

# The Golden Age

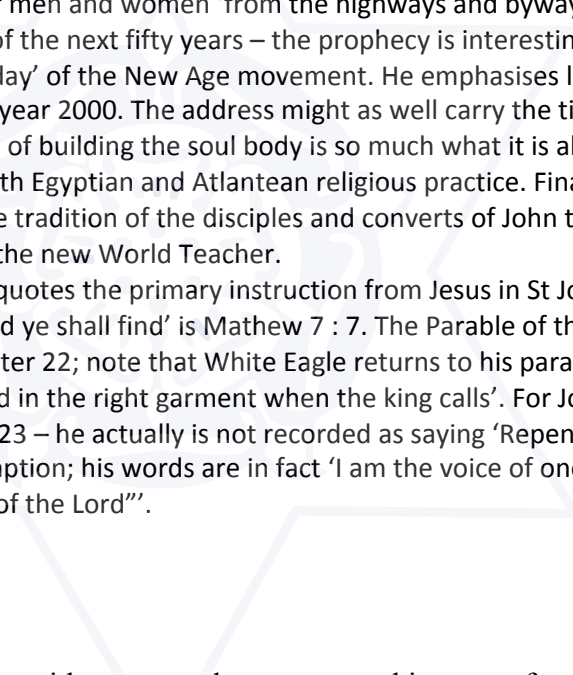
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*The date of this address is conjectural (see below), while the text is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors*

*Text:* from *Angelus*, January 1948. The word 'organisation' in the first paragraph is a little puzzling; 'reorganisation' has been suggested but only slightly improves the logic.

*Context:* the date is conjectural and there is no direct internal reference to suggest this is the address one would expect two days after All Saints/All Souls and nine days before Remembrance. However, the remembering of those who had once worked in the Lodge would fit with both themes, particularly All Saints, and moreover there was a tradition of printing the November address in the January *Angelus*. We have taken those two pointers as reasonable indicators. In many ways, having made the contact with spirit, to proceed into talking of the Golden Age is a natural progression – just as the hymn, 'For all the saints' (which is by tradition is highly likely to have been sung on this occasion) leads into the final 'But lo! There breaks A yet more glorious day' when 'The king of glory passes on his way'. This address would go well after such words.

*General Notes:* White Eagle speaks of men and women 'from the highways and byways' being invited to the Marriage Feast for the whole of the next fifty years – the prophecy is interesting that those fifty years represent maybe the 'heyday' of the New Age movement. He emphasises later that the period he has in mind lasts up to the year 2000. The address might as well carry the title 'The Wedding Garment' since the concept of building the soul body is so much what it is about. Later in it, there is an interesting comparison with Egyptian and Atlantean religious practice. Finally, White Eagle puts his following directly in the tradition of the disciples and converts of John the Baptist, preparing the way for the coming of the new World Teacher.

*References:* once again, White Eagle quotes the primary instruction from Jesus in St John's Gospel: 'Love one another' (13 : 34). 'Seek and ye shall find' is Mathew 7 : 7. The Parable of the Marriage Feast is to be found in Matthew chapter 22; note that White Eagle returns to his parable at the end of the address, with his being 'clothed in the right garment when the king calls'. For John the Baptist crying in the wilderness see John 1 : 23 – he actually is not recorded as saying 'Repent, repent', though that remains a popular assumption; his words are in fact 'I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "make straight the way of the Lord"'.  


## White Eagle's Address:

We would like to preface our theme with a personal message, and it comes from our brethren who once worked and worshipped with you in this Lodge, a number of whom are with us now. We promised them we would convey to you their ever-remembrance of the brotherhood and love which they once shared with you. They would thank you for the service which you are still rendering, because they have been called to work with the brethren discarnate. They depend upon you who will remain in the body. You may think this is strange, but we are having a big organisation in the world of spirit. You are having upheavals on earth; you feel its darkness and discontent, and possibly the selfishness and hardship of life. We would tell you that these conditions are always the forerunner of a tremendous spiritual baptism. Such conditions, although they may not appear to, are nevertheless destined to make a big impression upon men's minds and souls to prepare them for the incoming of a greater light than man in this time and age can conceive, because he is so enfolded in darkness. Nevertheless the soul of earth is working through, and already turns its head unconsciously to the sunlight.

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Your brethren of the world of spirit have not laid down their task. Of their own freewill they were initiated into a certain work which is as important on our plane as on yours. So it continues. Their passing does not cut them off from the service their souls delight in, but they look to you who still remain to give them a channel for their continued service to mankind.

We often speak to you about the sun and about the light within your hearts. You will grow weary maybe of the repetition of this one truth; but, my brethren, *it is the only truth in life*. Upon this foundation the whole structure of mortal and spiritual life is built. It is therefore vitally important that you comprehend more and more of the light of God which manifests on earth in His sons and in His supreme Son, Christ, Lord of the earth planet. How can you best realise more of this light within yourselves in your daily life? By the putting into effect of Christ's words – 'Love one another'. How few, how few practise this constantly! Yet those three words if truly lived would set a whole world aflame with power, with happiness, with plenty and there would be no more misery, no more sorrow, no more heartaches, no more ill conditions.

We have told you that the Scriptures of the world all contain in symbol the story of the soul of man from the beginning to the end. The last is perhaps hardly the word to use when we know we know that there is no end. Shall we rather say, to the attainment of the goal of man's journey through physical matter. In the beginning the soul came forth as a little child. The symbolism of the soul's journey is told in the story of the Christ. The same story is contained in the esoteric path of all religions. At their core is the one eternal truth. Let us put it very simply. Man is born with soul and body and with an inner power within both, sometimes called the spirit. We are told that spirit is God, and also that God is spirit and spirit dwells within man. In this connection there is a mass of evidence which points to the fact that the spirit and soul of man can function apart from the physical body. When the body is asleep the soul, goes forth to explore the land of spiritual life, to search its records for knowledge and wisdom. People are able to bring back after a night's sleep certain information. During the day they may have sent a question into the ether but not realised that their question has reached the spirit and a messenger has come from the spirit, seeking the soul which needs an answer. 'Seek and ye shall find.' The Master did not speak idly. The soul which seeks always finds. Sometimes the answer is found instantly; sometimes a whole life may be lived before the answer comes. There is always an answer to the search of the soul.

Many souls go forth in this manner into the world of spirit. They are met by a messenger or their guide and conducted to the halls of records, the halls of learning, the halls of wisdom. There they receive an answer in their innermost consciousness. But the spirit has powers of contact beyond that of the soul with the Most High, with the Creator, the great Sun beyond the sun of your universe. There is no time or space in these realms. Instantly the spirit within man can make its contact. Unfortunately, this contact is usually only just enough to keep life flowing into the physical body. Later, as the soul evolves, it grows to yearn more and more for the divine light and calls and prays for knowledge. Then teachers come from spheres of light to the soul, or they may make use of an even more evolved soul on earth to convey instruction to the younger brother.

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Do not make the mistake of thinking that the world is but a few millions of years old. That is nothing. For millions upon millions upon millions of years souls have come to earth as babes, and have learned the wisdom of God through many incarnations. The soul needs long contact with physical matter to enable it to use the power of the creative force, which is implanted deep, deep, deep within its consciousness. Down the ages you will all have read about the Mystery Schools, which have carefully and jealously guarded the secrets of eternal life. These very grave secrets must be treasured as a jewel. Only those who were ready could receive knowledge of the power which is within.

We come to the parable told by the Lord Christ, in which a certain king called to the people in the highways and byways to come to the marriage fest. This is what is happening today and will happen during the next fifty years. For then the masses will be summoned; in other words, they will be called to celebrate the great wedding. Which wedding? – the marriage between their own soul and spirit, known as the 'mystical marriage' by the saints, seers and prophets of bygone days. Instead of this marriage being celebrated in secret by the few as formerly, all people who come into the presence of the King will share in it. In the parable the king noticed there was one guest present without a wedding garment. This guest was unable to participate in the rejoicing. What does this mean? Forgive us if we speak of the things which seem obvious. The guest in question was a soul which had been unable to clothe itself in that garment of light which is the wedding garment.

How does the soul prepare to celebrate this mystical marriage? By its life, by its acts of love. 'Love one another.' What happens when the soul simply and wholly lives to love and to serve its fellow creatures? The soul is strengthening the link between its spirit and the Great White Spirit, all glorious, all powerful, almighty, the blazing Sun of light. By love, contact between the soul and God is confirmed, and light pours into the soul. Then it is building the body of light which is the wedding garment. No soul even though it passes from the physical can enter into the heavenly life unless it is thus clothed in light.

Through all religions you will find instruction how to bring into operation this light of the spirit which lies dormant. The whole purpose of life in the flesh is to develop this power, through love – not through any mental pursuit, which is the mistake many are making in this mental age of Aquarius. This is why groups and lodges such as this have a big part to play in the next fifty years. Many people read book after book after book, and their brains are filled with reading matter. There is something more needed: the wisdom of the heart and love, because love is the light. Your mental body may be very strong; but unless your heart is filled with love and with loving service you cannot use the knowledge which you have acquired. You cannot control even it. It will control you. It will absorb you. This is why love is so important at the present time and up to the year 2000 because the immense power of this mental age is likely to destroy and absorb men. Do not be fearful; we are telling you of the counteracting influence. We only emphasise the danger of this mental stimulation without a corresponding goodness of heart and loveliness of character.

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This doctrine of the eternal light has been long known and taught. We have in mind at the moment the life of the ancient Egyptians and that of the ancient Atlanteans. All had the same ceremony. When the sun was at its height the light shone through a small aperture in the temple and directly onto the holy altar, where the Sun priest officiated. At that moment when the sun fell full upon him, he knew that it was actually the rays of a spiritual Sun far more powerful – and receiving contact with the divine source of life and power [he] was able to distribute it amongst his disciples and followers. This has always happened through the ages, not only in Egypt.

Every two thousand years the earth receives anew a baptism of this spiritual sunlight. When this occurs the sons of God, the illumined ones, the great ones are sent to help humanity. Children, you can see the state the world is in today! Messengers are coming to quicken the vibrations and raise fallen humanity, first to their knees and then to their feet so that they will stand upright ready to welcome and recognise their Lord when he returns. Many people are asking: Is Christ coming again in the form He wore before; or will he secretly enter the hearts of the people? We say in both ways. The light has first to be quickened in the people so the Christ is here; and when the light is quickened, the hearts of the people will recognise the divine Son when He comes as the world teacher. Prepare the way. Do you remember the story of John crying in the wilderness, 'Repent; Repent?' Many people today smile at such old-fashioned teaching. They are wrong. The same story repeats itself. Spiritual truth is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, for eternity is eternally here.

The message is being cried now! Rise! Rise, O brethren! Put on the garment of light! Live the life of love and service. Render unto God those things which belong to God. Live in the spirit. Live in conscious contact with the spiritual realms and you will not neglect the physical plane, but on the contrary will execute your duties with greater thoroughness, with more precision and perfect order. Beloved, the brethren who have passed on before you are there in spirit to work for this coming of the Supreme; you on earth must work also if you would be clothed in the right garment when the king calls. Not only must you work in service and in love amongst your fellows but within your soul you must learn to meditate and hold communion with the source of your being; for the time is near when every man will be his own priest and every woman her own priestess. Every man and woman will depend upon the priest within his own being – who stands beside the holy altar stone, waiting to receive the baptism of the golden fire; [waiting] for heaven to quicken his own being, so that creative fire will rise and illumine the whole of man and the whole world.

This is the golden age which we assure you with all the truth we know will come. It will come. Be ready; work; and love! The blessing of the Almighty, the Great White Spirit, is with you now. Do not neglect the communion within.

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