

The Robe of Light

A217 Sunday Address 4th June 1950 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service

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Text: from *Angelus*, July 1950. There is also a typescript, almost certainly typed by MB and an original. The printed version, used here, has yet to be compared against the typescript. It is relatively unusual to find a title given to an address when it was first transcribed; the title is repeated in the printed version but no date is given there.

Context: the typescript has the date added in the hand of AMI, '4th June 1950'. We are told in the second paragraph that the choir sang a version of the twenty-third psalm; there are several.

General Notes: among other things this address contains a possibly unique explanation of why it had to be the woman, Eve, who handed to Adam the apple to taste in the garden of Eden – and how this shows the relationship of soul to spirit. There is a delightfully emphatic denial of human separation from God since the Fall: 'Never for one instant did [Adam and Eve, representing humanity] become separated from the Solar Logos'. Another unequivocal statement is 'Man is potentially a solar god'. The choice of title is intriguing because the concept of the robe of light comes only in the very last phrase; a title that drew attention to the address as an explanation of the Lodge's first Principle would have been more to be expected.

References: 'The Lord is my Shepherd' is the opening phrase of Psalm 23. 'I, if I be lifted up' is John 12 : 32. The discovery of the empty tomb of Jesus by Mary Magdalene is told in John 20 : 1-10 : For the story of Adam and Eve, see Genesis chapter 3. 'Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing?' is Matthew 10 : 29, while the reference to the lilies of the field and the comparison with Solomon in all his glory is to be found in both Matthew and Luke, e.g. Matthew 6 : 28-9. 'Clothed in the raiment of the Sun' is a loose allusion to the appearance of Jesus at the Transfiguration (see Matthew 17 : 2).

White Eagle's Address:

We are going to talk about the first two Principles of the Lodge: The Fatherhood and Motherhood of God, and the Christ within the heart of humanity – the holy and blessed Trinity of life.

We could have had no more fitting music to introduce our talk. We have listened with great joy. We thank our choristers for their beautiful rendering of the psalm, 'The Lord is my Shepherd'. Much of the trouble nowadays arises because men and women forget their sonship and daughtership with the great Shepherd of humanity. For they have an impetus, an urge to stand on their own feet, to go their own way.

Having been given a limited amount of freewill choice in your own affairs, my friends, you sometimes feel life to be a great burden; this is because you forget that you come from an all-wise, all-loving God. We are going to suggest and indeed emphasise this profound truth: that if you will at this moment and henceforth remember every morning and every evening that you are held within the love of your heavenly Father–Mother, you will feel uplifted and so relieved of tension. So, whenever you find yourselves getting over-anxious, excited, overwrought about daily happenings either in the outer world, or concerning your personal life, pause; and remember 'the Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want'.

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My children, we do not stand here merely to voice platitudes. We come back to bring truth and give spiritual power to man. We would serve and help your daily life, your spiritual growth, your spiritual unfoldment. We come with a message which is eternally true. It is the same old message, there being no new truth, but only the presentation of fundamental truths in some different way, so that you may gain deeper and deeper understanding as you afterwards meditate upon our words.

‘The Lord is my Shepherd.’ What does this mean? Simply, it means that God has created you, His child, made in His own image, and has breathed into you the breath of His life. This does not mean only the physical breath and the life of the physical body. It means that you are an actual part of God. God has breathed into your soul, into your whole being, His divine love, His divine life, so that He and you are in unison. You are become one. The task of men living on the earth is therefore to learn and to comprehend the meaning of this unison with the divine Intelligence, Who watches over *every* detail of *every* human life.

Such a statement cannot be comprehended by man’s earthly or finite mind. You cannot conceive of an Intelligence able to enter into your every thought and feeling, omniscient enough to guide wisely every event of your life; and which is able when you quit the body to take you gently, beautifully and peacefully through the gateway into that wonderful heaven world from which you once came. According to your understanding a long time has passed, my children, since you quitted that heavenly home, that world of sunlight – for the spiritual Sun is the Logos from which you all originated. You cannot whilst existing down here always realise that you are spirit and actually a part of the divine; or that you were born of God and that God breathed into you the breath of life, so that you are eternally linked together. What you have to learn is consciously to bring through into a fuller awareness your recollection, your comprehension, your constant consciousness of the great Solar God, the Source of all life. For the sunlight and the spiritual Sun is your Father. You are a part of this eternal spiritual Sun. Seek the light, my children; rise from the earth; turn your faces to breathe in the breath of life from your Father Who is in heaven, Who gathers to Himself in due time every one of His children, all the world over and throughout all time. Even before the birth of this earth planet you existed in the bosom of the Father as a babe – as a breath; and you were breathed forth and sent upon your journey through matter; in this measure you became separated from the Father, and so have continued apart. This is the descent or ‘fall’ of man.

Many of our hearers may be asking why we who come from the spirit cannot give some practical advice on how to run the world more happily, more successfully. Our reply to this is, my brother, my sister – read the scriptures. Take out not only the Christian Bible, but the bibles of the world from your bookshelves. Read and then meditate upon them. Seek to understand their inner meaning, the esoteric meaning of the scriptures of all time. For the scriptures verily, verily contain truths of God. They come from God, but through His messengers – through His sons. What do we mean by His sons? We mean those great beings who are called the saviours of the world. Many can be mentioned; Jesus of Nazareth was a vehicle through whom the Solar Logos, the Cosmic Christ spoke the words of the Father to His children. Zoroaster, another great Master, was a pre-incarnation of the Master Jesus. Through Zoroaster also the Solar God spoke to the world, and also through Osiris, through Krishna and through Mahomet. Many, many of these great world teachers were human beings

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who had been prepared both spiritually and physically throughout time until they became ready to receive the infinite glory and power of the Solar Logos. Did not Jesus Christ say, 'I and my Father are one'? These were the words of the Solar Logos or Christ spirit. For the Father and the Son are indeed One, even as Jesus continually told the world. That same Father speaks to you, my children, in all the words of scriptures throughout time. He speaks to you through the Christ light in your own heart. For you are His Child, and are very dear to Him.

God is the first principle, the *active* principle of life: the Mother is the passive, the receptive principle. From the heart of the Father–Mother God all life flows. The place that the great, the divine Mother holds in the creation of humanity and plays in the spiritual evolution of the spirit of man and woman in physical life should be earnestly remembered. On other occasions we have emphasised the need today for the women, the daughters of God, to be raised up to the level which they should truly occupy with their brother man. For as God contains the two same principles – positive and negative, active and receptive – so man and woman represent the two principles in operation in mortal life. They must be brought together and recognised by the whole world as being at one level of equality, no one sex dominating the other. The true meaning of marriage is a perfect sympathy and co-partnership. As the Aquarian age advances this equality of the sexes will become established. Then will come the righting, the restoring of the earthly life to a heavenly level.

My children, throughout the ages, no matter what religion you investigate, you will find a primary place accorded to the divine Mother or to the Holy Mother holding the Babe. This belief, this teaching, did not commence with the coming of Jesus the Christ, but has always been taught in all the scriptures. You will find it clearly expressed in the Egyptian mysteries, where Isis (who represents the divine Mother) became raised up as a goddess. Isis was veiled because Isis stood for the soul and the mysteries of the Temple, and also the mysteries in the heavens. Revelations were given to the priesthood concerning these mysteries. In these same mysteries the Woman principle has always stood for the soul. Nowadays it is said that religion appeals mostly to women. It is worth noting that it was a woman who went first to the sepulchre to find the body of her Lord. That body had vanished; but their Lord first appeared to the woman – the soul – because woman is also a symbol of intuition. To the soul, to the intuitive, the spiritual mysteries are first revealed. For this reason it often happens that it is a wife's mission to lead her husband to the temple. We would have you better understand the mystery of a woman's life, the mystery of her soul and the work which women must do in the New Age. For through women the spiritual mysteries will be uncovered. Therefore we often say to women, follow your intuition; follow the inner word, the inner revelation, and you will not be led astray.

We see these two, the Father–Mother God, united in the One, the inseparable Solar Logos. The seed of life breathed forth from the heart of the divine Parents was born into flesh, because that soul surrendered its heavenly life in order to enter into the depths, into the bondage of earth, to gain knowledge. For although you are told in the Bible that the women ate from the tree of knowledge, it was also the woman who gave the fruit to her husband to eat. In other words it is the soul who absorbs, who gains through experience in the physical life. You are souls using a body, and through much experiences your soul acquires knowledge.

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In this manner you are eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge, and you pass the fruit to your husband. The husband stands as a symbol of the spirit. In other words, your spirit absorbs from your soul the fruits of experience, and so expands in consciousness. In order for this to happen both soul and spirit were forced to leave the Garden of Eden, or were, as you were told, turned out of heaven. Thereafter the two had to descend and learn by labour, by hard experience. Thus soul and spirit descended to the depths and so found themselves in bondage in a physical body. Never for one instant did they become separated from the Solar Logos. Always linked to individual soul and spirit there is the Light of the Sun. This is why we teach in this Lodge of these two First Principles, the Fatherhood and the Motherhood of God – that man the child is the Son of God. For man is potentially a solar god. You may think this impossible. You do not understand time, you are limited by your mentality when you come into the region of profound and infinite truths. You are unable to comprehend eternity any more than you can comprehend time.

What we would like to see every one of our children doing is daily seeking the Presence of God – daily opening the heart and the whole being to a greater inflow of that great Sun life, till the whole being, body, soul and spirit, becomes recharged, again and yet again, with divine life flowing eternally from the heart of God. This is why Christ spoke so fervently of his unison with the Father–Mother. To Him the Solar Logos was His parent. For this reason, remember, my children, the place in religion and in life which the Holy Mother should take. We make no criticism of any particular religion, but unfortunately the ideal of the Holy Mother has receded until sometimes this ideal has become forgotten. Yet this same spirit of the Holy Mother is as real as God the Father. You will see the Holy Mother symbolised in the personality of Eve, and yet again in the personality of Mary, the Mother of Christ and also in Isis the Mother. The Celtic religions present much the same story of the Mother and the Child. She has manifested herself to man not only in Mary the Mother of Christ, but also in saints such as the little girl Bernadette, who was an instrument through whom the Mother made herself felt at Lourdes and established a centre of healing power for all time. There have been many women masters who originated from the simple peasant level of society. Through them came the spirit of the divine Mother.

Look at the life and the work of one whom you now revere as St Joan of France. Here was yet another manifestation of the Mother. We could continue to give many such instances of the divine Mother-personality manifesting through women, such as the Christ the Son has manifested through men-teachers and masters throughout the ages.

Beloved children, look to your parent God. If your earthly parents have been kind to you, if earthly parents are loved by their children, how much more should you love your heavenly Parent? For divine Intelligence is such that it watches over every detail of your life. Did not the Master say: ‘Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered’, and again: ‘Consider the lilies of the field how they grow, they toil not neither do they spin yet... Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these’?

So it is with each one of you. The sooner you stop agitating and worrying about what will happen next week, or to the world in a month’s time, so much the better for your spiritual unfoldment; and so much the quicker will you return to your Father in full Christ

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consciousness, in the full glory of the Son. For then you will be clothed with the raiment of the Sun.

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