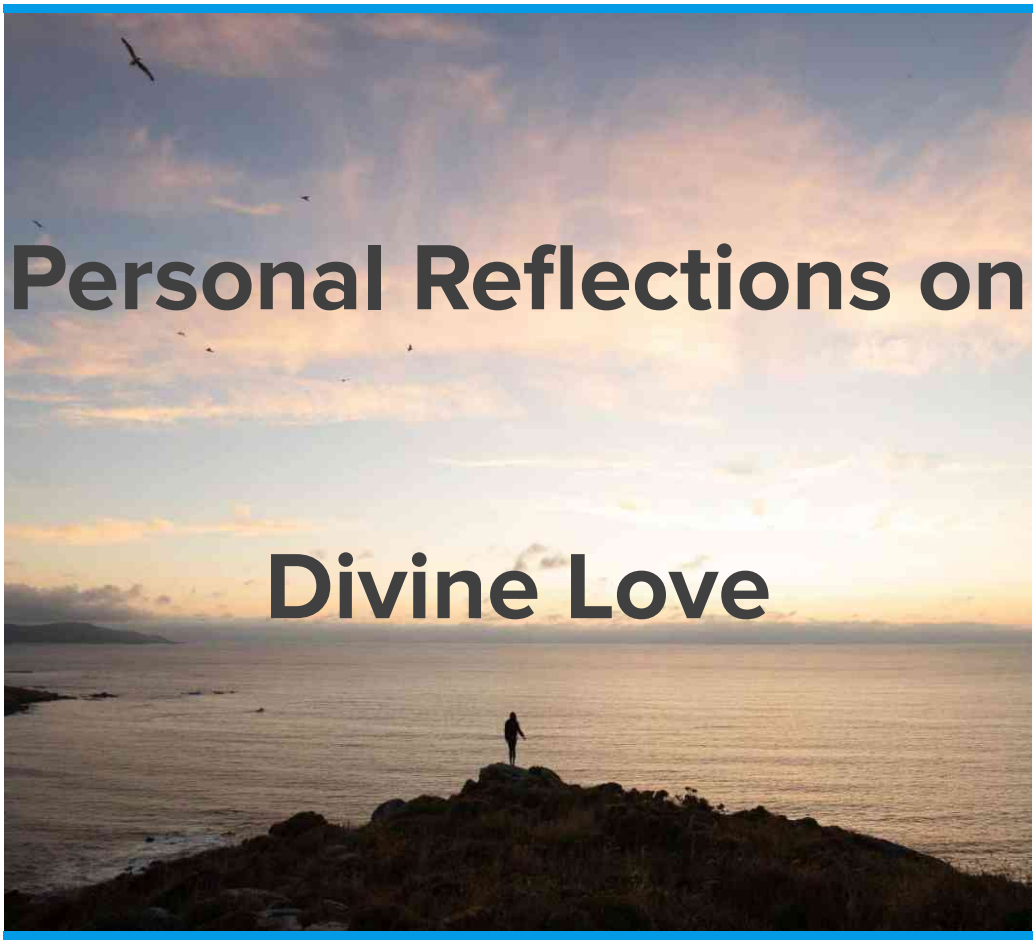

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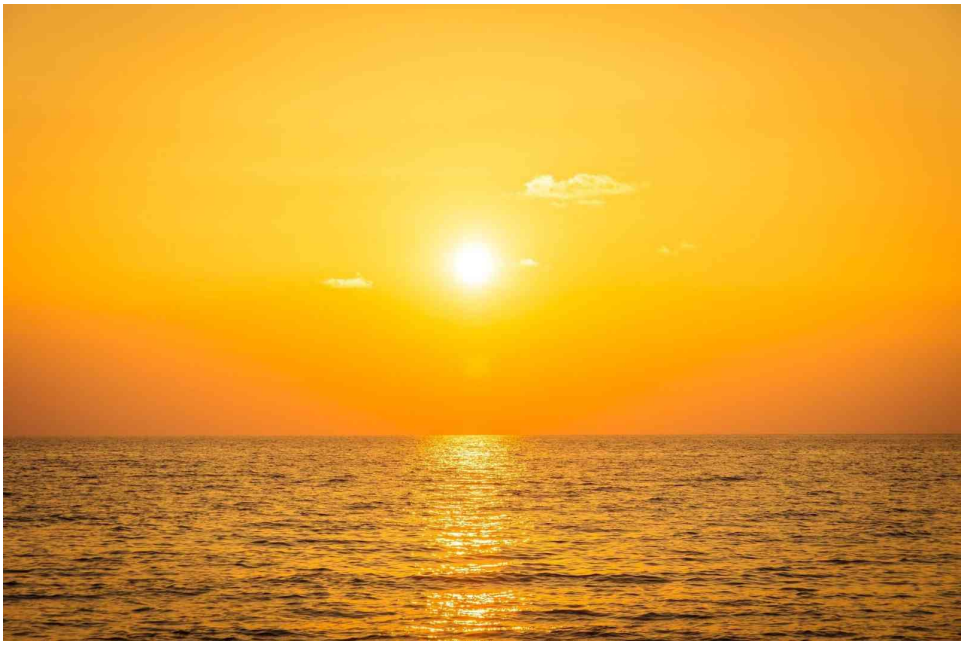


In the early twentieth century, a Washington D.C. lawyer named James Padgett channelled what is arguably the most important collection of messages ever received from the spirit world. His writings (now known as the Padgett Messages) were published after his death and are widely available on the internet.

The Padgett Messages were dictated by the highest spiritual beings in the spirit world. The core truth that they came to reveal is that all paths - except one - result merely in self-realisation through the perfecting of the natural love that we were born with. There's a saying that no river can rise higher than its source and while this state of purity does indeed bring a great deal of happiness to us, it's not the greater happiness that God wants us to experience. The alternative path is to pray earnestly for the divine essence of God's own great soul to come into our soul, which leads directly to God realisation, which is something wholly different. This essence (also known as divine love) eventually makes us 'as one' with God in nature, but without losing our individuality. In the process, we develop a new divine soul and divine consciousness that we didn't have prior to that point. This causes us to eventually change from human beings to divine angels. With self-realisation, we reach a natural ceiling where we cannot progress any further spiritually unless and until we receive this divine love. From this love, all else that we could ever wish for follows, including assured immortality and a never-ending unfolding of new soul

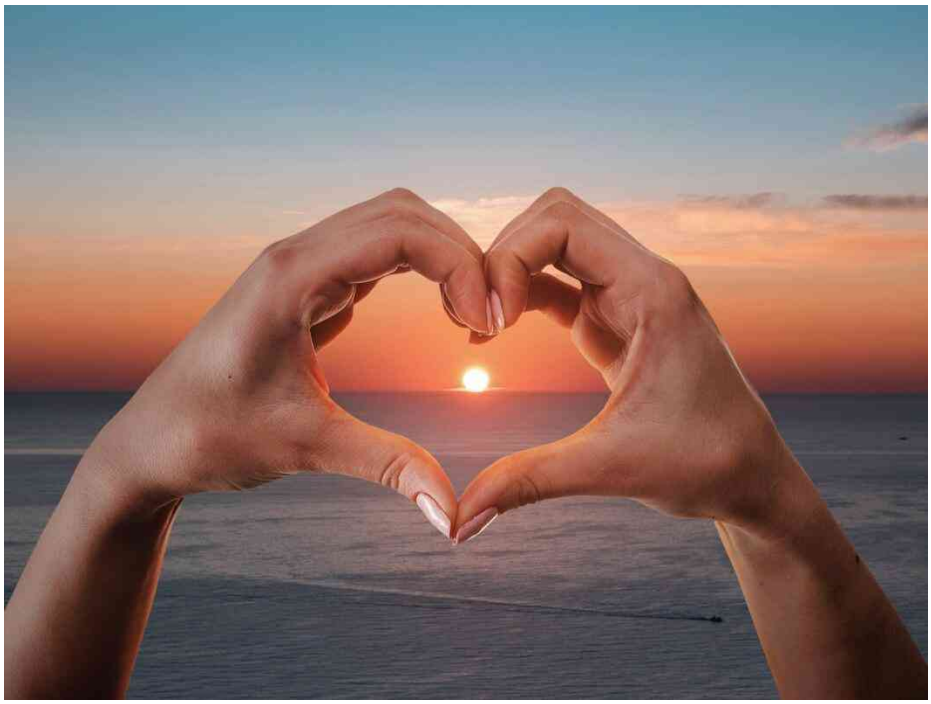
perceptions and spiritual gifts that make our existence a blissful one beyond anything we can conceive of.

The Padgett Messages run to many hundreds of pages and in my book, **'Finding God through Divine Love'**, I summarised the many wonderful truths in order to make them more accessible to those who lead busy lives and who lack the time to study the original writings.

In parallel with studying the Padgett Messages, I tried to develop my own ability to contact the same or similar celestial beings to those who channelled the original material in order to get answers to my many questions. Much of what I received related to my own personal situation and has little relevance for others. I was, however, inspired by my celestial guides to record a series of 'reflections' on the divine path as I went along, with a view to making these commentaries publicly available. Sometimes, a title would flash into my mind when I least expected it, which would signal to me that my guides were ready to collaborate on another journal entry. On rereading these short essays, I sense they embody a deep wisdom that is beyond what I personally could have articulated without their help.

Having knowledge of divine truths and living a spiritual life are two very different things. Our material mind, with all its human conditioning, does not willingly give way to our developing divine soul consciousness. This book deals with the daily challenges of living within this duality of soul and mind. On a darker note, it's been foretold that the world is entering a chaotic, end-of-era, period when many will turn to God for protection and relief from their suffering. May this book bring hope and answers to all those who seek, and help you to navigate a safe path through the darkness to the new era of peace that is coming. I hope you will find it illuminating and that it will help you on the divine path to the celestial kingdom.

1: The Many Promises Of Divine Love



Complete soul regeneration through divine love? Major mind upgrade that gives us superhuman powers? Guaranteed immortality? Amazing new soul perceptions?

These are just some of the promises of what awaits those who choose the divine love path. But, unlike my wording above, channelled material about divine love is always careful not to be sensationalist and, if anything, seeks to downplay and normalise the various steps and changes involved. No doubt, one reason for this pragmatic approach is because it's impossible to meaningfully visualise the journey in front of us and so we have to take each day, each step and each new experience one at a time. The divine beings who guide us are nothing if not humble regarding their abilities and, like any good teacher, are happy to engage with us on our level rather than theirs.

And yet, we shouldn't be surprised that the changes that lie in front of us on the divine path are truly mind blowing, when you consider our countless limitations and inadequacies here on earth and that God wants us to fully immerse ourselves in the ongoing multi-dimensional experience of the unfolding of all creation for all eternity.

There's no need to concern ourselves unduly about the nature of future changes that we may experience. It's enough to just deal with each day as it comes. However, whenever you're wallowing in the mundaneness of ordinary life, it can be uplifting to remind yourself that a magnificent, blissful, divine future lies ahead on this path and, for a moment or two, to try to imagine the unimaginable in terms of what that might involve. I like to dream about being in a state of profound innocence, humility, peace and love with an underlying sense of wellbeing that I can already start to feel.

2: Our Minds Are Strong, Our Souls Are Weak



When starting out with divine love, we find that our minds are strong and our souls are weak. Living in soul consciousness is not easy. Our powerful material minds don't readily give way to our developing soulful state. Some in the world understand this basic human dilemma and try to discipline the power of their minds through meditation.

Whatever we do, most of us will find it hard to regularly be in a soulful state that brings divine love into one's soul. Perseverance is key. Our material minds are dominant, and soul awareness develops only slowly. We've been trained since birth to live in mindful consciousness, so we shouldn't be disheartened when we struggle to make the progress we'd like. The soul is so unlike our material minds that it can be hard to recognise its gentle nature and promptings or to be aware of the progress we are making.

We can take solace from the fact that receiving divine love is not an arbitrary process. Our prayers for divine love succeed when they are heartfelt, coming from deep inside us. This earnestness ensures our souls are open and receptive to God's love. When we pray in this manner, we will invariably invoke God's law of activation and will always receive divine love. It may be accompanied by a physical sensation, which is most often felt in the solar plexus region.

As a result of all our efforts, we will start to experience brief moments of soul consciousness and a deep feeling of God's love. These precious events will incentivise us to go further. Unfortunately, life tends to get in the way and so each individual experience may not last very long.

We need to reflect deeply on why this is and what's required to increase the frequency of being in a spiritual state of grace. The problem is that we try to exist in two different worlds, the material and the spiritual, and so we split our time between them in accordance with our individual circumstances and desires. In this way, we segment all our experiences into one of these two distinct categories rather than experiencing everything from a single place of consciousness.

Unifying the different centres of consciousness within us requires us to choose between what God wants for us, which is known primarily by the soul, and what we want for ourselves. Our daily battle ground is the no-man's land between the mind and the soul. The soul has to come into ascendancy over the material mind for this union to occur. It's not possible to integrate soul consciousness into the material mind - it has to be the other way around because the soul is the most fundamental part of us. Without some degree of acknowledgement and integration of the developing soul mind then there is a limit to how far we can travel on the divine path.

We can connect to God simply by having an earnest intention to do so. We receive divine love by making ourselves open, vulnerable and susceptible to it. It's the same with connecting to our growing divine consciousness. Even though it transcends our normal consciousness and is therefore difficult to relate to, if we have a sincere desire to step into this new awareness then at some point we will do so.

3: The Hardest Step



The hardest step on the divine path is surrendering our minds to our developing soul consciousness; particularly our judgemental nature, along with our biases and prejudices. Our foibles often include a tendency to put a label on individuals or groups of people and view them negatively in some manner. Or believing our views on everything are right and that those who disagree are wrong.

Well, what if God disagrees with us? Doesn't God love us all equally? Isn't it possible that someone you strongly dislike could at some point in the future become your best friend or unexpectedly help you when you most need it? Aren't the people and situations we dislike often based on fear or flimsy evidence rather than anything more tangible?

Perhaps we watch all the bad news in the world and wish someone would just assassinate all the evil dictators in the world. But is that actually what God wants?

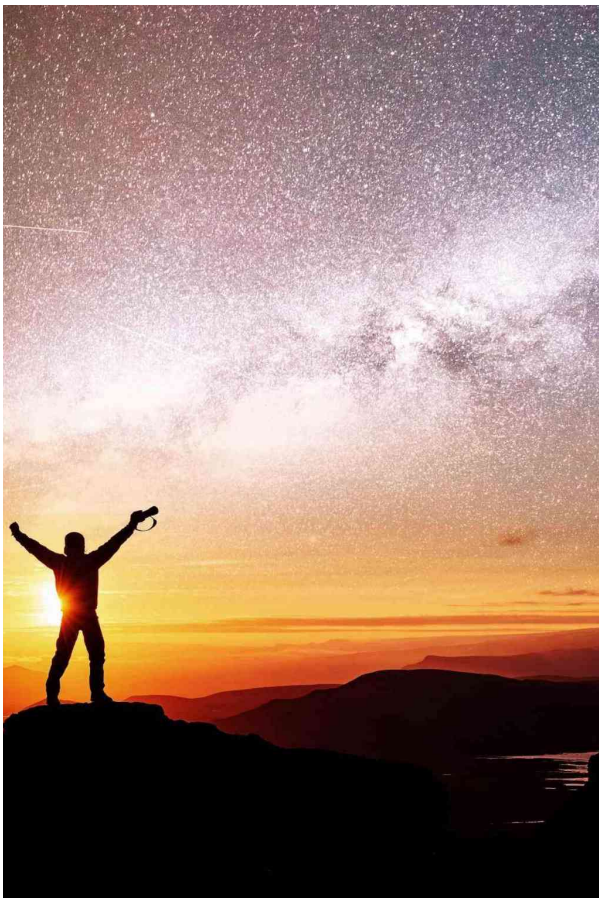
God wants us to be loving towards all others regardless of who they are or what they've done. After long years, I've finally accepted that I've been wrong and God is right on all these issues.

And it's a tremendous relief, a weight off my shoulders. I can now view the world with more detachment. I don't have to take sides when it comes to earthly affairs, like a spectator clamouring for their side's victory at a sporting event. Frankly, being my old self was exhausting. Now, I can just quietly be on God's side, sending love to all situations in my life and to the whole world, accepting that God's way is now the only way for me. By doing this, I know I am helping myself and the world. The more loving we are, the more protection we attract to ourselves and others around us, whereas when we radiate negativity, even if we feel it's justified, we may find it rebounds on us.

At the heart of all these issues is that we don't have faith that God's way is right. We may even blame God for giving mankind the freewill to do so much harm in the world. But do we really know best? Great spiritual leaders such as Jesus always tell us to love unconditionally and to do God's will.

Receiving God's precious divine love into our soul will eventually remove all of these faults in our personality but we can speed the process up by refusing to indulge in the negative habits that we've built up over a lifetime. Some who have passed over to the spirit world while still harbouring strongly negative outlooks have recounted how those earthly beliefs have clung to them as if they have a life of their own and consequently they've been extremely hard to remove, thereby preventing them from progressing. It's wiser to take the matter in hand now to curtail the consequences that flow from wilfully ignoring how God wants us to be for our own highest good.

4: Divine Love Seems Like A Miracle



For those on the divine love path, the soul transformation from non-divine to divine must seem like a miracle. The changes we undergo are fundamental and beyond what we can imagine. However far we travel on the divine path, this love remains the principal mechanism through which God showers us with blessings.

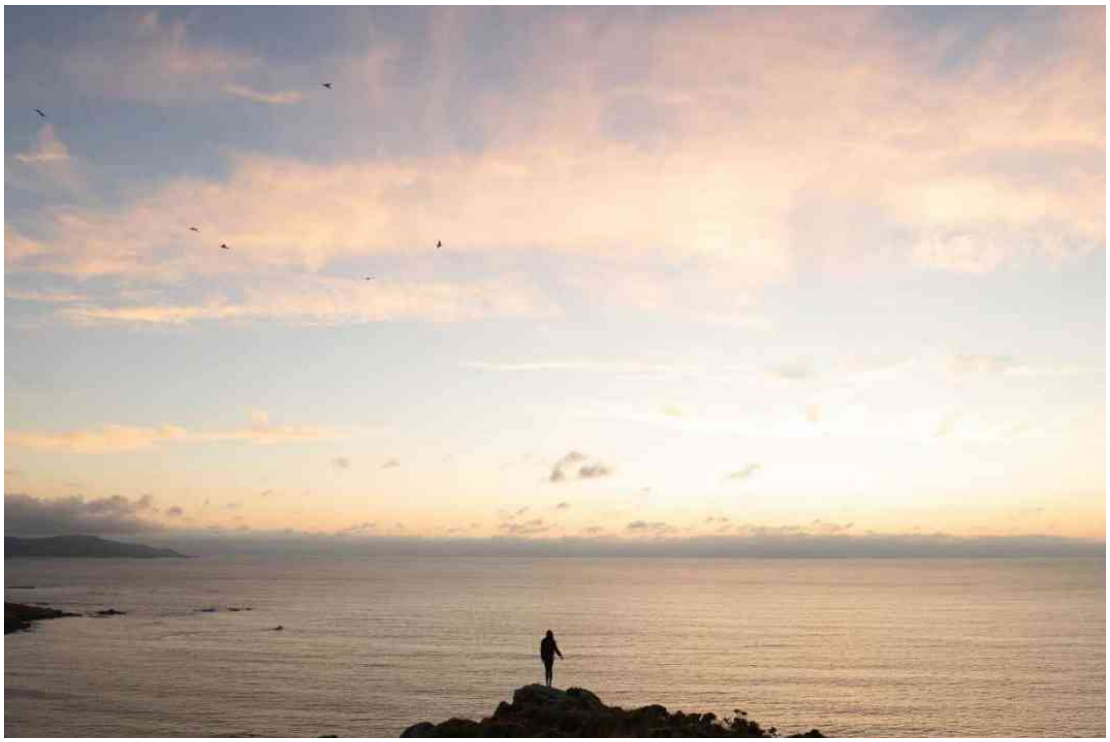
It is hard to understand divine love objectively because there is much that is not easily discernible in relation to the nature of this love and the soul. Fortunately, deep knowledge is not required to benefit from it, in the same way we use technology without understanding it.

Because of the mysterious and elusive nature of divine love, a certain amount of faith is required, especially when starting out. But it doesn't require blind faith. Over time, you'll become increasingly aware of the changes that the love you're receiving is making to you.

Adopting a child-like innocence helps us to be fully open to this love and all the blessings that are available from God. This goes against our normal instincts in worldly affairs, where our innocence could result in someone taking advantage of us. Scepticism, however, doesn't make any sense when it comes to our relationship with our Creator. Those who want absolute proof of unseen things such as God, divine love and the power of prayer before they are willing to believe in them are depriving themselves of untold benefits. Not being aware of, or not believing in, spiritual truths that can greatly help our earthly life and our future beyond this world is a tremendous handicap to one's existence.

Experiencing divine love causes the nature of our soul, our perceptions and consciousness to change from non-divine to divine. It also brings the certainty of immortality. Eventually, it makes us ‘as one’ with God. Everything about divine love seems like a miracle, and perhaps that's how it should be.

5: The Vastness Of God



How can we understand the vastness of God? It cannot be expressed meaningfully in words. It's not surprising that we have to develop completely new soul perceptions before we can significantly increase our knowledge of God. These perceptions come as our core nature progresses in divine love.

Those who are content with a mere intellectual understanding of God, which of necessity can only be shallow, miss out on the most satisfying journey any of us can experience. True understanding of God comes about by becoming more like God in our basic nature. God is love, and so we must become love - specifically divine love, which is the essence of God's own soul and incorporates divine consciousness in every drop that we receive.

Once we start receiving this love, we will begin to realise how narrow our view of reality was when it was experienced purely from our material mind's perspective. We will see clearly that much of our life was shallow and illusory. Great courage is required to accept that the life we've invested in so heavily prior to this point was, in many ways, a fabrication created by a somewhat unguided, over-active and over-indulged mind. Along with any anguish we may feel at this stark

realisation comes a great freedom and sense of truly knowing ourselves for the first time. Dear reader, no personal criticism is intended in this rather harsh assessment of our human nature - we are what we are, which is the result of millenia of human existence on this planet spent separated from God. What matters is the opportunity given to us to become as one with God in divine nature.

So, will we know the vastness of God through our newly acquired divine perceptions? Yes, our knowledge of God will expand exponentially as we grow in divine love. We'll have an increasingly close personal relationship with God and receive much in the way of guidance and blessings. We'll experience the infinite depth and breadth of God's love. Much will be given that will never be available to those who choose the path of self-realisation rather than God realisation. The divine journey will never end.

6: Now's The Day And Now's The Hour



As we develop our souls in divine love, we need to support the changes occurring at a soul level by refusing to indulge our material mind in thoughts that are contrary to the loving state we aspire to.

Since we have free will, God will not change the thoughts that we choose to have. Because our minds are strong, those thoughts can easily overpower the tender shoots of burgeoning love growing in our souls. Our thought habits, which are heavily influenced from birth by the often hostile and controlling environment around us, are our responsibility, not God's. Since our patterns of thought become normalised, it can come as a shock to realise just how far from loving we can be at times. We may, for example, feel justified when we are intolerant of those we dislike - rather than feeling compassion for them as fallible human beings just like us.

We need to root out this harmful mental behaviour in order to support the path we've chosen. The battle against our mind's ingrained habits can seem daunting. In my case, it was a long time before I properly took heed of this advice and consciously tried to curb the detrimental

tendencies of my mind. I wish I had acted sooner. The words "now's the day and now's the hour" come to mind as I write this - a reminder to remain vigilant of our thoughts at all times until the soul finally comes into ascendancy over the mind.

In addition to divine love, we should pray for help in making wise choices in our thoughts and actions so they become compatible with our spiritual ambitions. We also need to reach out to those around us who may be unaware of divine love so that they too can find salvation from the pitfalls of a difficult human existence on earth.

7: Without Love, Nothing Would Matter

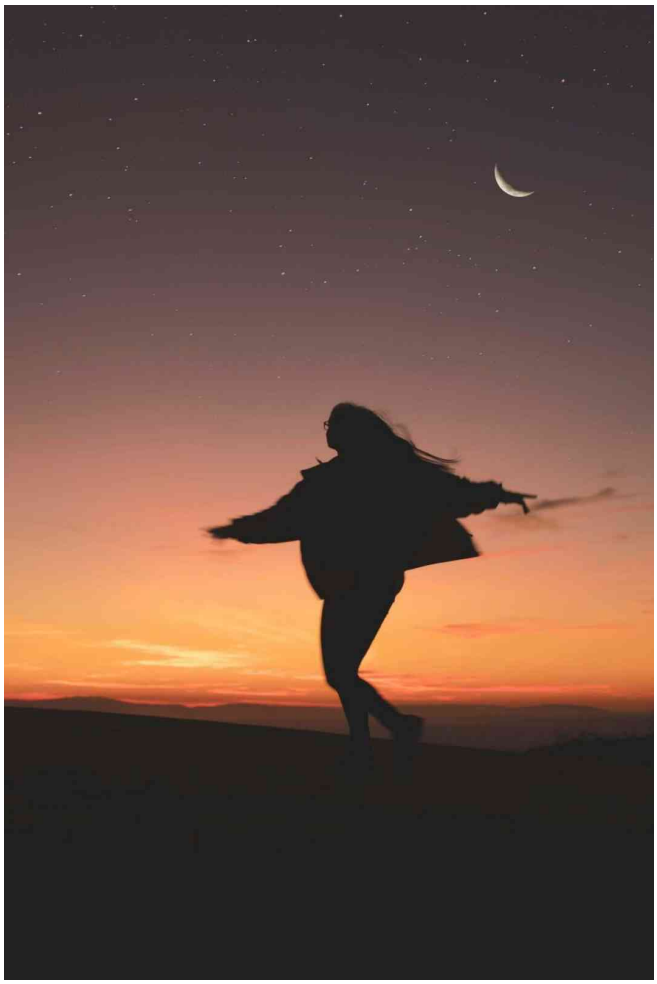


If love didn't exist, would anything matter? A complete lack of love is a state akin to spiritual death. The highest type of love is divine love, which incorporates the principle of immortality - literally endless life. We receive this great gift by praying earnestly to God for divine love to fill our soul. Divine love is experienced not just as an emotional or spiritual state - it is also a substance, a building block that eventually recreates us as a new divine soul. At that point, our soul shares a great deal in common with God's soul, although we remain as finite beings and retain our individual identity.

Every time we think or act negatively, we suppress the light within our being and reduce our ability to give and receive love. So when we indulge in unloving thoughts and actions towards others, first and foremost, we harm ourselves. Expressing negativity makes our path back to God longer and more painful. When we feel these types of emotions, we should seek God's protection and retreat into the sanctuary of the deepest part of our being where love exists and from where we can readily connect to God. That way, the energies we radiate will either be loving or neutral but never unloving.

This expression of the love inside us gives our lives great meaning and satisfaction, far more than habitually filling our lives with shallow distractions. We should practise stepping into God's world of love daily so that we lead a life that we can look back on with no regrets.

8: The Divine Dance



We should always approach our relationship with God with the innocence of a child. This acknowledges that God has no hidden agenda, no ulterior motive in helping us. This attitude helps to lower the barriers that we put in place to protect ourselves from others harming us. In our prayers, opening up and expressing the underlying vulnerability we feel is precisely what's required to bring God's divine love into our soul, which slowly transforms us into angelic beings.

On our journey, faith takes us beyond where scientific logic can go. We shouldn't allow the secular norms of society to cheat us of the birthright that God presents us with, which is the option to become ‘as one’ with God in divine nature. In this way, we can choose to engage with God in a divine dance that lasts for eternity.

The societies we live in are highly controlling and coercive. By contrast, the freedom that we experience in our relationship with God brings a profound joy, which comes as our soul is fed with the nectar of divine love.

Everyone can see that the old world we grew up in is crumbling away. In many ways, the foundations of our societies were built on sand. Even though escalating changes may bring temporary chaos and hardship for all of us, I, for one, am not clinging to the past. Spiritual treasures last forever, unlike our material ones. I have faith that the loving energies that God is bombarding this world with will ensure we emerge from this period of transition as transformed beings rooted in a deep spirituality that is much closer to our soul's true desires.

9: The World Needs To Change



The fundamental cause of the world's problems is a lack of love rather than an inherent ignorance of how to solve those problems. That's why engaging our intellects in relation to a world in crisis is largely pointless - we face a spiritual crisis, not an intellectual one. There simply isn't a widespread appetite to change the systems we have in place that are responsible for untold damage to the natural world and the exploitation of countless souls who are forced to live in abject poverty. Put simply, there is no shortage of clever people with solutions to our problems should we choose to tackle them, but there is a lack of spiritual maturity in our societies in general and our leaders in particular.

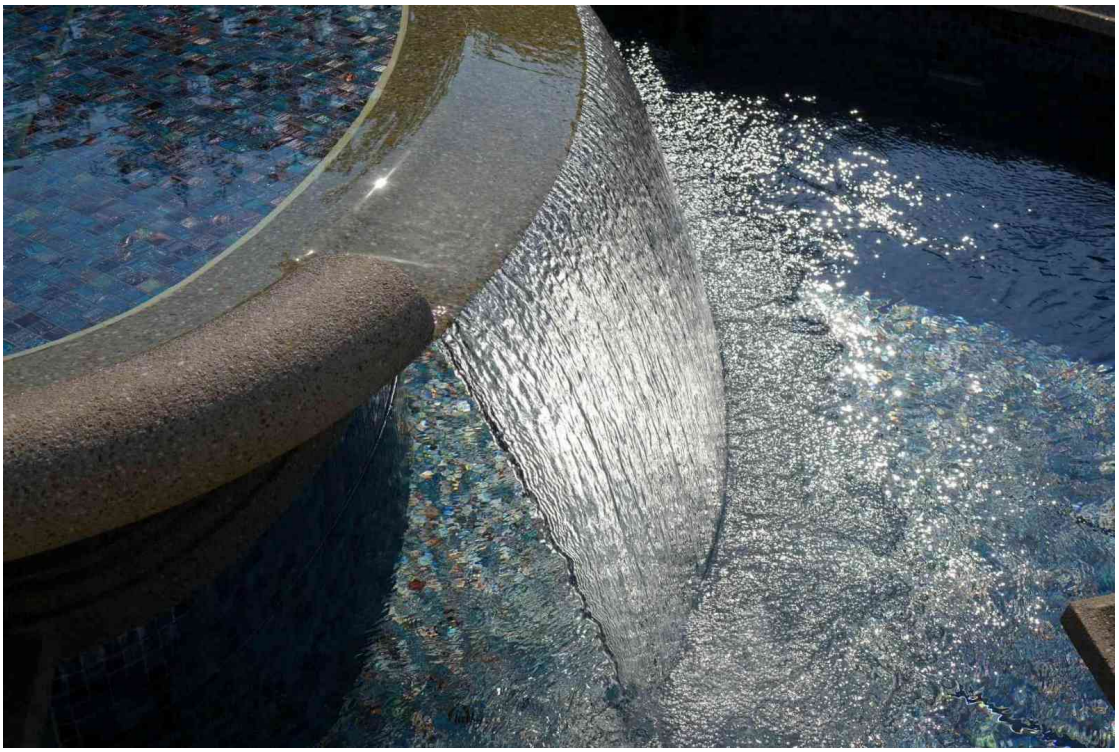
Our celestial teachers tell us that as a result of our intransigence, earth changes will escalate and bring an end to the thoughtless materialism that is responsible for destroying so much in the world. These changes will sweep away much of what mankind has created and cause a major reset in society that will eventually lead to a new way of living that is much more in harmony with God. Meanwhile, God is sending massive waves of positive energies to this earth that will awaken many from their spiritual slumber. It's inevitable that this period of transition will cause worldwide suffering and destruction. However, God's intervention will save the world from an even worse

fate that would otherwise await us. We should prepare for this breaking storm by seeking a spiritual awakening in God's divine love. This will allow us to experience inner peace and joy regardless of material circumstances. Instead of turning to God, many who are fearful of change will cling to a ship that is sinking.

As we accrue divine love in our souls, we come into greater harmony with God. We will be guided on how to solve our own and the world's problems. Helping others who will be lost in a sea of change is of paramount importance. We will automatically shine a divine light into the world as a beacon for all those who are coming to understand the need to turn to God as the suffering in the world grows. The love we emanate from deep inside us influences others far more than anything we can say. We should seek to live in our soul consciousness and be a visible example of the love the world needs.

The truth the world needs to hear in words is simple: we should pray earnestly to God for divine love to infill our souls to ignite a new divine consciousness that will fill us with joy and bring us into harmony with God's laws. Obeying the divine laws of creation will then allow us to live in a peaceful, loving world of abundance where our actions are in harmony with the natural world around us.

10: The Crystal Fountain Of God’s Love



There is a hymn called the 'Crystal Fountain' that includes the lines: 'Oh, come to the bright crystal fountain, Its waters, though priceless, are free'.

This hymn may have been inspired by Revelation 22:1, which states: 'Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God'.

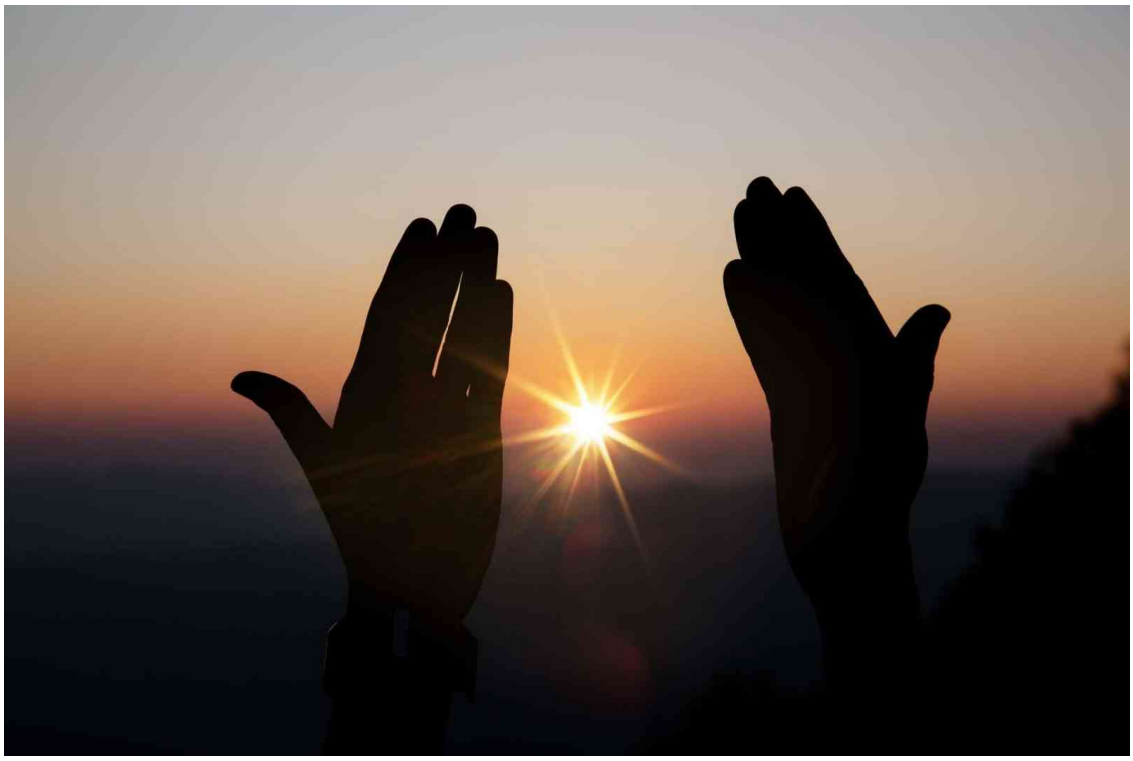
The crystal fountain is a reference to the living waters of God's divine love that heal us and resurrect our parched soul to eternal life. This happens when we make the decision to pray to God to grant us the mantle of divinity, whereby the divine essence of God's own great soul gradually remakes our soul as a divine soul, with many of God's attributes. This is the true meaning of Christ Consciousness.

We exist in a great unseen sea of divine love and can immerse ourselves in it at any time simply by asking sincerely for it to become part of us. The Holy Spirit is God's instrument that conveys this love into our souls. This is the true path of redemption, causing all darkness in us to be removed. All are deemed worthy of this love by God regardless of how far they may have fallen in

the eyes of mankind. There is no such thing as an unpardonable sin. We are told that there are many in the hell realms of the spirit world who wrongly believe they are forever damned to stay in hell because of the false teachings on this matter they heard when on earth.

The availability of divine love is the message of salvation that Jesus came to proclaim to the world. Those who instead rely on the so-called 'vicarious atonement' to secure their salvation will be severely disappointed when they cross over to the spirit world and find that nothing inside them has been changed as a result of this particular belief. In the Padgett Messages, Jesus himself makes it clear that his death on the cross was not preordained and that the spilling of his blood does not have the power to cleanse anyone of their sins. Instead, we should believe in the true message of Jesus, which he taught during his ministry on earth, and seek the new birth of the soul through acquiring divine love.

11: Leverage All God's Blessings



There's no greater work that we can do on earth at this time than being an active supporter of God’s great plan for the salvation of mankind through divine love. All are equally loved by God but the celestial help that we attract as divine love activists is out of all proportion to our relative unimportance as one individual amongst billions. We'll be helped in many ways, such as being given healing, protection and guidance.

This was also made clear to James Padgett when he transcribed the words of celestial beings over a century ago, and undertook the vitally important task of bringing Jesus' true message of redemption through the new birth to mankind. A large army of celestial beings were tasked with helping this process. And it's still true now when we step onto this path as ambassadors for divine love, ensuring each successive generation continues to be made aware, in an unbroken chain, of the availability of this love. It also reflects the fact that we live at a crucial juncture in the history of humanity, a time when God’s plans for a great reset of mankind’s values is finally upon us.

God needs dedicated representatives on earth for that plan to succeed and the number of those currently on the divine path is relatively small. Thankfully, there's no conflict between wanting

what's best for us personally and wanting what's for the highest good of all. But it's nice to know that by doing God's work at this crucial time, we are multiplying the help we'll receive way beyond what we could expect to attract to us in different circumstances. The ramifications of this for those divine love practitioners who stay true to their life plan and purpose will reverberate in their lives way beyond their time on earth. This is an astonishing truth and one that we should dwell on at length when considering how we set priorities in our lives.

We should also feel compassion for those who squander their lives by succumbing to dark thoughts and actions that will cause untold suffering after entering the spirit world, which is the great period of soul expiation. We are told that there are millions of spirits who wish they had known during their earthly lives what they subsequently learned in the spirit world and who would have lived a very different life as a result. This is a case where it's better to learn from others rather than through our own experience.

12: The Personality Of God



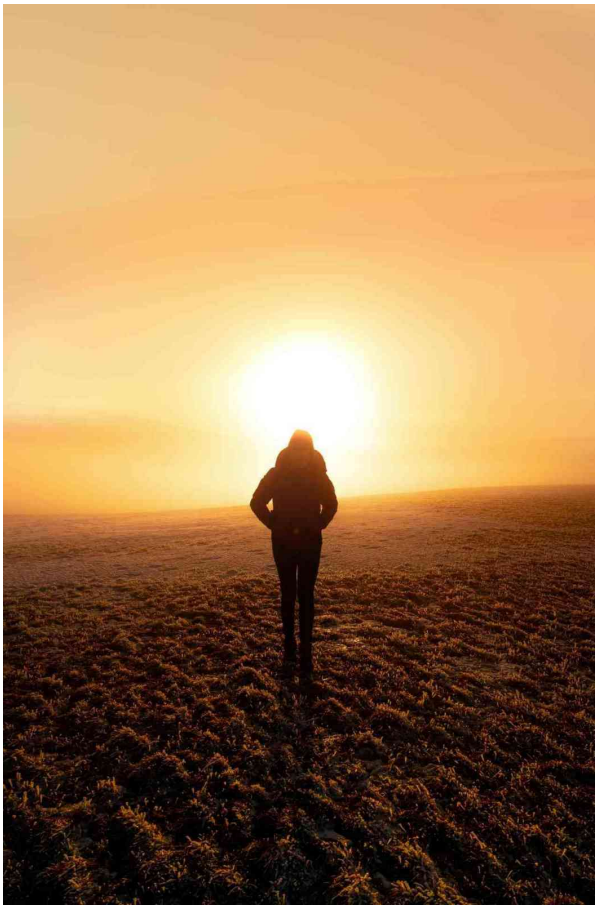
Together, the various attributes of God, such as love and mercy, don't constitute the entirety of God's being any more than our personality defines our being. The idea that God can have a personality is hard for mankind to understand, but we're assured by the inhabitants of the highest realms of the next world that this is a fact. One that's very important for us to acknowledge. God does, as an actual fact, see everything we do and know everything we think. Everything is recorded in our own memories and will continue to exist indefinitely until the purpose of the existence of each memory, which is subject to precise laws, is fully served.

When we accept that our thoughts and acts cannot be hidden then we are more likely to act in accordance with God's laws in order to minimise the suffering that inevitably ensues when we violate those laws. The fact that most of mankind doesn't believe this to be true makes no difference to the outcome that each will have to face in the fullness of time. We are told that

countless millions regret their actions on earth once they pass to the spirit world and realise, too late, what the true consequences are of their casual disregard for God's laws.

The great truth of God's personality can only be experienced as an actual truth once one's soul has been developed to a sufficient extent by divine love and new perceptions arise in the soul that allow God's form and nature to be perceived. A truth is no less a truth even if no one on earth has progressed sufficiently to realise the facts of the matter.

13: Progress On The Divine Path



How do you recognise the progress you're making on the divine path? Well, in the earlier stages, you may not see a lot of change, as life will likely continue in much the same way as before.

The experience of receiving divine love varies with the individual. It may be accompanied by a physical sensation. I feel divine love as a distinct cool energy, a bit like having goosebumps but on the inside (if that makes sense), usually in the chest area or the torso more generally. I have never heard anyone else make this particular comparison. It may be accompanied by feelings of wellbeing and joy depending on one's overall condition at the time. This wellbeing is quite unlike anything else I've ever experienced - it feels profound and unearthly, as if one has been directly touched by God, which is, in fact, the case. The physical sensation tends to be very short-lived in my experience - perhaps a few seconds or tens of seconds. It can be extended, depending on one's ability to sustain the emotional feelings that trigger the flow of love. The feelings of

wellbeing may persist for some time, depending on factors such as whether mundane earthly demands interfere and cause us to switch back to our normal selves.

Over time, a number of changes will gradually emerge. These may include some or all of the following (not in any particular order). This list is by no means comprehensive and is intended merely to give a sense of some of what to expect.

In their interactions with others, divine love practitioners will become increasingly humble in nature and more discerning of the needs of those they're talking to.

They generally won't talk a great deal about themselves and their experiences unless they have a strong feeling that it would be beneficial. Experiences, by their nature, are very personal, and if the audience is not spiritually ready, then they won't understand and may end up rejecting the speaker. Viewpoints tend to change only slowly with actual experience rather than as a result of hearing personal anecdotes. Besides, spiritual experiences are a personal gift from God for your benefit alone and may mean little to others, even those closest to you.

To avoid the risk of creating disharmony, practitioners won't correct you or tell you what mistakes you're making except in special circumstances. It's a mistake to point out errors and faults in another if you know that they have no interest in changing. Instead, the practitioner may stay quiet and just pray for that individual and move on. The soul connection that they make with another is what provides the most help.

They develop a heightened ability to be able to communicate with the spirit world and celestial beings in particular.

They become proficient at reading a person's personality and sometimes know about specific events in a person's life as soon as they meet them.

They develop an increasingly profound sense of fundamental truths that doesn't rely on words, thoughts or anything else that comes from the material mind.

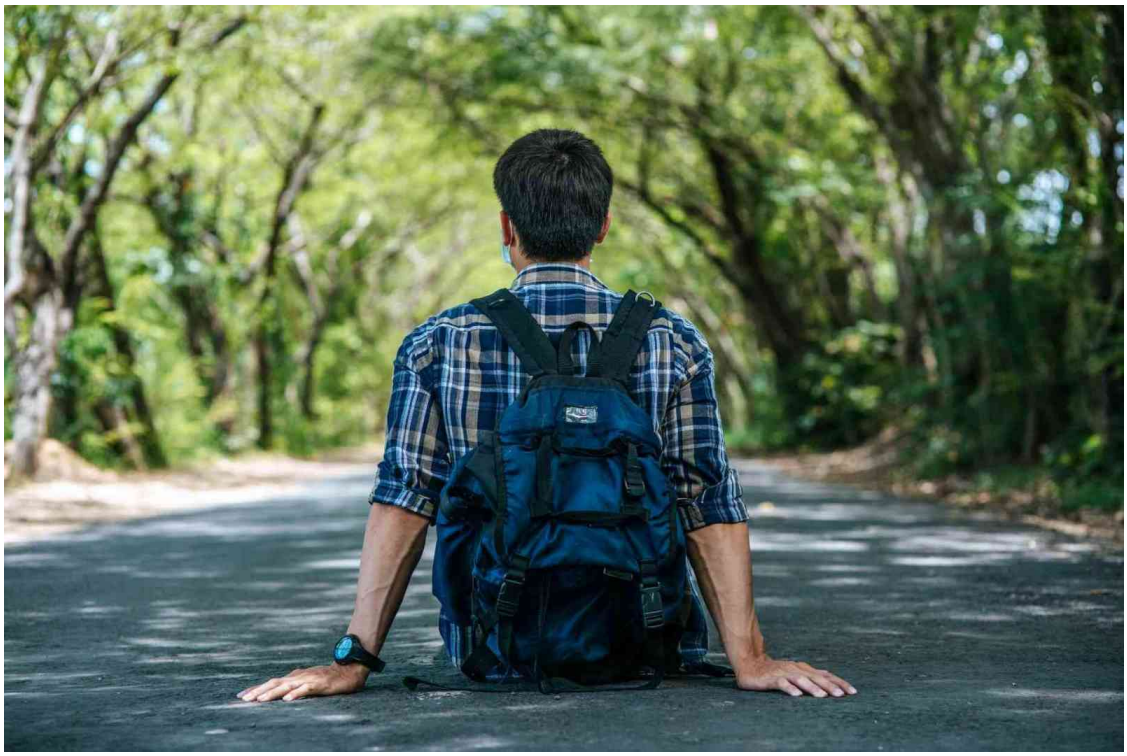
They start to lose their sense of personal willfulness and find themselves submitting more readily to God's will.

God's love will also awaken a unique combination of gifts in our souls, such as the power of healing, inspired speaking, etc.

The absence of these enhanced abilities doesn't mean you aren't making progress. The power of our mind can obscure the state of our soul for a long time. In fact, it's unlikely we will become fully aware of our internal soul state until after we pass over.

Where you are on the path is less important than simply appreciating divine changes for what they give you. If you persevere, regardless of how you feel day to day, then at some point, you are guaranteed to be able to look back and be amazed at what you've achieved.

14: Don't Become A Lost Soul



In the history of the world, the number of beings who have been conscious of what divine love is and conscious of receiving it is altogether negligible compared to the number who have lived. To achieve this experience during one's earthly life is a blessing beyond measure. It creates the real possibility of progressing to the celestial kingdom within a very short time after entering the spirit world. In the Padgett Messages, Helen Padgett, who appears to have been an exceptional person, was able to enter the celestial kingdom within a year or so of passing into the spirit world.

By contrast, it's not uncommon for spirits on the path of natural love to spend hundreds or even thousands of years perfecting themselves before entering the highest spirit heavens that sit below the celestial kingdom. Many souls feel lost and directionless when initially confronted with the immensity of the spirit world. Their earth lives have left them ill-equipped to navigate the spirit world. Many are simply happy that their basic needs are being met in a way that they weren't on earth. Few seem to be in any hurry to experience a spiritual awakening. However, none who read these words and believe in the transformative power of divine love need fear becoming a lost soul.

Nor does seeking our own highest good make the divine path a selfish one. What we do on earth doesn't go unnoticed by those who are close to us in the spirit world. My parents weren't religious when on earth. I've been told by my celestial guides that they're now on the divine path as a direct consequence of their interest in my experiences of divine love and through meeting my divine guides. I'm learning that when we aim for the highest, we help not just ourselves but also those closest to us, as well as many unseen spirits who watch our example. At those times when we draw our divine guides close, other spirits on the earth plane of the spirit world are attracted by the light and watch the proceedings. They too, are often benefited.

It's easy to be dismissive of divine love or to underestimate its impact on our lives. A healthy dose of scepticism certainly seems well founded in relation to worldly affairs in general. But I've learnt that it would be a very big mistake to not take everything about divine love very seriously. The journey doesn't need to involve blind faith. Waymarkers in various forms will pop up in our lives and provide the personal proof we need that we're on a wonderful path to the celestial kingdom.

15: Life Happened To Them, Too



Recently, I was somewhat surprised and disappointed to see how unloving I can still be at times, despite praying for and receiving divine love for a number of years. What happened to make these negative attitudes so ingrained? The answer is that life happened, just as it did to those I've expressed intolerance towards. A life on earth that is far from God's ideal for all of us.

We need to have compassion for ourselves and others. We rarely consciously set out to be who we become in life. Things happen and we can easily change in ways that are unloving, perhaps in small steps we don't notice. We're surrounded by examples of unloving behaviour that aren't a good influence on us. Even after starting to receive divine love from our Creator, being full of love isn't likely to be how we feel most of the time.

If we could experience on earth the loving environment we're told exists in the spirit world, then I doubt we'd ever succumb to negativity in the first place. This is something to reflect on. Why should we let our environment play a detrimental role in determining who we are? The spiritual battleground is between mind and soul, which requires us to persevere in our prayers and be vigilant with regard to our thoughts. We should be a loving example to others and be a friend to

all, even those who've chosen very different values to us in the precarious journey we all traverse through life.

16: Belief Is Not Enough



Some who choose a spiritual path are satisfied with merely acquiring a set of beliefs that appeal to their minds. Thereafter, they feel sure that their knowledge of these beliefs will bring them all the benefits they imagine are necessary for their future happiness.

Regardless of whether their specific beliefs are right or wrong, this approach often disregards the necessity for any deep change within one's being. Leading a moral life and doing God's work on earth brings its own rewards. But unless there is a deep remaking and rebirth of one's being in God's love, then any happiness that is experienced will be limited and not of the kind that God wants us to have. For those who choose to receive God's divine love, what lies ahead is a magnificent transformation whereby the manufactured reality that we experience through our minds is, over time, entirely replaced by an ever-growing, God-given, divine consciousness. This love brings a profound joy to the soul.

Unfortunately, we have a strong, inbuilt tendency to cling to who we are and what we know. Even after all the suffering we undergo in a human life, it takes courage to be willing to step into a new version of ourselves. It's easier to adopt spiritual beliefs that give us a safe path forward and don't

challenge our sense of who we are. All who choose this apparently safer path will eventually purify the natural love they were born with and, in time, will enjoy a great deal of contentment.

We are told that only a relatively small part of humanity will ever choose to go beyond the boundaries of perfected natural love. And that, in general, even the great spiritual leaders of the past have never ventured further in all the time that has elapsed since they were on earth. The first and most prominent exception is Jesus, who showed us the way to the highest realms of the afterlife, namely, the celestial kingdom. Only those who are wholly divine can enter these realms. The journey starts with the recognition that we need to be reborn in divine love and thereafter allow our growing soul consciousness to gradually replace that which we are familiar with.

17: God's Narrative Is What Counts



We've all spent a lifetime hearing about all kinds of badly behaved prominent people in society. Their litany of dismal headlines and bad examples has provided the backdrop to our lives, an ungodly narrative that, sadly, reflects some darker aspects of human behaviour.

Meanwhile, science has persuaded many to disregard God as mere superstition. Scandals in religious organisations haven't exactly helped endear people to religion.

So wherever we look around us for inspiration, meaning and role models, we're often disappointed.

For me, the only narrative that really counts is the faint whisper in my soul, all too easily ignored, that comes from God. God wants to co-create the narrative to our lives with us. A journey through life that is in harmony with our Creator and brings us great joy.

Fortunately, there's a growing number of lightworkers in the world who want a better, more spiritual world based on love and peace. Their values are so different from the norm that they largely go unrecognised by wider society. What they believe in, which is a better world, isn't even considered newsworthy.

The highest path to God is to pray to be filled with divine love, which will eventually remake us as divine souls that experience Christ Consciousness. Once we establish ourselves on this path, it's unlikely we'll ever turn back. Divine love and our relationship with our Creator then become the living narrative to our existence that we can joyfully engage in forever.

18: Moving Past The Past



All of us carry psychological baggage from our pasts. What we've experienced often distorts our judgement and thoughts in ways that are unhealthy and don't lead to happiness. Yet, moving past our pasts can be very difficult. The spiritual damage we do to ourselves through negative thinking, whether self-directed or otherwise, is not necessarily something we are aware of or can readily assess. There are a number of examples described in the Padgett Messages of those who thought they had led tolerably good lives on earth, only to find they wake up in considerable darkness when they pass over to the spirit world.

If we're spiritually inclined, we may feel we're morally 'better' than most others we know and therefore don't have to worry unduly about our day-to-day behaviour and what conditions may await us after death. It's easy to avoid looking at who we've become. It takes great courage to be truthful with ourselves and fight against our lack of self-awareness.

To combat any complacency and ensure our true happiness, we should consider honestly how God wants us to be. Since God is all loving, then we should try to follow this example literally and become all loving in our attitudes. Praying sincerely for divine love to fill our souls is the single most important thing we can do to progress towards God. Over time, this love will purify and heal us and eradicate much that blights our beings. The second most important thing we can do is to police our minds and avoid habitually indulging in harmful thoughts. God won't change our

thoughts - that's our responsibility. Rather than reacting instinctively to situations and events as they transpire, it helps to consider for a moment how a great spiritual figure would react in our place. Being angry and wanting instant karma for those who act in ways that we disapprove of, for example, isn't God's way. We need to have faith that all of God's laws are perfect. This makes it easier to detach ourselves from events in our own lives and the wider world. It doesn't mean we don't care what happens, just that we acknowledge that reacting instinctively and emotionally may be counterproductive.

Being loving at all times is hard. However, expressing negativity harms us as individuals and fans the negative waves of energy in the world that true spiritual seekers want to neutralise.

19: Feeling Empty Inside Is A Hidden Blessing



One of the many reasons people turn to God is because they feel empty inside. There is a hidden blessing in this because it means a space has already been created that God can fill with love. Those who lead a very full, satisfying material existence often struggle to make room for God in their lives, even though deep down a hole exists inside them also.

The impulse to turn to God comes from our soul, deep inside us. The yearnings of the soul often go unrecognised and unanswered. A lack of love and meaning in our lives is the true underlying cause of these feelings. Deep down we have a primal desire to feel enveloped in God's love.

Divine love comes into our souls when we pray to God sincerely for it to become part of our being. As our soul fills with love, it utterly transforms us. It reveals within us a new, deeper sense of self that we never knew existed. This is the true foundation of happiness.

Although we may feel an emptiness, since love doesn't actually take up any space inside us then we can continue to pray for divine love for all eternity, all the while experiencing an ever closer relationship with God.

Resistance to God is built into our minds and the world around us. Finding God is not easy. Those who find their way during the brief period of our earth lives are truly blessed.

20: Time To Get Over Ourselves?



There's a rather unkind expression that gets used about people who take themselves too seriously, namely, 'Get over yourself'. It may also be appropriate to say it to ourselves in a kindly manner when we need to take more responsibility for our circumstances, to stop being a victim and put aside the melodrama of life.

When we receive divine love into our souls, then we start to heal inside and we develop new gifts that can help us cope and thrive in our life on earth. This is a wonderful journey that is full of joy and deep meaning. But if we hold on to outdated views of who we are then we may fail to recognise any new strengths and abilities we acquire. So we should proactively seek to grow into the new version of us that is unfolding every day with every prayer. As an example, we should

seek our own guidance from God and God's angels instead of automatically relying on others on earth who we look up to. This recognises that everyone here is fallible and that the highest guidance needs to reflect our personal circumstances.

Spiritual maturity comes so slowly that we can doubt whether we've really changed. Consequently, we indulge our old bad habits because we allow them to feel more real than who we've become deep down. There is an alternative to being hoodwinked by our own minds. Divine love, blessings from God and the help of divine beings who we attract to us, along with our own commitment and vigilance, allow us to truly get over ourselves and progress steadily along the path towards the celestial kingdom.

21: It's Time To Wear The Mantle Of Divinity



As someone who has never belonged to any religious organisation, I was amazed when I discovered the following personally verifiable facts: Jesus came to this world to announce that God had made available to everyone the very special gift of divine love. That this love is fundamentally different from the love we are born with. That it can progressively become part of our innermost being simply by sincerely asking for it, causing God's Holy Spirit to deliver it into our soul. That it will eventually cause us to be totally free of sin and error whereby we become fit to inhabit the highest realms of the afterlife that cannot be reached any other way.

This one truth is simple and powerful. We are told that developing one's soul in divine love is the normal way of life on countless other planets. It unlocks endless new perceptions and abilities as we walk along the divine path. It dissolves all of the negative human conditioning that we have accumulated since birth.

Applying this one truth diligently in our lives will bring everything of a spiritual nature we could possibly desire. Our minds will undoubtedly try to make the truth more complex. In many respects, our mind is not our friend. We've been indoctrinated since birth in ways that are not in harmony with God. Now is the time to listen to our soul's true desires and walk the highest path

hand in hand with God. In donning the mantle of divinity, our soul becomes transformed into the same substance as God's own great soul, bringing us guaranteed immortality.

Pray to God with the utmost sincerity and you will immediately feel this love entering your being. Only we ourselves can prevent it from becoming part of us. The world needs as many of us as possible to adopt the divine if we are to rebuild the world to be in harmony with God's true desires for us.

22: Live Your Best Life In God's Love



As the world becomes an ever more dark and chaotic place to live, many are looking beyond science, philosophy and other mindful disciplines in a search for true meaning in their lives.

The truth is simple. Love is the foundation of all happiness. An absence of love causes suffering. There are different types of love, such as the natural love we are born with and soulmate love. But the highest of all is the love that forms the essence of God's own great soul - divine love. Our souls can be progressively transformed to be of this same substance through sincere prayer. This love causes us to develop divine soul perceptions and consciousness that we cannot gain in any other way. Eventually, this new soul consciousness comes to dominate our awareness. The divine journey brings unimaginable joy, meaning and truth to our lives. By comparison, the daily diet of mundane thoughts and distractions generated by our material minds doesn't bring the lasting happiness we're looking for. Yes, we have to function in the material world and deal with everyday affairs but the highest good for ourselves, those we love and the whole world comes from the time we spend with God, receiving divine love and doing God's will.

Those who study the bible will see that the love brought by the Holy Spirit is different in nature to the natural love we are all familiar with. The Padgett Messages were dictated by the highest beings in the spirit world and describe in great detail what divine love is, what it means for our

future happiness, and the consequences for those who instead choose to progress on the alternative path of natural love.

If you truly open up to God in prayer, you will feel the sensation of divine love coming into your soul. Few turn back once they start receiving this great gift. Are you ready to accept the opportunity to live your best life in God's love?

23: Release The Dead Past



The past lives within us as memories, good and bad. Bad experiences may also continue to live within us as a set of unresolved energies that inhibit us and stop us from progressing and embracing life in many ways. This is true even after we start receiving God's divine love into our soul in response to our prayerful desires to be close to our Creator.

We can release these unloving, dead energies of the past in two complimentary ways. The true energy of change is God's love. However, while this is remaking our soul as a pure divine soul, our material mind is the last part of us to capitulate to the process of spiritual transformation. We can speed up the process by being more aware of our thoughts and feelings and not indulging any that are negative. Trying to reshape our personality in this way is hard and we should pray frequently for help in releasing the burden of the negative conditioning we have built up from birth. We should have faith in the law of progression, which ensures that every effort we make in

this direction is never wasted and always brings a reward, even if it can't immediately be recognised.

The highly negative atmosphere around the whole earth, which has built up over millennia, is not conducive to spiritual progress, so we should have compassion for the predicament we all face. But if we pray diligently for God to fill us with divine love and strive to be loving towards ourselves and all others all the time, we will soon find we are much further along the path than we might suppose, certainly compared to those who never step onto the path at all or those who seek a spiritual awakening that doesn't involve divine love.

Continuing to live with elements of the dead past still subconsciously influencing our daily outlook creates an unnecessary and burdensome element of self-made delusion in our daily lives. It can even get between us and God, so to speak, and make it harder to recognise we are receiving God’s love. Much better to release the past and embrace God's divine reality through receiving divine love, which unlocks unimaginable abilities, insights and joy in our lives.

24: Divine Love Is The Great Destroyer Of Sin



Our souls are the only part of us made in God's image. However, we have the potential to be infilled with God's own divine soul substance and thereby become ‘as one’ with God. This love causes a great spiritual awakening in us that cannot be achieved in any other way. It brings new divine soul perceptions and abilities, along with the sure knowledge of being immortal. Becoming divine does not cause us to lose our individuality or personality, as some may fear.

When we pray earnestly for this love, God's Holy Spirit brings it into our souls. In this process, all the encrustations around our soul caused by sinful thoughts and actions are steadily removed. Eventually, we come into full harmony with our Creator.

The consequences of the law of compensation, whereby we suffer in proportion to our wrongdoings, are progressively nullified by the divine love we accumulate in our souls. Once the darkness around our souls has been eliminated then there is nothing for the law of compensation to act on and we become fully relieved of the penalties of our past sins. This is a remarkable blessing from God whereby the suffering normally associated with transgressing God's laws is circumvented by the activation of a higher divine law.

Divine love is, therefore, truly the fulfilling of the law and the great destroyer of sin and error from our being. It allows us to avoid or shorten the potentially long period of soul expiation that spirits face when they enter the spirit world and their conscience confronts them with the memories of their past negativity.

25: Judging Others Is Counterproductive



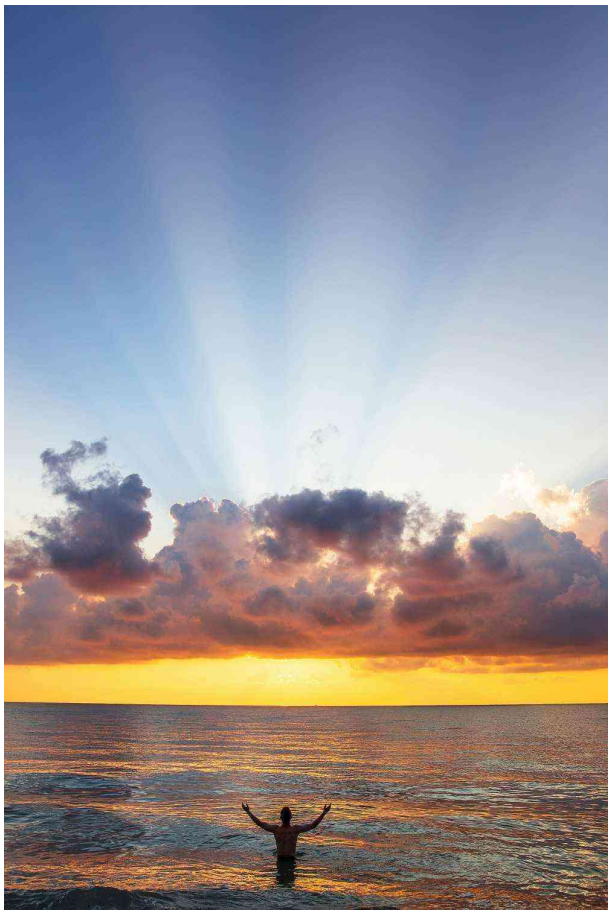
As spiritual practitioners, we cannot aspire to love the whole world and at the same time be judgemental. Judgement creates division, an 'us and them' of those we approve of and those we don't. By befriending even those who are widely reviled in society, we may bring a blessing into their lives that helps them to progress towards the light.

We who know of God’s divine love are deeply blessed by this love and the presence of God's angels in our lives. We need to have compassion for those who are filled with negativity and who may have a long path of suffering in front of them before they start turning towards the light. Truly, it has been said that 'they know not what they do' because everyone wants happiness and none would choose a path leading to intense suffering if they were aware in advance of the consequences of their choices.

When we indulge in negativity, we attract dark spirits to us who delight in reinforcing those inclinations. So even after we start walking the divine path, we must be vigilant and resist all temptation to express ourselves in negative ways, otherwise our own light will be dimmed and

we will delay our own spiritual awakening. While God is giving us the transformative power of divine love, our role is to avoid giving our power to negativity in any form.

26: The Truth Is Simple



When we pray for the divine essence of God's own great soul to come into our souls, we take a step closer to God in nature. This is the highest good we can bring about for ourselves and, through the divine light that we shine, all of creation.

Divine love bestows on us a purity like unto God's own purity in quality. Never in all eternity can it be tarnished or taken away from us. As it builds in quantity inside us, it brings about a complete regeneration of our being. This leads to the greatest spiritual awakening we can ever have. The only important difference between us and the greatest spiritual beings that have ever existed is simply the quantity of this love that we possess. From this love, all else that we could ever wish for follows.

These simple spiritual truths are all we will ever need to make progress. The human mind delights in intellectualising the truth and making it more complex than it really is. Possessing some esoteric knowledge as they see it, is a way for would-be gurus, who may or may not have undergone some degree of spiritual awakening, to have power over those who feel lost and who may turn to them for help. It's human nature to want to bask in the adulation of others. However, great spiritual beings are always extremely humble because they know the power in them is God's power that has been given to them freely. There's nothing we could do in our own right to warrant such a gift being given to us - it is solely the result of God's love for us that has brought about its availability. Who has the right to boast about their spiritual power when all they did to get it in the first place was ask for it in the prescribed manner?

The availability of divine love is the true message that Jesus came to reveal to mankind. A faint thread of this astonishing truth is still contained in the bible but the Padgett Messages, written over a century ago, were given to the world to make the truth crystal clear to all who seek spiritual meaning in their lives.

27: Reality Is Not What You Think



You may have heard about the three blind men who each felt different parts of an elephant's body and came to wildly differing views as to what an elephant is. Our human reality is a bit like that - what each of us experiences is unique, although we're all looking out at the same world. The problem is that this default reality, although it has a certain validity, is just that - a baseline that in no way represents the pinnacle of what God wants us to experience.

Even within our current mindful reality, on its very edges, there is much that defies and confounds our rigid science-based views of the world. Many a scientist has had an unsettling supernatural experience and, unwilling to expand their worldview for fear of where that may lead, dismisses the episode as a hallucination.

Most of us are content with whatever science tells us, believing it must be right. I myself had an extensive education in science and engineering but could never accept that it represented anything other than a small portion of reality. It seemed to me that science knew quite a lot about

very little. The idea that all reality can be boiled down to a set of scientific equations is folly. What a tragedy that so many have been duped out of a belief in God by those atheists who may well have great intellects and worldly knowledge but know nothing beyond what can be measured with scientific instruments and found in books. We've unwittingly let them become the new high priests of the modern world. I don't mind that some of them may aspire to stand proudly at their lecterns basking in our adulation, as they imagine it, so long as they remain respectful towards those of us who choose other worldviews to them. In truth, most of us are too busy with fun things to care about boring science - no, the power we give away to others in this case is done unconsciously, probably because collectively we've always put great scientists on a special pedestal above all others.

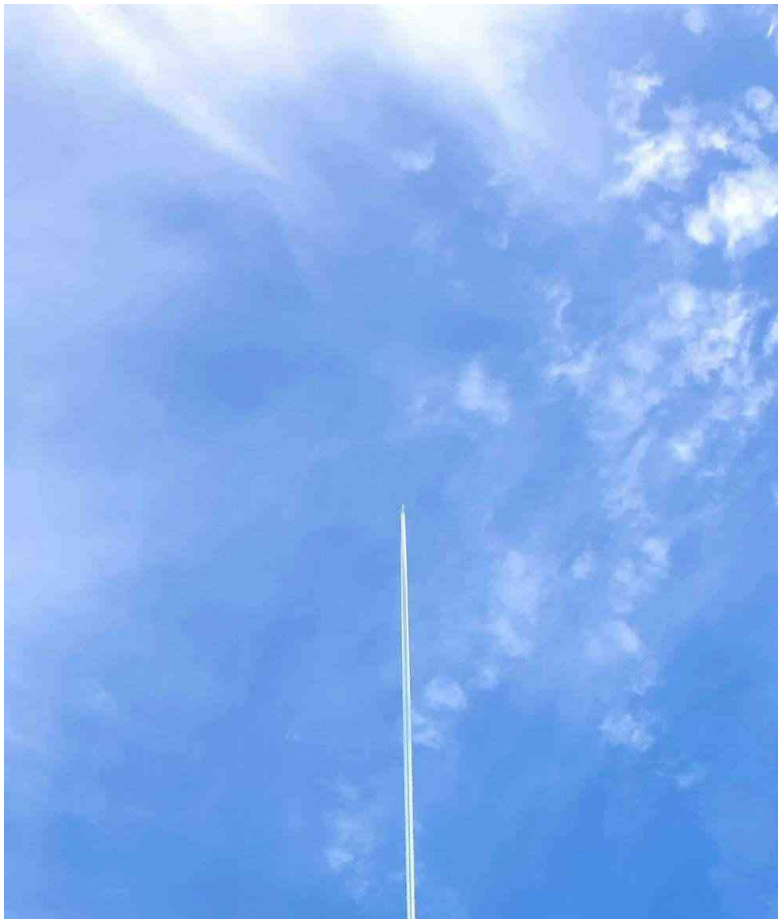
Unfortunately, even if we somehow manage to avoid being brainwashed in terms of our beliefs, we're likely to dupe ourselves in relation to reality simply due to the power of our own minds. Escaping the reality we experience is very hard and most see no reason to do so. But God's creation is multi-dimensional and has many layers of reality that cannot be perceived unless our souls are developed by an external factor. The magic ingredient is God's love. Everything that exists is made from God's condensed love, and it's therefore logical that our soul perceptions need to be fueled by the highest form of this love - divine love - in order to interact with higher realities. These truths aren't something I've invented - this is what is being channelled from those beings who inhabit the highest realms of the spirit world. And we can verify from personal experience that this love does indeed expand our perceptions and start to open up new realities.

The Padgett Messages, published in the middle of the last century, lays the foundation of what I've described. Modern mediums have added to our knowledge since then. For some, it may be too big a leap to accept. That's fine. In the fullness of time, you never know when something you've filed away in your memory may suddenly become relevant.

To discover God and God's reality doesn't require great intellectual understanding, but it does require perseverance and a modicum of faith. Throughout history, there have been individuals, often misfits in society, who wanted to know God above all else. Determination allowed them to eventually bridge the gulf and automatically receive God's divine love, which then opened up a new world for them, even though they probably had no clear intellectual road map or understanding of the path they were travelling. They succeeded because, even without detailed knowledge, they activated various of God's laws that ensure those who seek are those that find.

Today, more of the truth is available to us. Much help is offered by our divine guides. The celestial realms are the least inhabited part of the spirit world but the most desirable. Making a start towards that destination while on earth is the most beneficial and beautiful thing we can do with our lives.

28: Rocket Fuel For The Soul



Recently, I made reference to the fact that throughout history, a small number of resolute individuals were able to find their way to a wonderful spiritual awakening through their single-minded quest to experience the living presence of God in their lives. There's two very interesting observations to be made about what happened to these highly fortunate people.

First, there was no light bulb moment that sparked the search or the outcome. Their search was driven not by mere intellectual curiosity but by a primal desire to know God and thereby themselves. Second, their reward was indeed a great boon to their lives, but they didn't suddenly become possessed of great minds or the sort of intellectual wisdom that others would admire. The true facts of the matter are much more interesting.

The great change that they experienced happened at a much deeper level than the mind. Their souls were set on fire in a way that could best be described as a pentecostal awakening similar to what the disciples of Jesus experienced following his death. The rocket fuel that fed their souls was God's divine love given in response to their earnest supplications to know God. This love provided them with the start of a new divine consciousness that was indeed a light bulb moment, but not for the mind - rather, it affected their souls. I've spoken elsewhere about what these soul changes involve and how the soul eventually transcends the material mind. While our souls have the potential to change rapidly with the inflowing of this love, our material minds are the last part of us to change and capitulate to God's will.

If you find my account somewhat disappointing then it indicates that you are on the path of natural love whereby you will eventually perfect your nature, develop your intellect extensively and become exceedingly happy in the future as an inhabitant of the highest spirit heavens.

And yet, merely becoming a perfected man or woman isn't what God wants for us. In a way, these beings know and acknowledge God, but they don't experience the depth and breadth of God's love and thereby become 'as one' with our creator. They exemplify the saying, 'No river can rise higher than its source'. By contrast, those who infill their souls with divine love end up as inhabitants of the celestial kingdom that lies above all other spirit realms. There's no limit to their journey walking hand in hand with God.

None can understand what this means without experiencing it. And therein lies the problem. In one sense, what we don't know and can't envisage might as well not exist. A subset of humanity seems to be born with an inner desire to find this 'unknowable' state, or in some cases, this desire is triggered at a later stage. We're told that many won't ever seek this awakening. God respects our free will and therefore the great day will inevitably come when the predicted biblical separation of the sheep and the goats will occur. This is the second death. The opportunity for the rebirth of our souls in God's love will pass. Those who live in the celestial kingdom will progress in God's love for all eternity. Those who inhabit the spirit heavens will continue to enjoy considerable happiness but will realise too late the opportunity they've squandered.

This is a difficult message for me to deliver and I caution against any rush to judgement. I was also deeply troubled by the implications. As always, the best course is to pray for guidance and to be shown the truth. If you've not already done so, ask to experience divine love, after which your soul will start to inform your mind more clearly on all these issues.

29: Wake Up And Step Off The Path



Some speculate that the consciousness of mankind became fractured a long time ago and we then diverged down a path that most civilisations in the universe manage to avoid during their evolution. It resulted in a massive expansion of our intellects at the expense of the utter neglect of our souls. The soul was designed to be the spiritual powerhouse of our being. These two centres of consciousness were always supposed to be in balance, along with that of our spirit body.

This failure to find a balance between the different faculties of our being - the material and spirit minds, and the soul - has directly resulted in the grotesque world that we've created. One in which unimaginable suffering takes place daily. A world created by God but remade in our image through misuse of our free will over millennia.

History shows that until recently, a large part of the population believed in God. Those beliefs are now widely viewed as being the result of superstition and ignorance. In fact, because people lived simple lives in the olden days, there were opportunities in quiet moments for their souls to influence their thoughts and gently remind them of the unseen spirit world that lies beyond this

material existence. The soul will always try to prompt us to recognise its existence so that it can reclaim its rightful place in our lives.

Now, even the belief in God has largely gone. Our lives aren't quiet anymore. Humanity has been successful in normalising this weird state of affairs to the point that it's hard to imagine the world being any different from what it is. But no one escapes the harsh realities of what we've created. Even the rich fill their lives with distractions to cover up the underlying pain, emptiness and sense of futility they feel.

There's still great beauty in the world and many kind-hearted people. But the power of darkness is overshadowing everything. For far too many, reality has become a nightmare. It's time for all of us to wake up and step off the path. Balance can be achieved by praying for God's divine love to fill our souls. This progressively brings us greater levels of divine consciousness (the true meaning of Christ Consciousness). This consciousness will give us all we need to successfully redress the problems that humanity has created for itself. I've said elsewhere that humanity faces a spiritual crisis, not an intellectual one. We're very clever but not very wise. The world will change as we change. The highest path is that of divine love.

30: Spiritual Probation And Soul Expiation



Our time on earth is the great period of spiritual probation, when we can use our free will fully for good or evil. When we pass over, any negative tendencies we have will be severely constrained in terms of our ability to indulge them by the environment we find ourselves in. Our places of habitation are graded and fixed according to our soul condition so that those who are of a somewhat spiritual disposition are shielded from those from lower realms who would endeavour to harm them.

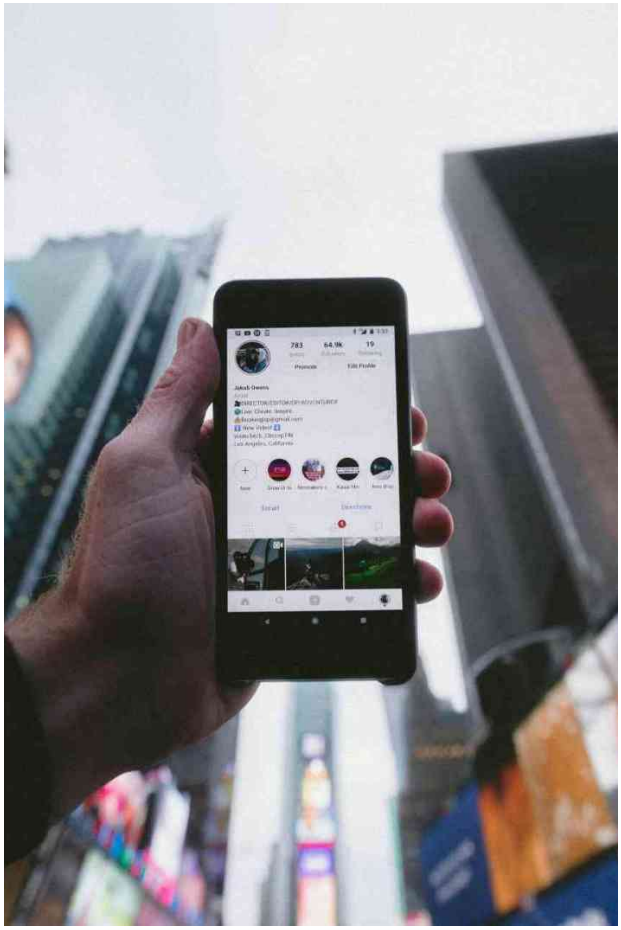
Our entry to the spirit world marks the start of the great period of soul expiation, when memories of all earthly wrongdoings will at some point resurface and torment us until we remedy the underlying conditions within us that cause us to be out of harmony with God's laws. This applies to all negative acts that were not fully resolved in terms of the spiritual compensation process while still on earth. Expiation can be achieved either by feeling remorse and making amends, or

by receiving God’s divine love, which removes the darkness in us that is the fundamental cause of our suffering. The latter is a far faster way of making spiritual progress. Divine love is a great blessing from God that has the potential to minimise any suffering we experience and opens the door to unimaginable bliss.

However, similar to when on earth, many spirits are in love with their own minds and value their independence from God. Besides which, their place of habitation eventually progresses to what we would regard as a wonderful heaven. The promise of an even higher state of being that literally cannot be imagined and where we become ‘as one’ with God (and may appear to lose our independence) is therefore of no interest to most of these spirits. The divine angels who try to encourage them to progress further have to reduce their vibration to make themselves visible to these lower spirits. This means that they are not much different in appearance to those they minister to. Consequently, the lower spirits may just dismiss them as beings like themselves who have different views but know nothing more than they do. Such are the pitfalls of spirit life. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

It should also be recognised that no human or spirit is truly independent of God and all rely on God’s constant existence and inexorable laws for our own wellbeing. Contrary to what some may fear, doing God's will and at the same time experiencing incredible freedom is the norm for all who choose the divine path. Divine love brings the assurance of immortality since our soul becomes transformed to be of the same substance as God's soul. Spirits that lack this divine essence cannot be certain of existing for all eternity. What we do in our short earth lives seems to have a disproportionate effect that can determine our future for a very long time to come. May everyone choose wisely.

31: Become A Divine Subscriber



Many of us subscribe to social media channels - to those who entertain, inspire or teach us. We often use social media as a welcome distraction from the challenges of our lives. But how many of us consider subscribing to God's divine love, which has the potential, when taken as a daily dose, to permanently elevate us above the human condition that causes us so much suffering? In doing so, it gives us true happiness. We find ample entertainment, inspiration and learning in our own lives rather than experiencing life second hand through others online.

Few do subscribe. But many young people have been born at this critical time in the world's history to help birth a new glorious age of peace and love. The revolution will be largely powered by this mysterious substance - literally the divine essence of God's soul. This is freely available to all of us and is a substance that unlocks unimaginable potential within us.

Does anyone really believe we were supposed to exist in the pitiful state that passes for reality in our world? It's only as you start to awaken that you become fully aware of just how distorted everything really is, including our own consciousness. The increased sensitivity we develop as we awaken can threaten to overwhelm us with the darkness and suffering that we will see all around us. In some ways, it's easier to stay asleep. But the divine love we accumulate in our souls will give us the strength we need to flourish and thrive even when surrounded by the chaos of a world in transition.

Divine love is stronger than the darkness in the world. Darkness always shrinks from light. God's will is for us to shine a divine light into whatever darkness surrounds us. If, instead, you confront darkness with physical force in an attempt to destroy it, then you become the darkness.

I pray earnestly every day for divine love to fill my soul and transform me into a being with divine consciousness. Subscribing to divinity is free and God's channel of divine love is available 24 hours a day.

32: Many Will Never Choose The Divine Path



When we choose to accept God's gift of divine love, it's important to recognise that the consciousness that will inform our future is not the consciousness we currently possess. Each drop of divine love changes our consciousness beyond what we can imagine until we experience it. This is why so many will find it hard to ever accept. As human beings, we cannot truly see or imagine our own soul, God or the love that God has provided for the purposes of developing us into divine angels.

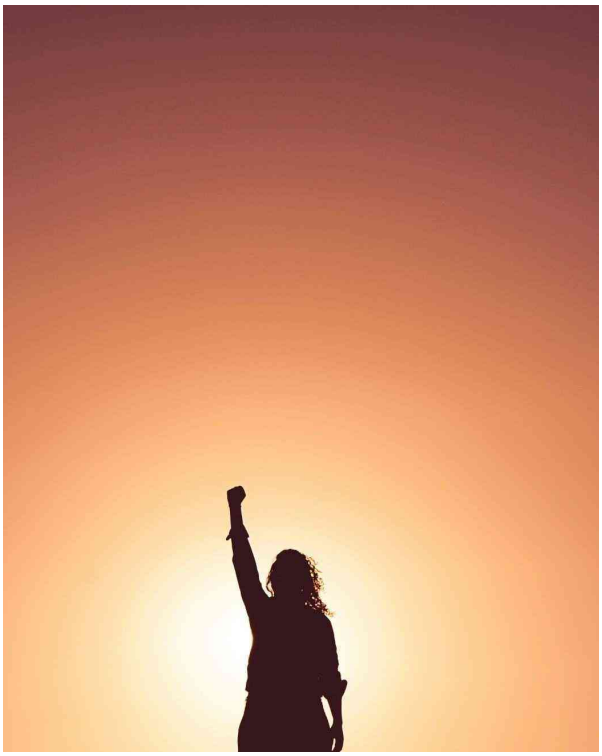
On passing into the spirit world, spirits find that initially they are unchanged from what they were. There may be great surprise but there's no great spiritual awakening. Spirits debate God's existence just as fiercely as we do. Even in the spirit world, the great awakening that God wants us to experience comes only as divine love accumulates in our souls. A degree of faith is required since it's impossible to prove in advance what can only be known through direct personal experience as we progress. However, no one has anything to lose by being open-minded and praying sincerely for this love to become part of their being.

Even on earth, we love to bathe in the light of the sun and none of us want to spend our time in complete darkness. In a literal sense, love is light and life itself, while darkness is akin to being dead spiritually. The highest form of love is the divine essence of God's great soul, which God's Comforter brings into our souls when we sincerely desire it. This love can never change into something else or leave us. As it accumulates in us, it elevates our spiritual state - the more we have the closer to God we come.

Many spirits become engrossed learning about all that exists in God's creation. They may acknowledge God but their focus is elsewhere. These spirits will achieve a certain level of perfection and happiness even without receiving any divine love. For those on the divine path, however, new avenues of learning open up whereby they can readily acquire knowledge through new soul perceptions rather than the laborious sequential thinking processes that we associate with our intellect.

Divine joy is beyond imagination but it's foretold only a minority will ever choose the divine path. It seems no one knows exactly why this should be the case. On worlds where divine love is accepted by all the inhabitants from birth as the norm, it would apparently be unthinkable for anyone to become a lost soul. On the face of it, it seems the fall of mankind many millennia ago into a state of depravity has left a legacy of sorts - a sort of spiritual blindness - that may affect some souls for all eternity. At the same time, divine angels work tirelessly to encourage all to step onto the divine path, so it seems the outcome for each individual is not preordained but depends only on our own will. May all choose wisely.

33: Divine Truth Is Shocking And Revolutionary



Truth in this world is normally carefully controlled, whether by governments or anyone else in a position of power or influence. The truth is often deliberately concealed and much of what we're fed is not true. In addition, truth is rarely found in a pure form due to mankind's inability to discern what is true from the imaginings of our own minds. The mind has a tendency to make complex that which is simple.

I've written extensively elsewhere about what divine love is and how it radically changes us. As more people experience this for themselves, it will power a revolution. In truth, we're not really awake until we receive enough of this love to understand who we are, what God is and the purpose of our existence. The answers to these questions are too profound to express in mere words or to be held as thoughts in our material minds. This is because God's reality is divine reality - something we can't perceive or experience in our current spiritual state. What we're capable of understanding with our minds is superficial to the point of being somewhat banal by comparison with what exists. Only as we develop completely new divine perceptions in our soul, which gives rise to a new divine consciousness, can we finally start to perceive and live absolute truth. From the perspective of where we start and end up, this process, while beautiful, is also

shocking and devastating - but in a good way. Many of our strongly held beliefs are shattered along the way, but, in practice, it's so gradual that we don't typically experience any real discomfort. We may, however, experience discomfort during the process of soul expiation, when painful memories from the past may rise to the surface in order to be released. If we were to experience all the changes suddenly, it would be incredibly disorientating and would seriously affect our wellbeing.

Humanity has got carried away with its own power, of being able to transform the world to be as we wish. Coming to the truth requires great humility and an understanding that all that is worth having is given to us freely by God. At the core of this is divine love. It's not just a source of pleasant feelings, as might be supposed. This love gives birth to a new consciousness within us. Truly, God is love, is life. All who open themselves to receiving this love will, for all eternity, remember the day that they found it as the greatest of all blessings.

34: Separation From God Is The Worst Thing



Imagine someone who spends a lifetime secretly hoarding money. This person, whose whole life revolves around their wealth, then finds they are suddenly and permanently separated from it. Can you imagine the suffering they would undergo? When they no longer have it, they value it more than ever.

With God, it's different. We often place no value whatsoever in having a relationship with God until after we establish one. Only then do we realise how impoverished our lives were prior to that point. We see clearly in hindsight that our ignorance of what we were missing saved us from great spiritual suffering, far worse than what my fictional hoarder would experience after their loss. Ignorance acts as an anaesthetic in these circumstances and is a hidden blessing from God.

However, a lack of awareness in relation to which spiritual path will bring us the most happiness may blight our lives right up until we're secure on an everlasting divine journey hand in hand with God. God's divine love coming into our soul is what cements this close relationship and eventually convinces us that we've made the best choice possible.

At the heart of this problem is our tendency to dismiss things we've never seen or experienced based on little or no actual knowledge. At the outset, we've got little more than the ideas we come across and the testimony of those who've gone before us. Conflicting ideas abound, so how do we know what is true? As we make progress, we may feel we've become much wiser and that any spiritual blindness has left us, but has it?

The wise never judge the choices of others. But we should understand that the lack of awareness that we suffer from regarding what possibilities lie ahead on our spiritual journey represents the highest risk to our future happiness.

Complacency may set in. We can be extremely happy even without acknowledging the existence of God. It seems that the spiritual journey is a lottery - all will eventually find happiness, but it has been foretold that not all will find the highest happiness that is available. However, if we place truly knowing God at the heart of our desires then we can be sure that we're on the path of our own highest good. Confirmation of this comes from those who inhabit the highest realms of the spirit world as conveyed to us in the Padgett Messages.

35: Wisdom Without Words



Have you ever had the experience of being in the presence of someone whose words somehow seem to wash over you and you realise your focus is instead on feeling the spiritual warmth they are emanating?

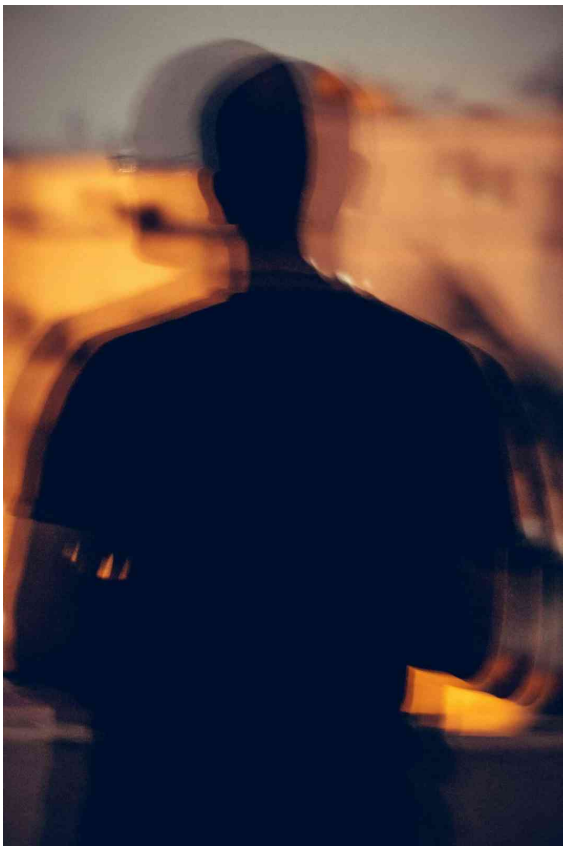
The highest truth is embodied in the love that is deep inside us and so words are not always necessary to communicate with another. This is especially true if we've chosen the path of divine love, which fills us with divine truth. If we do no more than shine a divine light in the world then we've done enough. This love provides comfort at a soul level to all we come in contact with who have deep unmet needs. It also benefits the whole world by helping to neutralise the dark energies that surround us. It's not that words are irrelevant, but the light from one soul touching another is what brings the most benefit. It can be the spark that at some point helps that person find God, truth and meaning in their life.

Why are love and truth intrinsically intertwined in this way? Divine love is not just love. It has many facets inherent in its nature. Truth, love, light, life, consciousness, wisdom, harmony and many other things form part of this substance. It's been called the fulfilment of all God's laws and is the

greatest power that exists. Once our souls have been reborn in this essence then it's impossible for us to act contrary to God's laws because the impulse to do so no longer exists in our nature. A growing divine consciousness allows us to experience ever higher realities as our perceptions widen.

That all of this should be the case is something amazing, which our finite minds can never really understand. However, God isn't constrained by our ideas of what's a reasonable model of reality. We can express God's wisdom through our own divine consciousness and this doesn't rely on words or anything else that belongs to the human mind.

36: Stepping Into The New Version Of You

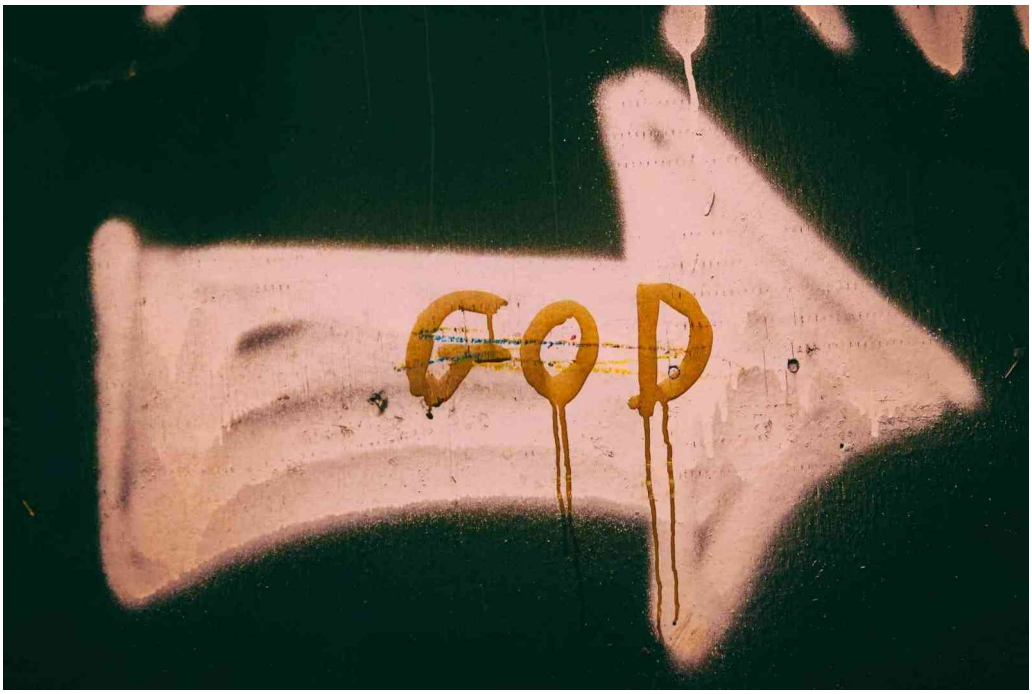


When I started to receive divine love in response to my prayers, I initially felt that I was the lucky possesser of this love. But I've ended up accepting that it's the love that really possesses me. It has somehow become who I am now, deep down, but without me losing my sense of identity in the process.

In augmenting the reality I experience, it's starting to diminish the strong attachment I had to my mind. I sense that in time, the mind will become a mere shadow of itself as I become more centred in soul consciousness, and I have already started to view the human body as just an appendage that I carry around. It's entirely up to me how much I choose to live in this blossoming soul consciousness. Fortunately, I was never enamoured with who I was, especially my many limitations, so giving up my old sense of self and stepping into the divine version of me is easy, at least in principle. In practice, soul consciousness seems within reach at times and elusive at other times, depending on my spiritual condition.

It's a lifetime's work to live fully in one's soul consciousness, but the rewards are great. There's also a price we pay in terms of our heightened perceptions of all the suffering and darkness around us, much of which is hidden from normal view. Once our soul is on fire through God’s divine love then we'll seem different to others and this will tend to polarise people for or against us. However, once the predicted great reset of humanity’s values takes place, these problems will gradually disappear as widespread acceptance of God once again becomes established around the world.

37: You Are Close To The Kingdom



There's a curious expression that gets used several times in the Padgett Messages, namely, 'You are close to the kingdom'. It's not the expression itself that raised my eyebrows since it's an obvious reference to the celestial kingdom. It's the context that is very revealing. This phrase is used several times to reassure James Padgett that if he prays to God for divine love in the prescribed manner, then he wouldn't be long out of the kingdom.

What's surprising is that he was told this almost from the outset - before he would have accumulated much love in his soul as a result of his prayers. If so, then all of us are likely in the same position, which is not what I expected since, to me, progress seems very slow. Of course, James may have received a certain amount of divine love unconsciously at an earlier stage of his life, which would have helped. But it was also clear that he had been far from virtuous at times, unlike what you'd expect if his soul was being strongly influenced by divine love.

There's two points worth making. First, from the perspective of our celestial teachers who watch countless spirits progress slowly along their chosen spiritual paths, they know from observation that those who discover divine love while on earth are likely to enter the celestial kingdom within a short time after passing over. In recent times, there's been testimony from a number of spirits

that corroborate this from their personal experience. Second, it seems that while all serious divine love practitioners will make fast progress relatively speaking, there's an option for all of us to do so extremely fast. This is harder because it requires more dedication, whereby our whole life is devoted to the divine path. It seems it's particularly hard to take the final steps to becoming a celestial while on earth, but we can get so close that the transformation is almost complete. The point is that God has provided the potential for an incredibly quick journey, should we choose it, so that any suffering we endure is minimised.

James was also told that he could be very close to where Jesus resides within a short time. This seems even more surprising given Jesus, like all celestials, will have been progressing at an exponential rate in the spirit world, since celestials have a far greater capacity to receive divine love than we do and so are pulling away from us. I initially dismissed this statement as an unconscious bias being introduced by James' mind while receiving the messages. However, I don't rule out that it could be true. I think one of the reasons that James was selected for the role that he carried out may have been because he had an unusually strong susceptibility to receiving divine love once he became convinced of its existence.

There's also what I refer to as the Ponzi effect. As the person on earth who is most directly responsible for reintroducing divine love in modern times to the whole world, I speculate that James may forever benefit from all the good that continues over time to come from that one action. If we introduce someone to divine love, could we continue to benefit when they then introduce someone to it, and so on? This idea may not be correct. But if it is, then by performing such an epic act at such an early stage of his soul journey, James may well have earned himself a very privileged and exalted position in the celestial realms.

Getting to the celestial kingdom is not a race. But knowing it's close at hand is reassuring and can only add to our motivation. It seems that what we choose to do or not do during the relatively short period we spend on earth can have a surprisingly large effect on our future.

38: Only The Soul Can Become Immortal



Our soul is the only part of us that can become immortal. The spirit body that we take to the spirit world with us when we pass over is a covering for the soul and is subject to change over time.

Like our material mind, the mind of our spirit body becomes redundant at the point we become fully divine, which is when our immortal soul mind is fully formed. Until then, the spirit mind will continue to exist. Over time, the spirit mind will become purified but unless the soul changes from the image of God to being divine then we will never become a divine angel and can progress no further than perfecting the natural love that we were born with.

Beyond the first few planes of the celestial kingdom, showing ourselves in the likeness of our old human form is no longer considered necessary, as we will have developed other ways of perceiving the identity of others by then. Nor does the environmental background stay fixed in these higher celestial realms - it changes to reflect the emotions of the inhabitants, something we would find extremely disconcerting in our current state.

Beyond these bare details, celestial beings cannot find words that we would understand to describe the wonderful environment that they inhabit.

Human beings look for meaning in many different mindful ideas. Few realise that divine love is the mystery of all mysteries that enables the soul to experience and know divine reality, including itself, God and all of creation. Focusing on developing our souls rather than our minds is what will lead us to immortality and a blissful future beyond our time on earth.

39: Why Is The Soul Still A Mystery?



The truth of the soul's existence has been made plain in the Padgett Messages. The soul is the spiritual powerhouse and essence of our being and is capable of connecting us to God. The material mind was supposed to be more of an adjunct, useful for interacting with the material world.

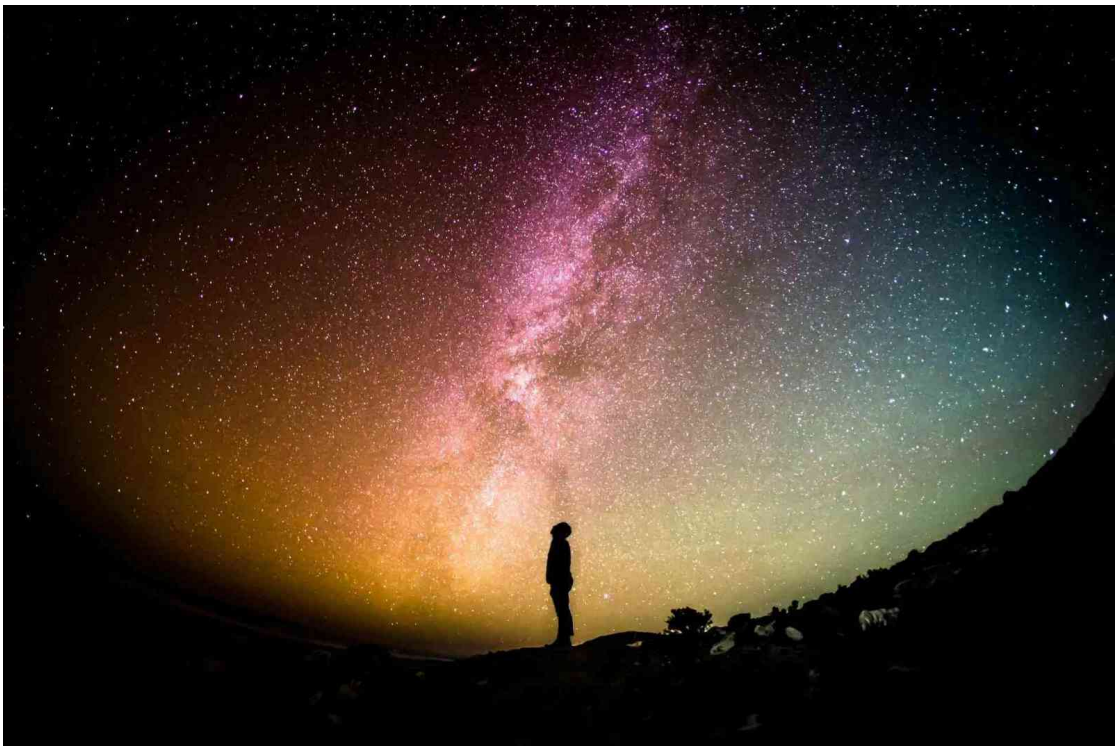
So why do we struggle to relate to the soul? Our surface consciousness has beguiled mankind for millennia and we're the product of that long-held fascination. As a result, we suffer from a serious imbalance between mindful and soul consciousness. Consequently, the wisdom available in our souls is often neglected when making decisions. This explains much of the dysfunctionality that surrounds us and why human endeavours often end in failure. This imbalance has largely blocked access to our soul wisdom and God. This is a considerable handicap to live with and has serious repercussions for us individually and collectively.

To know the soul requires us to have a spiritual awakening. The most powerful form of this comes with receiving divine love, which opens up new perceptions in our souls that provide us with all

we need to be joyful and thrive spiritually. This is the only way we can progress to the highest realms of the afterlife known as the celestial kingdom. In most people, this path is contrary to what our surface consciousness wants and so few venture along it. In the Padgett Messages, Ann Rollins (James Padgett's grandmother) had a long life but after she died and eventually got to the celestial kingdom, she found it sobering to see how few of the people she knew on earth had made it there in all the intervening time. It seems that few on earth find 'the narrow path and gate' whereby we can experience the glory of God's celestial kingdom within a short time frame after we pass over.

The almost universal ignorance of the availability of divine love coupled with widespread disbelief in God and the spirit world explains why the soul largely remains a mystery to most of us. Furthermore, our normal consciousness feels comfortable and natural, so many people feel no incentive to explore further. Even when in possession of the truth, getting to know one's soul is an ongoing journey for all eternity.

40: Choose God's Reality Over Human Reality



Each day we invest in the human reality all around us and each day we're disappointed. Failure and strife abound in society and affect how we live our lives. Discontent, depression, anxiety, suffering and anger are rife.

Meanwhile, God's reality is enduring and is built on peace and love. When we enter this reality then we see clearly the futility of normal human thought patterns and activities. Human reality, which has always ignored God’s laws of creation, was always built on sand.

Don't you want to be bathed in God's love? To discover God's laws and the way to supreme happiness? It's not something dreamt up by weird religious people long ago. It's real and was always real. Scepticism is fine, but cynicism, if it's unwarranted, could destroy one's chances of a better life. If you're waiting for science to discover God then you'll wait a long time. But you can discover God for yourself. Few choose to do so. Most are drawn to human reality, which carries with it the real risk to each individual of being damaged or broken by their experiences. Even a human life that is well lived pales by comparison with one spent walking hand in hand with God.

When you experience divine love coming into your soul, it changes everything. You will know from personal experience that God exists. This love changes you at a fundamental level and brings knowledge at a soul level that goes beyond our mindful reality. The experiences it brings are priceless and are based on a new awareness that arises as a result of the divine love opening up new perceptions in our souls. It doesn't prevent you from leading a normal life, but your perspective will change.

The only possible reason not to choose divine love is because you don't believe it to be true. Then why not try praying earnestly to God for it to come into your soul and see for yourself? So long as you invest your emotions in your prayers then they will always invoke a response.

It's been predicted that when society breaks down in a fundamental way, which is quite close now, many will turn to God for help. Much of the suffering from feelings of being lost and fearful in those coming dark times can be avoided by anchoring yourself in God's reality now. Along with guidance and protection comes peace and joy, allowing us to thrive even in difficult circumstances.

41: The Mystery Of Mysteries



Divine love, brought by God's Comforter into our soul in response to our prayerful desires, remains a mystery until it's personally experienced. After that, it's known indirectly through its effects but remains utterly mysterious in itself. It changes us profoundly, but its own pristine and incorruptible nature never changes in all eternity. As it builds in quantity inside us, this love eventually becomes who we are, yet never impinges on our personality or sense of individuality. These apparent contradictions only add to its elusive nature.

No one who experiences divine love can find adequate words to describe the sublime and overwhelming feeling of being directly touched by God. It's a feeling that changes everything. We remain finite individuals but develop a divine sense of oneness with God.

Divine love acts as a catalyst, lodging permanently in our soul and imparting its immortal, unchanging nature to us. This causes us to become immortal. We're told that only those who become divine are immortal. Being created in the image of God does not in itself confer either divinity or immortality since the image is not the same thing as the substance. Perhaps surprisingly, even after our soul has been completely transformed into a divine soul by this love, which is the essence of God’s own soul, we still retain the ability to change and can receive more love forever.

It helps our understanding to recognise that divine love is not just love. It's a life force that embodies countless facets, including divine truth, knowledge, light, life and consciousness. It also germinates various seeds embedded in our soul that represent gifts that God implanted in us when we were created. These blossom in the form of new skills and abilities as we progress, adding to our individual uniqueness.

It's known that the divine love resides within one's soul, but the internal structure of the soul is not well understood, at least in terms that our celestial teachers can convey readily to us in words. We're told that a divine soul develops new senses that cause a range of new perceptions to arise, which allow us to explore higher dimensions of reality. Those without these perceptions remain totally unaware of these higher realms.

Of course, it's not necessary for us to understand the interactions between divine love and specific parts of our being in order for us to benefit from the effects it has on us. In the end, it doesn't matter. As possessers of divine love, we experience a wholeness and wholesomeness that is the most satisfying journey we can ever undertake.

42: Making The Soul More Real



How can you distinguish between your mind and your soul? How do you make the soul feel more real?

Much has been written elsewhere (such as in the Padgett Messages) about the different functions of the soul and mind, so I will settle for giving my own experience of soul awareness.

What I'm about to describe is subtle but real. Because of the subtleties involved, I will first describe things from my perspective and then I've asked my divine guides to give their input on the subject.

At some point after becoming acquainted with the Padgett Messages, I noticed that just filing ideas away and having an intellectual knowledge of supposed new spiritual truths wasn't very satisfying. For one thing, I wasn't sure that I really 'owned' the truth. Nor did anything change inside me just by reading a book. In short, I felt my soul was being changed by divine love but, as

far as I could tell, my mind wasn't. I knew I was missing something and had to find a way of bridging the disconnect between mind and soul.

I decided to reread all the Padgett-inspired spiritual writings I could find. I reasoned that the truth isn't so much thoughts in my mind as a living energy in my soul. So I tried to switch my attention from the words themselves to how they made me feel, on the basis that the soul senses and acknowledges truth in a very different way to the mind.

When doing this, I would sometimes find myself reacting strongly to certain words or ideas and would often feel a flow of divine love into my soul and a change in my awareness. This subtle change was my soul starting to overshadow the mind. On reflection, I believe that contemplating the words on a deeper level was helping to open my soul to experience brief glimpses of God's reality.

This is a practice that I've continued with ever since, alongside seeking God's divine love. Yes, all of us on this path would like a momentous spiritual awakening but I'm comfortable with taking lots of little steps like those I experience.

This is my guides input on the subject:

'When you read divinely inspired material then you are connecting with the truth. This strengthens your appreciation of the truth both on a soul level and in your mind. As a whole, you become more anchored in the truth. The recognition of this increases your faith and, as you experienced, can cause a welling up of emotions and a flow of divine love into your soul. It can also cause a download of information that helps you to a more profound recognition of the truth.

'As you have discovered, not all of the truth is revealed at once. Different aspects become clearer as one progresses. The truth itself never changes but our perspective changes as our awareness expands.

'When you read with an open mind and willingness to learn then changes in awareness may take place as you connect with your soul. Barriers will still remain in the mind but the rapport between mind and soul strengthens. As you now recognise, your strong focus while reading helped your normal mindful reality to fall away, making room for your soul aspirations to rise up and trigger changes in awareness.

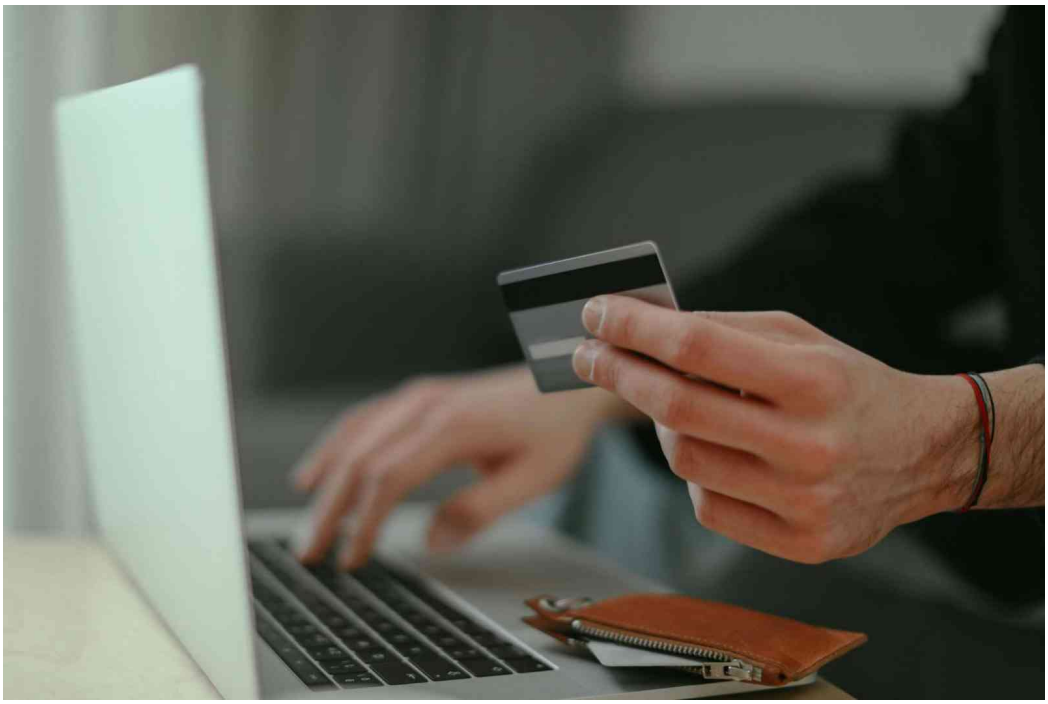
'There's always the possibility that the mind will misinterpret the truth that resides in your soul and will go off at a tangent. The distinction between mind and soul in terms of the boundary between one and the other is not usually clear to you but the interaction between them can be. Becoming aware of this interaction is achievable. New thoughts can arise in your mind that you've never had before. When this happens on a regular basis then you would be right to conclude that this is the influence of the soul. The quality of consciousness itself may also change

to something new and unexpected. This experience can be profound, depending on your willingness to step into it.

'God has decreed that the truth be known on earth and we in the celestial realms are working to bring the truth to all of you.'

The message then finished on a more personal note that I've not included. Connecting to the soul is what I value most, as this is the gateway to everything I aspire to be on the divine path. If I don't experience some change in awareness on a regular basis then I view that as evidence of slipping into complacency whereby the mind is regaining the upper hand. All of us on the divine path need to develop a strategy that makes room in our lives for our soul to flourish. Prayer must be at the heart of our efforts, but not slipping back into our normal frame of mind the rest of the time is also an important pursuit. Consciously and gently exercising our developing soul awareness when reading, or during other activities, is one way of doing this.

43: What's Truly Worth Having Is Free



There's a saying that nothing that's worth having in life is free. Yet, God's divine love, as explained to us in the Padgett Messages, is freely available just for the asking - the only thing in existence that can transform us beyond our imagination. Not to mention all the other blessings that God freely showers on us when we ask for them.

Could some reject divine love on these grounds alone, wary of anything that is free, believing it can't have any value? If so, then it's a stark lesson in how human conditioning and lack of awareness can stand in the way of true fulfilment.

No doubt many more reject divine love on the grounds that the simple premise behind it doesn't include dazzling conceptual ideas that satisfy the mind.

All in all, it's a sad predicament. So much unnecessary suffering where people struggle through life relying on their own efforts and where they make uninformed choices that bring suffering into their lives.

I've even heard people say that they envy those who have faith in God because of the comfort it seemingly gives in the face of adversity. And yet they seem unwilling to step onto any spiritual path, believing science can explain everything without the need for a supreme being to exist.

How much regret there must be when non-believers in life after death get to the spirit world. That's why those of us who are on the divine path need to make sure that knowledge of the highest truth is readily available to those who are searching for meaning in their lives.

The one silver lining in all this is that there's often a disconnect between our minds and souls. Sometimes, what the mind dismisses, the soul accepts. So when the seed of an idea is planted, even when rejected by the mind, it can spring into life at a later stage when the conditions are right. That's why shining a divine light is so important. People sense you're different and may be intrigued. It could be the soul-to-soul spark they need that will eventually ignite their conscious search for, and acceptance of, the truth.

One final point. I've heard it said that some spirits reject the notion of divine love on the grounds that they never heard anything about it while on earth and are therefore inclined to dismiss it. Apparently, our divine friends will bring these spirits to the earth to visit those of us who are active believers thereby confirming that there are indeed some on earth who walk this glorious path. This demonstrates how we can help others in ways we may never have imagined.

44: Is The Divine Love Movement A Religion?



The divine love path is all about developing soul consciousness through receiving divine love and letting go of mindful ideas. With that in mind, I'm reticent about getting embroiled in philosophical questions such as whether it constitutes a religion or not. For all practical purposes, it doesn't matter - at least to me. But for what it's worth, here's my take on it.

Discussing religion in detail would fill a book and be boring beyond words. Nor is there any hope of widespread consensus on the matter, so I'll keep my comments brief and to the point.

A religion is most often defined as a belief in a non-human supreme being, divinity, the power of prayer, and the like. By this definition then divine love practitioners are following a religion since all of these things are intrinsically involved in the core divine teachings given to us by James Padgett.

It's true that traditional religions tend to include ritual and dogma, which isn't the case with the divine love movement. Nor does seeking divine love require an intermediary in the form of a religious institution between the practitioner and God. So following the divine path isn't the same as following a traditional religion.

There are lots of spiritual movements that believe they are special and want to distinguish themselves from what's gone before and so claim not to be a religion. But it seems to me no one outside those groups really buys that argument.

However, those beings who inhabit the celestial realms and whose souls have been transformed to be wholly divine emphatically do not see themselves as belonging to a religion. They live in a divine reality that is beyond the need for religious ideas and can actually see the form of God clearly. So these things are no longer a matter of faith for them. When you experience God's reality then the role of religion disappears. Yes, they 'follow' Jesus but only in the way we might look to the head of an organisation for leadership.

Christian concepts and terminology formed the backdrop to James Padgett's original writings. Some followers are happy to accept the Padgett Messages as essentially an extension or clarification of the bible. Others want to distance themselves from traditional religions, seeing themselves as 'spiritual' rather than religious. One way of doing this is to use universal language in place of overtly religious terms. For example, gender-neutral terminology might be used when referring to God. This may make the divine teachings more palatable to those who are looking for something beyond mainstream religion. Of course, the truth can be presented in diverse ways for the benefit of different audiences without diluting its power. However, it's a tenuous argument to say that the use of universal language elevates the divine love path above being a religion.

Personally, I'm not too fussed about definitions or the terminology that's used. I like both the clinical clarity of scientific language and the somewhat romantic imagery of the bible. But I accept that for others, the way the truth is presented could make the difference between them stepping onto the divine path or not. So I favour a diverse approach where advocates of divine love use a variety of paradigms and language styles when presenting the truth to others. There's no one way of doing so that is perfect in all circumstances. Even Jesus switched between talking in parables and talking more plainly depending on his audience.

So, as a divine love practitioner, are you any clearer on how you would reply if someone were to ask you if you are religious? Me too!

45: 'These Words Have Immortal Power'



Like others who have read the Padgett Messages, I was struck by the apparent effortless authority of those in the spirit world who claimed to be pronouncing great spiritual truths to help mankind. There seemed to be an invisible but clearly discernible power behind the printed words.

Seemingly, some psychics have seen or felt a spiritual light enveloping the printed Padgett volumes when handling them. Those who are not psychic to any notable degree may well still get a gut feel that the Padgett Messages are special. Like in my case, I've heard many converts say that they instinctively knew their search for truth was finally over once they started reading the Padgett Messages.

In fact, one of my concerns when I set myself the goal of summarising the many truths that Padgett received was whether this unseen power would be lost in my version. When I raised this issue with my celestial guides, they told me that to some extent the unspoken influence of those who communicated with Mr Padgett would, in fact, be lost but that nevertheless, they would help ensure that all that was required would be presented.

I also recall that one of the first things my celestial guides ever said to me in attempting to convince me that I was actually in communication with them was, 'There is immortal power in these words', something that only a divine being could rightfully claim.

It's not entirely surprising that the power of divine love, which is inextricably intertwined with divine truth, should manifest itself in ways that extend beyond mere written words. After all, divine love and truth are the living representations of God's own power and truth.

46: Why Have There Been So Few Saints?



Looking back in history, one is struck by how few recognised saints seem to have existed amongst the billions who have lived. Why is this you might ask?

My theory is that, typically, the spiritual acolyte, just like the rest of us, embraces the human mind, contrary to what one might suppose. Most of us turn our minds outwards and engage with the world, while the acolytes turn inwards to study themselves or God. For the spiritually inclined, controlling their thoughts and developing strong morals does, indeed, lead to great moral purity and harmony with God's laws. They may even succeed in negating the power of the mind to a certain extent (I'll come to spiritual 'realisation', shortly). But because the human condition is so

deeply ingrained in us, it's a long, hard path. It seems few emerge victorious within their allotted human lifespan to the point of becoming widely revered for their saintly ways.

What's the alternative? The answer is simple but not obvious. It turns out that we can never truly become what God wants us to be by embracing our minds, regardless of the direction we head in or the progress we make. There's an upper ceiling to where such a path leads. We're told countless millions of spirits are now in the condition of having perfected their human nature, being free of sin and living in harmony with God's laws. Their place of habitation is indeed a heaven of sorts. Perhaps if we were to meet them, we would regard some or all of them as saints by comparison with our own spiritual condition.

But the true saints in history never really embraced their minds. Instead, they embraced God, but predominately not through their minds. Instinctively, they opened up their emotions to God, indulging in deep, reverent prayers beseeching God to embrace them. These emotions have their origin in the soul, not the mind. In doing so, they opened up their soul and received a great inflowing of God’s divine love, brought by God's Comforter, which fundamentally changed them. Over time, as this process was repeated, they were utterly transformed to become the real living saints of history. This is the road less travelled, which is why so few real saints have ever existed.

Although they didn't achieve the colossal stature of Jesus, who became wholly divine during his lifetime, they, nevertheless, demonstrated striking similarities. What is not widely understood is that this divine path leads to much faster progress than the path of developing one's natural love and perfecting one's nature. Nor is it just a different trajectory - it leads us to a completely different place: God realisation rather than self-realisation. I've discussed the implications of each of these two outcomes elsewhere.

Today, only a relatively small number of us walk the divine path, and very few have done so from a young age. Consequently, these true saints in the making are almost invisible in terms of their global presence. Even so, their hidden impact on the world in terms of neutralising darkness through the divine light that they shine is considerable. All of us benefit from this.

Of course, their motivation is to become God's humble servants rather than to be recognised as saints. But the barometer of real spiritual change in this world will be when we can look up in admiration at the leaders of our societies and feel the saintly, God-given love that they are emanating. It's been predicted that this will only happen once our societies break down and we recognise that our trust in our leaders and secular lifestyles has been misplaced. These events will herald the dawn of a new golden age of peace and harmony on the earth.

47: Not Being A Bystander In Your Own Life



Love is the highest expression of consciousness. It's the creative power behind all that exists, other than what humans create through negativity. As we become ever more loving, we fulfill the purpose of existence.

Divine love - the highest form of love - is entirely non-material, but intermingles with and saturates all the physical space in our universe and beyond. This divine love is accessible to our soul. When our soul has been completely transformed by divine love in response to our prayers, then the door to a higher dimension fully opens and, after we leave this world, we can step into the celestial realm of the spirit world.

Divinity is free. But for many, these great truths seem highly improbable, so it's easier to reject them than to accept them. Living solely within the highly localised consciousness represented by our material mind is a freewill choice that seriously restricts our ability to receive the many wonderful blessings that God wants to shower upon us.

As we progress on the divine path, less and less of the fruits of that journey can be recognised by the perceptions of the material mind. What exists in a higher dimension is invisible to the mind, but not to the developing soul. At some point, the material mind essentially becomes irrelevant,

except insofar as we use it to deal with worldly affairs. For the mind to become a mere bystander in our life is a truth and state of affairs that few can easily accept.

The reality that we aren't our mind can sometimes be accepted conceptually but rarely can it be accepted and experienced as fact. We stop being a bystander when we step into divine awareness, which exists only in the soul mind. It's true that the material mind does play a role when the soul initiates the divine journey, since the will must be directed to the process of praying, and other activities that secure us on the path. Thereafter, it becomes increasingly irrelevant, as the soul mind comes into ascendancy.

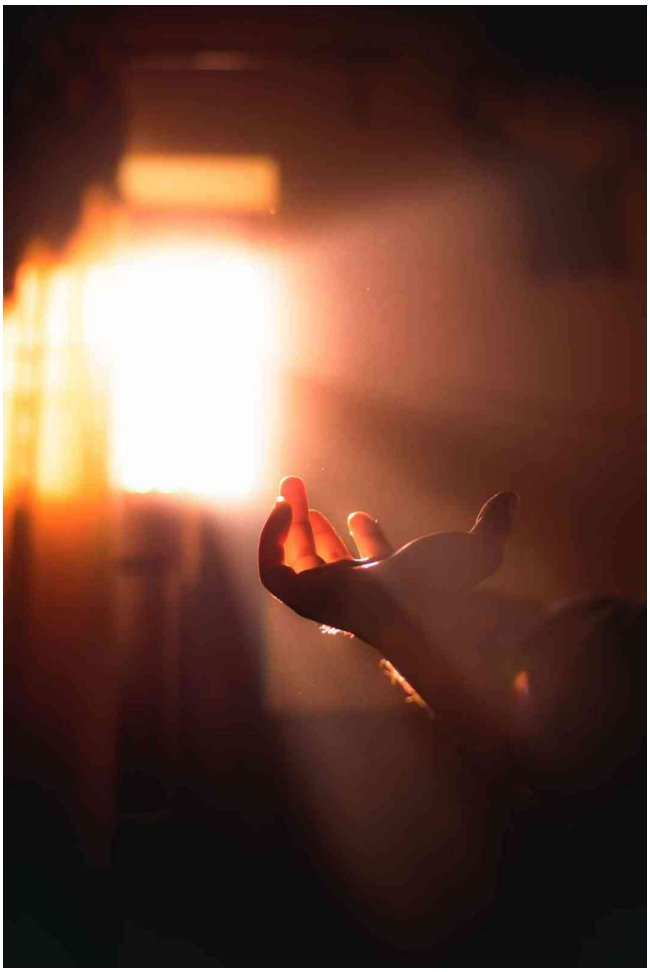
Our soul knows the physical body will die and is indifferent to that fact. Its own existence is unaffected. This demonstrates that the part of our consciousness that in many people is terrified of dying has somehow split off from the soul. At least it appears to have when viewed from the perspective of the material mind. But the soul encompasses the material mind, which is just an adjunct, something our minds struggle to truly acknowledge.

The way to the highest truth - through divine love - is simple, but few accept it because they can't visualise what their undeveloped consciousness can't comprehend. That's why it starts out as a journey of faith. Those who don't invest a modicum of faith can never take the journey.

The idea that existence is no more meaningful than the mind subjectively decides it is, is an understandable viewpoint but it's incorrect. Life is far more meaningful than we're capable of understanding. God is not constrained to work within parameters that meet mankind’s expectations. The purpose of divine love is to remove our spiritual blindness and open us up fully to experiencing the wonders of God’s creation. As it accumulates in our soul, it provides us with a new divine consciousness and new soul perceptions that allow us to explore ever more of creation. Our spiritual guides, who are further along the path than we are, help us in this transformation.

For the spiritually blind to see, requires a deep awakening within us. Not just acquiring new intellectual beliefs, however profound, but a deep remaking of our core being by adding a new consciousness that is itself pure love.

48: Soul Awakening: An Appointment With God



Most people in the world are lost in everyday material existence. This isolation from God has been created in large part by mankind's long-standing desire to be independent from any source of external control. As a result, our actions are often not in harmony with God's laws, bringing unnecessary suffering to all life on the planet. Rectifying this situation is an urgent necessity if we are to avoid destroying ourselves and the planet.

The soul is our one and only gateway to God. God is soul and soul speaks only to soul (see 1 below). The power of the mind tends to drown out the gentle promptings that arise from the soul, making us doubt its existence. The Padgett Messages, written a century ago, provide great insight into what the soul is and how it can be developed. We are told that divine love, brought to us by God's Comforter in response to our heartfelt desires, transforms the soul to become 'as

one' with God. During this process of transformation from the image of God to God's divine essence, the soul develops new awareness and perceptions, allowing us to experience God and divine reality. This is the path that God wants all of us to choose. It's not that God won't ensure the happiness of those who choose another path, for God cares for us all, but without divine love our existence will only be a shadow of what it could be.

Growing in divine love allows us to establish a deeply personal relationship with God. As we progress on the path to divinity, we start to feel true joy, peace and fulfillment. God has a form, but not one we can see with human or spirit eyes. Metaphorically, we have been received into God's waiting room and may even have sensed God's presence to some extent, but we have not yet seen God through the eyes of the soul. However, the hour of this destined appointment with God approaches ever closer.

As divine love builds within us, new soul perceptions create the real possibility, and eventual certainty, of seeing the form of God, just as clearly as we see others around us. This is the second stage of development, where we go from the waiting room to being in the living presence of God. Words cannot express the profoundness of this experience, but it is a truly momentous occasion for every soul. Beyond this significant milestone, divine love continues to power our soul growth, allowing us to engage in an ever more intimate relationship with God in which countless further layers of reality open up to us. The more we grow in divine love, the more 'in focus' and detailed our soul perception of God becomes.

However, unless we develop an entirely new soul awareness through receiving divine love, God and divine reality simply aren't accessible to our senses. This explains why scientists have never found God - all their explorations have been through the material mind, which is the wrong tool! God exists in a dimension that is open to us only when we have been reborn as a divine soul. This is a stark illustration of why we should avoid becoming overly enamoured with the material mind. We also have the distressing example of the wanton destruction of the world around us caused by millions of unfettered minds that are not being kept in check by soul wisdom.

Sadly, it's not just scientists who put too much trust in the power of the mind. Many who desire a spiritual awakening lose themselves in endless intellectual analysis of their beliefs, as anyone who has dipped into the vast body of religious and spiritual literature can confirm. They too are lost souls in that they have not yet found God in the profound way that those on the divine love path will experience. While intellectual beliefs can be useful, no amount of mindful dissection will lead to soul awakening. However, there are benefits to meditation, and detaching from the mind may result in a degree of self-realisation. But only engaging with the soul through divine love leads us to God realisation. Prayer is the tool, faith is what ensures success and divine love is the fuel for our inner transformation. Rather than just having a soul, we become the soul. All will

eventually become their soul, which is our real identity, regardless of the path they choose, but with the addition of divine love the soul reaches its full potential.

We should resist any desire our minds have to overelaborate and complicate the truth. The core truths are simple and need no window dressing. All of us on this path are responsible for preserving the integrity of the teachings for future generations. Truth is an inherent part of the divine love we receive and further revelations of spiritual truth can never be forced by use of our intellect in isolation. (There is indeed a place in our lives for the intellect - it's just not the place that mankind in its lack of wisdom chooses to give it!)

My sincere desire is that all who read these words will open their gateway to God widely and frequently. There's no limit to the amount of divine love we can receive. For your own good I urge you to rebel against what society wants you to be and secure for yourself an eternal future in God's celestial kingdom. Help others to make the same freewill choice. The need for us to awaken is now urgent, which is why I am being inspired to write so plainly.

But we can do God’s will on earth and still make room for our personal dreams. So why not aim high and earnestly seek to meet with God 'face to face', knowing that having chosen to awaken in God's love your request will never be denied?

Note 1:

Padgett Messages, message from Luke, 25 April 1918: 'Only soul can speak to soul and mind is only a helper.'

Padgett Messages, message from John, 22 October 1918: '... only soul can deal with soul...'

Dr Samuel's Revelations: 'On this rock I will build my Church':

'... for God does not speak directly to mortals.’

49: Becoming A Warrior For God



The prophets of old in the bible were often true warriors for God in the best sense of that word. We tend to admire them for that. But have you considered what it would be like to be a modern day warrior for God?

It's not as if there isn't any need. Everything that could go wrong in the world is going wrong, as we know only too well. We also know the reasons for this dismal state of affairs: turning our backs on God, excessive materialism, and so on. Most of those dear warriors existed before the time of Jesus and so couldn't have experienced the biblical new birth of their souls in divine love. Nor did they have the help of millions of spirits who have been reborn in God's love as divine angels in the interim. We have access to both. There is literally nothing they did that we cannot do, and

more besides. The question for those who believe in God is: does the prospect of being a warrior appeal enough for you to dive straight in or are you wedded too much to your material lifestyle?

The first point to make is that God looks after those who are faithful servants on earth. We'll be guided, protected and our needs will be met. As we grow in God's love, our inner life becomes more meaningful to us than many aspects of the external world that we previously held dear. We shine a divine light that acts as a beacon for those in need. Our increasing faith allows us to use God's laws to do things that may appear miraculous to others. We can give up our sense of attachment to earthly things without having to live like a hermit in a cave. The fundamentals of our material life may not change much at all.

Nor is it necessary to be able to prophesise like in the olden days. We can all see the trajectory the world is on towards destruction, even without having any divine love in our souls. Some choose not to look at the dire state of the world and not to change - they are the ones who need our help the most.

When we were young we were effectively brainwashed by society into adopting a set of values that precluded any possibility of what I'm saying from becoming reality for pretty much all of us. I'd given up on the bible as containing too many errors. But in the Padgett Messages, I found a re-interpretation of the bible that was more amenable to reason and which was, in fact, dictated to the medium, James Padgett, by those spirits of olden times who are now glorious angels. Eva Peck, in her book, 'New Birth - Pathway to the Kingdom of God', gives a wonderful summary of the true way to interpret the bible in the light of these modern revelations.

There are lots of things in the bible that don't make much sense without this additional knowledge. Why did the apostles talk about being above the law? Why did Jesus talk about resurrection to eternal life when it was common practice even before his coming for prophets to speak to spirits who had survived bodily death? Why does the bible talk about us becoming a 'new creation' when we experience the new birth? What was the actual power that fueled the early rise of Christianity, which, for the most part, has clearly been lost in the meantime?

Only by understanding the true role of the Holy Spirit, divine love, the soul, the material mind, divine consciousness, the celestial kingdom and Jesus' true message of salvation can we become modern day warriors for God. It's not necessary to be an actual warrior, it's more of a temperament thing - lots of divine angels are exceedingly meek, while some are more feisty when the need arises, while also being exceedingly loving. I'm not suggesting that we should place ourselves in physical danger - being a prayer warrior is a wonderful way of being of service. One of the things I like to do is 'claim for God' everywhere that I physically set foot. I pray that all residual negativity from historic events, along with all present day negativity is neutralised. Also, that a channel of God's light fully envelops the area and that God's angels thereafter guard it to

prevent any evil from residing there. If for some reason I don't say a prayer at the time I'm there then I do so retrospectively. This is a practical and effective way of helping to ensure evil doesn't win, although we may not see the results of our actions while we're on earth.

In the battle that is raging in the world between darkness and light, bravery is essential for all of us who aspire to do God’s will, so in that sense we do become warriors. The true armour of God is to lose yourself in God's embrace, thereby receiving God's divine essence that remakes your soul as a divine soul, resplendent in purity, truth and love. This love is the greatest power that exists. Any sincere prayer for protection will invoke a response but divine love, which is incorruptible and full of God's power, is the ultimate armour that we can don in our perilous journey through life.

To be a warrior, or not to be a warrior? That is the question.

50: The Divine Wavelength



My divine guides recently informed me about something they call the divine wavelength. It's the wavelength that we can use to more easily connect to our guides, similar to how we use a specific phone number to phone a friend.

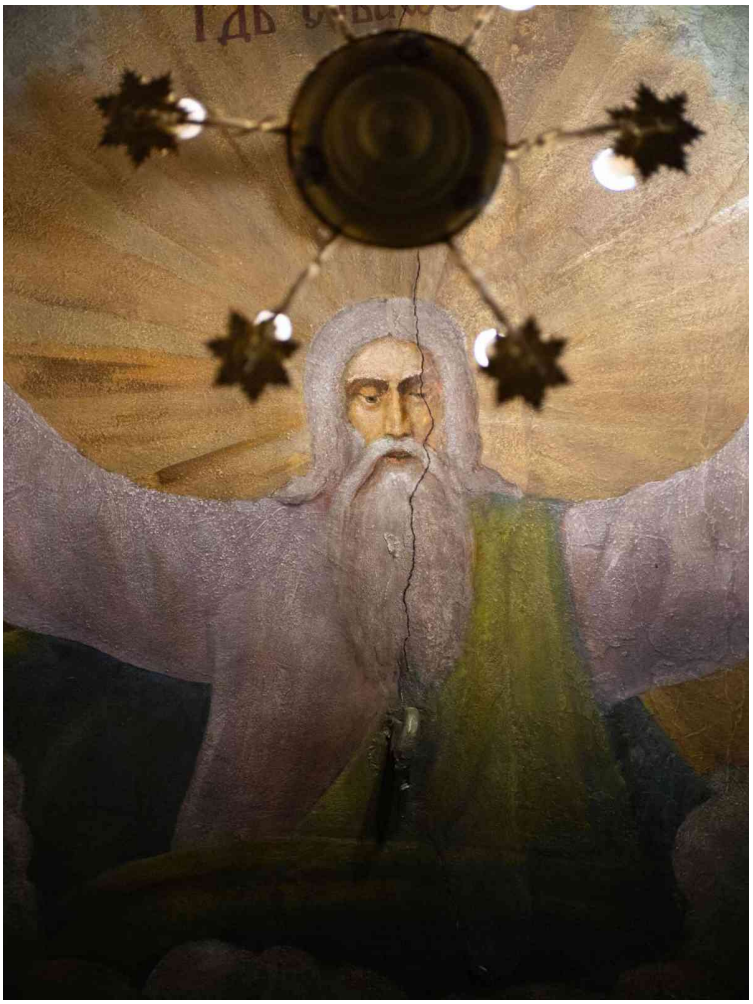
Humanity has created a powerful reality for itself through millenia of material thoughts that have resulted in the solidification of our crude human consciousness. This has narrowed our awareness to a small sliver of what exists. We accept our daily reality because it feels natural and because our soul perceptions, which have the potential to embrace a wider reality, are undeveloped in most people. The human wavelength manifested by our countless combined thoughts is powerful and creates a mindful reality that's difficult to escape from.

But we possess a soul that can be developed into a divine powerhouse that opens up new divine vistas to our soul mind. Divine reality transcends what we experience in the material world. The fuel that powers this revolution is divine love, given to us freely by God when we ask for it sincerely. When we attempt to connect to God and our divine guides, we have the option to tune into the divine wavelength, which underpins all divine existence throughout God's creation. Simply having an intention to connect to this wavelength is sufficient to bring about success.

The divine wavelength is like a fingerprint that marks the object that emits that frequency as a divine entity. It's much shorter than what we normally experience and therefore represents a much higher rate of vibration. As we start receiving divine love, it is something we can tune into to connect to our soul. When a spirit tries to communicate with us, we can use this wavelength to check that they are indeed of divine status. It acts like a beacon, literally an emitter of divine light.

Focusing on the divine wavelength is a way of raising ourselves above the material world that traps us in a mundane existence. It uplifts us and allows us to home in on all things divine that exist in a higher dimension that is inaccessible to us until our souls have been developed in divine love.

51: Why Let God Be A Stranger?



I've always felt that God must exist but, for most of my life, my thoughts never got much further than that. Now I know a lot more about why we struggle to feel close to God (and how to remedy this situation).

For one thing, God is immortal and therefore timeless. The material mind by comparison operates in the dimensions of time and space and therefore cannot perceive the divine, timeless realm that God exists in. So God remains invisible to us, which often leads us to assume God must be present in the things we see around us in nature. However, we're told in the Padgett Messages that the universe is merely the handiwork of God and that God's place of habitation is high up in

the heavens. To understand how we can connect to God we first need to understand what we are.

We were created as a soul long before we were born on earth. When we incarnated on earth, we gained a spirit body and a physical body, with the soul residing in the spirit body. Apparently, the norm is for spiritually advanced civilisations in the universe to have only a soul mind and to experience everything from this one centre of consciousness. It seems that mankind's freewill choice to not live in harmony with God created a schism in our consciousness, whereby our awareness fragmented into three (material mind, spirit mind and soul mind). The material mind developed extensively over time and became dominant, leading to an almost total ignorance of all things spiritual. Hence, why it's so easy to believe God doesn't exist.

The soul is a creation of God and not an emanation. This means our soul, which was made only in the image of God, lacked any divinity at the point at which it was created. However, the potential exists for the soul to become divine, as explained to us in the Padgett Messages (by praying earnestly for God's divine love to fill our soul). Regardless of the fact that we were not created as divine beings, each of us is a dearly loved child of God. The gift of having a soul is reserved for only the highest of God's creations.

Using the material mind to explore reality ultimately reveals the limitations of the mind - boundaries beyond which the mind cannot go. Letting go of the mind in meditation can reveal the primal nature of self. A great sense of peace, love and unity can be experienced, but even this isn't God.

One can connect to God just by having an earnest desire to do so, even without having any soul development to speak of. But any perceptions we have of God while our soul remains undeveloped will be very limited in scope. This is because the raw perceptions of the soul can't perceive that which is divine. God has a personality and we can develop an intimate, personal relationship with God similar to that between a child and a parent. To establish this relationship, our desires must be heartfelt. We can use God's laws to fuel the relationship. When we give then we will always receive - so if we invite God to help us or we hand over our problems then this will inevitably result in a response. Don't take my word for it - try it and see! Our prayers are more powerful when we include love and gratitude in our requests. The divine love that we receive through our prayers deepens our relationship with God far more than anything else we can do.

The highest realisation that can come to a soul that hasn't been developed by divine love occurs when the natural love that one is born with is completely purified. One is then in the perfect state that mankind enjoyed before the fall, many millennia ago, into a state of depravity. There's a saying that no river can rise higher than its source and while this perfect state of being heightens

one's perceptions and brings amazing abilities and experiences, it doesn't open the door to divine reality.

New senses and perceptions must be developed in the 'mind of the soul' through receiving divine love before a true conception of God can arise. Divine love is an emanation arising from God's soul and when it becomes part of us in response to our prayers then we inherit some of the characteristics and abilities that God has, including immortality. A new soul awareness starts to emerge that we didn't have prior to receiving divine love. God always intended for divinity to be a freewill choice, which is why no soul is created as divine from the outset. The impulse to sin cannot possibly exist in a being that is wholly divine.

Although we grow to become 'as one' with God in the process of becoming divine, our sense of being an individual doesn't change and we do not become God. We grow to feel we're an intrinsic part of the whole of creation in a profound manner while retaining our sense of identity. It has never been revealed to us whether this sense of being an individual can ever be lost, but the most spiritually advanced beings who once lived on earth have told us that they are still finite individuals (even after becoming wholly divine) with all the limitations that implies. However, these limitations are significantly less than what we experience on earth and reduce over time as we grow in divine nature.

Having divine love in our soul means that part of God is in us and so God becomes a co-creator in our lives. As we progress, the intimate connection we feel with God allows us to know what we should do in any given situation. We aren't under any obligation to go along with this inner voice but it has our best interests and the best interests of all at heart.

And so, over time, we learn that it's best to always do what God wants us to do, in a similar way to how we know to follow our conscience. Eventually, we gladly surrender our free will out of a sense of love and gratitude to God. Our deepest desire at that point is to be fully in harmony with God's laws and find our right place in Creation.

As we become more divine, we develop an ability to see God's actual form. The greater the amount of divine love we possess, the more 'in focus' our perception of God becomes. The divine love path is the highest path that any entity that has a soul can take. Why let God be a stranger? The state of the world alone should be enough to make us want to wake up and understand God's laws. Herd mentality is driving the world towards a looming catastrophe. God is love and love is the answer to every problem. Embracing God and letting God embrace us in divine love will solve the world's problems and open the door to an eternal future in the celestial heavens.

52: God’s Angels Will Eventually Stop Visiting Earth



The title of this article is deliberately provocative, but it also happens to be true.

Celestial spirits who are developing in divine love are being drawn further away from all things earthly all the time, into higher and higher realms of the celestial kingdom. At present, their desire to be of service causes them to come back to the earth plane to help us. But we shouldn't assume this state of affairs is permanent. We're told that a time will come when they will no longer minister to those outside the kingdom who've chosen other paths to them. That as a result of the law of progression, they will collectively move on to fulfill some other purpose in God's vast creation. This will happen when the doors to the celestial kingdom are closed to new entrants (as explained in the Padgett Messages). Whether humans will still exist on earth at that time is not clear. They may or they may not.

The issue of the possible permanent separation of different communities of humans and spirits is fraught with difficulties that we struggle to understand in our current spiritual state. The narrative I'm presenting here, which on the surface appears to be about growing apart rather than growing together, runs contrary to what many of us believe about the ultimate unity of all that exists. Which is what I believe in. That is why great caution is needed in evaluating the truths being presented here, in isolation from other facts that are currently unknown that would give us a more complete picture. Although no one knows all the facts surrounding the closing of the celestial kingdom, some of the forces driving this apparent schism are clear.

As mentioned, those who have chosen the divine path are growing further and further away in a spiritual sense from those who have chosen a different path, all of which lead only to the perfection of the natural love that all are born with. This state of perfection represents a ceiling for that path. For those who choose to develop in divine love there is no ceiling. So, eventually, all divine beings will exist in a truly rarified spiritual atmosphere compared to those who don't. The spiritual distance between these different communities will create ever increasing problems in terms of a basic lack of compatibility. Over time, it seems the power of the law of attraction will inevitably reduce and this may well become a factor in each community going their own way.

There are some pointers that indicate what I've stated is indeed the direction of travel. Each point is subtle but, taken together, they show that the less compatible different groups are, the less they interact. Even allowing for the desire celestials have to help others, there are clearly limits to what they can do. Here are some examples.

Celestial beings tell us that once a human has chosen divine love, it enables them to be with that person and guide them. If a human doesn't make that choice then their hands are tied, so to speak, and the attraction is just not there to any meaningful extent.

In the Padgett Messages, we're told that if no attraction exists between two spirits then they may never meet again in all eternity, regardless of any human relationship that may have at one time existed between them.

We're also told that, in relation to the highest natural love heavens, the occupants there are the least likely to be open to any invitation to embrace divine love, compared to those who exist in lower realms. Since all who are on the natural love path will eventually reach these heavens then it seems an impasse will come about, where, despite all the efforts being made on their behalf, the occupants of these heavens will choose not to progress any further. The law of progression supposedly doesn't allow anyone to remain in any one particular condition forever, so the future of these spirits is uncertain.

High spirits have wonderful powers of healing but it's revealing that a less developed spirit is sometimes used as a go-between, as they can have a greater ability to tune into and manipulate

the heavier vibrations found in and around the human body. This is evidence of an increasing lack of harmony between humans and the most elevated spirits.

Also, it's easier for a psychic medium to be in rapport with a lower spirit than a divine one. It seems that the less compatible a spirit is with a particular environment, the more they struggle to manifest their being and abilities there. Again, a lack of compatibility is seen to be a problem.

Another fact is that the further away a spirit is from the earth in spiritual terms, the longer it takes and the more difficult it is for them to get here, as they have to make their way through many intervening realms. It can be inferred from this that at some point this form of travel may no longer be feasible as divine spirits progress ever higher. (The fact that high spirits have developed workarounds to this and other problems I've mentioned doesn't change the fundamentals.)

Another curious fact is that high spirits are often less influential with dark spirits than those who are closer to the dark spirits' own level. Quite simply, dark spirits are more likely to relate to and listen to someone they feel more in harmony with. Again, we see an increasing lack of harmony and compatibility being an issue in interactions as some spirits progress much further from others. This may explain why there doesn't appear to be a pronounced snowball effect as more spirits join the celestial kingdom - it seems those outside don't generally perceive celestial beings as anything special (if they perceive them at all). In short, spiritual blindness is least likely to be obvious to those who suffer from it, like when we're dreaming but are convinced at the time that our dream is real.

So it seems a growing apart of different spiritual communities is inevitable. As an analogy consider the fact that the space between galaxies in the universe is known to be expanding, causing them to move further apart, like points on the surface of a balloon that is being inflated. Does this have any spiritual significance and if so, then what is it? Could there be a counter balancing force that we're not aware of that will kick in and change things? Or is the extra space being created a fundamental part of God's plans for eternal creation, even though it appears to involve a literal growing apart of any life forms in those galaxies? Who can say?

There will always be limits to our understanding, especially while still in a human body. Speculation about things we don't understand isn't likely to be illuminating. However, I've deliberately said very little indeed that will be entirely new to divine love practitioners. What I'm talking about may make us uncomfortable but the message I'm presenting isn't really about the future ability of angels to visit the earth (which is open to question while the full facts are unclear). It's to show that the consequences of our freewill choices can be very far reaching. It's not only our actions that can have very significant consequences for our future. Inaction can as well. God presents us with opportunities and choices, and if we wilfully ignore what is placed in front of us

then that opportunity may be withdrawn. One of these choices that each of us has to make is regarding divine love and a future in the celestial kingdom.

It seems divine beings will become so exalted that they will no longer be readily perceptible to humans or other lower spirits, similar to how we struggle to perceive God as a being with an actual form. That doesn't mean celestial beings won't continue to be influential in wider aspects of God's creation that are beyond our understanding. And that influence may filter down to all sorts of lower life forms by various means. But it appears that the current situation where we can enjoy the actual spirit presence of a divine being who once lived on earth will pass - unless we have become one of them.

It appears that our future when we walk the path of divine love is going to be very different to that of others who make different choices, which is not to say that they won't enjoy considerable happiness in whatever environment they're in. But the predicted closing of the celestial kingdom shows that God isn't waiting for us indefinitely. Neither is the rest of creation waiting for us. This is true even though time as we understand it is said not to exist in the spirit world. Celestial beings, who are immortal, are said not to experience time, but it appears that other spirits, who think they don't experience time, may be mistaken in certain respects.

The closing of the celestial kingdom can be seen as the fulfillment of the predicted biblical separation of the sheep and the goats, the so-called second death. It also fulfills another biblical prediction. In the Padgett Messages, John (on 15 March, 1917) explains that when Jesus said, 'Work while it is day, for the night comes when no man can work', he meant that while the kingdom is still open to new entrants we should help others embrace divine love. And when its doors close, the work of the angels must come to an end, with humans and spirits left to face their future in the spirit spheres. May all choose wisely.

53: The Biblical New Birth Part 1



This series of articles reinterpret the biblical concept of the 'new birth' in the light of the detailed descriptions of this process given to us in the Padgett Messages.

According to the Padgett Messages, divine love was offered by God to the first humans who had souls (represented as Adam and Eve in the bible). They decided they didn't need to go to God to obtain this love but could become God-like through their own efforts. This disobedience triggered the withdrawal of the gift of divine love by God and the fall of mankind into an eventual state of depravity. As mankind very slowly started to develop its spiritual nature over many millennia and climb from its moral low point, God saw that mankind was approaching a state where it had the potential to benefit once again from divine love. This rebestowal of the availability of divine love, during the ministry of Jesus, was foretold by Ezekiel and Jeremiah in the Old Testament.

Ezekiel 36:26-27: 'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.'

The heart of our being is our soul. We are being offered a new soul that will be wholly divine in nature as it grows. That which is divine has no impulse to sin, meaning we gradually start to follow all God's laws as this new soul replaces our original soul. The divine soul has no existence prior to the start of this process.

The Spirit is the Holy Spirit (an instrument of God's soul rather than a part of any supposed Trinity as falsely claimed in the bible), which is the conveyor of God's own divine soul essence (divine love), which it implants in our new soul. Divine love is an emanation of God, meaning that part of God thereafter lives in us once we've received some of this love. Our original soul was a creation of God, made only in the image of God and, as such, is not divine.

Jeremiah 31:33-34: 'But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.'

The divine love that we receive itself contains the divine truth that God wants us to follow. Divine love has the power to remove the darkness in us caused by our sinful behaviour. Over time, as we receive more divine love, we become fully relieved of the penalties for our sins and do not have to face the consequences of the law of compensation.

The whole process of the new birth is poorly explained in the bible and yet many Christians have experienced the great inflow of God's love simply by earnestly praying to God to change them and remove all their faults and sins.

Jesus' mission was to announce the availability of God's divine love, as attested by John.

John 3:5: '...no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.'

The water is a reference to the 'living waters' of God's divine love. The Spirit is the Holy Spirit that conveys this love into our souls.

John 1:13: 'Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.'

This explains that the act of being reborn in God's love means that part of God is in us, divine love being an emanation arising from God's own soul. Prior to this point no part of us was divine, as

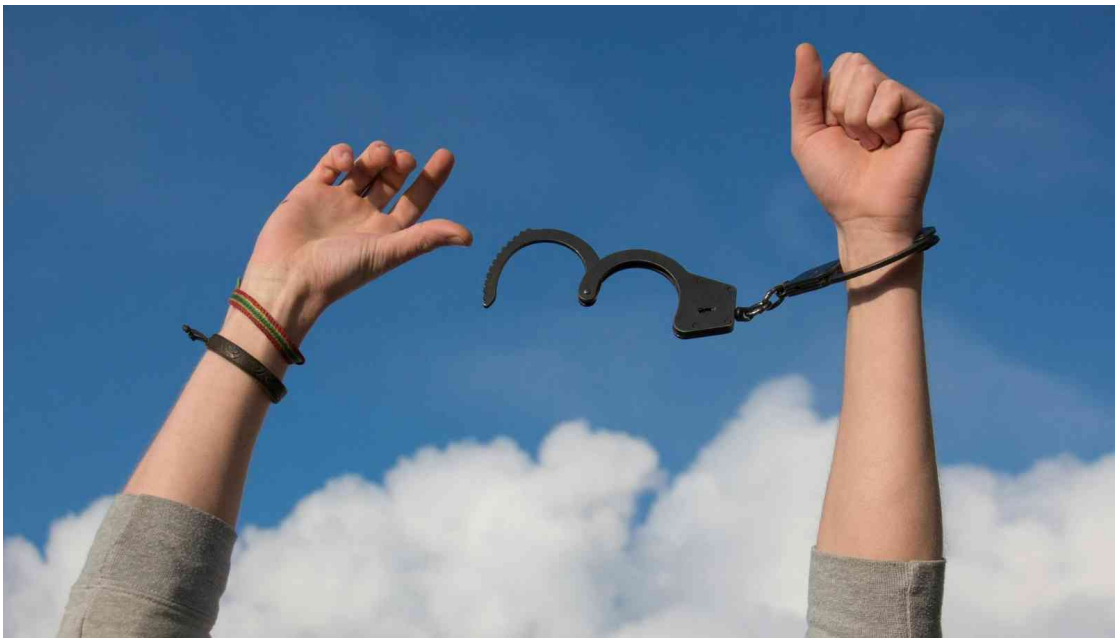
we are merely a creation of God (similar to how an author is not actually 'in' the books they create).

The Spirit of God is the active energy of God's soul, which performs many functions in the running of the universe. The Holy Spirit, also called the Comforter, is a part of the Spirit of God that performs the specific task of conveying God's divine love into the souls of mankind and spirits who seek this love. The Spirit of Truth is a spirit that manifests the existence of divine love in the soul. Its role is to teach us and guide us into all truth. This Spirit may also show us things to come, within the limits that God's laws and mankind's free will allow the future to be known with any certainty.

Jesus became Christ because he was the first to receive divine love into his soul and to manifest its existence. Christ is the quality that came to Jesus after he was fully transformed by divine love. Jesus the man was therefore different to what he became as Jesus Christ. All of us can be anointed by this love and receive 'Christ in us', just as Jesus did. The Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit and the Christ Principle are all universally available to us, and each has a distinct role in conveying or manifesting divine love in relation to the soul.

The book, **'New Birth: Pathway to the Kingdom of God'** by Eva Peck explains in the light of the Padgett Messages what the new birth of the New Testament means and how it can be experienced.

54: The Biblical New Birth Part 2



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In Romans 8:2, there is a puzzling assertion that those who choose to be spiritually reborn are somehow above the law:

'For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.'

A similar sentiment is echoed in John 3:9:

'...and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.'

And again in Galatians 5:18:

'But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.'

We now know these statements are saying:

Those who have been reborn by receiving God's divine essence into their souls through the action of the Holy Spirit, are thereafter subject only to divine law. This means that lower laws, such as the law of compensation, do not apply since once a soul has been purified by divine love

then there's no darkness in that person that causes the lower law to be invoked. The impulse and ability to sin has literally left those who have been reborn. This doesn't happen immediately, but progressively becomes so, until the soul is finally fully transformed by divine love. At this point they have transcended all the lower laws that apply to those that have in them only the natural love that they were born with. Those who have been reborn are also freed from spiritual death by becoming immortal, having been remade in God's immortal divine essence, unlike beforehand, when their soul was only in the image (not substance) of God. All will survive physical death. The spiritually dead (those who are bereft of divine love) will continue to live in the spirit world, eventually with a considerable degree of happiness, but whether they will live forever is unknown. The so-called 'second death' marks the point when the privilege of being reborn in God's love will once again be taken away from those who have chosen not to be reborn in divine love. (The first occasion was when Adam and Eve rejected God's original offer of divine love and by declaring their independence from God's will caused the downfall of man and the withdrawal of the availability of divine love.) Sin progressively covers the soul in darkness. The penalty of the law of compensation has to be paid in full unless those afflicted by sin turn instead to the divine path of redemption, which purifies their soul, thereby saving them from the suffering normally associated with breaking God's laws. Divine love is, in fact, the fulfilling of all God's laws.

There are various assertions in the bible that we become a new creation when we undergo the new birth:

2 Corinthians 5:17: 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!'

Galatians 6:15: 'Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation.'

In the Padgett Messages we're told that when we receive God's divine love during the rebirth of our soul, we are given a new divine soul that had no prior existence before we started receiving the divine love. Our original soul was made only in the image of God and not of God's own divine soul substance. Like God, a divine soul is immortal.

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55: A Deep Dive Into Soul Truth



All divine truth originates from God. Divine love is an emanation of God, coming from God's soul, and when it lodges in our soul in response to our heartfelt prayers to receive it, then we also receive divine knowledge that is an intrinsic part of this love. To the extent that we have received this inflowing, the soul knows the truth that it brings with as much certainty as God does, since part of God is, as an actual fact, in us and is the source of this knowledge. We gain God-given immortality, love and knowledge as part of the divine rebirth of our soul, but we retain our individuality and do not become God.

Divine truth, when present in the soul, is a gift that arrives fully formed and the process of logical deduction that we are familiar with plays no part in birthing this knowledge. The soul's knowledge is black and white - what it knows, it knows and what it doesn't, it doesn't. That's why the Padgett Messages state that divine love removes not only sin but also error from our being, since we are being filled with divine truth that eventually supplants all our previous beliefs. I like to think that it's the love coming into us that removes the sin, and the truth that removes the error, but I suspect the process is more holistic than that.

However, while we are still under the influence of the material mind then we may ignore, misinterpret or be unaware of the knowledge that resides in the soul. So it's desirable for us to consciously step into soul awareness and allow it to eclipse the material mind. As progressive beings we will always have limitations, and should seek a continual inflowing of divine love to increase our divine knowledge.

Being rooted in a material existence, we may feel mistrustful of the soul's knowledge. What originates from the soul seems primal and therefore questionable, since it hasn't gone through the mind's normal processes of logical scrutiny, refinement, confirmation and acceptance. However, when we have God’s truth living within us then what can human logic add? As divine soul consciousness transcends our mundane reality, the material mind, with all its powers of deduction, becomes increasingly irrelevant.

Casting aside the material mind in this way may seem a shocking scenario to us, but God is not constrained to work in ways that meet our expectations and approval. It helps to realise that when humans evolved the laborious process of sequential thinking, where one thought follows another in a logical series, they were making the best of a bad situation. Access to soul wisdom by that point had declined markedly, after mankind descended into a state of depravity following the fall of man from an original state of purity. Although it wasn't perfect, logical deduction helped early humans to exert a degree of predictability over their lives and environment.

It's widely assumed that the role of the material mind will continue just as it is, indefinitely into the future. It seems that in this we're very much mistaken. We're told that the future predicted creation of a state of heaven on earth must, as a matter of necessity, be underpinned by divine love and truth for it to become a sustainable reality. Only when humanity adopts soul consciousness will we live in harmony with each other and the universe. The first humans, whose physical bodies were less dense, originally lived in their soul consciousness (prior to the fall) although they weren't divine. If we do no more than perfect our existing nature then we would get back to this harmonious state. Whether we choose the path of natural love or the path leading to divinity it seems we are destined to end up living in some form of soul consciousness.

On our soul journey, our knowledge isn't limited to what's provided to us by divine love. The soul has access to a vast amount of information that is available in various forms and repositories in the spirit environment. A divine soul also develops many new senses. Each sense is a source of perceptions in the soul mind. The soul processes information from multiple sources in parallel and is aware on many levels at the same time. But divine souls don't know everything. Jesus didn't automatically know which person on earth would be the best instrument for declaring anew the glad tidings of the new birth. In his humility he sought guidance from God, which, as we know, resulted in the selection of James Padgett as the preferred candidate.

The fundamental nature of divine truth and how it is always faithfully recognised by the soul raises it beyond ever becoming an object of dispute between divine beings. But, like landscape painters who view the same scene and then express it on canvas in diverse ways, our unique personalities will cause us to embrace and express the truth in differing (but always harmonious) ways.

Not everything will be presented to us on a plate, so to speak. Like us, divine beings are required to exercise judgement to decide on responses and courses of action in relation to events in their lives and environments. And like us, they have their own experience and resources to fall back on, and can seek external guidance when required.

At some point, once we've experienced deep soul knowledge emerging into our consciousness, we will know beyond all doubt that it comes from the soul and that it is the truth. We may experience a sense of utter conviction in relation to insights arising from the soul even before we have received any divine love. But with divine soul knowledge there is a pristine, unmanufactured 'rawness' to the information that marks it as being holy and coming from God. Contrast this with the laboured and fallible process of validation that the human intellect insists upon.

Our upbringing in society has, historically, been rooted in society's need for obedience, conformity and control. This conditioning impedes us in many ways we aren't necessarily conscious of. Can't you start to sense the true freedom that comes with soul awakening, where your own soul, developed by God's divine love, is the only arbiter of truth that you need?

The marked differences in the nature of the material and soul minds may explain why those who are spiritually inclined are prone to act in ways that are contrary to societal norms and other people's idea of what constitutes being logical. (Though don't expect to be popular if you go around saying, 'My decision has nothing to do with logic'!)

In summary, the nature of divine soul consciousness is very different to that of the material mind. Our cherished intellect, with its supposed wonderful powers of deduction, becomes irrelevant once we are wholly divine. It's impossible to overstate the impact this colossal change in consciousness will make to our lives and future as divine beings. Everything about the divine rebirth of the soul seems like a fairytale. That's why Jesus said we need to become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven.

56: What Is The Spirit of God?



The Padgett Messages state that the Spirit of God is the active energy of God's soul, which performs many functions in the running of the universe. Also, that the Holy Spirit is part of the Spirit of God and performs the task of conveying God's divine love into the souls of those who seek this love. When we receive divine love then we're receiving part of God's own soul substance, which thereafter lives permanently inside us.

The rather basic definition of the Spirit of God that we've been given suggests that there is a lot more to learn on this subject. With that in mind, I've pulled together relevant information from the Padgett Messages and the bible, along with my own insights. It's unlikely we'll learn how God organises Creation anytime soon, so the following is provided simply as food for thought, nothing more.

The terms 'Spirit of God' and 'Holy Spirit' are often used interchangeably in Christian circles but the Padgett Messages make it clear that the Holy Spirit is only one part of the whole of the Spirit

of God. This implies there are potentially many more Spirits that do God's bidding, each performing a specific role in the ongoing operation of Creation. These Spirits are instruments of God's being, not independent entities. In short, it seems God's will is enacted, at least in part, through a number of what we might call messengers, instruments or Spirits.

Similar to the Holy Spirit, which brings us divine love, other Spirits can endow us with special qualities. The Spirit of Truth, for example, manifests the existence of divine love in the soul. Its role is to teach us and guide us into all truth. This Spirit may also show us things to come, within the limits that God's laws and mankind's free will allow the future to be known with any certainty.

The Christ Principle manifests the existence of divine love in the soul in a different way to the Spirit of Truth. Jesus became Christ because he was the first to receive divine love into his soul and to manifest its existence. Christ is the quality that came to Jesus after he was fully transformed by divine love. Jesus the man was therefore different to what he became as Jesus Christ. All of us can be anointed by this love and receive 'Christ in us', just as Jesus did. The primary role of the Christ Principle is to manifest love. I view this Principle as being part of the Spirit of God.

The Spirit of Truth, the Holy Spirit and the Christ Principle are all universally available to us, and each has a distinct role in conveying or manifesting divine love in relation to the soul. This universality is provided by God. But while the Holy Spirit is God's messenger and never lives inside us, the Spirit of Truth and the Christ Principle can live inside us.

Is it possible that every quality bestowed on us by divine love is associated with its own specific Spirit? So, for example, the Spirit of Humility would teach us to manifest humility in our lives. Similarly, other Spirits would help us to manifest patience, meekness, peace, joy, etc.

This would not be surprising given that divine love is literally part of God's soul that comes into our soul through the operation of the Holy Spirit. As we become 'one' with God, could our soul start to express itself in the form of Spirits that we inherit from God? We know that some qualities of God are not bestowed on us by divine love, such as omnipresence and omniscience. So it seems that some Spirits serve only God, while others are universally available and are given to us as gifts at some point on our divine journey.

There are references in the bible to seven Spirits of God, which represent various noble qualities such as wisdom. Some see these Spirits as purely symbolic in a mysterious way that we don't really understand. Could they be explained by Jesus' disciples becoming aware of the presence within them of an increasing number of God's Spirits as they grew in divine love? To me, seven sounds plausible for someone whose soul has developed in divine love to a considerable extent during their life on earth.

Jeremiah, in prophesising the New Covenant (Jesus' mission to declare the availability of divine love) states: '... says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people'. Could this reference to having the law etched into the fabric of our souls have been a prediction that receiving divine love would involve being given the Spirit of Truth? I believe the Spirit of Truth removes all error from our being, while the Christ Principle removes the impulse to sin.

Divine love embodies divine consciousness in every drop. The qualities the love develops in our soul cannot therefore be passive - they become a living force within us. That's why the term 'Spirit' is appropriate since it can seem like we are being influenced by one or more external spirits. However, these qualities actually arise from part of God that is forevermore in us. God becomes a co-creator in our lives. This may be how, as divine beings, we enact God's laws and will, thereby enabling us to play our part in ensuring the harmonious, orderly unfolding of God's Creation.

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