

The Temple of the Star

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Text: MB typescript, a not very dark carbon. It is heavily peppered with pencil marks apparently connected with the tape recording. Corrections by RAE have been included here where readable.

Context: MB is expansive in her notes about the context of the service. 'Exquisitely arranged very lovely white lilac, white and blue irises, white and yellow daffodils and narcissi. These on the Altar and around the Lodge.' 'The members of White Eagle's Choir with dignity and complete silence entered the Lodge, pausing for a second at the foot of the Altar and passing to their seats stood, as did the whole congregation, as dear Minesta and dear Brother Faithful entered the Lodge, remaining so until these beloved souls took their seats.' The latter announced the first hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell', no. 443 in Songs of Praise, and Minesta commented, 'On this special occasion we are reading Psalm 138 because it is so applicable to this occasion, our 36th Anniversary'. Psalm 138 begins, 'I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee'; in the second verse there is a reference to 'thy holy temple'. The script does not record the Psalm being read, but we assume she did it right away. It may actually have been her Invocation, or part of it, which is announced next but as usual 'separately recorded'. Brother Faithful read the 'Prayer for our Teacher' from PRAYER IN THE NEW AGE, and announced his reading as pages 139-40 of THE RETURN OF ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE. The reading began, 'The life of the spiritual realms represents always the inner life of man' and continued down to 'injustice in any form?' before moving to page 129, 'If you could glimpse for one moment those gracious and wholly beautiful Beings' and continued to the third line of the last paragraph on that page, 'every experience of his from the smallest to the greatest goes to the creating of such a Man as this'. He announced the second hymn, 'For those we love within the veil' (289) and read the familiar prayers. The Choir then offered 'Mozart's "Ave Verum" with new words composed by Joan and Ylana. Very beautiful music and lovely words'. Then White Eagle spoke. When he finished, there was 'Beautiful soft music from Brother David on the organ' and Brother Faithful continued with the words reproduced below. The final hymn was 'Jerusalem' (446). Minesta gave a benediction, 'separately recorded' and lastly the normal Vesper ('Father, we bow') was sung. It sounds as though this was the first time Joan and Ylana's words for 'Ave Verum' were sung, and they have been sung regularly in the Lodge ever since.

General notes: White Eagle begins with thanks to those who have brought music to the services, but he quickly goes on to speak of divine law, having previously reminded his listeners that he has been returning to Earth as a teacher for far longer than they realise. There is a fine passage on the power of the Star, a theme to which White Eagle returns at the end of the address. Interestingly he points out that in the age of Aquarius humanity will learn from the problems of endless calling out for more. We think today of the climate crisis and also of the risks to the soil and to agriculture from over-production, issues which felt less pressing in 1972 but which cannot be ignored in the twenty-first century. The rule, White Eagle says, is no different from that set out in the Sermon on the Mount. Without a plan and such guiding principles as this, what is the point of Creation? He mentions the astral world as a world of light, the world of spirit – and it is important to separate this concept from what White Eagle calls the lower astral, a place lower than the physical where beings are held prisoner by their fears. The next text White Eagle adduces is the description of the planes of life by Conan Doyle in the book we now call ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE'S BOOK OF THE BEYOND. To rise in spirit is to find release from limitation, from the illusion of separation. Above all, the commandment is to love one another. White Eagle describes the process of realising our place within the cosmic love, wherein also dwell those we love. He then reminds us that the message he brings is the same as that brought to Earth by the Sun beings millions of years back; we may think humanity very slow to latch on to truth, but every age has had its own challenges and lessons. He then describes a Star over the heads of all the congregation, and the Christ light radiating from that Star and from them. The final

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instruction is about building the White Temple at New Lands, and why it is so vital – because it ‘encloses, enfolds’, power. There is a brief communion.

References: ‘And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God’ is Luke 9 : 62. The Sermon on the Mount is to be found in chapters 5-7 of Matthew. ‘Love one another’ is John 13 : 34.

White Eagle’s Address:

Beloved brethren, when we come back from the spheres in the spirit life to you, our beloved earthly brethren, we feel such a great love and tenderness for each one of you. And we have been returning to the physical life, to the earth plane, for a long time – far longer than any of you here can possibly know. But each time we come, we bring so great a love that words cannot convey to you the love which is brought to you from the world of spirit. Because in the world of spirit all is harmony, because those who have reached that higher plane, which we will call the celestial plane, have learnt by their experience, as you are now learning in your physical bodies, that all life is governed by law, and no living creature can escape this divine law.

Now before we proceed, we wish to welcome all of you, old friends as well as new friends. And we assure you that here tonight with you are many, many brethren who were in the Inner Brotherhood of this Lodge, and many others who were members and friends and visitors – those beloved souls who made the link with this Brotherhood during this present life. You would be surprised if you could see from our vantage point the many threads, the golden threads, which are now coming from them to this anniversary service. We once told our earliest group that once you have made your contact with the White Eagle Brotherhood, the White Eagle Lodge, it will never be broken.

Now you may wander away. You may go to the uttermost ends of the earth, but you are attached to the centre as on elastic. It stretches and it goes far, but it is never broken.

Now we are speaking first of all to our organist, our choirmistress and our choir. We wish on this anniversary occasion to thank you all for your devotion and the service which you give to this Lodge. It is not unnoticed. And we are speaking for all our members and friends here assembled when we say thank you, thank you, dear brethren, for the pleasure and the joy which you give to us through your music. Now in the very beginning of this Lodge, when we first commenced to work with you here in this city, we asked that we should be accompanied by beautiful music. And although in the early days it was very difficult because you had little knowledge and not very many people, and not a very experienced organist, but you carried on, you carried on, and we bless you and thank you.

Now to all of you we want to say a very simple message. It is a hard lesson, but Jesus gave it. You will read it in your Gospel, where he spoke of putting your hand to the plough and not looking back. We say, keep your vision upon the marking post, the marking post by which all good ploughing is done, the guiding post. Now the post which we give to you is very tall, because it reaches high, far above the earth. And upon that post is a glorious Star, the

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six-pointed Star, which means in the language of the spirit the perfected man, which in other words is the Christed man.

My dear children, you can never go wrong if you fix your vision and give your heart to that symbol of the six-pointed Star. It will never misguide you, never mislead you. It will guide you in your life right up to the golden world of God. And the golden world of God is the world of spirit. And this world of spirit is not only up there in the spheres, not only in your solar system; it is also here on your physical earth plane.

And do you realise that you are here in a physical body on the Earth to do God's work, to do the work of the Great White Spirit? 'And what is this work?', you may ask. It is to so live and obey the law of God in everything you do, and eventually to establish the Kingdom of God upon Earth. When we speak of the Kingdom of God, we mean a state of life where humanity has learnt the law of the brotherhood of life; where humanity has learnt that to be truly well and happy he must live and think and act truly, purely. He must realise that this physical body is the same as his higher bodies, the etheric, astral, mental, celestial; all the bodies must be perfected and purified by the guiding spirit of God, or the Christ, the Son of God. We are not referring to the Master Jesus; we are referring to that ineffable light, that pure radiant light. Think of it; the symbol of this light is the six-pointed Star.

Now, when man can follow and keep on keeping on in spite of frustration and loss and grief and sorrow, when he can keep on keeping on holding fast to the love that he knows his Father–Mother, the Great White Spirit, has for him, keeping bravely on the path, he cannot but enter into that inner world, that golden world of joy; of peace, inner peace and ineffable happiness, *when he knows*. You see, humanity puts the cart before the horse. Humanity says, 'Well, we have got to live on earth; therefore we must be practical, and we must have things right on earth in material ways; in the workaday world we must have justice. We must have what we want to have. And we *will have* what we want to have, what we want to have.' But man is learning rapidly at this beginning of the new age of Aquarius. Man is learning that he cannot have what he wants and [at the same time] break every divine law of life: man is learning that he must obey a divine law, a law which has always been the governor, the ruler of all life on this Earth planet, in the spheres surrounding the Earth planet and beyond.

Now on this occasion, dear ones, we particularly want to give you assurance and reassurance – and continually reassure you of the coming awareness in the mind and soul of humanity of a life of spirit. Now man, as we have just said, puts material demands first. He wants all the things which he wants, and you have all this political conflict on your earth. We know perfectly well that there is only one way for man to achieve justice, brotherhood, harmony, beauty and peace. And this way is by obedience to the law which Jesus gave in his Sermon on the Mount. We would like you all to ponder on those beautiful words of the Great Master. But you see, the Sermon on the Mount was a repetition of the basic law of life for humanity, which came to this earth plane countless, countless years ago.

You don't think that the Lord God created this beautiful world and only gave birth to the great souls and dear souls and all the animal kingdom, and the beautiful mineral kingdom, and the vegetable kingdom – all those beautiful things, the beauty of the life of the earth

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planet; you don't think that God just threw them pell-mell into a chaotic state onto the earth plane without any wisdom or knowledge of what each individual life had within it – the seed, the golden grain? As we told you at the Harvest talk, that seed is in the heart of everyone. Now you are all helped. You can be helped. We do not say you are all helped, it depends upon you. But you can be helped from the spirit world and the great beings of ineffable beauty, and also beings of deep human understanding and love for the lowliest individual, for the least developed individual spirit and for all life. We want you to remember these things.

We would convey to you from the Brotherhood of the Light, from your own guides, from your own friends, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, children, all these loved ones of yours that are now living in the world of spirit, what is known as the astral world – because the astral is a world of light. The word, 'astral', by the way, is very much misused by occultists. They do not stop to think of the meaning of the word, 'astral'. Now, all these loved ones who have slipped out of their physical body are here with you, they are around you. Can you feel their power and their presence?

Now this Lodge, as many of you know, was brought into being not by the will of man alone, but by the hierarchies. The great Masters of ages past caused your old friend Arthur Conan Doyle to be given to his friends on Earth. And if you will read, not just skip it, but really study the message of Arthur Conan Doyle (a great man with a great spirit and mind); study his message and you will find in it a perfect 'religion', if you like to use that word – a perfect way of life, the perfect way of healing, the perfect way of service to all life. And you will find in his words the truth about life beyond death. And you will find and you will feel in your heart the certainty of life eternal – no separation. Some of you feel that if you believe in reincarnation the ones you loved will have popped back to earth before you get there. This is not true. This is not true, but with your finite mind it is difficult for you to comprehend the truth of eternal life. But it is when you come into the practice of meditation, of entering into that inner, inner world, deep, deep within your own soul, your consciousness expands. You are no longer the little tight human being with the narrow little mind and all tied up in fear and prejudices, you become big and noble. You become part of that cosmic love. And you know in that state of consciousness there can be no separation. You have got to learn in due course that there is no limitation of time or space. You are in IT, the Eternal Consciousness of God, which is love. And you cannot lose your loved one even if he or she reincarnates; you will not be cut off from them ever, not so long as you are linked in your spirit with Spirit.

And as time passes you will get this increasing awareness and understanding of eternal life, eternal love. And the Great Ones that we have spoken of are just as humble and simple as you. Did not the Master Jesus use very many simple everyday things to illustrate his teaching? Come down, come off your pedestal, come down to Earth, but remember to bring God with you in your everyday habits and life! If you are writing, or hammering a nail, or cooking a meal, or painting a picture, or tending your garden; whatever you are doing, bring God into it; bring the love of your brother animal into it, the love of your brother man into it.

Be at peace, brethren, and remember the commandment is to love one another. Why do you get all cross and het up because a section of the society doesn't do what you think it ought to do? Let every man do what he wants to do. Let him go and find his own experience in his

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own way. But whatever you do, bless him; say 'Peace be with you, brother, you are on the same path as I am. We are all learning our lessons, and all paths lead up to the Garden of God, to the Golden City of God, the New Jerusalem. Put your own house in order in here [White Eagle touched his heart] first, then every one's house would be in order – think that! Think as if everyone thinks, as we are trying to help you to think, the whole world will be in order and at peace and helping each other, all the countries and all the nations all linked together in the one spirit, irrespective of colour, cast or creed.

Now, dear brethren, on this anniversary day, this is the message which we bring to you from the Great Masters. Some of them who came to this Earth and lived here millions of years ago, but you will never believe me – but you will one day! And they came to this Earth to bring this message we are giving to you tonight. And some of you will say, 'This world has been a long time learning its message'. But stop, remember this, there have been many ages, all the ages, the age of the Piscean, the Taurean age – you know all the ages astrologically. All these ages have worked through their own particular lesson. And there have been, of course, the graduates of mankind, those who have graduated through their own particular sign into that golden world. So don't think that just you little people in the late Piscean age passing into the Aquarian age are the only ones; you are just babes and children. But you will get there in time, as others before have got there. But you at present on this Earth have no means of telling, of knowing about the growth, the development of other souls who have gone before you.

A wonderful, wonderful Star is now above your heads here, the blazing Star of the Brotherhood of the Ages, the symbol of that great Son, the Christos. And the rays of light from that Star are radiating from this centre out into the darkness across the Earth. And the rays of the light of this Star are now pouring into your hearts, wakening you up to the glorious future which is before you. But you have to work towards it. You can't be carried. You have got to work and work and serve your brother man and all the creation of your Father–Mother God. Love Mother Earth; treat her kindly. Love your dear body. It is the temple of your spirit. Do not knock it about; do not overfeed it. Do not put impure food into it. Take in pure simple food, plenty the waters from the mountains and the skies. Live with peace in your heart. Peace towards life, towards all people. In the words of Jesus, 'Love one another'; that is all. And you will be saviours, all of you saviours; however insignificant you think you are, you can still be a saviour and a giver of happiness to others.

And so we close our little talk to you on this anniversary day, and call upon every one of you here to rally together with determination to build that White Temple, the White Temple of the spirit and the White Temple in matter. Spirit and matter, my children, are not separate; they interpenetrate, it is life. Some of you wonder, and you have expressed your question, 'Why build a Temple?' Why build a building in which to worship when all we have to do is to go out into the woods, into the countryside, and worship? We will tell you why a Temple is vital, and remind you that millions of years ago the Brotherhood of the elect built stone temples all over the face of the Earth. And no one, *no one* who is living today, knows why they built these grand temples, nor *how* they built them. When they themselves have developed spiritual knowledge and have understanding of the spiritual evolution of life, they will know why these Temple were built, and how they were built.

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A temple encloses, enfolds, *power*. A temple can be likened to a womb in which the seed of life is nurtured. Do you understand what we mean? Temples are places consecrated not by man, not by the words of man, but by the Will of God consecrated and filled with spiritual power – which is food and sustenance to mankind. Now you will see many of your old churches decaying, many of them being put to secular use; all well and good. But remember that there will be other temples built by the White Brotherhood. Temples build by the Great White Light for the succour of mankind.

Now, we really must withdraw. But we thank you for your patient, quiet listening. And we call upon the Christos, the Son, to bring to your soul now individually, the wafer of heavenly bread. Taste. The goblet of wine is placed to your lips. Sip this wine, the symbol of the Essence, divine essence of life. Let it flow through you and bring to you peace and love. As in Heaven, so on Earth: create it for yourselves.

And with all love and blessing, my children of Earth, we withdraw from your physical bearing and sight, but remain in your midst in spirit.

We thank Thee, O Great White Spirit. We thank Thee for Thy gift.

Brother Faithful:

Whenever I have been listening to White Eagle, as always I think and feel how very simple is truth. And the simpler it seems, the more true it seems; and the more true it seems the simpler it seems. That only concerns my listening. But to take truth into oneself, assimilate and get it inside oneself is another matter altogether. And I hope you can do much better than myself.

We are very fittingly closing with this hymn as we are moving into the new age, the New Jerusalem. No dark satanic mills: the new Jerusalem is coming nearer and nearer and with prayer, prayer, something which will bring about something as never before.

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