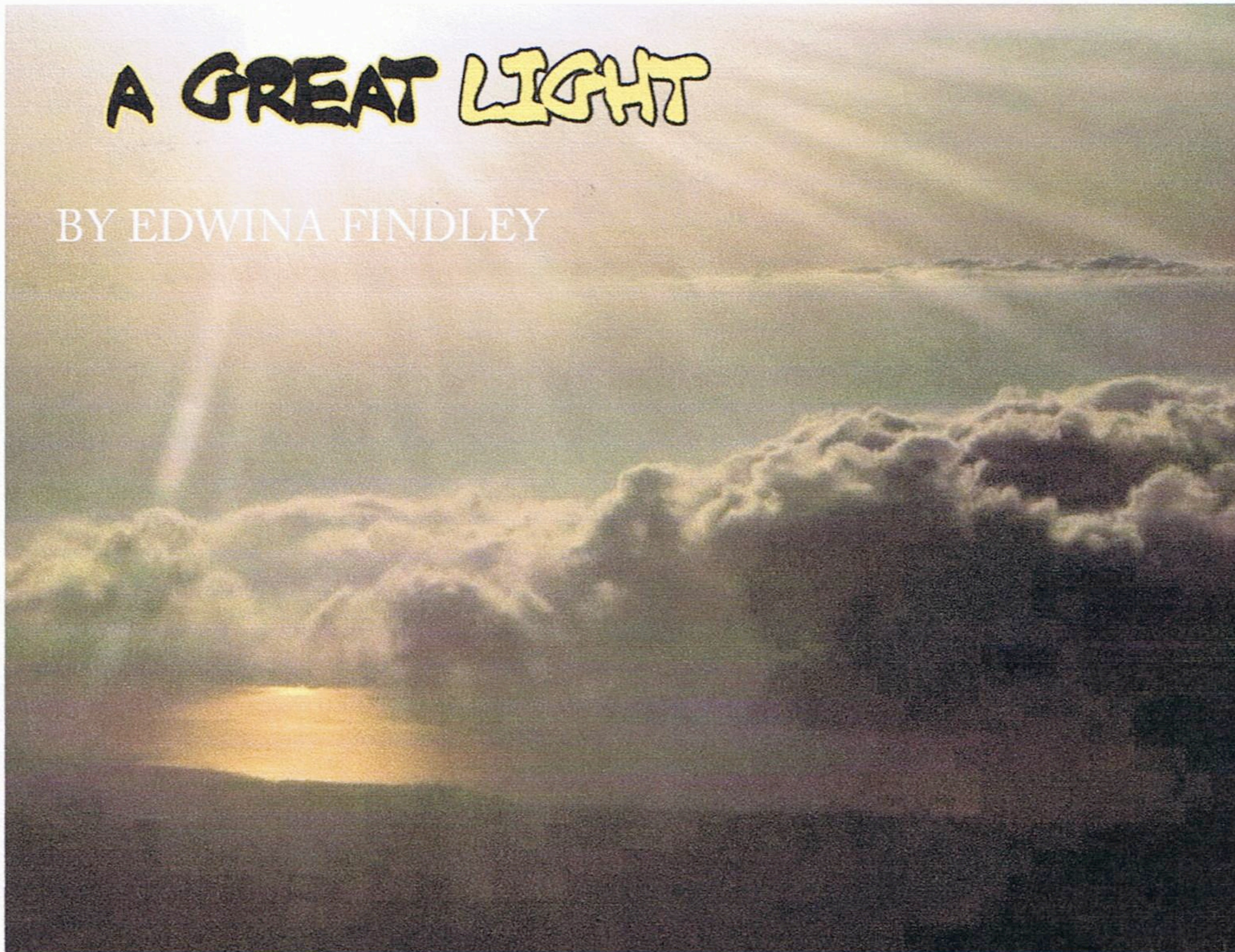


# A GREAT LIGHT

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**S**everal months ago, I encountered a young man from India on the train. We sat next to each other and talked, and I finally asked his name. "Dibyadeep", he replied, with a thick Eastern accent. I asked him the meaning of it and was astonished by his response: "The light which continues to glow when there's darkness all around."

Most of us can attest to the degree of darkness into which the world around us has descended. Wars, disease, poverty, drugs, sexual immorality, political scandal, and many other destructive vices have so riddled our society that it's hard not to question what the true meaning of life really is. Plagued by spiritual turmoil and confusion, millions of people wander from this temporary solution to that, searching desperately for the kind of joy, stability, and peace only God can provide.

What amazes me about Dibyadeep's name and this scripture is that Jesus, fully aware of the world's darkness, commissioned his followers to become the light. He insisted that we not hide or diminish that light, but shine it so brightly that others can't help but see our good works and praise our Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16) He called us to have positive impacts upon the culture in which we live, confident that through one small candle, thousands more may be lit.

Are you willing to share your love and testimony with those who need it most? Can you commit to becoming the light

that glows when darkness is all around? As one shining star pierces the darkness and brings illumination to all who see it, Christ wants His presence within you to beam so brightly that people from all over will receive sight because of the Great Light that you possess. We were born to manifest the glory of God, and now's the time to let it shine, let it shine, let it SHINE!•

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