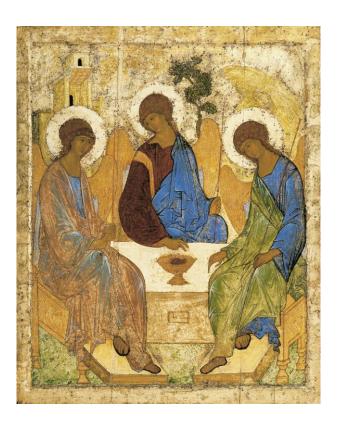
## WIND: Ghostly

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I think often about the invisible God—doubly covert. I mean, now and again Father and Son made their appearances, speaking in thunder, blood, or salvation. But the third Person is like a ghost. Sometimes he silvers for a moment, a moon sliver between moving leaves. We aren't sure.

What to make of this... How are we meant to see him? As energy hovering, birdlike, over chaos, breeding it into ferns and whales? Blessing the scalps of the righteous with a pungency of oil? Bleeding the hard edge of warning into all those prophet voices? Etching Ezekiel's view with oddities—eyes in wheels spinning like astrolabes?



Crowding Mary's womb to seed its dark clay? Wising up fools to improbable truth?
Filling us like wine bottles?
Bursting from our mouths in champagne gasps of surprise? This for sure—he finds enough masks to keep us guessing: Is it really you? Is this you also?

It's a cracked, crossover world, waiting for bridges. He chooses a shape—fire, dove, wind, water, oil (notice—in him oil and water mix), closes the breach in figures that flicker within the closed eye, tongue the brain, sting and tutor the soul. Once incarnate in Judaea, now he is present (in us in the present tense), occupying our bodies—shapes to be reshaped—houses for this holy ghost. In our special flesh he thrives into something too frequent to deny, to real to see.

"When I did a hermitage in the Lent of 2006 in Arizona, I had an enduring sense of the presence and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, one that I think is fully available to all of us "if we but knew the gift of God" (John 4:10). I slowly composed this prayer litany to awaken and strength this Presence within you. Recite it whenever you are losing faith in God or in yourself."

—RICHARD ROHR (in *The Naked Now*, pp.168-9)

Pure Gift of God Indwelling Presence Promise of the Father Life of Jesus

Pledge and Guarantee

Eternal Praise
Defense Attorney
Inner Anointing

Reminder of the Mystery

Homing Device Knower of All Things Stable Witness

Implanted Pacemaker
Overcomer of the Gap
Always Already Awareness
Compassionate Observer

Magnetic Center God Compass Inner Breath Divine DNA

Mutual Yearning Place

Given Glory

Hidden Love of God Choiceless Awareness Implanted Hope Seething Desire Fire of Life and Love Sacred Peacemaker Nonviolence of God Seal of the Incarnation First Fruits of Everything

Father and Mother of Orphans

Planted Law
Truth Speaker
God's Secret Plan
Great Bridge Builder
Warmer of Hearts

Space between Everything

Flowing Stream
Wind of Change
Descending Dove
Cloud of Unknowing
Uncreated Grace
Filled Emptiness
Through-Seer

Deepest Level of Our Longing

Attentive Heart
Sacred Wounding
Holy Healing

Softener of Our Spirit

Will of God

**Great Compassion** 

Generosity of the Creator

Inherent Victory
The One Sadness
Our Shared Joy
God's Tears
God's Happiness
The Welcoming Within
New and Eternal Covenant
Contract Written on Our Hearts

Jealous Lover
Desiring of God

You who pray in us, through us, with us, for us, and in spite of us. Amen. Alleluia!