

The White Brother

A427 Sunday Address 17th January 1971 New Lands, Liss New Year Service

Text: carbon typescript, probably by AMI although the style of the heading is descriptive rather than formulaic: 'An address by White Eagle given at the New Year service at New Lands on the 17th January 1971'. A note in ink says 'TR copy' (tape recorder copy). Apart from a few small corrections apparently by the typist, there are no other marks. We suspect an error about a quarter of the way in. In the phrase, 'As man has to live that he cannot live by bread alone', we suspect that the first 'live' should read 'learn' and have offered this as a variant.

Context: in a break with tradition, White Eagle gave his New Year address at New Lands rather than in London. Minesta was eighteen months short of 80, and little wanting to go too frequently into London; she would also have been wanting to build up attendance at New Lands, while the Temple was being completed. The typescript gives no clues about the components of the service beyond White Eagle's address. It would appear, though, that the reading was a combination of the opening of St John's Gospel and the opening of Revelation (see 'References', below). There is no Communion.

General notes: there is a very clear definition at the outset of what a White Eagle address is intended to do: not give information or instruction but to raise the listener in spirit, 'into the world of light'. White Eagle goes on to refer to a demarcation he often invokes between 'those who know and those who do not know'. We suspect this has a specific new age origin and that he borrows it from thence. However, in this address he rather usefully amplifies what he means by the phrase, beginning with a contrast between optimists and pessimists. He also shows that living trapped in materialism is the result of fear: 'He feels he must protect himself'. The great lesson for man to learn is that it is the physical world that should feel strange to him, for the world of spirit is man's true home and the source of his strength. White Eagle then introduces the concept of 'the White Brother' as something central to the teaching humanity must learn. 'The White Brother is the Son of God who was in the beginning' but he is also the aspiration to which every soul must aspire, and his teaching is summed up in the Sermon on the Mount. White Eagle then offers to take us back to the beginning of life on earth, to the time of the Sun Beings. Against the arrogance of the earthly mind, he speaks warmly of the quality of humility, and advocates a life of closeness to the simple elements of life, particularly air and water. This, he says, is the teaching of the God beings, from the very beginning. The final section is an inspiring vision of life once the shackles of materialism are gone, and of the beauty of the spirit world. It also relies on the members of the Brotherhood being able to work together, with commitment, and to serve. His famous phrase, 'Keep on keeping on' is the final note of the address. He adds, interestingly, 'You will not get weary in well-doing'.

References: 'In the beginning was the Word' is John 1 : 1, and 'I am alpha and omega' is Revelation 1 : 8. 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him' are the words of St Paul, in 1 Corinthians 2 : 9. 'As above, so below' is not actually a statement by a Greek philosopher, but comes from the Kybalion, the Emerald Tablet, an Arabic source from the Eighth or Ninth Century. 'Be not weary in well-doing' is Galatians 6 : 9.

Historical note: White Eagle speaks of the UK going through a learning phase. It had had a Conservative government under Edward Heath for six months and although the economic difficulties suffered by Britain were to develop later, the mood was not a hopeful one.

White Eagle's Address:

Peace be with you, beloved brethren.

We bring from the world of spirit the blessings of peace and love, and we pray that this power, this blessing, will enter your soul, that you may be raised in spirit, raised up into the

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world of light. This is the purpose of our message to you all as we stand on the threshold of a new year. All round you now – that is, if you attune your thoughts and aspirations to the most high, to God, the Great White Spirit, and as you can respond to the company of Shining Ones who are now with you, you will be raised from a world of darkness into God's world, which is all light, which is all peace and love.

Now we have been telling you for many years that a New Age is about to dawn upon your earth, and it may seem to you a very long time. It is coming nevertheless. Every day that you live you are stepping forward; that is to say, if you have your heart and your vision on God, the God of love and light. Now there are many people in the world today who are full of gloom and doom, and they can only see destruction or things deteriorating on the earth plane, and there are on the other hand another group of people who are the reverse. You may call them in your language pessimists and optimists, but in the world of spirit, that is to say, in the higher sphere of spirit, these two aspects of humanity are known by different names. Now we do not wish to go too deeply into this problem, but we will just say that there are those who do not know, those who are living in the dark, and mostly there are those who are living in materialism. And the second stream shall we call them, or group of people, are those who are in the light, for they aspire towards the light, because they have that light of the Christ Spirit growing in their heart, and so they walk the path of light. But who makes it a path of light? The man who is walking in the spirit and walking with God is creating his own light, and therefore as he walks the path of life he is walking a path of light because he is shedding the light, or rather, the spirit of Christ which is in him, and which is shining through him, is showing his path as lighted.

Now you all know how much more comfortable it is to walk on a lighted path than it is to be stumbling about on a stony dark path, and you know which you would rather do. You know that you prefer to have light shine upon your path and to show you the way. The wonder of this truth is that God has planted in man's heart the seed, the seed which, as it breaks, as it germinates and breaks and grows, is like a flower, and it is radiating light all round it – and that light is radiating not only in the immediate vicinity of the man or woman, but it is radiating very far into the surrounding life of the individual.

Now a man who lives by matter, by materialism, only lives to gain for himself. He feels he must protect himself. That is the lower mind, the mind of earth, which tells the man he must fight for his rights. God know the need of every man and God supplies the need when man has learnt his lesson. Now at the present time, you in this particular island are learning many lessons. Now this is what is happening today. You stand on the threshold of this new age of spirit, the Age of Aquarius. It is the age of spirit, and before this age of spirit and true brotherhood can be established on your earth, there must be a breaking up and a cleansing of all that has outlived its purpose, its life.

Now you look back through the decades that you have passed through and you will see the progress which has been made. You will see how wise it has been to break up the crust and discard the ignorance under which man has been living and labouring for a long time. But in this breaking up, this cleansing of the waters, there is this inflow of pure truth which is now coming to the world. The very first thing that man has to establish in his consciousness, in himself, is the truth of life, his life, his own being. Every man, woman and child

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subconsciously is searching for truth or for God. He does not know, maybe, what he is searching for, but he is searching for truth, for freedom, for expression. It is coming in peculiar ways, we grant you that, but it is this same urge which is pushing forward humanity into a new age of the spirit.

As man has to live [learn?] that he cannot live by bread alone or by material things alone, man has to live in the spirit and by the power of the spirit, and this is what this new age is all about. The age of spirit, when mankind will come into conscious communion and communication and brotherhood with spirit and in spirit; there is no death. We are continually telling you this, and we who are speaking to you now, we are spirit, and we are speaking to you through a physical body. You are spirit and you are using your physical body to make contact with the physical level of life, but the real truth is that man has to get his vision clear, he has to get his values right, he has to recognise the life of the spirit and the manifestation of the spirit, or the Son of God, which has always been known through ages and ages, not just for two thousand years, my friends, but for millions of years, that pure white spirit of the Son of God, the White Brother.

Now you are all very conversant with the idea of the White Brother. We would hold before your vision the figure of the Christos, the Lord Christ, who is the teacher of all men, the White Brother who gave not only in the Christian era, but from the very beginning, right down the ages, he gave the same teaching, the precepts of the White Brother, the White Brother. Many people talk about the White Brotherhood, but they do not understand who the White Brotherhood is. Some people erroneously think we are referring to people with white skins. Oh dear, dear, no. The White Brother is the Son of God who was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be the gentle teacher of God's children on earth, and all his teaching may be summed up in that simple Sermon on the Mount.

Now may we very briefly take you right back in time to the very beginning. Now it is impossible for the human mind to comprehend the meaning of the beginning, and as you have heard in the reading the words of the beloved St John: 'In the beginning was the Word'. 'I am Alpha, the beginning, and Omega, the end.' There is only a circle – the beginning and the end is symbolised by the circle, and this is in man. There is no beginning and no end. Nevertheless, we go back millions of years to the time when earth was in its infancy. Now it is impossible for you to grasp the meaning of this, when life began on your earth plane, but as we have said to you before, the God men – not the present humanity, but the God men who came from where ... now if you say from outer space, if we say from the spirit world – it would hardly cover the place or the geography, and we use that word to enable you to understand from whence the God men came. You only know your little earth planet. You are beginning to know a little bit about your solar system, but you do not realise that beyond your solar system, beyond, beyond into infinity, there is life, life manifesting in human form. Now we cannot prove this materially or physically to you, nevertheless when you and all men have reached the stage of reception to truth, and then you will understand life, and the infinity and eternity of life. Be that as it may, in the beginning the God men came to this physical plane and brought certain knowledge which we call the law, and the law was the law of spirit.

Now man had to live by this law, and if he did he would become as the Gods, for all humans are children of God, and as we said this morning through our instrument, to one with whom

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she was speaking, the great secret for all mankind to learn is the secret of humility. When a man is truly humble he is in tune, *en rapport* with truth. Simplicity and humility. And this is what the world needs today, dear Brethren, because the physical mind is so rampant. And the material scientists, the physicists, are anxious to learn, to gain more and more truth, or power as we would prefer to call it, more than truth. The intellect is rampant to overthrow the voice of truth, which is in humility, humility. We don't say that all scientists are arrogant; oh, dear me, no. Many of the great scientists are very humble. They are not arrogant. They can only bow before the glory of the Great White Spirit.

And in those days when the God men came to earth they taught men many things, simple things which nowadays are not perhaps known, or if they are known they are ignored. One of the simple things they taught was a pure way of life, a pure way of thought. Think the right things, think positively, think God, think God in all you do. Eat only pure food, the grains and the fruits of the earth. The Lord God has given man abundance in the fruits and the grains and the seeds of the earth, and man should live in accord with this Divine Law. Man should understand that he must co-operate with the elements, with the air – you call it the wind – the elements, the great air, which man must learn to breathe in, and live in harmony with the air. Fresh air, fresh air, our brethren were taught. Live in the fresh air, plenty of air, plenty of water. Remember your own Christian Brother, Francis, spoke of Brother Water, Brother Air, Brother Sun – all your brethren, these elements. And we in those far-off days, because we can go back to them in our spiritual consciousness, we remember that we were taught to use these elements in the wise and the right way to bring harmony into the life.

Now health is of the utmost importance to every man. Unless a man can be healthful, he is unable to be a server to his fellow man, to his fellow creatures. Therefore the Brotherhood encourages a way of healthy living, healthy thinking, healthy loving, healthy worship; all life converging into one grand harmony.

O my children of earth, if you could see the heavens above! If you could see into the world of spirit you would be amazed. What does your Bible say? 'Man hath not seen the glories, the beauties which are prepared by the Lord God for his children'. And this is what we would have you all remember at the beginning of this New Year.

Now you must all work together. Don't neglect your responsibilities, particularly your responsibilities to your Lodge and the work of the Lodge. I am speaking to the Inner Brethren and members, and to the friends who are there to listen. Put all your energies and your strength and your good thoughts into the building up of a centre of light here in this green and beautiful isle. Radiate this light, this health, this truth, so that all your fellows, men, women, children, animals, flowers, all creatures will be impregnated with the light of the spirit, the light of God. Help to raise the whole earth into the light, for as above, so below. Now one of your Greek philosophers used these words, and it is so, 'As above, so below', and as it is in those heaven worlds it must, it will, come down on to the physical plane, and for those who will reject this great truth of spirit, they will just fall away, because they will choose that way.

You see, my children, there is a great truth in these old myths and these biblical stories when you know how to interpret them. Instead of just reading the words and saying to yourself, 'Oh, this is rubbish', take the trouble to meditate upon the deeper meaning in the scriptures,

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and you will have a revelation, a revelation will come to you of the profound truth and beauty that lies there. It is like the lost word of masonry, the lost word which the brethren in the lodge of masonry were unable to find, but they were sent forth to dig and to uncover and to find this secret.

Now the secret is the one of spirit, and we cannot reveal it to you. It can only be revealed to you in your own heart as you walk upon your sunlit path in the new day, and as you give yourself in the service – not wear yourself out, oh dear me no – just work harmoniously and quietly and steadfastly. You will not get weary in well-doing. You will be strengthened in your work, strengthened in your life; and as we have all heard us say before, keep on keeping on. Oh, my children, if you keep on keeping on, you will most certainly enter that New Jerusalem, but don't imagine that New Jerusalem is something which will only come after death. The New Jerusalem is here now. It is just waiting to be uncovered and realised and entered into. The New Jerusalem, the centre of light, the centre of all happiness and perfection of life, and this is what our Lord God, the Father–Mother God, has prepared.

Oh, life is so wonderful, my children; when you come to the spirit land you will begin to see and understand a little more the truth of these words. Oh, life is so wonderful, wonderful. Cast out all doubt and fear and darkness. Walk your path, a shining light, and light the way for many others to follow after. This is it. You are pioneers of this new age of Aquarius; and may the Great White Spirit bless you all, dear, dear brethren of the earthly life. You have all reason to have hope, have courage, and know in your heart the truth.

And a very happy and blessed New Year in your heart, in your spirit, and you will be the conquerors, you will conquer all difficulties, everything will be conquered by the love of God.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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