

The Thinning of the Veil

A179 Sunday Address 7th September 1947 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service (reopening after summer break)

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, October 1947

Context: the date is conjectural, but is supported by White Eagle's opening words, which sound like a return to the familiar surroundings of the Lodge after a break. It also sounds as though there were newcomers present whom White Eagle had particularly noted. There is no apparent reference to hymns or readings.

General Notes: this is a primary locus for White Eagle's teaching about angels, and in particular guardian angels. In the paragraph beginning 'throughout the ages' the sense of the second sentence is unclear but for 'humanity' White Eagle must have intended to say 'human beings'. In connection with being able to listen to the angels, it may be worth remembering that this was the supposed job of the human persona of the Delphic Oracle – to listen for messages. The address is also remarkable for its ability to convey the creative power of love. There is also a very special passage about the purpose of life for an enlightened soul (see the paragraph beginning, 'Life, my brethren, is in continual movement'. 'Angels' in some phrase or another would make a good alternative title for this address.

References: 'Ask, and ye shall receive' is Matthew 7 : 7-8.

White Eagle's Address:

We come into the bosom of our family, our Lodge, our home on earth, with joy. We welcome those of you who may be visiting our Lodge for the first time, into our family circle. It is our work on earth to create a spirit of true brotherhood, not only between humans but a brotherhood of all life.

We shall talk for a while about the angels, and you may at first wonder what angels have to do with the problems of life on the physical plane. Well, this we are going to tell you later.

If only people would listen to the angels' message – because the meaning of the word 'angel' is 'heavenly messenger'! – but instead it seems that the world is going through a period of mental training. The mental body is now being quickened and developed to such a degree that many people have closed the door of their hearts. The angels can only communicate with man when he opens his temple, that temple being the innermost sanctuary of the soul. It is time for people to listen to the message which the angels have in their charge to bring.

What is the difference, you will be asking, between a guide and an angel? Are not all guides angels or are not all angels guides? No. The guide of your spirit may be someone who has been connected with you in a past, or, in a number of past incarnations. The guide is with you because he or she has some particular link, usually of love but certainly of service to the earth *through* you and service *to* you. Also there is your guardian angel. It is merciful that although many people deny the presence of their guardian angel, it makes no difference. The guardian angel always attends the soul from the moment it is conceived in flesh and is in truth a recorder; for the work of the guardian angel is to keep an accurate record of all happenings in the man's life. Stories which have been handed down through the ages concerning guardian angels are founded upon truth, not fiction, but people will say – and naturally – that life on

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the physical plane seems to have little in common with angels, and ask how can angels help to solve the problems of a very material world? Man can only learn this when he will listen to a voice which only speaks within his own temple.

Throughout the ages there have been mystery schools. Humanity – selected ones or those who have themselves chosen to enter the mystery schools – have been instructed how to listen to the angels. In your present century, as we have already remarked, the mental body is active and with a purpose; for it is necessary for man to develop mind so that when the time comes he will comprehend the mysteries of both the physical and spiritual universes. Do not make the mistake of thinking that there is only the material universe. Behind all life and all form exists the spiritual life, the light. Many, many angels, my brethren, are at this very moment gathered round you. You cannot rise in the morning without receiving the love and blessing of invisible hosts. Through most religions you will find this doctrine. Who are those invisible hosts? Angels from heavenly states of life, some of whom have travelled along the human path of life and others have not. All have their particular work to do with evolution of the mineral, the animal, the vegetable, the etheric and the heavenly. Angels evolved from men are those souls who have passed through all earthly experience and initiation, who have in other words perfected their human life, attaining to a degree of infinite wisdom, love and power. They keep in touch with our life to help the human race – for no other reason.

Many here may be cognisant of the presence of human spirits, friends whom you have known and loved on earth who have passed into the astral plane and with whom you have a strong bond of love. You are aware of their visits. You have received direct communications from them. This has been allowed for a wise purpose, but we would give a word of wisdom to you. Do not think, my brethren, that angelic hierarchies come back to the earth to satisfy the curiosity of people seeking only the sensational. Angels do not descend for this purpose, nor to pander to the demands of humanity. They come on a mission from their supreme Lord and Grand Master, and their purpose is to bring harmony and beauty into our lives.

Angels of music are ever endeavouring to bring heavenly harmonies back to the earth. No grand music comes without the help of the bridge built by angels. Although musicians and composers may sometimes think that of themselves they have created harmony, the wiser of them will tell you, 'I do not know where my inspiration comes from, unless it comes in the beat of the angels' wings'. No great artist paints his canvas without the help of the angel of art who draws near to fill his soul with beauty and colour and even to guide his brush. The writer may like to think that of himself he produces his writings and his book, yet in truth a great writer is played upon by the angels like a harp by a musician.

Behind all religions throughout the ages the angels are at work. The New and even the Old Testament tell of the ministry of angels. Angels are not the discarnate spirits of men recently passed over, but highly evolved souls who return to earth abounding in love. They come to teach, to inspire and to manifest the beauties of God. They are directed by the Son of God. In youth you have no doubt worshipped Jesus Christ as the only Son of God, but other religions have also worshipped *their* leader as a symbol of the Son. All these beings in truth are one.

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Those who are interested in the study of astrology or astronomy – we call it astrology, the more ancient science of the heavens – will be accustomed to the idea of planetary influences affecting both the earth and souls of men. Many deny the action of these influences because they do not yet realise that the centre of your universe, both physical and spiritual, is the sun, and that the sun – the symbol of the light and warmth above which bestows life to the earth – is also the symbol of spiritual life. Without that invisible sun within the sun there could be no life. Scientists think that life is an automatic manifestation, created by light from the sun, and believe there is no intelligence behind this natural manifestation. They do not think, they do not know that in the visible sun is a vast inner life. They say the sun is only a ball of fire, unaware that this fire is created from one centre, one spark if you like – created by love, by power of an essence you vaguely talk about but do not understand. Love is the creator of all suns in all universes beyond and beyond and beyond your own. Love *is* the fundamental power, creator of all light. The light of the sun is formed by incalculable spiritual beings or angels, which are for ever sending forth glorious light and life to men. They love! They *are* love, of which you people do not know the meaning as yet. Under their direction are countless lesser angels working in perfect harmony to inspire and guide mankind.

We will not go deeply into the problem of good and evil, because until you have reached a certain stage of your spiritual evolution, so that you can comprehend the mysteries of heaven, you will not understand the mystery. Instead we would ask you to concentrate upon all good, all that is beautiful and true and holy (which means healthy). Concentrate your whole being upon that central sun from which you receive life. From the sun the healer draws rays to heal his patients. Not that he himself does the work, but is able to help his patient to receive the particular ray from the sun of life which he or she needs. It is these rays which heal the sick body, these rays which create health, and only those who can comprehend this truth can receive in fullness power from the sun.

What has all this to do with your problems of today? It has everything, my brethren. Do not think for one moment that material problems can be solved by material methods alone, but only by the intervention or manifestation through matter of the spiritual sun. Angels bear on their wings the magic light and come to men and women, literally touching them on the shoulder and trying to inspire them with wisdom and goodness. When we say goodness, we mean purity of motive, love for their brother man, and desire to see mankind receive opportunities for creating beauty in their surroundings, health in their bodies, joy in their souls, inspiration in their hearts. These are the gifts which the angels would bring, and would inspire all peoples with the knowledge of their great Source.

Life, my brethren, is in continual movement. Human life moves in a spiral, or as some of you are aware, in cycles. There have been golden ages on earth and in those days angels have walked with men. Some of you here have known more beautiful lives than this of today. You are here once again to lead, to inspire, to help your brother man, and not to condemn or criticise or hurt him, nor to injure any form of life; but to rejoice in the beauty of the world, to rejoice in the love you find in your fellows and to realise there is no man or woman who will not respond to your own love. In every soul is the same fire or divine spark. It may be covered and smothered by heaviness. It is your work to penetrate these layers and to find the

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spark in your brother and sister, no matter in what circumstances or social condition you find them. Give out love and light, my brethren, and you will find that you are drawing aside the veil between earth and heaven. You will find your way into the spheres of angelic life. The veil between physical matter and spiritual will grow very thin so that you can penetrate it and see at any time the heavenly hosts; or on a lower plane the hosts of fairies, gnomes, water sprites, salamanders and sylphs all busily at work on their particular form of etheric matter. Do not, please, any one of you say, 'Oh, that is too far off'. It is waiting here and now – for you.

You may have seen pictures thrown on a screen (somewhat as we have them in the world of spirit, for that is how young souls are taught), of caves of beautiful jewels. These are nothing compared with that which you will see revealed in the spiritual worlds when by kindness to your fellows you have rent the veil between you and this land. Have you not heard stories of the holy men who when meditating have gone into deep trance, or *samadhi*, as your Indian brethren call it, and how these sages have been overjoyed with the glory of their vision as they penetrated into the heaven world?

These things are not imaginary, my brethren, they are reality. This world of yours is the shadow; when the veil is gone you will behold your true home, the state of life to which you are all moving forwards. No man can reach that heaven until he has learned to love. Just to love, only to love first, to give out love; then the soul rises on wings to planes of knowledge and learns how to use wisely the power which comes as the result of the love which it has learned to give forth. So, beloved, we leave your presence; may you receive here and now a great outpouring of angelic love. Try on every occasion to be aware of your angelic guide, of your guardian angel; Ask and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find knowledge; knock, and the door of the heavenly glories will be opened unto you and all the world.

Peace my brethren, peace be with you.

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