



# Call the Words a Sage

A Language of Light  
Streaming from  
The Prologue  
of John 1-5



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*This Word Pray Poem is dedicated to  
the glory of Lord Jesus Christ, from  
whom proceeds the Holy Spirit,  
whom He sends to teach us all things  
and to teach the truth of His word.*

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## P R E F A C E A N D P R O F E S S

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**I**n this Preface, we profess our total belief in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and our preference for the holy words of Jesus Christ as told by John. Many of us have, through trial and error, learned with difficulty to dedicate our entire lives, our thoughts, words, and deeds to Him, to be obedient to Him, to invite Him to dwell within us through the Holy Spirit. We bow down to Him and ask Him to take absolute control of our lives. This requires letting go of our will and letting Christ guide us with His will. In these Word Pray Poems, we pray that the words and very letters of John's Prologue speak to us and grace us with spiritual ears to hear the beautiful spiritual and mystical meanings of John's words that should be written in gold on our foreheads. Let us let the words of John speak their truth to us and enlighten us.

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## INTRODUCTION AND INVITATION

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**T**he book title, *Call the Words A Sage*, is inspired by Shakespeare's famous line, "All the world's a stage", from his pastoral comedy *As You Like It*. When I first wrote those five words, I saw the "Sage" as the human poet, but now, looking at the serene scene on the cover, it is clearer that "A Sage" is the Christ, a Holy beam of light sent by the Father and experienced by us as the loving wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Compare Swedenborg's portrayal of Christ the Son as a spiritual sun. May Christ, streaming down as the Sage, grace His people with the ability to "call the words" from the Prologue of John, revealing "all things and all truth" of the fourth gospel. Eternal thanks to the Son of God for gracing this non-deserving human with this overflowing gift and inviting us to join Him, The Way, The Truth, and The Life (John 14:6).



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## IN THE BEGINNING

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<b>I</b> nward	The inner oneness of God's Word Draws us deeper to Christ Lord
<b>N</b> earness	Harness us to see Thee clearly Love Thee dearly seek Thee nearly <sup>1</sup>
<b>T</b> rascendent	Before all the Sun Resplendent Father Son interdependent
<b>H</b> oly	The Only Son Word most Holy Before any thought unholy
<b>E</b> ternal	Your Word turns original Love Eternal letters from above
<b>B</b> efore	Way back perforce no time no thing Vast empty before angels sing
<b>E</b> xistence	Sounding unvoiced into being Lighting the blind into seeing
<b>G</b> od	Good God unseen in vast so deep Shepherds our souls still and asleep
<b>I</b> nnate	Wisdom and Love connate in time Grace and Truth resonate in rhyme
<b>N</b> uanced	Subtle simple a genius clock Wheels within wheels danced unlock
<b>N</b> uminous	Sacred beauty full and luminous Life water from Christ fountainous
<b>I</b> nfinite	Limitless God full flowing mercy Word rivers fathomless fluency
<b>N</b> atural	Innate gift of endless giving Scriptural gift for the living
<b>G</b> race	Graced by unwon mercy and love Embracing Him God's dove above

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## WAS THE WORD

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Word	In all ways there from very start Divine love eternally heart
Assures	Sure as love proven by Your death Sustaining all with Holy breath
Surrounds	Sound encircling the least of us Energy filled enlivened dust
Transfigured	Jesus' figure the three entranced For them, visions of heaven danced
Heavenly	Evenly hears all Your people Aspiring to height of steeple
Essence	Christ's presence the essence of love A wondrous woven treasure trove
Wholly	Longing to see Your Holy face By your side, please save us a place
Original	Christ virginal Creator all Found stone we need and heed Your call
Redeemer	Deem us worthy Your sacrifice May a true love of You suffice
Divine	On gospel words gossamer fine Allow us to forever dine

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## AND THE WORD

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Astounding	You, Word of God, truth resounding Your spirit wisdom abounding
Never-ending	Ever mending word to save and heal Ever sending grace buoys our zeal
Declaration	A promise by faith safeguarded In heaven with Christ beloved
Timeless	Before seamless existence prime Before any word thought or rhyme
Heart-deep	Hear the tears of His heartbeat weep For all souls with spirit asleep
Essence	Primordial wisdom sense deep Destiny awake souls asleep
Wonderful	We full wonder words astonished Steer clear of sin He admonished
One	The only One is Christ our Lord Being with Him in full accord
Reigns	Regal designs signals royal To our Christ be ever loyal
Devoted	We by Christ embraced enveloped Our promoted souls developed

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## WAS WITH GOD

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Washes	Living water cleanses our hearts As Christ strength enters, sin departs
Away	Christ is the way with washing pray A way in the manger child way
Sin	He without sin Cousin Brother Purely born of virgin Mother
Witnessing	He with God always a witness Holy Trinity blessedness
Interior	Innermost wisdom He unveils Enters solution for travails
Truth	Truest words from His mouth purest By His ruthful words are we blest
Holiest	Highest finest King to harvest Our souls to live forever rest
God-given	God's gift never be forgotten His only Son God begotten
Only	Brazenly brokenly maligned Wantonly scorned scourged and confined
Destined	He adorned emblazoned enthroned Ascended right hand companioned

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## AND THE WORD

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<b>A</b> uthority	We honor You Word, mouth Author Our soul touchstone, our life anchor
<b>N</b> ow	Winnow us now to knowing truth Holy Spirit guides all to truth
<b>D</b> eclared	Crystal clear words of clarity Lead us to elders' charity
<b>T</b> ranscends	Christ ascended sins amended Light and life now sinless blended
<b>H</b> eavenly	Advent of Christ Who lives in us Gates of Heaven opened pure plus
<b>E</b> xpectancy	With decency His regency And clemency His potency
<b>W</b> elcomes	Christ always welcomes latecomers Spirit reborn to all corners
<b>O</b> utcasts	Casts out His net for all sinners Castaway call all beginners
<b>R</b> eleases	Please ease release our inner sin Banish voices of doom and din
<b>D</b> emons	Demons heed His man-God command Christ supreme to evil demand

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WAS GOD

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Wondrous	A wonder bond so generous Draws us to Christ proliferous
Accord	Out of concord order One Word An accordant responsive chord
Sealed	Equals side by side glorified Heart to heart they ever abide
Goodness	Grace with a good and kind caress Rescues souls from evil duress
Opening	Awakening quickening spirit By Your mercy, not our merit
Destiny	Your omniscient scrutiny test Brings out in us a perfect best

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## HE WAS IN

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Highest	Christ God's highest finest bequest Setting our faith to strongest test
Eldest	Destiny for Son the Eldest Held On the Cross, He the Mildest
Wondrous	Your Wonder Cross we stand under Onerous egos asunder
Armsfull	Null harm in Thy full warming arms No qualms lulled in Thy loving arms
Shepherd	Heard assured held by loving sheer Clear dear and near You appear here <sup>2</sup>
Innocent	Experience the innocence Of His still eloquent silence
Nourisher	Cherish Christ, for poor souls fisher Grace and truth, our replenisher



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## THE BEGINNING

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<b>T</b> imeless	Endless bliss of kindred kindness That You guileless find us priceless!
<b>H</b> ome	Christ our love is calling us home From this wild gloam we had to roam
<b>E</b> verlasting	Lasting ever our life giver One true life does He deliver
<b>B</b> eing	All seeing God freeing our soul Hovers over us over-soul
<b>E</b> manates	Way before    Za Ra THUS   T Ra Long after    I   Am THAT I Am
<b>G</b> oodness	God is good and God is kindness Out of primordial boundless
<b>I</b> llumined	Rays of pure light many-sided Lighting His truth Logos-minded
<b>N</b> ascent	Bless His coming He to us lent Christ from heaven, on our knee bent
<b>N</b> eedful	Christ and God, heed Them full above They freed us, hoping for our love
<b>I</b> nvoking	Breathtaking soul involution Forging free will evolution
<b>N</b> aming	God's word calls our souls name by name Imbues our souls with sacred flame
<b>G</b> athering	Gather our souls there in a ring Bringing Christ our praise offering

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## WITH GOD

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Waybearer	Bearer, of way truth life and light Cup and cross bearer give us sight
Integrates	Follow Christ to His union gate There our hearts will regenerate
Thought	Pure of wisdom and love Thou art Deep secrets of heart please impart
Heart	Hearing the heartbeat of the earth Father sends Son to virgin birth
Gracing	Solacing embracing broken His Son shines, we are awoken
Opening	Christ gentle spoken is knocking Prays spirit broken come flocking
Doors	His mansions, many doors and floors On word lovers, love pours restores

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## ALL THINGS WERE

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Absolute	Be resolute no substitute Jesus the one Soul we salute
Logos	Lo! Go! Feel God's Logos gospel Hear it spell word by word indwell
Lord	Lord of pure order bird and Word No place for sworn sword of discord
Turning	A brand new flame is now burning For hearts learning and souls yearning
Highest	Christ with His high I want behest With light brightest guest form invest
Into	Align divine with His design Shrine of body soul within shine
Numinous	Naming us with light luminous Diaphanous illuminous
Graced	Grace well said is a saying grace Grace well ceded a saving grace
Substance	Pure elegance of His utterance Prepares our souls for body entrance
Wheels	Wheels within wheels so real above Reveals to us Christ, Dove of Love
Ethereal	See the real Three relate up there Reality coheres earth-birth here
Revolving	Christ absolving ever loving Without Him no soul evolving
Essence	Witness patience of His presence His reverence all existence

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## MADE BY HIM

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M	Measure	Pure composure creature nurture Perfect effect body sculpture
A	Animate	Soul resonate and concentrate Made intimate deliberate
D	Divine	Soul in body is now enshrined Spirit in body is now refined
E	Energy	Love synergy of Son and Father Souls embodied, they now gather
B	Bending	Blending bonding with His creatures God's image in human features
Y	Yearning	Frame adorning souls aborning With dear fire of life non-burning
H	Holding	Beholding His arms enfolding Our blest destiny unfolding
I	Immerse	Immerse us in Your word and verse Our ill will reverse and disperse
M	Magnify	Our souls in body You magnify Our spirits pure You dignify

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## AND WITHOUT HIM

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Absolute	I am the only solution With Me resides resolution
Neologian	I am the new Logos God's Word Love and wisdom in all accord
Directing	Without Me you can do nothing With Me nothing is everything
With	With Me there is pure light and life Without Me there is plight and strife
Immense	His immense presence profound sense Reflection of His countenance
Thought	Christ deep in thought His wonders wrought Without Him it all comes to nought
He	Wonderful Counselor God led Mending bodies, souls spirit fed
Opens	He opens up hope so complete Discrete tapestry Paraclete
Up	His truth turns all lives down side up Down and humble communion cup
Truth	Christ as love, Father as wisdom Holy Spirit as truth, God's kingdom
Humbled	Numbled by blows, head bled by thorns Tumbled by cross, impaled with scorns
Immersed	Versed in thought, giver of mercy The glimmering seas I decree
Measured	Christ both measured and measureless Measureless love, pure humbleness

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## WAS MADE NOTHING

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Waymaker	Give Him maker keys to our hearts Keeper of His way He imparts
Artificer	Sacrifice ignites inner fire Worship Him with perfect desire
Signature	Earth caressed, perfect each feature Future blessed by word geniture
Molding	Enfolding us in His embrace Beholding the grace of His face
Animator	Imparts vital spirit divine Enshrines each soul branch of the vine
Declares	Reside beside Him who declares Let there appear perfect pairs
Essential	Essene essence He says to all Know My Spirit answer My call
Nothing	No thing plus Christ is everything Christ birthing every good thing
Orders	Read His word His orders obey Disorder renders souls astray
Tenderness	John one with Christ, pure tender love John loved more than the stars above
Harmony	Harmony charm in spheres and stars Money harmful in wars and scars
Intimacy	John's head lying infinite breast With Christ's love all creation blessed
Newness	Witness rightness of His new law Grace truth and love thaw the old law
Goodness	Goodness of Christ awesome kindness Uplifted by His forgiveness

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## THAT WAS MADE

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Treasure	His Words in our hearts sure treasure I am THAT I am pure assure
Honor	What an honor to be all Yours Held in arms of triune splendors
All	Tear down your wall to hear His call Christ is the over all, pure all
Things	Songs of heaven o'er things of Earth Our just One offers a rebirth
World	Woven in His world love Lord word A Word ordered whirled and swirled
Ancient	Long ago ancient days and ways Patient obedient He prays
Sun	Rising the spiritual Son Unusual grace our souls won
Manifest	Calm your mind, let Christ manifest Obey Him word, He does the rest
Absolute	Oblates of His word resolute For Him infinite is minute
Divinity	Dive into His divinity We thank Him for eternity
Eternal	All the universe, He turns all Eternal letters are His call

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## IN HIM WAS

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I	Intimate	Intimate knowing belonging Ultimate growing beholding
N	Nature	His light and life unique mixture Creature love signature feature
H	Honestly	Really! Honest his life entire? To His modesty we aspire!
I	Implore	I implore your souls to explore Lore of yore, adore Father more
M	Men	Amen I say, self examen Attend your soul with acumen
W	Wondrous	Star of Wonder Messiah Bright! Grant us sinners Your inner light
A	Amazing	Gazing east there a Star blazing Three kings contemplate amazing
S	Star	Star of God born, Mary wonder Star in heart of Mary ponder



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## LIFE AND THE

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L	ight	Beams of light stream all suffusing Dissolving evil's confusing
I	llumines	Illuminator His own Word Reveals universal accord
F	orever	To revere Thee for evermore A way a last a long a shore <sup>3</sup>
E	ternity	To see a world in pain of hand And a heaven in promised land <sup>4</sup>
A	lmighty	Almighty God, head of wisdom Calming us with unbound freedom
N	ourishment	Enlightenment that souls cherish Enrichment for souls to flourish
D	ispense	Common sense, our God our defense Adoring God spare no expense
T	rue	In your soul, all His words ring true Filling the pilgrim soul in you
H	onest	Let poorest me be Your foot rest John's head rests on Your purest breast
E	xpression	His humble discretion lesson Self-profession, God omission

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## LIFE WAS THE

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Loving	As I loved you, love your brother Take in neighbor, then another
Inviting	Little children, please come to Me Leave worldly things, come hear and see
Forgiving	Hearts contrite all is forgiven With Christ, so long tempest-driven
Everyone	He Very One, the Cornerstone New commandment, a loving tone
Waterfalls	Triple Falls-Father wisdom power Son fount love Spirit truth shower
Awakening	Thundering falls bestir life light Quickening awake souls light sight
Surrender	Sunder rend our too prideful hearts Render splendors darkness departs
Transfigure	Brighter than sun whiter than snow Entranced blinded the three below
Heaven's	Canopy of heaven revealed Language woven in light unsealed
Energy	Christ light pure sublime synergy Christ light urges all be clergy

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## LIGHT OF MEN

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L	Learning	Word of God, in our hearts burning Learning His truth, be discerning
I	Imparting	Imparting Love impartially A Christ light proverbially
G	God's	God is Good beyond His sunset Brotherhood of man don't forget
H	Holy	Rain holy water streaming down Rays of light for His holy crown
T	Truth	Under my roof, there is no truth Heal my soul with Your word of truth
O	Offering	Surrendering to suffering Let it flow freedom buffering
F	Freedom	Dominion not free, feed My sheep Freedom ladder is very steep
M	Mends	O men, Jesus is new, O men O come be ye mended, dead men
E	Eternal	He turns all eternal letters In His gospel we are debtors
N	Nuance	Nuance and resonance of grace Assistance in His gaze and face

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## THE LIGHT SHINES

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<b>T</b> he	Transparent joy, a perfect boy Heaven on earth is Mary's joy
<b>H</b> eavens	Heaven's heaving this conceiving Peace on earth to all believing
<b>E</b> xult	Incarnation exultation Bow all nation, lowly station
<b>L</b> ight	O Holy light His Star shines bright And our Soul knew its worth forthright <sup>5</sup>
<b>I</b> ncarnates	Body germinates, loving wins Light emanates, abating sins
<b>G</b> enerating	Christ plentiful of truth and grace His unquenchable light embrace
<b>H</b> oly	O Holy night of shining Star Trinity Kings from shores afar
<b>T</b> remors	Angels in heaven holding breath His mortal birth overcomes death
<b>S</b> ource	Christ our resource and life-force light Shapes our course for spirit insight
<b>H</b> olding	Christ holding His lamp for our feet Molding our souls to paths complete
<b>I</b> mmesurably	Light-filling love beyond measure He our one cure and pure treasure
<b>N</b> ever-ending	Son light ever sending blessings His light ever extending sings
<b>E</b> nlightened	Eyes of our hearts be enlightened By true light chastened and straightened
<b>S</b> plendidly	Christ spends Himself, plentiful love Lucidly sends light from above

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## IN THE DARKNESS

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In	Deep within blackness of darkness Shines His light of brilliant brightness
Name	Come with Me, dine on bread and wine Believe My name. your soul will shine
Transparent	We are entranced, Christ our parent Pure clearest light, sun heaven sent
Him	Looking at Him singing light hymn Life in autumn, love gift solemn
Ethereal	He the real heart bearer healer Revealer, dark heart concealer
Destroy	Killjoys convoy versus pure joy A ploy winged life to destroy <sup>6</sup>
Assail	Alas! women wail no avail At His travail of nail and ail
Renounce	Brute beasts denounce renounce reason <sup>7</sup> Against God they announce treason
Knowing	Wisdom knowledge's leading edge Growing in grace to Christ we pledge
Negate	Propagate and promulgate hate Profligate souls subjugate fate
Eradicate	Suffocate heart-soul radiate Desecrate our Christ advocate
Shatters	Perverse chatters souls in tatters For mad haters nothing matters
Stillness	Necessity of being still Quiet spirit tempers the will

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## AND THE DARKNESS

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<b>A</b> blazed	Be dazed, pure sunlight in His gaze Emblazoned love for hearts amazed
<b>N</b> ascent	Assent by Him for earth descent This God-sent light magnificent
<b>D</b> imensions	Galaxies of light expansions He mentions His many mansions
<b>T</b> hreatening	Evening time reveals love haters Great ingrates and violators
<b>H</b> earthless	A heartless world against word sight <sup>8</sup> A darkness world against word light
<b>E</b> nimity	A mighty enemy venom spleen Careens souls into depths unseen
<b>D</b> oom	Harbingers of dark doom and gloom Putting our Groom in dreary tomb
<b>A</b> bhors	The proud dark abhors truth and light Virtue and order out of sight
<b>R</b> adiant	Christ light radiant and brilliant Son reliant and compliant
<b>K</b> indness	Loving kindness cures all blindness Word and spiritual blandness
<b>N</b> ullifies	Word of God nullified defied Christ mortified and crucified
<b>E</b> rodes	Herod ever destroys and erodes Sanctity of Christian abodes
<b>S</b> ubverts	Moral corruption, covert means Perverting of souls young and clean
<b>S</b> ilence	Silence stillness kindness knowing Potent presence spirit blowing

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## COMPREHENDS IT NOT

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C	Contemplate	Celebrate His radiate soul Advocate love of gospel scroll
O	Only	From all alone to all are one His mission Christ risen is won
M	Moral	Moor your morale to heed His call A more moral realm for us all
P	Purity	Clarity in His purity His charity a rarity
R	Releasing	Our soul polishing and cleansing Prayer unceasing, self-decreasing
E	Error	The terror of Eros era Smash your mirror, eyes see clearer
H	Honoring	His light shone on our ring of faith Honor and love souls he saith
E	Everything	His Word ever the very thing Came for everyone, everything
N	Never-ending	Ever tending love unending No pretending, arms extending
D	Dedicated	Deep has His Word penetrated Our hearts, His Love consecrated
S	Submission	To His mission passion, submit Surmount with Him to cross summit
I	Incandescent	His brilliant diaphanous light Descent of light, single eye sight
T	Transcendence	Whence limitless light emergence? Hence His grace-light-truth convergence
N	Negating	One and Only truth denouncing Son of peace and light renouncing
O	Only	A lonely gift, yet wonder won The only one, atonement son
T	Truth	Father truth, Son peace, Spirit love Bequeath to beneath from above

*In the Beginning...*

Before we begin, O Lord, we pray that  
You harness us  
to see Thee clearly, love Thee dearly,  
and seek Thee nearly!

*In the Beginning ...* way before creation

an inner nearness with Father and Son,  
resplendent and interdependent,  
the only Son, the Word most Holy.

Way back, no time, no thing, a vast empty before angels sing,  
the vast so deep  
souls unborn asleep  
Then wisdom and love merge,  
time begins,  
grace and truth emerge.



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A genius clock,  
subtle and simple,  
unlocks,  
and wheels within wheels  
begin to turn  
and set creation  
into motion.

A sacred beauty full of luminous light and living water,  
fountains spring up limitless and the first secret words,  
rivers of words of fathomless fluency,  
are uttered in an endless giving,  
beginning a scripture gift for the future living.

All this, mirrored eons later,  
at the Jordan  
as the Dove of Love  
from the Father Above  
embraces the Son  
in Whom the Father is well pleased.

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*was the Word ...* there from very start,  
an eternal loving heart,  
sustaining all creation with Holy Spirit breath,  
proving His love with his last breath and death.

His word, a sacred sound,  
encircles all of creation,  
enlivening dust  
with His wondrous, woven love essence.

The Word is wholly and holy original  
at the origin, virginal,  
a founding stone,  
with love of truth  
and truth of His love  
that calls to all  
and invites them to forever dine  
on his gospel words, gossamer fine.

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*And the Word ...*

is astounding,  
truth resounding,  
wisdom abounding,  
a never-ending,  
ever-tending  
mending  
that heals  
and graces us with zeal.

Our faith in Christ

safeguards our place in Heaven.

All this before existence prime,  
before any word, thought, or rhyme.

Hear the tears of his heartbeat weep

For all souls with spirit asleep

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Our souls astonished  
and nourished  
with His wonderful words  
flourished  
and replenished  
when He admonished  
us to steer clear of sin.

He is our Lord, Word, and Ward.

He is our Guard.

Being with Him,

reigning so regal and royal,  
affords us an accord loyal.

Our devoted shepherd Christ  
embraces & envelops us in His arms,  
protects us from harms,  
and develops and promotes our souls  
to love others as He has loved us.

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*was with God...*

His living water

washes away sin,

cleanses our hearts,

and as His strength enters, sin departs.

His innocent child way

is the born-again way,

with a new spirit within.

Our elder brother without sin,

born pure and chaste of Mary virgin,

is with God,

and always a witness

of Holy Trinity blessedness.

His interior, innermost wisdom unveils

solutions for our travails.

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He is the way, the life, and the truth,  
and from His mouth purest  
come words truest.  
His words are both  
truthful  
and ruthless,  
truthful in being  
without sin or deceit,  
ruthful in being  
full of sorrow for his lost sheep,  
and in full sorrow,  
lifting Himself up onto the cross,  
sacrificing His life  
to save us, sinners all.  
He saves and harvests our souls  
to live forever  
resting with Him  
on the highest mountain  
in Heaven.

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He is our highest

and finest

King of Kings.

He was with God,

a begotten

never to be forgotten,

as he chose with His Father

for the Son to be

destined for the Cross

where He,

the

lonely

only

One

was:

“brazenly brokenly maligned  
wantonly scorned scourged and confined.”

And yet,

He rose from that death

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Adorned with blood

from the Crown of Thorns.

In the Book of Heaven,

His name is forever emblazoned,

resting companioned

at the right hand of the Father.

He,

the most innocent and humble,

living as fully human,

suffering everything,

now ascended and enthroned,

always one with the Father.

How blessed are we

that the gift of His death turns into

the gift of

eternal life

for those who fully believe

in Him and His sacrifice!



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## *And the Word...*

## *Authority ...*

Your Father gave you all authority

to proclaim the purity

the charity

and the clarity

of the Kingdom of Heaven

From out of the mouth of your Father

came the Word of God to gather together

one sheep after another,

and call each one brother.

We honor You Word mouth author

Our soul touchstone, our life anchor.

## *Now...*

You are authority now declared

to winnow us now

to knowing truth.

You promised, and You sent God's truth.

Your Holy Spirit guides us all to Your truth.

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## *Declared...*

You have been declared

by Your Father,

God Almighty,

to be fully divine,

the Son of God;

and to be fully human,

the Son of Man;

You came to earth

to save our souls

with crystal words of clarity,

leading us foremost

to elders' charity.

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*Transcends ...*

*Heavenly ...*

*Expectancy ...*

Christ clearly exceeded  
and transcended  
the Father's heavenly expectations for Him.

When He ascended,  
our sins were amended,  
but that depended  
on our being intended  
to follow Him in seeking  
the perfection he recommended.

The Advent of Christ.

He now lives in us.

His opening the Heavens  
is a pure plus.

Given the decency of His regency  
and the clemency of His potency.

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## *Welcomes ...*

Never before  
were the poor  
so welcomed.

Never before  
were the widowed  
so beloved.

Never before  
were the orphaned  
so gladdened.

Christ welcomes all believers to His kingdom

He welcomes  
the dejected,  
the ejected,  
and the rejected.

He welcomes all latecomers  
and fosters their spirit being reborn  
to all corners of the Earth.

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## *Outcasts ...*

He is the Fisher King,

casting out his first net

for all sinners.

It is a call

for all castaways,

a casting call

for all beginners,

a casting call for

Andrew and John to come and see.

## *Releases ...*

Jesus gives us a new lease on life,

urging us to abandon worldly pursuits

of lust, greed, and power

and pursue Lordly pursuits

of love, generosity, and meekness.

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We plead with Him to please

release

us

from our inner sin,

to banish the voices

of doom and din.

### ***Demons ...***

How ironic is it ...

that demons know and believe that ...

*that Jesus is the Christ...*

*that Jesus is the Son of God!*

But humans, even up to Thomas,

doubt that He is the Christ ...

doubt that He is the Son of God

doubt that He is risen!

Demons heed His man-God command

Christ supreme to evil demand.

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*Was God  
Wondrous ...*

*A Wonder Accord Sealed!*

a wonder bond so generous.

a light bond so lustrous,

a spiritual wealth so prosperous,

a heart connection so rapturous,

a humility so decorous,

an abundance so proliferous,

a glory so splendiferous!

*And all this just for us!*

*Accord ...*

An accord ...

A concord harmony

A concord order

Out of this order

One word

An accordant responsive chord

*Sealed ...*

Equals side by side glorified

Heart to heart, they ever abide

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## *Goodness ...*

God is good.

His grace comes

with a good and kind caress

and rescues souls from evil duress.

## *Opening ...*

His goodness is opening the doors

of our hearts

for the Holy Spirit

Who imparts

an awakening quickening spirit

by His mercy, not our merit.

## *Destiny ...*

Then God's ever present

omniscient scrutiny test

brings out in us a perfect best



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In the Bible and in Valtorta's *[Poem of the Man-God](#)*, John always places himself as the "last and least" of the Apostles. His meekness, humbleness, and love for Christ is, for me, the greatest virtue of John and of the greatest saints and mystics. All of them replace their ego self with the Christ self by inviting Christ to dwell within them and reshape them anew. They all consider themselves as nothing and Christ as everything. As Matthew 20:16 says:

*"So the last shall be first, and the first last:  
for many be called, but few chosen"*

This is the end of the commentary on the first three poems of *Call the Words a Sage*. A complete commentary on all of the eight poems will be part of a forthcoming "Book 2."

John was intimately in touch with his own soul.

That is why the Evangelist of Love can say,

(Maria Valtorta, *Poem of the Man-God*” Volume  
2 Paragraph 227, Pages 481-482):

“I would like a pair of wings to fly up  
to the gates of Heaven  
and learn the language of Light,  
to repeat it to men.”

The subtitle of *Call the Words a Sage* is:

“A Language of Light  
Streaming from  
The Prologue of John 1-5.”

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A Language must have words,  
and the words to be visible to  
us,  
must embody light.

The book cover shows a beam of light  
streaming down from above  
and ending at the surface of the water.

Just below where the light meets the water is  
one word . . . SAGE!

The symbolism of the book cover is inescapable.

The beam of light  
is streaming down from Heaven and  
meets the water, the Water of Life,  
the Living Water,  
which is embodied in  
one word . . . SAGE!

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In one word . . . SAGE!

The SAGE is Christ,

the Son of God,

sent down from Heaven,

on a beam of heavenly light,

to save our souls

with His Light and

His Living Water.

His Light is embodied in

in the Bread of Life,

and His Living Water is embodied in

the Wine of Life,

which He bequeathed to us

at the Last Supper.

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Here, we have a Beginning

and an

End.

At His birth...

The Beginning,

He is beaming and streaming down

as the Infant Christ,

full of Living Light and Living Water,

the two essentials...Light and Water

bound together

in His dawning of a living and loving life.

The book cover is the

dawning of a new day

and a new way.

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We have depicted here

the Birth of the Word,

the Birth of the Sage of Sages,

the Birth of the humblest Sage

on the humblest stage, a manger.

The Light streaming down,

meets with the water and

creates a fully human Sage,

a Sage who will lead us

with His words of wisdom,

to a new Beginning.

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It is a new life undreamed of before.

This Sage will CALL THE WORDS,

Call the Words

of love and wisdom,

of grace and truth,

down from Heaven,

given to Him in Heaven

by His Father,

to Whom He owes everything

and without Whom

He the Christ would be nothing.

This is the Beginning.

Then we have the End.

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The End begins with the Last Supper.

We have two Trinities:

Light-Bread-Body

Water-Wine-Blood

Light and Bread, Water and Wine;

these create and maintain our life

manifesting in body and blood.

What is essential is given to us

at the beginning and at the end by Christ!

In the beginning was the word,

and all things were made by Him.

In the beginning... we were made by Christ

with living light and water.

In the middle ... we are kept by Christ

with living bread and wine.

In the End ... we are saved by Christ with His

Body and Blood in

*Remembrance of Him!*



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## EPILOGUE

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The first mention of the Holy Spirit by John is John 1:32.

“And John gave testimony, saying,

‘I saw the Spirit coming down as a dove from Heaven  
and He remained on Him.’”

The Dove of Love

descends from Heaven above.

For the first time on this Earth,

The Holy Spirit comes to stay and abide.

Side by side, the Three reside  
in each other and within us.

We are witnesses on Earth of this birth ...

*Birth of the Trinity,*

*Birth of the Tri-Unity,*

*Birth of the Three Unity!*

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1. In debt to [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard of Chichester](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_of_Chichester)
2. In debt to [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard of Chichester](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_of_Chichester)
3. In debt to Finnegans Wake\_ “A way a lone a last a loved a long the riverrun, past Eve and Adam’s, from swerve of shore”
4. In debt to Blake\_ “To see a World in a Grain of Sand And a Heaven in a Wild Flower.”
5. O Holy Night: “felt’ its worth” is now on the net, but when we sung it in elementary hallways, I remember it as “knew its worth,” and that, for me, gives it a deeper meaning.
6. In debt to Blake: “he who binds himself to a joy does the winged life destroy...”
7. In debt to: Pascal’s Pensées: “the others would renounce reason, and become brute beasts.”
8. In debt to Steve Miller Band: “I Want to Make the World Turn Around.” I don’t want to live in a world of darkness — I want to live in a world of light; I don’t want to live in a world that’s heartless — I want to live in a world of sight



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