

Hand in Hand with Angels

A166 Sunday Address 6th October 1946 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday 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*, November 1946. A little notice appears in the January 1947 *Angelus*, stressing that where White Eagle says that 'the darkness is stronger than the light' what he means is that the darkness appears to be stronger *at the present time*. In fact, White Eagle does not actually say that the darkness is stronger, but the penultimate paragraph of the address, not including the benediction, must have felt to someone as though it implied this.

Context: the date is conjectural, but is likely since it appears in the *Angelus* following; the date is further confirmed by the reference in the text to the Michaelmas festival just past. The heading in *Angelus* tells us that the readings were taken from Acts, chapter 12, and Matthew, chapter 4. As White Eagle confirms at the outset, Acts 12 tells of Peter being released from prison by the angel after the death of James, and Matthew 4 is the calling of the disciples, but begins with the temptations of Jesus and the quotation from the Old Testament, 'He shall give his angels charge over thee'.

General Notes: a wide-ranging account of the role of angels in human life and beyond; it has almost the detail of an Inner Teaching. Note the correction given in January that explains the line at the end about the dark being stronger than the light (see 'Text', above).

References: the instruction 'Follow me' comes in Acts 12 at verse 8. The quotation 'from one of your poets' beginning 'To thine own self be true' is from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. 'He shall give his angels charge over thee', mentioned already under 'Context', is Matthew 4 : 6.

White Eagle's Address:

Brethren, we would speak to you on the subject of guardian angels. We chose the two readings to which you have listened. In the first you have the story of the disciple who was liberated from prison by the power of an angel; and in the second we have a record of one of the temptations of the Master Jesus, in which He was ordered to cast Himself down from a high place, and was assured that no harm would come to Him because He was watched over by angels who would bear Him up lest He dash His foot against a stone.

These are only two instances of the angelic care and protection about which you can read in your Bible. Through all the ages God has never left man without knowledge of the invisible worlds. Those truths about which you read in the Bible are but a restatement of the ancient wisdom. Man has always walked the earth with angels. The human race, whether it knows it or not, is under the guardianship of God's angels. It may strengthen and comfort you to know that not one of you treads the path of life alone; for from the moment of physical birth until physical death the soul is guarded by an angel appointed for that task. Other angelic beginnings are present with man during important events in his life, including his birth. As you know, the word 'angel' means a heavenly messenger, one who comes from the invisible worlds to minister to men. Some people think that angels are the evolved souls of men. But not all follow this line of evolution. There are angels who have never incarnated as men on earth. They too have a special mission, a special work, caring for their human brethren.

The idea of angels as winged beings is not far from the truth. You people who live in a state of semi-darkness imprisoned in the flesh have very little idea of the glory of an angel. A light

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indescribably brilliant rises from the crown of the head of these beings and encircles the form; this brilliant radiance may be seen in the form of wings of light. The great angels, who come to men on a special mission from what is called the Christ Circle in the heavens, are all radiantly illumined. Because men have sometimes been caught up in the power of such beings the scales of blindness have fallen from their eyes. Stories telling of this can be found throughout the Bible, where devout men and women have been overcome with the angelic power and glory. They have cried, 'Behold, I have seen an angel of God!' It is true that these visitations of angels are not always made to men and women when they are in meditation or semi-trance. This happens when the course of someone's life has to be particularly and specifically influenced and helped, not only for the person himself but for the good of mankind. Then men and women are taken unawares. We know, we speak with knowledge, when we tell you that from behind the dark veil of earthliness angels from heaven minister to the souls of men.

As you have heard tonight, when Peter the disciple of Jesus Christ was imprisoned and it was necessary for him to be released, God sent an angel to the disciple's assistance and the chains which bound him in his prison fell away. Notice that the angel touched him on his side and said, 'Follow Me', and the disciple duly followed. Are there not occasions (you all have had them) when your guardian angel has touched you and has likewise said 'Follow me'? But you have not always obeyed. Your earthly mind has retained possession and has dictated the way of materialism or the way of so-called reason. All must learn to be alert and ready to follow the angel of the Lord, to be obedient to the voice of truth and spiritual beauty.

It is not long since you have held a special service of praise in your churches to the archangel St. Michael and all his angels; on that day you might have seen the vision of Michael standing in all his sun glory armed with the shining sword of light. Why do we say 'sun glory'? Because the archangel Michael is one of the sun spirits, a messenger from the sun, the sphere of the Cosmic Christ; and the sword which he wields is that of spiritual truth, which Christ places in the hand of every one of His followers: the truth of the spirit of the Son of God indwelling within every human breast. This is the weapon which will guard man through every crisis of his human life, give him strength to overcome and put aside every obstacle and every enemy. One of your poets has written of the sword of truth in these words, 'To Thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day thou canst not then be false to any man'. Beloved brethren, this is the secret of life, the secret of all wisdom, the secret of all white magic.

We have already told you that angels are present, not only at every human birth but at every birth – because birth is, even in the smallest creature, a heavenly manifestation of an invisible power. So also with a passing from this earth. When your eyes are opened you will yourself behold the radiant beings who are present at such a time. We will not call it death, but rather birth into the spirit life. It does not matter how such a transition takes place. Angels are prepared for some time before the actual transition of the soul takes place. They draw near and they wait. They give the soul about to pass onwards strength and peace and confidence. They take the soul by the hand and bear it back again to its true home in the world of spirit.

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Beautiful indeed is this love and care which awaits the newborn babe in this world – more beautiful still is the entry of the soul into the world of spirit.

When two true souls are united in marriage, angels attend to bless the ceremony of their union. Then there are angels of healing. Every true healer can draw from his or her angel helpers light and power to soothe and heal the sick. There are also angels of music. Angelic beings build up their forms in the halls of music both on earth and on the astral plane. Angels are behind all the major manifestations of spirit through matter. Those who will hearken to and follow the angel message – which means those who will believe and open their hearts in simple trust and confidence – will find themselves in a world of freedom.

The angelic beings of whom we speak have not passed along the way of human incarnation and we are not able to draw close to man until he has controlled himself. They remain aloof. It is necessary therefore for the emotions and passions of men to be stilled and disciplined and the peace of the inward Christ to rule. Then the angel guardians can come very close and can protect the guide and illumine human life.

Children love fairy stories. Many children rejoice in the companionship of (so-called) imaginary fairies. Do not make the mistake of thinking the children foolish because a childlike heart believes in fairies. For they are able to behold the fairies, which are real little people, and have their work to do in the creation of form in nature, under the control and direction of more intelligent beings which are called angels.

We have a word to say about the instance of Jesus Christ refusing to be tempted by the so-called devil – the lower nature. Jesus the great Master had knowledge of all angelic beings and of the occult power which was His. He knew that He could command angelic help, but He said, ‘Get thee behind me, Satan, for it is written, “Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God”.’ In these words lies an important message to you all. Many there are who deliberately break the laws of the spirit and who say with flippancy, ‘My guide will do that is necessary’ – putting their own responsibility on the invisible presences. In the same manner, if you ignore the laws of health you are also tempting the Lord thy God. What it means is that they way, the true path of life, is to faithfully observe divine laws and the laws of human nature and of mother nature. If these laws are not respected suffering will come.

Every soul should do his or her very best to follow the law, and then resign himself to God and God’s angels. You can then rest in confidence that the guardian angels will lead you out of your particular wilderness into the Promised Land; but to break spiritual and natural laws and then to expect the spirit agents to protect you means that you are challenging the Lord your God. This is a grievous sin. When thus tempted say, ‘Get thee behind me, Satan’. We have first to live in harmony with spiritual and natural law and then we can look to our guardian angels to help on life’s journey.

Finally we would speak in a few words of the vast brotherhood of angels and of men. Many of you are thinking sad thoughts about the state of your world at the present time. May we remind you that every sad thought is a menace to the world. There is that within every man which is both positive and negative, white and black. There are invisible presences, invisible

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beings; they too are both positive and negative. All have their place in the vast scheme of evolution. What must be remembered is that mankind holds within his heart the balance. It is of vital importance that this balance between the positive and the negative should be kept. Negative thoughts can weigh the balance too much on the dark side. Positive good thoughts are needed to hold the balance as it should be in your world.

These invisible beings are drawn to mankind to help forward human evolution, and they take their keynote from humanity. Equilibrium is the law. As you know, the darkness is stronger than the light. At the commencement of this new age of brotherhood, the age of spirit, the age of Aquarius with its vast potentialities for destruction as well as progress, it is necessary for all peoples who understand the power of the light to all upon the angels of the light and to give their allegiance to the archangel Michael and all his angels, so that the white light may maintain the equilibrium and bring mankind into that golden age which is waiting to manifest on earth. It is written that 'He shall give His angels charge over thee'. Such angels will again walk and talk with men. Angels are messengers from heaven. They are both human and non-human, but all have their part in the grand evolution of man through earth into the spheres of light and truth and happiness. When you are sad, think of the radiant angels who are very near you. Give them your confidence, having yourself done your very best. Then be ready to respond and they will lead you out of your prison into the freedom of the spirit.

May the blessing of the Most High rest in your hearts now and remain with you always.
Amen.

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