

A Christmas Message

A198 Sunday Address 19th December 1948 St Mary Abbots Place, London
Christmas Service

The text of this address is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors

Text: from Angelus, December 1949, where it is described as 'White Eagle's address at the Carol Service last year'

Context: this address at one stage bore the date 12 December and it is not entirely clear why, since the normal date would have been a week later, the closest Sunday to Christmas; it has therefore been altered to that. News stories in the January 1949 *Angelus* tell us that there was also a presentation, 'The Story of Christmas', in music and song on 15 December; also that in December 1948 the extraordinary total of 791 toys were collected for children in need and presented to a community in north-east London – along with the sum of £30, collected. White Eagle speaks of the beauty of the carols sung, but we do not know which ones they were. White Eagle quotes from John 1 and also from the story of the nativity in Luke (adding some thoughts on the presence of the angels) so either of these might have been readings in the service.

General Notes: after thanks to the choir and such like, White Eagle mentions the tendency for 'the masses' at last to be understanding the esoteric meaning of Christmas. This may sound condescending, but his use of the word 'masses' in 1948 is not so dismissive as it would be if we used it today.

References: 'And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us' is John 1 : 14. 'I come to bring you good tidings of great joy' is Luke 2 : 10, while 'Peace on earth, goodwill to all men' is verse 14 of the same.

White Eagle's Address:

We find it somewhat difficult to speak at first because of the beautiful carols to which we have been listening. We feel with all of you a great surge of joy and thanksgiving. May we from our side of life thank the choristers. You have given us great joy. Without the harmony of your souls you could not have produced the vibration of love and harmony which has penetrated the spirit of everyone present. We would remind you all that your congregation is larger than you may think. One day, perhaps even tonight, the veil may be drawn aside for you to see the host of angelic beings. This vast congregation joins in thanksgiving to the Great White Spirit for this outpouring of light and goodwill upon the earth.

This same outpouring of light upon the earth is increased at the Christ-Mass, for any anniversary brings such an increase. Always, an anniversary, whether of a birthday or some particularly joyous occasion, brings such an outpouring of spiritual power from the heights of the spiritual spheres. If it be the anniversary of the passing of one of your loved ones, because your thoughts centre upon that dear one on that day your love is going forth. Thus you are opening the channel for the inflow of great light and power. Remember this; and then as each anniversary comes round there will be an increase of this power.

Today you are celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus the Christ. You are apt to take so much for granted in your human way. You are pleased to sing, you are very glad to listen to carols, but we would also impress upon you the spiritual significance of this season.

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According to your assessment of time, nearly two thousand years have passed since the Lord Jesus the Christ incarnated and came to bring a special message. Even yet the message is only beginning to percolate through the darkness; through the many layers of earthliness. For in this present age, the age of Aquarius, humanity is proving more receptive – or shall we say more ready to be receptive? – for the development and growth of the mental body, Man – or shall we say the masses? – is beginning to realise the significance of the esoteric teaching of the Lord Jesus.

You are all in the habit of looking backward. At this season your thoughts turn to the wonderful events which are recorded as having taken place two thousand years ago. We say to you tonight, ‘Do not look back, only’: look within, look around you, for you will find a very gradual but certain demonstration among the masses of the life and the truth of the message of Jesus the Christ.

We are not forgetting the teaching which has been voiced by other teachers and world-saviours. We rather wish to emphasise the importance and the greatness of the Christ-Mass for the world today. ‘And the Word became flesh.’ The Light became incarnate, as a demonstration to all mankind of the power and the beauty; the glory of that Light incarnate in Jesus the Christ. You are as a child, a babe recently born; and in you is implanted the Light, the Sun of life. It is for you to study this truth; to turn within your souls and discover for yourselves the spiritual blessing which the Father–Mother God has implanted in your own heart.

‘I come to bring you good tidings of great joy.’ This is the message which the Son of God is now bringing. This Word of Life dwells in your heart. There is no death. Your loved ones are with you. Within your own being waits a power sufficient to draw aside the veil of death, which will reveal the glory of the heavens and teach the way to conduct your own life, so that you can find for yourselves heaven upon earth. Heaven lies within your own being. The Lord Christ has given you a key with which to unlock the mysteries. Do not lay aside this message and think it is just an idea which you open out on Sunday and pack away on Monday.

Remember, my children, within you lies the door to the glory of the Kingdom. When you have once deeply realised this there will be no more sorrow, no more pain or suffering, nor will the darkness of the material world batten you down.

The angels are as real today as they were at the time of the birth of Jesus. You may be like the shepherds, for the shepherds were the initiates who were ready to see the angels, to hear their message. The heavens today are ringing with the joy of Christ-Mass. So soon as you accept this truth and live in accordance with the divine law of love; so soon as you open your consciousness to the spheres of light and beauty all around you, so much the sooner will the whole world be united as one brotherhood in spirit.

Then will each nation recognise the contribution which other nations bring to the well-being of all the other peoples on earth.

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In this manner, beloved children, may the great peace come on earth. In this manner may the message of the angels ring from north to south and east to west of the earth: 'Peace on earth, goodwill to all men'.

This will come, and soon, if all of you will turn to the sanctuary of the spirit, and in the silence listen to the angels singing and to the whisper of the Christ in your heart.

In the knowledge of the presence of your loved ones in spirit, and the presence of the angel-throng, may you all enjoy a very happy Christ-Mass and find true communion heart with heart in your family circle.

God bless you. God bless you, everyone, with happiness.

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