

A New Year Address

A199 Sunday Address 2nd January 1949 St Mary Abbots Place, London New Year Service

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, January 1950.

Context: although the date is conjectural, to print the New Year address a year after it was given seems to have been normal practice.

General Notes: the overriding idea of the first half of this address is the 'ploughing of the field' which must take place before the glory of the new age dawns. There is a fine saying within it: 'Not only for ... personal happiness must you seek and work for the light, but for the happiness of all the world'. There is great hope in this address, for it describes life as a spiral with the difficult experiences progressively lifting the soul to the state, ultimately, where it can be the saviour of all humankind. There are strong words spoken against international isolationism, which must have felt to be a threat at the time: White Eagle states quite clearly of nations, 'If they try to isolate themselves from the rest of the world, they will drop off the tree of life like rotten fruit'.

References: 'Behold I make all things new' is Revelation 21 : 5. White Eagle quotes this twice, and the second time treats the words as coming from God. In fact, in Revelation, the one who speaks them is 'he that sat upon the throne'. 'These are they who have come through great tribulation; their raiment is washed whiter than snow' is a familiar White Eagle collation of Revelation 7 : 14 (great tribulation) and the transfiguration story, where Jesus' raiment is perceived as whiter than snow (see, e.g., Mark 9 : 3). 'I, if I be lifted up ... will draw all men unto me' is Jesus' statement before the Crucifixion (John 12 : 32)

White Eagle's Address:

'Behold, I will make all things new!' You, beloved children, stand at the threshold of a New Year; which means you have before you fresh opportunities for serving God and helping forward the spiritual evolution of the present age. We shall have something to say about these opportunities later, but first we want to tell you of the invisible friends who are with you. In spite of apparent materialism, the veil between the two worlds is growing thinner and you who are listening can be the instruments of God to bring about a change in the minds of the people, a change of outlook on life.

You are God's instruments, as all men and women can be when they understand the purpose of their incarnation. We impress upon you all that through you the light of the new spiritual revelation which is coming to mankind will spread throughout the world.

The veil is very thin tonight. You can, if you will, see the glorious company of spirit beings gathered in this temple. They are children of the light. These are they who have come through great tribulation; their raiment is washed whiter than snow and they are arrayed in these glorious garments of light by the living God.

We would not direct your attention to the arisen spiritual beings only, but bid you reach beyond these spirits to the Source of all life and light, to the living God, to the Eternal Light, which was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end; and which is ever the power and the life of man.

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‘Behold I make all things new!’ – I, God, Father–Mother, the Source from Whom all derive life. We have said these things again and again but, my children, this truth cannot be repeated too often. As old as eternity, it is the Source of your strength, of your hope, your comfort and your happiness. Not only for this personal happiness must you seek and work for the light, but for the happiness of all the world.

You survey the earth and the conflicting minds of men, and your hearts are sad, or perhaps even full of fear. You wonder what the coming year holds in store? The masters and the lords of karma who direct the progress of mankind will reveal to hearts which are pure and simple the truth of that future. From these great beings who control and direct the destinies of mankind we bring to you the message for the new year.

In spite of uneasiness and fear of increased conflict they tell us that the new age is destined to bring a new revelation of God to mankind. Before the coming of this new revelation the heart[s] of men must be prepared. The furrows must be ploughed before the seeds can be sown. That plough is even now at work on the earth and some people are finding this process unpleasant because it means a complete revision of preconceived ideas they held concerning their own personal and particular comfort and benefit.

The new age brings to man this wonderful and glorious revelation of life in a spiritual sense, a revelation of the brotherhood of spirit. Man has to learn that he cannot live for himself; cannot live *to* himself. He has to learn that every thought and word and deed of his affects the whole race. He has to learn also that whatever he gains for himself alone he cannot enjoy, he cannot be happy while his brother man remains in want. For personal happiness depends upon the welfare of all others. This is a hard lesson, which is why much conflict arises while the ploughing of the field is taking place. However, when the first furrow is ploughed the ploughman keeps his vision straight before him, concentrated upon the signpost towards which he is driving. Therefore, this New Year do not be deflected by the opinions and the fears of the world, but keep your vision steadily fixed upon your goal; remember that with every passing day fresh opportunities are being offered to you by the lords of karma.

Much is taught about the law of karma which makes people somewhat uneasy, for they think this is an unfair law. ‘After all’, they say, ‘Why should you be made to suffer for sins of which you are today entirely unconscious?’ We would point out that the law of karma does not only pay off debts, but is also a law which affords fresh opportunities to mount higher upon the golden stairway which leads into the very heart of the Kingdom, so that the New Year stretches before you rich with opportunities to work through the darkness which you have accumulated in your souls.

There may be some here who are heavy with sorrow because of the sufferings of those they love. It is very hard to have to remain still, to be unable to do anything. Whenever you witness suffering of the body or of the mind which you are unable to heal, try to remember that the sufferer is working through a condition of life which will eventually bring the soul into the light. For any soul which suffers in the body is moving forward to join that heavenly host, of whom it has been said: ‘These are they who have come out of great tribulation,

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whose garments are washed white than snow'. So it is your work, your path, my children, ever to hold your beloved friend or dear one in that light, that hope, that courage which will help his soul to make good. We assure you that the Great White Spirit is a God of infinite love and tenderness. Nevertheless, every child of God is ordained to go through experiences on earth which will bring it into that happiness and peace for which it longs.

We give you this message as one of hope, and to comfort you. For what takes place in the personal life, in the individual and particular life, is taking place in the collective life. That which you see in the world which appears painful is the way that the race must travel. That which you see in the personal suffering of someone is the way that particular soul must travel.

In the life of Jesus, the blessed Christ, you have an example, an illustration of the initiations through which every living soul is destined to pass. Some day you will be able to apply these particular experiences, recorded in the Christian Gospel, to the story of your own spiritual development. As you accept with patience and with sweet surrender the difficulties which you encounter, so will you find flowing into you a great power, which is a light and a life-force which will make all things new. This comes to a man or woman by degrees, very simply at first, very slightly. Occasionally you become aware of a glow in your heart, aware of a harmony which is working to shape your life anew. If you direct the right thought, put into action the law of love to those around you and in the face of any adverse circumstances in which you find yourselves, you will find gradually that these circumstances smooth themselves out. Things commence to work more harmoniously. Then you say, 'God is very good to me'. You are beginning to realise that outside your own effort there is a power, a love which is helping actively. This glow in your heart brings a sweet happiness, which may remain for a few minutes, a few hours or a few days, and then disappear. But you are then conscious of divine power and light, bringing inward peace and happiness beyond all worldly understanding; because the worldly minded cannot receive this same peace, this glowing light, this supreme happiness.

My children, try to remember that this, which comes occasionally and by degrees, will increase as life advances, for you are moving forward up a spiral of light, a lightened stairway which will eventually bring you to that kingdom of eternal light and joy.

When man reaches that state of consciousness, he has become a true son of God. He has become a saviour of all mankind, because it must be remembered that no soul can become truly happy without also helping many others to reach that state. The soul which has passed through tribulation enters at last into full consciousness of heaven and comes to the supreme realisation of the brotherhood of man, the brotherhood of spirit and of all life. Henceforth that soul lives to serve the many. One who has thus attained may descend again to the earth – may live in a simple body of flesh and be unrecognised by the many who are still blindfolded. Nevertheless, whoever comes again out of pure love for his fellow men to radiate life by the power of light, can transmute the very physical atoms of the earth, and so raise the whole earth. 'If I be raised up, I will raise all men', said Jesus. You will be helped according to your faith, according to your response to inner truth, by those who are now around you; the shining

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ones who have come through great tribulation and who understand you and your needs better than you understand yourselves.

So, beloved children, look forward to this new year with hope and confidence. We assure you that there will be a beautiful outworking of the great spirit in matter. Do not take too serious a view of what is happening; instead, look up, and set in motion this power which is destined to bring harmony, and eventually a united world. For a united world will come, and there will be one government for the whole world. Men are learning that they cannot live isolated and alone. If they try to isolate themselves from the rest of the world, they will drop off the tree of life like rotten fruit.

Do your part, my children, to bring onto the earth this glorious spirit of brotherhood of goodwill, and you have nothing to fear from isolationists, for they put themselves outside the company of the good and true. When this happens only one thing can follow, the absorption of that which is unwanted back again into the First Principle of life. In other words, those cast into outer darkness by their own stupidity are consumed in the fires which purify and bring forth fresh life onto the earth. This is spiritual law, and no man, no nation can go contrary to it. For those who go contrary to divine law are bound to be consumed.

And so we leave you, dear children. Be consoled and know that God is love, God is wisdom. He looks to his children, to you and to all men to live in accordance with His divine decree. As man does this so he will enter into the perfect kingdom of life.

God be with you. God bless you. A happier new year to you all than you have ever had in this incarnation. Our love, dear ones, all our love to you. Goodnight.

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