

The Music of the Soul

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Text: a pale carbon, probably by AMI, with no typed heading whatsoever; YGH has added, in inked handwriting, 'White Eagle's Address at New Lands Silver Jubilee, Sunday 4th October 1970', and in pencil, 'Used in Stella'. It appeared in the February-March 1971 edition. The title, 'The Music of the Soul', is the one given to it when published in *Stella Polaris*. A phrase has been added by YGH in green ink, 'that the power' in the sentence halfway through, 'We want you to understand of which we speak is a power which flows through your whole being'. This is probably a conjectural emendation of a transcription error so we have included it in square brackets. The phrase one third of the way in, given here as 'the conflicts which are now raging' was typed in the script as 'the conflicts which are not raging' but the latter is surely wrong. Later in the address the sequence of White Eagle's thoughts is a little more difficult than usual to follow, and we have needed to put in the comment [sic] from time to time. This may be a shorthand/transcription problem, or it may actually be that there was less clarity than usual in what White Eagle had to say. In the third paragraph of the address as printed, the typist has given the word 'chord' (i.e. a musical chord) but it is more likely 'cord', the length of thread.

Context: properly, the Silver Jubilee of New Lands would have fallen just previously, on 29 September, but it was evidently easier programming to commemorate it a few days after than a few days before. As usual, the New Lands typist does not give details of the service but it is clear from a reference early in the text that one of the hymns, probably the third, was 'God, who made the earth' (no. 358 in *Songs of Praise*). However, the script begins and ends with a prayer, with the appearance of these having been given by White Eagle at start and finish. Probably, though, they are the opening and closing prayers of the service, very possibly by Minesta rather than White Eagle. We have left them as integral to the address, but it feels very likely that they are the Invocation and the Benediction.

General notes: a recurrent theme is the metaphor of the harp and its strings, with individuals sounding the strings as the keynote of their being. Another recurring phrase is the line 'Careth for me' from the hymn that was doubtless sung (see 'References'). The harpstring links with the idea of sounding the note, but also with the primordial sound, the Word (as in John). It's possible that White Eagle was making some connection here with the harmonic ideas of Pythagoras. Another idea is that while the world is full of conflict, the opportunity for the individual is to bring harmony and thus replace the disharmony (another Pythagorean concept!). Then the address tackles the problem of the existence of evil. There is a message about the need for the White Temple, then under construction at New Lands. Its purpose will be to 'sound the note' out into the world. It will also be a 'tabernacle', a centre of power. Finally, there is a discussion about the view that spirituality is 'impractical'. White Eagle insists that it is 'working from the centre' and thus the most powerful thing to do. The communion is relatively short but powerful. Some of White Eagle's sentences in this address are particularly long and complex, but have been reproduced verbatim.

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References: those mentioned as visitors at the beginning can up to a point be identified. 'The North' is too vague, but the visitor from Edinburgh may have been Ranald Godfrey, Brother Colum – or possibly Jean Stedman, Pearl Rose; from Bournemouth, Eunice Dixon ('Dixie'), Sister Aurelia; from Ascot, Margaret and Bill Spencer, Rose Star and Blue Star; from Saffron Walden, Eileen and Alan Thompson, Dawn Star and Jonathan; and from Reading, either Leonard Lane, Brother Leo, or Betty Jones, Silver Star. 'Careth for me' is a line that acts as a kind of refrain (the last line of each verse) in the hymn, 'God, who made the earth'. The first line of John's gospel, 'In the beginning was the Word' is reiterated more than once. 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart...' is Matthew 22 : 37-40. There is a reference at the end to the leader of the White Eagle work in the Netherlands. Margaret Petri-Moora, Silver Star of Holland, had passed on eighteen months previously, in March 1969. The other Dutch brother mentioned by White Eagle and present in the congregation was probably Britta Hudig, Margaret's successor as leader. 'The seed, the little seed' is an image perhaps taken from the grain of wheat in John 12 : 24, but White Eagle refers it back to his London harvest address on 20 September when the prompt was the hymn, 'We plough the fields, and scatter | The good seed on the land'. The reference to the building of a tabernacle probably evokes the Transfiguration story in Matthew 17, especially verse 4.

Historical note: this is one of many addresses where White Eagle acknowledges human unease about political and social events of the time; in October 1970 the largest news item, however, was the way in which the Vietnam war was drawing to an end.

White Eagle's Address:

We enter the silence and the stillness. We enter the world of spirit, to give thanks to our Creator, the Great White Spirit, who is the giver of all good, all life, all beauty, all truth. O Gracious Spirit, we have gathered together in this sanctuary to open our hearts to Thee, to thank Thee for the harvest of the land, for the harvest of love in our own lives; and in Thy name we call upon the great angels, the saints of all time, the hosts of heaven, to draw close during our service to bring the blessing of the world of light and the blessing of our Creator, that our hearts, our souls, may be filled with the truth of life eternal, life more abundant, and we are thankful for the knowledge and the truth which so many of us have received of the life beyond the gateway of death,. And we pray that we may be the means of showing our brethren that death is the entrance into that world of light. May the presence of the Son, the Cosmic Christ, bless our service. Amen.

May the blessing of the Great White Spirit be upon you all, and we come to talk to you as our members and Inner Brethren and friends. We welcome you with so much love, and

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we mean love. And as we touch your vibrations with our spirit, as our spirit goes out to you like so many feelers, we make contact with our Lodges in other parts of the country, and we greet our representatives from the North, from Scotland, Edinburgh, from Bournemouth and Plymouth and Ascot group[s], from our Saffron Walden group, from our Reading group; and we touch you all, dear brethren, and we draw you in, very close into the heart of the White Brotherhood, and we give you thanks as we give thanks to the Great White Spirit for this gathering, for all of us being drawn together, sounding one harmonious call. And this is an illustration of the work we in spirit have come back to do on the earth plane.

We touch each heart and we hear the response from the chord of your heart. You do not need to speak words to us, your hearts are like the strings of that ancient and beautiful instrument, which is known in modern days as the harp, and we give you this as a symbol of the work you and we are endeavouring to do on the earth plane. We seek harmony, brotherhood and love, and in the little hymn so beautifully rendered before we came to speak to you, we were so pleased to hear you singing the words, 'He careth for me'.

Now this is a note we particularly wish to strike here at New Lands on this Silver Jubilee. Whoever you are, wherever you stray, wherever you journey, God careth for you; and when sometimes you feel lonely and disappointed, you feel you have not been fairly treated, and you are in despair because things have not worked out as you hoped. You are in despair because you cannot find God or make contact with that infinite and eternal love. We want you to remember our message, that as you strike the note of love in your heart, love to God, love to your fellow beings, your neighbours, your co-workers; as you yourself strike that note or pull that chord on the great harp of creation, so will you hear the response of God. You may hear it in your soul, you may recognise it in the love which will come to you in your life, the happiness which will come to you as you are called upon; and you may volunteer to render a service to life, to your neighbour, or to the animal world or to the nature kingdom. We would have you think of life as one harmonious whole, and it is you yourself, man himself, who has first to strike the note, and that note from his heart reverberates throughout the universe. *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God: God ... good.* This is the note, not despondency, not evil, not criticism and arrogance (which the lowest self is always ready to criticise and sound this discordant note) but if we and you can always remember that one harmonious note which is God, good.

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We know, my dear children of earth, we know the conflicts which are now raging on the physical plane, the conflicts of wills, the conflict of desire, the conflict which is brought about through pain and suffering, but we tell you that every one of you on earth, you have it in your power to bring harmony – when you learn to obey the Master Jesus Christ's injunction 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and soul and mind, and thy neighbour as thyself.' There [it] is, summed up in two simple sentences, and we cannot gild the lily, even if we would.

Brethren, we want you to remember and let this message resound through your soul. *Whatever your need, God careth for you.* His angels care for you. The heavenly hosts come to the earth under the command of your Creator, the Great White Spirit. They come to bless, to heal, to love humanity. There are some here today who may be thinking 'What about all the evil and the discord there is in the world today?' Do you think that your Creator is unaware of what is happening in your world? Or that the Great White Brotherhood and the great angels are indifferent or unaware? Remember that there has to be what you call evil, or [what] we call a negative pull in life. Now this has to be recognised in its right place, because the negative comes to balance the positive. You must have those two great forces at work in life, but man has been endowed with certain powers of his spirit which come first. The power of the spirit is paramount. Remember this. It must be the pure spirit of the Son of God, the Christos, which operates through man's mind and his brain and his soul, which holds the balance in life. When these occult laws are understood, then there comes this harmony, this give and take. Now this is the point: to give and to take, and to understand that the Lord thy God knows when to give to his children and when to withhold. Now if you can only cultivate that sense of faith – more than faith, that inner knowledge, that certainty – the voice of the spirit in your heart which is assuring you that God is all wise and his laws are for the (shall we say?) the salvation, the illumination, the glory of man [*sic*]. And for these gifts we now meet in this little sanctuary to give thanks to God. Little by little, as mankind advances into the Aquarian age, the spirit, the power of the spirit through man's mind will be manifesting all over the earth.

Now remember, mankind, humanity, has a long way to go – we grant you this – but you have it in your power to help the whole world; *you*, as an individual. But you may not think that this is so, but remember what we have said to you about that musical instrument and the power of the sound. Now sound you only understand through music, maybe, through music, but sound has a great part to play in the development, the unfoldment, the bringing into balance. All these forces which [are] at variance at the

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present time. Remember the words in your own Christian bible: 'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was good.' This is the note that you have to strike in your heart and in your mind. Everything is working together for good, good, *for God*. God is the Creator, God is the great Architect of the Universe, and as you sound the note of truth, of goodness, of love [*sic*]; as you respond to that light from those worlds of light, so are you helping the whole of the earth plane, because you are striking the right note. You are endeavouring to bring harmony, beauty into life, not only into your own life – that goes without saying if you are playing your instrument correctly – but you are endeavouring to bring light and love and harmony, goodwill, God-will, right down to this physical plane of life. And this, dear children, is one very good reason why we have – we will not say we have, *they* have – the great ones above have sent through to the mind of the pioneers of this work the thought to erect that White Temple on the hill. Now, it's there in the white ether, make no mistake about that, and all of your thoughts as well as your gifts, gifts of spirit, gifts of mind and gifts of material matter, gifts of finance, whatever you give, you are making a contribution to the building of that White Temple. The first White Temple of your present, of your present modern age, that will be erected for that one purpose, the sounding of the grand note of the Universe, God, Light, Truth. Why do you need a White Temple? Because a White Temple is a vessel, a vehicle, which will be a receptacle like a grand holy Grail cup, and you by your service and your thoughts, you are filling that invisible cup with spiritual power and wisdom, and in your service you are learning how to pour it out onto the earth plane into a troubled world.

In the olden days, the people were told to build a tabernacle. A tabernacle was the centre of power in their land. You have yet to learn many, many truths about spiritual law, spiritual life, invisible forces, the power of thought, the power of healing, the power of love, and these are coming into your consciousness as you endeavour in your simple daily life to respond to the light which is coming to you from the heavenly places, from the Great White Brotherhood who are the servers of humanity, God's servants to humanity. They need you as you need them. Feel the light, give the light, respond to that heavenly light, as we have already told you.

And our last word is this, that we who come from the world of spirit are not impractical. We do not ask you to float away in a heavenly place without being capable of serving in God's world. We want you to understand [that the power] of which we speak is a power which flows through your whole being. It is a great White Light which is actually a substance, running in your very veins, your circulation, your nervous, your etheric body and your physical body through the circulation of the blood. Never forget that you are a

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child of God, created by God; and do not think that the law is beyond man's comprehension, because it is so simple, the law of God. We show you the picture as we brought it to the mind of the London brethren a little while ago: the seed, the little seed which is likened to your spirit. That little seed which has come forth from the heart of God, your spirit, the Son of God, you are the son or daughter of the living Father–Mother God; and physically this golden seed sown into the darkness of earth, talking about the grain of corn, the golden corn [*sic*]. You know the Indian brethren, we of the Indian race (and there are many of you here who once were in that Indian life), we had beautiful ceremonies for the planting of the golden grain, even as you have, or you used to have, in this western world, but our Indian brethren sang, we had beautiful chanting as we perambulated round the ground after the seed had been sown, and this produced breaking of the seed because the light from heaven was drawn down into the earth, and the seed was seen to be full of light, and this is what you would see if you had an instrument which would take you into the earth and who you [were at] the beginning of life in the earth. Remember this, and remember that this divine seed, this gold seed is in your heart, and a heart is a sacred centre. It is a receptacle for that divine seed.

Ignorant men do not know at present; they do not understand the sacredness of the human heart – but they will, for as you move forward into the Age of Aquarius, into the Age of Spirit and a higher mind, all this ignorance will be overcome, it will be absorbed, it will no longer be, because the wisdom and the light of God will be established in the mind and heart of humanity.

And so, with this message, we will close our little talk, but we are reminded by our Sister Margaret in spirit that there is more than one representative here, the leader of our Dutch Lodge and brethren of the Dutch Lodge, and dear Margaret is here standing with White Eagle sending her love, and telling you how happy you have made her by your efforts to support the work which she so unselfishly commenced. Never fear, brethren, it will go forward, and one day there will be a White Temple in Holland, and you will be able to look upon it with very thankful hearts.

He who is all love is now in our midst. Open your inner vision, see with your imagery – your imagination, if you like to call it that, but it is a creative power in man's heart – and see the form of the Golden One, the Son of Great White Lord, the Creator, bringing to you those symbols of the corn and the grapes, the bread and the wine. He offers them from his Father in heaven. Absorb into your being this bread of life. Feel it pulsating all through your body in the form of a white light. And he blesses the wine in the cup ... this

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beautifully shaped Grail cup. It is your heart, it is the heart of the Creator, the heart of the Son. Sip the wine of the grapes, the essence, the life essence, the love of Christ, the cosmic Christ. Hold it in your heart, brethren, and live, *live*, eternally in the joy and in thanksgiving for your Creator, your Creator who is God – all good, all love. To thee, O Gracious Spirit, we render ourselves in service, in Thy service. Amen. Amen. Amen.

O Gracious Spirit, our Creator, with humble hearts we give Thee thanks and pray that we may ever thank Thee in our daily lives, in our service to all creatures and all people. We pray that we may have the tolerance to recognise the outworking of Thy law in all places at all times. May we resign ourselves to Thy love, and so may that peace which is beyond all worldly understanding rest and abide in our hearts always, giving us the vision, the urge, the strength to help wherever help is needed, to love where there is a lack of love, and to establish brotherhood in every corner of the earth. This is our prayer and our thanksgiving for the way we have been led so far for this wonderful demonstration of our love. We thank Thee; We thank Thee. We thank Thee ... and thy ministering angels.

Amen.

The search matches with either words and phrases, which appear in the text, or the following 'key' words and phrases, which are similar in meaning to those in the document:

spiritual unfoldment, spiritual development, spiritual path, holy spirit, divine plan, God's plan, trust in God, inspiration, intuition, illumination, enlightenment, communion, eucharist, holy temple, golden temple, sacred place, shrine, new age, native Americans, music, musical instruments