I read Padgett next. It was such a thrill to make such spiritual discoveries! The

<https://new-birth.net/> website was a tool I often used to further my knowledge and discovery at that time as well.

Once I realized the truth, I needed a family to commune with. That's when I found Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation. Thank God for this amazing community of people, who share their love, acceptance, and kindness to all. I will forever be grateful for being made feel welcome, loved, and encouraged! And now there are so many wonderful souls I have met along the way because of the community! I'm so honored to be a part of something very special, with extraordinary people, during such an amazing time in history! Can't wait to see what's in store for the future!

Response: I grew up in the Catholic faith until my later teens and for the most part had a very loving experience (except when I had to go to confession – lol) but there was just something missing until I read the Padgett books and the books made *so much sense* and yes, *it just felt right*.

Response: Back in 2000, I began to have out-of-body experiences in my sleep, where I discovered other dimensions of life. First I entered a realm of stars and light where I felt incredibly loved. Later I began to fly above my sleeping body and was able to touch the ceiling and see my spirit hand and put my hand through the walls. It was pretty cool.

I had a lot of such experiences – also finding myself in a different place, seeing other people and knowing I was visiting another dimension. I was excited to touch things to see if they were real. And they were. I can testify that spirit existence is just as solid as we experience here.

Once I was floating around in another universe with stars and light, and was wondering how I should come back to my body again. The thought of it pulled me back and I remember gently entering my body.

All this led me on a journey into mediumship. The kind of mediumship where you prove to another person the survival of the human spirit (evidential mediumship), which plays an important part in our human existence. To reconcile people to their loved ones which they thought were dead and lost forever.

It was on this journey that I remembered my great interest in Jesus as a child, and although I had tried to study the Bible in my adult years, I didn't really believe in it, and wondered what Jesus had really said. That's when I found the Padgett messages. So my journey was not so long before I discovered the Padgett messages, perhaps a few years.

Response: I too have had some out-of-body experiences. In my astral travels I have visited Healing Centres where I have had healing and received knowledge of what would be

good for my body as far as natural ingredients from the Earth to aid in my healing, and this has worked so well for me. I have a vivid recollection of feeling a bit out of control when I am in flight, and strong memories of looking down and wondering how I might safely make it back but I always do.

Response: It was my soul longing that led me to the Divine path. My first memories are when I was eight years old lying in bed with a magnificent, awesome feeling that would come to me. I called it "The Flash" and longed for it every night when I was falling asleep. I had the feeling that there was something greater than me that I was somehow part of, and there was something I was meant to do in my life.

Then when I was a teenager, I just kept feeling in a big way that *love was the most important thing!* Love was the most important thing! And I had a feeling of urgency within me that we had to do all we could to make the world a better place! I would talk about this to anyone who would listen, especially my mother, and at times, in later years, to my father as well.

When I was 18 years old and attending the University of BC, I met Dr. Samuels and his wife while attending the opening of a brand-new Museum of Anthropology at the University. My friends and I kept bumping into this couple

from New York City at every display and struck up a conversation with them. I can't remember what they told me except as an atheist at the time, I thought to myself they are such a wonderful couple – too bad they are so religious!

As I think back on this experience, I am sure Dr Samuels and his wonderful wife must have been telling me about Divine Love! While my mind rejected their ideas, my soul was so drawn to them and the presence of the angels with them that even after we said our goodbyes, my friends and I, a few hours later, knowing they had attended a show, went and searched for them!

We surprised them as they came out of a theater and then spent more hours together enjoying each other's company and showing them tourist attractions in our beautiful city. The Samuels stayed in touch with me for several years and sent me postcards when they travelled and from New York City where they lived.

I did not realize who they were until a few years later, when I saw Dr Samuels' picture in materials I received from the Foundation Church of the New Birth.

A lady by the name of Elly introduced me to the Padgett volumes and the Divine Love. I was guided to work at the same bank Elly worked at, guided to live in an apartment two blocks away from her, and together we prayed and blissed-out in God's Divine Love together at every possible

opportunity. Taking long walks in the beautiful parks and beaches surrounding Vancouver, we spoke endlessly about the impact of God's Love, tried to share the Truths with people we worked with, our mutual families, and we sat together in prayer every day we were together! I always felt that Elly and I shared an amazing secret and there was such joy and playfulness being with her, when often the people we were with "didn't get it."

Elly was an exceptional Divine Love medium and the angels were close to us and spoke to me almost every day in those precious years we spent together in my early twenties – reading the Padgett messages and communing with God!

I went to Utah to Brigham Young University and won scholarships there to study social sciences and education. When I graduated in 1976 and returned to Vancouver, Elly introduced me to my future husband in a Divine Love prayer circle and we were married a few months later in Stanley Park!!

That was 43 years ago! We have had wonderful careers, raised two sons, travelled to 70 different countries, and shared our commitment to serving God which has been glorious and beyond anything we ever could have imagined!

Response: My journey began at a young age -- maybe at age 15, when I started to read occult books like Edger Casey

and others. I was fascinated with psychic abilities, stories of ghosts, etc. This matured into reading spiritual books and eventually led to something called Johrei which is very similar to Reiki. I became a practitioner of Johrei at the tender age of 20, thinking that I might someday become a minister of that church.

During that time, I met a very interesting lady named Barbra, who was a medium. She talked about Divine Love and also channelled the spirit Confucius during a short prayer we had together. I felt something that I had never felt before, a burning and sense of excitement that came from my solar plexus area. I was also in a bit of a quandary as I felt committed to Johrei which was heavily Eastern in philosophy and different to the Divine Love path.

In the end I committed myself to exploring the Love path and all that is relevant to it. It took a few years before I released some of my beliefs which did not jive with Divine Love. I joined a Divine Love prayer group, which met every Monday night, met my future wife there, and my life started to change completely as the Love brought higher influence into my thinking and prayers.

That was 45 years ago and I continue to learn and grow from my prayerful explorations. I've met many people on this path who are beautiful souls. My gifts continue to open and I am feeling the joy in my soul like never before. There

were many twists and turns on my journey, but God always pulled me back to the light of truth. I am forever grateful for how my life has been led and blessed by God. I'm sure it would have been very different without His guiding hand and blessings to my heart.

Response: A long time ago, in the beautiful country of British Columbia, I organized New Age retreats for a psychic healer and educator. One day this lady handed me a book entitled, *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*. I looked at it and chastised her: "Margaret, you know I am not into religion. Since it was a gift of love, I accepted it and read it at home. I was enthralled and my soul sang. I asked her the next day if she had any more. I began to print the messages in my newspaper, "The New Age Dawn."

I was guided to go to Santa Cruz in California. I went to a Holy Order of Men meeting and quoted from the volumes. Someone remarked, "You are with the other group." "I am not with any group", I replied. She insisted, "Yes, you are with that other group, the one who teaches from that book." I was astonished and very excited. There was a group here teaching from the volumes?? I got the address and rushed over there.

When I arrived, a man was speaking. I said hello. "Shhh", someone said. "He's in trance." "What's a trance?" I asked. This family of mankind contained over 100 of the

most beautiful souls I had ever met. I spent a few happy years with them dedicating myself to spreading the Truths. I took a trip with the matriarch and the patriarch of this group to Canada and met several lovely people filled with Divine Love.

Many years and many prayers later, I am still on fire for this wonderful love and truths. I spend my days praising God and spreading the truths contained in the Padgett messages.

Response: My journey began when I was pretty young. My mother, being the more religious of my parents, had me and my brother go to a Baptist church. It was ok, but as I understood how Jesus lived his life, I was quite disappointed in the people that would preach it, but not live it.

My experiences over time made me angry with the church practices and I then became rebellious. As a teen, I stopped going to church but I always felt a connection to the spirit. At this point I became very lost. I stopped praying, became angry with God because he wasn't answering me (or so I thought, then again I didn't know how to listen). I totally dove right into the "a typical" teenage ego and partied a lot. Ended up falling in love with someone who gave me a son shortly after high school.

Sometime after that (the man wasn't any real help, being way too immature to step up to the dad plate), I realized I need to step up and be a mom and take care of my son. I didn't go to college after high school, so I knew I had to get educated to support my new family.

I prayed with great humility and surrender for God to show me a vision for my life – what was it that I was meant to do in this world, because I had no clue. Well anyway, I went to daydreaming as I always did after my prayer and it was so clear that I was meant to do massage therapy. I was so excited about it and started school one month after my "vision". It was there that I really opened up to a lot of things.

I was given a few books which helped me to understand. Now God knowing me and me being angry with the religious constructs, God used other people and instruments to lead me back to him. Once I graduated school, my personal relationship with my son's father became tough. As I matured, all he wanted to do was be a party biker dude. So we grew apart and it ended badly.

I had a male friend at the time who was always a listening ear and shoulder to cry on. In the end, he ended up protecting me and my son from my ex. I grew to love this new guy and we've been together ever since. I learned a great deal from my current guy. His personal experiences

and convictions on Christian religion made me question everything about myself and spirituality. This led me to dig in and find answers because I was trying to convince him and maybe a bit of myself of God's existence and love. I also may have met my soul mate which threw a strange wrench into the mix.

All these factors led me to the <https://new-birth.net/> website. I was fascinated, cautious (mostly my mother's voice telling me I'm messing with evil, oh those hell and damnation control tactics), but then again it was like this was exactly what I needed. The Truth about all of it.

I understand salvation in terms of love now. I understand how to be less defensive about my own beliefs and let the seed of truth be sowed. I have much more to understand and put into practice. But at least I don't feel disconnected anymore. I want to thank everyone here in this forum for being you. Your experiences in life are valued and can bring understanding to those who need it.

Becoming Like Little Children

Question: Jesus is quoted in the Bible as saying: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." How do you see this in practical terms – what does it mean for us and our actions?

Response: St Thérèse of Lisieux is known for her "little way." She explains:

"...think of a little child that is learning to stand but does not yet know how to walk. In his desire to reach the top of the stairs to find his mother, he lifts his little foot to climb the first step. It is all in vain, and at each renewed effort he falls. Well, be like that little child. Always keep lifting your foot to climb the ladder of holiness, and do not imagine that you can mount even the first step. All God asks of you is good will. From the top of the ladder He looks lovingly upon you, and soon, touched by your fruitless efforts, he will himself come down and, taking you in his arms, will carry you to his kingdom never again to leave him."

I think this idea of desire without earning (fruitless but still an effort) seems to be reinforced in the messages we receive about Divine Love.

Response: What do children have that most adults do not? Have a totally open mind ready to embrace the new.

Possess a natural belief in the imaginary. Trust. Have no mental encumbrances and no religion. Play and investigate to learn. Take help for granted.

Response: Spending time with my grandkids has helped me to become as a little child, being completely present and enjoying every moment.

Response: I had an experience while we were praying in our last retreat that reminds me of this topic. I saw my eldest son as a toddler next to me with his arms outstretched saying, “Daddy up!” This must be a memory as he did say this when he wanted to be picked up. In this context it seemed that I was the child and God is the Dad. In the scene I sensed such trust and love in this simple request. “Daddy up” is close to “God, lift me up”.

The innocence of the child seeking to be elevated and close to God is what we need in our prayer times. This simple experience made me cry for some reason. I felt the intensity of my love for my little son and savored that remembered moment. Maybe God savors our moments together in our prayer times in which we say with our child-like soul “Daddy Up”.

Response: Children are full of innocence and trust in their loving father and mother, trusting them to take care of them completely, to provide for them, to protect them, to correct them when they are wrong, and to love and

cherish them. I remember reading this somewhere: “Childlike faith, along with childlike love, are an open road to God’s heart.

Response: We are all just children, so we shouldn’t get excited when one of us throws a tantrum. Give that child a hug instead of a lecture! Really, I am not trying to be funny here. We are children – His children, and we must obey our Father and love Him as He loves us.

Response: This reminds me of “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God”. This has always been my focus.

The child and the pure in heart have a common characteristic. Humility. They have no beliefs that separate them from the experience of Father God. We are arrogant when we think we know what God is and create beliefs about what we think.

Humility, a willingness to feel each and all emotion, is what we take away from children. We imprint beliefs. Letting go of that which separates us from God allows us to experience our emotions and feel God.

Response: Perhaps the only thing I can add is the willingness young children have to accept and play with others. There is a certain openness in their demeanor to connect with people.

What Does “Seeing God” Mean

Question: Ann Rollins stated that not even Jesus has seen God. This statement troubles me, but that might be a good thing. It's a real paradigm shifter and opens up pandora's box. How do others feel about this?

Response: God cannot be seen with the spiritual senses but can be perceived and known by the soul perceptions. Soul cannot be seen, as I understand it.

Response: I think of it like this. Divine Love from God is like the wind. You cannot see it, but you can feel it. If I was to compare the amount of Divine Love I have in my soul to that of Jesus, it is no comparison but yet I have this great faith in knowing that God exists because of the Love that I have felt and things that have aligned in my life to know that it has all been part of God's plan for me. With Jesus having such a great abundance of God's Love in his soul, with soul development, we probably do not visually see things, but we just simply know. I think many things in the afterlife are hard for spirit to explain to us because our spiritual body is so different from our material one.

Response: It gives us great comfort to think that one day we will see the face of God!! How on earth do I know? I am just a mortal, but it makes me happy that I have so much more to learn and to grow closer to Him. Life has been so

wonderful since I asked the Holy Spirit to lodge in my heart!

Response: In the movie “What Dreams May Come”, Robin Williams’ character Chris asks his guide, “Where is God in all this?” With a rather whimsical look, the guide said, “He’s somewhere out there. Lovingly looking down on us,” or something like that. I remember thinking the first time I saw the movie over 20 years ago how wonderful it is to feel God is there. Feel the relationship with an infinite being.

Most of my life I have felt, “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.” I know now that a heart with no separating beliefs and no facade is a pure heart. I think we see God through the revelation of God’s character in creation. As we observe higher levels of creation, we see more God.

Response: I was thinking of Gods loneliness, boredom etc. Human perceptions, I know. Jesus said, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father." Maybe he never got it either! I suppose if you try and force God into human perceptions, then you can raise all sorts of contradictions. If God is timeless (self-existent), then He/It is beyond human explanation my head is starting to hurt – lol! The Celestials do their best to explain it, but I’m left a little cold.

Coincidentally, I just watched a *satsang* (meditation followed by teaching) by modern mystic, Mary Reed, on The Awe of Loneliness. The link is https://youtu.be/3Q_CBn02oR0. It's awkward for me watching someone in deep meditation for so long, so you can Fast Forward, but what she says afterwards is meaningful. The whole experience is similar to our Circles of Light.

Response: Jesus spoke many parables. When he said, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father", I believe he was referring to the essence of God living within him, his soul perfected through the Creator's Divine Love.

As humans, we see physically and use our other senses to perceive and interpret the world. I assume what we think will please us (like physically seeing God), will be just a shadow of how amazing "seeing," or rather perceiving, God with the eyes of our soul will be. I have a feeling that we have so many amazing experiences ahead of us on this journey of soul growth! So much to experience and discover!

Response: I find it strange as most of my life I have been alone, but never really felt loneliness. I had the ocean and mountains; I could sit on a rock and listen to the earth breathing by the constant waves and the winds from the mountains against my body – a touch of tenderness. And I

have always felt my guardians. So I have never been alone and God has always been with me. Even in the darkest of times, He has lifted me up to light again. I am humbled by His unconditional Love. I may not see the face of God, but I feel His ever-present Love.

Response: If I understand it correctly, we are all made in the image of God, or at least our soul is, and that cannot be seen, but only known or emotionally felt. It is cloaked in the spiritual body, the astral body, the physical body all of which are visible from one dimension or another. As we develop our soul, we develop our soul perceptions and these are the only means of direct interaction with God who is only soul.

Trying to imagine what knowing or seeing God is like is untranslatable into any other terms but soul, of which we are still in deficit. There is no language we currently have to translate a soul to soul encounter. Currently it would be a very painful experience to get very close as anything not yet burnt away would go up in an agony of conflagration. The spirits who visit us cloak themselves so that we are not hurt by their purity and that is nothing compared to the Love Heat of a direct God experience.

Response: God sounds so close, yet so far away, at the same time; a real paradox to me. The explanations sound

almost Buddhist to me, where we are striving to reach a state where we need nothing.

Response: I have found that as one progresses on this path, opening up our soul perceptions, that these mindful assessments give way to soul-felt feelings/perceptions of God. When I feel the peace that passes all understanding and the Divine Love of God pouring in, this is knowing God.

There is definitely a *knowing* here in that place beyond mind, but pure conscious presence. This sounds a bit esoteric, but like most things on this path, it requires experiencing to understand. I know that it's easy to get impatient and wanting to know things immediately. It takes time and soul progression to know God.

Until that deep soul-felt recognition comes, it's all a matter of exercising our faith. Something in us knows that we are headed in the right direction, but often the beginning is not so rewarding. Time, application and trust get us there. I can attest to feeling God close to me, but it took some years to get there. Well worth the slog though.

Law of Compensation and Forgiveness

Question: How do the laws of compensation and forgiveness work together?

Response: A message given by Ann Rollins, March 31, 1915, says this:

So, in the spirit world, when a man has committed sins on earth, *the law of compensation demands that he must pay the penalty of these sins until there has been a full expiation, or until the law is satisfied.* And this law does not change in its operations, and no man can avoid or run away from the inexorable demands of the law. He cannot of himself abate one jot or tittle (scarcely detectable amount) of the penalties, but must pay to the last farthing as the Master said, and hence, he cannot, of himself hope to change the operations of this law.

But, as the Creator of all law has provided another and higher law, which, under certain conditions may be brought into operation and causes the former law to cease to operate, and man may experience the benefit of the workings of this higher law. *So when God forgives a man of his sins, and makes him a new creature in his nature and love, he does not, for the particular case annihilate the law of compensation, but removes that upon which this*

law may operate. (<https://new-birth.net/padgetts-messages/true-gospel-revealed-anew-by-jesus-volume-1/ann-rollins-forgiveness-vol-1-pg125/>)

Question: I believe I understand that if we are forgiven for our sins, the penalty is taken away. But you mentioned *under certain conditions*, this is given you. What are these conditions?

Response: It is not that your sins are forgiven as that would flout the spiritual law. Instead, as your soul is changed by the influx of the very essence of God the Father's own essence, there are eventually no sins to forgive as they have been displaced. This is one of the main reasons for doing what we do – praying for God's Love.

Question: Thank you, I understand now. But what happens, if we are just changing the essence of our soul, and come to the spirit world having not completed this change? Do we then go to a hell and finish this change?

Response: We will have made an enormous start and have angel friends to help us. We all want to be of benefit to and help others which is also a road to heaven (though may not be Celestial). Of course, there will be encrustations to remove, but we want to remove them and not be in denial as to where we are or what we have to do.

The chances are that you will start off in one of the lower heavenly states. At the very worst, you would be in the middle zone with a head start. This is why we are receiving so much help now and why what we do is and will be an example to others. They will be helped by our current actions whether we are aware of it or not. Fear not, for you are blest!

Response: Thank You. Appreciate this lovely message – it makes me feel better. So much to read, digest and remember, but I'm grateful for my concerns to be answered.

Response: When you pass over, you go to the sphere where your soul condition dictates. There are so many spheres in the spirit world because there are so many differing conditions on the earth plane. The Father (in His beneficence) wants all to feel comfortable so He has created many planes. Though I don't know if those who are in hell feel comfortable ...

Question: Some of the hells I've read about in other books don't sound very appealing. Are any of these places mentioned in the Padgett's messages regarding these hells: twilight land, land of misers, land of unrest, land of misery, land of ice and snow, caves of slumber, land of remorse, etc.? I heard that the top one or two hells are about like earth. You have all the mental and physical capabilities.

Response: The only line in the Padgett volumes that stayed with me was the one that states that the hells make the earth plane look like a paradise! Wow! Don't forget they have to match the condition of the inhabitants and there are some pretty wretched mortals.

Response: A key point to consider is that the law of compensation works on the soul based on its *condition when entering the spirit world*.

Response: I do remember the phrase, "forgiveness is forgetfulness" in one of the Judas messages. With the transformational qualities of Divine Love infusing the soul, the negative feelings and thoughts that come with a darkness or encrustations of the soul are relieved by this process of forgetfulness. We are not attached to the pain any longer even though the memory is still there somewhere. The 'charge' is lost because the substance of it has been transformed into love. This is the workings of forgiveness as far as I understand this subject.

Response: I have a page on my website where Judgement and Forgiveness are collated – <https://new-birth.net/life-after-death/the-hells-judgement-forgiveness-and-the-resurrection/>. It is a big page with related topics as well.

Response: TGRABJ, Volume 2, page 366 in a message from the Master illuminates this law quite well. Also Vol 2, page 56 deals with it, in this case by Professor Salyards.

Question: Someone posted one of Padgett's messages in another Facebook group on Divine Love spiritualism. It was from a Celestial spirit, and it talked about how in ancient times certain individuals had misled the people about Jesus' teaching. The message said that that had done untold damage to humanity, and that those who had spread the false teachings would "pay till the last farthing". The last part sounds like something a human would say. Surely though those people who spread false teachings did wrong, they could not have known all the damage it would cause in the world?

Response: I cannot align that summary of a Padgett message with any I know. However, the teachings that we all pay to the last farthing is accurate and certainly not unloving. And yes, we pay even if we think it was true. But what puzzles me is I don't recall any comments about early teachers, i.e., early years post Jesus. But Augustine has said he is not proud of his role in creating false teachings.

The Bible as of the time of Padgett did contain the phrase "last farthing", although currently the Bible uses other terms.

Response: Was this the message? Loyola is not that old.
<https://new-birth.net/padgetts-messages/true-gospel-revealed-anew-by-jesus-volume-3/loyola-is-a-follower-of-the-master-vol-3-pg241/>

That's a curious message, I have to agree. It's early in Padgett's mission and that may be a factor because when Jesus criticised the Catholic Church, he is not that harsh. Despite saying it will vanish.

Response: Yes, I think that's the message. I understand from modern spiritualism that karma arises out of intention. So if you intend harm, you pay for that, but that which you do innocently, you don't have to pay for.

Response: The law of compensation is exact and we all are subject to it. The only way to have a sort of immunity from it is with sufficient inflowing of Divine Love. That way there is true forgiveness and forgetfulness. This doesn't give us a free ride but it speeds up the process of soul purification which is what we are talking about here.

The other way of purification (releasing all error within the mind and soul) is a very long process requiring a recognition of every error and action of the mortal and spirit. This is the pivotal issue of all spiritual progression. Letting go of false beliefs, reconciling all past deeds that have not been harmonious or in alignment with God's

Laws, and seeking perfect harmony of mind and soul are the objectives.

Those who believe in what we call natural love purification often adopt the Eastern philosophies including reincarnation. The messages that we have received say that reincarnation does not exist. Rather every disembodied spirit progresses through the spheres of spirit as they release their false beliefs and reconcile their erroneous past, thereby progressing upwards into realms of greater light.

Here is a message excerpt that I think will explain this in more detail.

Mary: The Law of Compensation

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Santa Cruz, California

Received by Amada Reza

[A_'s question is: how did the Law of Compensation work or not work in regard to Abraham Lincoln and his role in the Civil War?]

... How the Law of Compensation works on a soul is an individual matter between that soul and the Soul of God. When people decide on a course of action with love as their motivating force, the result of this action will be rewarding. Whereas if they were to follow the same course of action,

not being motivated by Love, they would not find fulfillment in their choice. So, the nuances of reward and punishment, of satisfaction and disappointment, are too numerous to evaluate in an individual case. Even a “do-gooder” so to speak, will not feel fulfilled in life because there may be certain expectations about what the outcome should be. And the so-called “rascal” might really have a good heart and find satisfaction and fulfillment in many choices he or she makes.

It will suffice to say that the Law of Compensation never fails to work. God’s laws are perfect, and even though people may postpone the paying of their compensation until they leave their body of flesh, it is a law which demands payment. And if Abraham Lincoln had not fulfilled payment for the law which he may have evoked if love were not always his motivating force, he was released from his physical life and would have finished his “payment” in the spirit world.

Look at it this way. When a person dies unenlightened and enters the lower spheres, this “entry level” could be equated with compensation. But all the perfect laws are set up to accommodate a person’s spiritual development to help them along to greater goals and accomplishments.

A person can postpone paying for his or her sins because of certain attitudes and false beliefs. But this will in no way

help him or her avoid paying the penalty altogether. It is an individual choice, free will - have you heard of it?

Do you want to live a materially-oriented life and receive material rewards, or do you want to know the Truth and develop your spiritual nature and loving qualities? It truly is your free will to choose. There are many so-called “successful” people in this world who have undeveloped souls. They will go into the dark planes when they leave the earth life. They will be more comfortable there than if they were to be allowed to go into brighter spheres. God loves all His children. His laws are set up to lead them toward the light. If they do not have their spiritual eyes open while they are in their earth life, they will be blinded by the light of Love if thrust into it when they enter the spirit world. So even in the seeming punishment of hell, God’s merciful laws are working.

When some people feel unworthy of the blessings they have been given, this lack of self-love is a form of self-punishment. Lack of faith in the goodness of God and His desire to see His children happy and comforted, is what you might call compensation for something. But what I am trying to demonstrate here is that what a person might have experienced as a result of certain choices and decisions, might not be directly related to those choices. Individuals may inflict self-punishments as a result of “thinking” that their choice was “wrong.” They may persecute themselves

in unseen ways over things which were not out of harmony. So, to attempt to explain or enumerate ways one may have paid or may not have paid, is useless; in fact, it would be pointless to even try.

Suffice it to say that everyone will pay his or her penalty to the last farthing. Even God cannot prevent His children from inflicting unjust penalties/punishment against themselves if that is what they choose to do. These self-incriminations will not necessarily help pay their penalties because the freeing qualities are a result of Love, self-love, God's Love, mercy, acceptance, surrender to a Higher Power, to God's will. You know the way to this goal. You are on the path. Do not change course.

Killing Animals and Eating Meat

Question: Early in our relationship with God, my wife and I became aware that people that killed animals for a living became very desensitized to their emotions. Thus we contributed to the suppression of another soul. We feel this would be unloving on our part. We further felt that unloving acts towards animals were not acceptable. We also came to understand scientifically that animal husbandry is very destructive to the planet contributing to deforestation and in today's news, the burning of the Amazon.

My question is then, "Why is this not coming up for members of this group?" My spirit friends are quite clear on how unloving using animals as food is. We were surprised to see, when we went to a Christian church recently, that there was no consideration of what is being done to animals and our planet. In our view if one is communicating with Celestials, they would first address our unloving behaviours towards our gift of the earth. If we are so insensitive that we cannot feel our own unloving behaviours, how can we be the revelation of Divine Love?

I'm not being critical although potentially confronting, but taking care of God's creation including the animals and our own bodies is a first expression of Divine Love.

Response: Something to really think about. For me, I always, until two years ago, was led to believe that God provided these animals and what they give, like milk, to us, for our benefit to sustain our life. I didn't really think about it. Why else would there be all these animals, how else would they be used? The deer population suffers because there are not enough predators, but they feed a lot of people that can't afford beef. I see what you're saying, and I couldn't kill any animal and haven't eaten anything but chicken. But to me this situation is like getting the truth out to Christians. We have free will, and until someone points these important issues out to us, we're not going to see it.

And another thing, we've been eating meat since time began. I don't believe eating meat is the problem. It's that we have a population bigger than this earth can handle. The demand is huge, and the greedy people are making a large profit from us. But I believe with Mother Earth cleaning up our mess, it will eventually be taken care of.

Response: The accepted view that the earth is flat and the universe revolves around the earth was held by mankind for Millenia did not make it the truth. At one time, people believed many things that today we know are not true. Is the belief that we need to eat meat potentially one of them?

Response: Yes, “people make a profit”. Actually, this is a good business principle. We often blame the supplier for supplying what we demand.

Response: I don't see Father God or the spiritual world in any great hurry to get this truth or any real truth out to these ignorant people. If this or the other evils were not meant to be, we wouldn't have free will. This world has gone on too long under its current beliefs to change any of this before there is a catastrophe. If you believe this world should be more spiritual, something should have been done centuries ago. We didn't do our job, but Mother Earth will take care of it.

Response: It's not up to God. Free will includes the right to kill ourselves. God has never interfered. At the same time, God's laws are constantly working to make us aware of our current soul condition and through the presence of truth, guide us to a more loving condition. It's not up to God to fix anything and I would suggest that to consider otherwise is illogical.

There is a mountain of evidence that we have free will. There's a mountain of evidence that our current love condition is going to kill us or at least significantly change who we are at some point in the near future. I'm suggesting that we can avoid this by delivering Divine Love into the world through our own loving expression. We see the

power of evil but we don't value the power of love. Love created the universe. It takes few people to create a paradise on earth. It all starts with being truthful about our current condition of love. And standing in God's truth which is always confronting the evil in us.

Response: Actually, I think there is a bigger picture here. Truth we don't know and probably never will. The untruth has gone on too long, for centuries, and then all of a sudden, the real truth comes out in 1914. Then all the Bible believers are expected to jump through a loop and believe this new truth. I don't think so. I don't know what's going on in this world, but it's too late to change it. The truth just didn't get here soon enough. God help us all.

Response: I found a message on this subject on the New Birth site a while back when I was looking. The whole message is worth reading, but here's the essence:

"This world of yours, beloved souls, is composed with layers upon layers of error, of inharmonious conditions, not in conformity to God's Laws of Creation. So it is easy to bring forth one particular issue over another, indicating the error and the disharmony that this creates in your world. Yet if you were to address all the issues of error, all the layers of disharmony, all the darkened conditions of this world, would you have any room for prayer or upliftment of your thoughts and discussions of Love?

So your concerns about diet have some validity, are borne from observation and truthful awareness of these erroneous conditions. I need not go into these particular issues regarding whether you may eat meat or not. It is your choice, beloved souls. God does not condemn you for eating meat, nor does God bless those who do not eat meat because they are of a higher level of consciousness. Considering all the conditions which you deal with on a daily basis, this particular issue is not of a great priority in terms of your souls' growth and harmony. Now when it comes to your thoughts beloved souls, this is important. If your thoughts are wrapped up in judging another because of their dietary habits, you do far greater harm than that individual whom you criticize." (<https://new-birth.net/contemporary-messages/messages-sorted-year/messages-2017-and-2018/a-spiritual-perspective-on-dietary-choices-af-10-mar-2018/>)

Response: There is much flawed reasoning in the message you shared on this subject. I find it quite simple to address the darkness in my soul and the world while at the same time praying to God for truth on the issue. Surely if I in my condition can do this, a Celestial being should also be fully aware of this process. Further to that there is quite a marked difference between "judgement" and discernment.

Response: I don't agree with this information. It feels pandering and avoids the confront that truth generally

brings. I'm not criticizing anyone. My question is sincere and I seek dialogue that is not pandering. If the truth is so confronting that we can't receive it at once, I suspect we are in facade avoiding truth.

Response: I completely agree. In fact, that was part of my response to the question about how receiving Divine Love changes you. I agreed with everyone else's posts as also happening inside of my soul, but nobody said this change had happened for them. I experienced the exact thing you speak about. As the Divine Love entered my soul, could no longer consume animal products -- my body could not tolerate them. I see this as an issue of self-love as well as love for God's creation.

Response: Totally agree, if people who are perhaps not even Christian and have enough love for God's creatures as to not be exploiting them, then how much more so should we who profess to have a desire for a higher love than the natural love (Divine)?

Response: I don't disagree that the mass killing of animals is wrong and I am personally conflicted because every now and then I really do like a good steak, but that's cultural conditioning. Having said that, the message quoted seems in agreement with other messages about concerns of the Father. Also, if I remember correctly, the original messages say that animals don't have souls and

they appear in heaven because we envision them there. I may be wrong so don't take what I say as an authority.

Response: It's about our condition of love when we ask others to slaughter animals.

Response: "Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." (Jesus, Matthew 15:11)

Response: Do you feel that current animal husbandry destroying the planet was understood in the first century? Is this what God intended? It's not about the death of the goats, but the condition of the man who is doing our dirty work.

Response: I feel deeply about animals, especially our cats and dogs. I have been going to a Baptist church where men think nothing of hunting deer. I feel the opposite of any desire for that. I don't like to judge, but I have to wonder about the matter. It is probably all about the intention behind it, but as it is a 'sport', I simply disagree and keep my opinions to myself. You got to wonder in a life review what people experience on that subject.

Response: I think the question is deeper than just eating or not eating meat. It is true that meat has been consumed throughout human history, but it didn't use to be a staple

diet. It was more for special occasions -- hence much less was consumed.

Also, animals weren't mass bred in the horrible conditions that they are today. Some people become vegetarian/vegan because of the way animals are bred before they get to our table. Because of the stress, force feeding, hormones, antibiotics, etc. etc., that animals are subjected to before they become steak on our plate, meat eating is not particularly healthy for us -- we ingest and absorb those things, both as substances and as energy. And more often than not, there is greed behind the scenes, trying to make more and more profit without much concern for the welfare of the animals or the consumers.

The society has come a long way from healthy, sustainable, balanced farming where animals can enjoy the outdoors, eat grass in the sun, remain clean and healthy, and be killed in humane ways to provide for humans when necessary. Meat eating is not necessary, certainly not as a staple diet, except in areas, such as the Arctic Circle where the climate doesn't allow for year-around agriculture. The natives in those areas, the Innuits, for example, have totally different attitude to killing for example a whale because it is a matter of survival for the whole village and it doesn't bring any species to near extinction.

So the issue is complex, but I agree that meat production as practiced in the west is far from loving and respectful of other life forms and our beautiful planet. The same applies to hunting and killing animals just for sport or "entertainment". Because laws are violated, there will be and already are negative consequences.

The Bible injunction in Genesis about man being given "dominion" over other life forms doesn't mean abuse, exploitation, etc., but rather "stewardship", which implies responsible care. Everyone has to decide for themselves regarding the amount of meat eating, but the facts of meat production and our soul condition as we grow in the Divine Love would certainly have a bearing as we make that decision.

Response: When I was in my late 30s, I decided that if I was going to eat meat then I should take responsibility in a token fashion for the death. With a lot of practice, I became absolutely deadly with a Webley air pistol such that I could do a head shot on a duck or pigeon at 50ft. I used this to supplement my London diet!

However, I never really got used to it and took no pleasure in it. After a short while I stopped and, like everyone else, relied on someone else to supply this element of our diet.

I still eat meat now and enjoy it, though I am sure that a vegetarian diet from a creative cook would be just as enjoyable and possibly healthier.

Response: Has anyone ever considered that consuming animals might be a part of original sin (our disharmony with love), or the possibility that the earth has changed from an abundant garden to a place where much of it doesn't provide our needs for survival. Perhaps not eating meat is a step towards increasing love on the planet, which may create a host of changes bringing us closer to the original creation of God.

Response: After all of my comments on this subject yesterday, I got to thinking, about this aspect of a disharmony in consuming meat. Looking at it this way may lead to a higher level of spirituality.

Response: I think if we start thinking in terms of higher or lower levels of spirituality, we will become lost. Seeking to become more loving and wanting to feel God's Love and truth will start to make it obvious what we can do to accomplish that. My guide doesn't tell me anything about meat. She just helps me with my progress in love.

Response: Connecting the act of eating meat with a political and spiritual sin is erroneous in my view. As for the ways in which animals are slaughtered and treated, I agree that this is unacceptable, yet we all go along with it

because it is out of sight. Considering the scale of the problem and the numbers of people that are eating meat, it is a true dilemma. I admit to being part of that problem but reject the idea that as such I am doing myself spiritual harm.

Response: I think about this often. If I had to kill a chicken to eat the meat I couldn't do it. When you buy meat at the grocery store you simply put these thoughts out of your mind. I was out fishing the other night with my husband and caught a trout. I could not kill it and released it back. I was so happy to let that fish go.

I do enjoy meat though and with my Austrian heritage - we are big meat eaters. I do note however, that I enjoy meat less than I used to and if it wasn't for cooking for my family, I would prefer a lentil stew over goulash.

Response: I think you reflect a very normal well-adjusted view. We don't all have to or need the inclination to make this change, however much it might benefit our bodies. I would miss seeing the cattle in the fields. I don't personally want to kill them, and if they were mine, they would become pets. However, in the supermarket there is a large divorce in connection. I am happy for that as my wife who cooks has no vegan plans, and I have other things which I regard as more important than this which I wish to pay attention to. We have to live in this world and work

within it without being too preoccupied with every single thing or we will never find our gaol as we try to divide the wood from the trees.

Response: This is only one subject I struggle with. Recently I was in NY City on the subway and a very poor and ill man in a wheelchair was “*begging*” people for help. His foot was so large with sores and everyone just ignored him. They see it all of the time, I am sure. My heart ached for this soul.

I also struggle with the fact that I live a nice lifestyle (albeit I have worked and still work hard for it). *But* could I be giving more than I currently do? If I gave away my retirement savings to help others in need, I would have to work for the rest of my life, but I would be helping those in more need. My husband also wouldn't be too happy with me.

Or instead of taking that destination vacation next year, give the funds to someone in need instead. I guess what I am trying to say is that in our journey towards a closer relationship with our Creator, I believe we all will be faced with a “fork in the road” (like the yellow brick road in *The Wizard of Oz*). Should I go left (don't eat meat) or right (give a much larger percentage of my net worth to the poor), or should I go straight (spend at least four hours per day in prayer).

Whichever path we take, or a combination of paths, we are finding our way. One path may lead to the Celestial Heavens faster – who knows, but I believe those that know truth will eventually find their way (some may just take longer than others for whatever reason). We do not know all of the answers yet. It is just as easy to say with a lot of Divine Love in our souls that we take away any luxury in our lives and give more to those in need.

Response: Giving money and helping someone out of the gutter are not the same thing. Find someone who values your help, uses it to rise out of their circumstances and maybe pass on the favour by holding out a hand to those below in a similar manner. This is not even about money and it is far more personal.

As you say, you could give all your money to some charity and a little of that may find its way to benefit someone for a while, but will it change the way they think and act and enable them to change their circumstances?

Spotting those ready for help in whatever form is a skill which could reap rich rewards to both parties and help you escape your dilemma.

Response: I feel that the most loving thing is a diet that is vegetarian. However, it can be very difficult for many people to get the right quantity of omega 3s from plant sources.

That being said, it is best not to dwell on the many unloving things that happen on the planet. It brings you down. When you're down, you aren't emitting the positive energy the world needs. The best thing in my opinion is to send love to the animals and the humans who are suffering, everywhere. Thus you help to uplift us all, and eventually the unloving conditions will get better.

Response: I agree with you completely. And to those who vow it won't change you spiritually, I challenge you to try it. Cut out the meat. Learn about the harm the animals have been going through. Be more compassionate. Spend your dollars in a way which you would vote. If we hope to be of the highest spiritual energy, we must be able to observe our human actions and decide whether they are of benefit to the world on the side of love. If you're not choosing the side of love, intentionally, then of course there is room for spiritual growth there. All our choices should resonate from love, and the purchasing and consuming of animals is not from love. We all know this and can both observationally and scientifically prove it to be true.

Save your health, save the animals, save the Earth.

Response: I found that as my condition of just natural love grew, meat became more unpleasant for me to eat. I too could not kill the animal and as such, when I connected to how hypocritical and unethical it was for me to

expect/allow others to do this act for me, I ceased eating meat. This coincided with receiving more Divine Love into my soul.

As I received more Divine Love and it continued working in my soul, I gradually stopped eating all animal products as they too lost their appeal. The same thing happened with alcohol, caffeine, sugar etc. As my soul received more of God's Love, I naturally wanted to love myself and others more, including animals. This affected the things I desired to put in and on my body, how I treat my body i.e. clean food and water, exercise. I see this as the natural progression of receiving God's Love into my soul and it turning me into a whole new creature.

As I am changing with my reception of Divine Love, sure enough, my thoughts, feelings and actions on all fronts have changed as well. I have become more loving towards myself and all life. I was vegetarian for just over 18 months, then my connection with God and His creatures and His increased Love in my soul, called to me to make the final transition to not eating any animal products at all. That was 10 years ago. I thank God for His Love growing my soul and the continued transformations taking place in my soul because of its inflowing. I am fitter and healthier than I was at 20! All Praise to God!!

Response: I do my best to live my life with compassion for all, which was why I became a vegetarian over 30 years ago and am now vegan. Thinking that I could be eating something that might have been abused and or died in fear just didn't sit right with me. I love this beautiful earth and everything on it.

Response: Thank you everyone for taking time to consider what I am saying. This is what is important. An open examination of beliefs and principles in an evolving world. Animal husbandry is not as it was. The soul of the slaughterers must be considered as we participate in unloving acts and suppression of souls.

I know there are channellings where meat eating is acceptable. There are equally credible channellings where it is not. My own experience says animal consumption at its current practice is a major contributor to unloving behaviours in other areas, even war. Not to get hysterical, but consider that fact that the lungs of our earth, the only home we have, are burning to graze cows. Is that not real to us? Our lungs are burning. Cancer.

It is all just unloving, period. Not acceptable. We are the Divine Love leaders. We have the power of love, which created the universe, when we align with Truth. We are weak, blowing in the wind, until some absolutes of Truth, God's Truth, are established in our souls. All channelling is

dependent on the soul condition of the channel. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

Response: I believe if people really have the Holy Spirit and true Love of God, they would not partake in the killing of animals to satisfy their taste buds. Animals were created before man. God did not create them to be eaten. The whole industry is barbaric, cruel and evil. If people would look at the horrors and the cruelty inflicted on animals in the meat and dairy industry, you would honestly say there is an evil force behind all this.

To see animals beaten to death, gassed, tortured, force-fed, babies taken from them, plucked of their feathers while alive, skinned alive. Kept confined in tiny space all their short lives. So much more I could go on and on.

Look into this evil industry and see the truth. No one can say it's humane, no one wants to die. Watch the film “Dominion” and tell me if a real follower of God would partake in these barbaric practices. I dare everyone that eats meat and dairy to watch. If you really love God, you would love all His creation and cause no harm. God is all love. If he wanted us to eat flesh, it would have been grown on trees. Do you really think God created sentient loving animals with a nervous system that feels pain and fear to be brutally slaughtered so we could eat? No God is pure Love.

I have been a vegan for years and my health is so much better. No excuse, we don't need meat and dairy.

Response: Causing suffering to any life is wrong and against God. If you know they have suffered and choose to ignore it, we are definitely not living with the Light

Response: I think that this discussion could go on ad infinitum. Certainly good points have been made but I also hope that we can avoid judging and treat each other with love and respect no matter what our dietary habits are.

Response: When you know animal husbandry is destroying our planet, the method of killing is horrendously cruel, the suffering before slaughter is unthinkable, and one decides to ignore because they would prefer to continue with the same lifestyle even though there are alternatives, this is something to be really looked at. Is ignoring the reality really helping our soul's growth?

It's not judging someone because they are still eating meat and contributing to this industry. It's speaking the truth and hoping that by doing this, people will really look into what's happening out there and decide for themselves whether this industry is humane and in keeping with God's love.

Jesus' saying: "Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." (Matthew 15:11) doesn't justify the cruelty in this industry.

I think all meat eaters just choose to ignore this and find answers to justify their desire to keep doing this because they don't want to change their lifestyle. Again I ask you all to watch the film "Dominion" if you dare and see if your heart has changed.

What I am discussing here is very important because it's about the suffering of God's creation and the industry is destroying the planet. It's not just a subject of whether you eat meat or not.

Who can look at another sentient being that feels pain, fear, hunger, thirst and loneliness and really say what we are doing is acceptable? One really needs to look at their soul.

I love my God and I thank him all day that I can see this. That I love all he has created and will respect all his creation. Again, I am not judging, I just would like everyone to *think*.

How Was Jesus Born Without Sin?

Question: If Jesus was born without sin, what sins are we born with and why? Was Jesus born without a divided soul?

Response: From what I've read, we are born with the sins of our parents.

Response: Is that to the 7th generation? I can understand that for the body but why the soul?

Response: The first parents refused God's Love and so He withdrew His love as this was a major sin. Humanity had no chance of God's Love until Jesus. Cain killed Abel which brought murder into the world, and so on and on. So the sins of the first parents doomed humanity. Now that you know this, teach your children the truth and reverse this condition.

Response: I don't think that it should be taken literally. The family chain is broken when the soul prays for Divine Love. Those in the family should shout for joy, for they will reap the benefits inherited in the DNA once the Divine Love has entered the soul.

I have been criticized for saying that one drop of the Love will eventually be the leaven in the bread that makes

it rise, and one drop will get you to heaven, even if you never pray again! But of course, there is another law that states that once having experienced the Love, the soul will want more! Isn't God wonderful? Hallelujah!

Response: Based on this message, <https://new-birth.net/padgetts-messages/true-gospel-revealed-anew-by-jesus-volume-1/how-a-soul-must-receive-the-divine-love-of-the-father-vol-1-pg130/>, I beg to differ that "one drop of Divine Love will get you to heaven even if you never pray again". It says this:

"This Love of the Father's Own Self is of a never changing nature, and in all places and under all conditions is working out the same results and converting the souls of men on earth as well as of the spirits in the spirit world, into not only the image but the substance of the Divine Nature. It may be possessed in smaller or greater degree, depending upon man himself; and this degree of possession determines the condition of the soul, and its nearness to the Father's Kingdom, whether the soul be in the flesh or in the spirit."

Response: Not seeing anything in this message that speaks to quantity. You seem to be missing the point of my message. I'm saying this love is so powerful it has in it an ingredient which makes us want to pray again and again. Isn't this wonderful? So one ever just prays once!

Response: Jesus was born with less sin. Most of the biblical story was developed to make Jesus special at birth. To some degree this was also carried on by Padgett. The idea that Jesus was special at birth is not entirely accurate. Edgar Cayce has the more accurate version. The idea of Jesus being special at birth sets a subliminal idea that we cannot be Christs, i.e., individuals at-one with God. We labour under the influence of ancestral and parental damage, but so did Jesus. Less so than ourselves as his birth was planned before he was conceived with much care and prayer under the influence of Celestials.

Response: In the Padgett messages Jesus says that he was like man in every way except he was born with Divine Love and his soul had no sin. He came to realize this as he aged and sought to teach mankind that they, too, will be able to reach a state of at-onement with God by seeking His Divine Love, thereby purifying their souls to one day be like Jesus.

So whatever sin Mary and Joseph had, he did not inherit that. I guess the rest of us are either not so lucky or we are also born without sin but sin soon enters our soul as we age. Jesus also has no soulmate, so was born without a divided soul. At least that's my understanding of it.

Response: This makes Jesus unique. A desire Padgett had.

Response: A desire I have, too. But I have a loooooong ways to go!

Response: If Jesus was special at birth and that is required to become at-one with God, we cannot become at-one with God. In my view we can.

Response: I wonder what it feels like to be born without sin? Of course, we all imagine that babies are pure and innocent and then we see one baby in tears because of another baby's actions or because of their own.

Response: Methinks every man, including Jesus, is born with the sin of embodiment. Outside embodiment we are without sin. Like someone noted here, the sinlessness ascribed to Jesus is just to market the personality of Jesus which I think is not peculiar to Jesus alone, but other religious reformers. Jesus, spoke the truth that he is not a lamb without blemish when he responded to a man who called him good (perfect, righteous, infallible and sinless) master. Jesus said, there is only one that is perfect and that is God Almighty.

Response: I like this explanation from a more recent message (1988):

"As to the first question concerning whether or not I was born without sin, the answer to that question is that I was born without sin, as specified in many places throughout

the volumes. However, I can understand your confusion as to how I could be born without sin and yet not possess some portion of the Divine Love in my soul at the time of my birth.

The answer, as you have been influenced to receive prior to this message, is that my soul longings for at-onement with our Heavenly Father as a developing foetus did draw the Divine Love to me; yet the initial work of this Love was not to infill my soul, but to remove the encrustments on the surface of my soul that I inherited from my forebears in the form of not actual sins attributable to any wrongdoing on my part, but rather in the form of inclinations or tendencies to sin that have formed a part of humankind's inheritance ever since man's fall from his original perfection. These tendencies to sin, that form a part of humankind's inheritance of today, become sins, as you know, only when such inclinations are acted upon. Nevertheless, they are decidedly encumbrances to the soul in that they carry a certain degree of influential force toward sinning in thought and deed.

Now, had I been born with these encumbrances, as most all of my brethren have been, I would have been just as likely to act upon these sinful tendencies as the next man. And, in so doing, I certainly would not have been in that soulful state whereupon I could be either entrusted or enabled to carry out the Messianic mission which I later

came to realize was intended. And, so, to achieve this Messianic purpose, it was necessary that one be born who had the same pristine purity of soul enjoyed by the first parents. No chance of success as the Messiah of God could be realized unless I was blessed with completely free choice, which is to say choice unencumbered by any sins or tendencies to sin." (<https://new-birth.net/contemporary-messages/messages-sorted-year/messages-1984-2000/jesus-born-without-sin-dl-4-feb-1988/>)

Response: Thank you for finding that. It actually answers both questions at the same time and puts them into an understandable context.

Response: The Padgett messages state unequivocally that Jesus was born without sin. Hard for us earth-based mindful spiritual beginners to understand this, but Jesus had a special and unique purpose to open up the possibility of receiving the Divine Love. This is a matter of faith rather than mindful assumptions. Our souls know the truth. Seek that answer in prayer.

Response: During the Angels Q&A II retreat, July 2019, there was a message from Josephus on July 15th that says "...You begin life absorbing dark conditions and error. Thus your souls become encrusted with these conditions." There's more. It's the last message in the collection which can be found on the website under celestial messages.

I also found a message from Jesus on January 27th 2019 in the first Angels Question-and-Answer retreat. He speaks of never having a soulmate, which means his soul was not divided.

Response: Here are the PDF links to the two compilations: <https://divinelovesanctuary.com/angels-question-answer-retreat-gibsons-2019/> and <https://divinelovesanctuary.com/angels-question-answer-retreat-gibsons-august-2019/>

Response: In Vol. 1, p. 366 is an early message that Padgett received from Jesus which says this:

"I was not conceived by the Holy Spirit, as it is taught by the preachers and teachers who are now leading mankind in the doctrines of the churches. I was born as you were born, and my earthly father was Joseph. I was conceived by God's Spirit in the sense that I was born free from sin and error, while all other human beings were born in sin and error. I never was a human being so far as my spiritual existence is concerned, as I was always free from sin and error, but I had all the feelings and longings of a human being which were not of sin.

My love was human as well as spiritual, and I was subject to all the feelings of sympathy and love that any other human being was. Do not understand that I was with desires and longings for the pleasures of the world which

the human passions created. I was not, only I was capable of deep feeling, and could feel and know the suffering and distress of humanity."

It says that Jesus didn't have the out-of-harmony appetites that the first parents and their descendants acquired after the Fall. As it says in the above 1988 message, he started with a "clean slate" as the first parents did, but instead of rebelling against God and choosing his own way as they did, he chose God's Love. The Padgett messages also tell us that we can achieve what he did as far as the New Birth and place in God's Celestial Kingdom, though Jesus will always be the Master of the Kingdom and have the highest position.

Response: We have to remember that Jesus was a special creation of God and the Creator searched out the purest parents available. That coupled with the Master's great will and devotion resulted in a creation that knew not sin nor error.

Response: No that's not the answer. We have a contemporary message that explains that Father used the Holy Spirit to achieve Jesus' purity. And the sins that we are talking about here are the "sins of the fathers and grandfathers", which in essence means thought patterns that are false. Every society has norms that are out of

harmony with love. That is what is meant. We have a message on that too.

Response: I get my own impressions from the Master and his disciples and place great stock in them as you well. I know doubt is the one thing that will make or break a Celestial medium. The “sins of fathers and grandfathers' thought patterns that are false” remain theirs until and unless taken on by their descendants. I don't believe the Master was much influenced by anyone in the flesh or in the spirit. He was wholly guided by the Heavenly Father and communicated with Him and received all his inspiration and directions from Him.

The Holy Spirit brings the Divine Love as you well know. Jesus never had a sinful thought, or indulged in a sinful deed. Norms of the day certainly would not apply to Jesus either. Since Jesus was born a mortal, his DNA was that of such and therefore his lineage (most notably his parents Joseph and Mary) would have been of paramount importance. Since God had the whole of the Jewish nation to choose from, He certainly chose the best parents he could possible choose.

Response: I think you will find the “sins of the fathers” are attitudes and values prevalent in that society. I can point to many in our current day.

Response: The "out of harmony" appetites are what The Prayer Perfect calls "temptations of the flesh".

Response: As far as Jesus having a soulmate, several contemporary messages have been received on the subject over time, some saying that Mary Magdalene was his soulmate and some saying that he was unique and didn't have a soulmate. We each need to discern what resonates with us on this issue (and all issues for that matter.)

Response: There is no doubt the Master had a special relationship with Mary Magdalene.

Response: Not all mediums are right, all the time. Buyer beware!

Response: We are not 'born with sin', we are born prone to whatever our parents were prone to. It is suggested that even our thoughts are in our DNA. Sin is always a choice. We are not born with any 'sin', only a pre-disposition to such because of our predecessors.

