

Keep on Keeping on

A428 Sunday Address 7th March 1971 London Thirty-fifth Anniversary of the White Eagle Lodge

Text: MB typescript, a top copy. Among instructions on the cover page, YGH gives it the title, 'Keep on Keeping On'. She has edited the text quite thoroughly and the only editorial marks we have retained are obvious corrections; on the first page, she has corrected MB's titling of the Introit from 'How can we adore Thee' to the one given below. Some of the emendations seem to be in JGH's hand. There is a lacuna where a member of the congregation coughed loudly – there is an obvious amendment which we have put in in square brackets.

Context: MB is expansive in her description of the opening moments of the service, saying, 'To the accompaniment of soft organ music White Eagle's Choir, robed in white, silently entered the Lodge. When each Choir member had taken their place, the congregation stood whilst the Choir beautifully sang "Now let every tongue adore Thee". Dear Minesta and Brother Faithful entered the Lodge during the singing in their usual gracious sweet way.' Brother Faithful announced 'All People that on Earth do dwell' (443) as the first hymn. Minesta's Invocation was recorded separately, and the Choir offered Psalm 24, 'The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is' (possibly to a straight chant, rather than any larger-scale composition). MB comments, 'Very lovely'. The reading, by Brother Faithful, was another Psalm, no. 103, 'Bless the Lord, O my soul; | And all that is within me, bless His holy name!'. The next hymn was 'Come down, O love divine' (Down Ampney, no. 177), and after prayers the Choir offered a third item, the anthem 'God is a spirit, and they that worship him' (Sterndale Bennett). After White Eagle's address came 'Exquisite music softly played on the organ by Brother David', and then Brother Faithful's words, reproduced here (and see comment in 'General Notes'). Brother Faithful then announced 'Jerusalem' (446) as the final hymn, and Minesta offered the words reproduced here. The Vesper seems to have been the Dresden Amen; MB simply refers to it as 'Amen. Amen. Amen.' She adds that at the end there was 'Beautiful organ music played by Brother David whilst Minesta and Brother Faithful passed down the aisle, followed by the members of White Eagle's Choir, who departed as silently as they had entered the Lodge'. There was no communion, but Minesta's few words after the address offer a short one.

General notes: White Eagle begins with an explanation of the symbol of the cross within the circle, with which he generally began and ended his addresses, and described its antiquity. In the process he insists on the antiquity of the White Eagle Brotherhood, set into motion aeons before it manifested on Earth. The message of the Brotherhood is equally timeless: 'God is spirit, and God's children are spirit'. It is the message of the Aquarian Age. But life has to be worked out, not understood from verbal instruction. In particular, the way to understand that there is a God is through suffering – in the midst of which we discover a God of Love. White Eagle then moves back to the antiquity of the Lodge and its establishment by those known as Plumed Serpents. The goal of life is not allowing the spirit to work through the psyche; it is not merely understanding the power of the spirit to heal, to comfort and to feed the hungry. Rather it is something further, for 'man goes on and on and on in life, in greater and more beautiful spheres of service and usefulness to God his Creator and all God's creation. Then comes a definition of the purpose of the Lodge: 'to provide a centre which man can come [to] and learn to make contact with eternal spirit'. He has picked up a number of questions from the congregation, and one particular one is 'But what is the heart? It is only a pump which pumps the blood around the body, not more than that'. On the contrary, it is the receptacle of life, indeed it really *is* life. Another question is about the role of Jesus. White Eagle insists that he is timeless and without geographical limitation, and the message he has brought is always that summed up in the Beatitudes. He greets old friends in the congregation (without naming them), and reminds all in the congregation that they are known to him personally. There is a reference to the Temple at New Lands, now under construction.

Brother Faithful's words at the end, concerning an early prophecy of a centre starting in Kensington, are intriguing. It is not known what was the group who made the prophecy, unless just conceivably it was an early meeting of the Polaires.

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References: 'God is a spirit' is John 4 : 24. 'Be ye wise as serpents' is Matthew 10 : 16. 'Except ye become as little children' is Matthew 18 : 3. The words about the Lodge being a lighthouse are by convention attributed to the writer Shaw Desmond, at the opening of Pembroke Hall in 1936 (see *THE STORY OF THE WHITE EAGLE LODGE*, p. 18).

Special note: those who attended this anniversary service were probably unaware that it was going to be the Harvest service (19 September) before White Eagle spoke again in London. Maybe because of Mlnesta's increasing age, a decision seems to have been taken to hold Wednesday evening talks by White Eagle at New Lands, and then to play a recording in London the week after. Thus, he spoke at New Lands on 5 May and 7 July, and the recordings were due to be played on 11 May and 13 July respectively. At the time of writing, neither scripts nor recording tapes have been found.

White Eagle's Address:

Brethren, we bring you all love and peace.

And many of you may wonder why it is that when we come from the world of spirit to speak to you, we always open with the symbol of the Cross of Light within the Circle of Light. And if you could see with clear vision, or clairvoyance, you would see that from our fingers there flows a light. And as we make the symbol we make an impression, or we draw that symbol in light. And maybe there are some of you who can see the impression that this symbol makes upon the ether.

Now, you have been singing very beautifully. And all the company of the White Brethren are here now to join with you in thanksgiving for the anniversary of the commencement of this Lodge so many years ago. But you may be interested to know that the symbol to which we have already referred – the symbol of the Cross of Light within the Circle of Light – is a symbol of a very, very ancient Brotherhood. Many of you will recognise the symbol as the one used by the White Brotherhood.

But we want to take you back into the far, far distant past. And yet the past is never past. It is always with us, for you and we are living in the eternal now. But referring again to this ancient Brotherhood, we would like to make it very clear to all you in this service that the establishment of this work in this new age was planned and worked for countless ages ago when the White Brethren received the vision and the command of the Most High that a preparation must be made for the future of mankind.

Now, there have been many changes on earth through the ages. Religions have come and they have passed away. There are still certain religious groups, churches, on your Earth and through each one of them has come to humanity the truth that man needs, [that] the spirit of man's needs. Therefore it behoves mankind to accept tolerantly and with love all the manifestations and the demonstrations of the truth of the Spirit. For God is Spirit, and God's children are spirit.

Now, this is the message of the new age of Aquarius, the message of spirit and the brotherhood of spirit. And this is what humanity has been prepared to understand at the present time. You are seeing it in its crudity but remember that humanity must pass through

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various stages of spiritual evolution. And man can only learn the truth about God and creation in his spirit, and therefore the experiences [are] not only mental experiences, but spiritual experiences. And we would remind you that whatever you have to endure in your life on earth, whether it is hardship, pain and suffering, whether it is grief or disappointment and separation and loss, remember this, beloved brethren, it is only through these soul experiences that you can find, in due time, you can find God.

Now, there are arguments sometimes as to whether there is a God, because of human suffering. And we are going to answer by saying to you because of human suffering there is a God. Because it is through this suffering and lessons that are learnt – through error lessons are learnt – man discovers the truth that God is a God of Love. Many cannot see this. They will say, ‘But what about the cruelty in the world and the terrible suffering, the physical suffering that man has to endure. How can a God of Love inflict these things upon His children?’ Well, it does appear to you, to many people on the surface of life, that God cannot be love. ‘God must be cruel to inflict this terrible suffering.’ But children, brethren, on the earth plane remember that the pain in your heart, the suffering and the injustices and horrors of life awaken, *awaken* the spirit within. When man is successful on the earth plane and lives only for enjoyment, his physical enjoyment, he is creating in his soul the seeds for future sowing, which bring back to him in the future those experiences, the pain and the suffering which he cannot then understand. But it is, as we have already explained to you, the suffering of the soul which awakens it, and it through the soul [*sic*], [and] the divine spirit in man, cries out to its Father, ‘O God, what I have done to deserve this? O God, help me.’

And God does help. Many, many times you must have looked back after passing through the crisis, the great anxiety, misery; and as you look back into the past life you realise that if certain events hadn’t happened you would never have entered into the happiness and joy which maybe you now enjoy. The whole of life is governed by a perfect Love which is law. The law works exactly in human life. You may not like to hear this, but we tell you this truth. And if you cannot accept it do not. Maybe you will think it over and your future experiences will cause you to remember our words.

And as we have already told you the work of this Lodge was planned many, many ages ago. One day, when your vision is cleared and you are released from the entanglements of the physical life and material things, you will see the glory of God, the glory of God’s love in human life. This Lodge came from the ancient centre of those great beings who are called ‘Plumed Serpents’. It means the Wise Ones who have received divine illumination – the Wise Ones – the serpent. ‘Be ye wise as serpents’, said Jesus. And it is through the wisdom that the illumination comes.

Now, you won’t arrive at this state by thought, but not by development of intellect only, although intellect has its place, to enable man to express himself in noble language. It enables him to acquire and understand a great deal of knowledge of the evolution of life, the development of man. But intellect alone will never bring to man the divine illumination, because this comes not from the intellect, but from the spirit – the Great Spirit, the Great White Spirit whom the Plumed Serpents worshipped.

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And with the coming, the opening up, the stimulation in man of this divine spirit, he is enabled to exercise or practise spiritual powers. Now, the spiritual powers are not psychic, although spiritual power can and does use the soul which is [the psyche] so the spiritual power can work through the psyche. But that is not the end, that is not the goal. The goal is that the spirit of God in man which can overcome all darkness, all sin and death, the spirit in man, *the spirit of God in man is eternal*. And because of this spirit, man is enabled by the technique which he learns from heavenly places, he is able to heal the sick, to comfort the mourner, to bring peace where there is strife. He is able to feed the hungry. Now, many will disagree with this, but the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated this age-old truth. It is by the spirit that man is fed; by the spirit that man can be healed and can be comforted. It is by the spirit that man loses all fear of death. Man never dies in spirit. Man cannot die in spirit. Man is alive. And when he sheds this body of clay, he is *free*, free in the world of spirit, in a land of light. But that is not the final goal of man. Man goes on and on and on in life, in greater and more beautiful spheres of service and usefulness to God his Creator and all God's creation.

Now, children and brethren, the purpose of this Lodge is to provide a centre [to] which man can come and learn to make contact with eternal spirit. Will you remember that when you are meditating, or when you are endeavouring to help people in trouble and sick people? Remember the importance of controlling your physical body. Remember to be still and to be silent, because it is only in the silence that your spirit can hear. It is only in the silence that your spirit can make that contact with that centre of life and light which is called God.

Of course, God is the infinite and eternal spirit, and life is governed by divine law. But God is more than a vague automatic law. God has all the qualities of a good father and mother. And we want to draw your attention to this because it will be so valuable to you in your life. The father and the mother, the beginning of all life, the positive and the negative forces, the energy-projection of the energy by the father, the reception of that energy by the mother; the womb, and the growth of that life in the womb of life in the mother love – *love*. This is the creation, the Great Mother, but apply it to human life and all these truths which are so simple and yet so profound are to be lived, not talked about; they have to come from the centre, from the heart within every man.

We heard someone say a little while ago – we were listening, because we often listen to the conversation on earth. We heard a man say, 'But what is the heart? It is only a pump which pumps the blood round the body, no more than that'. We were sorry to hear that brother speak like that, because the heart is the centre of God. It is the receptacle of life. It is, *it is* life. It is spirit. And you will question this, that divine life of which we have been speaking rests in the heart centre. The spiritual heart of man, the Son of God, the Christ spirit, is born from the heart of man. And the heart is always that link, that affinity with the cosmic life, divine life. How beautiful, when you understand these laws!

Now, we have seen here tonight many of our old friends. We see that some of you have travelled a long distance to be with us on this special occasion of thanksgiving for the anniversary of the White Eagle Lodge. And to each one of our dear friends whom we cannot mention by name, but from our heart we send to you all our love and our blessing and our

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thankfulness for you and your service and your loyalty to this work of the ancient Brotherhood.

Now before we leave – we are not going to weary you, but we want to add one more important point, because we have heard a question. You see, we hear your thoughts sometimes when we want to, but we can also shut them out if it is not convenient for us to listen. And this is what you will have to learn to do in time, to receive and not receive. The truth is a paradox, remember this.

Now we have heard across the ether, ‘But where does Jesus Christ come into what you have been telling us about the ancient brotherhood and the ancient wisdom?’ The Son, the Christ, the Christ Son is the most important being in human life because the Son is in every man, but you have not been accustomed to thinking of Christ like this. Now, whilst the Christ spirit is in you and is in your brother–sister and you may not know it, you may not see it, you may not hear the Christ spirit, nevertheless it is there in all humanity.

But what we want to explain to you – explain to you most of all – is, the same Christ, Jesus Christ, lived long, long ago on this earth plane. He was not born in the first life here as a child of his Jewish parents. That was only one incarnation. But that same soul, that same radiant Brother, lived with many races. Christ, as we said to you the last time we were talking, think of the Christ of *all* nations. But we now are speaking to you from experiences of an Indian, American Indian, incarnation, long, long ago. The tribes of the American Indians in South America knew Jesus Christ. He was not called Jesus, but a similar name. But he came to them with exactly the same message as he gave to his Jewish friends and to his Christian friends, the Gentiles, the same message, ‘Love one another’. ‘Do good to those who despitefully use you. Blessed are the meek in spirit.’ You know the Beatitudes, you all know them. Now this same, exactly, *exactly* the same teaching was given in the past ages to our Indian people. And the same quality of healing was taught then. This is nothing new that is being given to the White Eagle Lodge, it is age-old. We want you to remember this and to remember the privilege which is yours: to be able to be a channel for the healing power, to project from your heart as well as your mind the healing rays which go without any interruption directly to the patient when the name is called; and a certain responsibility rests upon the human channel.

And our last – *very last* words. Jesus said, ‘Except, except ye become as little children you can in no wise enter the Kingdom of Heaven’. Of course, this means to be humble and simple, to accept, accept the truth that has been given to you, not only by us, but been given to you [*sic*] by your own spirit, the voice within you. Don’t let this mind voice interfere; just listen to that voice in the heart, God’s voice. And don’t allow that arrogant physical mind to destroy this beautiful world of spirit for you. This is why we are asking you – you are our builders – remember, you are the builders of that White Temple on the hill, which again is symbolic of the arisen spirit of the Christ. We are all building the Temple on the Hill in the harmony and peace of the countryside so that you may enter and all men may enter that White Sanctuary of the spirit, and there find this mystery, this eternal life. This *love*.

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The Great White Spirit blesses every one. You think we do not know you. We know every one of you here. And when our words are read in the book[s] the contact is immediately made with us. We speak of the Brotherhood of the Light. We know you all. We know you. We take you by the hand, we bless you.

Good night, good night.

Brother Faithful:

Somewhere about thirty-five years ago, probably just before the Lodge was started, a little group of people met in London somewhere in the Kensington district to hear talks or lectures by a man who was a very advanced adept. And he told them that a centre was to be started in Kensington, not far away, which was going to be like a lighthouse, to send out a great light into humanity. And he pointed to the direction in which that centre was to be opened. And the direction of it was Pembroke Hall, the first White Eagle Lodge. And we heard about this because some of the members of that group came along to tell us all about it. And I think we still have two of them with us, even after all these years. And so this is a lighthouse. And Pembroke Hall in its small way was a lighthouse.

And we are building a bigger and better White Temple which is also a lighthouse, down in the country.

And so we close this Service with the only possible hymn which is quite suitable, and it is no. 446, Jerusalem.

Minesta:

All around you I can see this company of illumined spirits. We are not alone. We have this great army behind us and amongst these I see many of our members who have been with us and served in this Lodge so many years and who now have passed into that world of light. But they still work. But they have made me, literally *made me* tell you this.

Now, as we enter into the stillness waiting for the blessing of God, let us think of those whom we love in the land of light, who are now with us here at this moment.

And above all the gracious and glorious figure of the Son of God, the Christos.

And we open our hearts. We open our heart like a vast Grail Cup. We receive the blessing, the spiritual blessing. May the peace of this blessing remain in our mind and heart always.

Amen.

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