

***Relationship With God:  
Divine Law, Sin, Forgiveness & Repentance***

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## **Part 1: Divine Law & Sin**

### **1. Introduction**

My dear bothers and sisters

I wanted today to post a message regarding Divine Law and Sin, and this message is a prelude to another message I am writing regarding the very important matters of Divine Forgiveness and what constitutes true repentance on the part of an individual. Over history, men and women of faith had not had great understanding about these matters, and, as a subsequent result, many have remained in a condition of pain and suffering labouring under false conceptions of Divine Forgiveness.

Throughout this message, I will refer to the messages received by Mr James Padgett as the Angelic Revelations.

Before we can clearly understand Divine Forgiveness and Repentance, we must come to understand sin and error, and in particular the effects of sin upon the soul. The Angelic Revelations contain many messages regarding sin and error, and when understood completely from the soul, a person begins to understand the Laws of our Father, and also our Father's Wonderful Nature and Qualities.

The following discussion is based upon messages found in the sections "Sin and Error" and "Judgement, the Law of Compensation and Forgiveness" found in the Angelic Revelations of Divine Truth, Volume 1. They are now quoted here for your reference.

### **2. Padgett Messages Regarding Sin, Repentance & Forgiveness**

#### **2.1. Jesus Is Not God, but an Elder Brother. Sin Has No Existence Except as It Is Created by Mankind, and Man Must Pay the Penalties**

*I AM HERE. Jesus.*

*I come tonight because I see that you are lonesome and feel the need of companionship. I come to you as a brother and friend to cheer you and make you feel that, although you have no mortal friend with you, yet, you have a friend in the spirit who is closer than a mortal brother and who loves you with a deep and abiding love.*

*Today has been one in which the people of your land have celebrated what they suppose is my birthday. They have also worshiped me as one of the "triune Godhead," as they believe. But, as I have told you before, such worship is all wrong and is very distasteful to me. It only makes me the more anxious and determined that this great falsehood shall be exposed and not believed in any longer.*

*THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD, AND THAT IS THE FATHER. HE ALONE MUST BE WORSHIPED, FOR HE ALONE CAN SAVE MORTALS FROM THE RESULT OF THEIR SINS AND FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE GREAT FALL OF THE FIRST PARENTS. I DO NOT WANT MEN TO LOOK UPON ME AS ANYTHING MORE THAN AN ELDER BROTHER WHO IS FILLED WITH THE DIVINE LOVE OF THE FATHER AND IS VERY CLOSE TO HIM IN THE QUALITIES OF LOVE AND FAITH.*

*I AM A SPIRIT WHO IS POSSESSED OF A KNOWLEDGE OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE FATHER THAT NO OTHER SPIRIT HAS. YET, I AM ONLY ONE OF HIS CHILDREN, AS YOU AND THE REST OF MANKIND ARE. AND FOR MY OWN BROTHERS TO WORSHIP ME AS GOD MAKES ME VERY UNHAPPY, SEEING THAT THEY CAN HAVE SUCH LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTHS OF THE FATHER.*

*Tomorrow, this worship and praise will be continued, and I must look upon it with all the distaste that I have, realizing that I am not able to set men aright in their beliefs and worship. Oh, I tell you, the harvest is ripe and the laborers are few! But, very soon, I hope this Truth of the Oneness of God and the brotherhood of myself with all humanity may be*

*revealed to mankind through the messages that you may receive and transmit to men.*

**THE ONE GREAT TRUTH THAT IS THE FOUNDATION OF MEN'S SALVATION IS THE NEW BIRTH, AND THE FACT THAT THE DIVINE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS WAITING FOR EVERY MAN TO LET IT ENTER HIS SOUL AND MAKE HIM AT-ONE WITH THE FATHER.**

*I am with you very often and am trying to impress you with the great necessity of having these Truths revealed, as men's souls are longing for the Truth. Their intellects are dissatisfied with the present teachings of theology and with the sayings of the Bible in many places. While this is to be deplored, yet, the time will come when the light that I came into the world to disclose will shine for every man who may come within the reach of my teachings.*

*Last night, I was reading as you read an article which advocated eliminating a large part of the New and nearly the whole of the Old Testament from the Christian teachings, and formulating a faith based entirely on my sayings and the writings of some of the Bible writers. Such a plan is one that should be investigated by the thinking Christians of the present day and, in a modified way, adopted.*

*The only difficulty in carrying out this plan effectively, and having it produce the results desired, is that the Bible does not contain many sayings of mine disclosing the Truths, and does contain many sayings attributed to me which I never said.*

*Take that saying over which a controversy is now occurring and which is referred to in another article contained in the book mentioned; that is, that I said I came not to bring peace to the world but rather a "sword."*

*Now, while this appears in Matthew's Gospel as coming from me, I never said it nor used any expression that would convey the meaning that some of the commentators are endeavoring to place upon the words. I never taught war upon a man's neighbors, and never at any time was such a thought a part of my teachings to the disciples or to any others.*

*No, militarism is all wrong and against all the precepts of Truth. It should not be believed for a moment by any Christians, or by anyone else, that such action was ever advocated by me.*

*While I know the Truth will cause a division among men as to what the Truth is, and may even separate men and cause bitter thoughts and even hatred to arise in the souls of men towards their fellowmen, with even brother perhaps coming to dislike brother, yet, the accomplishing of such results was not the object of my coming to earth and teaching the Truths. Rather, they are the results of the unavoidable conflict between truth and error. Truth cannot compromise, even for the sake of peace, and error will not submit or acknowledge its untruth so long as it can get any mortal to believe in and advocate it.*

*And because of the great gift of free will to man, Truth itself, with all the Power and Knowledge of the Father in back of it, will not compel a man to accept it against his will. Hence, as man is very fallible and thinks and believes as his finite, mental faculties convince him that a certain thing is or is not true, he will not be willing to surrender his convictions until the truth shall come to him in such a way as to persuade him of its reality. And, as men differ so much in the operations of their minds and reasoning faculties, there will be necessarily a great division among them as to what is and what is not true. Consequently, there will arise disputes and hatred, and even wars among them, in maintaining their respective beliefs and opinions as to what is truth.*

**WHILE THESE FEELINGS OF DISCORD MUST NECESSARILY FOLLOW THE ADVENT OF TRUTH, YET, I DID NOT COME FOR THE PURPOSE OF BRINGING A "SWORD," BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SHOWING MEN WHAT THE TRUTHS ARE, AND OF CAUSING HARMONY AND BELIEF IN THESE TRUTHS. NEVER IS HATRED OR DISCORD OR WAR AMONG MEN JUSTIFIED, NO MATTER WHAT THE CAUSE. AND IF MEN WILL ONLY LEARN THE TRUTH, THERE WILL NEVER EXIST SUCH FEELINGS OR ACTS.**

**TRUTH IS, OF ITSELF, A THING APART, AND ADMITS OF NO VARIATIONS OR MODIFICATIONS. HENCE, THE MINDS OF MEN MUST SUBMIT TO AND EMBRACE TRUTH; IT WILL NEVER ACCOMMODATE ITSELF TO THE BELIEFS OF MEN. ONE IS FIXED AND UNCHANGEABLE, AND THE OTHER IS ALWAYS CHANGEABLE. AND UNTIL FOUNDED ON A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH, MEN'S BELIEFS WILL AT SOME TIME OR OTHER HAVE TO CHANGE BECAUSE, IN THE END, TRUTH WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE**



HEARTS AND MINDS OF MEN SO THAT HARMONY AND PEACE SHALL REIGN IN ALL GOD'S UNIVERSE.

ERROR DOES NOT EXIST IN THE WORLD BECAUSE GOD CREATED IT OR PERMITS IT TO EXIST, BUT SOLELY BECAUSE THERE BELONGS TO MAN AN UNRESTRICTED WILL WHICH CONTROLS AND INFLUENCES HIS THOUGHTS AND ACTS, AND WHICH, IN TURN, IS INFLUENCED BY THE DESIRES AND APPETITES OF THE MORTAL.

*I know it is said that if God did not permit evil and carnal thoughts and desires to exist in the world, there would be no reason or possibility for man to exercise his will in a way that would bring him to all these feelings of hatred, etc., that I speak of. But this is merely saying that if a man had not the power of free will he would commit no sin and indulge in no error. For you must know that, in his creation, he was given, under certain conditions, not only the privilege and the power to become a being entirely free from sin which is merely the violation of God's established laws but also the privilege and power to violate these laws. As he will, so shall he be.*

*Everything in nature may be turned into an instrument of harm if the laws which establish the functionings and workings of these things are violated. Sin does not exist as an abstract thing, but is the result of disobedience to some law whose operations must be pursued in conformity to its creation; and men who violate it must suffer the consequences of such violation.*

*Mortals may not fully realize that every law carries with it a penalty for its violation, and this applies to the smallest law in the material universe as well as to the greatest law in the Spiritual Kingdom. And this penalty is just as sure in its operation as is the law, itself.*

*A man may be created, physically, almost perfect. And as long as he lives in that way which does not violate some physical law, operating to keep him in that physical perfection, he will suffer no pain or in harmony in his being. But just as soon as he does violate this law, the penalty therefore asserts itself, and he suffers. Now, this arises not because there existed any pain or suffering in the abstract, and had not man violated this law, he would never have known that there was such a thing as pain or suffering. Rather, when he did violate the law, there came into operation the penalty which, as I have said, is always the result of violating the Laws of Harmony.*

*And the same principle applies to the moral and spiritual universe. As I have said, there is no such thing as sin or error in the abstract. As long as a mortal may know and follow the Truth, he will never realize the existence of any such thing as sin or error. But the moment that Law of Truth is violated, the penalty asserts itself and man realizes that sin and error do exist, not as an abstract entity, but as a concrete, sensitive thing which will continue to exist until the violation of that law ceases and harmony, in its operation, is again restored, or, rather, until man in his thoughts and acts is brought into harmony with the operation of the law.*

SO, YOU SEE, GOD DID NOT CREATE OR PERMIT SIN OR ERROR TO EXIST IN THE SENSE THAT IT IS AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY WAITING TO INFLUENCE MEN TO DO WRONG AND VIOLATE HIS LAWS OF PERFECT HARMONY. RATHER, WHEN MEN, IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR WILL, WHICH GOD WILL NOT COMPEL, VIOLATE ONE OF HIS LAWS AND THEREBY INTERFERE WITH THAT HARMONY THEMSELVES, THEY CAUSE THE INHARMONY TO ARISE, WHICH BRINGS WITH IT THE PAINS AND SUFFERINGS AND SINS AND ERRORS WHICH ARE PREVALENT IN THE WORLD.

*Let men think, if they can, of sin or error in the abstract, and then let them try to describe it. What is the result? Only vacuity.*

*So, I say, God did not create sin or error, but gave to man that great gift of free will, free and not subject to His Control, and then man became the responsible being that he is. But, in giving man this great gift, He did not relinquish or subordinate His Will to that of man, nor did He confer upon man the power to change or modify His immutable Laws, which He, Himself, will not do. And within the limitations that man can exercise his will that is, when such exercise does not interfere with the Will of God or His Laws man may exercise that will with impunity and without responsibility, as it were. But when he infringes upon the Will of God or violates one of His Laws in the exercise of that will, then, while man is not controlled in the exercise of his will, yet, for such violation, he must pay the penalty which such violation calls into operation.*

*God has decreed that His Universe shall be one of harmony in its workings, and that no man shall destroy or interfere with that harmony; and no man can. But, as man is a part of that harmony, his every act, which tends to interfere therewith (and it does not, except as to himself) brings upon himself the penalty of that interference.*

*LET A MAN WHO HAS VIOLATED THIS HARMONY, AND THEREBY BECOMES INHARMONIOUS HIMSELF, AGAIN GET INTO THAT HARMONY, AND, AS TO HIM, THERE WOULD BE NO SIN OR ERROR. LET EVERY MAN DO THIS AND THERE WOULD BE NO SIN OR ERROR IN ALL GOD'S UNIVERSE.*

*SO, I REPEAT, THERE IS NO SIN OR ERROR IN THE ABSTRACT IN ALL THE UNIVERSE. THEY APPEAR ONLY WHEN MAN, HIMSELF, IN THE EXERCISE OF HIS WILL, INTERFERES WITH THE HARMONY OF GOD'S LAWS. IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT THE CAUSE OF THIS INTERFERENCE MAY BE, IN WHAT WAY THE WILL OF MAN MAY HAVE BEEN EXERCISED, OR FOR WHAT REASON INHARMONY IS BROUGHT ABOUT. THE EFFECT IS THE SAME BECAUSE HARMONY AND INHARMONY CANNOT EXIST TOGETHER, NO MATTER WHAT THE CAUSE MAY BE. IT DOES NOT MATTER THAT, IN ONE CASE, THE CAUSE MAY APPEAR EXCUSABLE OR EVEN APPARENTLY FORCED ON THE INDIVIDUAL. THE EXCUSE FOR, OR APPARENT JUSTIFICATION OF, THE CAUSE WILL NOT MAKE WHAT IS INHARMONIOUS UNITE AND WORK IN UNISON WITH GOD'S LAWS OF HARMONY.*

*And, hence, the man whose will may be excused in the way mentioned by reason of heredity, or environments, or want of proper mental or moral instruction, is just as much out of harmony with the violated law as is the man who willfully violates the law. The penalty must be enforced just the same in each case, as the only remedy is the restoration of the harmony.*

*But there is this difference between the individuals of what may be called the involuntary class and the individuals of the voluntary class: The former will find it easier and faster to get into this condition of harmony than will the latter.*

*So, man must not accuse God of permitting sin and error to exist in the world, as they do not exist except as man brings them into existence by the wrongful exercise of his will. All sin and error bring their sufferings. And if there were no sufferings, and men were permitted to exercise their wills irrespective of the laws which govern the universe, and without incurring the penalties, then the only result would be that anarchy would prevail in all God's Universe where men live, and in the spirit universe as well. However, the will and its great franchise of unrestricted exercise pass with the mortal when he leaves his material body.*

*So, with all my love, I will say good night.*

*Your brother and friend,*

*JESUS.*

## **[2.2. God Loves All of His Children. His Love and Care Are Over All, Even Though Some Are Strangers to His Love and Mercy](#)**

*I AM HERE. Jesus.*

*I was with you tonight at the meeting and heard what the preacher said, and he declared some truths. He also said some things that were not true, such as: "Only those who have been converted are sons of God."*

*All men are the children of God. His Love and Care are over all, and they are very dear to Him. Otherwise, He would not have rebestowed His Love upon them and given them the privilege of becoming inhabitants of His Celestial Kingdom.*

*The mere fact that they are sinners makes them no less His children whom He is so anxious to redeem and fill with the Divine Love. And when the preacher says, "They who are sinners are not the sons of God," he does not declare the truth; for they are all His sons some to enjoy the pure life and bliss which the purification of their natural love will bring to them, and others to enjoy and inhabit the Celestial Kingdom which the New Birth will bring to them. But all are His sons, though some have wandered and become strangers to His Love, just as the prodigal son was who left his*

*father's house for a far country.*

*This doctrine of the sinful not being sons of God is a damnable and harmful doctrine, and it will cause many to give up hope of ever becoming anything else than the sons of perdition, or, as these orthodox say, of the devil.*

*The Father's Mercy is for all. If certain of His children do not choose to seek and receive the Divine Love which, when possessed, will make angels of them, yet, they are still His sons. And, in the fullness of time, or before the time of the Great Consummation, they will become pure and happy beings, as were the first parents before the fall.*

*And while this preacher has a great amount of the Divine Love in his soul, and is earnestly seeking for more in the right way, yet, his beliefs and teachings as to the destiny and future condition of those who may receive this Love and become at-one with the Father are all wrong. This error will tend to retard his own progress in the development of his soul and in his advancement towards the Kingdom of God.*

*He is possessed of these beliefs, of course, because of his study and interpretation of some of the declarations of the Bible. Therefore, he is not teaching what he does not believe or what is false to his own conscience. Nevertheless, it is false, and he will have to suffer the consequences of such false belief and teachings.*

*Ignorance, while it will not relieve him from its consequences, nor invoke the penalties of the law that applies to the willful deceiver or teacher of false doctrines, yet, neither will it excuse him or relieve him from the penalties of that law which demands the Truth and only the Truth to be believed and taught. He will have to get rid of these false beliefs, even though he may have some of the Divine Love in his soul; for whenever there exists untruth in belief in the heart and soul of man, to that extent, it interferes with the inflowing of the Love and the progress of that soul towards perfect unity with the Father.*

*Truth is a fact of itself. It can have no affiliation with untruth, no matter that untruth is the result of ignorance; for all untruth is the result of ignorance, and must be eradicated from the hearts of men before there can be that harmony between God and man which the very nature of Truth itself requires. So, if no man could be the son of God, in not having the perfect harmony which Truth absolutely demands, God would have no sons amongst men. The condition of the sinner and that of the man who has experienced the New Birth differs only in the fact that one has not commenced to have in his soul the Essence of Truth, while the other, to an extent, has that Essence. All may have that Essence, and to a great abundance. Some may never have the Essence of Divine Truth; yet no man will be left without the essence of the Truth which leads to the perfect man.*

*The Truth of the angel existence and the Truth of the perfect man are equally Truths, though the former is of a higher degree and nature than the other.*

*Our first parents were the children of God His Own creatures, good and perfect and, after their fall, they were no less His children; for His Love was so great for them that, in the fullness of perfection of His Plans, He again bestowed upon them the privilege of receiving His Divine Love, and sent me to proclaim the fact and to show men the Way to obtain that Great Love.*

*The death that had existed for all the long centuries was supplanted by Life potential, and I became the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and immortality became a possibility to men.*

*So, all men are the sons of God in one relation or the other, depending upon, in the one case, whether a man will turn from his sins and be satisfied with the perfection of his natural love and the home that belongs to the perfect man, or whether, in the other, he seeks for the inflowing of the Divine Love into his soul which will enable him to enter the Divine Heavens and have the certainty of immortality.*

*When God rebestowed this Divine Love on man, there was no man in existence, or spirit either, who could have been called His son if, as the preacher said, it was necessary that men or spirits had received this Love and had been converted prior to this rebestowal. None had received this Love, which is the only thing or Power in all God's Universe that can convert a man, dead in trespass and sin, into a divine angel. Yet, God loved all His children. He conferred upon them this Great Gift not because they were converted or sinless but because they were the children He created and still loved. If God had loved only the righteous, there would have been no one who could have been the*

*object of His Bounty. He would have had no sons or children of His Love.*

*And now that He has rebestowed this Gift, and some of the sons of men have received and possess It and are more in harmony with Him, it is not true that those who were His sons and children before Its bestowal are any less His sons and children because they may not have sought for and have made this Gift their own.*

*No, the Father's Love is so great and broad and deep that It goes out to all the children of earth and waits upon their call for Its bestowal. But the lost sheep is as much His child as the ninety and nine who are safe in the fold. And although the lost one may never find or enter the fold where those who possess His Divine Love are sheltered, yet, that sheep is and remains the object of His Love.*

*GOD IS LOVE AND LOVE KNOWS NO LIMITATIONS IN ITS HEIGHTS OR DEPTHS. IT EXISTS IN THE HIGHEST HEAVENS, AND REACHES TO THE LOWEST HELLS, AND WILL IN ITS OWN WAY AND IN ITS OWN TIME WORK ITS OWN FULFILLMENT. All men will come into harmony with the Will of the Father, which is Perfect. And even though some, and I may say the majority of men, will not accept the invitation to become angels of His Celestial Kingdom, which is not compulsory, yet, they do His Will by becoming, in the future, near or far, free from the sin and error of their own creation, and as pure and perfect as they were when first created and pronounced "Good" by the Father.*

*Man's greatest enemy to man is he who, having received the assurance of possessing the Divine Love and thereby becoming, as it were, a divine son of the Father, and who believes in the errors of the Bible and the misinterpretations of its Truths, declares that all others of mankind are "hated" of God, are objects of His "wrath," and are certain of eternal damnation and everlasting torment.*

*It is deplorable that such beliefs and such declarations should exist and continue to be made, especially on the part of those who undertake to lead the masses in the Way to God's Truths and Plans for men's happiness, and toward redemption from the evils and sins that cause them so much suffering.*

*But all this shows the power and blindness of belief founded upon error and untruthful teachings. And strange as it may seem, these leaders of the ignorant may have some of the Divine Love in their souls. Yet, their mental and intellectual beliefs are so fixed and unmovable that even the possession of this Love will not permit them to understand that the Father's Love is for all, and that wrath is not a part of His Being but is actually a quality of sinful man that these believers in error attribute to Him.*

*If God may be said to hate anything, He hates sin; but He loves the sinner who is the creature of His Will, and who is so unfortunate as to have created that which defiles him and which causes him to wander away not only from the Father but also from his own perfect and pure creation.*

*Well, I have written enough for tonight, and I hope that what I have said may prove beneficial not only to the sinner but also to the man, preacher, or layman who, possessing some of the Divine Love, proclaims that only he or others like him are the sons of God.*

*As Paul said, "They see through a glass darkly, but then they shall see face to face"; and, when they do, they will see such evidences and manifestations of the Father's Love that they will know that they and their sinning brothers are all sons of the Father, although one may be an heir to the Celestial Kingdom and the Divine Essence of the Father, while the other may be an heir only to the pure natural love and perfect manhood which the so-called "Adam" possessed before his fall.*

*I must stop now but, in doing so, will say that you must not let what any of these orthodox believers may say disturb your faith in our communications, for they know only what the Bible tells them and you know the Truths that we declare.*

*I will soon come and write you a message of Truth that I have been waiting some time to write. Believe that I love you and am with you, praying for you and helping you with my influence.*

*Good night, and may the Father bless you.*

*Your brother and friend,*

JESUS.

### **2.3. God Does Not Set Aside His Law of Compensation When Answering Man's Prayers**

*I AM HERE. Elias, prophet of old. (Elijah)*

*I will write a short message tonight, as it is late and you are tired.*

*Well, I desire to say that the message you received from the Master contains some of the most important Truths affecting the relationship of God to man in his worldly or material living.*

*EVERY TRUTH THAT WAS UTTERED HAS IN IT AN ELEMENT WHICH SHOWS THAT MAN MUST EXPECT AND KNOW TO A CERTAIN EXTENT THAT GOD WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE LAW OF COMPENSATION AS TO ITS EFFECTS AND RESULTS. HE WILL ONLY HELP MAN TO REMOVE THE CAUSES THAT SO CERTAINLY ENTAIL THE RESULTS. AND THE SOONER MEN KNOW THIS AND MORE THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND IT, THE BETTER WILL THEY BECOME ABLE TO AVOID THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN AND THE VIOLATION OF LAW, AND UNDERSTAND THAT NO PRAYER WILL CAUSE GOD TO RESPOND WHERE A SUSPENSION OR SETTING ASIDE OF HIS LAWS OR THEIR WORKINGS IS NECESSARY.*

*HE WILL RESPOND TO PRAYER WHERE THAT PRAYER ASKS THE REMOVAL OF CAUSES, BUT NEVER WHEN IT APPLIES ONLY TO EFFECTS.*

*MEN SHOULD LEARN THIS TRUTH AND, IN THEIR PRAYERS, ASK THAT THOSE THINGS OR CAUSES WHICH, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW OF COMPENSATION, BRING ABOUT RESULTS THAT ARE HARMFUL TO THEM BE REMOVED OR ELIMINATED FROM THEIR ACTS AND DEEDS, AS WELL AS FROM THEIR DESIRES.*

*I could write a long message on this subject, but will not do so now, as you are not just in condition to receive it.*

*I will come soon and write at length.*

*So, with my love, I will say good night.*

*Your brother in Christ,*

ELIAS.

### **2.4. The Greatest Sin Is Against the Holy Spirit That Conveys the Divine Love into the Soul**

*I AM HERE. Judas Iscariot.*

*I come tonight to write a short message, for I have been interested in what you and your friends have said regarding the "greatest sin."*

*Now, to me, and for a long time, the greatest sin in all the Universe of God was my sin in betraying Jesus to the Jews. And it was a real, living, blasting sin, and so enormous that I could not endure my life and face the recollection of that awful tragedy. But since I have been forgiven of that sin and have become a redeemed child of the Father, and an inhabitant of the Celestial Heavens and a possessor of immortality, I realize and now know that my sin was not the greatest, even though I suffered for long years after I became a spirit.*

*As sin may be committed by neglect as well as by affirmative action, and my betraying the beloved Master was a heinous one, yet, even in my case, and as applicable to me, my greater sin was not seeking for the Divine Love of the*

*Father. We were not ignorant of this, for the Master had taught us that this Love was open to us and waiting for us to seek and obtain It. But I had not sought for It in the right way and, of course, had not obtained It. And, in such neglect, I was not the only one of the disciples guilty of that sin.*

*No, even we who had been with the Master for so long a time did not fully understand the importance of obtaining this Great Love. We were more interested in his establishing his kingdom on earth and, as we thought, a material kingdom, to be controlled by spiritual powers manifested in him, and in us as his disciples. In our minds, the material was of more importance than the spiritual. And our expectations were that this great power would come and that the Master would become our king.*

*As I say, he had taught us that this Divine Love was open to us and that, by prayer and earnest seeking, we could receive It. But, to us, there were so many important things to be done connected, as I say, more immediately with our earth lives that we neglected the Great Gift that was ours for Its seeking. And, as a consequence, in my case, I had to suffer for a long time before I awakened to the fact that it was not too late, even for me, to receive It.*

*My sin of betrayal had been forgiven me in that I realized that the recollections of it were leaving me, and that I was progressing in the way of purifying my soul in its natural love; that, as the spirit of the one-time murderer, I was coming into happiness and light.*

*And then I had memories of what the Master had said to me about this Great Love, and, after awhile, I had sufficient awakening to cause me to make the effort to obtain this Love. And, as that awakening came to me, my old-time associates, who had progressed to the higher spheres, came to me and, in their great beauty and Transcendent Love, helped me to progress and to pray until, at last, this Love came to me. I then realized that not only had my sin of murder been wholly forgiven but also that the greater sin of rejecting and neglecting to seek for the Divine Love had been forgiven me.*

*The sin of the murderer, or of any violator of God's Laws other than that of rejecting the inflowing of this Love, may and will be forgiven a man, and he will become pure and happy in his natural love. But such forgiveness will not make him an inhabitant of the Divine Heavens or an inheritor of immortality, while the forgiveness of the sin of rejecting the Holy Spirit will not only take away from him the recollections and taints of all other sins but will also open up to him the very portals of the Celestial Heavens and give him a home in the Father's Kingdom.*

*AND THUS, YOU SEE, EVERY SIN, EXCEPT THAT OF SINNING AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT, MAY BE FORGIVEN A MAN, WITH THE RESULT THAT HE WILL BECOME THE PERFECT MAN. BUT THE FORGIVENESS OF ALL THESE SINS MANY TIMES OVER, IF IT COULD SO HAPPEN, WOULD NOT MAKE HIM A DIVINE ANGEL.*

*AND I NEED NOT EXPLAIN TO YOU, FOR YOU CAN READILY SEE FROM WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN, THAT THE GREATEST SIN IN ALL THE WORLD IS THE SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT THE SIN OF NEGLECTING OR REFUSING TO LET THE HOLY SPIRIT BRING THE GREAT DIVINE LOVE OF THE FATHER TO AND INTO THE SOUL OF MAN. THIS SIN IS THE GREATEST NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE RESULTS THAT FLOW FROM IT BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE UNPARDONABLE SIN SO LONG AS MAN REFUSES TO PERMIT ITS FORGIVENESS.*

*WHEN THE SIN OF MURDER AND SUCH KINDRED SINS ARE COMMITTED, THE SIN THEN ENDS AND ONLY ITS CONSEQUENCES MUST BE SUFFERED AND THE PENALTY PAID. BUT THE SIN AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A CONTINUING SIN, COMMITTED EVERY DAY AND HOUR AND MINUTE, AND NEVER HAVING AN END UNTIL THE MORTAL SEEKS AND RECEIVES THE INFLOWING OF THIS DIVINE LOVE. AS HAS BEEN WRITTEN YOU MANY TIMES, YES, THE LARGE MAJORITY OF MEN AND SPIRITS WILL CONTINUE FOREVER AND EVER TO COMMIT THIS SIN. AND, IN THE EFFECTS TO THEM TO FOLLOW, IT WILL BECOME, AND IS, THE UNPARDONABLE SIN.*

*As we are much interested in you, and have determined that you shall not go astray from these Divine Truths, my brother spirits of the Celestial Spheres thought it fitting that I should write to you on this subject, inasmuch as the world considers that I committed the greatest sin in all the history of the world, and that I should EXPLAIN THAT THE GREATEST SIN IN ALL THE WORLD IS THE SIN AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST.*

*We all know this. And, while I write, you must believe that all of us, and the Master, too, declare that the sin I name is the greatest sin, for it is true.*

*And, now, to be a little more personal, for your gratification and comfort, I desire to tell you that you three\* will not be found guilty of having committed this great sin, for you have much of this Divine Love in your hearts and souls. And the Holy Spirit is with you quite often in answer to your prayers, and in answer to ours also. For we all pray for you, causing this Love of the Father to possess your soul, even as the leaven wrought in the batch of dough.*

*I have written longer than I expected, and will now stop. But be assured that you have our love and the Blessings of the Father.*

*Your brother in Christ,*

JUDAS.

## **2.5. After Death, the Judgment: What It Is and What It Is Not**

*I AM HERE. Jesus.*

*I am here and desire to write a few lines in reference to the "great day of judgment," of which the preacher and teachers of theological things write so often. I know that the Bible, or rather some of the books, lay great stress upon this day when, as they claim, God will pour out His "vials of wrath" upon the ungodly and "condemn" them to an eternity of punishment.*

*There is, as you know, very great and divers opinions among these learned men as to what is the meaning and significance of this "day of judgment," and when, in a chronological point of view, it will take place. All these varied opinions are held by students and teachers who embrace and proclaim them to the world as being true and free from doubt.*

*Well, it is certain that all men must die and that there will come the judgment; and that which follows the death is just as certain as is the death itself, and just as reasonable as is the following of any cause by an effect. So, men should have no difficulty in believing in the judgment as a fact that cannot be avoided, just as death cannot be avoided.*

*But the word and the fact, "judgment," when used as an effect or following of death, may have many meanings in the opinions and understandings of many men, depending upon what men may believe as to things that are called religious or scientific or philosophical. To the ultra-orthodox, this term "judgment" means, and necessarily involves, the active pronouncement of a "sentence" by God this because of, and determined by, men's lives and thoughts while living in the mortal life, irrespective of any of His general Laws and the workings thereof. God is, Himself, the "Judge" Personal and Present and by Him, in this capacity, is each man's life and works known and digested and made the basis of the "sentence" that He must pronounce in each individual case. God keeps the "record" of all these acts of men, or, if man is conceded to be his own record keeper, his records are, or will be, at the time of the "great assemblage for judgment," opened up or brought into view so that nothing can be lost. Then, upon this record, men will be sent to eternal happiness or to everlasting punishment, or, as some believe, to destruction or annihilation.*

*Others, not orthodox, who believe in the survival of the soul and the continuing memories of the acts and thoughts of men, teach that the judgment will follow death as a natural consequence of the operations of the Law of Cause and Effect; and the effect cannot be escaped from until, in some way, there comes a realization to the consciousness of men that the effect, in their suffering, has satisfied the cause, and that there is nothing mysterious or unnatural in the appearance and workings of the judgment. They do not believe that God, by any special interposition or Personal "punishing," will pronounce the judgment or determine the merits or demerits of the one called to judgment.*

*Besides these views, there are others extant and believed in. But the two that I have mentioned are principal ones and are sufficient to show what the large majority of thinking, or, rather, believing, men conclude the term "judgment" should mean or be understood to mean, as used in the Bible.*

*Well, the judgment of the human soul is an important accompaniment of the human life, both in the flesh and in the*

*spirit world. And, as regards soul revealments and punishments, hardly anything demands more of the thought and consideration of men; for it is a certainty that these cannot be avoided by men, irrespective of the truth or falsity of their existing beliefs. Judgment as certainly follows what men call death as does night the day, and no philosophy or theological dogmas or scientific determinations can alter the fact, or in any way change the character or exact workings of this judgment.*

*But judgment is not a thing belonging exclusively to the after death period or condition, for it is present and operating with men from the time that they become incarnated in the human body until they become disincarnate, and, thereafter, continuously until the causes of effects have been satisfied and there remains nothing to be judged, which happy ending is also a fact. All men are dependent upon their progress towards the conditions of harmony through established laws that pronounce the judgments. While these laws operate on earth, men are being judged continually for the causes they start into existence, and the after death judgment is only a continuation of the judgment received by men while on earth.*

*Of course men may not know this these judgments, or the effects thereof, become more intensified after men have gotten rid of the influences of the flesh existence and they become spirits having only the spirit qualities. Because of this fact, men must understand and try to realize that the expression "after death, the judgment" has a greater significance, and is of more vital importance, than the saying that "judgment is with men all during their mortal lives."*

*After death, the causes of the effects in harmony with the law become more pronounced and appear in their true meaning and force. Consequently, with this revealment, the effects become more intensified and understood, and men suffer more and realize the darkness, and sometimes the gross darkness, that these effects produce. The disharmony appears in its unclothed and unhidden reality, and the law's workings bring the exact penalties to men that their violations demand.*

*Man is his own bookkeeper. And in his memory are recorded all the thoughts and deeds of his earth life that are not in accord with the harmony of God's Will, which is expressed or manifested by His Laws. The judgment is not the thing of a day or a time, but is never ceasing so long as there exists that upon which it can operate; and it diminishes, in proportion, as the causes of in harmony disappear.*

*God is not present in "wrath" demanding "reparation," as does the human who believes himself to have been injured by another. No, the Father is present only in Love. And as the soul of the one undergoing the penalty (which his own deeds and thoughts have imposed upon him) comes more in harmony with the Father's Will, He, as you mortals say, is pleased.*

*Never an "angry" God, "rejoicing" in the "satisfaction" of a penalty being paid by one of His erring children, but always a Loving Father rejoicing in the redemption of His children from a suffering that a violation of the Laws of Harmony exacts with certitude.*

*Then, as I say, the judgment day is not a special time when all men must meet in the Presence of God and have their thoughts and deeds weighed in the balance, and, then, according to their goodness or evil, have the "sentence" of an "angry," or even just, God pronounced upon them.*

*THE JUDGMENT DAY IS EVERYDAY, BOTH IN THE EARTH LIFE OF MAN AND IN LIFE AS A SPIRIT WHERE THE LAW OF COMPENSATION IS STILL WORKING. IN THE SPIRIT WORLD, TIME IS NOT KNOWN AND EVERY BREATHING IS A PART OF ETERNITY; AND, WITH EVERY BREATHING, SO LONG AS THE LAW REQUIRES, COMES THE JUDGMENT, CONTINUED AND UNSATISFIED, UNTIL MAN, AS A SPIRIT, REACHES THAT CONDITION OF HARMONY WHEREBY THE LAW NO LONGER DEMANDS A JUDGMENT OF HIM.*

*But, from what I have written, men must not suppose, or beguile themselves into believing that, because there is no special day of judgment when God will pronounce His "sentence," the judgment, therefore, is not so much to be dreaded or shunned. No, this state of thinking will palliate only for the moment, for the judgment is certain; and it is to be dreaded no less because the immutable law demands exact restoration instead of an "angry" God.*

*No man who has lived and died has escaped, and no man who shall hereafter die can escape this judgment unless, in a Way provided by the Father in His Love, he comes into harmony with the laws requiring harmony. "As a man soweth*



*so shall he reap" is as true as is the fact that the sun shines upon the just and the unjust alike. Memory is man's storehouse of good and evil, and memory does not die with the death of the man's physical body. On the contrary, memory becomes more alive all alive and nothing is left behind or forgotten when the spirit man casts off the encumbrance and benumbing and deceiving influences of the only body of man that was created to die.*

*JUDGMENT IS REAL, AND MEN MUST COME TO IT FACE TO FACE. WANT OF BELIEF, UNBELIEF, OR INDIFFERENCE, OR THE APPLICATION TO MEN'S LIVES OF THE SAYING "SUFFICIENT UNTO THE DAY IS THE EVIL THEREOF," WILL NOT ENABLE MEN TO AVOID THE JUDGMENT OR THE EXACTIONS OF ITS DEMANDS.*

*There is a Way, though, in which men may turn the judgment of death into the judgment of life, in harmony into harmony, suffering into happiness, and judgment itself into a thing to be desired.*

*Elsewhere we have written of this Way open to all men, and I will not attempt to describe it here. I have written enough for tonight. You are tired and must not be drawn on further. So, with my love, I will say good night.*

*Your brother and friend,*

*JESUS.*

## **2.6. True Forgiveness Is Forgetfulness**

*I AM HERE. Peter, the Apostle.*

*Let me write a few lines, for I am very anxious to write you in reference to a Truth which obtains in our spirit world, and with which you may not be acquainted.*

*As you may not know, there is a law in our world which makes the soul of one who has not yet been purified suffer the penalties for the acts of sin and evil of which he may have been guilty during his earth life. And there is no forgiveness of these acts in the sense that forgiveness is taught by the theologians and churches. The only forgiveness is the cessation of recollection of these acts so that they become as though they had never been. And, as the soul becomes naturally pure and in harmony with the laws of its creation, it then comes into its natural condition. Then, and only then, forgiveness takes place.*

*God does not forgive by the mere act of pronouncing forgiveness, or by any arbitrary and sudden blotting out of sins, thereby removing the condition which creates the in harmony. And, so, you will understand that He cannot forgive sin in this way, and neither can the popes, priests, teachers or churches. The pronouncing of forgiveness by these men constitutes a deception of, and an injury to, the persons who pray and ask for forgiveness; and, for such deception, these men will have to answer when they come to the spirit world and realize the Truth of forgiveness, and the great deception that they had practiced upon those who were their followers and believers in these false doctrines. Many spirits are now living and suffering in darkness in their purgatories just because of their beliefs in these misleading teachings and the results thereof.*

*THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS UNTIL MAN MAKES THE EFFORT BY STRUGGLING AND SUCCEEDING IN GETTING RID OF THESE RECOLLECTIONS. AND SUCH RIDDANCE CAN BE OBTAINED ONLY BY MEN REALIZING THE FACT THAT SIN IS ONLY THE EFFECT OF THEIR HAVING DONE THOSE THINGS, AND THOUGHT THOSE THOUGHTS, WHICH ARE OUT OF HARMONY WITH THE WILL OF GOD AND THE LAWS GOVERNING THE CREATION OF MAN.*

*There can be no sinning of the physical body, or of the spirit body, but only of the soul through the exercise of the will in a manner antagonistic to the Will of the Father. The body, of course, is affected by these inharmonious thoughts and impelling directions of the will, and is prompted thereby to commit the act which is the external demonstrator of the inharmonious exercise of the will. As God leaves to man the freedom of exercising his will, as such will may be influenced by the thoughts, desires, and affections of his appetites and lusts, so God leaves to man the application of the remedies that will free the soul from such influences and effects as are caused by the exercise of the will. And only when these thoughts and appetites and lusts become eliminated from his soul and desires does the soul come into its*

*natural condition and in harmony with the Will of God.*

*Man, himself, must be the actor and the initiating force to bring about these changes in his will, and no assurances of forgiveness by popes, priests, or churches can eradicate these contaminating influences, or remove that which is the cause of the sin or the effect of the cause. You must see that there can be no relationship between the assurance of forgiveness and the sin, or the cause thereof.*

*Prayer to the Father for forgiveness, or supplication to priests and church, is supposed to effectuate the objects sought, but this belief is erroneous and does not bring the relief prayed for. Yet, prayer is a very important element in forgiveness. For while the Father does not, and the priests and church cannot, forgive sin in the manner mentioned, yet, TRUE, SINCERE PRAYER TO THE FATHER FOR FORGIVENESS WILL BRING ITS ANSWER. SUCH ANSWER WILL AFFECT NOT THE SIN BUT THE SOUL AND THE STATE OF MEN SO THAT THEIR WILL AND APPETITES AND DESIRES MAY BE INFLUENCED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY WILL RECEIVE AND REALIZE THE FACT OF AWONDERFUL HELP IN CHANGING THESE APPETITES AND DESIRES, AND IN TURNING THEIR THOUGHTS TO THOSE THINGS THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO REMOVE FROM THEIR RECOLLECTIONS THOSE ACTS AND THOUGHTS WHICH ARE THE CAUSES OF THE EXISTENCE OF THEIR SOULS IN A STATE OF SIN.*

*IF MEN WOULD ONLY REALIZE THESE TRUTHS AND, WHEN THEY DESIRE THE FORGIVENESS OF THEIR SINS, PRAY TO THE FATHER FOR HELP IN TURNING AWAY FROM THESE THOUGHTS AND IN EXERCISING THEIR WILL IN ACCORD WITH HIS WILL, AND NOT EXPECT ANY ARBITRARY FORGIVENESS OR REMOVAL OF THEIR SINS, THEY WOULD FIND THEMSELVES ON THE WAY TO THIS FORGETFULNESS AND THE TRUE FORGIVENESS.*

*Well, I desired to write this short message and am pleased that I could do so. Thanking you, I will say good night.*

*Your brother in Christ.*

*PETER, APOSTLE OF JESUS.*

## **2.7. Divine Forgiveness**

*I AM HERE. Your grandmother. (Ann Rollins, Celestial spirit)*

*I came to write you about the Forgiveness and Pardon of the Father, and to enlighten you upon this subject which has been so little understood since men first commenced to distort the teachings of the Master.*

*Forgiveness is that operation of the Divine Mind which relieves man of the penalties of his sins that he has committed, and permits him to turn from his evil thoughts and deeds and seek the Love of the Father, and, if he earnestly seeks, to find the happiness which is waiting for him to obtain. This does not violate any law that God has established to prevent man from avoiding the penalties of his violations of the Law of God controlling his conduct.*

*The Law of Compensation that what a man sows, that shall he reap is not set aside. But in the particular case where a man becomes penitent and, in all earnestness, prays to the Father to forgive him of his sins and make a new man of him, the operation of another and greater law is called into activity. The old Law of Compensation is nullified, and, as it were, swallowed up in the power of this higher Law of Forgiveness and Love. So, you see, there is no setting aside of any of God's Laws. As in the physical world, certain lesser laws are overcome by greater laws, so in the spirit world, or in the operation of spiritual things, the greater laws must prevail over the lesser.*

*God's Laws never change, but the application of these laws to particular facts and conditions do seem to change. When two laws come into apparent conflict, the lesser must give way to the greater.*

*The spiritual laws are just as fixed as are the physical laws that control the material universe. And no law having application to the same condition of facts is ever different in its operation or in its effects.*

*The sun and planets, in their movements, are governed by fixed laws, and they operate with such exactness that men*

*who make a study of these laws and comprehend them can, with almost mathematical precision, foretell the movements of these heavenly bodies. This only means that as long as the sun and the planets remain as they are and are surrounded by the same influences, and meet no law operating in a manner contrary to the laws which usually control them, these planets and sun will repeat their movements year after year in the same way and with like precision. But suppose that a more powerful and contrary law should come into operation and influence the movements of these bodies. Do you suppose for a moment that they would pursue the same course as if such greater law had not intruded itself?*

*The effect of this is not to set aside the lesser law, or even to change it, but to subordinate it to the operations of the greater law. And, if these operations were removed, or ceased to act, the lesser law would resume its operations on these planets again, and they would move in accordance therewith, just as if its power had never been affected by the greater law.*

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

*BUT, AS THE CREATOR OF ALL LAW HAS PROVIDED ANOTHER AND HIGHER LAW WHICH, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, MAY BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION, AND CAUSES THE FORMER LAW TO CEASE TO OPERATE, MAN MAY EXPERIENCE THE BENEFIT OF THE WORKINGS OF THIS HIGHER LAW. SO, WHEN GOD FORGIVES A MAN OF HIS SINS AND MAKES HIM A NEW CREATURE IN HIS NATURE AND LOVE, FOR THIS PARTICULAR CASE, HE DOES NOT ANNIHILATE THE LAW OF COMPENSATION, BUT REMOVES THAT UPON WHICH THIS LAW MAY OPERATE.*

*Sin is a violation of God's Law, and the effect of sin is the penalty which such violation imposes. A man's suffering for sins committed is not the result of God's "special condemnation" in each particular case, but is the result of the workings and scourgings of his conscience and recollections. As long as conscience works, he will suffer; and the greater the sins committed, the greater will be the suffering. Now, all this implies that a man's soul is filled to a greater or lesser extent with these memories, which, for the time, constitute his very existence. He lives with these memories, and the suffering and torment which result from them can never leave him until the memories of these sins, or the result of them, cease to be a part of himself and his constant companions. This is the inexorable Law of Compensation. And man, of himself, has no way of escaping this law except by this long expiation which removes these memories and satisfies the law.*

*Man cannot change this law, and God will not. So, as I say, the law never changes. But remember this fact: In order for the law to operate, a man must have these memories and they must be a part of his very existence.*

*Now, suppose that the Creator of this law has created another law whereby, under certain conditions, and upon a man doing certain things, these memories are taken from him and no longer constitute a part or portion of his existence. Then, I ask, what is there in or of that man upon which this Law of Compensation can act or operate? The law is not changed; it is not even set aside. But that upon which it can operate no longer exists and, consequently, there is no reason, or existence of facts, which calls for its operation.*

*So, I say, as do your scientists and philosophers, that God's Laws are fixed and never change. But I further say, which they fail to perceive, that certain conditions which may and do call for the operations of these laws today are changed tomorrow, or cease to exist, so that the former laws are no longer effective.*

*And, so, when the Truth of God's Forgiveness of sin is declared, many wise men hold up their hands and shout: "God's Laws do not change, and even God, Himself, cannot change them. To effect a forgiveness of sins, the great Law of Compensation must be violated. God works no such miracle, or gives any special dispensation. No, man must pay the penalty of his evil deeds until the law is fulfilled."*

*HOW LIMITED IS THE KNOWLEDGE OF MORTALS, AND OF SPIRITS AS WELL, OF THE POWER AND WISDOM AND LOVE OF THE FATHER! HIS LOVE IS THE GREATEST THING IN ALL THE UNIVERSE, AND*

*THE LAW OF LOVE IS THE GREATEST LAW. EVERY OTHER LAW IS SUBORDINATE TO IT AND MUST WORK IN UNISON WITH IT. AND LOVE, THE DIVINE LOVE OF THE FATHER, WHEN GIVEN TO MAN AND HE POSSESSES IT, IS THE FULFILLING OF ALL LAW. THIS LOVE FREES MAN FROM ALL LAW EXCEPT THE LAW OF ITSELF. AND WHEN MAN POSSESSES THIS LOVE, HE IS SLAVE TO NO LAW AND IS FREE, INDEED.*

*The Law of Compensation and all laws not in harmony with the Law of Love have nothing upon which to operate in that man's case. God's Laws are not changed as to this man, but merely have no existence.*

*NOW, LET ALL MEN, WISE AND UNWISE, KNOW THAT GOD, IN HIS LOVE AND WISDOM, HAS PROVIDED A MEANS BY WHICH MAN, IF HE SO WILLS, MAY ESCAPE THE UNCHANGING LAW OF COMPENSATION AND BECOME NO LONGER SUBJECT TO ITS DEMANDS AND PENALTIES. FURTHER, THIS IS WITHIN THE COMPREHENSION AND GRASP OF EVERY LIVING SOUL, BE HE SAINT OR SINNER, A WISE MAN OR AN IGNORANT ONE.*

*Intellect, in the sense of being learned, is not involved. But the man who knows that God exists and provides him with food and raiment as the result of his daily toil, as well as the great intellectual scientist or philosopher, may learn the Way to these redeeming Truths. I do not mean that a man, by mere exercise of mental powers, may receive the benefit of this great provision for his redemption. The soul must seek, and it will find. And the soul of the wise may not be as capable of receiving as the soul of the ignorant.*

*GOD IS LOVE. MAN HAS A NATURAL LOVE, BUT THIS NATURAL LOVE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE HIM TO FIND THESE GREAT MEANS THAT I SPEAK OF. ONLY THE DIVINE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS SUFFICIENT, AND HE IS WILLING THAT ALL MEN SHOULD HAVE THIS LOVE. IT IS FREE AND WAITING TO BE BESTOWED UPON ALL MEN. BUT, STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM, GOD WILL NOT, AND I MIGHT SAY, CANNOT, BESTOW THIS LOVE UNLESS MAN SEEKS FOR IT AND ASKS FOR IT IN EARNESTNESS AND FAITH.*

*The will of man is a wonderful thing, and it stands between him and this Love when he fails to exercise this will in seeking for It. No man can secure this Love against his will. What a wonderful thing is man's will, and how he should study and learn what a great part of his being it is!*

*THE LOVE OF THE FATHER COMES ONLY INTO A MAN'S SOUL WHEN HE SEEKS IT IN PRAYER AND FAITH. AND, OF COURSE, THIS IMPLIES THAT HE WILLS IT TO COME TO HIM. NO MAN IS EVER REFUSED THIS LOVE WHEN HE PROPERLY ASKS FOR IT.*

*NOW, THIS LOVE IS A PART OF THE DIVINE ESSENCE. AND WHEN A MAN POSSESSES IT IN SUFFICIENT ABUNDANCE, HE BECOMES A PART OF DIVINITY, ITSELF. IN THE DIVINE, THERE IS NO SIN OR ERROR; CONSEQUENTLY, WHEN MAN BECOMES A PART OF THIS DIVINITY, NO SIN OR ERROR CAN FORM A PART OF HIS BEING.*

*Now, as I have said, the man who is without this Love has his memories of sin and evil deeds, and, under the Law of Compensation, must pay the penalties. Yet, when this Divine Love comes into his soul, It leaves no room for these memories. And, as he becomes more and more filled with this Love, these memories disappear and only the Love inhabits his soul, as it were. Hence, there remains nothing in him upon which this law can operate, and the man is no longer its slave or subject. This Love is sufficient, of Itself, to cleanse the soul from all sin and error, and to make man at-one with the Father.*

*This is forgiveness of sin, or, rather, the result of forgiveness. When a man prays to the Father for this forgiveness, He never turns a deaf ear, but says, in effect: "I will remove your sins and give you my Love. I will not set aside or change my Law of Compensation, but I will remove from your soul everything upon which this law can operate. Then, as to you, it becomes as if it had no existence."*

*I know by your personal experience that this forgiveness is a real, actual, existing thing. When the Father forgives, sin disappears and only Love exists. And that Love, in Its fullness, is the fulfilling of the law.*

*So, let men know that God does forgive sin. When He forgives, the penalty disappears. And when it disappears as the result of such forgiveness, no law of God is changed or violated.*

*This was the great mission of Jesus when he came to earth. Before he came and taught this great Truth, the forgiveness of sin was not understood, even by the Hebrew teachers. Their doctrine was, rather, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. The Divine Love, as I have feebly described, was not known or sought for only the care and protection and material benefits that God might give to the Hebrews.*

*THE DIVINE LOVE ENTERING INTO AND TAKING POSSESSION OF THE SOULS OF MEN CONSTITUTES THE NEW BIRTH. WITHOUT THIS, NO MAN CAN SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.*

*My dear son, I have written you a long and imperfect communication, but there is sufficient in it for men to think of and meditate upon. If they do so, and open their souls to the Divine Influence, they will know God can forgive sin and save men from its penalties so that they will not have to undergo the long period of expiation which, in their natural state, the Law of Compensation ever demands.*

*So, without writing further, I will say that I love you with all my heart and soul, and I pray that the Father will give you this Great Love in all Its abundance.*

*Your loving grandmother,*

*ANN ROLLINS.*

## **2.8. The Law of Compensation**

*I AM HERE. John Bunyan.*

*Let me write a few lines.*

*I am much interested in you and your work, and I want to do all that I can to help.*

*I have heard your grandmother's message, and it is a beautifully encouraging one, filled with deep Truths which will benefit you very much if you will grasp and apply them.*

*I had my troubles when I lived on earth, but I never had the sustaining power of the Divine Love that she speaks of. Consequently, I lived my life as best I could with only the help of my natural powers and a rather cheerful disposition. Had I possessed this Love, I now know that I would have been saved many hours of worry, and would have enjoyed many hours of happiness then denied to me.*

*It seems to be the fate or destiny of mortals to experience trouble. As someone has said, "Man was born for trouble." But this is not quite true, for man makes his own troubles to a large extent. And as men come into a knowledge of the great Law of Compensation, they will realize the truth of what I say.*

*But, thank God, even though man makes his own troubles and the Law of Compensation works impartially, yet, the Loving Father can still relieve him from his troubles and make him happy. And, in doing so, I want to say that the continued existence of this law is not affected. Rather, this law is subject to a higher law which specifies that, unless causes exist, the Law of Compensation cannot demand anything from the mortal. In helping His children, the Father does not say to this lower law: "You shall not demand a penalty from this child whom I desire to help." Rather, He says to the child: "Receive my Love and Help, and the causes for the demand of this lower law will cease to exist."*

*If mortals would only understand this Truth, they would not continue to believe that the Father cannot help His children. They would also see that, in order to confer such Help, it is not necessary to set aside or suspend the Law of Compensation in its operations. The Father never grants a special dispensation to relieve mortals from paying the penalties of this lower law, but He does give His Great Love to them. And when they possess that Love, the causes that activate the penalties of the Law of Compensation cease to have an existence.*

*The Law of the Divine Love is the greatest law. It supplants every other law in the working upon the souls and minds of mortals.*

*Well, my friend, I must not write more. So, with my love, I will say good night.*

*Your brother in Christ,*

*JOHN BUNYAN.*

## ***2.9. The Law of Compensation Is Removed from the Scope of Its Operation When the Divine Love Fills the Soul in Sufficient Abundance***

*I AM HERE. Your own, true Helen. (Mrs. Padgett)*

*You didn't think I could change the announcement of my coming, but you must know that I can do anything to please you, my dear Ned.*

*Yes, you have, and I have been so very happy. Well, sweetheart, I must tell you that I am very happy and am progressing very rapidly. I don't expect to remain in this sphere very much longer, for my love and faith are so great that I feel that I must get closer to God's Fountainhead in the Celestial Spheres. Doesn't it seem like some fairy dream? But it is all true, and I am so happy.*

*I will soon be with you in a long letter, telling you of this Great Love, and how much I love God and you.*

*You are progressing, too. You may not realize it, but it is true. And if you should come over now, you would be surprised to find yourself in a high sphere. I know how you feel, but you must believe that I can see your spiritual condition better than you can.*

*When you get this Great Love in your heart in sufficient abundance and you have much of It now your sins will be blotted out. This is the Law of Regeneration. Otherwise, the man who continues without this Love and the man who receives It would be in the same condition, and the New Birth would mean nothing. So, do not think that this Great Love is not sufficient to cleanse the soul from the results of the sins of earth life. Best of all, it cleanses while you are a mortal.*

*I know that the Spiritualists quote and proclaim the Law of Recompense, or Compensation, but there is a higher law that nullifies that law. And when Love, this Divine Love, comes into the soul of a mortal, the Law of Compensation is removed from the scope of its working; for Love is the fulfilling of the law. So, do not let that stumbling block make you believe that this Great Love is not sufficient to remove all sin and error, and to purify your soul so that you may become fitted to live in the Kingdom of the Father and become one with Him.*

*No, the Love is for the vilest sinner; and no man, by a mere act of restoration, can fit himself for the inflowing of this Divine Love. It is waiting for the sinner as well as for the saint. And even though your sins be as scarlet, they will be made white as wool. I mean that you will not have to wait to make recompense to mortals before this Great Love can do the cleansing work. Else, what is the use of having this Great Love provided for man? If he shall first make himself pure, what is the necessity for the work of the Holy Spirit?*

*Only pray for this Love and have faith, and you will get It. God is the Judge of what a man shall do to render justice and restitution. And when He says that this Divine Love, with all Its cleansing power, is for the sinner who seeks for It by true faith, who has the right to say that the sinner must first do what man may think is justice between himself and his fellowman?*

*I know whereof I speak, for the experiences of many spirits who have been redeemed by this Love show that they were sinners and had not "paid the last farthing" when they received this Love. God is the Judge, not mortals or spirits.*

*So, my dear Ned, do not let the idea that you must render to every man that which you think he may be entitled to keep you from believing in the Mercy and Love of the Father.*

*Oh, how I wish I could be with you a little while in my bodily form, and tell you face to face what this Great Love means to you and to me, and to all of us!*

*So, sweetheart, believe me when I say that, even though you may be a great sinner, yet, the Father's Love is sufficient to remove all those sins just as soon as you can receive It. Such is the law of this Great Love.*

*Faith and prayer can open the very heart of the Celestial Spheres, and Love will flow down into your soul as the avalanche of snow that feels the warmth of the sun's bright rays rushes from its mountain heights when winter leaves with its chilling gloom and blasting breath for other climes.*

*Love is not only warmth, but It is the very burnings of the soul's great storehouse of God's Divine Essence.*

*I am not only the possessor of this Love to a large degree, but I also realize that, as I advance to higher spheres, there is a greater abundance awaiting to fill my soul with Its great, undying fires of never ending burnings but burnings so great and free from everything that makes for unhappiness and discontent.*

*So, my own dear and precious Ned, love me as I love you, and we both will be so very happy that heaven will be with us and in us, even while we are writing in the earth surroundings.*

*Your own*

*HELEN.*

### **2.10. Elias, Prophet of the Old Testament, Discusses the Law of Compensation, and Emphasizes That God Will Not Alter the Same**

*I AM HERE. Elias.*

*I will write a short message tonight, as it is late and you are tired.*

*Well, I desire to say that the message that you received from the Master contains some of the most important Truths affecting the relationship of God to man in his worldly or material living.*

*Every truth that man has uttered has in it an element which shows that man must, to a certain extent, expect and know that God will not interfere with the Law of Compensation as to its effects and results. Only will He help man to remove the causes that so certainly entail the results. And the sooner men know this and more thoroughly understand it, the sooner will they become able to avoid the consequences of sin and the violation of law, and also understand that no prayer will cause God to respond where a suspension or setting aside of His Laws or their workings is necessary.*

**HE WILL RESPOND TO PRAYER, WHERE THAT PRAYER ASKS THE REMOVAL OF THE CAUSES, BUT NEVER WHEN IT APPLIES ONLY TO EFFECTS.**

*This Truth men should learn. And, in their prayers, they should ask for those things which, in compliance with the Law of Compensation, bring about results that are harmful to them to be removed, or eliminated from their acts and deeds as well as from their desires.*

*I could write a long message on this subject but will not do so now, as you are not just in condition to receive it.*

*So, with my love, I will say good night.*

*Your brother in Christ,*

*ELIAS.*

### **3. Divine Law**

All Laws are Divine, in the sense that all Law has been created by our God, and brought into existence to maintain harmony in His Universe. This includes Laws that are purely of the material (such as gravity, aerodynamics and so forth), and those of a spiritual (Laws of Natural Love), and soul (Laws of Divine Love) nature. Of course, since

everything our Father has done is infinite, it makes sense that there are an infinite number of laws, material, spiritual and soul, many of which as yet remain undiscovered by even the most advanced of souls. We are all just children of our Father, and only our Father has knowledge of and completely understands all of the Laws He has created.

Of course, the simplest and fastest way to find out about a large number of these laws is to develop a relationship with the Creator of these Laws, and to become at-one with God. Once this goal is realized, we come under the tuition of our Father, and so, we then have the ability to gain knowledge regarding all of the laws of the universe in a way that cannot be achieved if we decided to take the path of finding out about these laws by experimentation. In addition, the mind is incapable of understanding the soul laws of God, and so, only those who have soul perceptions developed by the inflow of the Divine Love can understand the things of a soul nature. These truths are contained within the Angelic Revelations, and can be clearly seen by a soul that has received enough of the Divine Love to understand them.

#### ***4. Sin and Error***

Sin, as the Angelic Revelations explain, is a missing the mark or violation of any of God's Laws. Sin is not an abstract concept, with sin existing only in the minds of individuals as modern philosophers have a tendency to believe. No, this is all wrong, and when such individuals attempt to progress after their arrival in the spirit world, they will come face to face with the true concept of sin and error. Sin is real, and its consequences exist for every violation of a Law of God.

#### ***5. Penalties***

If an individual breaks any Law of God, then the law that is broken requires a penalty for its violation, and, in all cases, this penalty is required from the soul. In this way, judgement is immediate and real, as explained by my message titled; "After Death, the Judgement: What It Is and What It Is Not." Obviously, as explained by that message, the soul may not always have a consciousness of the results of its sin at the time it sinned, and so, often, a person may only become aware of the condition of their soul only at the time of the death of the material body. However, this condition exists, and is real, at the time the sin is committed, and remains until either the penalty is paid in full as the Law of Compensation requires, or until the greater Laws of Divine Forgiveness are brought into operation by the penitent soul.

This Truth applies to any law violated, whether it be a soul law (Laws of Divine Love), a spiritual law or law of morality (Laws of Natural Love), or a laws of the material (such as gravity, aerodynamics and so forth). In each case, when the law is broken, a penalty is immediately incurred by the soul in violation, whether that soul is conscious of its judgement or not.

Often, the individual on Earth is only conscious of the laws of the material that are broken, and there is a large tendency on Earth for such an individual to completely ignore the effects of the spiritual and soul laws that are violated. The main reason for this is that men generally see clearly the effects when a material law is violated, since the effects of such violation are generally immediate also in a material sense, but they do not see the immediate damage they have done to their own soul when they contravene the soul, spiritual and moral laws. Since they do not see the effect on their soul, they then believe that no penalty has occurred, and this is the great mistake of the majority of humankind, for the impact on the soul is much greater than any material impact. Often, each person only becomes aware of the mistake shortly after the time of the death of the material body, because, at that time, the condition of their own soul becomes visible in all its nakedness.

#### ***6. Hierarchy of Laws***

Of course, also as explained by the Angelic Revelations, there are laws of a higher nature, and those of a lower nature; in fact, all laws of God have a hierarchy of application. A way to illustrate this in a material sense, is regarding the law of gravity and the law of aerodynamics. If an individual attempts to break the Law of Gravity (e.g. by jumping off a cliff), and has not invoked the conditions under which the law of aerodynamics can operate (e.g. by having a parachute or a hang glider, or wings!) then the Law of Gravity cannot be overcome, and depending on the height of the cliff, either serious injury or death will be the immediate result. But, the law of aerodynamics will overcome the law of gravity consistently in every instance that it is correctly understood and applied, as is demonstrated by flight.

In the same manner, spiritual and soul laws have a hierarchy of operation, with our Father's Laws of Divine Love



being the highest Laws of God in the Universe. Once a person comes to understand this concept at the soul level, they begin to understand how serious sinning against the spiritual and soul based laws becomes to the degradation of the condition of their own soul, and once the soul perceptions are opened to this extent, such a person who has come to know a little of God and His Laws, begins to understand the True Wonder of His Nature, and also comes to immediately see the damaging effects that breaking such laws have on their own soul, since the soul with its perceptions opened always feels the effects of breaking God's Laws.

### *7. Effects of Sin Upon the Soul*

But, as also explained within another message of mine within the Angelic Revelations (Jesus Is Not God, but an Elder Brother. Sin Has No Existence Except as It Is Created by Mankind, and Man Must Pay the Penalties), the effects of the violation of law upon the soul are different and vary depending on the intent of the individual at the time of the law was violated.

This can be illustrated by looking at the causes of a person falling from a cliff to their own death. Firstly, they may have slipped and fell, or some other accident of an unintentional nature may have occurred. Secondly, they may have personally decided to jump to their own death, and committed suicide. Thirdly, they may have been pushed by another person, or in other words been murdered. Now the penalties for breaking the law will be different in each case, for the following reasons.

In the first scenario, the individual accidentally violated the law of gravity, and, not having another law of a more powerful operation available to them, the material body was subjected to a trauma it could not survive, and so the person "died" and left the mortal existence since their material body could no longer live. In their case, the cause was accidental, and so, the death of the material body was the immediate penalty, and there are no other penalties. The condition of their own soul will not be worsened by the accidental violation of the law of gravity, since the penalty was immediately paid.

In the second scenario, the individual intended to kill him or herself. The immediate result was death of the material body, and this immediately paid the penalty of the violation of the Law of Gravity. Upon arriving in the spirit world, the condition of his or her own soul will not be worsened by the violation of the Law of Gravity, since the penalty was immediately paid. However, the individual also, at the time of making the decision and carrying out the act of suicide, violated many other more powerful laws of a higher nature, and the penalties for the violation of those laws would yet still need to be paid. These laws include the breaking of Laws of Morality, for example; the person took something (life) that did not belong to them (all life is God's). In addition, the person sinned against some very powerful Laws of Love, including the laws regarding love of self.

Now, either the person will need to pay the penalties for the violation of these more powerful higher laws while they continue to exist in the spirit world, or they will need to come to understand the operation and effects of the Law of Divine Love, and call into operation Divine Forgiveness to allow for the causes upon which the Law of Compensation would normally operate to be removed by their Father. I will explain in much more detail how these Laws of Divine Forgiveness are called into operation later in the message Divine Forgiveness and Repentance.

In the third scenario, another person murdered the individual by causing the individual to violate the Law of Gravity. From the point of view of the victim, the individual had no intention of violating the Law of Gravity, but still the material body is subjected to a trauma it could not survive, and so the person "died." In their case, the cause was accidental, and so, the death of the material body was the immediate penalty, and there are no other penalties. Upon arriving in the spirit world, the condition of the soul will not be worsened by the violation of the law, since the penalty was immediately paid.

However, the murderer intentionally violated a large number of laws of a spiritual and soul nature, the immediate effect being that their own soul now begun to pay the penalties for violating all of these laws. These laws included; forcing someone to do something against their own will, taking something (life) that did not belong to them, being unloving toward another child of God, and a large variety of other laws of a spiritual and soul nature, including a lack of respect for God Himself.

Often the murderer is completely unaware of the condition of their own soul while they continue to live a mortal

existence, and even when becoming an inhabitant of the spiritual world, although the individual may understand that the place of existence and the condition of their own soul is very dark, it may take many years or even centuries of suffering before they realize the true causes of the effects of damage they have done to their own soul, since the realization must occur within the soul at an emotional level, and a soul with so many encrustments often does not easily recognize the true reasons for its own condition of existence.

### *8. Looking Within*

At all times, a sincere truth seeker needs to look within, and come to understand and be willing to go through the process of self-examination in regard to sin. Our Father is continually holding up a mirror to our own soul perceptions, and showing both the good points and the flaws in our appearance of the soul. If we refuse to look at the reflection, then we are in danger of continuing to sin until such a time as we come to have an emotional soul realization that refusing to look at oneself is perhaps one of the most damaging things we can do to hurt ourselves, and is often the root cause of our continuing to experience personal pain and suffering within our lives.

When we reject the reflection of the soul that our Father provides to us, we are actually rejecting Him, and such an action can only ever result in harm to ourselves. If we refuse to be taught by our Father, then we have no choice but to go through life attempting to learn from our own personal experience, and since there is an infinite number of laws maintaining harmony within the universe, we will go through much pain and suffering violating them before we discover and understand with our soul perceptions that the true reasons for our own unhappiness and discontent are that we continue to violate a certain number of our Father's Laws.

A better course is one of humility, being willing to see that each time we experience dissatisfied emotions within ourselves, we are actually on the verge of finding out about another error that remains within us that will easily be removed when we demonstrate penitence, since the sincerely repentant soul understands the operation of Divine Forgiveness.

So, each time we experience the feelings and emotions of a soul dissatisfied as listed on <http://www.cnvc.org/feelings.htm> web site, we need to see that our Father is showing us that there is sin and error within, and while we continue to retain this error within, unwilling to submit to the process of self-examination, we will continue to experience the penalties that such errors bring. Once we realize that these errors are within, and the creation and product of our own selves, then we either have the ability personally to remove these errors (which is the wide and spacious road travelled by most mortals and spirits towards the perfect natural man), or, even better if we understand the principles of Divine Forgiveness and Repentance (the narrow road travelled by few towards the Divine Angel), to experience the removal of the causes of these feelings and emotions from within with the assistance of our Father.

For this reason, my next posting will be called, Divine Forgiveness and Repentance.

Thank you very much for reading this message, and I hope it has helped you to understand a little more completely the concepts of Sin and Error.

Your friend and brother

Jesus

## *Part 2: Divine Forgiveness*

### *9. Introduction*

My dear bothers and sisters

Throughout this message, I will refer to the messages received by Mr James Padgett as the Angelic Revelations.

Many different persons in the world today feel that when they exercise faith in God, and ask for His Forgiveness, that this forgiveness will come, and the result will be the arbitrary and sudden blocking out of sin, and that this operation is independent from their own effort and desire, and independent from their own desire or “mistakes” in continuing to sin. Some others think that, as long as they ask God to forgive their sins, that all their sins are forgiven, and they can keep on sinning, and asking God for the forgiveness of those sins repeatedly being committed, and they can continue to receive God’s Divine Love into their soul.

Still others believe that each sin requires its own compensation, and that there are no higher Laws of Divine Love that come into operation, which under the application of certain circumstances will remove a soul from having to undergo the full effects of the Law of Compensation. Others do not believe that moral sins exist, since they believe that there are no moral laws established, and since none are established, it is impossible to violate a law that does not exist.

As the Angelic Revelations demonstrate, all of these above mentioned beliefs are in error, and all of them when believed and practiced result in the stagnation of the soul in its progress towards becoming at-one with God.

The following discussion is based upon messages found in the sections “Sin and Error”, and “Judgement, the Law of Compensation and Forgiveness” found in the Angelic Revelations of Divine Truth, Volume 1.

### *10. Forgiveness For the Mortal or Spirit Without Divine Love*

In the message of the Apostle Peter, “True Forgiveness is Forgetfulness”, Peter outlines a number of very important points regarding sin, the soul, and what constitutes forgiveness for those following the path to the perfect natural man, and for those following the path to the Divine Angel.

Firstly, the soul is the part of man that is affected by sin. Peter says, “There can be no sinning of the physical body, or of the spirit body, but only of the soul through the exercise of the will in a manner antagonistic to the Will of the Father. The body, of course, is affected by these inharmonious thoughts and impelling directions of the will, and is prompted thereby to commit the act which is the external demonstrator of the inharmonious exercise of the will.”

From this we can see that sin affects the soul, and the bodies, both mortal and spirit, as a result of the soul’s condition, are also affected as a subsequent effect. But the primary cause of all pain, suffering, and disharmonious actions is the condition of the soul that allows the exercise of its free will in thoughts and acts that are in disharmony with the Laws of God.

Secondly, he states that; “There is no forgiveness until man makes the effort by struggling and succeeding in getting rid of these recollections. And such riddance can be obtained only by men realizing the fact that sin is only the effect of their having done those things, and thought those thoughts, which are out of harmony with the will of God and the laws governing the creation of man.”

This is a very important point to understand; that sin is only an EFFECT, and not a cause, of the condition of the soul. Since this is the case, we can then understand clearly his words when he says within the message that; “God does not forgive by the mere act of pronouncing forgiveness, or by any arbitrary and sudden blotting out of sins, thereby removing the condition which creates the in-harmony.” Since sin is just an effect, and not a cause, God does not blot out sins, since to do so would mean that God answers prayers dealing with the effects (sin), when in reality sin has causes that need to be eradicated from the soul, and God only answers prayers that deal with causes.

For this reason, Peter also states; “True, sincere prayer to the Father for forgiveness will bring its answer. Such answer will affect not the sin but the soul and the state of men so that their will and appetites and desires may be influenced in such a way that they will receive and realize the fact of a wonderful help in changing these appetites and desires, and in turning their thoughts to those things that will enable them to remove from their recollections those acts and thoughts which are the causes of the existence of their souls in a state of sin.

If men would only realize these truths and, when they desire the forgiveness of their sins, pray to the Father for help in turning away from these thoughts and in exercising their will in accord with His will, and not expect any arbitrary forgiveness or removal of their sins, they would find themselves on the way to this forgetfulness and the true forgiveness.”

Now, of course, a person who refuses the assistance of their own Father and decides by the exercise of their own free will to neglect His offer of Divine Love will not have the assistance of the Father to help them to change their free will and remove the appetites and desires that are the underlying cause of sin. Therefore, soul progression for a mortal or spirit without the Father’s involvement becomes a time consuming and painstaking process of bringing their own soul in harmony with the laws of its creation through their own efforts, the assistance they receive from their friends and acquaintances, and their recognition of truth that exists within their own environment, until they no longer recollect the thoughts and acts that were the cause of sin within their own soul.

### *11. Causes versus Effects*

A message by Elias (Elias, Prophet of the Old Testament, Discusses the Law of Compensation, and Emphasizes That God Will Not Alter the Same) contains a very important principle in regard to the way in which our Father answers prayers. He states; “He will respond to prayer, where that prayer asks the removal of the causes, but never when it applies only to effects.”

As Peter mentioned, when the soul, using its free will exercises its appetites and desires in a way that is not in harmony with the Laws of God, sin is the result (or the effect). So, the true problem, or the true cause of pain and suffering is not the presence of sin, but rather the incorrect use of the will and the emotions, appetites and passions that result in thoughts or actions that are in disharmony with God’s Laws which, in turn, result in sin.

It therefore makes complete sense that, rather than praying for the removal of sin within our own soul (which is praying for the removal of an effect), we need to focus on praying for the removal of the emotions, appetites and passions that cause the sin (which is praying for the removal of the cause of sin within our soul).

When we pray to our Father to remove sin within us, and yet wish to remain ignorant as to the true cause of the sin, we are actually saying to Him; “Father I would like you to remove the painful effect, but I would like to personally remain ignorant regarding the true cause of this effect.”

Of course this prayer is directly opposing the Law of Personal Responsibility, since we are stating to our Father that we do not want to take responsibility for the causes of sin within us, and the prayer therefore cannot be answered by God, since God never violates one of His Own Laws in order to answer a supplication, no matter how sincerely offered.

When we pray to our Father to remove the cause of sin within us, we are actually saying to Him; “Father, I long for you to expose and assist me with the removal of the emotions, appetites and passions that caused me to sin, since I understand that once the cause no longer exists, I will never again commit the same sin, since the cause of sin will also no longer exist.”

### *12. Prayers In Harmony With God’s Laws*

Perhaps at this point it would be good to mention an example of a prayer harmonious with the principles mentioned above. These examples are based on the assumption that we desire to become at-one with our Father.

Firstly, lets assume that we feel very angry within ourselves about an event or circumstance that has occurred. It could be that we believe that someone has wronged us (whether this belief is the Truth or not), or it could be that when things

seem to “go wrong” in our life, we always seem to respond in anger. We may demonstrate that anger outwardly, by yelling or screaming at someone else, or treating them with resentment, whether that someone be the person we feel is “making” us angry, or whether that person is an innocent bystander.

Or, rather than yelling or screaming, we may just treat other person coldly without love, expecting within ourselves that all persons are out to injure or hurt us, and we may come to completely ignore the person, treating them as if they do not exist. We could also refuse to demonstrate the outward expressions of anger, but internalise the anger so much that we become depressed, and unwilling to cooperate with others or take personal responsibility for our own lives, believing other people “owe” us because of how “painful” our lives have been.

So, no matter how the anger is demonstrated, we have become aware that anger is the emotion within us. Of course, we must at least be truthful enough with ourselves as an observer of our own actions to see that the anger has become a problem, and we would also need to be truthful enough with ourselves to admit that the anger is an emotion within us, and our personal reasonability.

Initially, a person who is angry generally does not see anything wrong with the anger, believing they are justified in displaying anger towards others, or even towards themselves in different ways. But, as they begin to grow spiritually within their own soul perceptions, they will come to see that being angry and being at-one with God are contrary conditions. The reason for this is that anger is the result of our needs or wants not being met, and is an emotion of dissatisfaction, but our Father is always satisfied, and He has no needs or desires remaining unfulfilled. He is never wrathful or angry. So, if we wish to become at-one with our Father, at some point in our life we will come to the emotional realization that our constant displays of anger and resentment are divergent to our desires to become at-one with our Father.

So now, within the mind, there is a recognition that while anger remains a part of our soul, we cannot be at-one with our Father, and, since in many cases having the anger emotion within us causes us to sin against God’s Laws of Love, we come to see that we must somehow remove this anger from within us. Of course, at this point, we often do not know what the true CAUSE of the anger is, but we have now come to the realization in our mind that while this anger is within, we will continue to be motivated to sin against God’s Laws of Love, and this will prevent our becoming at-one with our Father.

At this moment, many people who are angry and yet realize that the anger is not in accord with working towards at-onement with God, begin to attempt to deny the anger within; they try to “not feel” or deaden themselves to this anger, or they feel so much guilt whenever they become angry, they attempt to not feel the anger emotion. But this is not good for the soul, because any emotion we refuse to feel is stored within us, and it will remain there causing disease until it is released. This storage of anger is a primary cause of diseases such as cancer and stroke within the physical body, and these ailments are often related directly to this emotion.

It is possible to be angry, and allow the feelings of anger to be present, and yet not harm others. However, anger held within will always harm ourselves, and hence, we sin against our own body by continuing angry. Of course, it is also very difficult remaining in a state of anger without harming others, because generally we eventually “boil over,” and usually the unloving action is directed at a person external to us, and so is in disharmony with God’s Laws of Love. So anger, although felt, is not a state which one would want to remain in and it is for good reason the Paul stated in the Bible, “Let the sun not set with you in a provoked state.” So, from this we get a clue how to handle anger. When we are angry, we need to admit to ourselves we are angry, and we need to allow the anger to be present, but, we also need to prevent ourselves from harming others because of the emotion, and see that remaining angry is not good for the soul, and at some time, hopefully within the same day, we can be removed from being in this “provoked state.”

Now that we have a mind-based realization that the anger is going to stop us from becoming at-one with our Father, and we have a sincere longing to be at-one with our Father, the desire to remove the anger from within us will grow. But how do we do this? Well, we could be tempted to pray; “Father please remove the anger from within us.” But, our Father will not answer this prayer, since it does not address the cause of the anger and it only addresses the effect.

So, it would be better to pray; “Father, please help me identify within myself the true reasons why I am angry, and help me to allow myself to emotionally realize these true causes, and take action in dealing with these causes of my anger so that I can no longer be angry.”

The emotion of anger has many causes. Sometimes we are not living in personal truth, and we may have become sad internally about this state of existence, and a soul not living as it truly desires to live and instead living in a state of unhappiness that seemingly never changes will always become angry. In this case we would need to come to see that we have free will, and that we need to take personal responsibility for our true feelings and desires, and come to live in personal truth.

Other times, the anger is caused by external events that have happened causing sadness within us, and, because sadness is generally thought to be an unacceptable emotion to express in day-to-day life, particularly for men, often we become angry due to the frustration of not feeling “allowed” to experience and express our sad feelings. These external events may be the “death” of a loved one, losing our job, being treated unjustly, sexual infidelity on the part of our partner, poor treatment by our parents, and many other such external causes exist. In these cases we will need to connect with and release emotionally the underlying sadness.

Since we have prayed for our Father’s assistance to identify the causes of the anger, and if we exercise our free will in a way that we remain open to the information regarding these causes He presents to us using his angels, our spirit guides, and our circumstances, we will always find the cause. Our Father is Faithful, and He will always answer our prayers when we sincerely want to identify and remove within us the causes for sin. We may find that the cause of the anger is a far deeper emotion, and again we may need to pray to our Father to assist us to identify and remove the causes of these deeper emotions in the same way.

Of course, we could also exercise our free will and resist the information our Father presents to us, and continually reject His leading us towards the true causes of our anger. We may do this because we are not personally prepared to experience the painful emotions underlying the anger, or we may constantly desire to blame other people for our own condition. But, if we do this, and continue praying to our Father to identify the cause, our Father will continue showing us the causes in more obvious and powerful ways, until it dawns upon our consciousness that our Father is continually trying to answer our prayer, and we have been continually rejecting his answers. Our Father loves us dearly, and will always respond to a sincere request dealing with the causes of a condition of the soul within the limitations of His Loving Laws.

Once we come into a condition that we have identified the cause for sin, another process needs to be followed before our Father can assist us by giving us His Love to wash away the cause of that sin from within us.

### ***13. Divine Forgiveness***

Within a very important message by Ann Rollins, called “Divine Forgiveness”, she made this statement; “Now, suppose the Creator of this law has created another law whereby, under certain conditions, and upon a man doing certain things, these memories are taken from him and no longer constitute a part of portion of his existence.”

The question now needs to be asked; “What are actions that a man must take for the conditions to exist that result in this higher law being able to be utilized by the man to remove the causes of his retaining these memories?”

Aside from a brief mention, Ann Rollins did not discuss these actions that a man must take for the conditions to exist that result in this higher law of Divine Love being able to be utilized by the man to remove the causes of his retaining these memories.

Although we could generally answer, “Prayer asking for Divine Love is the action,” it can also be stated that many people think they do pray in all sincerity for Divine Love and for these causes to be removed, yet the causes often remain, and this truth is demonstrated by the person continuing to sin (which is effectual proof of the causes remaining). If the cause did not remain, then the sin would no longer occur, and the person would always without fail think and act in harmony with God’s Law. So why do the causes remain? Are there other actions required by a man that are necessary before prayer (which, remember, is the longings of the soul) can be considered harmonious with the operation of God’s Laws of Divine Love?

Well, it is these actions and how they affect the operation of Divine Love that allow for Divine Forgiveness that I would like to talk about next, in the commentary I will next post called the “Principles of Repentance”.

Thank you for reading this message, and I hope that it has made clearer some aspects of Divine Forgiveness and Prayer that will assist you in your personal soul progression.

Your brother and friend

Jesus

## *Part 3: Principles of Repentance*

### *14. Introduction*

My dear bothers and sisters

Throughout this message, I will refer to the messages received by Mr James Padgett as the Angelic Revelations.

To be understood correctly, the following commentary is based upon messages found in the sections “Sin and Error”, and “Judgement, the Law of Compensation and Forgiveness” found in the Angelic Revelations of Divine Truth, Volume 1.

### *15. Memories*

When Ann Rollins, in the Angelic Revelation called “Divine Forgiveness”, made this statement; “Now, suppose the Creator of this law has created another law whereby, under certain conditions, and upon a man doing certain things, these memories are taken from him and no longer constitute a part of portion of his existence,” she was not referring to the intellectual or mental memories of the mind, but rather to the emotional memories of the soul.

Some basic reasoning will confirm this. If a person at-one with their Father had their mental memories taken from them so that they no longer constituted a part of their own existence, then it would also follow that Celestial spirits such as Nero, Herod, Amon, Aman, would not have been able to describe their sins nor their experience of the recovery of their own soul within the Angelic Revelations as they have done. So, obviously, it is impossible that these memories that no longer become a portion of their existence are of the intellect or mind, but rather, they are of the emotions contained within the soul.

So, the memory referred to is instead, the actual emotion, passion, desire and aspiration of the soul that was exercised and allowed to exist by the will of that person that caused the effect of sin, because of the disharmony that resulted with the Laws of God.

When Divine Forgiveness occurs, these passions, emotions, desires and aspirations of the soul disharmonious with the purpose of the soul’s creation, by the operation of Divine Love are removed from the soul, and they no longer constitute a portion of that soul’s existence.

### *16. The Question*

The question now needs to be asked; “What are the actions that a man must take for the conditions to exist which result in this higher law being able to be utilized by the man to remove the causes of his retaining these memories?”

Although we could generally answer, “Prayer is the action,” it can also be stated that many people think they do pray in all sincerity for these causes to be removed, yet the causes often remain, and this truth is demonstrated by the person continuing to sin (which is evidential proof of the cause remaining). If the cause did not remain, then the sin would no longer occur, and the person would always without fail act in harmony with God’s Law.

So why do the causes remain? Are there other actions required by a man that are necessary that are a part of prayer (which, remember, is the longings of the soul) that can be considered harmonious with the operation of God’s Laws of Divine Love and necessary for the continual receipt of that Love?

It is these actions and how they affect the operation of Divine Love that allow for Divine Forgiveness that I would like to talk about now.

### *17. The Awakening of the Soul*



The actions of men that are required that are a part of prayer in broad terms could be described as the awakening of the soul and coming into a contrite condition, a condition of repentance and remorse. Obviously, though, the awakening of the soul involves many steps and processes, which most of the time occur as a natural process, where the individual may not mentally be aware of all of the individual steps that occur. Mental awareness is not really necessary, but rather, awareness of the soul is the important thing.

This discussion will demonstrate the many steps involved, firstly in the awakening of the mental perception, and then in the awakening of the soul.

Please, in reading the following, do not assume that these processes are step by step, nor occur at the same time as each other. Rather, look at the description of these processes as a method for you to determine within yourself why the Divine Love may not be entering your soul to the extent that the causes of your behaviour are removed.

## ***18. Mental Awareness***

Before an awakening of the soul occurs, many times the awakening of the mind must first occur, and as the individual exercises their free will to become an honest observer of self, the process of the mind begins to become open to new thoughts and ideas.

During this process, lets assume that the person has become aware that there is a God who is their Creator, that they would like to become close to Him developing a personal relationship with Him as their own Father, and they believe doing so will result in their own more complete happiness. Without this primary awareness progression towards full truth is impossible.

Mental awareness is a process mostly of the mind and involves the intellectual perception of a person. In relation to repentance, the mental processes involved could be summarized as follows;

1. Mental awareness that the sin exists and is real
2. Mental awareness that sin has a cause within ourselves
3. Mental willingness to identify the cause within ourselves
4. Mental awareness of the cause within ourselves
5. Mental awareness of the Divine Truth

So, I would now like to describe these processes and how they relate to a soul coming into a condition of repentance.

### ***18.1. Mental Awareness That The Sin Exists And Is Real***

A person may begin by being totally in darkness as to sin. Many persons who sin have become so detuned to their own soul that they believe there is nothing wrong in what they do, even though in truth they are in disharmony with God's Laws, and their soul, spirit body, and often times their physical body demonstrates their own lack of harmony.

For example, war is totally against our Father's Laws of Love, and yet, a person claiming to worship God may feel justified in going to war. At the time of going to war and fighting for the cause they believe in, this person is not aware mentally that they are actually sinning against many Laws of God, although their emotions will often betray some awareness.

The person may not believe that going to war is a sin, they do not believe this sin exists, they do not believe it is real, they see no harm continuing to practice this sin, and they are not aware they are damaging their own soul even further by its practice. They are in a condition of denial of the soul.

At some point the person must come to have a mental awareness that going to war is in fact a sin, and that this sin exists, and it is real, and therefore cannot continue to be practiced if they wish to progress towards at-onement with

God. At this point, they mentally acknowledge that fighting must be against the Laws of God, and often this mental acknowledgement is brought about by the person's intellectual observations of the effects of war, such as starvation, death, disease, sadness, bitterness and so forth.

### ***18.2. Mental Awareness That The Sin Has A Cause Within Us***

Once there is a mental awareness that the sin exists and is real, the next step is to come to mentally acknowledge that there must be causes within ourselves that would allow us or tempt us to sin, and that these causes must be considered error, since they are in disharmony with God and His Love.

Often before this mental awareness occurs, there is a tendency to blame others for the cause, such as, "My government says I should go to war to fight, and so I do, otherwise I may be put in gaol." This of course is just an excuse, in the sense that we use this "cause" for war as an excuse to refuse to take personal responsibility for our own actions, and while we continue to excuse our own actions, we will never take personal responsibility for going to war to fight, and so we never come to mentally acknowledge that the cause of the sin is within ourselves, and not caused by an external force.

At some time then I will come to see mentally that I go to war because there is something within me that tells me there is nothing wrong with going to war, and since the results of war are very harmful, and I am contributing to those results, then I must not be in harmony with God and His Laws. I then become aware that the sin (thought, word or action in disharmony with God's Love) has a cause that is within me, that has become a part of me, and that I will at some time in the future need to eradicate.

### ***18.3. Mental Willingness To Take Steps To Identify The Cause***

So, we now have become mentally aware that there is something within us that allows us to sin. But are we mentally willing to truly examine ourselves and identify the cause within that allows us to break God's Laws?

This is often a very difficult step, since often we do not wish to be honest with ourselves, and admit that there must be painful emotions desires and passions that are the true cause of a belief that is in disharmony with God's Laws. Often, because of this internal pain, we also demonstrate a total unwillingness to examine ourselves even with the intellect. This is what I call mental or intellectual denial.

But, if we refuse to be willing to examine self, and mentally acknowledge that there is a cause within us for the sin, and be willing to actually intellectually see the cause at some time in the future, then we will continue to reject our Father's Love. So, eventually we are led by events, circumstances, and our own mental enlightenment, to become willing to see the truth that there must be a cause for the sin within us. We become willing to look and dig a bit deeper to find that cause, although at this point it may only be an intellectual willingness to examine (since often the emotional willingness to examine is much more difficult, and involves a painful process we desire to avoid).

### ***18.4. Mental Awareness Of The Actual Cause***

Since we are now prepared to find and identify the cause, during the course of our own honest investigations of ourselves, and our prayer with our Father, we may become mentally aware of the true cause. In the case of our going to war, we may find that we do not truly trust our Father, or that we do not truly believe in a spirit life, or we think that war is justified under certain circumstances, or there may be many other causes for our allowing ourselves to go to war to fight.

But we now know in our mind that we have a particular issue, and that this issue is the true cause of the sin we allow ourselves to continue to practice.

### ***18.5. Mental Awareness Of God's Truth***

But what is the Absolute Truth, God's Truth? Can we become at-one with our Father while we are willing to kill His children? Of course, we cannot. So, we now become aware of the true cause within us that allows us to sin (which is

the error within), and we also have become aware that we cannot remain in this condition and expect to continue to receive God's Love in ever-greater quantities.

We now know and believe mentally that it is wrong to continue to sin in the manner we have identified, we are also now willing to at least mentally accept that there are causes within us that result in our willingness to continue to sin, and we have mentally identified those causes. With our mind and intellect we now see the truth, the Divine Truth, we see the goal we are working towards.

So, we have now come to a point of mental awareness, or the mental realization of truth.

### ***19. Mental Awareness Versus Soul Awareness***

Often mental awareness is the result of an opening of the soul, rather than the soul awareness being a result of the mental realizations. In other words, an individual will often completely deny at the mind level any and all problems existing at the soul level, until there is an emotional desire to begin to deal with the soul feelings and emotions in disharmony with God. So, although I have mentioned the process of mental realizations first, this does not mean that mental realizations occur first in all or many cases, because, often, an emotional openness must first occur before any mental realization can exist.

There is a vast difference between a mental awareness or realization of truth, and having a soul awareness or realization of truth. A mental awareness does not ever result in repentance of the soul, although it can assist in the process of repentance. A mental awareness does not ever result in a person receiving more Divine Love, since the receipt of Divine Love is a soul-to-soul transaction; it flows from God's Soul via His Holy Spirit to our soul. Intellectual thoughts do not activate the Great Soul of our Father.

Soul awareness also may not result in the repentance of the soul, although the process of soul realization often does almost immediately result in a contrite spirit, or a repentant attitude. A person can be emotionally aware of their disharmony, and feel sorry for their own actions of the past, but not feel repentance. This is because repentance is a transaction of Divine Love, and involves feelings and remorse directed to our Father, our God.

### ***20. Soul Repentance***

Just because we have gone through a process of mental awareness of our own condition, it does not result that our soul is in a condition where it can now experience the flow of Divine Love. Divine Love achieves Divine Forgiveness, and Divine Forgiveness is only possible when the soul is in the condition of remorse for its sins, has a soul perception of the true causes of such sin, is totally willing to remove from itself these causes, and these feelings are directed towards the Source of Life, the Creator.

If the individual is unwilling to take responsibility for and experience the pain and suffering that comes from the release of the causes of their own sin, then how can that same individual expect their Father to use His Love to remove the causes of sin within them? In fact, such an event is not possible without a connection with the Holy Spirit, and the connection with the Holy Spirit cannot be maintained by a soul that is unwilling to take emotional responsibility for the causes and results of sin, or who does not come to the Father in a spirit of humility.

So, the process of soul awareness or soul perception is similar in some ways to the process of mental awareness, but with a very important difference, and that is that the process is ALWAYS EMOTIONAL, will always effect the emotions, feelings, desires, passions, intentions and longings of the individual. It is very difficult to describe the process of soul awareness with words, since words are symbols of reality only, and only the soul with its emotions is capable of understanding the true reality. However I will attempt to describe the following process that results in the increase of soul perception, and the greater inflowing of Divine Love;

1. Soul (emotional) awareness that the sin exists and is real
2. Soul (emotional) awareness that sin has a cause within ourselves
3. Soul (emotional) willingness to identify the cause within ourselves

4. Soul (emotional) awareness of the cause within ourselves
5. Soul (emotional) willingness to experience the pain from the expiation of error
6. Soul (emotional) release of the cause within ourselves
7. Soul (emotional) perception of the Divine Truth

### **20.1. Soul (Emotional) Awareness That The Sin Exists And Is Real**

Often we find that people admit mentally that they are wrong, and they also admit that the things they have thought, said, or done are in disharmony with God's Love, but they have little or no emotion connected with such admission. Since they are yet to experience the emotion, they are probably yet to have a soul awareness that the sin exists and is real.

Many people who complain of their not being able to break old habits in disharmony with the Father's Love are in this condition. They mentally accept that what they are doing is wrong, but they feel compelled by their emotional state to continue the sin. They would not be able to do this if they realized at the soul level that the sin exists and is real, since if they truly felt the sin was real within the soul, within their emotions, each time they sinned, they would feel overwhelmed with emotion because of the error.

A person using their free will continuing the practice of sin has not yet come to a personal emotional realization that continuing the willful practice of sin after coming to the knowledge of sin prevents a connection with the Holy Spirit, because the attitude of the heart is not one of repentance. A person continuing sin after becoming aware of sin does not respect the Laws of our Father, and so it is impossible, while such a disrespectful condition of their heart exists, for Divine Love to enter into them beyond a certain point. Such a person needs to grow in accurate knowledge, and come to understand that the Way to the Celestial angel also includes the way followed to the perfect natural man, which is the practice of moral and spiritual ethics.

When we truly emotionally understand the sin we will usually have an emotional feeling response to such awareness, and the understanding moves us from a position of merely stating the truth, to expressing and experiencing the truth emotionally.

When we have an emotional awareness that the sin exists and is real, but continue the thought, word or action of sin, we become overwhelmed with feelings of guilt and shame. Whether the cause of the guilt or shame is internal (from feelings within ourselves) or external (from other person's feelings that we have accepted), we need to allow our further progression through the emotional process of awareness and go to the next step, but we often avoid these steps emotionally, and we pay the "price" of avoidance with deeper feelings of guilt and shame.

If we continue to be aware emotionally that the sin exists and is real (which will result in our continuing to feel sad or angry with ourselves for continuing the action), but do not allow ourselves to identify the true cause of the emotion within us that is causing the sin to continue being practiced, then we will continue feelings of guilt and shame, which will become overwhelming and very difficult to suppress without reverting to total mental denial of the problem.

### **20.2. Emotional (Soul) Awareness That Sin Has A Cause Within Ourselves**

Often a person may feel the guilt or shame of continuing actions that are in disharmony with what they know truth to be, and yet refuse to dig deeper into their emotional condition and accept that the cause of such actions are desires, longings, passions, and intentions in disharmony with their Father that remain attached to their soul.

This will usually result in minimizing the sin, justifying it, or shifting the blame of it to someone else. A person who does this is not recognizing a primary truth, and that is;

HOW I RESPOND TO WHAT OTHER PEOPLE DO IS TOTALLY THE RESULT OF EMOTIONS WITHIN ME. If those emotions are in harmony with my Father's Love, then my response will always be in love. Other people are NOT TO BLAME for ANY of my responses, since, in the end, NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO, if I did not have emotions

within me that were disharmonious with God's Love, I would always react lovingly towards them.

A person, through the exercise of their own free will, may be preventing the expiation of emotions or beliefs of error within them, because they may be afraid of such emotions or feelings, or they may deny such emotions or feelings exist. Such a person needs to come to understand that while emotions or feelings that are opposing Divine Love exist within the soul, and the person chooses to remain in this condition and not demonstrate the willingness to release these conditions of error, they oppose the operation of the Holy Spirit, and so the Divine Love cannot flow into their soul to a greater degree than it already has. They are also in a condition of not trusting in the Father or in His Love.

For many of us, accepting that all we do out of harmony with our Father is caused by feelings within ourselves is a very difficult process. I liken this to the process of looking in the mirror at our own personal appearance before we go to work or school. (This is the illustration in the Bible contained in James 1:22-25, and Matthew 7:3-5) We examine ourselves physically to see if there is anything we could improve upon before we go and interact with others. Likewise, we need to also do a similar thing emotionally at the soul level. We need to examine our desires, passions, feelings and emotional responses and see that within us are the true emotional causes for all of our thoughts, words and actions. Each time we feel in our heart that someone else is to blame as the cause for our own disharmonious actions we are in reality breaking one of God's Divine Laws.

### **20.3. Soul (Emotional) Willingness To Identify The Cause Within Ourselves**

It is interesting that many times we may realize, both mentally and emotionally (in the mind and the soul), that there must be a cause within for our actions, words and thoughts in disharmony with our Father, but we often do not have any true willingness to find that cause.

The reason for this is that the causes are often so emotionally painful that we feel we cannot allow ourselves to actually examine them and feel them. We feel we will become overwhelmed with them, or that they may interfere too much in our day-to-day life, or that our circumstances do not allow us to experience them in truth. Often a person in this condition will state emphatically that they have dealt completely with the emotional cause within themselves, but their statement is in complete disharmony with their continuing words and actions, since those continue to demonstrate that the cause has not been removed.

Am I truly willing to identify the cause of the sins I commit, or am I actually desiring to maintain a state of emotional and mental denial, all the while telling myself and God that I am willing to progress and want His Divine Love? While I am in a condition of lying to myself about my own emotional willingness, can I really expect to feel my Father's Love to a greater extent when the transmission of His Love is also dependant on my willingness and desire to accept Truth?

If we have a true emotional willingness to identify the cause of error within ourselves, then generally, within a very short time, through synchronistic events and the operation of our Father's Love, the truth will be exposed to us in all its nakedness. If it is not exposed to us, then we need to pray to our Father about our willingness to identify and experience the truth emotionally, since our Father is always desirous of helping us to come into a condition of greater harmony.

### **20.4. Soul (Emotional) Awareness Of The Cause Within Ourselves**

Usually, if we have a true emotional willingness to identify the cause, we often very quickly arrive at the point of having an emotional awareness of the cause. Usually also, the next step quickly arrives.

Although this is usually a time of pain for us, it is also a time of pleasure too, since now the true cause of sins that we have been struggling with are emotionally felt, and at last a connection is made to the soul and its true condition. You could say at this point we have had an emotional realization of the true causes of things we have been thinking, saying and doing that have been out of harmony with our Father.

### **20.5. Soul (Emotional) Willingness To Experience The Pain From The Expiation Of Error**

Now, all we need is an emotional willingness to experience the pain that comes with the expiation of error. This pain will occur whether we are on the path of Divine Love, or whether we are on the path moving towards the perfect natural man. The primary difference between the two paths is that one path is completely God-reliant, and demonstrates a childlike dependence on our Father with humility, while the other path is completely self-reliant (or reliant on the assistance of other persons).

We must be honest in asking ourselves; do I have anger, sadness, shame, guilt, fear, or any other emotions of dissatisfaction within me, all of which are in disharmony with God's Love? If I still have them, and I am sincerely praying for God's Forgiveness, then why is it that my Father's Love has not yet come to me and erased such causes as I have been promised? And, if you think clearly about it, the only answer must be that I am unwilling to feel the emotions, unwilling at the soul level to truly experience the pain, unwilling to truly realize what the real issue is. From God's perspective, everything is in place for me to release the error and be forgiven, so if I cannot seem to release the error, there logically must be something I am yet to personally do that will allow the release.

This is where the Divine Path to soul progression is so totally different to the other paths offered by man. The spirit or mortal who has a soul willingness to experience the pain from the expiation of error, but who wishes to proceed down the path to the perfect natural man (either in ignorance or in pride), must go through the pain of expiation until they no longer remember emotionally the error within them. Many years, or in the case of a soul in deep darkness and disharmony, many centuries of Earth time may pass before a person on this path actually is forgiven, and in this way "forgiveness is forgetfulness".

The Divine Path involves coming to the Father in a spirit of remorse and repentance, totally willing to take personal responsibility for all we have done, but also with deep soul longings for our Father's Love to come and remind us that we are Loved by Him, and acknowledging that He has the power to help us to emotionally forget all these things that we have done in disharmony with Him and His Laws.

### ***20.6. Soul (Emotional) Release Of The Cause Within Ourselves***

The soul in this condition of repentance will now allow itself to go through or experience the emotions that have been the cause of its disharmonious actions. This emotional clearing, or emotional processing and release of error within the soul revitalizes the soul, causing its purification, and it naturally rises above its previous condition. At this point we often feel real, connected, peaceful and content.

But the process can be very overwhelming emotionally, as all spirits and mortals who have been through the process have come to realize.

Our soul has now expanded in its capacity to experience emotion, and also, as a subsequent result, can see more "truth". If the soul is God-reliant, and dependent on Divine Love during this process, then a portion of our Father's Love can now flow into the soul in more abundance, and we also automatically now understand with our emotions and feelings more of His Divine Truth, because we now have more of His Substance within us.

### ***20.7. Soul (Emotional) Perception Of The Divine Truth***

We now are in the condition where we truly perceive Divine Truth and Love to a greater degree than we did previously. Of course, we may need to continue such a process of realizations with other errors that exist within our soul, but each time we progress down the path of true realizations of the soul, each point in the process is more easily achieved and understood.

When we first truly see ourselves in the mirror, we may be overwhelmed at our own poor condition. Our first emotional release of error will seem like a mountainous obstacle, and we may feel that working through these errors will be a never ending painful process.

But as each new release of error occurs, the faster our soul progression becomes. We trust our Father more, we realize things more quickly, we are less resistive to feelings and emotions, and we have a greater possession of His Love. Eventually, our cup of negative emotions is empty, no longer does our history or emotional baggage weigh us down

and pull us into the abyss of sadness. Now we are just a person, full of God's Love, without negative emotions, or passions, desires or intentions disharmonious with our Father, and our life is now an experience of peace and bliss, a continuous expression of emotions full of Divine Love.

It is so simple to progress; just two things are necessary on our behalf. Firstly we need to come to possess a burning passion or desire to know God and experience His Love within our soul, and secondly we must take total personal responsibility and be open and willing to examine, recognize, emotionally experience, and feel remorse for our own condition of error. God supplies all the other things that we need.

Once we do this, we now have the emotional capacity to experience some of our Father's Emotions, and to then truly come to know how God Feels because we have some of His Feelings within us. And we also have the ability to continue this emotional growth, which comes with our growing soul perception, and experience God's Love in ever greater increments, causing our soul to come to possess a Divine nature, and to be overwhelmed by the happiness and joy that results from being at-one with our Father.

Such is the prospect of the person who can see how important the principles of repentance are in the experience of Divine Love and Forgiveness.

I know this has been a long message, but I hope that it helps you to identify within yourself any areas where you may feel you are stagnate in your progression.

Bye for now

Love

Jesus

## **21. Appendix: Padgett Messages Reference**

The following message, which comes from the Padgett Messages (also referred to as the Angelic Revelations, or The Truth Gospel of Jesus), is used as an additional reference for the above discussion by Jesus to the messages included in Part 1: Divine Law & Sin.

### **21.1. How the Redeemed Soul Is Saved from the Penalties That Sin and Error Have Brought Upon It'**

*I AM HERE. Jesus.*

*When the soul is in a condition of sin and error, it is not responsive to the inflowing of the Holy Spirit. In order to get into a condition of receptivity to these influences, it must have an awakening as to its actual condition of enslavement by these things. And until such an awakening comes to it, there is no possibility of its receiving the Love of God into it, and of turning its thoughts to the Truths of God and to the practices of life that will help it in its progress towards a condition of freedom.*

*I would not have mankind believe that any soul is compelled to stay in this condition of slavery to sin until the Holy Spirit comes to it with the Father's Love abundantly bestowed. The mission of the Holy Spirit is not to awaken man's soul to a realization of sin and death, but merely to bring to that soul this Love when it, the soul, is ready to receive it.*

*This awakening must come from other causes that influence the mind as well as the soul, and cause them to realize that the life man lives is not the correct life, or one in accord with the demands of the Laws of God or with the real longings of their own hearts and souls.*

*Until this awakening comes, the soul is really dead so far as its having a consciousness of the existence of the Truths of its redemption is concerned. And such death means a continuance in such thoughts of sin and evil, and in the life which may lead only to condemnation and death for long, long years to come.*

*But to come nearer to my point of discourse, I would like to say that the soul that is existing in sin and error will have to, sooner or later, pay the penalties for such sin and error; and there is no escape from the payment of these penalties, except in the redemption that the Father has provided by the New Birth. These penalties are only the natural result of the operation of God's Laws, and they must be endured until the full penalty is paid. Even though a man may progress to a higher condition of soul excellence and have much happiness, yet, he must pay the last farthing and thus release himself from these penalties.*

*With much love, I am*

*Your friend and brother,*

*JESUS.*