

# A Shining Jewel of the Heart

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*Text:* a blue carbon by MB marked 'Draft', heavily overwritten by IC with his editings. These have been ignored in this version, except for the adoption of IC's title (there is none in the typescript).

*Context:* this Sunday service took place immediately after the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and comments on it in detail. However, it was not a special service, for 7 June was the first Sunday of the month and a service would naturally have been held. The readings are given by the typist as Matthew 6 : 24-30 and Psalm 23 (with the omission of part of verse 5). The Matthew reading was verses from the Sermon on the Mount: the ones about not serving two masters, the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. Verse 5 of Psalm 23 reads, 'Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.' It's reasonable to assume the part about anointing was read, given the occasion, and not the table in the presence of enemies. The address ends with a short communion, like so many later addresses.

*General Notes:* interestingly, once talk of the significance of the Coronation is over, this is really an address about reincarnation and a substantial source for that within the White Eagle teaching. Karma also figures. It is also an address about the interaction of spirit and human life – in the inspiring of the Princess to ask for national prayers, for instance, but more generally also. White Eagle makes sufficient point of this call for national prayers for us to assume that an encouragement to participate in this prayer was part of the Lodge response to the Coronation. White Eagle also speaks of God as ever-evolving: 'No, God is not static, God is ever-unfolding'.

White Eagle offers one sentence as a paramount instruction to his followers: 'The message to you dear ones, is this: to seek with all your strength and sincerity for that inner awakening, that inner consciousness of what you are, of what man is, and his potentialities'. When he says, later, 'they have found it in *here* – the heart', it is reasonable to assume that he tapped his own – or GEC's – breast. White Eagle also reminds his listeners of the ongoing group karma of the brotherhood: '[you] have been in a life very close to the Brotherhood, and this is why you are here'. And the conclusion is an exhortation to create beautiful karma for the next life.

*References:* White Eagle refers to Jesus as speaking from the wilderness, calling forth the good in humanity, and it might be thought this is a mistaken reference to John the Baptist. In fact, it is probably meant figuratively: Jesus, after all, spent his own time in the wilderness, both literally and metaphorically. White Eagle refers to a parable around the Shepherd, but it is likely he means this figuratively too and is simply referring back to the first verse of the Psalm. 'Except ye become as a little child' is Matthew 18 : 3.

## White Eagle's Address

We call upon the Almighty Spirit, opening our hearts in humility and in faith for the incoming of the spirit of the Son. We pray that every heart may be cleansed, purified, of all that would hinder the sweet blessing of God.

Beloved children of earth, you have during the past few days received a mighty outpouring of the Christ spirit. You have felt this, for your hearts have been touched, particularly with loving kindness, happiness, joy and goodwill. And you feel that this spirit of goodwill is manifesting itself through humanity, through the masses. Remember that there are varying degrees for the manifestation of the light of the Cosmic Christ: from the very lowly, simple man or woman right up to the saint and the sage, every soul receives according to its preparation and its readiness to receive this glory of the spirit of Christ. Nothing happens on your earth by chance. All is planned in accordance with Divine Law. Therefore it was

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planned that your Queen should be inspired to ask her people for their prayers on the great day of her coronation. In her heart she felt the need for God, and being sensitive and receptive to the impression of the Angelic Ones she spontaneously asked for your prayers at the time of her coronation. She was an instrument. She was used by the Hierarchies, by the Great White Spirit, to send forth a message to her people, and this had a magical effect. We want you to recognise this, so that you will more readily, more easily see the wisdom and the power and the love of the Lord God. We say this to you because the daily mind, the intellect of the earth, the earthly intellect would like to deny God. The power of intellect has grown very strong, and as well as being a friend of man as it will be, there is a likelihood of it being man's greatest enemy during this age. Therefore, the spirit world will do all in its power to help humanity to be strong in spirit, and not allow the criticisms and the dictates of the earthly mind to overpower it. Man is at a very critical stage of his evolution. He can go forward into the light of God, into a life of harmony and beauty and knowledge, or he can be overcome. For a time, a season, he can be overcome by the mind of earth and an intellect which destroys the light of life which is within him.

The message to you dear ones, is this: to seek with all your strength and sincerity for that inner awakening, that inner consciousness of what you are, of what man is, and his potentialities. Oh, the day is approaching, we pray, when man will humbly seek the hand of the Lord, who is the Shepherd of men. In that story, that parable, is the most profound truth, the secret of all secrets, the secret of the White Magic. Jesus the Christ said: 'Except ye become as a little child ye cannot enter the kingdom'. And the wisdom of the Master's words still lingers on with us. He was wise beyond many. His was the voice speaking in the wilderness, calling, calling to His brethren to listen to God's voice. We pray you to follow His wisdom. There is no new truth. There are fashions of thought in your world, phases of thought, particularly in the scientific world, and what was thought correct and factual a decade or so past is now recognised to be not so correct as it was thought then when it was uttered. This is a demonstration to man of the continual unfoldment of Divine Intelligence. No, God is not static, God is ever-unfolding. Take the symbol of the rosebud: the rosebud is perfect as a bud, but it does not remain as such. With the coming of the warm sunshine and gentle rain it slowly opens its petals to an even fuller perfection than in the bud. And it is so with man's life and with man's development. He is slowly opening to the Son of Light, of God.

You will see on your earth great happenings, as well as small happenings. You will see that the good in man has been stimulated by the crowning of the earth – the crowning of the earth by the spiritual Son of God, the Cosmic Christ. And the power will touch all peoples. The simple children – when we speak of children, we mean simple souls – as well as the more advanced souls right up to the great White Brotherhood, because there cannot be advancement on earth amongst men without there being advancement in the Spheres, the Heavenly Spheres: all move forward when there is an advance. But we warn you that with the outpouring of this light, this crowning of the earth's people, there will be a challenge to ignorance and darkness. There must be. The ignorant feel this power, it will stimulate resentment. For the ignorant are resentful sometimes when they feel the touch of something beyond their control, and beyond their grasp. But the wise men and women on earth will have

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no fear; they will know that all is working together for good for God's purpose. They will accept the little attacks of the powers of darkness quite philosophically, without fear, for they will rejoice that ignorance is being broken up and the darkness is being absorbed into the blazing light, which is becoming stronger and brighter on earth.

And we repeat again this message to you, dear ones, as something for you to hold on to in your own human way. Be quite undisturbed by the things which happen to you. Remember that all things come for your good. If you are delayed in achieving a hope, do not be disturbed by this. Be patient, give your heart in faith and trust to the Great Architect of the Universe, knowing deep within you that all is moving in the right direction, and the disappointments in your life are God's appointments for you; and that if you could choose the events of your life you would not have the wisdom of your Lord who ordains what is to happen.

Now, you will wonder what we mean by saying 'ordains'. God governs this Universe by the law of LOVE. You do not understand very much about love, but you will, and you will learn through life's experiences – you will learn how loving and wise is your Creator. Now, this is the spirit which you all have within you. Man in the future days will be crying out for God, will be seeking God in many, many different ways. He will look for him in the material things, but in the end will learn that God is with him. God is in his heart and in God is the truth, all truth. When man turns within he will learn through meditation and contemplation, he will learn the secrets of the Universe, he will find God everywhere. Then he will see God in the stones, in the grass, in the flowers, the bush and the trees, in the oceans and in the rivers, in the valleys, on the mountaintops, in the heavens above the earth, the grand canopy of the stars. God is in all these wonders of life. And man will be stimulated in vision, and with the inner vision he will recognise the glory of God and will be held in wonder at God's power and wisdom. Not only will man find God in these material forms, but he will find God in his brother's heart, and this will bring to him the happiness of heaven, the perfect happiness when he enters into that at-one-ment with all life, including the life of his brother man.

Truth must be realised in the heart. Book knowledge, intellectual pursuits will not teach man about God: only man's experience will teach him about God – the sorrows of life, the losses, the painful experiences which cause him to wonder if there is a God, and why God allows such terrible cruelty? These are the questions which will lead man to eventually find God within his breast.

My children, there is great controversy about reincarnation and its accompanying subject, the law of karma. Some people say that there is no evidence for reincarnation; other people claim that they have evidence, and that they know reincarnation is true. You have these two differing points of view. The question arises often in the human mind: have we lived before? Well, my children, there are many people who have spent their whole lives in psychical research, and they have found the proof of an afterlife, and the truth of the communication between those who have left the body and those who remain in it. Not a handful of imaginary people, but a very large company of scientists and scientifically trained people have had the proof of life after death, of life continuing without a physical body.

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Now, if you are going to accept the belief, the fact – it is more than a belief, it is a fact – of continual life after the death of the physical body, then you must accept the probability of life before this present incarnation. If you are going to be logical you cannot accept one and deny the other. Therefore, we say to you that the truth of reincarnation is there for every man to find for himself. There are many answers which we could give you about the argument against reincarnation: we can answer all your questions on this subject, there is an answer to every question. But this, we do say to you, if you do not want to accept reincarnation, we do not want you to. Leave it alone, if you are happier. If it worries you to think you are coming back with a nice fresh body and more opportunities and the possibility of a beautiful life before you; if you do not want it, very well do not have it, it does not make any difference to us. But this we can tell you, that there are many, many advanced souls, clever people you would call them, very knowledgeable people, who have made a profound study of life from every angle, material, technical and spiritual, they have found the truth of reincarnation; not in any book, but they have found it in *here* – the heart.

Only when man has awakened his spirit, the pure divine spirit, which is the Son of God within him, will he know the truth about reincarnation. And all the world, millions and millions, can laugh at him if they like and tell him he is a little queer in his head. He has got something in his heart which is a shining jewel. He knows, he has experience, the voice within him has told him certainly he has lived before, and will live through eternity in some form or another. And it is only natural, it is following the natural law, that the soul will return to earth rather than go to some other planet if earth holds something or someone very dear to him. He cannot help the desire in his soul to return to the life where his loved ones are – hence it is that souls frequently reincarnate in their own family. They do not always, but they frequently do because of their love for that family. And it is logical that you who are listening to us here tonight have been in a life very close to the Brotherhood, and this is why you are here. You are drawn here by the law of sympathy and love. Your own beloved Master calls you, you hear his voice, not in your ears, but in your heart. You are drawn to him, you reincarnate in conditions in which you will be allowed to find your beloved Master again on this earth. He may not be clothed in a physical body, but God's laws permit you to hold communion with him, and communication with him. When the man is ready, the truth is there for him to find. And linking the law of reincarnation with the law of karma we see the perfect precision with which this law is worked out in human life.

We repeat what we said at the beginning of our talk. There is no such thing as chance. The happenings on your earth which sometimes appear to be so tragic are the result of the law of karma. And you can work it out to its minutest detail and you will find that certain conditions and people are all involved, a group involved in the outworking of a piece of karma. You have the karma of groups and nations, as well as individuals, but there in the individual karma it works out quite quickly, as a rule. You are working through today the seeds of karma which you probably sowed a few years ago.

This is another profound subject which we could go into at length and tell you a great deal about, this law, but we just want to impress upon you that [at] the present time people have it

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in their power to sow the seeds of a more beautiful world. You cannot help present karma because the seeds were sown maybe a long time ago in past lives, but what you have in your grasp is your future. And if you have the will and the desire and the longing to find truth, to find God within you; and to reach that level of consciousness wherein you will know the meaning of God's love, where you can use that knowledge in your everyday life and help other people towards the light, then you will indeed see a golden harvest on this earth. Man creates as God creates. God has planted within man this creative power. Man is the child of God, and the spirit of God is in him. Man is composed of the physical body, the soul and the spirit. As man lives in spirit and by the spirit of God he creates his physical body and his surroundings, his material life. Remember this: it is a law. It is just, perfect and true.

Now, dear ones, keep before you the vision glorious, and do not be deterred by and disappointed by the few results you see, but hold fast in faith to the vision which your spirit gives you of the Golden Age, which will come when man desires it, for God is in man, and God will work through His laws. Perfection and joy will come, a life that you have as yet no conception of: a life of joy, health, harmony, beauty, love; a love such as is known in all spirit spheres, the spheres beyond the desire and the astral worlds, the spheres of pure light and beauty.

And so may this Coronation ceremony do for mankind what wars cannot do. May it sow the seed of faith in God and a true earnest search for God in the heart and by the heart.

Amen.

And before we leave you, open that inner vision and see in your midst the form of the Perfect One, the Christ. He offers you the Bread of Life, the substance of His Cosmic Body, and the wine in the Holy Cup shaped like a heart. 'Drink the wine of My life and know the love of my Father and my Mother.' Peace remain with you as you journey onward into the Light.

Amen.

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