

St Michael

A415 Sunday Address 28th September 1969 New Lands Harvest and New Lands
Anniversary Service

Text: a rather pale carbon typescript, probably by AMI. YGH has written in ink, at the top, 'White Eagle's Anniversary Address New Lands October 1969' but the date is believed to be 28 September, and this is confirmed by remarks about the festival of Michaelmas in the text. In the margin near the top YGH has also written, 'Minesta's prayer', which is confirmed by the typist, who begins, 'The first item is Minesta's opening prayer and invitation and then follows the talk given by White Eagle'. For 'invitation', which is as the typescript, we should read 'Invocation'. At the foot, YGH has written 'over, for WE'. Near the end, the typist has struggled a few times to keep up, and as well as another word missing a sentence begins half way through: '...golden harvest, so let us give thanks'.

Context: no detail about the service is given other than the reproduction of Minesta's Invocation, reproduced here, and information within the address that one of the hymns was 'We plough the fields and scatter|The good seed on the land' (no. 14 in *Songs of Praise*). White Eagle says, 'Now we reminded our friends at our last service that we are very close, very close now, closer than we were last Sunday, to the festival of St Michael and All Angels'. If the service was indeed on 28 September, then it was, as White Eagle says, only hours short of the festival, on the 29th. But what is the service, apparently the previous week, when White Eagle gave advance warning of the festival? We suspect he must mean the service in London on 21 September – evidently failing to remember that he was before a different congregation. On that occasion he did indeed comment that the festival was coming shortly.

General notes: the title brings out one important focus of this address, and the coincidence with the feast of all angels is strong; but the overall message might be described as 'thankfulness in the knowledge of the divine life'. It is one of the few times White Eagle speaks of the blessing of having children. As so often at harvest, White Eagle mentions the temples and ceremonies of the past, particularly in Britain. The early focus on 'goodness' is probably not to be read in a moralistic sense, but rather in the context of qualities such as beauty, mentioned at the same time, or St Paul's list of such qualities in Philippians 4 : 8. It is 1969, and construction of the Temple at New Lands is still something to be seen with the imagination, while fundraising continued (but the words near the start about those who have prayed and healed at New Lands in the far past is touching). There is a message for the bereaved – one of substantial hope, relying on great trust in their evolved natures. Then thankfulness becomes the theme until it turns into the focus on St Michael, with one of the best descriptions of his being in White Eagle's teaching. He then speaks of the grain ceremonies, both rogation and harvest, and of their celebration in the ancient temples of Britain. Modern fertiliser is very poor ('all kinds of rubbish', he says) compared to the pouring forth into the soil of the great white light. White Eagle soon returns to the day New Lands was dedicated, twenty-four years previously, and the message was the same. There is a strong focus on trust. As we move into the communion the message is that what we see in meditation is real and can be trusted to be such. The communion takes place in the temple in spirit, pulsating with light and resonant with music. There is a final message: 'We cannot give too much. We cannot serve too much. We cannot love too much'; and the final note is peace.

References: 'pressed down and running over', is a phrase from Luke 6 : 38. 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard' is 1 Corinthians 2 : 9. The reference at the beginning to healing work having been carried out on the hilltop at New Lands is curious; all that history and archaeology tell us is that one of the routes of the Pilgrim's Way from Winchester passed close by. But it's likely White Eagle is pointing to a much earlier period.

Minesta's Invocation:

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Let us remember that we are gathered together in spirit as well as in body, and that we are encompassed by a shining throng of heavenly beings; and as we approach the golden heart of love we become aware that we are a vast brotherhood of life. And we give thanks to our Creator for the wondrous gift of life itself, and for the beautiful earth and the grains, the golden grains and the fruits of the earth.

O gracious Spirit, who art the giver of all these good things, who art the sustainer of life ... and we feel now, as we enter into this heavenly company, the grand joy of all the angelic ones and the nature spirits and the spirits of the elements. For we would have a greater understanding, O Father–Mother God, a greater understanding of Thy wondrous gifts and the spiritual life which permeates all physical life.

We thank Thee for this service. We thank Thee for all the help which has been given to us here in this small corner of the earth: for the opportunity given to us to congregate together to worship and to serve Thee and all Thy creatures. And may He, who is Thy Son, the Christos, bless each one now with the consciousness of His presence and His love in our hearts. Amen.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of the earth life, we speak to you with love. We come from that world of spirit which is God's world, the heaven world. Not all the spheres in the spirit world can be described as heavenly. Nevertheless there is that heaven world which is there created for all the children of God. When we say children of God, we do not mean children who are specially chosen or favoured. We mean those sons and daughters and children of God who have found God in their hearts because they are God, they are good. Because they are good they enter into a world which is good, which is harmonious and beautiful. We want you to remember this on this special day of thanksgiving for the harvest.

Now, it is not only the harvest of the earth which is so beautifully arrayed all around you now, but it is [for] the harvest of the spirit that we give thanks; the harvest of the spirit. Now we give thanks on this special occasion because it is the twenty-fourth anniversary of the commencement of the work of this little sanctuary here on the sunlit hilltop; and we describe it as a sunlit hilltop because it is lit by the spiritual fire and the light – and there have been in years gone by holy people who have dwelt here and prayed here, to whom many have been brought to be healed and to be comforted in times of grief and sorrow.

Now if you search your hearts, you will find many things in your life for which to thank God. We are fully aware that there are some in this congregation who have more or less recently been bereaved. We know that you have lost dear ones, loved ones. But this loss will bring to you a jewel, a spiritual jewel of great price, for no soul can suffer the anguish of bereavement in the right spirit without the harvest coming home to that soul, a rich harvest. In some cases it may be in the very experience itself of watching a loved one become disentangled from the physical body. We do not wish to be sad, anything but sad today, but we want to remind you, whether you are one of the bereaved or not, we want to remind you that in every experience which comes to the human life [there] is one for which to be thankful – that is, if that

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experience is taken in the right way and if the soul of the individual who has suffered is able to rise in spirit and look up into the world of light. That soul gains something which is priceless. Without that experience, which was a sad one, that joy of spirit, that conviction of the life of spirit which is all around you and above you, would never have come to you. So even sorrow brings a rich reward. Happiness brings to you all that joy. Oh, that indescribable joy of life! – without which life would indeed be dull and monotonous and wearying and, in the end, you would be glad to escape from living.

But we will today think of all the joy which life has brought; the rich joy of love, of happiness, of the gift of children; and do remember that if you have been privileged to be a parent and you have received the gift of a child or children, that gift remains with you and in your heart for ever more, no matter what takes place on the earthly plane and in the earthly life. Children grow up and by the order of things or the law they must go away from the home and make their own life; but the mother and father expand their hearts to embrace that child wherever it goes. And we want you to think of this today: we want you to think that if the great Father–Mother God, according to His–Her wisdom, calls that child away from you, whether by distance or by death, remember that that child is forever in your heart and he or she lives in your love and in God's love. And as we have said on many occasions, *where there is love there is no separation.*

And so for this present moment we all unite in giving thanks to our Creator for the rich harvest, the harvest of the spirit. It is a golden harvest, for wherever you look now in your northern hemisphere of the earth planet you will see golden fields and the commencement of the golden trees and the golden light in the sky. You will feel that you are living in a world of gold. The harvest, the harvest is golden – and this applies to your human life too. We have listened to you singing that old hymn, 'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand'. Now that is all you know, and the majority of people know, on your earth. They do not know how the seed germinates. They do not know what creates a life, how the plants live, how the grain comes. They see them come. They see that there is a certain physical process in the production of seed and fruit, but what man does not yet know is the work, the law that is at work, the etheric law which is at work through all earthly matter.

Now we reminded our friends at our last service that we are very close – very close now, closer than we were last Sunday – to the festival of St Michael and All Angels. But we are very close, within a few hours, of that grand heavenly festival of St Michael and All Angels. When we see St Michael, we would like to give you this picture. St Michael is a great heavenly being. You would perhaps describe him as an angel. St Michael is a shining golden figure. He is surrounded, encompassed by a host of angelic beings. Now there are people on earth who say that nowadays there is nobody on earth who believes in angels. Well, that is perfectly all right. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but it is only an opinion. It isn't a truth. We say to you that angels are part of the great world of spirit. Without the angelic people there could not be a harvest as you understand it, for under the direction of the great angels, of whom St Michael is the chief, all the little nature spirits work with nature.

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Do you know that in days gone by, and we are now thinking particularly of one of our past incarnations when we joined in the grand ceremony of what you would call rogation, but what we, in those days, called the sowing of the golden grain, but we were always conscious of the heavenly hosts at that sacred time of seed sowing, and if you look over your land, if you are at all interested in what we call the Holy Centres of Britain, the great temples which are now very much crumbled by comparison with what they were, but these great Sun Temples, there they are still [*sic*]. They were erected by the people of days gone by so that they could meet and hold their ceremonies and their rituals for the distribution of the Great White Light and Power on to the earth. It was like what you do very badly today, manure with all kinds of rubbish. If only people on earth could open their consciousness to the real fertilisation of the earth, and know that the earth can only be fertilised in the right way by the Divine Light, by the Supreme Light of love – like a white rain, a white baptism of the earth.

And when the grain was sown in our day, all the people congregated in a very vast congregation. They went through the ritual of pouring on the earth the true fertilising power, that of the Great White Light, calling upon God to bless the soil and to bless the seed and cause a great harvest to come – because the people were worthy of that harvest.

There is so much for people on earth to learn. The mind is a tyrant. The mind can overrule all truth. It is the heart which worships the Creator and which is filled with love and adoration for the Creator of all life. That is the truth, the truth. The truth lies in the heart of God because it lies in the heart of God [*sic*]. When man has love in his heart and he stimulates that love and gives that love to his fellow creatures, then he is giving the Light of God, the true fertility of life. We want you to think of these things, dear children, today, and draw yourselves in the silence, draw into yourselves this divine love and harmony and trust. And trust, my children, in the wisdom and that eternal love from which you have sprung, from which you have been born.

Whatever your need, do your best quietly; and we mean by doing your best, letting God, the good God, be your Master, the Master of your life. Then you will indeed reap a rich golden harvest – because, my children, it is the law, the cosmic law of life, and what you put into life you receive again in full measure, pressed down and running over.

Now when we commenced this sanctuary twenty-four years ago, we had to explain to the little band of brethren who were working on the earth plane with us and for humanity, we had to explain exactly what we are saying to you today. You must be right with God, right with God in your heart; and trust, have faith in God that God's will is omnipotent, omniscient, and [then] everything in life will work according to the will of God's love. And as we were saying, we had to explain to our little band here, you sow the golden seed in this land, in this place. You sow the golden seed in the hearts of those people who are drawn towards you, and God will bless that seed, and it will germinate, and it will grow. And this is the rich harvest that you all pray for and which we pray for with you, not that you may gain anything particularly for yourself, but that you may see the world growing in brotherhood, in love and kindness. That you may see humanity becoming strong and healthy and wise; that all men may truly discover for themselves that heaven is in their hearts – and that they have it within their power to create a heaven for all their people, for all their brethren.

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Now think, my children, what comes to you from a noble heart, from a kindly heart, from one who loves. Think what comes to you, how happy you feel, what joy is yours! You certainly enter into the joy of life because maybe one brother on the earth plane scatters light and joy into your heart. How infectious happiness is; how infectious joy is; how infectious is truth and the true way of life!

Now, children, we want you to close your eyes to all the physical form. Turn deep within into your heart. Use your power of imagination or the power to create an image and, although many people decry this and say it is all rubbish, yet they will admire and love the beauty of ancient architecture and art in any form; in sculpture or painting or in architecture. People say, 'Oh, how wonderful, this is real' – because it may be in stone or it may be on canvas – but they are only looking at the shadow of the real thing. Now the real picture of the beauty in the arts lies in the soul or the spirit of the artist. And so what the artist in medieval times or even beyond that was able to express in stone or in words or on canvas or in music, in the lovely musical instruments of their particular day, are exactly the same as your own creations. Indeed your own creations from your power of imagery or imagination can be and will be even more perfect, more beautiful, than anything that has yet been created on the earth's plane in your particular history.

Remember this, that truth is within – and as you from your spirit can create the image of heaven or earth made perfect, man made perfect, so you are creating a true image which is not all imagination which dispels itself, but is something which is eternal. For when it is beautiful and good and is created by the spirit, it has the spirit of God in it, and God is eternal.

Now all you can create in your mind and in your spirit and with your spirit is truth. Never doubt this. It is truth. It cannot be destroyed.

And so, on this day of thanksgiving, thanksgiving for the harvest of the earth, thanksgiving for the harvest which you individually are now reaping in joy and happiness – and experiences which are beautiful for you on the earth plane – in our thanksgiving, we look up into the vast heavenly world. And we see there a temple. Now a temple is a very, very important structure. A temple is built for the adoration and worship of all that is beautiful and good. Temples of music we have in the spirit world and temples of art, temples of worship. O my children, eye has not seen nor ear heard the beauties which await the soul in the kingdom of heaven! There we enter this temple of light created out of the white ether and animated by the eternal spirit.

When we say animated, we mean that the substance of the building is pulsating with beautiful light and colour through the white ether. Use your imagination; come with us into this temple in the spirit world – the temple with the vast pillars and the great arches, with the arches reaching up to almost beyond your vision. And hear the music. Hear the music in this temple. Hear the angelic voices praising and giving thanks to God, the Great Being, the Great Consciousness which is the Creator, the Creator of all beauty, all happiness. And the Great Lord of Christos stands there; a noble figure, shining with joy, shining with love. Do you see

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in that face the wisdom of eternity? You feel the enfoldment of His aura of love. You know that all is well. You live and have your being in this supreme Presence.

And he shows you in that higher [ether] the symbols which we see here at our feet. [He shows] the fruits of the earth; the loaf of bread which man makes from the grain which God grows; the bread of life without which man could not sustain physical life – if he had not the bread of life and the fruits of life, the grapes, the loveliest fruits which have to be crushed in order to extract the essence. The juice and the crushing, my children, is what you feel in your physical everyday life. You feel that your heart is squeezed, that your heart is crushed by the conditions of the earth; and from that crushing, that squeezing, the pain of the earthly life, there is produced the divine essence: the wine, the wine.

Those who turn to God in your suffering, God offers to you the wine which has been extracted from suffering – the spirit of Christ, the Son. Take the piece of bread which He has blessed. Put it on your tongue, and in your imagination, with your sense of taste, you will taste a spiritual bread, the bread of life, God's gift. It is exquisite, and it will fill you with strength. And he offers you in the cup, the Holy Grail, a sip of the juice of the grapes, a sip of wine. And give thanks. This, my children, is life. Given to you in a parable, maybe, but it is life; and it is the outcome of all acceptance and sacrifice in your earthly way of life; [your] golden harvest.

So let us give thanks with heart and mind and hand. We cannot give too much. We cannot serve too much. We cannot love too much. And this is our message to you from the ancient Brotherhood of the Great White Light on this day of thanksgiving, and on the anniversary of the commencement of this work here. Do what you can, every one of you. Remember. Remember. Remember this message – and do what you can to give the message of truth to others.

And peace be with you, peace throughout your life – peace as you leave the physical life and enter that world of light. Peace be unto you.

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thanksgiving, lammas, reaping, cycles of life, nature, divine mother, service, brotherhood, communion, loss, grief, family, children, archangel Michael, ancient centres, spiritual centre, holy places, sun worship, inner truth, truth within, creative energy, art, creativity, power of imagination