

# Disciples of the Master

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*Text:* from a typescript – a top copy, which like the script below begins halfway through a sentence. The address is a reasonable length, and the context at the beginning might suggest that what is missing is simply a greeting, a thanks to the choir, and then the comments about music arising from the choir's singing. It might be a page of shorthand lost, or that the stenographer was unable to start on time, but there is no reason to see the typescript as other than original. What was lost was already lost when the typist began his or her work. Along with others for 1955, the script does not immediately give indications of who this typist was. A missing word, 'approaching', has been written into a blank on p. 4 of the typescript on this top copy and separately by hand on a matching carbon. The hand of the insertion could be that of YGH but is not a perfect match. In fact, 'approaching' does not quite make sense and in the present script we have inserted 'are' as well: 'so we are approaching this age of the higher mind'.

*Context:* White Eagle gives particular thanks for 'the last item' sung, 'which created such a beautiful state of peace'. Sadly no other comment is there to tell us what this anthem was; 'the last item' seems to imply something sung immediately before he spoke. While this would have been a conventional place for an anthem, it is also possible that a first choir item was an introit, and that in this position an item like 'Hail gladdening light' in R. S. Stainer's setting, part of the choir's regular repertoire, might have been sung. He says that the reading was taken, 'we believe', from his own book, THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERIES. Unusually for 1955, there is no communion. Normally, 3 August would have been the final service before the summer recess.

*General Notes:* it is intriguing that White Eagle says that it is particularly important that the mind be stilled 'at this stage of man's spiritual awakening'. There is evidently a developmental aspect. White Eagle takes up the 'lily' image he used so extensively in the June 1955 address. The need for selflessness is raised and discussed. White Eagle unusually comments on his own teaching – from years back (in the reading from THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERIES). He says that his words were spoken against a background of preparation for war.

He is well ahead of his fellow commentators in reminding listeners that the suffering of the war years was not only the suffering of the white man, but of all humanity. He also looks forward to a time when 'there will be no suppression of the dark and the yellow skin'. At that point in the address White Eagle has just spoken of an 'almost miraculous' unfoldment of the spiritual side of humanity at the time of his speaking, but it is not quite clear what earthly manifestations he was referring to. The only obvious candidate in global affairs was the July 1955 Geneva Conference, which looked at ways of beginning discussions on peace. The final section is about the Second Coming, with an unusually clear assertion that a being was ready to come into incarnation. Unusually also, White Eagle gives a date for this – 'about two thousand years after his last appearance'. White Eagle ends with a remarkable firing up of his listeners as 'would-be pupils and disciples of the Master!' – with mention also of 'the goal, the glorious Christ Star' and of the Golden Age.

*References:* there is general reference to the Crucifixion, which is told of in all four of the Gospels. 'What I do, ye shall do also' is John 14 : 12 (actually, 'the works that I do...')

## White Eagle's Address:

..... because it is the most important part of the work. Music is used by the White Brotherhood to direct certain rays of thought to mankind. There are differing opinions about your modern music, but we would like to explain to you that all music has an effect upon the life advancement, the spiritual progress of humanity. Those of

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you who object to the more raucous kind of music must understand that even that has its place. It breaks down your unwanted conditions, and when there is an advent of a new age, as there is at the present time, there comes first a certain type of music which has a shattering effect. It breaks down the barriers which have been raised by the earthly mind, barriers of prejudice, narrow mindedness, a closed-in state of mind – this has first to be broken up before the advent of a higher vibration, a higher state of mind. It prepares the way for the stimulation and the awakening of the higher mind, and it is this mind which is going to function in man in the new age. All music, as we have said, plays its own particular part in affecting the mind and the emotions of humanity. We thank you particularly for the last item, which created such a beautiful state of peace in this congregation.

Now, to function in the higher mind it is necessary for the earthly mind to be in abeyance. This is particularly necessary at this stage of man's spiritual awakening. The earthly mind has to be disciplined and controlled, and then the higher mind – which starts to function when the emotions and the mind of earth are in abeyance – the higher mind opens just like a lily, for the sun of the spiritual spheres shines upon humanity and those who have opened their higher minds by aspiration and being tolerant and ready to listen to new thought and new ideas, those souls who are progressive and are anxious to know and understand God and the universe, they are opening the higher mind and the light of the heavens pours down upon those minds.

Great things are happening in the world at the present time. Although there may have been a good deal of scepticism by the worldly minded man or woman, nevertheless there is at the present time a tremendous power stimulating the higher mind of humanity. We want you to understand that all in God's plan is just and perfect and true. The Great Architect of the Universe holds a plan, but man is very wayward – although he could be a great master builder in the universe if he would recognise the plan which the Great Architect has formed for the progress on earth and the spiritual advancement of the soul of humanity.

In your own lives you meet with disappointment, heartbreak, pain and suffering – oh, my dear ones – and you cry in your anguish, wondering why such things are allowed to happen. Why does not God interfere, particularly when we pray to God for help? Why are we not relieved of our burden? Why are we separated from loved ones? Why do we have to bear the pain and anguish of this earthly life? And He who is all wisdom, love and power, watches the plan of the building of the spiritual life, of man's life, and He sees and understands. Oh, yes! Do not think of God merely as an automatic power. God is a Being, quite beyond material conception or understanding. What you must do, and you will learn to do in time, is to have faith in the Great Architect, in that Divine Intelligence, and when you lose a loved one, we beg you not to think of yourself but to think of the loved one in a state of happiness, perhaps resting, perhaps learning, but in any case in a world of far greater beauty than this earthly state of life. Send your loved one forward into the light in a selfless way, because this is the very order of your progress, the sure sign of all human progress – selflessness. A selfless desire to co-operate with the Divine Intelligence in this grand work of the spiritual evolution of men's souls. Do not dwell too much upon your own advancement but certainly think of the

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great need there is in the world for your service. A pupil or a disciple of the Master learns to think not of self, but of the good of the whole and he is willing, ready, to sacrifice desire and emotion for the sake of higher service to his brother man.

You have listened to a reading taken, we believe, from 'The Christian Mysteries'. This reading contained words spoken through this instrument many years ago at a time when the conditions in the world looked very black indeed, when war was threatening, when there was great human suffering, and not only suffering of the white man, but of all human beings all over the world; and there is the suffering of animals, indeed suffering of the whole of creation, and man does not yet understand that he has been given dominion over the lesser creatures of earth. He has been given a great responsibility, but he thinks first of all of himself and not of the need of the suffering ones, whether they are humans or animals. Whatever creature suffers, it should be man's work to alleviate all suffering. Man has brought great suffering upon his brethren, ignorantly, but ignorance is no excuse, for God has planted within man the means to gain knowledge and to develop his spiritual nature. Before he can do this, he must be receptive in his heart, in the mind in the heart or the higher mind – he must be receptive to these rays of truth, knowledge and light which are continually being directed onto the earth.

At the present time there is, as we have already said, this stimulation taking place on the earth. Men have reached a stage in their spiritual evolution where they are able to respond to the guidance and the influence from the Great White Brotherhood. Some here may doubt the existence of the Great White Brotherhood. You may never have heard of this company of illumined souls, these shining ones who are working behind the mists of materialism, always working selflessly for the awakening in man of the inner light. Many question the possibility of the coming of the Son of God to this earth. Jesus was the last prepared instrument for the Son, or the Cosmic Christ, and during the ministry of Jesus, after he had been prepared for many years, when he was ready, the great and glorious Spirit of the Christ used him to demonstrate to mankind the power of love, the power of spiritual healing, and to give to mankind a message to prepare them for a second coming of the Christ Spirit.

We look back upon the past nearly two thousand years with sadness (in one way), but if we take the broad view, we see the soul's progress [, the progress] of mankind since the ministry of Jesus. But we also see the terrible record of cruelty and suffering, cruelty perpetrated in the name of the Christian religion, and this dark history has caused so many to lose their belief in God and in a spiritual influence. But we also see that the suffering which humanity has had to endure – the Christian era or the age of Pisces has been an age of preparation for the next great Age of Aquarius.

Now, Aquarius deals with the higher mind, so we are approaching this age of the higher mind when the conscience of humanity is being stirred. You will say at the present time it looks as if a miracle is happening, because there is this stimulation towards brotherhood, goodwill. But we can tell you this, that there is a tremendous influence falling upon humanity to help it to rise above the darkness of materialism and selfishness and to catch a vision of a more than

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beautiful life where man can live which his brother man in happiness, enjoyment and companionship. They are the gifts which his brother man can give to him, not only in his own country amongst his own race, but far afield; all over the world these mutual gifts and service can be exchanged to the honour and glory of man. There will be no suppression of the dark and the yellow skin. All are God's children and all the minds of man can be touched and influenced by these spiritual rays which are being directed now upon humanity.

You find in your own life that you pass through pain and suffering and you rebel against it. How often you rebel! All rebel when they are children, just as children do when they do not understand why they must obey their parents and guardian, and you rebel at what you are called upon to suffer. But remember that God is merciful as well as just, and it is not very long after your pain and suffering that you are able to see light. You see that God is wise and loving because a change is taking place in you. And if you lose a loved one, that one has work to do, but he is never separated from you, because where there is love there is no separation. You have only to function in your higher mind, where you will find a state of tranquillity and peace, and on that level of consciousness you are united with your loved one. Think it is memory if you like, think it is imagination – but these are gifts given by God to enable man to make contact in full consciousness with the one passed from the physical body. And so you will learn to say when trouble comes along: 'Thy will is good. I surrender my will to Thy will and I pray that I may learn to will the will of God too.'

What a wonderful joy comes into your life after a period of stress and suffering! Always God send compensation. A law of compensation runs all through human life. Do learn to thank God occasionally. Trust Him and have faith – and then, when enjoyment fills your heart, remember to thank God for the happiness which He has in His great wisdom sent to you. You see, every day of your life, every moment of your life, you are receiving opportunities to grow in spiritual consciousness, to grow in spirit. So many opportunities are missed. But never mind! You dear ones here are all searching for truth and knowledge, or you would not be listening to our words. Now, because you are searching for knowledge and light, you are being given an opportunity of becoming pupils, disciples of the Master. You accept without question all the story in the New Testament, the story of Jesus calling His disciples, but it may not occur to you that Jesus still calls His disciples, and not only Jesus, but quite a number of other Christ ones (you call them Elder Brethren – you call them Masters), so you sound a certain note in the ether, and that note is heard, is received by your Master, and you are watched over and you are given help; you are given in[to the] charge of one of the disciples or the servers of the Masters or the White Brotherhood, and you are watched over. You are tested and your reactions to these tests are reported. You are watched every step of the way, but you may have to go for quite a long time feeling lonely, not knowing if you are making any spiritual progress or note.

You do not know what is happening to you and you feel in a state of darkness. But here you must have faith. We tell you that if you are sincere in your aspirations for spiritual service and advancement, you are in the care of the servers and the disciples who function from the Great Temple of Light of a higher sphere of life. Do not be discouraged or disappointed when

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things go wrong. Do not have fears. That is a weakness which must be conquered, fear. Remember that within you lies the almighty power of the Christ which may rise in you and overcome disappointment and material and physical conditions which are so hard to bear. It is in this way, it is through these tests and triumphing over your tests that you are growing and nearing that glorious life, not far removed from earth, a life of joy and peace, triumphant over the earth and the physical body. The very atoms of the physical body must be purified. Remember that this is what happened to Jesus, the purification of these atoms until the body was taken and crucified. But he triumphed over the crucifixion. The body of Jesus, being so purified and spiritualised, withdrew from man's eyesight into that other world where all is heavenly and beautiful. 'What I do, ye shall do also.' Man may scoff at truth, but man will learn in time that the purpose of life is growth, purification, release from the bondage of the material, dark world.

Is there a second coming? We are permitted to say that without any question at all, the Christ will come again. There is already a body being prepared, a human body. This is what happens when the Christ descends to earth, as He has done right through the world's history, but it is now known by those who have no knowledge and do not desire it. We tell you that he who is to be the instrument of a second coming of Christ has already come near to this earth plane. He is a being of even greater glory and beauty than our beloved Master and Lord, Christ Jesus. The next representation of the Christ life is coming in about the two thousandth year from the last appearance of the Christ through Jesus. As we told you, he who is to be the instrument is a glorious being. It is impossible to find words to describe his beauty, his love and his glory. But he will come after the younger Masters have come to this earth, as they are already coming now and are not recognised. They are coming to the earth preparing the way, teaching their disciples and pupils to prepare the earth, to raise the vibrations of man so that mankind will be ready to receive this Christ One, this glorious One, who is to come and to establish on your earth another Golden Age. Those who are pessimistic say it is impossible and there cannot be a Golden Age whilst man is as he is. We say: 'Oh, but you do not know man's soul'. There is coming this glorious Golden Age after the preparation and work of people like you and many like yourselves who are seeking not their own good, but the good of all humanity.

Would-be pupils or disciples of the Master! It is work, work, work, hard work, very hard work, the putting aside of all selfish desire, putting aside thought of self, keeping the vision only upon the goal, the glorious Christ Star. What it will bring to the world, the Golden Age, of indescribable glory and happiness! Oh, go down on your knees and thank God that you are listening to our words this night, and you will dedicate yourself to this work of bringing heaven upon earth.

May God fill you with divine fire, cleansing you all of selfishness and weakness. Oh, Lord God, bless these our brethren, in Thy service.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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