

Teacher of A Course in Miracles: In Memory of John Wright (1929-2019)

We always looked forward to Wednesday evening. Yes, it was Hump Day, but it was also time to go to John's class. He always greeted each of us with a hug and a smile. This was our time to sit encircled together in his gentle presence, and amongst the chaos of the week, be reminded that truly we are all One.

John was A Course in Miracles leader and facilitator here in the Denver area for 30 years, teaching in the uncompromising vein of Kenneth Wapnick. Besides his background as a Presbyterian minister, he was highly knowledgeable about the world's spiritual belief systems and an expert in comparative religious studies, which enriched our class discussions greatly. He wrote discussion papers on topics like quantum theory, spirituality, religion, the Self, perception, and the great questions such as "What am I" and "Where did we and the world come from?"

What made John such a unique and awesome teacher was that at his core, he was always a seeker and questioner, empowering us to be also. He pushed us forward by having us take turns teaching a section of the Text. His class was where we had the most fascinating conversations of all, the ones we could not have anywhere else. He summed up the Forgiveness Principle in this short sentence: "I am the Thought of God and I have never left my Source."

Most of all, John practiced what he taught, forgiving the world everyday, and staying a lovely human being who loved people. Section 4 of the Manual for Teachers, *What are the Characteristics of God's Teachers?* lists many qualities he reflected in his life: Trust, Honesty, Tolerance, Gentleness, Joy, Defenselessness, Generosity, Patience, Faithfulness, and Open-Mindedness.

He also gifted us with many of his own "spiritual reminders", or sayings, that we will continue to use and treasure. He authored the following for our end-of-class meditation:

I recognize my belief in separation is the problem.

I am one Self united with God and all Creation.

Jesus, I ask you this day to provide me with the opportunity to experience a miracle.

Holy Spirit, provide me with the guidance and strength to respond in love.

Holy Spirit, I thank you that I experience our Course in Miracles group as a Holy Relationship.

Holy Spirit, I ask you to use this relationship for your purposes.

I, the Christ, am here as a reminder that the outcome of the journey, the Kingdom of God, is guaranteed.

There is nothing to fear for I am Love itself.

---John Wright

There is so much more we could share about our beloved ACIM teacher, but John would want us to stop. He would say something like, "Remember, there is no John Wright, only the One Sonship. We are Love, we are One, we are Truth, we are Spirit."

Thank you, Holy Spirit, for placing John in our spiritual path.