

The Dove

Carl was living in a house located in Columbia, CT. One day he was in the back yard of the house with a friend of his. Suddenly they noticed that there was a white dove perched on the roof. Carl decided to extend his arm, as if he were holding some food, to see if the bird would come to him. Suddenly, the bird flew down and landed on Carl's left arm, and began walking along his arm towards his shoulder. Carl's friend shouted, "Grab the bird!" Carl attempted to do so but he could not move his arms. The bird perched on Carl's shoulder, and remained there for several minutes. Carl still could not move his arms. Then suddenly the dove flew back to the roof, and remained there for about three days.

This event foreshadowed how Carl would spend the second half of his life—being the instrument of Spirit. Most people consider that Jesus' ministry began when he was baptized in the River Jordan. Many artists depict that event as a dove descending on Jesus. It would only be a few months later, that Carl would have a vision, on Skyline drive, of a man who told him that he must open a church.

