

The Purpose of Incarnation

A276 Sunday Address 14th September 1955 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh Evening Meeting

Text: a foolscap typescript in an unrecognised style but probably the same as the Edinburgh address in March. It is headed

‘Mrs. Cook [sic] – September 14th, 1955 – White Eagle Lodge
46, Inverleith Row, Edinburgh 4.
7.30 p.m.’

At the end is an apology, in brackets: ‘The Recorder apologises for the Notes being rather seedy in the end!’ It has been folded in three, and on the visible central panel of the folded document, in IC’s handwriting, is the inscription, ‘W E Address Edinburgh Sept 14th 1955’. In the third paragraph, the word ‘jewel’ appears as ‘joy’ in the typescript. This seems an unlikely word, whereas ‘jewel’ is very much part of White Eagle’s vocabulary, and we have therefore changed it to ‘jewel’. At the opening of the fourth paragraph, the word ‘realm’ was ‘claim’ in the typescript. When White Eagle quotes ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart’, the typescript has ‘might’ instead of the Bible’s ‘mind’. This could be White Eagle’s own false rendering, but we have again taken it to be a transcription error from the shorthand. At the end, recurring series of dots in the typescript are taken to be where the stenographer failed to keep up and missed sentences of the teaching – resulting in his apology just quoted. These are indicated by '[omission?]' in this text.

Context: September 14th fell on a Wednesday in 1955, and GEC must have hurried home after, because White Eagle spoke again in London on September 18th. This teaching was given at an evening meeting at the Edinburgh Lodge and might therefore be called a talk rather than an address; however, ‘address’, as we have seen, is the word IC uses. There is also a report of the trip to Scotland in GEC’s ‘Chain of Fellowship’ in the October *Stella Polaris*. It included visits to Carlisle, Oban, and then Edinburgh, Glasgow at the time being without premises. GEC says that in Edinburgh ‘a full assembly in the Lodge heard White Eagle’s address’. There is an invocation, but no communion or benediction, although the final paragraph contains a clear blessing on the listeners.

General Notes: the opening is a very interesting section about the purpose of human incarnation. While much repeats what White Eagle says elsewhere, there is an overriding sense of something definitive here. There then follows a very beautiful meditation in the Temple of the Masters, where we learn the ways in which the Masters influence and help us. The clause, ‘When one of these Masters has a knowledge for humanity’ seems to mean ‘When one of these Masters has special knowledge to share with humanity’. There is a great message here of individual destiny: ‘However simple your life, you have your own particular work and purpose’. We also learn about the balance that the ideal life achieves between the spiritual and the physical, and in defining ‘who is thy neighbour?’, White Eagle reminds us that even our own body is our neighbour, to be cared for. He speaks of great scientific discoveries about to be revealed, and focuses on healing as one of the areas of advance. It is not entirely clear, sixty-five years later, what these revelations were but relevant scientific advances since then include the continuing development of quantum theory, the investigation of near-death experiences, and the deep study of consciousness and what it is. White Eagle was obviously strongly aware of this coming revelation, for he returned to the theme the following Sunday in London (September 18th).

References: ‘Love one another’ is the injunction given by Jesus in John 13 : 34; it is not quite clear why White Eagle calls it his ‘last’ command; it may be in the sense of ‘ultimate’, or it may simply be a transcription error. ‘Love is the fulfilling of the law’ is Romans 13 : 10. ‘Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart’ is Matthew 22 : 37, also Mark 12 : 30.

White Eagle’s Address:

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Let us open our hearts in prayer to God, the Source of Life, to God the Father, to God the Mother, unto Christ, the Source of Life and Love. We humbly pray that there may be blessing in this assembly. Thou knowest the secret heart of man. Thou knowest the individual need. O Lord, we surrender to Thee, seeking Truth and Love, seeking Wisdom and Knowledge that we may be servants to our brother man. May the pure Light of Love be with us.

Amen.

Beloved brethren on earth, we speak to your hearts – for within the heart resides the Spirit of Christ. Not all men understand that they are Spirit, for the body pulls so hard. It pulls the Spirit down into the heavy atmosphere of earthly conditions. We who have passed through, we know how you feel. We know the heaviness of the flesh and the destructive element of the intellect. The intellect has to be helped and trained to be a pure instrument of Divine Wisdom. A Divine Intelligence has to be born in man's heart, for in the heart resides the Divine Mind and it is only with Divine Mind that man can comprehend the spiritual life. This is the purpose of your life on earth.

Some people can see no purpose in life except physical enjoyment, satisfaction of the senses. Having a good time, that is what we are placed on earth for! Some may say, it is only when the soul leaves the physical body and comes to the world of spirit that it realises its mistake and it is filled with remorse because it has not made greater use of its earthly life. Make no mistake, dear brethren, you are here on earth for a purpose. All that you endure on the earth plane is purposeful. You are here to serve the spiritual life, this Christ life – the seed of which is born in every human soul. But it takes sometimes many lives for that Divine consciousness to be awakened. Not one of you is here tonight without a purpose. You may listen to what we have to say. You may go away and forget all about it. Your physical intellect may analyse and even destroy the jewel of spiritual truth which we are offering you. Nevertheless, the power of the spirit, the influence of those who are behind us in this talk will remain with you. You will recollect perhaps in your subconscious at first certain truths. You may not hear our words, but there will be a stirring in your innermost being and you will feel the touch of the Master's hand.

Now we want you at this moment to close your physical senses to sight of material things, [to] sound which may be destructive. We want you to use your inner vision, your power of imagination, to rise in spirit into a higher world, leaving this three-dimensional world – into the higher world, which is your true realm, for it is this higher world that you have lived in before you descended into physical matter. We are in a noble temple, built of spiritual substance, Light. We see the vast temple of perfect architecture and the substance is pulsating life. We see the forms, the human forms, clothed in the raiment of Heaven. In this vast assembly there are many whom you know and love. You may not recognise them but you may recognise their features. You look with earnest desire to know them. Standing in a group at the far end of this temple there are those who are called Masters. Many on earth would be

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sceptical about some Beings until they are awakened to spiritual life and power. Then they know that there are these great Beings who watch or guide humanity.

When one of these Masters has a knowledge for humanity, they project their own particular ray of power to humanity to help man in a way he most needs to be helped. It may be a ray of healing. It may be a ray of art. It may be a ray of music or literature or religion. All the needs of men are supplied in full measure when men are ready and willing to submit to Divine Law. Man usually puts himself outside the help he can receive. We do not blame him, far from it. We are full of love and understanding. We desire to help humanity onto the path which leads upwards and onwards into a Heavenly Light.

This does not mean that man must discard all his interests on the earth. On the contrary, man has been sent to earth with a mission. However simple your life, you have your own particular work and purpose. We would remind you that as well as your life physical, you have a life spiritual. The two must be balanced. Man must learn to be well balanced. The lesson of balancing the opposites is one of the greatest lessons, and it is a higher initiation which man eventually has to take. Although the practical, material man thinks he is well balanced because his feet are so firmly glued to the earth, he is not. The balanced man is following the path of the Master. He will admit that all the teachings of Christ were those of love and they were very practical and very simple. His last command was, 'Love one another'. Love is the fulfilling of the law.

Does humanity put into operation the spiritual law which is love? On the contrary, the lower instincts of man rule him. He puts into operation the law of selfishness, and as a result of this he comes up against suffering and pain. He appears to be innocent. He does not realise that he has broken the law. Life is governed by a precise spiritual law and that law is love. 'Love is the fulfilment of law.' 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself.'

Who is 'thy neighbour'? They are those who are brought into close contact with you, those whom you meet every day, those with whom you live. Even your body, your physical body is your neighbour. It is close, the closest neighbour that you have. Does man love his body in the truest sense of the word? He indulges in his body, but he does not love it. If he loved it he would care for it better, not indulge it.

All the events of life are symbols through which we learn, symbols of the spiritual initiation which man has to learn to understand during the course of his incarnations. The whole purpose of man's life is towards Christhood, towards spiritual realisation. The time has now come when there will be a scientific revelation to man. It is very interesting, dear ones, because in the past century physical science has played a great part in the breaking up of religious belief. The scientist came along, breaking the faith man had in his Bible. But we remind you that all these happenings have a purpose. It was a hard crust in man's mind. He was not open to spiritual truth. He had formed his own very material conception of life and lost all hope in God. The scientist disturbed his life. Man was left without his religion. He

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was left in mists and in the darkness of materialism and suffered very deeply, man and woman alike. As a result of the materialism of the past age, terrible wars came about and left their mark upon mankind. Future wonderful scientific discoveries and revelations and signs will not destroy man's belief in spirit life, but confirm it. Scientists arrive now at the truth that life is not what it appears to be, that matter is not solid. They come to it that love is the central point around which the whole of the universe moves. Now that this scientific century is here there will be, as there always are, those who will deny this revelation, but they will gradually become a minority.

A century ago, when science robbed man of his belief in another world and in the history of religion, the Masters, who have a mission, who have certain parts given to them by higher powers, were given the charge to bring to the earth plane certain manifestations from a life beyond the physical life. There were a few men and women who were very impressed by these manifestations. From those who had died and were living in another world, there is proof in the records of psychical research that there is a continuation of life. Now this came as a hope to man a time of deep materialism. Those physical manifestations have played their part and a new revelation is coming to mankind. It is a demonstration of a special power behind the physical, the power of divine healing. This is going to be a great shaking of the material world. When this power breaks through the clouds like a glorious sun, the rays of the golden sun will pour through the clouds, [and] those who are present and have the great selfless love in their hearts to help their fellow men, they will be channels for this healing power.

We do not speak of just the magnetic healing. We cleanse the aura and relieve pain. We speak of this profound spiritual force which is the Christ Light. Man is going to receive knowledge. He is receiving knowledge as to how he can be used to give love, light, healing and comfort to those around him. You will be wondering how this power will manifest. We assure you that it will manifest first and foremost in the human heart, the love, the compassion and the humility of the Christ spirit in the human heart. With that great gift, free will, planted in the human heart, response comes to all that is beautiful and noble.

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The Christ Spirit is the saviour of mankind.

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The love of God comes to the suffering son or daughter. Love comes and heals the wounds, but the soul itself must feel the love for those who have injured it. There must be pity and love and then the law commences to operate in the life. We would like you to understand also that besides the Masters of the Seven Rays there are guides and helpers.

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You will meet your Master face to face and it will be a most glorious expression of your life. How, then, will you find your Master after long devotion to the law of spiritual life, to obeying the injunction of Christ searching for that spiritual life.

Heaven is not some place far off. Your heaven is within, within your heart. You can find that heaven when you have found peace of mind. When at a time you can withdraw into your innermost being, meditate and keep communion with your Master – with the Lord Christ. Therefore we say to you that in this new age spiritual healing and meditation are the two things by which man may rise above the limitations and the darkness of the material world and free himself from the bondage of matter – not in order to escape from matter, but to free himself from the bondage of matter just as the Lord Jesus, by his life, his crucifixion, has shown.

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After the resurrection He takes upon Himself a new body in which He ascends into the heavens to be with His Father. This is no image. This is Truth, and this is the path of Man.

And so, dear ones, we raise you again into that heavenly world. It is your true home. For the Spirit descended from on high, descended into matter, took control over matter and teaches the secrets of the Masters. The Master Jesus and other Masters of the Seven Rays have all passed the selfsame way and they come amongst men. They will come in the future more and more into contact with humanity as the vibrations of humanity are raised to higher planes.

Dear children, look up! Don't let the earth bind you. Look up and pray to the Source of all Life, to your Creator. Submit in humility to Him. Bathe in the bath of spiritual life and you will be re-created. Those of you who are bereaved, without comfort, there is a purpose in all events of your life, and what looks like disaster at the present time will later on prove to be an appointment of God for you to learn to enjoy greater blessings of spiritual life.

We leave with you all love. We cannot say more. Look up. Visualise the Temple in the Heaven of Man.

Look up.

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