

## A Message at Christmastime

A258 Sunday Address 20th December 1953 St Mary Abbots Place, London Festival of Carols

*Text:* the typescript is a break in the regular output of MB, although it may be a retype. Unusually this is a foolscap script, and a black carbon copy. There are no superficial marks. The typist for this project in fact used a different version, but in checking this has been corrected to the stated script, which seems to have priority. Sometimes, however there are counter-indications, and we have left in one phrase, 'not only the heavenly creation but the beauty of the earthly creation' because it seems so unlikely to have been added by an editor. Elsewhere, this script has manifestly better readings.

*Context:* as Christmas messages go, given that they were generally backed by a full programme of carols, this address is surprising for its length. Yet the thanks at the end indicate that carols were just as much a feature of this service as they usually were. There is nothing to indicate what was sung, or what the readings were.

*General Notes:* not only is this long for a Christmas message but the content of it is surprisingly deep for an occasion on which the congregation would normally have been caught up with the carols. There are lovely phrases about life being breathed into the earth, and a telling phrase, 'Men are moving along a definite path of spiritual evolution and they are learning step by step' – but what is most striking is the paragraph beginning 'But the second part of the story', which insists that the counterpart to the birth of the Christ on earth is another birth, the absolutely vital birth of Christ in human hearts. White Eagle refers to this as an initiation for humanity. He has stated this elsewhere, indeed it is a fundamental to his teaching, yet it is rarely so directly set out as here. There are helpful remarks about the raising of children. Near the end, the term, 'the Christ-Mystical' is one unknown anywhere else in White Eagle's teaching (or elsewhere).

*References:* 'as it was in the beginning, is now and ever all be' is a phrase from the Gloria Patri, in the Mass. A veiled reference when White Eagle speaks of God breathing upon the earth is the sentence, 'The spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters' (Genesis 1 : 2). There is overall reference to the Christmas story in the Gospels. 'Brother Christian', mentioned, is YGH, who took over the running of the White Eagle Choir after the death of Brother John, Reginald Botcherby.

### White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, children of earth, we come as a Messenger from the world of spirit to bring you greetings, love; yes, and good tidings. You need good tidings in your world today. The Messengers of the Spirit come, they whisper into the hearts of men; and there is very much more going on between the world of spirit and the earth plane than you can ever comprehend. You are so accustomed to those words, 'As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be', that you do not stop to think of the meaning behind them. There has always been a Messenger from God. All the way down a Son of God has come to the earth to bring the message of life, of love, of the sun, of the Sun of Life, to help man in his physical life, to help man to take hold of the physical in the way God intends his children to take hold and to control their lives and to discipline their lives and to control matter; and all the government of life in His hands.

O dear ones, tonight we must first of all bring you the assurance of the life after death, the life after death: the life which continues even though the physical body is returned to Mother Earth; the life which first came from God and stirred the earth, the life which was the Word, the Word which was made flesh and dwelt on earth amongst you. That life is eternal and cannot die or lose its consciousness. We know many of you are wistful about those you love

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who have passed away from your physical side. O dear children, they are by your side! They have not left you, and if you will remember this during your Christ mass you will lose all sense of loneliness and grief. You will know that where there is love there is no separation. They are spirit but just the same individual that you loved when dressed in flesh. They are with you and they will be with you throughout your quiet, peaceful and joyous Christ mass.

The Lord God breathed upon the waters. The Lord God breathed upon the earth – Mother Earth, you say, little thinking that Mother Earth is of God, and the Word of God, that great vibration of the OM, stirred physical matter and breathed into it the breath of life. Not only is the earth the womb of God but the children of earth are God's children, born of the Mother God, the children of God. All are children of God, and we would bring you, not only by our words but by the power of the spirit amongst you, we would bring this holy message at Christmas time.

The birth of the child, the Sun-child – more than this, the mystical child, the Christ-child – the birth of the Sun, the ancient Sun, has ever been celebrated throughout the ages. It is a physical manifestation, the same as creation is a physical manifestation of that holy breath, that spirit invisible, holy. Men have learnt to worship it as Creator. Men are moving along a definite path of spiritual evolution and they are learning step by step. First of all they are learning just a little of the mystery of the incarnation, the coming into form of that holy mystical spirit. Men worship it because they know that without the Sun of God, life would become extinct on the earth. All the ancients knew this. It was a crude form of worship, you may think, but it was a true form of worship, and this man is lacking to-day, because he is passing through a scientific age and a mental age. But man is missing the greatest need. This is the need of the human heart. The human heart cries out for love. A little child brings love. We pray that those of you who have to deal with little children may recognise your grave responsibility, not only to the physical form but to the little heart, to the spirit which is shining there through the form. We pray that soon you will realise your responsibility to put before the children the love of God, the beauty of the Christ, and to keep alive in the Christ Mass the beautiful story of the birth of the Child, Christ.

Remember that this Christmas story is twofold. The Son, the Cosmic Child, is the Solar Logos, the second person, if you will, of the Deity: He who was God, He who is God, He who is the Creator, He who has come down from that holy estate to take form and dwell on earth; He who used the symbol of the Sun-child throughout the ages.

But the second part of the story is not yet understood, nor can man progress much farther until he does understand the mystical significance of the Christ Mass. The Christ Mass is the symbol of a great initiation into the holy, beautiful, sacred, heavenly mysteries. He is beginning, perhaps, to comprehend in a vague way that there is something stirring within himself, a quickening of a life. Even as the Holy Mother has given birth to her Son, so man and woman on earth have to give birth to a child, the Christ-child; and when man and woman have given birth to the Christ-child they have taken a great initiation. They have prepared themselves for the next step along the path which certainly leads to the most beautiful things

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– the most beautiful life – the mystical birth of Christ in you and for you and for all those whom you love: for all men will in time pass through this experience when they will know the meaning of love, when love will be their life, when every thought and action will be a spontaneous manifestation of the Christ love.

Children of the earth, this mystical love, this beautiful gift of God is hovering over you and is particularly with you during the Christ Mass. Oh, we pray, dear ones, that in the quiet of Christmas morning you will remember our message! The gift of Christ Mass is for you. It will be unfolded in your heart in the silence and then you will hear the singing of heavenly choirs and a little more light will be released in your heart, a little more wisdom will come, knowledge of the meaning of life; and the mystery of death will no longer be a mystery. You will know that it is just a passing from one stage to the next. There is no death, there is no separation, and it is for you to understand this and to unfold your vision, the vision within you, that you may behold the beauty of God's creation; not only the heavenly creation but the beauty of the earthly creation. May your vision see God everywhere, in everything and in everybody. Remember that God in some people is almost hidden, but it is there, and it is your joy to work in daily life to touch that God, to speak to that God, which is the Christ Babe waiting to be delivered.

Oh, dear ones, we do pray that in this little Service the power of the spirit has reached you and, if you do not understand all we say to you, if you cannot comprehend the inner mystery, we do pray that your hearts are touched by the simple story of the Christ-child. So many question the coming of the Christ Child. Accept: yes, become as a little child, become a little child in everyday life: gentle and simple, happy and joyous. Then you will become the Christ-Mystical, the Christ Child.

We say with authority that Jesus was born on Christ Mass, born in flesh, a Messenger from other spheres of life who came to the earth and was the vehicle of the holy mystical Christ – God incarnate. Do not let your earthly mind disturb this profound eternal truth. Become as a little child; accept the simple story and in due time you will get the revelation of the cosmic mystery which lies within the womb of the Divine Mother; the cosmic mystery which is the Sun, the Solar Logos, the Life, the Second Aspect of the Trinity. Oh, the wonder and the glory which is to be revealed to you in due time as you walk the path, His path, and follow his example to love, love, and greater love – the blessing which God has given to mankind and without which mankind must perish!

But be of good cheer, for we bring you good tidings. God is omnipotent. The children of earth stray and they make mistakes, but all the time they are learning and behind life on your earth is the ever-shining life, is this divine intelligence, this wisdom and love; and in due time mankind will give full birth to the Christ-child and then there will be peace on earth and goodwill. May that day come soon, O Father–Mother–Son, God!

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A very happy Christmas with full joyous hearts which nothing can disturb! God bless you all, and remember the dear one by your side. There can be no separation, and do not allow that earthly plane to rob you of the joy that God has given you.

We would like to thank you for the beauty of the singing, thank you to our songsters and to Brother Christian, and to all those who behind the scenes have helped to make this a beautiful joyous Christmas service in the White Eagle Lodge. We in spirit, for the spirits of the children who will be made happy by these toys, we say thank you, dear ones, for your gifts. Thank you, dear ones who have so beautifully decorated this tree and to those who have laboured to bring it here. For all the decorations which make us so glad, we say thank you and God bless you, for it means more to us than you can ever know. Every effort you make is a joy to us and we continually give thanks to God for your faithful, patient, continual service to bring light and more light to people on earth, many of whom are still in a state of darkness. Keep on keeping on and the blessing will be beyond your present comprehension.

Goodnight; and God be with you during your life, and especially may you realise His presence this Christmastide. Goodnight. Goodnight.

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