# Jesus and His Own A Commentary on John 13-17 Daniel B. Stevick

"The Paraclete will come (15:26; 16:7, 8, 13) as Jesus has come into the world (5:43; 16:28; 18:37) ... The Paraclete will take the things of Christ (the things that are mine, ek tou emou) and declare them (16:14-15). Bishop Fison describes the humility of the Spirit, 'the true Holy Spirit of God does not advertise Herself: She effaces Herself and advertises Jesus.' ... It is by the outgoing activity of the Spirit that the divine life communicates itself in and to the creation. The Spirit is God-in-relations. The Paraclete is the divine self-expression which will be and abide with you, and be in you (14:16-17). The Spirit's work is described in terms of utterance: teach you, didasko (14:26); remind you, hypomimnesko (15:26), testify, martyro (15:26), prove wrong, elancho (16:8), guide into truth, hodego (16:13) speak, laleo (16:13, twice), declare, anangello (16:13, 14, 15). The johannine terms describe verbal actions which intend a response in others who will receive (lambano), see (theoreo), or know (ginosko) the Spirit. Such speech-terms link the Spirit with the divine Word. The Spirit's initiatives imply God's personal engagement with humanity. The Spirit comes to be with others; the teaching Spirit implies a community of learners; forgetful persons need a prompter to remind them; one testifies expecting heed to be paid; one speaks and declares in order to be heard. The articulate Spirit is the correlative of the listening, Spirit informed community. The final Paraclete passage closes with a threefold repetition of the verb she will declare (anangello), 16:13-15. The Spirit will declare the things that are to come (v.13), and she will declare what is Christ's (vv. 14, 15). The things of Christ are a message that must be heralded."

# HOLY SPIRIT APOKALYPSIS









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"Apocalypse has come to be used popularly as a synonym for catastrophe, but the Greek word apokálypsis, from which it is derived, means a revelation. It has been defined by John J Collins as 'a genre of revelatory literature with a narrative framework, in which a revelation is mediated by an otherworldly being to a human recipient, disclosing a transcendent reality which is both temporal, in that it envisages eschatological salvation, and spatial, insofar as it involves another, supernatural world." https://encyclopedia.pub/



"The passages that provide the strongest evidence for conceiving of the Spirit as a distinct figure, an independent agent or actor, are all found in the Farewell Discourses, chapters 14-17 of the Gospel (14:16-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7, 3). What is peculiar to this group of passages is not only their location in those discourses, but that here, and here alone, is the Spirit called the "Paraclete." The functions attributed to the Paraclete differ markedly from those attributed to the Spirit elsewhere in John. The dominant description of the Spirit-Paraclete is

as a teacher and guide who will be with believers. Thus the Spirit teaches (14:26; cf. 1 John 2:27); reminds disciples of Jesus' words (14:26);

testifies on Jesus' behalf (15:26); accuses or convicts the world (16:8-11); and speaks, declares, and glorifies Jesus (16:13). The Spirit is also described as another paraclete, who in some way can be set alongside Jesus. Moreover, the Spirit is "sent" by God (14:26; 15:26; 16:7), language that calls to mind the sending of prophets and of course of Jesus himself. The Spirit "comes from" God (15:26; 16:7, 13). The Spirit can be "received" or "welcomed," as Jesus was received; believers are said to "know" and, most peculiarly, to "see" the Spirit (14:16-17).

All in all, the descriptions of the Spirit and the Spirit's activities in the Farewell Discourses comport well with a picture of the Spirit as a distinct figure who is sent, like the prophets and angels, to human beings as a divine messenger, and so who can be said to "come" in the name of the Lord, and to be welcomed or rejected by them. The Spirit is not so much the agency or manifestation of God's presence but God's present agent. Hence, God would not be present as Spirit but perhaps *in* or even *with* the Spirit, in much the same way that God is present in a prophetic or angelic messenger."

Marianne Meye Thompson, *The God of the Gospel of John* Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company (October 2001), pp. 149

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Thank you for your reply. Yes, I can generate a blog post with an informative tone. Here is the text I generated using the given keywords:

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The Gospel of John is the only book in the New Testament that uses the term "Paraclete" to refer to the Holy Spirit. The word "Paraclete" means "one who is called alongside" or "one who advocates, comforts, or helps". In John's Gospel, the Paraclete is a distinct figure who is sent by God to be with the disciples after Jesus' departure. The Paraclete has various functions, such as teaching, reminding, testifying, convicting, and glorifying Jesus. The Paraclete is also another Paraclete, who can be compared to Jesus as a divine messenger and representative.

The Paraclete Shri Mataji is a modern spiritual teacher who claims to be the incarnation of the Holy Spirit and the Adi Shakti, the primordial cosmic energy. She founded Sahaja Yoga, a form of meditation that aims to awaken the Kundalini energy within each person and connect them to their true self. She also teaches that she is the fulfillment of the prophecies of various religions, including Christianity. She interprets the Paraclete in John's Gospel as a reference to herself and her mission.

According to Shri Mataji, the Paraclete is not only a helper or a comforter, but also a counselor and a judge. She says that she has come to give people the knowledge of their inner being and to guide them to the truth. She also says that she has come to expose the falsehoods and evils of the world and to establish a new era of peace and harmony. She claims that she is the one who can teach people about Jesus and his true message, which has been distorted by human interpretations. She also claims that she is the one who can glorify Jesus and reveal his divinity.

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In this blog post, we have briefly explored the concept of the Paraclete in the Gospel of John and in the teachings of Shri Mataji. We have seen some similarities and differences between these two perspectives, as well as some challenges and questions that they raise. We hope that this post has stimulated your curiosity and interest in learning more about these topics.

### **HOMEPAGE**

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Bing August 17, 2023: "Pakistan is once again facing the scourge of religious extremism and violence in a series of church attacks. The attacks are not an isolated incident, but part of a long history of religious intolerance and persecution that plagues Pakistan. Since 2001, more than 60 churches have been attacked by extremists, killing hundreds of Christians. Other religious minorities, such as Shia Muslims, Ahmadis, Hindus and Sikhs, have also faced discrimination, harassment and violence."

Bing August 17, 2023: "How to Recognize the True Paraclete from the False Prophets: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to this world to reveal the truth about God and His love for humanity. He also promised to send another Helper, the Paraclete, who would guide us into all truth and remind us of everything He taught us.... These words are very relevant for our times, when many people claim to be the Paraclete or the Comforter that Jesus promised. How can we discern who is the true Paraclete and who is a false prophet? How can we avoid being deceived by wolves in sheep's clothing?... One of the most remarkable examples of the true Paraclete is Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, who .... has fulfilled all the criteria of the true Paraclete."

Bing August 16, 2023: "The link is titled "Meeting the Universal Savior" and it describes the experiences of two children, Kash and Arwinder, who claim to have visited the Kingdom of God (Sahasrara) through meditation. The link claims that in the Kingdom of God, they met Jesus and other religious figures such as Ganesha, Krishna, Shiva, Brahma, and others. The link also claims that Jesus spoke in Sanskrit, which is "the primordial language of the Gods", and that he revealed his true identity as Shri Mahavishnu, the preserver of the universe. The link provides several quotes from Kash and Arwinder to support these claims."

Bing August 14, 2023: "But what is the Divine Feminine? According to Jagbir, She is not a goddess or a deity, but rather the essence of life itself. She is the creative power that manifests everything in existence, from the smallest atom to the largest galaxy. She is the love that binds us all together, and the wisdom that guides us to our highest potential. She is not separate from us, but rather our own higher self, our own soul. He says that She is the source of all consciousness, and that we are all connected to Her through our hearts."