

# Remembrance

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*The date of this address is conjectural (see below), while the text is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors*

*Text: from Angelus, November 1950, undated*

*Context: the practice in Angelus by the end of the 1940s was to print a festival address a year later, to coincide with the festival as it came round again, hence the assumption that this address was from 1949. The United Kingdom would have celebrated Remembrance on the Sunday nearest Armistice Day, the 11<sup>th</sup>, hence the date of the 13<sup>th</sup> chosen for this address; it seems unlikely the service was held on a different day from the whole of the rest of the country. However, White Eagle does say in the eighth paragraph, 'A few days ago the Christian Church celebrated All Saints' Day', which would fit better with the service having been held on the 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*General Notes: This address contains a very powerful invocation of the values and standards of the 'unknown saints' of all time, who from the higher world look onto the physical plane absolutely without judgment and with every encouragement for humanity in incarnation. Another theme of the address is the control of the emotions. Later there is quite an important exploration of the episode when Jesus, on the cross, commended his mother Mary and his disciple John to one another: a coming together, White Eagle implies, of soul and spirit.*

*References: for the episode of John and Mary at the time of the crucifixion, see John 19 : 25-27.*

## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, we would like to draw aside the curtain of the material world, so that you could see the host of radiant figures which have gathered here tonight.

Vast numbers of souls are drawn to earth as messengers from God. At present men turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to these souls. Will you try during this service to realise the presence of a host of shining forms which are watching over you with tender love and compassion? We wish so much to emphasise this truth.

During this Service of Remembrance many of you here have an aching heart; for you look back upon happy years spent with some loved one who was swept away from your mortal sight because of the wrong and the cruelties of man. For this reason, you find it difficult sometimes to reconcile your pain and suffering with a God of Love; or with a heaven world full of beauty, or with a life made radiant with the light of Christ and the Father–Mother God.

We think it right to say tonight that God does not wish to inflict pain and suffering on His dearly beloved children on earth. Although you may not agree with what we are now going to add, we hope you will meditate upon it afterwards.

For pain and suffering are man-inflicted, and do not originate from God. Humanity is not ready to believe this truth as yet. It always prefers to blame someone else for its troubles, since it is an instinct in human nature to want to lay the blame on others. Nevertheless, as the soul advances along its path of spiritual evolution, it begins to realise that its own measure of failure eventually brings about its own pain. So, when tempted to blame God, or to blame your brother man, will you remember to look within and see what you can find?

They say in your world that a man can be judged by the company he keeps. We say that a man can see himself revealed if he looks closely at his friends and his surroundings; for that man's character will

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come externalised in his surroundings, as also in his form, his face, and his associates. Beloved ones, we sincerely pray that you will keep company with the shining ones tonight.

For a moment think about your own dear sons, brothers, or mothers, fathers, relatives and friends – remember those who passed out of your mortal sight. Think of them, not as you knew them when they were often sad and weary, but as they truly are now! For now they have shed all the sorrow, depression and bodily pain from which they used to suffer, while still remaining the same spirit that you loved. For this reason they are still able to come into close communion with you, they still retain their kindly characteristics, their gentle and loving ways. Nevertheless, the shadowy part of them is gone. So we direct your vision to them as they are now. Having passed through the veil, they are living in a world of light, together with all the Illumined Ones of the heavenly state.

A few days ago the Christian Church celebrated All Saints' Day. Will you remember at this moment the saints who have lived on earth and blessed it by their lives? We are going to ask you presently to keep the Silence, and then we will direct your thoughts and the protection of the Light out into the world. Before this, we want you to remember humbly and solemnly all the saints known and the countless numbers who are unknown, but nevertheless are saints in the sight of God, because they have lived a life of service, of sacrifice of their own wishes and desires; such as the mother who toils for her family; the man who serves the community unknown, unrecognised; and the invalid who, although suffering, continues to radiate love and patience and sweetness into the world. Then there are those who, endeavouring to be true to the light within them, live truly not for themselves, but for God and for their brother man. They spend their days for others, to help the world. They may not speak of these things, but theirs is the life of the saint, because they refuse to listen to harsh judgment of their fellows. They never criticise their brothers. They try not to give way to petty irritation. They fight against depression and darkness. They strive to overcome the pull of the body. They endeavour to obey the voice of God, which you call conscience. Tonight, we would have you especially remember this great host of shining ones, who come to you to bring you light, to give you strength to live your lives as God intended, to bring to you the light of heaven, so that you may be added to those who have lived not for themselves, but for the good of mankind. Not one soul who continually sends out constructive thoughts – which are light-thoughts, thoughts of God – ever wastes effort.

Now, beloved ones, we remember the lives of all the saints, many who are dear to us personally, many who have left their mark of goodness upon this earth.

*As we go into the Silence we remember you. We remember you, brethren of the Great White Lodge; and with your help we would now send forth from this Lodge a great shining light. May it shine far through the darkness. Amen.*

We have been telling you about this brighter world. You cannot see it. You have to believe our words. But, my dear ones, the day will come when you will see this spiritual world of infinite beauty. Then you will not have to depend upon others to contact and to hold communion with those whom you love and have passed away from mortal sight. You will in time learn, as every man and woman will someday learn, to be your own priest – your own priestess.

Throughout past ages these mysteries have been kept secret, because they are sacred. Man has not been allowed to penetrate the veil into the world of light, because he was not ready; because he was not spiritually strong enough to wield the power which such penetration would bring to him. So he has been kept in the outer courts of the Temple, and has had to depend upon the priest or the oracle to receive his messages from the world of light, or from those beings who have passed onward from the

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darkness of earth. But be sure that a time is coming when the veil of the Temple will be torn aside, and every human being will see the glory of the world of spirit. More than this: every human being will be able to bring through into mortal life knowledge of marvels of the world of spirit. You talk about miracles. But what we are telling you will not then seem a miracle, but a natural occurrence. For the people will become so attuned to this higher spiritual vibration that life on earth will be completely changed.

One of the greatest barriers to man reaching that holy of holies, that life of freedom and happiness and perfection, is uncontrolled emotion. We could talk for a long time on this subject, but will say only that it is the lower emotions of man which are keeping the world where it is; which are keeping humanity chained, enslaved in darkness and suffering. It is because man gets irritated and annoyed with the brother by his side – or with some country over the water – that he creates a barrier between himself and his brother, and so brings to himself needless suffering, irritation, criticism, and harshness. This gives rise to unlovely thoughts and unlovely emotions. Remember, it is these things which erect a barrier between you and the glorious life which will someday be yours, and which can be yours now, if you will train yourselves to control your body and your emotions.

There are, nevertheless, emotions which we might call divine, such as the emotion of love, which manifests as brotherly feeling for others; the emotion of kindness which entails always thinking of others, and what you would feel if that pain you were inflicting upon your brother were suffered by yourself. 'Platitudes', you say? No, my brother, not platitudes – this is divine truth – cosmic law. When the human emotions are held in check and kept under control, then you will see in your own little world – your own human circle – a different vibration, a different condition. Then your emotion of divine love will spread beyond your home, your office, and your workshop, out into a larger world.

You hope that by legislation you are going to change your country, to change the nations. No, my friends, politics will not change anything. The only thing which will better your world is a changed heart.

We draw your attention to an episode which happened when the Master Jesus was crucified. Many of you know that there is the most profound symbolic truth in the account of crucifixion. You will remember, when Jesus was crucified he spoke to John the beloved disciple and said, 'John behold your mother'; and to Mary he said, 'Behold your son'. Now, Mary the mother is the symbol of the soul. Symbolically, woman ever stands as the symbol of the human soul. John was the symbol of spirit, pure spirit, or divine love. When Jesus said, in effect, to John, 'Behold the soul', and to Mary, 'Behold the son', he gave them to each other, which means that the whole teaching of Jesus can be summed up in this episode; for at that moment the soul embraced the spirit – divine love.

This is what is before all mankind. Many people are active in developing their soul. Many of these souls are still divorced from spirit, or divorced from divine love. The work of all of you is to receive into your soul the Son of God, which is divine love. This is what all the saints have accomplished, and this is what you must accomplish if you would see humanity relieved of pain, sorrow, and suffering; and if you would see into that spiritual world of great beauty to which you hope to go, my friend, my brother – and to which you go *here and now* if you will obey the commands of your Master, Jesus the Christ.

With these words we will close this Service of Remembrance. But we pray, my dear ones, that everyone present will be impressed with the truth of this message, not only while it is spoken, but will take away the impression and apply the truth to everyday life. Then you will be united with your

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beloved son, husband, mother, brother, sister, loved one, in the spirit. Then there will be no feeling of separation, and in you there will be no ill and no pain. For all these things will have passed away when you have truly and spiritually entered into the Temple of God.

Our love! All love to you from your loved ones, who are all around you now! The peace of God dwell with you now, and always. 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:*

*soul interpenetrated by spirit on earth, humanity protected, reconciling God with suffering, uncontrolled emotions, love, not legislation, will change the world, shedding the shadows, John and Mary at crucifixion represent uniting of soul and spirit*

