

The Children of Light

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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

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Context: a conjectural date, although January 1947 would anyway be the normal place to find a November 1946 address. It does not seem to be a Remembrance address, so it is assumed it comes from a service on the first Sunday of the month, which was the usual occasion White Eagle spoke; no service for Remembrance, which would have been 10 November, is recorded, unusually. The opening indicates that the reading, or one of the readings, was from Matthew, chapter 7, and seems to have included the parable of the tree that bears good fruit, and the house built on sand (see 'References').

*General Notes: White Eagle's references to the *illuminati* are, as always, not to a body of earthly people but to one in spirit illumined by the sheer quality of their characters. They are truly 'those that shine'. Towards the end of the address, White Eagle explains the meaning of the Star in simple terms; his words seem specially directed towards young people and new enquirers.*

References: 'By their fruits ye shall know them' is Matthew 7 : 20, and 'He taught them as one having authority' is 7 : 29. 'Judge not, that ye be not judged' is Matthew 7 : 1. 'Whatsoever a man soweth' is Galatians 6 : 7. 'Till earth and heaven pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass' is Matthew 5 : 18.

White Eagle's Address:

We would draw your attention to two phrases in the chapter (seventh chapter of St Matthew) which has been read. The first is, 'By their fruits ye shall know them', and second, 'He spoke as one with authority'. These two phrases contain the whole truth of Christianity and of every religion the world has known. We mean by this that in the esoteric teaching of every religion we shall find similar phrases with the same meaning. 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' Know whom? Those who are children of the light. By their fruits ye shall know; by their lives; by their speech; by their character; by every thought, word and deed will the child of the light be known to his brethren.

'He was one who spoke with authority.' We want to discover why. Throughout this talk we shall bear in mind these two points – 'by their fruits ye shall know them' and 'He was one who spoke with authority'.

History tells us that there have been many religions and also many quarrels about religion. It is common for a man when once he becomes convinced by some form of religion or way of life to be certain that he has the whole of truth. Believing this, he doubts the beliefs of others when they differ from his own. This brings us to the old fable of the man who was certain that the jewel which he was looking upon was green in colour. Another man looked upon the same jewel and was certain it was red; yet another man was certain it was blue, another that it was yellow. All were right. The truth is that all the colours of the spectrum could be seen in the same jewel by different people and from many angles. Another story tells of men who looked towards an altar set upon a hilltop. One was viewing the altar from the south, another from the north, another from the east and another from the west. They all saw from a different angle. They all thought that they could see truth. However, the nearer they approached to the

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summit the broader grew the view of the surrounding landscape. When they all reached the altar towards which their feet had been wending for so long, they discovered that they had all been worshipping at the same shrine.

Like the altar, truth is universal. Truth finds its roots within man's spirit and spirit is universal. You are all part of the one spirit, the spirit of God. God is within every man and has always manifested through every man from the beginning of time. There is no fresh truth in life. There is only one truth, and this is God or spirit. When man allows the spirit within his heart to manifest, he is expressing truth; he is seeing truth; he is recognising truth in every other man. He can recognise the truth in all the Scriptures throughout the ages, and in all religions. This, shall we say, is the hallmark of the true brother. The spirit of truth testifies to itself in every presentation of true life. What is this true life? The true life is the life which is lived for brother man and not for self. The true brother cannot be cruel, cannot live selfishly. The true brother does not rob his brother either of material necessities or of moral attributes. A true brother does not bear false witness against his neighbour. He thinks kindly, always giving another the benefit of the doubt when he is not quite certain. He cannot judge because his master which is the voice within his own heart is saying, 'Judge not that ye be not judged'.

Jesus the Christ spoke with authority because He spoke truly from a heart afire with divine and perfect love for his brother man. The same teaching came through the ancients. There has always been this presentation of the gospel of the Son. Whom do we mean by the Son? Not the personal Jesus of Nazareth, but the eternal and glorious spirit, the Son of the Father-Mother God, the Third Principle of the Deity. This radiant being is far, far removed as yet from man's comprehension, but is the God of this earth planet. Since life first came upon it that Son has been manifested again, again and yet again through all the teachers of the sacred gospels of spiritual life. Even as far back as Egypt, Hermes gave forth the teaching of the Son. In the Great Pyramid of Egypt, you have a monument of the spiritual belief of the true sons of God who lived countless years ago. Its square base is a symbol of brotherhood and the triangles build upon that square base are symbolical of the Trinity of the Three Principles of Father-Mother-Son. This monument of the esoteric teaching of the ancient Egyptians was a temple of light, with an inner interpretation for those whose eyes were open. For within the Pyramid is shown the ascending way of the soul from the base of brotherhood, which is the first essential, the foundation-stone. Thereafter the soul of man rises up through the structure of life, coming at last to the 'King's Chamber', where it passes into great light, into great illumination and freedom. This same old story was taught by the Buddha in the East, who told of the foundation of brotherhood, of love and wisdom, and the final passing away from the darkness and heaviness of earth, of flesh, into 'nirvana'. Not a state of nothingness and extinction, as some people think, but a condition of freedom, of illumination, of the soul's complete at-one-ment with the Creator – separate and yet always at one with the divine Parents.

This same light of truth was revealed again by the Master Jesus. If you care to read the scriptures of the East, the Vedic hymns, the Vedanta, the Bhagavad Gita, you will find that these also contain the same story of brotherhood, love, service. Again, in your New

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Testament it was said, 'Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap'. You have the same teaching in karma. Some people will say that karma is of the East and not of the West. This is not so: it is a teaching of all ages and all races. What is sown in deeds on earth must be reaped. You come back to this earth life to pay debts which have been incurred by you against your brother man. There is no getting away. 'Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no way pass from the law till all be fulfilled.' This is the teaching of the Son of God, who dwells both in the heavens and upon earth in the hearts of men.

The teaching of love and brotherhood must be accepted and applied to life. There are great beings far, far beyond the comprehension of the ordinary man and woman, gathered round the throne of light and truth – twelve, twenty-four elders, if you like, men and women equal. They stand before the blazing throne. They have this earth planet in their charge. From this company of souls of purity and light there flows to earth light, truth and power. There are also those living on the earth withdrawn from the crowds, from the masses. Dwelling in secret places, they work behind the scenes, receiving from these illumined ones heavenly direction and guidance. They in turn, in company with the vast hosts of discarnate spirits, direct their guidance upon mankind. Souls awakened to the law of brotherhood and goodness are able to receive from these elder brethren true, noble guidance both in their lives and in their service to the rest of mankind.

What we are telling you is an old truth known to all the sages and to the *illuminati*, known to the very early Christian brotherhood. As time has passed, the mind of man – the mental body of man – has developed rapidly and has become arrogant, feeling its own power. It finds itself able to probe the secrets – not all the secrets, mind you, but many – of nature. The mind has used its power to create evil things, instruments of torture and destruction. Such things do not originate from man's heart or spirit, but from the mind, the aspect of man held down to earth.

In the early Christian brotherhoods the brethren were inspired by simple, pure love, taught by the spirit and by discarnate spirits. Modern Spiritualism may be nearly a century old, but [is] not the grand truth of spiritualism, which is the teaching of the Sun-Gods, of all the great teachers and sages, the *illuminati*. These wise ones know that there is no death. When the spirit passes onward it lives on in a spiritual state of life and receives teaching. Then it is sent forth again to take upon itself a body of flesh in order that it may pay off its debts and receive fresh opportunity for applying in life these divine principles of brotherly love, gentleness, kindness, service and goodwill. Thus, the soul comes forth again and again to try the spiritual strength against the tests of moral life.

Only by passing these tests does the spirit grow in stature to become at last a perfect son of God – perfect man and a perfect son, radiant with the glory of the spiritual life.

Do not, we beg you, despair of mankind or of the state of the nations at the present time. For we see the nations moving forward along a path which will lead them to union, to brotherhood. Do not entertain thoughts of fear for the future. We will come to tell you that the light of the great ones is shining upon earth and is slowly but surely manifesting itself through the hearts of people. The eventual result will be that there will be no death. It is true.

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There is no death and there will be no separation. The only separation which you make now is when you allow the dark curtain of materiality and earthly concepts so to shade, so darken your vision that you cannot penetrate its folds and see into the world of spirit where the radiant ones dwell. By 'world' we do not necessarily mean a place far removed from you geographically, but rather a state of life which is apart from you because you cannot attune yourself to it. The souls dwelling therein live according to the law of Christ. There is no compromise as there is with you on earth. For instance, you will say, 'We know this is the way, the truth and the life; but we cannot follow it because material conditions are too difficult. We have to protect ourselves'. This shows that you have no confidence in the divine power of love, which is the white magic used by all the sages. Mankind has first to learn to recognise this inner light; and then he has to live by that light; he has to overcome his enemies by the light, because that light shining out of man's heart can become as a great sun, and all the darkness vanishes.

The trouble at present, my brethren, is there are not enough of you yet to send forth that light with sufficient power. So there comes again additional light from the world of spirit to help you, to reinforce your own efforts. How is this light projected into the world? By fulfilling the law. For the law is the law of Christ. When the law is obeyed all will be fulfilled that has been promised by the teachers through all the ages. Even matter itself will become rarefied and more beautiful. Those things which you regard as evil – poisonous weeds, reptiles, insects, wild beasts – will pass away. All that is dark will be eradicated by the light: that light which is symbolised in the blazing six-pointed Star will absorb and overcome all evil in every kingdom of life, from the lowest to the highest. There will come the balancing of forces positive and negative. That perfect balance is symbolised in the six-pointed star – the triangle of earth which is pointed upward, interlaced by the triangle from heaven pointing downward – the perfect blending of the two aspects. People will say, even as we utter these words, 'If all is to be perfect, there will be no more need for effort'. There you are wrong. There will always be need to love goodness, to love God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind; and your brethren as yourself.

Then man in full capacity will enter into the kingdom of heaven upon earth, the kingdom of happiness for which he was created. But all happiness has to be earned. In other words, it has to be recognised and understood, and this is the purpose of your incarnation – not only as a babe in flesh but as a babe in spirit. For we are born as babes perfect in the image of God because we are of His spirit. But we have to grow to manhood to enjoy the full glory and happiness of the life which God created for us and for it.

As we speak there comes a great light from that Christ Circle, the Star Circle which is out of sight because by reason of your own wilfulness and ignorance you have erected a dark veil between you and the radiant ones. Nevertheless, they come to minister to your every need. Let there be no more compromise. Give your hearts, your life, into the keeping of God and His illumined messengers, the White Brotherhood of eternal life.

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