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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 second volume covers 29 topics. All comments are presented anonymously.

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.

Changes as a Result of Receiving Divine Love

Question: Can you list some of the changes in you that have come with receiving the Divine Love?

Response: A true sense of spiritual direction..... To discover new worlds and go where no man had been before To quote Star Trek And in damn good company to!!

Response: I'm a prayer-holic. I love the feeling when in prayer. Especially group prayer.

Response: My journey with Divine Love is fused into my journey of emoting. Before I knew about emoting to be in truth, I now recognize that I did receive some Divine Love because God is ever alert to pouring in love whenever the conditions of having a pure desire (without emotional addictions and demands) and being aligned with God's truth as much as I understood it, and I feel now that that small amount of Love protected me from desiring to do a lot of immoral things that were becoming commonplace and acceptable to the environment I lived in.

That Love activated a deep hunger for Truth, and became a passion I've always followed, going into several religions and philosophies which did not teach me how to receive Divine Love in a deliberate way. So when I found out how to do it, I studied that truth every day for hours.

My friends were a bit concerned at how fiercely I was diving in, but I'd been seeking the real thing for over 50 years!!

Changes in the last 4 years:

1 – I'm off all my meds, including a high dosage of antidepressants I'd been taking for 25 years. My thyroid is now alive and well. My lifelong anaemia is gone. My terrible insomnia is gone. Anxiety is gone.

2 – I can feel love coming into me, not just from God but also people, including my children. I'd never let that in before.

3 – I have the continuous comfort of a Loving Soul Parent who is honestly interested in every thought, shift, idea, dream, desire, fear, challenge, etc., that I feel or face. No human has that capacity!

4 – I no longer "need" validation from humans who are themselves as flawed as I am.

5 – I'm understanding what Jesus meant by becoming as trusting as the birds – not a mental philosophy – they act on the feeling of knowing they will find food, shelter, and will be carried by the air when they use what God gave them. They are just being their true selves, not some facade or damaged self. How do we return to that? More Divine Love!

There's more but this is long enough.

Response: I grew up as an atheist, but in my latter teens, anti-evolution spiritual literature that came my way made me see that all the marvels of nature, including laws, living things, beauty, balance and harmony, etc. couldn't have just happened without a designer, creator, lawgiver and life-giver. That was when I accepted God's existence. I was then led to a non-mainstream church which gave me an excellent spiritual foundation. It was the first of several stepping stones on my spiritual journey that started about 50 years ago – 45 years before I came to understand the Divine Love truths through the Padgett messages.

I too believe that I was receiving the Divine Love along the way, though not fully understanding it. From early on in my journey, I understood the Holy Spirit as a transforming power rather than a third member of the Trinity. I also had a fairly good grasp of the new birth and ultimately becoming like God.

Over the decades, my life has changed more than I can explain in a few paragraphs. The most profound early changes were gaining hope and purpose and being lifted from a life near despair. If it wasn't for God's intervention in my life at that time, I hate to think what direction my life would have taken or even if I would still be alive. I have also experienced countless blessings, answered prayers, divine

guidance, healings, and spiritual growth. I have grown in love, patience, discernment, spiritual understanding and insights, joy and gratitude. My desires have changed from material to spiritual. I have peace of mind, though am not yet immune to worry and anxiety, but far less so than in the past. As all of us, I'm still work in progress, but progressing as the Divine Love is transforming my soul.

Response: Life is full of change without receiving Divine Love but my soul's inner changes have informed many areas of my life. Avenues of awareness could not have been opened without this journey of soul awakening. I could not love life the way that I do without the transformational qualities of this Love. My perspectives, focus and direction have been informed by my changing soul. Essentially, soul awakening is the focus of my life and will change everything eventually.

Response: Simply yearn from your soul, and God will send the Holy Spirit. Do it constantly; soon you will feel differently. Eventually if you keep doing it, you will begin to feel happy, your intelligence and wisdom will noticeably increase. Every aspect of your life will be enhanced in a positive fashion. I highly recommend the Divine Love!

Response: I have far greater awareness of what it means to be living with Divine Love as well as where my shortcomings are. Far easier to love others in general and no

capacity for any deep-seated anger or any great dislike of anyone. My connection to the Father is something that I actually feel rather than wonder about. Faith is continually growing in my ability to receive the Father's Love.

What Does Your Soul Need from You Today?

Question: Choosing to be in prayer is a given. What conscious choice(s) would your soul appreciate from you today?

Response: I have been aiming to make choices that will align with and support the expansion of my soul. For me at this time, it is a growing awareness of "I am what I put into my body".

Experiencing the effects of some choices and how they dull my light and the flow of energy within my physical body and subsequently my spirit body is calling me to change.

Strength is occurring, yet I notice my resistance because these cravings when fulfilled, at the time bring me to feel relief. But, when I eat things of light, I feel light – this seems a no brainer, yet my mind is yet to fully hop on board!

All in balance so it shall be. It's a call from my soul.

Response: I think it's interesting that the word that our guides often use to refer to the channelers is 'instrument'. We can definitely make choices in the physical and spiritual domains that can make our instruments more or less receptive.

My soul needed me to read the following, which right now, I really need to let it sink deep. What I'll be reflecting on today is: "This process must be completed, whether it is done through the long and tedious road of the natural path or the powerful and dynamic road of God's Love, the Divine Path. You will be shown the way, my beloveds."

Response: I took this question into my morning prayer, asking my soul what it needed from me. The immediate response was to continue to consciously discipline my mind into the soul's resonance, and harmony will be the gift. The soul's response was giving my mind the assurance that it is ready to take the lead as it is aligned with God's Will. Well, at least more so than my mind.

Response: [Rolheiser's message](#) on the spiritualities of maintenance seem relevant: "we can learn things here from our culture's stress on maintaining one's physical health through proper exercise, proper diet, and proper health habits." But clearly the important message for me was this: "These spiritualities invite us to be cautious about both an over-enthusiastic ascent and a naive descent." I'm definitely learning my over-enthusiasm lessons this month!

This message [from Simon via Al](#) is spot on for me too: "Do not worry, my beloveds, about what God has planned for you. Do not cast yourself to and fro in your

mind and with others trying to formulate the plan that is not God's Plan but your very need to feel a part of this." I'm getting the message – my soul wants me to just chill out.

Response: For my soul to lead my life decisions. For my soul to be in ascendancy over my mind. This is a constant struggle for me. I find that when I get stressed, it's because my mind is trying to control. What my soul wants to do is release and let the love flow.

Response: I can choose to let my soul express who God created her to be.

Using Our Gifts to Wake Up Humanity

Question: How do you envision using your gifts to help wake up humanity? Do you sense a destiny in this?

Response: We are so blessed to be retired so that we can devote every hour of our twilight years to doing all we can to help spread the truth of God's Divine love. Every day is a struggle to live the Love and apply all our prayers to doing God's work.. To live the love from our souls' desires rather from the worn-out patterns of our minds. To apply the laws of love in our lives as we have been taught.

We are so blessed to have a community of divine love followers to pray with and to share what we are learning. So grateful! Praying to release a lifetime of earth conditions and still so many unloving places within.

Response: The one clear message that I receive time and again is that the smallest of seeds that we plant are of great significance. You may not think you are making a difference but you are. You may have only a brief encounter with someone here but on the other side they will come to recognize you and there the flower will blossom.

Response: Having spent six decades camouflaging and denying any “gifts” because that would seem to others to be arrogant and even narcissistic, and I preferred a nice

persona that didn't threaten others to actually finding out who God created me to be, and thus grasp what "works" were congruent with that, I have to admit I'm not clear on how to apply those gifts in a context beyond just paying attention to being authentic with God moment to moment. As my faith in Papa develops, I think I will feel a sureness when the door to true service opens. I do like writing so I figure it will include this aspect.

Response: I felt guided to do "Reiki for Veterans". Thanks to the encouragement of others, I sent an email to the owner of our Wellness Center to see if she was interested. She said yes!! and was very excited about it being offered. She also loved the short prayer I wanted to do at the beginning.

Each session will begin with a beautiful prayer which includes a reference to God's Divine Love entering our souls as well as a blessing. It will be said out loud, unless the individual requests that it not be. That prayer came to me one night as I was praying about how I could offer the Reiki but incorporate God into it.

Since I'm still working fulltime, I requested a change to my work schedule so I could offer these sessions, and they said Yes! I can't believe how doors just joyfully opened! We always talk about planting those seeds, so hopefully that will happen. I'll do this with my heart and soul filled with

God's Love, I guess he'll have to decide if it's part of my destiny.

Response: I feel I am following both my will and God's Will in caring for my dear friend with dementia, refining my soul's gifts as I do so. There is much to be cleared from my soul. At the same time, I experience encounters with many people in which I know I am being of service, and others where the outcomes are not so obvious but the signals I feel alert me that love is working its magic.

As long as I am feeling the communion with God, I trust that the Love will find its way!

It is truly a blessing to have a specific skill to offer and to do it with clear intent as a service to God. Another way of serving as a channel of God's Love is by sharing clearly our journey home to God. If our presence exudes love and joy, that wakes people's souls up for sure! I know that whatever we do, we can make of it a service to God!

Response: We all are used as instruments in different ways.

Response: I am slowly learning my destiny, my purpose. It trickles in. Sometimes it's an urge to share my newfound knowledge of Divine Love and other truths in a one-on-one conversation with another. Other times the urge to transcribe messages. The feeling that keeps coming is to

share the messages with the world in many ways, be it internet, a podcast or even planting seeds with important spiritual leaders.

Response: Just trying to serve Him the best I can.

Response: It seems clear after reading all these posts that the intent to serve is in connection with others. Whether it is someone who is a Divine Love follower or not, God can work through you in the simplest terms and expression. God's plan for the salvation of humanity incorporates the most subtle of actions, the humblest of expressions and the grounded efforts of those intent on serving in love. The challenge for me is to remain in touch with God and to know His Will. Some days that comes easily and other times it is a challenge. I gave up my plans concocted by my mind's ambitions to serve God in some dramatic way a while ago. I have learned the hard way (which is my usual route to truth) that mindful plans have no place in God's Universe. When one serves God, the ego is not in charge, rather, it is an exercise of soul expression and knowing. How serendipitously my day unfolds is often an indication of how in touch I am in the flow of God's Will. My daily prayer is a wish to serve and how that day unfolds indicates how authentic that prayer has been. Of course, some days are about me and what I need to do in a material existence. Other days are clearly for God. I can't judge myself too harshly if the magic doesn't happen in a day. The

chaos of an earthly life will ensure that each day will determine how effective I can be in God's service. My job is to put my intention out there and humbly walk through whatever doors may open. As for destiny and BIG plans for spreading the truth of God's Love in the world, I accept that plodding along, as we have been doing, is the work and the destiny. What may come as each of us continues to grow in the Father's Love is entirely up to Him. I concede that I have no power in this regard other than to continue in my prayers and the expressions of soul accepting His Will as my mantra for life.

Response: I see my gifts as writing, compiling and editing, as well as coordinating. Using my gifts and with inspiration, I have written several books – some before and some after learning more specifically about the Divine Love, but all spiritual and Bible-based. They are all available as free downloads on my [website](#), as well as for purchase as Kindle and/or paperback on Amazon. My website also has a lot of spiritual information. I see these tools as my way of helping wake up humanity and make this world a better place.

I think it is very important for each of us to discern and use our own gifts to serve God and humanity, and not compare ourselves to others and feel that we are not doing enough if we are not doing what so-and-so is doing. The same goes for spiritual experiences – which in a way are

gifts as well. We are each on a unique journey with a unique relationship with our heavenly Father and hence will have different experiences.

Here are some biblical and true principles on using / giving gifts and serving God and others:

Romans 12:4-8 -- Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Luke 21:1-4 – As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. “I tell you the truth,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 – Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows

generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:12-15 – This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift [Divine Love]!

Experiences in Prayer

Question: What sights, sounds, feelings and inspirations do you experience in prayer? Can you discern the difference between the presence of the angels and that of God?

Response: I think Chris' guide in the movie "What Dreams May Come" puts it quite well. When Chris asked about God, the guide said, "He's somewhere out there." In other words, this is not really of concern for us. By the way, I am confident the movie accurately portrays many aspects of the spirit world and that it is a celestial gift to humanity.

That being said, I feel God's Love and see it as a download of data to support the activity of the soul which is more complex than we have ever conceived. I would venture to say that all our communications are with spirits ranging from the angry rage-filled male spirit haunting a client yesterday to the celestials working to help us feel love, education and guidance. God designed the universe to be self-sustaining, not requiring a lot of attention from God to grow and develop. The universe exists in this soul of love that we can reach for with an open heart and a desire to know our loving parents. It's all in the DNA of God's Love.

Response: That sounds about right to me. The way up is by helping those below. So who is helping? God is there in the assistance given, but it is not necessary for Him to be

there in person as he is personified in the act of good and in the feeling this engenders.

However, when you get up to the higher Christ-like Celestial levels, the interaction must be more direct because it can be. There is sufficiency of God within the soul for this to be possible.

Currently I would class myself as being little more than in nappies within this field of endeavour and do not have the tools or sensitivity to detect the difference. I am unable to predict whether this will change radically or not from a personal point of view.

Response: When I hear words, I know it's a spirit. Discerning the soul condition of the spirit requires deeper sensitivity, which is the result of emoting all feelings that have entered my soul. My capacity to recognize different personalities is improving, and I still test whenever I get physical sensations. I use my will to communicate that if the tingles or whatever are from spirits not on the Divine Love Path, then I don't want them. Before I knew to do that, I often got tingles but now it's more often that they are withdrawn. Sometimes they stay and I allow myself to feel the emotions accompanying the tingles.

Communication direct from God for me has no words, just emotions. I don't mean simple one-word emotions. I mean a block of information that registers as a feeling and

that I can translate into words to appreciate the clarity. Sometimes a kind spirit translates if I lack the sensitivity to register the full feeling. Feelings from God always feel big, and I feel that's because He gives to me capacity and a bit beyond to coax me into a deeper relationship. Sometimes I find myself stopping the overwhelming flow because in that moment I don't want to do the work to get into truth. Crazy? Yeah. Yet I do believe it's a common response. That pesky self-reliance thing!

Response: Lots of sensations, good feelings and tangible love in my prayers. I've been doing this for quite some time so my prayer sessions have run the gamut of non-feeling, in-my-head dry repetitive mouthing of the words to ecstatic, connected and visual splendor in every respect. In deep prayer there is a sure sense of God's Presence which in my experience is "the peace that passes all understanding".

In the beginning I longed for the presence of the angels and sometimes I would feel them and at other times I would not. But my persistence has paid great dividends in the long run. Now it is rare that I do not feel the angels with me and if I focus, I can discern the presence of God as well. My prayer life is rich with experience and love because I have made it a big part of my day. At least one hour in the morning and often another hour in the evening. Since retirement, this practice is more easily attended to but even

when my routines were very different as a self-employed landscape gardener, I was very engaged in prayer.

Prayer is the way God and the angels communicate with us and us with them. The more sensitized we become to these higher levels of communication through praying for God's Love, the easier it gets. Practice, practice, practice. I feel Jesus' presence quite often and God is always there. It's not a mindful thing, it's of the soul. Discovering the faculties of the soul is what opens the doors to intense and mystical experience.

Portals of Light

Question: Describe to the best of your knowledge the architecture and modus operandi of a portal of light. How might it seem viewed with spiritual eyes from the various levels on the other side and how does it function?

Response: There are some amongst us who have the gift of sight and have actually seen various portals and described their visions to me , so I hope they chime in here! Our Celestial guides, as I understand it, have created portals not only in our home but several other places. The portals extend right from the earth plane through the spheres and on up into the Celestial Heavens and in my finite mind are kind of like an elevator for the angels to bring chemicals, substances and materials from the heavens down to us on earth for our healing. The portals are fuelled partly by our prayers. When we sit and pray in a circle, our angel friends can temporarily lift us up above the condition of the world into a higher vibration. I have experienced this upliftment almost every day in prayer! We have received several messages pertaining to the portals which I hope our typists might be able to share here!

Response: Here is a message entitled, The Power of Prayers Multiplied (July 25, 2016; received by: Al Fike in Gibsons, BC)

I am Seretta Kem and I thank you for allowing me to speak tonight for what I have to say will educate you regarding the efforts you are making in these circles of prayer for healing for this world. Yes, many healers, angelic healers, are with you and many circles of prayer which rise up through the spheres of spirit are joining you in your prayer and efforts for this world. And in this comes a great Light, a portal of Light, directly from God and within this Light are many healing energies, hues of all colors flowing forth. And amongst you within this circle is a great vessel, a vessel that collects these energies. And these energies overflow from this vessel into various streams travelling in all directions in the world. And as this Light and energy and blessing overflow and flow into this world, many angels are directing and dividing this energy to various places in the world. So this one great beam of Light is multiplied over and over again exponentially and touches many, many thousands in the world, not only the children you pray for and those loved ones and those you know, but many, many more.

It is important that you pray for the leaders of the world. It is important that you pray for all those who are making an effort to bring Light and change to this world. It is important that you pray for all those who pray, that their prayers may reach the Heavenly Father and flow and add to your efforts.

So, my beloveds, what you do here has far-reaching effects in the world. And you cannot see this with your eyes but you do indeed feel the importance of these efforts and I would encourage you to continue, to intensify your prayers and to think often of these little circles of healing that you may add your intention, your desire, that this Light might intensify, that those who are touched by these great efforts in prayer, which involve many, many souls on many different levels in spirit, and many angels, many who join you in your intention and your deep desire to bring healing to this world, a world in desperate need of the healing Touch of God. And pray that all those who are touched by this Light, that God will place within them the desire for His Love, that as you know, that great Healing Touch of Love is the most powerful healing of all and the greatest change agent in the universe.

Carry on, beloved souls, for as you pray, you too are touched in Love. And as you pray, you are being used in powerful ways to bring comfort and healing to many, many souls. Such a simple act, such a powerful response from God and the more intense and sincere is your prayer, the more souls will be touched in this way. Beloveds, God bless you in these humble, but powerful efforts. God bless you mightily, beautiful souls. I am Seretta Kem and I love you.

Response: These portals are being established all over the world in conjunction with the lattice of light. They seem

to be important for the angels to gain a foothold in our world so that they may uplift humanity. It is exciting to be a part of what they call God's Plan for the Salvation of Mankind. Evidence of this plan taking shape is in the establishment of these spiritual structures. I have seen the portals at several places – they are essentially light tunnels made from many types of spiritual energies. They are channels for the angels to come here more easily and they bring with them many blessings of healing, love and spiritual power. They are able to expand and contract. They can be established on a temporary basis in a room where prayers for Divine Love takes place and they can amp up tremendously the spiritual power in the room during prayer. Pretty amazing stuff.

Response: My tiny mind goes to the Egyptian mirror design that lights a dark place with a single ray. I see one of the effects from these portals as bringing the blessings of healing light energies to the earth, and each of us on the path, can be seen as a mirror to help magnify the spread. In this way, I can better visualize our instrumentality in the lattice, and how we become part of a system, connecting all of us together, and helping the greater plan to illuminate the dark world in God's Light.

Response: From my perspective, the earth was always intended to be part of the heavenly realms, but humankind has persistently made choices that have created a great

distance between the earth and the heavens that now requires the establishment of portals of light in order to elevate the spiritual conditions of the planet. My other thoughts are at <https://wakeupcallforthesoul.com/lattice-of-light-invitation/>.

Response: We are all called to help recover this gift – as God intended. So important to pray for the Lattice of Light and for the portals!

More on the Portals

Question: As I was driving along this afternoon, I started to ponder on the true purpose of the portals. My first thought was to ask the medium to ask for further guidance on this, then I realized that I only had to ask and I might receive the information I wished directly.

We all know the more obvious results of being within a portal and the greater sense of connection and energy it imparts or that is imparted by the Celestial Spirits who are more easily able to connect with us, but I believe that the significance and use of the portals is far greater than this.

I believe that they are part of a great plan to empty the hells and lower earth levels of earthbound spirits. These great beacons of light are beckoning the hordes of spirits in need of direction and succour and are part of the teaching program above to those below. The result of this will be that mankind will have fewer evil influences whispering in their ear thus leaving space for a higher vibration and influences. To thus benefit all mankind, we need these portals in every possible area to make them as accessible as possible to the lower spirit world. Then we will draw closer to the "As Above so Below" idea.

What are your thoughts and guidance on this? Have I received it correctly?

Response: Very interesting! I couldn't begin to know if you received it correctly (newbie still) but it resonates with me. All of our guidance seems to be about praying. It seems to me that our Celestial guides care far more about that than any of our human behavior or foibles. So I suspect that it is this 'soul' work that is a magnitude level of importance higher than the human love (even the perfect kind) work. And your explanation would fit in nicely.

Response: There has always been a plan. It's still the same plan as existed in the beginning. God's laws. The laws set down in creation have never wavered or changed. They are perfect, just and loving. The law of gravity allows us to function on the physical plane. However, the laws of emotion and creation unfortunately are not seen as absolute. The hells and the Celestial kingdoms are the result of the application of the laws. All times have been significant in terms of the potential for change.

I'm glad you acted on your desire to go directly to your guides or God for your answer. This is a law. The law says if you will seek a relationship with God, you will receive God's truth unhindered by the injuries of others you might consult.

Divine Love is about this one-to-one relationship. Without it we are on the natural love path seeking guidance for the mind. Only God guides the heart.

Response: To go to God for our guidance is indeed the highest source, but for many that is a difficult road and one fraught with challenges and misunderstandings. We all started with Padgett which gave us the road map. We are blessed with the support of others and that may include receiving messages. The Achilles heel is when we value messages over receiving God's Love. Then we start to stagnate on this path. Receiving the blessing of God's Love is the key to everything that this path represents. Having communications from the angels is not necessary, but adds a blessing to the experience and some important truth to it.

Response: I'm not saying we do not or should not receive guidance from others. Clearly, I have learned from many. What I'm suggesting is that we tend to become dependent on asking a medium for "the answer". This can lead to an unhealthy dependence because we don't want to do the work ourselves. I consider myself a guide and hopefully I guide to truth. But until the person experiences a truth for themselves, it is a belief. God is best at allowing us to experience truth, not just hear it. I was acknowledging that one can get the answer they seek from God, albeit it requires more work. There is a dependency today on "gurus, life coaches, mentors" that historically has not led to much real growth. This is the natural love path. Learn how to be better and be encouraged to be better should we fail.

When we stop asking God for things, such as heal my cancer, fix the weather, save the planet, and recognize that we were instructed to “dress and keep the garden” we move into a position of personal responsibility in the recognition that God wants to give us the answer. Our problem is that God’s answer is probably confronting. Truth is almost always confronting. God does not pander. Often when I ask God a question, I see the injury or facade in me that I’m avoiding. This is God’s way of loving us.

The natural love path is full of encouragement and support. The Divine Love path is the Truth. Often confronting. God’s position is that we need no one else to become at one with Him. Jesus had no one in the first century.

Response: In our Monday night prayer circle, one of our dear friends has seen that the portal extends deep into the lowest spheres and all the way up to the Celestial heavens, and that spirits are being brought up out of the darkness into the light, each with a spirit guide helping them.

It seems that all of us mortals praying for Divine Love have an essential role in that the more Divine Love in our souls and the more we pray to be used as channels for God's purpose provides an essential energy for this work. *Love is the currency!*

A message from Serreta Kem emphasizes that the angels need more portals on earth, and if we are indeed dedicated, consistent and prayerful, then the angels would like to build more portals for their work.

Response: The message is as follows.

Title: Pray for Portals of Light and for More to be Established

Spirit: Seretta Kem; Medium: Al Fike; Date: September 9, 2019; Location: Gibsons, BC

Beloved souls, I am Seretta Kem. I wish to encourage you to continue to pray for these Portals of Light that have been established in the world and to pray that there will be more, for the world needs many more. As you pray and feed these Portals, they will become great nexus of Light in the world that will feed the Lattice of Light that is being formulated with your efforts and the efforts of others. This beautiful network of Light will feed the world greater light, will help to change the conditions of the world to something that is more in harmony with God's Creation and will help bring the influence and efforts of Heaven and the Higher Spirits closer to Earth. For now, the Earth is riddled with many, many dark influences, many, many conditions that are not in harmony with love, as you well know.

This effort is important to neutralize such dark conditions, to help bring wave upon wave of light and to

help push back the darkness. So I ask you, in those times when you are not engaged in other work, keep these Portals in your mind and your prayers. Consider that this is an important part of your work, to pray for these conditions to intensify, for these Portals to brighten and strengthen and widen, that the power of these gifts from God will be energized and strengthened with each day. Yes, we may pray for this as well, but it is important that you pray for these things. For you bring an extra element to the structure of these Portals through your prayers, through what we may use you as a channel, an instrument to help in the construction and maintenance of these beautiful Portals of Light.

Wherever there is a beautiful soul of light who desires to establish a Portal in their residence or building or church or whatever the structure may be and there is stability there, a foundation so to speak, then a Portal may be established, added again to the great network of Portals. So for those who are listening to this message, wherever they may be, know that this is a possibility, that this gift may be given. It is not given lightly. It is not given in circumstances that are of happenstance and instability. It is given as a gift to those who have earned and have created a stable environment of Light around them and within their home.

If these gifts are deemed appropriate, those individuals will know that such a gift has been given. They may see it,

feel it, sense that there's something different in the atmosphere of their home, sense that the Love is present in greater abundance, that there is greater harmony and peace. We are eager to establish more of these beautiful instruments of light. As we are eager for all of you to continue in your efforts to help build the network of light, the Lattice of Light in the world.

These are exciting times, beloved souls, to see the movement forward, to witness a change in your world that is so needed, to see that there are great efforts to bring light to your world. And that these gifts are reinforced and expanded, not only from us in the Celestial Kingdom but from you as well, God's instruments on this Earth. Know that you are given this responsibility, this gift, this charge of helping to establish Truth and Light in the world. That you have grown within your souls to such an extent that we have come to rely upon your light, your efforts and your ability to walk in the world as a light.

Though you are still mortals and human, you carry within your soul a great light, a power that is unusual in your world. You still try in your conversations and your comparisons with others to get an understanding of the light within your soul, of why you have such attitudes and love and acceptance as you move in the world. This is the light of your soul, beloveds. Yes, within your mind you continue to have biases and prejudices, judgments and

fears, and all things that are human. But you know, truly know, within you that these things are not ruling your life. These things become weaker with each day and the Truth emerges within your consciousness.

Be joyful, my beloved friends, of what it is that is happening within you, how you have indeed crossed many thresholds of understanding and of being in Light. You are indeed precious to us and deeply loved by God. To have Master Jesus send all the bright angels in Heaven praying for you, praying for your efforts to reach out, to connect, to help nurture the Lattice of Light. You have established a permanent foundation of Light and Love around you. You will continue to grow and awaken and see more clearly with each day, to observe yourself, observe how God guides you, how the angels continue to gather around you as you walk in the world. Indeed, you come to know that deep desire within your soul to serve, to be a Channel of Light. You are doing so, beloveds, even when you are at rest you are a Channel of Light. That Light that burns bright within your soul continues to influence the world, to have its effects in your immediate environment and, at times, in places far-off.

So much happens without your knowing and realizing. So much is possible because your soul is coming awake and is unfolding as God continues to bless you and awaken you. So, my beloved, beloved friends and those who are your

friends and our friends, know that much is happening, that there is a great effort, a great wave of change and love and light that continues to wash over your Earth. You become brighter in the process. You become stronger and emboldened in this ever-changing environment that God continues to enrich and enliven with His Hand upon this world. Know that much is coming, much is coming, that the world will open wide for you and make possible many things because you have your feet firmly implanted upon the Divine Path. You know the Truth. You, with each day, continue to make great efforts to live this Truth and so you are precious, beloveds. So you are lights in the world.

I say these things not to inflate great pride or possibilities that you are beyond others in ways of the world. No, my beloveds, as one grows in God's Love, so grows a sense of humility. So grows a sense of appreciation and gratitude for God. For are not all of these blessings and all of these gifts and all that you are blessings from God? Be humble, beloved souls. There is wisdom in humility, there is grace in humility and there is power in humility. Be a Channel of Love. Grow in God's Love with each day and know that you are truly loved and truly blessed, truly blessed.

God bless you, beloved souls. I am Seretta Kem and I am happy to be with you this morning with your prayers. My love is with you. God bless you.

Standing Up and Speaking the Truth

Question: This woman (Joan Chittister on [Oprah Winfrey show](#) talking about her new book, *The Time is Now*) has a lot of wisdom to share. Love her idea about all of us being prophets in a new age of truth telling and living.

Response: I too love what this dear sister has said. She is inspiring and wise. I love how she shares her truth which resonates deeply with me!

Response: Yes, she is wise and practical. I have read and referred to on my website to one of her books: <http://universal-spirituality.net/.../prayer-another.../>

Response: Oprah will be interviewing Richard Rohr live streaming this week. I could be wrong, but I think Joan Chittister is in Rohr's group. In any case, I'm sure she will also make a meaningful contribution. Rohr is writing and talking about the mystic's way.

Response: Chittister and Rohr belong to two different Catholic orders (Saint Benedict and Friars Minor, related to the Franciscans, respectively), but they both present much valuable knowledge and insights. In fact, my belief is that there are many spiritual/religious teachers that we can learn from, no matter what their background or affiliation

is. It boils down to what resonates with our individual souls at a given time.

Response: I also experience wisdom from other teachers that awakens my soul and we know from the Padgett messages that there are many of us who have received Divine Love even while entertaining erroneous beliefs. That makes sense. Soul development is progressive and dependent on our souls' yearnings, is it not?

Response: Yes, I agree. There are two levels of understanding truth in my opinion. Our most commonly shared perspective is the mindful one which can receive a lot of support from others if we are good communicators. The other perspective is that of soul.

Response: When we are searching, we easily recognise other searchers as they have that whiff of authenticity irrespective of their beliefs and may often trigger new understandings even if their own are off the pace in some areas. Ultimately it will not matter for those who are open to Divine Love as they too will recognise it in this life or the next. This is why it is in the small things which we can demonstrate to each other that the path is prepared.

Response: I have now listened to the whole interview which is very insightful and she sums up the present reality well (just wished all the ads weren't interrupting so often). I like the way she described Jesus as both loving, but also

as a prophet and not afraid to speak up about what was wrong and hypocritical. She also correctly stated that God doesn't punish sin, sin punishes sin – aka cause and effect or law of compensation.

However, I think that while there is time and place for anger, being driven by a lot of anger becomes counter-productive and can result in the very same attitude of dislike, division and even hate that one is speaking up against. But overall, she brings up some excellent points, showing the crisis of values and loss of moral direction which got the world to where it is.

Response: I listened to the book which she narrates. I struggle with her suggestions on how to act to solve these problems as I did all of these things after the election that brought us the current administration. Maybe I wasn't patient enough but in the state I live, it is an uphill battle. We couldn't even get a response from our elected officials and they wouldn't meet with us. We called, we wrote, we emailed, we attended local visits by his staff, we marched. I even started a local Indivisible group and interacted with groups in nearby cities, state, and national. Eventually, I felt that we had a sickness in the people of the country that could only be solved with God's help which is when I started to pray for His help. The thing I most identified with in the book is that taking a stand against evil can result in being very lonely. On the positive side, I made some fantastic new

friends in my town, county, and nearby cities who think the same as I do, so that has been a big comfort. I am still contemplating what she had to say.

Also, I did send her an email. I told her about the Padgett books, Divine Love, and using prayer as another approach. I haven't heard back yet.

Response: Just watched ... love her demonstration of truth and wisdom.

Response: I just transcribed the message from White Cloud and it seems to echo many of the same messages I just read in the book from Sister Chittister. He doesn't give examples of injustices that she does, other than the trampling of the Earth, but the call to action is much the same. I encourage you to take a listen if you can. It is very powerful.

Response: Yes, I just listened to White Cloud's message. I wouldn't call myself a green activist, as I'm suspicious of bad science being extrapolated by politicians and the media, but I agree with the general thrust of the message. Was this topic discussed in the prior chat circle?

Response: I wasn't in the prayer circle where this message was received, but am very involved with the message transcription process. Maybe someone in the circle can answer your question.

Response: This message came through Saturday evening at our home during a prayer party! Sometimes (because we live on Central Avenue) we are known as "Party Central"! About 20 of us gathered at 4 pm for prayer, then we had a potluck feast and sing-along for the rest of the evening! It was lots of fun.

Two of our very close friends who are indigenous to this area and inspiring leaders in the community. They offer a drum circle once a month which most of us in our Divine Love Circle attend. They brought enough drums for everyone and before the prayer began, Terry Coyote told us some amazing stories about his vision quest in the wilderness and how the elders gave him his name!

Coyote is a survivor of the residential school system here in Canada and in his particular case, he suffered unspeakable abuse and violation. He was drug addicted and about to commit suicide before the alcohol and drug counsellor just happened to stop by his house and saved him. He went into treatment and has been clean and sober for 33 years. Coyote went on to sue the government of Canada and the Anglican Church who ran the school for the next 17 years until he won. All he asked for was an apology from the prime minister! His was the first suit of its kind in Canada and since then many other survivors of the residential schools have followed in his footsteps.

Coyote is an amazing storyteller and drummer. We count him and his beloved wife Christine amongst our dear friends. White Cloud is one of his guides, so it was no surprise to us that White Cloud came with his message. The power of White Cloud's visit and all the celestial angels and spirits present with us was phenomenal!

These gatherings in our home are such a privilege for us to host. Not to mention the incredible feast and other friends who brought ukuleles and we sang and sang all evening!!

Response: Here is that message.

Title: You Must Stand Up and Speak the Truth

Spirit: White Cloud

Medium: Al Fike

Date: June 1, 2019

Location: Gibsons, B.C.

Blessings from the Creator. I am White Cloud. You have drawn me into your Circle with your songs and your stories of those who have experienced the truths of the peoples of your land, the Great Turtle Island, as it is called.

You have come from many different places and you refer to God in many different names whether it be the Great White Spirit, whether it be the Holy Grace of the Creator or Allah, many names for one God. Yet, within your hearts is

a true sense of being children of God. Each one of you has a Light. Each one of you carries the Truth. Each one of you has a gift to give.

God will guide each one in accordance with your desires, your gifts, and the light within. You will be guided by God. It is the Love within your souls, that sacred place, that will guide you forward in your efforts to help to heal this precious place. For every creature, including all of humanity, suffers here because the Laws of Creation, the harmony of God's Creation, has not been obeyed nor recognized. Humanity continues to trample the Earth with no feeling or reverence for what God has created. It is for each of you and many, many more who must rekindle your understanding, your perception of what life truly is, this gift that God has given you. With this gift of life come many awarenesses, understandings of the complexities of this world. You must use your understanding, the insights of your souls to share Truth with others, to help open their eyes, to help open their hearts with gratitude and awe and wonder of what is in your world. What is in all of God's great Creation, this understanding, this knowledge, and this Love for all that is, is the power that is required to change the world.

Each of you in your own way understand this and know this truth. I say to you, my friends, stand up and speak your truth wherever you are or whatever situation you may be in

in the world. Stand up. Be brave and walk your truth in every way that you can. For change in the world, the healing of the world, my friends, will not happen because someone has waited and not taken action. It happens because each one stands for truth and will not sit and wait.

God needs strong souls, souls that are awakened to Truth, souls that are persistent, souls that are wise. In this way, God will guide each one of you in whatever way is part of God's plan to awaken and heal the world. For too many are asleep. Too many passively wait for something to happen.

My friends, God calls each one of you in your hearts and beckons you to that place where you are aware and awake. That you will not sit idly by and allow your brothers and sister to trample upon this planet, numb and unaware of their actions. You must speak, you must reach out, you must talk in ways that are of love, but also in ways that are of truth.

To do so, my friends, God will put the words in your mouth. God will guide you upon a journey that is of service, that will awaken humanity, and where you will join many, many others who also feel the call, who also have awakened, who also are brave and speak the truth, unflinching they speak the truth. This will not make you someone who people adore. But it will make you someone

that people respect, for they will feel the power of the truth that you speak. Something within them will be stirred. Within this call that you make to your brethren, there will be an answer that will come that will bring peace and balance to your world.

This begins my friends, this great change, this great transition is in place. God has ordained and has come to sanction these changes. For without intervention, your world will crumble and fall into great chaos. God comes to save His children and all creation. You must listen. Listen to that call. Listen to what God has to say to bring you into alignment with this changing time that you may speak your truth and live your truth and bring others to a place of knowing and understanding why all that is in motion is important and necessary.

Seek out your Creator, my friends. Seek God into your hearts. Come to know the Love that God has for you and all and all His Creation. Love exists. For every soul that walks this Earth, God's Love can be given and can awaken the true sight, the true understanding of life. It is for the asking, my friends. It is for you to ask and to receive, to seek and to be awake within.

I thank you for listening to me today. I thank all of you for your efforts, for your light, for your work, for your time that is given to God. God will continue to pour His blessings

upon you all. It is a never-ending cascade of Light that you may all receive and bask in and be changed and healed by. The Light of God's Love is for you and is never, ever restricted. Its bounty is endless. Its power is beyond your comprehension, my friends. Seek it. Come to seek it within your hearts and it will show you the way.

May God bless you, my beloved friends. I am with you often, many of you. I help you and I seek to guide you. Many blessings come your way through our prayers. Those of us who live in the Realms of Light come to assist the children who seek Love, Light, Truth, and great blessings for this world.

God bless you. I am White Cloud and I know you. Many of you know me in your hearts for I've been with you as your friend. God bless you. Thank you.

Sharing the Truth with Those with Differing View

Question: This phrase, spoken to us by Catholic nun in Ireland, really rings true to me: “If your truth is greater than my truth, I will come to it and if my truth is greater than your truth, you will come to it.” How do you approach others with differing views on spiritual truth? Humility is certainly an important component and being open to what others have to say is respectful and loving. Do you feel that you are on the horns of a dilemma when in this situation? What are your ideas on how to approach others when sharing the Truths about God's Love?

Response: I have found the best way, at least for me, is to just hand them a pamphlet like was done to me and see if they are even interested.

Talking about it, I find there is so much skepticism and people are just set in their ways. Not many are really seekers of truth. Sadly enough, their hearts have hardened and are not open to reading, or some read and think it's false.

Response: Judas states in his messages that their beliefs that Jesus is God, Jesus came to die to reconcile us to God and died for our sins and needs to be worshipped are of little consequence. I am still working my way through these

beliefs as I don't share them. Jesus is mentioned in the Koran 2,700 times and Mohammed 1700 times. In Islam Jesus was a prophet. These are the fundamental beliefs that might separate us.

Love transcends belief. Love is never judgemental or critical. We at this point are contemplating a grain of sand on a beach of knowledge and experience. The more I know God, the smaller that piece of sand becomes in relation to the beach. Imagine setting the universe into existence with all of the possibilities present. Whether Jesus died for my sins or not becomes quite irrelevant. This has made me more humble to love my neighbour as myself.

We recently attended and joined an evangelical Christian church. Such a great experience. In the end however, they could not accept us. Very sad. I could not of course say the words to placate them. I learned so much about inclusion and the operation of God's plan in their lives.

Response: The nature of truth is that it can only be discerned by the soul. Since souls are at various states of development, we have the 'my truth, your truth, his truth' syndrome. All this and yet there is only one truth. Even if only one soul believes this truth, this truth remains.

I have always encouraged those interested in spiritual progression to pray constantly for the Divine Love, since it

is only the Divine Love that allows us to even be able to discern the truth. It is the level of Divine Love in the soul that will also allow us to determine which mediumship is divine and which is not.

Speaking strictly for myself, I have found the Padgett messages to have the highest level of truth contained therein. James Padgett was personally chosen by the Master to receive his messages for the world. Jesus waited a long, long time to find his mouthpiece and I believe Padgett was as true a medium as the world has ever known or will know. All other (so called) mediumship pales next to these messages. I have read them for almost 50 years now without missing one single day and I will continue to do so until I pass over. The Law of Rapport states that in order to be in rapport with someone so developed as Jesus of Nazareth, one needs to have the level of Divine Love that Padgett had in his soul. I see no such medium on earth today that even remotely approaches that level of love.

Response: Different path. Same destination.

Response: I think it's first and foremost about respecting where others are coming from. Without a knowledge of Divine Love, life is often hard and people are just somehow getting by. Getting things done and being practical, but having a different focus than Divine Love people. But at the same time understanding that Divine

Love is what people are really wanting without knowing it, that something that the soul is yearning for but doesn't know what is.

So yes, it's about respecting one another and seeing that these different views aren't really that different, but people come from a different perspective.

Response: My personal approach is to feed into a conversation a little of what I get up to. It is not difficult to discern whether there is real interest or not.

Today I was working at the island's top hotel in the entrance foyer. I thought I recognized someone...wrongly as it happened...which gave the guy next to him to pipe up that he thought he recognised me...wrongly again as it happened. Anyway, this guy was a devout Anglican who lives in Sark and plays the parish organ. In no time at all he was regaling me with stories of extraordinary spiritual coincidences and incredible predictions which came true – all because I had told him I was a type of Spiritualist.

He had taken me for a Vicar at first. I told him that birds of a feather flock together, which was probably the reason he approached me. It's great, isn't it? Life affirming ... makes me smile.

Response: I used to be totally intent on sharing truth. But since learning that sharing truth in an unloving way is

automatically out of truth, it's getting easier to open my heart before I start spilling what's in my head. I have a standing request of God and my guides to connect me to the "Divine appointments" that will benefit us both. So I am alert to that tap on the shoulder to share.

Response: I spoke to a few people tonight at a dinner in Ireland about the angels and my spiritual path, and at one point two people said "that really rings true". It was in response to me saying, I believe the soul is made in the image of the Creator with the possibility of becoming at one with our Creator in very substance by receiving God's Essence – Divine Love for the asking in our souls. One guy said "yeah, ask and you shall receive, knock and the door will be opened."

Response: Being a medium gives some advantage to the situation. I can speak without speaking, describe the presence of the angels and with most (but obviously not all) I have a receptive audience. At least they are curious about the process of mediumship and because the angels are quite close in rapport to everyone present in a circle of light, they feel the rarefied air to some degree or another.

Others are just plain gifted speakers. They can hold an audience and speak with such sincerity and eloquence that people are drawn into the narrative. Others just act in love and reach out in service to humanity. My wife is a connector

and initiator who has the gift of tuning into people and makes them feel special and heard. Each of us in our own way is used by God to open the doorway to these truths. It may not show obvious results, but planting seeds is the way of God's Plan.

I firmly believe that it is not so much the words we speak but the way in which we demonstrate our capacity to love and the expression of our particular gifts which plants those seeds. Of course, God is the gardener, we're the ones toiling in the field. Some seeds take hold and grow but many do not. As a gardener in the physical world, I understand that if seeds are planted in good soil, watered and receive the warmth of the sun, there is a good chance of success.

Unfortunately, in our world, it is more often than not a spiritual desert. We try to till the dry soil of skepticism and apathy with little results, but there are those hearty souls who recognize the truth that we give, hopefully in love, and they respond with openness.

It is often the predisposition of our minds which cause us grief. We can take a lot of time to reach out to those mired in dry soils. It takes a bit of soul discernment to figure this out. Being attuned to God's Guidance for us is best as it is amazing how things pop up spontaneously in

our lives where that teaching moment is realized. Some of the descriptions here are great examples of that.

Getting out there in the flow of humanity is the key. Without some form of contact, whether it be online or face to face will bring some results. It may not be instant germination, but it is the act of seeding that God rewards us for.

The angels accompany us always and they are eager to assist us as the field hand. Such blessings and opportunities there are when one dedicates themselves to these truths of God's Love. The results may not satisfy the ego but the soul sings in this kind of service to God. May we continue to toil with our hearts singing its praises to the Creator for giving us the blessings of Love filling our souls and the opportunities to share the good news of the New Birth.

Does Divine Love Automatically Follow Natural Love?

Question: Wouldn't the Divine Love just naturally follow the Natural Love? Do we not keep the natural love with us always?

Response: Divine Love is a gift which you must ask for. We must choose it and want it as it will change us in many ways which will only be obvious in retrospect. If it naturally flowed from one into the other then many more would have found it, and that is not the case.

Response: The Divine Love is a gift that is offered and must be accepted and continually sought more of by praying for it. The natural love is ours from birth, but must be developed. Both purify our soul, but the Divine Love actually transforms our soul into divine substance. So the two kinds of love are different, but the two paths complement or even parallel.

You would have hard time to tell which of two loving people is on the natural love path and which one is on the Divine Love path because you cannot see their soul state. By the same token, a person on the Divine Love path may act unkindly from time to time because of certain issues they are struggling with. We are all work in progress and have started out with different "love quotients" – some of

us have had a head start over others and therefore we shouldn't judge one another.

Response: Natural love is what we are born with and Divine Love is received within our souls through prayer and asking God for this gift. One can follow from the other or not. They are two separate entities within the human spiritual expression.

Response: I have another question. I've said the Divine Love prayer at least a couple times a day for three months now, and though it is a lovely prayer, I don't feel it coming from my heart or soul, as I felt the Lord's Prayer did when I prayed it, usually ending up in tears. Is this natural for a beginner, or am I not ready for this Divine Love, or can just talking to God sincerely about this gift be enough?

Response: The Lord's prayer is absolutely fine, plus it's short and easy to remember. In fact, your prayer could be shortened down as far as you wish. "Send me your Love, please Father" or just "Love". It's like a sutra which in a word or two encapsulates everything which you already know and feel. Feeling is a good operative word because it is your desire and yearning for God in you that is important and no words need be said at all if you can feel that desire for God to fill your soul from within your heart.

Another way is to imagine that with each intake of breath God's Love is coming down through your head and into your heart filling you with joy.

Reading what you say above I believe that you may already be doing something which works and you know what to say, so if it ain't broke don't fix it!

Response: Why use words at all, sister? Words put us into our minds. The Divine Love flows into the soul by the aid of the Holy Spirit directed by God. Both are silent. I just sit and yearn for it.

Response: One of the messages (maybe more than one) says, and I am paraphrasing now, that a thought, desire or feeling can be more powerful and faster acting than words. So I echo what has been said above – use any prayer that is heartfelt and sincere for you. It can be the Lord's Prayer, your own prayer, or a wordless prayer. The important thing is that the desire for God's Love is coming from your heart/soul and that the prayer is not just intellectual or out of obligation.

Response: You may now be wondering what the "only prayer you need" is for. As you have discerned, it is a beautiful prayer. It also reflects the truth, and this is where its great value lies in directing you to a true understanding of your direct relationship with God within.

Response: Sometimes we put too great expectations on ourselves. Prayer from the heart is all that is needed. Asking for Divine Love is important too. Simple is best.

Response: Prayer for Divine Love is all that's important. The rest will follow.

Response: We are born with the capacity of natural love and the potential to receive Divine Love if we choose to. Choice is a function of our free will and God never violates our free will. Only if we seek Divine Love, actively yearn for it in our souls, will it be given to us. Our souls may yearn without our conscious awareness and thereby receive the Love, but it is conscious, intentional desire from the soul for God's Love that is the fast track to soul progression.

However, we may carry longstanding, unconscious beliefs and feelings that block the inflow of Love – for example, believing that all others are deserving of the Love but not ourselves, or not fully trusting God because of distrust of or anger towards our earthly parents. I found such barriers within myself that once recognized, needed my caring attention and prayers for God's healing of them. Becoming aware of and choosing to release these blocks to the Love, then experiencing a clearing of them, greatly deepened my faith in God's ever present, ever available Love, faith that God loves each of His creations equally, endlessly, infinitely.

How and How Often Do You Pray?

Question: How often do you pray and what form does it take?

Response: My most serious prayer is for one hour every morning. I say little prayers during the day and do Circles of Light usually three times a week. Lots of time devoted to prayer and it brings beautiful results. If I miss prayer for a day, I feel it. In order to be uplifted in the Love, I need to be consistent in my prayer life, otherwise the 'human condition crowds in and I am a bit on edge. We jokingly call ourselves prayer-holics, but there is some truth to that. The only addiction that is truly good for you. I look forward to my prayer time each day and it is often the highlight of my day. My wife and I sit quietly on a comfortable chair together, play soft music and sometimes say a prayer out loud. We unplug the phone and avoid any distractions. It's our time with God.

Response: Here is what we have on our website under the title: "What is Divine Love? – The Great Experiment"

You cannot truly know what Divine Love is until it becomes a personal experience. Words can't come close, descriptions of any kind are inadequate because being touched by God is unique for each individual. It is the most

refined form of love in the universe. Everything else, including our own capacity to love, comes up short in comparison. After all, this is God's own love given through prayerful longing.

God's Divine Love changes you. Once you have some of it within your soul, it can never leave you. In fact, as you continue to pray for it, it will accumulate within and not only heal your inner wounds and bring you profound joy, it will fundamentally change every part of you. Your soul, that part of you that is your true self, becomes energized and empowered by this love, affecting every layer of your being including the physical, emotional and spiritual. This takes time and effort in prayer, but its effects are felt soon enough.

We invite you to take part in an experiment of sorts that we feel will help facilitate your own experience of receiving Divine Love. Please follow the instructions below and you are certain to come to know the power and wonderment that is God's Divine Love:

The Great Experiment – how to experience God's Love.

It is important to take time at least once a day to be in quiet prayer, even several times a day if possible.

Find a quiet and comfortable place in order to sit or lie down in prayer. If there is no private place to pray, one can

recite this prayer wherever you are and it will have some effect.

Make yourself comfortable. Quiet your mind and ask God to be with you as you relax and focus.

The following prayer may be used as a helpful guide:

Dear God,

Please open my soul to an inflowing of your Love. I am here to be with you and I know that you wish to be with me. Put your light and cloak of protection around me from all spirits and influences that are not Celestial. Bring your angels close and lift me up into your arms of Love and may your Holy Spirit convey your Love into me.

Help me to know and trust you like the child that I am within my soul and help me to go beyond my earthly thoughts to a place of longing and connection with you. May I come to know who I truly am and who you are. May all that distracts me and keeps me bound to the earthly conditions melt away into the light of your presence. Show me the beauty and glory of your being and your Love. Bring me to that profound peace which comes with your presence.

I desire only the highest and deepest touch from you, my dear Creator. Open my eyes and my heart to the truth as only you can give with the blessing of your Love. Change

my heart and heal all that is out of harmony with you. Oh gracious God, show me how to truly love and bring me to sweet at-onement with you. I am here to receive all that you wish to give and that I am able to receive at this time. Amen.

You may wish to add to or edit this prayer to something that is more personal for you but it is important to ask for the inflowing of God's Love into your soul in order to activate the laws of receiving this blessing. Because we have been created with free will, God will not force this Love on anyone but will give it to anyone who sincerely asks for it.

Honest and sincere prayer is vital. The beginner may feel shy or awkward when praying, but if you persist and are consistent in your efforts, the blessings will begin to flow...in as much as our souls are able to receive. Once you experience receiving this blessing, you will not turn away. It is bliss and liberation and much more. Ask from your heart and you will know this Love to be real and powerful. It is there for the asking.

Many feel nothing at first because it takes time to break through the mental barriers most of us have towards this experience. Our consciousness is most often riding on the surface of our senses-oriented mind. In order to connect with God in this way, one must "let go and let God" and go deeper, and that takes practice. That is why it is so

important to keep praying even when it becomes an inconvenience or a chore.

This blessing is worth every effort and soon enough one's personal barriers to God will fall away. Then, rather than a chore, these times of prayer and communion will become the highlight of your day. The angels will be praying with you, always by your side, to help you open your soul and experience an inflowing of Divine Love for yourself. Please try this experiment. It could change your life. God's Love is waiting for you.

Response: My most important prayer time is in the morning. This can take several forms – in bed before getting up, in my room enjoying the early morning sun, or on a park walk inspired by the nature around me. I also try to be conscious of God and asking for His Love whenever I can throughout the day. This can be times of breaks between activities, while waiting, or while doing an activity that doesn't require mental concentration. I like to end the day with prayer sometime in the evening or before going to bed or falling asleep.

Response: I get up at 5:15 every morning to meditate and pray. It's the only quiet time I can find between work and family. I soooooo look forward to it! And just talk to God and angels randomly all day long.

How to Effectively Pray for Divine Love

Question: I have read vol. I and begun vol. II of the messages and so gleaned a bit about how to obtain the Divine Love. However, how does one pray earnestly, with soul longing etc.? I've been praying the Prayer Perfect and others but it's more like a recital than what the Father requires. I've never been any sort of prayer warrior and my prayers have always been of the sort that never rise above the top of my head. I fear that I will miss out on the greatest gift in the world. Sure, in my "mind" I'm seeking this Love but lip service won't make the grade...so to speak. I had an experience yesterday and cried like a baby in prayer, however it was more like a release of some old baggage. I've read that "you will know" when you've received it. However, I also read that it can come incrementally. Does anyone have any constructive advice?

Response: I am no expert and indeed I don't know for sure that I'm receiving Divine Love but here is my practice: I put on ear buds and play hymns that bring me to a place of peace. I then mentally ask God to open my heart and soul to His Love, to protect me from bad spirits, to fill my soul with a great inflowing of His Love, and if I have blocks to guide and help me to remove them. Then I focus on God's energy and Love coming toward me as I continue listening

to the hymns with my eyes closed, usually for 45 minutes to an hour. Everyone is different and finds what works for them but that is my practice.

Response: I believe soft music that sings to your heart opens you up to such love and the door to God's heart.

Response: I always listen to gospel after I'm done with my devotionals, then I listen to it in my car on my way to enjoy my day. Sometimes I will sing of my love for Him.

Response: From my experience, there are two requirements to receive Divine Love: 1) A *pure* desire for it and 2) Being aligned with truth as much as you understand it.

God responds to what's happening at the feeling soul level, not the head affirmations. So the elements of authenticity, sincerity, desire, and intention are very pivotal to receiving God's Love.

It took me a couple of years to grasp what "pure" meant. It means untainted with demand or entitlement or unloving motive. For instance, if you desire God's love to help you not feel your blockages to love, feelings like grief, anger, impatience, etc, are examples of emotional addictions that we are trying to get God to meet when people won't. God created the Law of Attraction to *require* us to feel our suppressed "old baggage" feelings.

I would venture to suggest that your releasing the old baggage came about because you have awakened a desire in your soul to be free of those limiting beliefs.

Beliefs are not thoughts. They are emotional. And once an emotion enters your soul, the only route out is to fully experience the feeling.

I feel the soul is a torus form made of emotional energy which will outlast the physical body *and* the spiritual body. Feelings enter this torus and the original design is for all feelings to make the full circuit of the torus flow. (You can find an animated illustration of this flow on YouTube.) Then they expand us with added wisdom.

What this torus is *not* designed to do is to store feelings. So if we desire to not feel our childhood griefs and terrors, the torus creates what I think of as energy clots, tied off with limiting beliefs. These become infected and toxic with unloving layers to keep them from returning to the natural flow and release.

So getting emotionally sensitive is the prerequisite to getting aligned with truth. If I have a pure desire but am not in alignment with truth, then I will not receive more Divine Love until I keep experimenting and find out where I'm out of alignment.

For instance, once I was desiring what I call a God's Love Supplement (better than an energy drink, by the way). Yet I was harboring resentment towards a family member. I had to feel the lesson of how I wasn't going to get a waiver to avoid emoting out *why* I was holding onto resentment. Once I freed up that particular energy clot, I then received the dose of Love. And if I desire it, that dose of Love can contain God's Truth about that particular topic.

I still have literally thousands of these energy clots to address. So technically I am out of alignment with God's truth on many topics. How can my soul receive Divine Love? Because God is aware of the mathematical equation of my soul at any particular moment, and every emotion like intention, desire, error, faith, humility, etc, has a mathematical measure. His Way is to make me aware of where I need to get back in alignment with love.

Yet my soul would not survive if He demanded that I deal with all of it in one episode. Like babies developing into toddlers developing into children, we incrementally learn to roll over, crawl, toddle, walk, run, with a loving parent giving us assistance as we need it.

I find that the feeling of entitlement is a big barrier to receiving Love. Entitlement to holding onto anger, fear, demands, expectations, investing in the facade self, pandering to the damaged self, pandering to other people's

emotional addictions — these are out of alignment with God's Truth. Desire Truth above all other things and be humble to emoting out whatever surfaces to your consciousness. You are in a partnership with God and your guides. Develop reliance on doing things God's Way.

Here's a scene my son sent me of [Hook clock-smashing scene where Jack destroys his father's watch](#). To me it demonstrates the authenticity required to get aligned with truth. Jack is breaking the spell of his facade self of being a "good child", admitting what actually hurt him as a young child and getting it *out*. One caution: express feelings without projecting them *at* anyone. Your grief is your grief; your pain is your pain. Ask God to help. He's the expert helper.

Question: Why when I pray to God for Divine Love do I feel like a child begging for a piece of candy?

Response: Well, if it were me, this is what works for me: admit to God that's what you *really* feel even though you *think* you are supposed to be feeling something else. And how do you feel about God's system? I had to fess up that I felt it was an unfair system that had me being born into such a dysfunctional family. Once I got that out, I could start to sense God's truth about His system.

God desires a relationship with our *authentic* self, not the facade self, even when we judge the authentic self to be undesirable.

Truth will set you free. Literally. Especially ugly truth when we first get on the Divine Love Path. There's a backlog of feelings we've suppressed *because* we put them into the Pandora's box of "not allowed" feelings. You got to start letting those out, experiencing each one, getting the gifts locked inside them. At first it seems that all you get are unpleasant ones. It took me about 15 months to start emoting out the joyful feelings I'd been suppressing.

Response: I'm starting to suspect that if you don't feel like a child begging for a gift from a loving parent, it's either your ego thinking that you can do this without God's help, or it's shame or fear that you don't deserve the gift. I read in a charismatic Catholic context something very close to 'desperation + expectation = space for the Holy Spirit to act.' I think that you could substitute 'desire' for 'desperation' in the first part, but I think that you really have to work on the 'desire' aspect. I don't suspect I'm alone in finding that material comforts here on earth can distract one quite a bit!

Response: I just joined this group, and through the messages I've read, discovered that I really know very little about anything. My grandmother taught me prayer to God

and I've always had God in my life. But very rarely went to church, never read the Bible and never really knew Jesus.

All I really knew is what I would hear from the Christian group. That there's one heaven, one hell, the Bible is the only truth, don't ask questions, just do what the Bible tells you. With a busy life, I never took the time to discover anything else. Just thought it all simply as if you're good, you go to heaven, if bad hell.

Six years ago, I discovered Sylvia Browne, and did my eyes ever open up! Then my husband in life came to me in spirit. This was unimaginable just last year. Looking for some truth why all of this was happening, I discovered Divine Love. A few months before this, I went through an ordeal, where I was begging God for help, and although it took a while, God got me through this. With this I really discovered a part of God I really didn't know.

I'm not sure I can explain to you what I feel. But I believe I had to start from scratch, and have. I have asked God to forgive me, asked for healing of my negative feelings. Asked Him to open my heart to seek more knowledge of Him and Jesus. Asked him to prepare me for seeking this Divine Love.

I believe all this is a desire, a sincere desire from deep within the heart and soul. Something that grows within you, as you talk to God. I believe when you cried, you

opened up your soul to God, and He has come into your heart. When I discovered Divine Love, I was speechless as to how large and how God rules this universe. It's beyond my imagination. Blessings to you. Give it time, you will find your path to God.

Question: It seems that Jesus "as God" was easier to relate to having been in human form and all. The Father is like some nebulous being far away and therefore communication with the Almighty God as I kind of see it is not quite so approachable

Response: We have deep injuries from when our parents did not love us unconditionally and we naturally project onto God the feeling beliefs we created back then. They function as blockages to being vulnerable to God's truth and feelings. Those injuries need to be experienced fully to be released. Once you've cried out all the hurt caused by your parents, your soul softens in tandem to trust in and receive from God.

However, you need to ask God's help in the healing as well. And part of that healing may well be patience. I found this quote in Glenda Green's book: "Do not be anxious or in a hurry for the full manifestation. It may come in the twinkling of an eye, or as a rushing storm. On the other hand, it may grow steadily as the grasses of the meadow.

Remember always that your desire, as great as it is, is actually God's desire in you."

This releasing and healing *can* be done self-reliantly, but it takes a lot longer and is less effective. That's the natural love path way. On the Divine Love Path, we must engage our will to be humble to our true feelings and beliefs and do it while desiring and trusting in God to help us. Once we have voluntarily lanced the boil, God will extract as much pain as we are willing to let flow, which often means being overwhelmed with that feeling.

I'm not referring to effect emotions. It is possible to get stuck in a loop with those and that was my experience with talk therapy. What I'm referring to are the root causal feelings. Effect emotions will alert us that there is a root feeling ready to move from a stuck condition to a flowing condition. We often are frightened of being overwhelmed, so we control it. And oddly enough, many are uncomfortable with being overwhelmed by God's Love when it's entering their soul and so they literally cut it off.

Response: From what I read, Jesus told us, that "if you've seen me, you've seen the Father". True or not? I think if you are sincere, from deep within your heart, God is very approachable. I believe that God wants to see how sincere you really are, how much you really want to have

his Love, so have patience with Him as he has with you. If you stop praying to Him, he'll feel you're not sincere.

Response: I have spent months going through all my hurts and pains in sincere talk with God. I believe these experiences are helping me to grow in spirit and bringing me closer to God. I've read, "When the soul is ready, a teacher will come".

Response: I believe the point is that you cannot pray from the intellect / recite a rote prayer. You need to pray from the heart and soul. And you pretty much just have to keep doing it even if you don't think you are doing it right.

Here's another quote from the Glenda Green's book *The Keys of Jeshua*: "Make no mistake. The yearning you feel is because the Holy Spirit is already moving through you. The desire enlivening your heart is the same eternal energy that moves the stars and galaxies in their orbits; the same Power that keeps the earth in balance, and the birds in flight. So do not strive, worry, or be anxious for the Presence of God. This is what I mean when I say that you must learn to wait on God. You cannot force the inner revelation, for it will come of its own power. It will come from on high, in its own time as the descent of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, prepare yourself in silence, in cleanliness, in listening, vigilance, and patience. The Spirit will come and teach you all things."

Response: I started with the prayer I found in *True Gospel Revealed Anew*. I'm with you in feeling like this prayer seems so much like a recital. Now, the Lord's prayer brings me to tears and opens me up completely. I mentioned this in a post not too long ago, about my feelings with the Divine Love prayer and was told to use whatever prayer I felt deeply about and then ask for the Divine Love to come into my heart.

I think we each know what prayer, whether a written prayer or just one from our heart, will bring us to God. I think you're trying too hard – take it easy. From what I heard, it takes time for this Divine Love to come to you. But maybe you need to be more alert with your feelings to discover it, you may have already been given a titbit of this Love.

I had an experience that tells me that whatever prayer you use, if it's sincere, really sincere, God will come to you, with all you ask for.

Response: The best stuff is the things that have no words to describe. We try, and that's good, it motivates others to have the same experience.

Response: This question was top of my mind during my early steps in the journey too. I'll share my perspective on it, and please understand it is just my perspective, and to

each soul that offers perspectives, the guidance may be somewhat different.

I too felt at some point that merely reciting the Prayer Perfect began to feel more routine and habitual, than a sincere and true longing. It was at this point that I realized that this Prayer was more of an entry point for my soul to begin to receive God's Love, and as time progressed, my prayers to Him became more personalized and intimate. For me, the big question I seek within is 'why do I want this Love?' From that simple question, I'm able to see myself in all the flaws that I carry with me, and if I'm ever to be a true child of light and to serve in the greatest capacity possible, I need to be cured of my disharmonies. So in answering 'why' I want God's Love, I learn that I truly 'need' His Love, and it's the combination of wanting and needing that opens me up to the longing. With the gift of free will, we must first decide we 'want' to live a life of service, and after that decision, we come to understand we 'need' His Love to fully come into the light.

I truly want to serve our Father's will, and I truly need to receive His Love to achieve this goal and reach the extent of my destiny potential.

The key for me with longing is knowing who I'm trying to be, and realizing that I've found the greatest Love of all that can help me get there.

Response: Pray without ceasing, praise Him constantly, let the words of thy mouth be the meditation of thy heart. Tears are the soul's way of washing away all the dirt and sin of the past. Being emotional means your soul is awakening.

Question: Too often I feel like I'm just talking to myself.

Response: Don't talk, just yearn. The language of love is silence.

Response: God hears you. He knows what you're going to say before you say it in words.

Response: The soul expands through overwhelm-ment. I've still got plenty of error-feeling-beliefs stuck in me that will have their turn overwhelming me, yet in the span of a day I now have many more pleasant emotions overwhelming me. I feel it is God's way of coaxing His children to mature, stretching the soul's desire and will for the next increment of growth. Overwhelm melts the barriers so we can pass beyond them. It increases our sensitivity to the nuances of beauty, truth, imagination, etc.

Response: It's been a long tough haul for me, but I now count it all joy for I believe that it was the terrible pain that led me to Him. The joy the Divine Love has brought is inexpressibly sweet.

Response: I feel for you. I, too, was deep in the hells, in intense emotional pain, suicidal, and I credit that

experience with being the impetus that keeps me launching myself each day into the next lesson, the next freedom. Sometimes my intensity is “off-putting” to other people, but I just figure they didn’t descend as far as I did. I pray for grace, tenacity, and sensitivity to the love coming toward me. Let it in even if it makes you bawl.

Response: In the case of finding the Divine Love, the end will justify the means every time – as long as the means is loving to yourself! Being in truth is the most loving thing!

Response: I don't mind going through hell if it leads to Heaven and hell makes me appreciate Heaven all the more. Only those who have gone through hell can understand this! 'I will look to the hills from whence cometh my Help. My help comes from Him.'

Response: Back to the original question of this thread, how to effectively pray for the Divine Love, I do not believe that God withholds His Love to anyone. It is not a matter of worthiness but of receptivity.

We all start on this path from a place of, to some degree or another, a mental understanding. Our expectations are formed by the information gleaned from Padgett or elsewhere and the sharing of others. It all becomes a pretty steep order to fulfill and most feel inadequate to the task. So recriminations come up, a sense of unworthiness, etc. These are all reflective of our mental machinations and

doubts that come when trying to accomplish something new and challenging.

God never holds back, however, it is our struggle to get through the concepts and restrictions of the mind which, for most of us, is blocking the intuitive flow of the soul. The consciousness of soul is a very foreign awareness to many of us brought up to revere and cultivate the faculties of the material mind. The world rewards us for this over and over again. The world does not reward us for our feelings and spiritual life if they do not fall into well-worn paths of understanding.

So, on many levels we find resistance and doubt whether we are aware of it or not. Your heartfelt plea is a reflection of how we all have lost our way to God. Yet we know within ourselves that there is something out there worth struggling for. We have felt some inkling of what is waiting for us. And yes, in this wayward world, such treasures can be exceedingly hard to obtain.

A precursor to the experience of Divine Love is everything that you describe about getting there, and usually only the strong and persistent make it. It's not because God makes it too hard to receive His Love, but we are so caught up in the material plane that these earthly conditions draw us away time and time again.

I believe that we have all been there. The struggle is personal and internal, but it is never because you are unworthy. It's because we have all kinds of diversions like making our way through a maze of our own making. You have the assistance of the angels to help you through.

Your intense feelings indicate a strong desire and longing to go there. It is now a matter of persistent prayer and patience and this is what faith is. I guarantee you that that hoped-for breakthrough will come in time. You've set the wheels in motion but on this earth plane, the most common response is that it takes more time than what most of us want to invest. The Laws of Love always work in our favor if we exercise our faith in prayer.

Response: I will just add my personal experience when I started on this journey about 20 years ago. I gave myself three weeks. I tried three times a day using the Prayer. I was not getting anywhere till I had an inspired thought. I recognised that my "attitude" to God was wrong. You have to extend *love* to God, and for many of us that's hard because God seems very distant and an unknown.

So I spent five minutes thinking of what I love more than anything in the world. After getting a lovely warm feeling about it, I switched to thinking of God. It worked immediately. In point of fact, no words at all were necessary for me to feel the Love.

Later I realised that you have to train yourself, probably the mind, to allow the soul to do what it does naturally – reach out to God. Once you have learned this, it's easy.

Response: The Cloud of Unknowing (a work written by an anonymous monk in the 14th century in England) has these instructions:

“This is what you are to do: lift your heart up to the Lord, with a gentle stirring of love desiring him for his own sake and not for his gifts. Center all your attention and desire on him and let this be the sole concern of your mind and heart. Do all in your power to forget everything else, keeping your thoughts and desires free from involvement with any of God's creatures or their affairs whether in general or particular. ... And so diligently persevere until you feel the joy in it. For in the beginning it is usual to feel nothing but a kind of darkness about your mind, or as it were, a cloud of unknowing. You will seem to know nothing and to feel nothing except a naked intent toward God in the depths of your being. Try as you might, this darkness and this cloud will remain between you and your God. You will feel frustrated, for your mind will be unable to grasp him, and your heart will not relish the delight of his love. But learn to be at home in this darkness. Return to it as often as you can, letting your spirit cry out to him who you love. For if, in this life, you hope to feel and see God as he is in himself it must be within this darkness and this cloud. But if you

strive to fix your love on him forgetting all else, which is the work of contemplation I have urged you to begin, I am confident that God in his goodness will bring you to a deep experience of himself.”

This text is what the monks of St Joseph's Abbey in western Massachusetts used as the basis of Centering Prayer ... after they tired of westerners stopping by looking for directions to the nearby Buddhist meditation center!

Response: I appreciate your humility and honesty in asking this fundamental question of how do we pray earnestly with soul longing. The wonderful responses are valuable to me, too, though I am not a “beginner”. But every day I find I must renew my relationship with God through prayerful reconnection with Him, so the distractions of the world, the error of my thoughts, and the turmoil of my emotions do not become more “real” to me than God’s loving Presence.

I do this by feeling my yearning for God, my love and gratitude for God, my desire to feel His Love. Sometimes it takes me a while to let go of the mental/emotional stuff and truly listen for God’s Presence and guidance. With every prayer, my faith that God truly is with me (and everyone) grows, even when I am not fully successful in reaching the peace and stillness in which I feel God (and/or His angels). Even after years of praying, I feel my spoken prayers never

capture or convey what is really in my heart and soul. But I keep at it, as a practice in talking to God.

Response: Here's a prayer Confucius suggests in one of the messages received: "My Heavenly Father, you can heal me I know this, I know this from the very depths of my being. You can heal me with Your Love, touch the very center of me, those tender and hurting places within me and heal me, bring relief, your soothing Love wiping away the pain, and the tears, the wounds and the fear. Bring me joy, dear Father, joy that is boundless, joy that is everlasting. Redeem my soul, bring me into at-onement with you, beloved Soul, my Father, and may I know the peace that passes all understanding, that deep well of peace that I may carry wherever I go." Source: <https://board.divinelovesanctuary.com/viewtopic.php?t=1029>.

The First Shall Be Last and the Last Shall Be First

Question: "The first shall be last and the last shall be first." Having mused on this a bit, I am wondering now if this may also operate as a balance for those in very difficult circumstances who cry out to God and receive an abundance of his Love in a very short time. For those of us in easier circumstances, we have to learn the lesson of staying power as it trickles in, in tiny barely noticeable doses. Patience though is another strength which may serve us well.

There must be a very large number of souls who predate Jesus and of course many since who have not stepped on the path of Divine Love after in some cases many thousands and thousands of years. So even when we take tiny tortoise steps, in comparison it is like a rocket charging into the Heavens on track for the target.

Response: I have had a long-term challenge with the whole area of comparison. Our schools and parents and all the other very flawed systems have ingrained this unloving emotion into us: how do I compare to others in the room? Where do I fit in the pecking order? Where in the pecking order do I *want* to be?

The deeper question is: What is the injury in me that I bought into comparison as a valid measurement of my value? Once we've bought into a belief, then we no longer need external projections and coercions — we now internalize the unloving belief and bully our own selves. Which is sin.

Each individual soul must examine their personal version of the injury and emote it out, and if done with God's involvement, it turns into a wisdom and depth as Gibran wrote: "the cup that holds your joy is carved out by your sorrow."

Now I do agree that using comparison to appreciate how I felt before releasing an error and the newly experienced relief and liberty afterward — that's useful and nurtures gratitude. But I can no longer tolerate in myself the urge to judge, which is an emotion of categorizing into "good" and "bad". In this transition time where seekers of Divine Love are swaying between the world's way of self-reliance and this challenging path of God reliance, we are still judging emotions that enter our soul as good or bad. This is unfortunate because we then automatically squelch or minimize the ones we judge to be bad which clogs up the entire torus flow of a healthy functioning soul. A wrench jammed into the left side of a geared machine will stop action on the right side. So the mind does not have the power to pick and choose particular feelings they will

express. Suppressing or minimizing a childhood grief or terror will have the effect of dulling the whole soul, desensitizing it so that we will not experience as much joy as we could if all energy clots were released.

The emotion of comparing ourselves to others is a big problem that the world is going to continue encouraging and that the New Age teachings will gloss over with rationalizations like “you are already perfect”.

If we were in a face-to-face conversation, I would suggest that you take some time to explore your exact feelings about *why* you compare yourself with anyone. Talk straight to God about it. He is already aware and waiting for you to want to know. I’m still not entirely free of the urge, so I’m still excavating the why into the light of acknowledgement. And acknowledgement isn’t necessarily a clear thought of analysis. Often it is just surrendering to feeling the pain and after that the clarity comes. It’s incremental.

Response: Thanks for your clarity and personal hard work with this challenge. This judgment of self, comparison of self to others, has been a rich if painful exploration of mine. I find it has many roots within my life experiences, so clearing all the aspects of it is taking what feels like a long time. But as I grow in the certainty of God’s Love for me (as well as for every other created being, from the ant to the

Dalai Lama), I can bring compassion to this old pattern and the feelings attached. Once I recognize and pay loving attention to it, I can invite God's help in freeing myself of it and replacing it with love. I am making progress!

Response: When I read the opening quotation about the “first shall be last”, I also had a “slow-down-a-minute” reaction to it. I did, too, think of the meaning that when I realize my powerlessness deeply (which happens from time to time) I'm able to pray, to reach out to our Father, more sincerely and earnestly. These are the kinds of moments when it occurs to me that the “mortal mind” wishes to be a servant to the soul, to help the words come in saying something that takes us closer to the Truth.

Response: Yes, the mortal mind can be servant to the soul when the soul is awakened and guiding the mind! Which comes as we do the work of loving all we carry, freeing our souls to fully receive Love.

Response: This I feel is the true meaning of humility – the honest desire to feel all the feelings *in* the soul or coming *through* the soul. Humility is the surrender to stop judging any of them and stop triaging which ones we will experience or not. Each emotion, once felt, changes, leaving a bit of emotional wisdom that expands our soul.

Releasing the Dark Vestiges in the Soul

Question: Here is a recent message from Mathew on dealing with our own darkness. It's pretty clear that we need to take responsibility for our own spiritual condition, but with the power of God's Love we can dig deep and seek expiation and healing. Here it is:

Title: Releasing the Last Dark Vestiges in the Soul

Spirit: Matthew

Medium: Al Fike

Date: January 28, 2019

Location: Gibsons, BC

Beloved souls, it is Matthew and I come to answer your questions.

You do not suffer greatly my beloved children, though you believe that your life is difficult. And because you do not suffer greatly, you are not highly motivated to release those conditions that are not in harmony with God's Love though you feel you have prayed sincerely and earnestly for this gift. And yet those parts of you that hang on so tenaciously to the roots of pain, of lack of love, continue to dominate your conscious sense of well-being despite the many blessings that you have received, despite the light within your soul, despite your conscious awareness of these

conditions and a conscious desire to release such conditions.

You see, we in spirit who bring the blessings of God's healing and peace, His love, may alleviate these conditions from you at times and bring you peace and a sense of well-being. You must ask yourself, "when I pray to release these conditions within me, am I merely asking for the relief that our spirit friends may bring or am I willing to look deeply within myself? [I need to] bring these difficult and tenacious conditions that are so rooted within my mind, my beliefs, my understandings of myself to the fore and ask my Heavenly Father to take these from me in the healing of your Love."

Many of you have deep expectations and deep judgements regarding your condition and those struggles that you continue to deal with, often on a daily basis. These worn patterns, these old hurts, these old beliefs are not truly expunged because there is a part of you that continues to hang on and does not want to release these carefully nurtured aspects of your condition and thought patterns.

Some time ago, you received a teaching about the Pentecost and how many of you prayed to receive this gift, this dramatic inflowing of the Father's Divine Love. Our beloved Jesus spoke of the conditions that were required to receive this gift. Conditions that none in the room or very

few in this world are experiencing at this time. The yearning is not there. And so it is with your struggles and your desire to release these last vestiges of pain. They stick to you with such tenacity, such resolute stubbornness. It does indeed require equal force to break these conditions away from you and so your motivation, your yearning must be intense, beloveds, if you are to come to that place of release at this moment.

In time, my beloveds, these conditions will fall away. The power of God's Love will ensure this healing. But if you are so intent upon being in a pristine condition of joy and peace, free of all elements within you that are not in harmony with God's Love, then you must work very hard indeed to break free of these things. Not a pleading, a sense that God must do this for you, but plunging deep within yourself with a true knowing from your soul that when you face these demons within, with such sincerity and depth and desire and with prayer, this deep healing will take place.

Throughout the years, many of you have received much in the way of healing and soul awakening through your prayers for this gift of Love, but indeed, these deep and old and tenacious parts, dark elements within you are the most difficult to expunge because their roots go deep within your soul nourished by your pain and anxieties, your thoughts and your judgments, all manner of emotional and mental

machinations which feed and ensure the presence of these conditions. To truly go within, to truly look within is very difficult for mortals, for each of you in one way or another carry your illusions and your ideas as to how you must be in the world, who you are in your own reality. To go this deep is to crack and break apart such well-worn and well-nourished elements within.

This is truly difficult beloved souls, but it is worth the effort. Though there may be deep, earth shattering pain in this visitation and gaze within your true self, it precludes the birthing of your soul in purity and light. In this birthing process God is there, we are with you as your nursemaids and you will come through such dreadful, difficult pain to light and release, expansion and joy where true love resides rather than the illusion of love. True love, this is where God's great Love penetrates the very darkest places within and heals all that is there. Are you willing to do this, beloved souls? Are you willing to go to that place that so few are strong enough to face and see with clarity? This takes great faith, great courage, and great desire.

Some of you lament that these things have not fallen away as you have so desired, as your expectations insist that such things may merely be released easily and reflexively with inflowing of the Father's Love. Yes, this is possible. This is the power of Love shining through, but for this to take place, you must pray more fervently, you must

have greater faith, you must trust and allow the deep healing to take place.

You have two choices, one in which you willingly and purposefully go within and seek out those dark chambers filled with fear and trepidation, or you may continue with your prayers and in time the healing will indeed be granted easily, but this may take many years. For as the drop by drop gift of the Father's Love accumulates within you, so its power intensifies and awakens and heals. So you must choose. Nonetheless, this healing will take place whether it be soon or at some future date. It must happen and will. It is your choice.

And so, I await your questions beloved souls.

Response: Wish I could say I was ready for "deep, earth shattering pain" ...

Response: Unfortunately, the pain will come whether we want it or not because both light and darkness cannot inhabit the same space. We receive many benefits from this gift of Divine Love, but the greatest of them all is in healing those parts of us which harbor pain and darkness. But it takes a certain amount of courage and faith to go there. The release will not come quickly unless we are willing to look. Such is the operation of these Laws of Love. Ready, willing or not. It's certainly not as bad as holding onto lifelong pain that brings us down each day while waiting for God to bring

us up. God is patient, but there comes a time when we have to stop being children and grow up a little. All of us are often caught in that in-between place where we tolerate the pain because it is somewhat neutralized by the blessings which come in prayer. Life here tests us each day, but like the athlete, we need to prepare, train and do what we can to go beyond it to something quite extraordinary. And we have been given the formula for success. Go team, go!!

Response: Oh, I'm ready and willing! Like I said, just kind of musing at the choice of "earth shattering" ... sounds pretty ominous! Who is really up for that? But I heard this morning someone refer to a Zen saying along the lines of "Better not to begin. Once begun, better to finish!" Guess that applies to Divine Love too. Except in Divine Love, it's definitely better to begin.

Response: Recognizing these patterns and/or triggers and releasing them, then visualizing filling those spaces with the Creator's Love has helped me. More for me to learn and understand, just willing to trust what is in the highest and best for me, and following Divine guidance and assistance whenever it appears.

Response: The timing of this could not be better! Thanks, Matthew. It is painful to see beyond the facade of self, the self that seeks recognition and love from the world, to admit how little I have trusted God and to hold all of that

without self-hate or judgments, while bringing all to God in a deeper yielding, openness and receptivity to His Love.

Response: To me Matthew's message shows, indeed confirms, that soul purification, even on the Divine Love path, requires both praying for the Love and our personal effort. It is God and us working together – with the assistance of the angels. In multiple places, the Bible uses such expressions as “overcoming”, “conquering”, “gaining victory over”. The object of these verbs is sin, evil, corrupt ways of the world, etc. Going within involves regular or at least periodic self-examination and ascertaining our progress on the path – how are we doing, are we growing and changing, what triggers us to less than loving actions. Hopefully our unloving responses are becoming fewer and further between.

It is true that many of us in the West have relatively easy lives – certainly compared to those in war-torn countries facing tremendous traumas and hardships, even being forced to become refugees with nowhere to find a safe haven; or places where just basic life needs like food and clean water are hard to come by. The Bible also tells us that difficulties and challenges, while no fun while we are in the midst of them, are in the long run beneficial to our faith and soul development.

For example, James 1:2-4 – Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

1 Peter 1:6-7 – In this [the hope of salvation] you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire a — may be proved genuine ...

To sum up: Philippians 2:12-13 – ... continue to work out your salvation ... [our effort], for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose [through the Divine Love transforming our souls].

Pets in the Spirit World?

Question: I recently told a member here that all pets that are loved are found in the Spirit Spheres. As a serious cat lady, this is a big deal to her. And others of us like me! But I do not know if they are found in the Celestial heavens. Unfortunately the only message we have on this is in my view confusing. I accept that animals have no souls, so per se they cannot pass to the Spirit World of their own accord. But spiritualists know very well that pets are found in spirit. They have even materialised in séances. Anyway, here is the Padgett Message that causes problems (<https://new-birth.net/padgetts-messages/true-gospel-revealed-anew-by-jesus-volume-4/richards-tells-about-mrs-kates-seance-vol-4-pg346/>):

Richards tells about Mrs. Kates' séance, and there are no animals in the spirit world.

April 13th, 1919

Received by James Padgett

Washington D.C.

I am here, John T. Richards. Let me write a few lines, as I am very anxious to tell you of what the scene was at the meeting tonight.

There were surrounding you a very great number of spirits of all kinds and conditions. Some were present for

the purpose of mere curiosity and others with the desire to communicate with their loved ones of earth; and still others were seeking help and deliverance from their conditions of sufferings and torment.

Mrs. Kates, the medium, tried to give the communications of some of the spirits who were anxious to tell their relatives and friends of their presence and of the condition in which they, the mortals, were in, and advise them as to what is best to be done; and if they will only take the advice, they will be helped.

There was one spirit who tried to make himself known by an unusual method of identification, in having with him a dog which the person to whom the spirit came was enabled to identify, but the spirit was not within his recollection. The dog was a real dog, but not the spirit of any dog that had existed in the human, or rather, earthly form, and the likeness was created by the spirit who tried to have the individual identify him. There are no spirits of dogs, or any other animals, that once had an existence on earth, in the spirit worlds.¹ These appearances are all manufactured by the spirits for the purpose of having the medium see, clairvoyantly, the resemblance of the dog on earth, so that an identification may be made. Dogs and other animals when they die never have any part of themselves that survive death, and become extinct. They have no soul and, consequently, nothing that persists after

death of the earth form. I was much interested in the séance, and tried to make myself appear to the medium, but was not successful.

The condition of the dark spirits who were seeking help was most pitiable, and the medium for some reason was not able to see or understand their condition, and, hence, no help was given them, and they went away very sorrowful.

You had several spirits around you, but they did not try to manifest themselves, and I doubt if the medium could have seen them had they tried. They were not of the kind who come to her and make their presence known, for her development as a medium is not such as to enable her to see spirits of the kind mentioned. She has not the soul development that is necessary in order that they can make a rapport with her, and hence she can neither see nor hear them.

I will not write more now, so good night.

Your friend,
John T. Richards.

¹ I think that while this may be technically correct, it's rather misleading. There are any number of communications from spirit to illustrate that to all intents and purposes, there will be a spirit equivalent of any animal that is loved by a mortal. Not only do spirits report this, but

so do humans who have clairvoyance. That the spirit animal does not have a soul, and is more accurately called a thought form, is rather immaterial. They exist in the Spirit spheres and give pleasure to those that loved them while on earth. (G.J.C.)

Response: I could quote Anthony Borgia on his description of a jaguar and a budgie interacting in spirit if anyone would like it.

Response: My understanding is that those in the spirit body have the power to call to them the form of former animals which, while not having souls cannot exist in and of themselves, but still can manifest as spirit beings.

Response: I love my pets so much and sitting here right now on our deck at our cabin at the lake, it almost feels like heaven to me with my golden retriever, Logan, by my side.

Response: I sometimes fantasize what my passing into spirit will be like. Top of my list is being reunited with my beloved pet Smokey the dog. Then Jesus, then all my loved friends and family. I truly believe that with such a strong love bond between myself and my pet, that this will come true. As for meeting Jesus first off, I have no idea if it is possible for me to do so. I think that whatever happens, it will be a very emotional reunion. I often see my dog in my meditations. She curls up on my lap (although a bit big to be a lap dog) and hangs out with me during my day at

home. This adds some joy to my day and I hope for all eternity.

Response: When I lost my golden retriever Oakley, I was so heartbroken that I was embarrassed to admit that the level of grief I was experiencing had felt as familiar as when I lost my father many years prior. How could it be that my pain in loss for a dog could be right up there but it was – and it is the honest truth!

Response: Yes, I felt the same way when I lost my dog Jake. At the time I was a virtual recluse and he was all I had. I never got over it and still think of him.

Response: Losses like that bring up that reservoir of grief that many of us hold because of the nature of life which is full of beginnings and endings.

It's in our nature to experience grief as a way of releasing our sorrows. It is like a safety valve. Holding in grief, like any intense emotion that is difficult or negative, can cause us harm in the long run. Better to cry than hold it in and cause a blockage of energy within our systems. God gave us the ability to feel and that should ideally be free flowing and expressed sincerely and responsibly. All part of life.

Response: I would like to hear Anthony Borgia's quote about the jaguar and budgie. I read this book and

remember this being mentioned which gave me much relief that I would be with my beloved cats.

Also, would those in the Celestial heavens be able to come down to the natural heavens to visit their pets?

Response: I had that thought myself, but then I thought if Father gives us the power as living humans, to create these facsimiles of our beloved animals, He surely will not remove that if you become a Celestial. What concerned me is that these are "semi-material" and I am uncertain about how "material" the Celestial is. The mind can actually be a nuisance sometimes. I will look for the Borgia animal extract for you.

Response: I would think that if you make it to the Celestial heavens, Father God would give you all you needed. I didn't think the Celestial heavens were material at all. So maybe the Celestial spirits could come down to natural heavens to visit pets.

Response: Extract from *More About Life in the World Unseen*

The boy suddenly turned his gaze towards the window, attracted by the sound of fluttering wings upon the window-ledge, when he perceived a small bird had made its entrance into the room, and had perched itself only a foot or so from him. Roger remained perfectly still, as though

scarcely daring to move lest he should frighten the small visitor away. Ruth, however, called to the bird, which immediately flew to her and perched upon her outstretched finger. The bird was dressed in a smart livery of pale grey feathers. Roger was greatly interested when Ruth transferred the bird to his own finger.

‘He often visits us here,’ I told him, ‘though he really belongs to two old earth friends of mine.’

‘Then what is he doing here?’ asked Roger.

‘Well, he was found by my friends in great distress when he was but a fledgeling; they cared for him, watched him grow, but sad to say, he came to grief. Possibly he became a trifle too daring, overdid things, had some sort of sudden seizure, and died almost at once. A great pity. He was like you, Roger, you and had hardly begun his life. And exactly like you, Roger, he passed into these beautiful lands, and was cared for immediately, just as we try to do for all the human souls who come to us. That small bird, so very inconsiderable on earth, and the action of my two friends, equally inconsiderable, have not been lost. Their affection for that tiny atom of life has preserved that life for all time. At present he is part of the “household” of a mutual old friend, who already has other bird and animal friends of his own. They’re a merry family, and we’ll take you along to see

him—and them. Don't you think he is a rather handsome fellow?'

'I do. What kind of bird is he?'

'When he first came to us here, he was a much darker grey and not so big. But he has grown, and his color, as you see, is now almost dove-grey. What kind of bird is he, did you say? Why only a common sparrow.'

'Now, Roger, let's go out and do a little visiting. Bring the bird with you. He could show you the way, without us. Come along.'

We could see no evidence of the family, but in response to a call from our friend, there came bounding across the large tract of grass upon which we were standing, two beautiful creatures, one a large dog, and the other a puma.

I have omitted to mention that as we emerged from the laboratory, the small bird that Roger had retained in his hand, then flew away in a direct line to a huge tree. He now emerged bringing with him, as it were, a raven and a macaw. Radiant Wing held out his arms, and the two birds at once perched upon them. The small bird flew back to

Roger. 'What do you think of my family?' Radiant Wing asked.

'The dog, the raven, and the macaw are my own. The small bird you have there, my son, belongs to friends who are still on earth, and this lovely puma, as well, belongs to one of them, who is also my instrument on earth.'

The colours of the macaw contrasted vividly with the blackness of the raven and the soft grey of the sparrow. Roger was obviously a trifle timid of the puma, no doubt from his recollection of the same kind of animal on earth, but our host at once reassured him.

'You need have no fear, my son,' said he. 'See, she is without her wildness, and wishes harm to no one.' Ruth had stooped down and was stroking and playing with the lovely creature, which was as gentle as a lamb.

'She is not the only one of her kind here, by any means,' continued our host, 'but their dispositions are all the same — harmless and gentle. You see, the two chief earthly factors are gone from all the animals in these lands—the need for food, which makes them prey upon others, and fear of both their own and of human kind. Remove these two, and there you have the result. They are a great joy to us—and to themselves. Try for yourself, my son.'

Roger bent down beside Ruth, and in a moment had lost his misgivings in stroking the puma's thick fur.

'She is the mad one,' said Radiant Wing, 'and continually keeps all the others "on the stretch". Watch her now with the little bird.'

Roger held up his hand and the sparrow flew into the air only a short distance above the ground, but high enough to be provokingly out of reach of the puma. At this height he flew in a somewhat erratic manner, hither and thither, without appearing to be upon any direct course. The puma immediately gave chase, and as the bird followed a zig-zag way so his companion on the ground tried to emulate him. The acrobatics she was obliged to perform sent us all into roars of laughter, while we could but admire the nimbleness of the agile creature on the ground. The latter made the most astonishing leaps into the air, evidently sure of catching her small friend on the wing, but she was foiled upon every occasion by the bird moving an inch or two higher, or to right or left.

'What would happen,' asked Roger, 'if the puma actually caught up with the bird?'

'Why, nothing,' answered Radiant Wing with a laugh; 'it would be impossible, even if they were not the very best of friends, which, of course, they are. There are no enemies here.'

The game was quickly ended, however, by the bird swooping down upon the puma, and alighting upon the latter's head, who trotted back to us, and rolled herself over on the grass in evident satisfaction with her performance.

Radiant Wing again turned to Roger: 'Now you know where I live, my son, I hope you will visit us whenever you wish. My boys and myself will always be delighted to see you. Or, if you wish, just walk into the garden and enjoy yourself with my family. You may not always find all of them here; sometimes these two', he slightly raised his arms with the two large birds upon them, 'and the dog go with me when I'm on my earth missions. But you know the small bird, and friend puma is most times hereabouts, and ready to play.'

Response: I don't think Celestials would be interested in pets visiting their 'pets', they are far too busy building His Kingdom!

Response: Thank you, this is a beautiful portion to Borgia's book. I've read all his books, and was relieved to read about our pets and that they can be with us. It would also be amazing to be closer and stroke those in the wild, that you fear in life here. I appreciate, again you looking deeper into having our pets. Really upset me when I read it could be otherwise.

Response: Borgia's heart-warming description reminds me of a Bible description, in the book of Isaiah, which is said to be on earth – in a different world and age, obviously, perhaps the time that the Padgett Messages say that brotherhood of man will be established on earth. It could also illustrate what happens in the higher spheres in the spirit world.

Isaiah 11:6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

Isa 11:7 The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Isa 11:8 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

Isa 11:9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Overcoming Old Patterns of Behavior

Question: When I feel close to God and in the bliss of His Love, I love everyone and am not inclined to judge others. When I return to a more mindful consciousness, those old patterns return. Any thoughts on how to overcome these long-held patterns besides just prayer? I think that sharing these strategies can help each of us on this earthly plane of existence.

Response: I find it difficult breaking the earth habits too. Was wondering if crystals, stones or incenses could be used to balance one's spirit and physical existence?

Other than that, I read an article that mentioned consciously deciding to “cancel” the negative thought pattern by saying “cancel” to the thought. So far it works when I’m aware of a thought I know isn’t right. I then ask for God's Divine Love to help my thought pattern to be corrected. I found that to be helpful.

Response: I think we’ve all had that happen. I find that if I am in company with another person or other people that are judging, I will often follow, so I keep to myself a lot and in a prayerful thought mode as much as possible throughout the day, no matter what else I might be doing. It might be driving, gardening, cleaning or whatever. You

can always be communicating with your closest and most Beloved. I try to stay in that mode. When the mode becomes worldly, I am in danger of becoming worldly, so I don't push that button. Lol.

Response: When with judgmental people, I'm also more prone to judge, and like you I prefer my own company or to be with spiritual people. I'm presently constructing a pond and waterfall in my front garden. It uplifts me to be engaged in constructive and creative things. And yes, you can pray just about anywhere.

Response: Emoting helps here. It's going deeper than recognizing a pattern. It's excavating down to the causal reason *why* we judge at all. I'm planning to write a small book on *why* this works and how it is God's design not some psycho-babble theory.

I recommend you read *anything* by Alice Miller. She writes a lot about that. She doesn't use the word "causal" but it's the same effect. Once a soul emotes out the *why* (and intellect does not have the exit avenue) then the urge to do the unloving act goes away organically. And it's permanent. I empathize with the judgment thing. It's really self-judgment, being unloving to the self. Been dealing with it in many areas. When it's gone, it's truly noticeable, like "omigosh! I didn't have that automatic reflex!"

Response: I am just a newcomer to this Divine Love Truth. For me, I believe I need to reach a spirituality that would eliminate the feelings I have to forgive, forgive myself, the judging of others, and so many other negative problems. This I don't believe is going to happen overnight and may not happen for years after I return home. I believe this can only happen naturally with prayer and sincerity. I don't believe you should push yourself, it will come in its own time.

Another thing I thought about. Do we really know ourselves? We are a mix of our parents, grandparents, other family, friends, school teachings, church associates, etc, etc. We have all these people and their beliefs as a part of us. I'm wondering, can we clear all these people out of us and discover just exactly who we are? Then we can work on these negative aspects of ourselves.

And I would say, until we know who we really are, we will not be able to love ourselves.

Response: Until we learn to totally love ourselves, we can never overcome our old patterns. These patterns are our illusory opinions about others and ourselves. They arise because we don't love ourselves, we are always too busy looking at everyone else and wondering what their opinions are of us. The more we love ourselves, the more

we are able to love others and then the old patterns will dissolve on their own.

Response: Yes indeed, much of what we are, even subconsciously, stems from our childhood and subsequent influences. This can even include false images of God. While we now understand God to be loving and merciful, subconsciously we may still see him as judging, potentially angry, etc. as a result of what we have absorbed from our various influences as we were growing up. These deeply embedded beliefs are influencing our life. So yes, getting to really know ourselves will help us in releasing these beliefs which would be the key to spiritually progressing.

Humility and Overcoming the Human Condition

Question: Here is an interesting message from Augustine:

“I am your teacher Augustine, and I have come to talk to you on the subject of humility. For this very quality I lacked when I walked the Earth. I was a man full of ambition, full of opinion, full of a desire for power and I possessed a somewhat developed intellect and I had a great desire for pleasures of the flesh. In other words, I was very human, very human in my life on Earth, and made very human choices. And yet God touched my soul in prayer, God lifted me up in prayer and I did indeed receive the first drops of His Love in those times when I was in a position of power and control within our church. This created a great conflict within myself, for I knew there was a higher road to take and yet I resisted. I fought my soul’s inclinations and I chose a road of power, the exertion of my desire to control, to dominate.

..... Humility is a difficult thing to obtain. It requires a great effort to overcome the human condition within yourselves. Curious that we're 'built' in such a way that choosing this humility – the path of the soul over the path of the mind – is so difficult!”

This reminded me of something I read from author Gerald May: “Most of the time, God remains somewhat hidden from us. Why? For one thing, God in immanence is already too close to us, too intimate, too much at one with us to be a clear-cut object, and God in transcendence is too great to be apprehended.

More importantly, however, I think Paul’s words about the unknown God indicate another reason for God’s hiddenness; full and freely chosen love for God requires searching and groping. What would happen to our freedom if God, our perfect lover, were to appear before us with such objective clarity that all our doubts disappeared? We would experience a kind of love, to be sure, but it would be love like a reflex. Almost without thought, we would fix all our desires upon this Divine Object, try to grasp and possess it, addict ourselves to it. I think God refuses to be an object for attachment because God desires full love, not addiction. Love born of true freedom, love free from attachment, requires that we search for a deepening awareness of God, just as God freely reaches out to us.”

Response: The above quote reminds me of the statement (not sure who originated it) that you cannot prove that God exists, but you also cannot prove that God does not exist. Another insightful book on the nature of God and embarking on a spiritual journey is *God of Surprises* by Gerard W. Hughes.

Response: The gift of free will indicates God's perfect wisdom in allowing us to grow up. Rather than hidden, God waits for our discovery. Then the doors of awareness open wide for those who are willing to apply themselves to the task of prayer and acute listening. I suspect that in God's consciousness, there is all of eternity to see if His creations fulfill their God given potentials and every opportunity will be given to do so in the flow of His Laws of Love. We have to find our way though. No hothouse flowers in God's garden.

Response: Or to put it in a different (funny?) kind of way, it's like practically every Hallmark Channel movie story line – the prince shows up as a pauper because he wants to be loved for his self, not for his title.

Response: After 45 years it is easier to [overcome our human condition] but there are so many layers that need to come into the light of Love for healing. So, it is still a challenge that requires more than prayer – it requires huge changes in my relationship with self as well as with God. It requires modelling one's relationship with self and others with what one experiences in relationship with God.

Response: I love this message from Augustine! He is our beloved Teacher and works tirelessly to help us progress in receiving Divine Love. I can't remember the source, but I

do remember Augustine supposedly said, “Dear God, please save me from temptations ... but not yet!”

His powerful *presence* fills our circles when he comes! Powerful love ... unconditional ... but he often comes to admonish us. Oh, we love him dearly.

Response: This is *why* Jesus called it the strait gate to a narrow path. Humility to feel all your feelings and beliefs authentically with God *is* the gate. So easy to keep justifying our unloving choices when we aren't committed to authenticity.

Response: Isn't one of the gifts of the unconditional love brought by the angels that we get to experience the gap between our own condition and theirs? And take the responsibility, that is ours alone to take, to lessen the gap between their capacity to love and ours by noticing, releasing and bringing into love, all we carry that is unloving?

Soul, Mind, Divine Love Prayer

Question: I read this recently: “Do not let worries, or disappointments keep you from seeking His Love and believing that He is waiting to enfold you in His arms of mercy and Love, for He is not only waiting but wants you to call on Him. Do not let the thought that He is afar up in the Heavens cause you to think that He is not always near you anxiously waiting your call.” (Volume II, p. 39 of *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*). How does this excerpt speak to you?

Response: As for me, I'm closest to God when I have concerns and disappointments. I need to verbally tell him how I feel, I'm sure He already knows how I feel, but to talk about it, believe He guides me to understand how to deal with the situation.

As far as “God is afar up in the heavens”, I thought the layout of the hells and the Heavens were spread out around the earth.

Response: My understanding is that God is in a particular place and that it is His Divine Love that is all around us. I also recall that the hells are around the earth, and below the earth plane. Others can quote this more accurately than I can now. More important to me is your comment that you need to tell our Father when you have

'concerns and disappointments', and that you sense you receive guidance on how to deal with the situation. This is very important to me as well – that when unhappy feelings and thoughts come, I share them with Him (sometimes in writing, sometimes in speaking out loud) and I have always received help in the form of feeling loved, and also in clarity of ideas about the situation. Thank You, Father!

Response: I agree that God and even the angels may know our thoughts before we utter them, but to give voice to our desires, fears, gratitude, needs etc. is important and I believe necessary in order to engage the laws of activation. Without intention, there cannot be a response that at the very least is recognized by our minds as a connection to the Divine. Prayer is the key to receiving from God. And if that prayer is heartfelt, then there is no doubt that a response will come in some way.

By the way, if you are inspired to quote Padgett in your responses, I am in full appreciation of it since that would be a great way to educate some who have not read the books to read the gems of truth embodied in the messages.

Response: I didn't mean to say that intention isn't needed – I see that as part of this 'yearning'. I am thinking of the folks in the churches that Padgett visited, and where he was told that some of those folks are receiving, or have received, Divine Love. I am guessing they may not have

used that phrase, but that their prayers for closeness to God, along with their sincere yearnings, brought the Love into their hearts – a Love that can never be taken away. I also practice this: to say out loud something important, not to just 'think' it – even if it's from the 'mind of the soul'. Someone I know says: "the body likes to hear us say it" and that may also capture the spirit of what you're saying, it's like an added layer of intention.

Response: We're certainly on the same page here. Prayer seems to start with the mind, which hopefully engages the soul longings and as we sink deeper into it, it all just merges together in a sense of deep rapport with God. That is my definition of a good prayer.

Response: There's a quote from Scott Peck in the *Road Less Traveled* re discipline. He talks about the tools of discipline, but then he also talks about "the will to use them, which is love." We probably think that it's the mind that gets us started in prayer, but maybe it is God's Love acting through us that we can either act on or ignore. By the way, Fr Thomas Keating always said that the most important part of centering prayer was intention. If you have that, then God will help you figure out the rest over time!

Response: I didn't think it was meant that the mind starts us in prayer. The mind is a tool the Father gives us to

manage in the world, and it's the place in us that we're usually most facile with. We are surrounded by the Father's Divine Love at all times. Of course it's His Love that begins the process, to which the mind responds, maybe with the natural love as the grease for the wheels.

Anyhow, I also wish to not over-analyze this. Let us feel the Whole of This, the whole of the great gift the Father gives us, the gift of Love, and of His Great, never-ending, unconditional, not needing to earn or deserve Divine Love, but only to desire, and to gratefully accept!

Response: This conversation is inspiring for me and teaching me the tools I may need to go forward in my life. Instruction is the key to life here and on the other side.

Response: I like that you mention these truths are 'the key to life here and on the other side' – both here, and the other side and not just 'when we get there'. We are already souls. I love knowing that is what we 'really are'.

Question: We are really souls here, aren't we? Isn't the soul actually giving this body life, energy, making it move?

Response: The Padgett messages state clearly, "the soul is the real man". Remembering that it was the convention to refer to both men and women as 'men', it means: the soul is who I really am. Right now. Not just after I 'die' – after I

leave the flesh. The soul is the only part of me that is really me.

As to your question: is it the soul that "is giving this body life, energy, making it move", I say yes. When our soul 'leaves our body', the body has no more life, no more energy, and doesn't move again. It decomposes and the cells, the molecules, the atoms which comprised it disperse into the air and then each cell, molecule or atom recombines with different particles of matter as something else. They never recombine into that individual body. That's clearly stated in the messages.

So bottom line: I am soul. Right *now*. I am a created soul, that is alive and will continue to be alive after I leave the flesh. Whether my soul lives 'eternally' depends on whether I am transformed into a divine soul by our Father's Divine Love. We are told that we need to Soulfully Yearn for that Love to transform us. (And remember: once even a small portion of Divine Love enters your soul, It will Never Leave!) May it be so for each and every one of us!

Response: I have found that God comforts me in hard times, but I also try to tell Him how much I love Him and thank Him for His opportunities that I learn from. I feel abundant love when I just talk to Him like a child does to a parent.

Response: God is our Heavenly Father. Jesus only used masculine term because in his time the man was the provider, hence Heavenly Provider, hence Heavenly Father.

Difference Between Awareness of Soul and Mind

Question: Can you tell the difference between soul awareness and mind (material mind) awareness? Do they seem blended and undifferentiated? Can you tell us how you know the difference?

Response: All things have soul awareness first. The soul is far more than we have ever even imagined. I did a lot of experiments to discover the origination of even a thought. We are cognitively aware of a thought. The thought stimulates the hypothalamus, chemicals are released and we physically experience an emotion.

But what created the thought? One answer is response to an environmental stimulation. This is conventional wisdom. This wisdom is based on the existence of the subconscious mind, which we know does not exist but is actually the soul. So if my soul, me, is creating my world based on emotions, would it not also be the soul, me, that is observing and then creating the thought? Anyway, I played with this observation for a long time and finally concluded that the soul is the observer, creates the thought, stimulates the hypothalamus, thus giving us a physical sensation of the original soul-based emotion.

I reference material in “What the Bleep do we Know.” A good one to review from time to time. Most of the material was initiated by Ramtha who was at that time a sixth-sphere spirit.

Response: Man is composed of soul, spirit body, spirit mind, physical body, physical mind (if a mortal). I find your premise excellent. The mind creates the biochemical responses within the body, the mind being the horse before the cart. The soul attracts. 'Observer' smacks of 'sight'. Hope this aids this fascinating discussion.

Response: I am with you on the bit about no subconscious. However, I am not so clear about whether it is our soul or our mind acting as a receiver to the spirit world from where many of our ideas originate. These inputs can be both good or bad and I find it hard to believe that all of them are soul originated. It's no different to asking that God may not lead us into evil.

Response: I don't feel a lot of our day to day information comes from the spirit world. In “What the Bleep”, they talk about the observer which I believe is the soul. They know that it is not the brain looking through your eyes because they can measure brain activity. Then they ask, who is looking? Answer: the observer. That would indicate that the soul is operating the senses. We accept that the soul is

creating our lives. It's not a leap then to postulate that the soul, me, is the originator of thought.

Response: I beg to disagree. Much of our music and art comes from the spirit world, and certainly a lot of the mayhem and murder originates from lower spirits influencing mortals. I'll go so far as to say that we are either influenced by angels or devils.

Response: Surely there are those with no soul development, however they have a spiritual body to house the soul. This body must be able to perform certain functions just as our physical bodies do. If the soul is left to wither on the vine, something else must take its place surely.

Response: I'm not sure what you mean by soul development. The soul is developed enough to observe and participate in the physical world at conception.

Response: It all comes down to whether we are conscious or unconscious observers then, and how we act on that observation. There are mental patients who seem to have no control of their thoughts or actions. Is this their soul?

Response: Mental illness is just as it sounds, it is confined to the material mind only. There is however an illness of the soul – a malaise which seems to be sweeping

the North American continent. Mother Teresa noticed it and commented on it, saying the American people had the most awful (spiritual) hunger she had ever seen.

Response: The spirit with me says we talk from the mind. He is in my mind continually. When I think of something he doesn't consider a good thought, he winks me in a sensitive chakra. Then we talk about it, and he corrects my thought. This spirit was my husband in life. We are also soul mates.

Last night I prayed for the desire to pray for the Divine Love with my mind. After I laid down immediately to sleep, and while waiting for sleep, thought of things I need to do the next day. The next thing I knew, I started to cry, gently, and had a burning sensation in my chest. Was this coming from my heart or my soul for this desire I asked for?

Now I know, when you begin to cry, it starts at the chest, but this was strong enough to worry me and I got up out of bed.

Response: Divine Love has many intensities. The perfect gift.

Response: It is the mind that 'thinks', the soul (I believe) is more of an instrument of 'feeling'. That is where my appreciation of song and beautiful music comes from. I believe our feelings of love and sensations of all things wise

and wonderful are received by and emanate from the soul, created in the likeness of God.

Response: Our Celestial teachers often talk about being in our souls. Soul awakening, soul faculties, souls communicating with souls on a soul level and most importantly our souls opening to the Great Soul of God. Since we are all on different places upon our 'soul awakening' journey, to describe, or even be aware of our souls is indeed challenging. The material/mindful world takes up so much of our attention so that tuning into that other place of soul is not easily accomplished. It took me a number of years to 'go there' at will but once the path had been well trod, it becomes much easier.

God helps us, as do our angel friends. Their overshadowing presence tends to bring us more readily into soul consciousness. Our deeply felt prayers are the doorways to soul consciousness as well. My own experience in shifting to that place of soul is quite conscious and at times powerful. The shift feels palpable, almost physical, my body gets lighter and my mind goes into a state where my consciousness drifts a bit and other realities come into play. I sense my angel friends close and often see them and hear them speak to me. I also sense God being close as His Love pours in. It is a captivating and totally uplifting scenario. That is my prayer life when I am focused and

unencumbered by intrusive thoughts and outside distractions.

Daily soul awareness is not so easily accomplished, but there are grace times when I know that I am operating more from soul than mind. This, I believe, is the result of the angels being close by and they are using me to accomplish some spiritual task. In that state I am able to read people more easily, or at least see beyond the veil of what they are saying to something more authentic in them. This is often very different from their words. I sense a flow of thought and action that feels 'right' and even joyful.

“Grace” is the best way I can describe this sense of purpose and flow. I feel my soul as a distinct entity within my body. It resides primarily in the center of my body, it feels active and alive with energy which I can only guess is what a pregnant woman feels in the latter half of her pregnancy. It also feels as if something wants to burst out of me seeking freedom – like I am pregnant with a new self emerging and seeking greater expression. I don't feel as if I am resisting this, just a little cautious and protective of this evolving, yet tender place within. The sense of it is always with me and as I write here about it, it is very acute and even exciting.

The soul is an ever-changing thing in this awakening journey. There are certainly many milestones on that road

but in truth, we never linger there for long as the soul desires to push further. It is an incredible path to knowing our souls. Never a dull moment and never a sense of being stuck these days. Just the joy of being more and more alive within and its expression in my life.

Response: I feel that soul awareness is a felt sense rather than a thought or thoughts. For example, my soul feels the presence of our Father's Soul Love, feels a current of love flowing between us, connecting us. This soul awareness becomes stronger with every prayer, every thought and feeling that reaches for and embraces God. It is a communication between me and God.

I have other sensations, such as awareness of spirit with me, of spirit influencing, impressing and guiding me and this too brings love. But it is different than the awareness of the flow of Love between my soul and God's Soul. My soul is in its infancy in being aware of itself but as this invisible bond between me and God grows stronger, the more awareness comes to my soul of its distinct existence apart from but connected to my mind.

Response: I would say in the last week I have had the very first of what I could discern as soul awareness. I have been grappling with some concepts around "Divine Love Healing" and had come to a mind impasse. Then I saw the way out, and as I have battled with this very issue for some

years, it was an input not from my mind. Could it have been from spirit? Yeah, I guess so, but it was like the fog lifted, and I said to myself: "Oh yeah!"

Response: For me, when a thought comes through with a purity to it, a peace that resonates a truth with it, a genuinely warm and peaceful smile inevitably follows on my face. These, I feel, are aspects of awareness from within my soul. Nothing else is required after the thought.

My material-minded awareness and thought generally has follow-up thought required, busyness, deliberations, and some confusion.

Response: Oh how my fellow brothers and sisters inspire my thoughts on this very subject. Soul awakening and sharing its (my) gifts to further be an instrument in sharing and loving.

Response: As soon as I look for it, I start to be heart centered and a great intense fullness develops there as it does now that I am writing. However, my mind is also engaged as I observe the sensation so I find it hard to say that I am in my soul or not as so much is shared that it is hard to separate where one starts and the other ends.

Response: The soul, the spirit body with the mind, the physical body with the brain and the biochemical systems to create physical sensation are all one thing, you. None of

it can be separated until the physical death, when the body is lost. Like a spaceship dropping its rocket launchers. The mind operating and the physical sensations are expressions of you. I'm not sure when we started separating out parts. I suppose this is how we see things. But I am not the sum of my parts, but a single entity.

Response: This is a bit off topic, but when I am talking to someone about Truth, whether it be someone I have known for a while and I finally am able to talk about Truth with them or someone new, I get goose bumps all over but yet I am not cold. Also, if I am being guided by spirit to recognize Truth and share it with others by mouth or text, I often will get the goose bumps and it is like the Celestials must be jumping up and down waving their arms with joy causing me to have the goose bumps saying "Yes, she finally got it - that only took 55 years" – LOL!

I also get the goose bumps many times when I am meditating or in fleeting prayer. So I have come to recognize that when I feel this, I am on the right track. I am never cold. Warm goose bumps I call them. The warm goose bumps that I have come to recognize have strengthened my faith and are of great comfort to me.

Response: How beautiful the warm goose bumps are! I get the same sensation when connecting with the Love. In

those moments I feel very much in my soul, and connected to God and His angels.

Response: I often get the goose bumps as well. I know it is an overshadowing spirit and that what I have to say is very important to that person.

Following Jesus versus Waging War

Question: On this Fourth of July, should we stop waving the flag and instead follow the Master's teaching "Thou shall not kill"?

Response: There are several messages on this topic.

Response: And they are all anti-war.

Response: Yes, but they discuss specific situations and are very helpful.

Response: What a great/awful time it was. Vietnam anti-war protests, racial violence, but through it all America is still a great country, still has freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and all the things the Founding Fathers wrote into the Constitution.

Response: Here is a link to one message about the Revolutionary War: <https://new-birth.net/contemporary-messages/messages-sorted-year/messages-2007/a-discussion-of-the-medium-and-war-fab-16-mar-2007/> (A Discussion of the Medium and War. Fab, 16 Mar 2007)

Response: While I wish we lived in a world with no war or killing, and I certainly don't claim to have any answers to those big questions, I will fly my flag today in PA in honor

of my father who fought in WWII. He met my mother there in the Alsace Lorraine region in France near the German border. My mother would tell us of the atrocities she witnessed. Won't even go into the details here. She saw her grandmother taken away and never saw her again. She would tell us how happy she was when she saw the American soldiers come – someone was going to help them.

Response: Wow, thanks for sharing. I was a hippie and my dad fought in the Second World War. He used to say if it was up to kids like us, we'd all have to speak German.

Response: Well, I respect our flag also. My dad fought in WWII, and he saw his best friend blow up in front of him and had him splatter all over his clothes. He couldn't live with it, became an alcoholic. My husband too was in the military. They are never the same when they come back. I don't agree with war. But we have rights.

Response: Pray that the horror of war is eliminated. There is no spiritual rationalization for war. It is a reality in our world where men seek power and control over others. We need earth changes to redefine the human landscape before we blow ourselves up. Rationalizing the need for war is ignoring the need for soul awakening and peace. Better to focus on that rather than exonerate the past. Yes, I appreciate the sacrifices too, but 'love the sinner and hate

the sin' is relevant here. War just fuels the worst of the darkness in this world.

Response: I appreciate your words of wisdom and spirituality, but I've seen the remarks on the general Facebook page, where I try to quote the truth, and people remark back, that I'm a devil worshiper or there is no truth in what I say. The truth and the books you have out there is not enough for a quick turnaround in this world. Father God or Jesus is going to have to make more of an impact to show the world the truth. Or a change in our world is not going to change anytime soon.

Response: Yes, I hear you. I'm not so naive to think that a few books and prayers will do the trick. We've been told repeatedly that God has a plan for the salvation of mankind. I just follow my guidance as a very small cog in an immense machine that is God's planning and Will. No thought of saving the world single-handedly and not a big enough ego, I'm afraid.

Response: I visited Dachau Concentration Camp during our trip to Germany last year.....Never Again.

We heard while in Germany that all school children visit the concentration camps so that they are educated to know "Never Again." We also learned that the German people not dare speak up or say anything or they too would end up in the camps. My maiden name is Deutschmann – my Father

was born in the former Yugoslavia. They were Gottschee Germans living in Yugoslavia for hundreds of years. I have stories too. I am glad I went to Dachau. You can watch movies or read about it, but to be there was truly an eye opener.

Response: After the War, Japan wrote into their Constitution that they could never make war again. Please don't say we as mortals never learn the law of progression, but it must be seen in the light of eternity.

Response: War has been getting more and more dangerous and destructive since WWII. Here is a group that I believe puts the nature of and need for war into perspective: <https://worldbeyondwar.org/>. This article on the same website is quite sobering: <https://worldbeyondwar.org/this-is-really-not-a-drill/>. I certainly do not want to offend any of my US friends, but I find it sad that there is a perceived need to show the country's "greatness" by showcasing its military equipment, i.e., its destroying and killing power.

Response: It is a sorrow and a shame that many US citizens live with. I look to God and His feelings. He knows that His Laws will not be evaded forever. Even Nero, Herod and Caesar had to pay the Law of Compensation and are now working to influence humans to improve their soul condition. I believe if we could suddenly see the spirit world

level close to earth in its hell condition, we would see how many millions or billions of dark spirits are managing the US systems. I do believe that releasing the error and sin in my own soul is my best counteraction I can *do*. Without that belief I would be frozen with distress.

Response: Thank God I'm still a hippie at heart and subscribe myself as a citizen of the universe. No countries for me, thank you!

Sharing About Divine Love

Question: I feel I'm beating my head against a wall anytime I mention what I've learned about Divine Love, or the nature of the spirit world as revealed through the Padgett Messages or contemporary Divine Love mediums. I even sense hostility from some leadership. Should I try another spiritualist church (there are a couple of other groups in Christchurch, one claiming to be Christian), or just pull my head in? They are good people, but they are trying to protect their turf.

I know Padgett was warned to not attend certain spiritualist congregations because they were phenomena based, rather than love focused. Their mediumship is quite weak and nothing of substance is revealed. I get more out of going to the Mormon Church, where they focus on the spiritual teachings of Jesus.

I'm so grateful I've found the messages of Divine Love and the wonderful community around them.

Response: I can *so* relate. I've shared many times with mixed results. I've found spiritualist groups/churches can be and have been as dogmatic and closed minded in their beliefs, rituals, etc. as traditional churches and as hostile to the Padgett Messages.

I was sitting in a meditation group once and while the guided meditation, which was very much against my beliefs was going on, I was bemoaning the lack of knowledge of Divine Love teachings to my guide, saying someone needs to get this stuff out there. She promptly replied: "You know it, what are you doing to get it out there?" She also highlighted the problem of attending other people's groups/functions and trying to share Truth. Better to create your own group, because leaders often feel threatened by any further Truth than they already know. Maybe put out some fliers offering to share the Padgett Messages with others. Even if you get one person initially, it's better than the "bang your head against the wall" approach. And like the song by the same title says "we can rise above it all".

Response: Form your own church. I've been to every church imaginable and I cannot find any of them open to the truth! So I just go and I ignore what comes out of their mouths. I take the best and leave the rest.

I must share some great news! I gave a volume to a United Methodist minister some months ago and immediately doubted myself and spent the last several weeks trying to get it back, figuring it was either in the trash or in limbo somewhere. This morning I got a call from that minister telling me someone checked it out and was reading it! Oh dear angels, I will never doubt you again!

Response: I chatted a bit on the regular Facebook page and by the time it was pretty much over, most everyone was arguing with everyone else. Not only do they not at all agree with me, they don't even agree with each other. And they're reading the same Bible?

Response: Most of them are not even really Christian – they do not follow the teachings of Christ, some of which can be found in the New Testament in the four gospels and also the books based on Paul's life – 1st and 2nd Corinthians, Romans, Galatians, Colossians, Philippians, Philemon, and 1 Thessalonians. The rest was perverted and altered by church minions in order to conform to church dogma.

Response: You will know the believers by their love, not dogma.

Response: I appreciate your comment. There were about five people who commented with love and good manners. The rest used words not appropriate, or judged me. Not trying that again. At least most believed in God, but thought God was Jesus. But better than nothing.

Response: It took me about three years of trying to “share” truth before I feelingly understood that sharing truth in an unloving way is out of truth. Truth never compromises love.

When you sense that a person at the soul level has more desire to be right than to know truth, it's more loving to do as Jesus taught: if you go to a village to teach and they have no desire to hear the good news, don't sweat it. Just go to the edge of the village, shake off the dust or whatever clings to you, then leave them in God's care. No need to write them off or dismiss them.

Instead I examine where I am not wanting to know God's truth? Where do I feel an urgency to be right? We're all in this together. Better to talk to God about the frustration and listen to what His feelings are. Beautiful and trustworthy touchstone.

Response: "Ye shall know them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:16). There is great wisdom in the Bible.

Response: In order to help those that don't understand the truth, you have to understand those that you are trying to help and what they're reading and where they are coming from. You don't want to go into battle emptyhanded. If the Bible is one of your tools to bring these souls to the truth, then use it, you should never worry what others think of you. Just God.

Response: This is precisely why I read nearly anything unless it totally offends me.

Response: If it has to do with the Padgett volumes, I will in a heartbeat. Maybe we will all live to see that day [when others are receptive]. Meanwhile we have our own mother church started by Jesus of Nazareth.

Response: As I release the reasons why I have emotional addictions to people, I'm learning I don't need anyone else but God and His Love fills me to capacity and my capacity grows!

Response: We are a non-traditional 'church without walls' with one core central truth—the availability of Divine Love in response to soulful yearning. No rituals, no tithing, just the freedom to read “True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus” — if you'd like to. And to study it alone or with others — if you're interested. Whether you're alone, or with others, our Father hears our soulful yearnings and answers as quickly.

Response: Follow your *heart* but don't get lost. It's about what resonates with you. It's only my opinion but I don't think you will find a better truth than the Divine Love.

Response: I find that exposing myself to different groups while still praying for truth, humility, and love, allows me to be more open to my guide, gives me an opportunity to learn discernment and trust my feelings about what other people are saying. There is a growth in me of wanting to know people at a soul level regardless of their

belief system. Looking for approval and agreement gets in the way of discernment and feeling the truth or the facade in another. Just keep at it. Keep following the laws of divine truth.

My husband and I are slowly building a community of people that practice divine truth, and are actually seeing the results of it in their lives in relationships, health, happiness and life style. It is wonderful to have community of open-hearted humble people.

Response: The feeling I get from the church leadership is, "you don't know much, you've only been in this (spiritualist church) a few months. Divine Love is just an abstract idea beyond our grasp. By reading the Padgett Messages and all that other stuff, you're taking your eye off the ball". Which is a code for "don't rock the boat, we know what's best."

Response: I feel for your dilemma. We all need community, acceptance and a place where we feel comfortable to express our views and life experiences. Unfortunately, you have come to a truth that is controversial with so many even though it is simple and easily understood. We have all been there and the human mind of our brothers and sisters will resist this truth because it does not reinforce their well-constructed paradigms.

Our angel friends are constantly reminding us to be a channel of love wherever we may be. When I speak at our spiritualist church, I know that much of what I am saying flies in the face of others' beliefs but it's not so much the words as it is the atmosphere of love that comes into the place that has others captivated. The mental concepts will come later, or even when these souls pass into spirit. What is important is the soul to soul connection that is being forged and that does not require words. We are planting seeds which may take a long time to germinate.

My advice to you is to act in ways which forge connections, don't think of the error that they endorse, rather think of doing God's work as a channel of love. In concentrating on what you can give on a soulful level rather than seeking acceptance from that mindful place, more harmony will come. Of course, where you chose to do this is for you to decide. The world is full of erroneous beliefs and twisted truth. I gave up the desire to save the world from these things years ago. I'm at peace to do what God guides me to do rather than what I desire to do. In this way it becomes a flow of service and love expressed simply and with humility. That is all that God expects of us. He will do the rest in the hearts of all our brothers and sisters.

Response: I'm so grateful for knowing that death is not the end and having evidence for that is wonderful, but it only takes you so far. I know that there are mediums who

while in trance , have connected to higher beings, advanced spirits, from whom wisdom flows. This has to be part of an overall plan.

Response: After the long, very aggravating path I had to take to find this Divine Love group, I can and will appreciate anyone's path that they feel is right for them to travel to find this truth. Some paths may take us into unknown, very dark regions, but in that process, we may discover that where we came from is where we want to be. The grass is not always greener on the other side. Also, in this journey into the unknown, we may bring someone out of their darkness. I would think this would be our job as a Divine Love teacher for God.

Response: God's Love descends to the darkest, smelliest levels of man-created hells. Let's have faith in that rather than justify censorship. We can pray for people to have clarity, and send love rather than expectations of behaviors from others without accepting unloving treatment from anyone.

Invest in God reliance rather than self-reliance (the damaged self believes other human souls are the source of true love). Jesus said, "I have come to show you life and how to live it more abundantly!"

Response: We can find spiritual resonance with different groups. Time to spread your net wider I suspect. You never know where you might find a fertile soil.

I suspect that going into the whole thing [about the Divine Love teachings] may raise barriers whilst just dwelling on your personal approach to the Father and how that has personally worked out for you may be a better track. Nothing so good as one's own personal experiences!

Response: I put a TGRABJ volume into a United Methodist church and somebody checked it out. I also gave Volume 1 to friends at the library and my friend told me she watched someone buy it for two dollars. What greater thrill is there than watching someone discover the truth? Where were you when you discovered the Padgett Messages?

Response: This message gives some insights on trying to convince people of the truth as we understand it: <https://new-birth.net/padgetts-messages/true-gospel-revealed-anew-by-jesus-volume-2/jesus-says-his-blood-does-not-save-men-vol-2-pg187/>.

Jesus says: "I heard the discussion between you and the other man about my blood saving from sin, and I felt that you were not benefitted by what was said, because his faith is based on ignorance of the true plan of salvation and my mission on earth. But he is so firmly fixed in his belief that no argument that you might make would convince him that anything but my death and atonement could save from sin.

So I do not think it would do any good to attempt to argue with any of these people in reference to the matter of my blood being the one thing that saves from sin and error. These people have this faith so firmly fixed that they see only my blood as a means of salvation.

They have received the Divine Love to a considerable degree and the Holy Spirit is with them in their worship and is in their hearts, but it does not come to them by reason of their belief in my atonement, but because they pray to the Father for its coming and making them a new being so far as their soul development is concerned. They do not know that only the flowing of this Divine Love into their hearts in answer to prayer is what gives them this New Birth. They think that my blood has something, or rather that it is the great and only cause of this New Birth and they will continue to think so. I would not let this matter deter you from attending their meetings because, as I have said, the (Holy) Spirit is present with them. Of course, they will learn differently when they come to the spirit world and see that I am not God.”

Personal Struggles and Divine Love

Question: A lot of the time I want to drink, cuss and fight like I did as a sailor. I now pray for Divine Love but gee, it seems to work awfully slow in this fast-paced world. I guess that Celestial spirits have all the time in the world...lol, but I am looking for a quicker fix to this life that I have created. I would appreciate prayer that would help me get my head out of the beer can and all the other things that I "*think*" I need that only keep me separated from the Love I seek to possess

Response: You need to put in the work like the rest of us – pray, pray, pray, pray, and then pray some more.

Question: I have certainly gained a drop or two if I can phrase it so but I have really had a horrible existence. I *am* putting in the prayers and "*work*" but I'm a mess and *requesting prayer* from my brothers and sisters.

Response: If you have someone close to you that you can really talk to, who won't be offended by what you say and you trust them, that can be great. You feel uplifted when they can help you carry your load of problems. They see things that you don't see clearly yourself. Talking to yourself is fine too – saves you from seeing a head doctor.

Response: Isn't it interesting that we aren't talking about God reliance, getting close to God, pouring our heart out to him, clearing out our blockages to trusting Him?

Injuries that we got from our human father become blockages because our injured child self automatically projects those onto God. It took me two years of emoting about my father's damage to my soul before I could even *start* to believe in, much less *feel* God's Love.

Encrustations are blockages that we can get rid of. We don't have to wait decades for them to disappear. We *can* be proactive about being free of our addictions. An important distinction to know is that there is a vast difference between effect emotions and causal emotions. We get stuck in the effect ones, but it's the causal ones that free us.

Addictions are being stuck in effect emotions. To find fast relief, excavate to the causal reason you create an addiction at all. Again I recommend reading Alice Miller — she was a therapist in the 60s and 70s. She doesn't know about the soul, a relationship with God, or the laws of repentance and forgiveness, but she explains *why* we need to pull the plug on our addictions at the source, which is our childhood or when we experienced trauma.

Response: Replacing habits and addictions of any variety is very, very hard But better done now rather

than later. It will leave you with a will of iron and a thankful soul.

We all have habits which seem impossible to break. You think you have it cracked, then there is a little whisper in your ear and "Bango" – you are doing what you said you wouldn't. If you pay attention, you will notice that at the time you are less focused and more susceptible to outside influences. You didn't whisper in your own ear – you are being used! Keep up the good fight, you will wear the buggers down and achieve your goals. If you can't trust in your own will, then you must replace that will with that of the One who loves you as His son.

Response: I know this to be true thank you, but it won't be easy. However I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired. Thanks for being a friend.

Response: The law of the weakness becomes the strength. There is a wonderful provision that God offers that transforms the ugly duckling into the beautiful swan. This law features a negative correlation between the weakness of a mortal and the resultant strength through constant prayer and faith. As the latter increases, the other decreases. I.e., if one is weak willed, one prays constantly. Prayer and faith become a strength. Will becomes iron-like in substance. One is no longer weak willed. The weakness has become the strength. Hallelujah!

Response: You could try an experiment. Every time you reach for a beer mentally, give yourself some time without one. Give yourself a bit of time to feel what it feels like to not have one, the emotion that comes. Be kind to yourself though, you don't need to self-punish or tell yourself you can't have one. Just give yourself 10 minutes (or whatever) to squirm thinking about wanting one. Just feel that. Angry, ashamed, deprived, unrewarded, unloved, sad – any emotion, or maybe a bunch!

Response: I will pray for you, but your guardians cannot help shoo the dark spirits away from you unless you ask for help. Pray for God to break their bond on you, and your guardians will help immediately. But use your will.

Response: When praying for God's Divine Love, also ask God to remove the desire for whatever you are seeking to be free from. Pray that your material mind acquiesces to your soul mind, and never stop believing that God can heal you from any and all ills. God hears and answers our prayers. May God bless you with great healing and release you from all that ails you.

Response: I suggest you reread the previous post and then be still, and ask God to bring what was shared directly into your true being—your soul.

Response: Another prayer to add is for God's cloak of protection and that all thoughts being sent to us be sent

back, not in the way in which they came, but in love, peace and harmony. There are many earthbound spirits that try to live vicariously thru us and try to influence us.

Response: Yeah, I'm surely haunted like that.

Response: God can do anything. He is the architect of all that is good.

Response: The fix you're looking for has to start from within. Setting a true intention to release what no longer serves you. Then set the intentions you want for your life and the will to create what you want to receive in your life.

Once you take those first few steps, even baby steps count, and the Universe and Creator's Light will help guide your way. The key is Faith, Trust and Believing. It's not always easy. The key is, you don't have to do it alone. Many Blessings to you.

Response: This will be a long hard battle fraught with many casualties. These addictions are no joke! The 12-step programs are tried and true and are Celestially guided, I believe. In Step One, the admission is made that "we were powerless over" . I was in several of these programs and got thru them only by the grace and love of God.

Response: Kicking habits like this is easier done from within a group like Alcoholics Anonymous. Adding God into the picture increases the success rate substantially.

Any time you want someone to pray with you, just confirm a possible time and I and many others here would be glad to give that shared support. No one here is going to judge. I look forward to the many things you have to share.

Response: I have done treatment and A.A but to no avail.

Response: It think it's the multi-pronged attack you need, as you need support and something to fill the gap.

Let me tell you how I gave up smoking. I analysed my reasons for starting and they were all to do with self-image. I went cold turkey and every time I thought about having a smoke, I said to myself how cool I looked not smoking. The hardest thing was not automatically taking one when it was offered. You have to watch out! Anyway, it worked. The interesting thing about chemical addictions is that the physical part does not take long to go, it's the mental components which need the greatest attention. Doing it for someone else and not wanting to let them down is another strategy you might add to the mix.

Personally, I think you have it in you and you are as important as anyone here in the eyes of God. You will succeed.

Response: So sorry to hear of your struggles John. Receiving the Divine Love is generally a slow process, so no

quick fixes I'm afraid. But God has many other things to give mortals. Sincere prayer may bring healing, relief and needed help. It's a matter of faith and application of the laws. This is your opportunity to see how real this all is, my friend. You have come to the threshold of healing and now is the time to walk through in faith. *You can be healed* in an instant given your true desire to do so. The resources are there for the asking. I'll pray for you as well. May you be blessed deeply in His Love.

Response: I appreciate your honesty and willingness to share your struggle with us. We all have something that we have to work on. That's why The Prayer asks our Father to protect us from the distractions of the world. Good for you, identifying and admitting yours to us and more importantly to yourself. Please keep us informed of your progress. It will be an encouragement for us all!

Response: You are definitely in my prayers, my friend! I've seen my reflection in the bottom of more than a few bottles myself. Now, for me, quitting smoking is my new self-betterment adventure (well not new, ongoing challenge is more appropriate, lol). You know, this is one of the things that helps me deeply appreciate how God Loves. Whether it's one step forward, or two back, He loves us infinitely the same. So when we fail, it seems wise for us to try to hold the same patience and love for ourselves as He does. In this mindset, we probably hold a higher level of

thought that helps draw bright spirits of love that aid in our
road to overcoming the mountains we climb.

Love you brother, we will get there!

“Seeing” God

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, he probably does not visually see things, but we simply knows. I think many things in the afterlife are hard for spirit to explain to us because our spiritual body is so very different than 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. It makes me happy though that I have so much more to learn and to grow closer to Him. Life is just

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 something like, “He’s somewhere out there. Lovingly looking down on us.” I remember thinking the first time I saw the movie over 20 years ago how wonderful it is to feel God is there – to 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, 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 God’s 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.

Response: Jesus spoke in 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 get the feeling we have so many amazing experiences ahead of us on this journey of soul growth! So much to experience and discover!

Response: I just watched a *satsang* (meditation followed by teaching) by modern mystic, Mary Reed, on The Awe of Loneliness. This is the link: 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: Most of my life I have been alone but never really felt loneliness for 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 with a touch of tenderness. And I have always felt my guardians so I have never been alone. Also, God has always been with me even in the darkest of times and 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: Oh wow, what a beautiful post – it's exactly how I feel.

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, 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.

Human Origins

Question: According to messages received through Padgett, there were angels preceding Aman and Amon (I have just been reading some of Geoff's collation of evolution texts from Facebook). However, all angels were once men so is this an allusion to a seeding of the human race by "men" from the stars or preceding evolution of men on this planet or something else I have not thought of?

Response: I'm intrigued by the real story of our origin! Looking forward to understanding it fully someday! I've wondered if we were "seeded" here by some higher beings and over time developed enough for God to gift our species with a soul. It's all such a mystery to me now and my mind eagerly wants to know!

Response: It is a mystery. I think if we were told what happened, we would still not understand "how is life created".

Instead of realizing we don't know, we postulate – an activity that can really be destructive to our collective good. One of our characteristics is this ability to create theories. Look at evolution. It is actually taught in school as true.

Now what if we asked God for the answer? We would experience an emotion. This is what Divine Love brings. This emotion is a seed of truth and if nurtured and let grow,

it would turn into an understanding. It would be the truth on that particular subject. But the truth would not be known in isolation. It needs context and character of the individual.

I wrote a piece recently about the power of love. The power of love cannot be manifested without the individual being able to only do loving things with it. We see the power of evil, but love runs the entire universe.

Response: I do subscribe to what is in the *Urantia Book*, but it's different to what you have said here. That book says that the first parents were here one million years ago. It also says the real Adam and Eve by name were here only 37,000 years ago. I do not know anyone who has channelled them knowing this background. They had some human DNA, but it was superior to ours. I would not know whether one would call them angels or aliens, but I would tend to think aliens.

Response: If it was just one couple, then their DNA would have had to have the potential for a lot of variations to prevent the interbreeding effect.

Response: I like what the Padgett Messages share on this topic. The first humans had flawless DNA. It's been downhill all the way since. (Most mutations in a species are deleterious). The Padgett Messages do not rule out evolution outright. In fact, it is implied, but within the

scope of natural laws. Also, Padgett was not a scientist and we were still 40 years away from discovering the construction of DNA. This would have made it difficult for him to channel knowledge of complex biological processes.

Response: Most institutionalized Christians say aliens are demons. Before I found the Padgett messages, I really related to Dolores Cannon. She was a hypnotherapist that found out by working with all sorts of people around the world that we ultimately are connected to what she called the Source. She also claimed that there are alien races that have their own version of the Christ consciousness. So who's to know other than God, and the truth will be revealed when we're ready for it.

Does God Require Obedience?

Question: Obedience is required for the fulfillment of God's Plan. His Kingdom is in Perfect Divine Order. That order is not preserved through anarchy. It's preserved through adherence to God's Laws. His yoke is easy and His burden is light, but there is a yoke.

Response: I would not say "obedience".

Response: I would think by the time we graduate to God's Divine Heavens, we would be spiritual enough to automatically know how to conduct ourselves in his Paradise.

Response: Right...it's obedience to God's Plan (praying for Divine Love) that gets us there. That comes directly from Jesus in a message to James Padgett. Obedience. Jesus' word.

Here's a quote from Jesus. He doesn't use the word "obedience" in this one, but it illustrates the same point: "There is only one way, and that is by the opening up of the soul in such a manner that this Love...may find an entrance and a condition of development...harmonious and satisfactory to the qualities of its own existence." You see, our souls must be prepared to receive Divine Love, creating a dwelling place "...satisfactory to the qualities of its own existence." This does require obedience to God's Laws.

Here's more from the same message: "The only means by which this can be accomplished are prayer and faith. The Holy Spirit *never* performs this work of *preparing the soul* for the reception of this Love, but merely brings the Love and causes its inflowing *when the soul is in condition* to receive it." It's a gradual process of development that requires effort, patience, persistence, faith, discernment and obedience. If you want to read the whole message, it's at <https://new-birth.net/padgetts-messages/true-gospel-revealed-anew-by-jesus-volume-2/jesus-continues-how-the-divine-love-enters-into-the-soul-of-a-human-being-vol-2-pg293/>.

Response: Yes I did read this recently. I've had God with me for a long time. I'm just so comfortable where I am at with Him. Finding I need to pray for the desire, to desire his gift of Divine Love.

Response: I think a better word would be "compliance" to God's Laws of Love. God willingly gives Love to those whose souls long for it, but not in response to obedience, merely desire. Could be semantics here, but like some others, the word "obedience" indicates insistence, but free will says we can choose to receive or not. God loves us either way.

Response: I'm feeling lessons about God's *Hozho* or Beauty. The Navajo concept of Beauty is the universe in

harmony, truth, peace, etc. I'm learning that it requires more and more sensitivity to perceive what Beauty actually means, how to be in harmony with it. It has required my emotional surrender and acceptance of becoming the person God created me to be rather than the self I self-reliantly tried to construct to fit into the world's definitions of value. I'm finding that as I locate and emote out the stony bits of error in my soul, the hurts that caused me to form beliefs based on error, that I am becoming more aware and sensitive to Beauty and how to align with it.

I agree that semantics matter because of the injuries we each have not yet released. So "obedience" smacks of a being who demands; yet unconditional love, Divine Love, never demands. Doesn't *need* to demand because God desires our *gift* of love. So currently I'm feeling the term "alignment" to be the most appropriate and loving. Alignment with God's *Hozho*.

Response: Semantics do matter. Yet, I invite each soul to open to this question: Why should the word "obedience" strike a disharmonious chord? Our Heavenly Creator *absolutely* knows best! I would much rather obey God's Divine Plan for my life than follow my own. For me, obedience to God's Laws means seeking the Best and Highest Good! Lastly, dear gentles, like it or not, Jesus and other Celestials frequently recommend obedience in the

Padgett Messages. Of course, in order to obey, we must first discern God's will. That's a separate topic.

Response: It's that damnable pride that will keep the majority of souls from asking for His love. I for one am happy to bend a knee or even lie prostrate.

Response: As I read this discussion, I considered free will and God's laws. The picture that came related to gravity and balls. The gravity being a constant and the balls and actions being free will. I can roll the ball, using gravity to hold the ball down, I can bounce the ball, harmonizing with gravity as it controls and pulls the ball back to itself, or I can try and hit the ball out of the park, over the net or bounce it to someone else. All these activities are very different and exhibit the exercise of my free will. God does not care or ask for obedience in my ball activity. God knows the law of gravity is perfect and operates exactly the same in all circumstances, so there is no need to demand what I do. I can bounce the ball up and break my nose and God is not moved to compassion. God is happy in the exercise of my free will allowing me to create what I want.

Response: Here is another message that uses the words "obedience" and "disobedience" several times: <https://new-birth.net/padgetts-messages/true-gospel-revealed-anew-by-jesus-volume-1/luke-on-atonement-part-2-vol-1-pg142/>.

The first parents, by their disobedience, forfeited the receiving of God's Love and caused all of their posterity, up to the time of Jesus' coming to do the same. Obedience can be simply seen as acting in harmony with God's laws, while disobedience is violation of God's laws or sin. We do have free will, i.e., we can choose either path – obedience or disobedience – but there are outcomes and consequences for both which may be pleasant or unpleasant. Our free choice as well. However, there is a wide range of actions where God doesn't tell us what to do and they do not violate His laws no matter which way we "bounce the ball" to use the above analogy. So indeed, there are decisions for us to make where God does not care. Either way, they don't break any of God's laws – though some may be wiser and the outcomes of some may be better than those of others.

Discerning Truth in Mutual Respect

Question: I have some friends who are very much into AJ Miller. They swear by his methods of “clearing away” the mental debris of the past in order to allow the Divine Love to flow better. There are some in this group who are supporters and others who feel otherwise. I am neutral so I guess I am well suited to post this. Why do I mention this?

When I privately complimented someone on this forum for their posts, after some brief introductions, she came up on my pager and posted a link. Being the inquisitive type and hoping it might lead to some info I was (heretofore) unaware of, I clicked it. Bam! I was face-to-face with an incredibly handsome couple whom I immediately recognized as A.J. and his girlfriend. I was shocked, partially because I had not expected this and partially because this couple was so healthy and good looking!

My first thought was “judge not lest thou be judged”. Of course, I have heard of A.J. before and have followed his career through YOUTUBE. Do I think he's Jesus? Emphatically not. Do I think she is Mary? No. If they are not, both will answer in the next world. The point is, if my counterparts (whom I consider to be my equals in every way) want to follow A.J. and the Padgett Volumes, that is certainly their prerogative. And they should not be made to

feel ashamed of that. Peace be to all and everyone have a great day!

Response: I have read a lot, listened a lot, in the past five years to lots of different approaches to Divine Love and truth. Using AJ Miller's approach to healing the soul through Divine Love has healed and is still healing an extreme amount of pain I've been feeling. The proof is in the pudding. Not to mention other benefits – happiness peace, etc.

One of the reasons I like AJ is that he teaches what is loving communication and what isn't. For example, if someone doesn't ask for your feedback, it's not yours to give.

Response: Yes, I have heard of NIC (non-intrusive communication) and definitely need a primer in that. I tend to communicate in absolutes and that may be the reason I (as my daughter likes to tell me) have no people skills and (as a result) no friends!

Response: Censorship is seen as one of the “prerogatives” of a church. At least every church I've experienced. Censorship is fear. The presence of fear reveals a lack of love because “unconditional love casts out fear”.

What is the causal root feeling that people choose censorship over faith in God's Way of giving us free will to explore on our own?

There are many Natural Love Path spirits who are inspiring human gurus to address causal injuries. They do not know about the soul level, often believe they *are* God, and so, though their emoting is effective, there is no desire to know God's truth or receive Divine Love, which would be the Divine Love Path. Without that desire, a soul misses out on the potential magnificence God has in store for His children who surrender to alignment with what I'm feeling to be "God's *Hozho*", a reality that literally *blows* the mind. It's a Navajo concept too complex to explain here. Worth researching though.

Response: Censorship is completely alien to truth and love. Anyone who engages in it will regret it later.

Response: Yet I feel compassion for people still imprisoned in addictions. If my hackles are raised, then there's the evidence I'm still harboring a treasured error feeling belief. I don't believe God sanctions murder as the Bible says and I don't believe Jesus ever struck a moneychanger in the temple. Any reference that describes God as unloving is error. It took a whole lot of emoting out my error feeling beliefs in order to have the free will space for God's truth. And to receive Divine Love, which makes

us into compassionate beings, we must be in truth. When authentic unfeigned compassion for my Dad first showed up in me, I rejoiced because it was a landmark that this path I've chosen is working. "We're all in this together" (Avett Bros)

Response: Jesus did not strike a money changer – he struck a table with money on it! Big difference.

Response: Well, let's just say, I don't believe he indulged in anger to make change. He was already in the Celestial sphere. Celestials trust God's Love, not sin to make change.

Response: I am not sure why folks see anger as bad! All emotions come from God and anger is an emotion. I have no doubt he yelled at the Pharisees and Sadducees, and all my research indicates this. Everything is an agent for change, even catastrophe and calamity. It's all in His plan. Jesus' spiritual condition was such that he could have gone all the way to the very highest heavens and touched God! What an incredible spirit! Don't forget he prayed for 40 days once!

Response: I've seen pictures of Jesus with a whip in his hand at the temple. Makes me sad that people think of him in those terms.

Response: No, he didn't have whip, he had a personality though, that would rattle the buildings used through his love.

The Christian symbol is a man hanging on a tree. In focusing on his death, people miss his incredible life – that he began a revolution of love that continues to grow to this day. Praise God!

Response: Anger is a tool we use to mask fear. Fear is having faith in something unloving, trusting a personal truth over God's truth. Fear is a feeling we use to suppress grief, and this starts in our infancy. Anger, fear, sadness – these are all feelings that humans create when they do not fully discharge an original feeling. Original feelings are how our emotional soul actually matures. If we stop its full experience, it gets stuck and we create layers like fear, guilt, shame, judgment, etc., to keep it hidden.

God's Way is to get the soul wisdom out of each emotion, not store it in our energy field. These are the nursery school lessons we didn't learn, yet we expect to progress to high school without ever going back and learning the nursery school level stuff. That requires humility and faith in God's design.

God always feels all His feelings and has no need for sadness, fear or anger. Love creates and maintains entire universes. It really *is* the strongest power in the universe.

God's definition of love, not the mangled version humans have.

So the presence of anger is a guide that we have some excavation work to do. You don't *have* to. But the sooner we start, the sooner we become liberated.

Response: I don't know AJ and his wife at all, haven't read but just a little, and most of that has come from comments on this Divine Love post.

Do I believe this couple is Jesus and Mary? No, I do not, and frankly not sure the people who do believe they are, really believe they are. Unless Jesus comes out of the clouds on a white horse, sword in hand, there is no Christian or any other religion going to believe them either.

But, looking at this another way, as much as I like or love this Divine Love group – the people in it, the truth I found, the advice I'm given, knowledge I'm learning – I haven't seen much motivation to get this New Truth out there for people to see, read or get a grip on. I don't see Divine Love on the regular Facebook page. Is there any post out there about our group? Outside of this group, having its own Facebook page? I have seen nothing except Geoff Cutler on Quora. If I hadn't been on Quora in the first place, and begged God to find some truth, I would never have found the Divine Love Group.

I look at AJ and his wife as maybe another alley to travel to eventually find God's truth. At least AJ is out there, advertising and inviting people to join his group. It may, and I think it's going to, take one *heck of a jolt* to wake people up to the truth. I see this is a way to possibly do that. God does work in mysteries ways. If our group wants to know the truth about AJ, then have a medium in our group ask about him. Then you will have idea of what's going on.

Response: Mediums are limited to what they can clearly receive based on their own fears and beliefs. I would recommend each soul go straight to God, desire God's truth at the soul level, and ask God directly what are His feelings about AJ and what he's teaching. He's no guru. Everything still has to be personally explored and experimented with between a person and God for a soul to feelingly understand.

The Good News that Jesus brought was exactly that we don't need priests or dogmas or groups or mediums to have direct learning from God. Any question you have can be answered this way.

If a soul is not yet sensitive enough to feel God's feelings in answer, then God uses guides to employ words. It's inbuilt in our souls to do this because God wants a personal intimate relationship with every one of Her children. But

the soul must desire it too. Desire truth, no matter what beliefs you have to let go of.

I so much enjoy the Quaker form of meetings. In silence each soul is listening directly to what the Inner Teacher has for them and it carries over into the social time — souls encountering souls with faith that everyone was in touch directly with God. That is true equality.

Response: Not sure you understand what I am saying. People who don't have the truth and believe deeply in what they believe, need a jolt, a stimulant, for them to wake up and vigorously, with curiosity, dive into something that sparks their interest. In my case, my soulmate came to me in spirit. I was afraid, scared, and so very curious as to this even happening. I knew nothing but God. It took five years of travel to finally find the truth. That's what people outside of our truth need. A shock. We are losing people by the hundreds every day to suicide and wrong truths. Divine Love has to get out to people, not wait for them to come to us.

Response: Thank you for that background. That's an awesome event to meet your soulmate that way.

I intimately understand in a *feeling* way your desire to be an evangelist for Divine Truth. I brought over my Christian background of proselytizing and my Baha'i background of believing I was dutybound to teach "God's

latest truth.” God’s Law of Attraction brought me the jolt I needed as soon as my soul had a true desire for *God’s* truth rather than my church’s *image* of truth.

I’ve put a lot of effort into trying to convince people before they had a desire, so I’ve asked God to teach me how to say words that inspired desire. That’s an ongoing curriculum for me. However, recall that hundreds of people accepted Jesus’ teachings while many thousands feared and hated him. Yet his choice to reach the Celestial sphere and become at-one with God, Loving as God loves, filled with Divine Love, and how that decision *changed* the whole world, shifted realities on the spirit planes as well as the material planes, even the hell planes. One soul, at one and in love with God, had that effect.

So I got in touch with the reasons *why* I felt driven to save the world. It turned out the reasons were addictions I created to avoid becoming authentic about my childhood injuries. Seriously. I decided to root out my suppressed griefs so that I would no longer be controlled by my unacknowledged addictions.

Actions done due to a fear impulse are sowing more seeds of fear. I had done that all my life. So I entered into an emotional detox with God as my consulting physician with an able staff who have themselves gone through the same detox. That meant I stopped sowing seeds for a while,

stopped acting, felt the feelings that surfaced when I changed my actions. In this way, with this highly experienced team, I've finally come to a place where I feel I will not contaminate the world with fear seeds. Jesus did not begin a public ministry until he had become at one with God.

Now, based on a loving desire, I share in person what I've learned with people that God sends by "divine appointment", and I am putting together a small book explaining my experience with how applying God's truth has changed my life. I won't claim to be a source of truth but I *am* the source of my own experiences. That I can say truthfully.

I feel a special rapport with others who lived in a cesspool of terrible Law of Attraction events. God never gave me a waiver to not deal with the cesspool even though my creation of it was unintentional. It *was* hell. And I feel that I still live in hell in some aspects, especially if you read Robert James Lees' trilogy that tells us how we will live in the Celestial spheres! The comparison lets me know that though I'm the happiest I've ever been in my life, that compared to what's *possible* for God's children — I'm still in hell. Yet I also embody hope that I am not stuck here. God provided ladders out of hell, no matter how low, even before She created souls. Give a kid free will and he's likely to err sometime!

Why not start a blog? Or you can write a small book that you list through Amazon? They have a user-friendly venue for that. Make it downloadable and low cost. Pray that the guides prompt people to find it. You have a lot of passion, an energy that fuels the work to get that done.

Response: AJ has his take on things as do we. Respect for these different perspectives creates harmony among us. Personally I have deep reservations about the guy. I've heard great things about him and horror stories. He is most definitely human and he has my compassion, prayers and love. He has taught the truths of Divine Love and has brought this truth to many. He has also hurt some deeply. It's a mixed bag and one which I tend to give a wide berth to since my approach is different.

Response: There is only one messiah and he is the master of God's Celestial heavens. In Hebrew law of old, one claiming to be the messiah would pay with their life. The law of compensation will obey God's laws.

Response: I was present when this message was received as the Divine Love showered us and the powerful presence of the Master gave us this: <https://new-birth.net/contemporary-messages/messages-sorted-year/messages-2017-and-2018/clarification-on-the-celestial-existence-of-jesus-af-26-nov-2018/>.

Response: Bravo for initiating this conversation! I appreciate everyone's comments in response to yours! DLSF is *not* a church. It espouses no dogma one must adhere to. It exists to share and demonstrate the Truth of God's Love freely available to each mortal, invited by their free will choice. With God's Love comes all truth.

I need no one, medium or not, to tell me what to think about AJ. I have formed my own perceptions in prayer. If people find some of AJ's teachings of value to them in their journey to God, great!! We will all directly or indirectly benefit from any one of us growing in God's Love. There are as many paths home to God as there are mortals; our individual journey is a unique one. But we have much to learn from one another as we share our journey as we are doing here – *if* we are open to learning!

If fear of someone's view arises, there is an opportunity for learning in that. And there is so much love, respect and honesty in these posts – therein lies their power to speak to our souls and help us step closer to God. What matters is not so much telling the Truth of God's Love, but how and when you tell it, to what extent your telling actually carries the love and touches the souls of the listener(s).

AJ's ways do not speak to me, though I respect others to whom they do. My way is to directly "speak" to God in

prayer and to learn from the example of fellow travellers on the Divine Path who I feel carry the Love.

Response: I have watched some of AJ's videos and it is obvious that he means well. I would call it a benign delusion!

Response: You would think that we have learned enough from history to answer this question. Allow them to grow old and die. Problem solved!

Spirit Influence on Mortals

Question: Amazing how The Padgett Messages never let me down. Only two days ago, after bringing up the idea at my Spiritualist Church that we are influenced (emotionally) by spirits, I stumble upon this exact topic in a message delivered by Luke. This very much agreed with our circle of light chat group on Friday, which attributed this condition to the Law of Attraction. Luke looks at it from all angles.

Response: So you are saying that a spirit that is emotionally happy, or upset about something can bring this feeling to you. This would mean exactly what? That you could actually feel this happiness or feel this wrath, physically?

Someone shared a story of a young lady in spirit, who felt she owed a man the wrath she felt for him because he jilted her in life. And she did so, very painfully, for some time.

I would be very interested in knowing what you think on this. For I had the wrath of much pain given to me, for something I had done to my husband. Believe you me, I was absolutely in shock that this could even happen.

Response: The emotion starts with us, through a stimulus and our willing response to engage it. Law of

Attraction attracts like-minded spirits. So the short answer is, yes, if we allow it. Luke explains it better at <https://new-birth.net/padgetts-messages/true-gospel-revealed-anew-by-jesus-volume-2/luke-the-development-of-the-soul-in-its-natural-love-cont-vol-2-pg371/>

Response: It says this: "... he must recognize the fact that he does not live to himself, alone; that what he conceives to be the workings of his own mind and will are not always the result of thoughts and desires that originate in him, but are largely the products of the influences of the workings of the minds of spirits who are around him, trying to impress him with their desires and wills; and consequently, you will understand that it is very important to man as to what kind of spirit influences he has surrounding and working upon him."

Response: I have no idea why it is so difficult for me to wrap my mind around the fact that we have spirits all around us. And they can possibly do what they do to us. It's mind boggling. Actually quite scary.

Response: Maybe also take a look at Dr Carl Wickland's life's work and his book *Thirty Years Among the Dead*, as an adjunct to the Padgett Messages. The book chronicles his experiences of detaching these spirits from his patients. Wickland's wife Anna was a medium and they would apply a very small electric current to the patient, the spirit would

jump off and through Anna, Dr Wickland would talk to the spirit and help them realise they were dead and needed to move them on. Wickland and other doctors before him attributed mental illnesses, including schizophrenia, to malevolent spirit influence. Interestingly his work was being done around the same time the Padgett Messages were being written, early 1900s. NPD, MPD, Bipolar disorder, etc. are all spirit influenced. If you can disconnect the spirit influence, the patient has a chance to feel "themselves" at least temporarily. The process can be done quite easily at home using a tens machine or circulation booster. The results are quite amazing.

Response: I thank you for this long reply, appreciate this and will keep it in mind.

But this spirit was my husband in life for 30 years. We had a good marriage, raised two kids, redid two old houses together and he passed away at 50 years old with leukemia. He told me I am his soulmate, and punished me for something I did during our marriage. Which according to the Ten Commandments is a sin and if not, was a serious offense to him. I allowed this punishment to help him get through his pain and wrath. And also felt I deserved it. He has been with me for six years, and because of him, I was curious to know more about this. My mom had her soul mate with her the last eight years of her life. So I sort of understood. I went through four sets of beliefs hoping to

understand, but no. Finally, through much prayer, I happened upon Geoff in Quora, then discovered Divine Love. So I found my path.

Also, early on when my husband came to me, I was somewhat afraid. I begged God to tell me for sure who this spirit was. In desperate prayer, a female voice came from the head of my bed, and said, "It's Gene". I froze of course, tears came with no physical mechanics, and I actually felt, my soul was crying because it knew the voice. He causes me no more pain, we talk and are working things out. He makes me laugh and I'm happy.

The reason I was asking for information about this, is that I just needed someone to confirm this can really happen, without going through this whole story. I still have a hard time wrapping my brain around this whole situation.

Response: Like you, I also have personal experience of spirit influence, both benevolent and malevolent, (whether they're known to me or not). It certainly happens and as you know, can be quite awful if you have emotions they can hook into. If all people on earth were aware of this influence, it would be a very different world.

Response: It's amazing to me how no matter what the topic, or what my prayer is, I can randomly open one of Padgett's volumes and receive a message in response! How does that happen?! Amazing!

Response: Yes! God's beautiful Law of Attraction is an awesome gift to us!

Response: Indeed. I've never seen so many topics reeled off with perfect timing.

Rules and Principles on Divine Love Path?

Question: Are there basic principles and rules of behavior for Divine Love followers? Our angel friends only suggest to pray for the Love and be a channel of love in the world. Is this enough of a guideline to be in alignment with the Divine Love truths? Religious organizations have many rules and guidelines reflecting their beliefs. Since Divine Love is predicated on one thing, that is to pray to receive it, do we as humans want to add more to this to satisfy our mind's desire for detail? What does love guide us to do?

Response: I don't believe we need more rules. Especially when we take to heart that each child is blessed with a different path. Any additional rules or requirements could only become muddled up in our minds.

In our understanding that God's Love will eventually neutralize our misunderstandings, we may find the peace and faith that helps keeps our path straight and narrow (pray for the Love).

Certainly others are further along the path than I, and their enlightenment of right/wrong is much clearer than mine, but as God is infinitely patient, and well aware that His children each walk at a different speed, so too should we strive to be patient of the shortcomings of each other,

for in God's Perfect Plan, we each shall come to His Light, and find our way to our Father's Table.

Response: Love one another as I (Jesus) have loved you – i.e., follow the example of how Jesus lived.

In this message, <https://new-birth.net/padgetts-messages/true-gospel-revealed-anew-by-jesus-volume-1/the-kingdom-of-god-on-earth-and-in-the-spirit-world-vol-1-pg12/>, it says this: “Now, the way to each of these kingdoms is not the same, although in pursuing the way to one, and that the Celestial Kingdom, the way to the others, must necessarily be followed, or in other words, he who follows the way to the Celestial Kingdom pursues that course which in its pursuit, will cause him to do those things and obey those laws of God that are necessary to establish the Kingdoms on earth and in the spirit world; but he who pursues only the way that leads to the establishment of the kingdom on earth and in the spirit world, cannot possibly become an inhabitant of the Celestial Kingdom.”

This confirms that thoughts, words and actions of those on the Divine Love path should largely parallel those on the natural love path and be kind and loving. The difference is not in how we live, but how the soul is affected – transformed into divine substance by the Divine Love or simply purified.

That same message also says that we may reach the Celestial Kingdom while still on earth and some in Padgett's time were known to have done so.

Response: What's so wonderful about the Divine Love is that it's simple and you don't need to add anything to It. Just love our Father, pray sincerely for the Love and receive the Love into our souls.

Response: Jesus tells us that we need to learn to love others with this Divine Love. I think that's the only thing we need to learn.

Response: When the highest Love is influencing our actions and deeds, I don't believe that there needs to be any rules or edicts of behavior. The soul guided by God knows what is right for your life. That is why we can't judge another. Respect and love for each individual is the only edict I can think of that is appropriate. When there is harmony between your soul and God's Great soul, who needs rules? Our behavior comes naturally out of our relationship with the Divine.

Response: I wouldn't remember any additional rules anyway! The more we stay in our heart, the less we need to know as our inner promptings we show the way. I must try to remember that!

Response: In responding to a group email about something else, these two Bible passages came to my mind which seem relevant to this question as well. They sum up where we as Divine Love community stand and what we should aspire to. To me, they are teachings, exhortations and reminders in the same vein as the messages that our Divine Love mediums channel.

1Corinthians 12:12 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.

1Co 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free —and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. [the Holy Spirit bringing the Divine Love into our souls]

1Co 12:14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many.

1Co 12:18 But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

1Co 12:19 If they were all one part, where would the body be?

1Co 12:20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1Co 12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!"

But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

1Co 12:25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

1Co 12:26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

1Co 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ [joined together by the Divine Love], and each one of you is a part of it.

1Co 12:28 And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. [various gifts and functions]

1Co 12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

1Co 12:30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

1Co 12:31 But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way.

1Corinthians 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

1Co 13:2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1Co 13:3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1Co 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

1Co 13:5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1Co 13:6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

1Co 13:7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1Co 13:8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

1Co 13:10 but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.

1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

1Co 13:12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1Co 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Or, from the letter ascribed to Paul to the Romans:

Ro 12:4 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,

Ro 12:5 so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Ro 12:6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.

Ro 12:7 If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;

Ro 12:8 if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Ro 12:9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Ro 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Ro 12:11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Ro 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Ro 12:13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Ro 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Ro 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Ro 12:16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Ro 12:17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

Ro 12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

How Divine Love Changes Us

Question: Receiving Divine Love can change us dramatically but often those changes are cumulative and subtle. Since praying for this blessing, have you noticed internal shifts in your demeanour and thoughts?

Response: I have been able to embrace other people's perspectives without getting defensive about my opinions. My ego is very reluctant to let go, but as I continue to pray, I find it easier to deal with my own internal conflict. Actually feeling God's Love (or really understanding what I felt all my life) I have been able to seek refuge in His Love. It may not fix my problem right away, but I can at least have a better perspective on what I need to do.

Response: I have noticed a great many changes in me since praying for the Divine Love. I used to be a very anxious person in my youth. I could barely talk to others without feeling self-conscious and nervous to the point of having a stuttering problem.

I was also angry and unfulfilled in many ways. I believe that these issues started me on my journey towards spiritual awakening as I felt inwardly compelled to overcome my barriers to life. I had always had a rich inner life and there the problems that I had were not present. I was a bit of a loner and very shy. After making connections with some very outgoing and loving souls, I was

encouraged to start accepting and loving myself. It took many years to truly feel this, but it is clear in retrospect that this came with repeated inflows of God's Love. Through building a core of love within, many of those thoughts of being less than or unworthy, subsided or changed into something more useful in my life. I began to value my sensitivities rather than loathe them.

I still see myself as a little unusual in my experience of the world, but appreciate that more than ever. Being different has become a great asset rather than a liability. Love does that. It opens up the realization that God created individual souls with inherent gifts similar but not the same as others. Because of a great sense of isolation and pain in my formative years, I am now able to have greater compassion for those who have had similar experiences. That couldn't happen without that core love principle informing my thoughts and feelings.

I am much more engaged in the world now because the process of soul awakening through Divine Love has built a sure knowledge of who I am and has gifted me with a changed perspective reflecting self-love and acceptance. These are only a few of what I perceive as the many positive and life-affirming changes that have happened to me in these 45 years of praying for the Love.

Yes, there was a lot of expiation and needed recognition of mindful error and unloving thought. That comes with the territory. But the changes that I have witnessed are far greater than what might have come without that core of love in my soul. It is the catalyst, the compelling force that brought me to truth and a sort of reconciliation towards those warring parts of myself. I could not be transformed in the ways that I have been without this Grace from God opening the way to greater self-love and compassion and deeper gifts and understanding.

I have become a far better person in a myriad of ways than I believe I could have been otherwise. This great Love infiltrates all parts and aspects of us. It does as is promised – changing and transforming. I know that there is still a very long journey towards soul redemption to be taken but, in retrospect, I have taken great leaps of faith and landed firmly on my feet. God's Love gives us the capacity to do that without the harshness of mindful correction and ignoring the need for love to soothe the wounds. It is the perfect healing agent. Thank you, God for your Grace and mercies. Your Love has truly changed me.

Response: Thank you for expressing your story of God's transformative touch upon your being. Very well said and a story quite similar to my experience, the changes I too have experienced and I imagine many others have as well.

Response: I've also noticed things similar to what has already been mentioned about receiving God's Love so won't add more of that. But I have some extras to add that no one else has written about.

One of the first internal changes I noticed was in my perception of colour. Colours appeared more vibrant to me – not only much brighter but to the point of "shimmering", like the colour had glitter added. I would be in awe of this experience and remark about it to others thinking it was some special colour but they could not see the same thing. I quickly realised it was me that had changed. I still see colour the same way!

Another shift that happened as I began to grow in love as God's Love entered my soul, is that my sense of smell and taste changed. The smell of raw meat became much more unpleasant to me than it had already been. Then even cooked meat smelled rank to me and I could smell/taste the blood in it which put me off to the point where I could only eat it if it was heavily spiced to disguise the smell/taste. While all these changes were taking place, I would find myself in traffic behind a semi hauling cattle to slaughter (our town has a slaughter house). Looking into the eyes of those cattle through the bars of that death truck I felt such sorrow for their plight (just as I had for the Jewish people in movies I'd seen about the Holocaust), that I would start crying right there in the traffic.

Similarly, cow's milk began to taste rank to me. I would go past fields where milking cows were grazing and become upset at their life of "slavery". Eggs began to taste really strong to me and became hard to eat. And finally butter and cheese became repulsive.

Response: In this new way of being, I see God's children as brothers and sisters of mine. In this blessing of Love, I am much better able to see past their condition, and to the precious soul they are. God's Love has opened me to see His children in light, to love them without need for reason, and to walk in faith that each encounter is a moment where God uses His instrument to reach them in ways unknown. God's Divine Love has brought a quality of faith that was lacking prior. I am in a much greater state of peace since this great blessing, and the peace grows deeper with each prayer.

Response: It is that thing about being in the vortex that Abraham Hicks speaks of through Esther. I think there is just more appreciation and gratefulness about the smallest things. It builds a momentum of peace and joy that persists.

Who and What Is God?

Question: From your own thoughts, what is your understanding of who and what is God? Many of us pray to God and contemplate what God is in our experience of Him/Her/It. How has your experience in prayer informed your understanding of God?

Response: The first thing that came to me is that He's that part of me that has always been there and never changes.

Response: To me in this moment of understanding, God is the awareness or experience of the dimension beyond my thoughts, emotions and body where all is well, and love and possibilities abound. When I am that, everything inside of me and outside of me is God. When I create certain chemicals in my brain, my heart opens more and I feel the Oneness. I do this through prayer and meditation, laughter, chanting, and being in nature.

Response: God is Infinite Goodness that Is, and is all around me/us all the time and I discern it with my soul—with the Real Me. I relax into It and yield to It. I cannot discern it with the mortal mind. These words come from my direct experience.

Response: Thank you for sharing this and I certainly can relate to what you are saying. When I'm in that loving

breath of God, I am all goodness too. Just wish I could be there always.

Response: Someday you will be there always. And me too. And all those whose souls are yearning.

Response: When I think of God or more often God's Love, I feel enveloped or bathed or washed in a golden light and so God to me is more spirit – a soul to soul communion that is sacred and holy and beyond words. Bliss!

Response: I often cannot discern between our angel friends and God in prayer and meditation. They come hand in hand with receiving God's Love. The upliftment, sense of expansion and joy is my internal sense of communing with God and receiving His Gift of Love.

At times there is a sense of the peace that passes all understanding. When I am in that peace, I recognize that I am with God. When I am feeling the joy and expansion of my soul, I am in God's Grace. When I am receiving visions, hearing guidance, and getting experiential downloads, I am with my angel friends. All of this is wonderful, ongoing exploration and deep soul satisfaction.

Whether it is God, God's Love and /or the angels close, I am very grateful for having such a relationship with the Truth of God's Love. I'm sure that in time I will see and know the difference without any confusion or doubt. Just

keep it coming God because I am eager for more and grateful for what you give.

Response: God is my father, my creator, my shepherd, my saviour, my personal confidant.

Response: My mother taught me to pray to my Father at a very young age. That is what she called him. Since I was so young when my mother divorced my human father and I never felt close to any of my stepfathers, I went to Father God for comfort, love, and talked out loud to Him about everything. Still do.

Response: God is that divinity that resides in all of us and that unites all of us on the earth. To pray and be grateful and bathe in the joy and tranquillity.

Response: I think of God as the creative force and intelligence. The continuous act of creation is essential to His very substance and being as is the creation of separate observers and participating entities, like us, without which it would all be incredibly boring. The closer we grow towards Him, the more fun it is as He enjoys His creation and its ongoing process which He has set in motion.

Response: Eckhart Tolle said something similar when he answered, "what is the purpose of the universe". Through the creative force God experiences what we, His creatures "are becoming", in our ever-evolving souls. At

each stage of "becoming", we experience a new state of "being". It's like a mortal father sharing in the life of his children. Is God compelled to do this? I have no idea.

Response: God is my dad, as simple as that. I talk to Him all the time about everything. Sometimes I feel guilty about taking too much of His time, but am assured my faith just makes His Love stronger.

Response: I think of God as my true Father. I think of Him/Her several times a day. I also will often silently say 'Father, I love you. And then I will often feel enveloped in love which is sometimes very powerful. Almost like being truly given a big hug with the Love from our Father. It is so wonderful and beautiful!

Response: It was not easy for me to call God my Father, which I now love to do. I was nearly 70 years old when I began to change after I was introduced to James Padgett's writings that he did when Jesus came to give him truths about Divine Love. Today I am nearly 85 and love the way of Divine Love. I pray "formally" morning and night and "informally" throughout the day. I love being enveloped in Father's Love and feel myself immersed in His caring Love, being cared for deep within my soul. I love Heavenly Father and say this silently often.

Response: You are deeply blessed. And I am very happy for you. I just found this truth about a year and a half ago,

at age 73. But I had no problem believing Padgett's messages.

Response: I may have had difficulty because of my many years as a professional Protestant clergyman. I had a lot of baggage to dump!

Response: Well indeed, you were very blessed. It was just meant to be for you. Stories I've heard tell me that ministers, when they passed over, denied and hated God. It had to be very hard for you to adjust to the truth. I was a Baptist, a Protestant. Although I grew up around Bible Christians, I never grew up in a church or ever read the Bible. So much easier for me. God bless you.

Response: It is so marvellous to hear that a minister is indeed able in this life to make that jump.

I had to chuck out the whole Christian package and it was Padgett who gave me back a Jesus I could have faith in as an elder brother walking the walk. It must have been so much harder for you and very testing, I can imagine.

I am so glad that you chose to mention that even though for you it is old news, it gives one hope for the Church. I wonder how long the stipend would continue if this was preached within the existing churches!

Response: Things have really changed for me since finding the truth of Divine Love through the Padgett

messages. Even tonight I learnt from St. John that not even Jesus has seen God in the sense that we would understand it, but that many of the Celestials have "seen" God with their soul perceptions. I'm guessing that if I were to stand near to the presence of God and if my soul perceptions were attuned, I would sense Love and Truth in some profound way!

Mellen Thomas Benedict, who was a strict atheist before his NDE, said he stood before the God he hadn't believed in and was confronted by changing images of religious icons, one morphing into the other and finally all appearing in a spiralling mandala. I take it from this that God's energy can take on various forms, but the common aspect is the tangible presence of Love and Truth.

Response: From what I have read, I understand that God does have personality which means that He must be clearly identifiable, separate from His creations, though only perceived via the soul of which we are a long way from fully understanding as a means of perception.

