

The Lighthouse

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Text: a typescript copy. We have both the top copy and a carbon; both are quite heavily edited. The carbon has been edited by IC (it may have been his preparation of the address for *Stella Polaris* in February 1957, when it appeared there, but the top copy has been edited by YGH, although only on the fourth and fifth pages of the script. No collation has been made, and the text here is unaltered from the typescript. The title has been added for the present project; on the typescript and in the magazine it is just 'White Eagle's Anniversary Address'.

Context: nineteenth anniversary service. The references to the lighthouse, echoed in the title now chosen, relate to the claim made at the opening of the Lodge in 1936, that it would be a lighthouse to all humankind. When White Eagle refers to the lighthouse as having a 'material significance' right now it is because it was also the symbol of the appeal to pay for the London premises, later known as the Million Penny Fund.

General Notes: this address is largely one of encouragement to valued members and supporters of the White Eagle work; it also contains encouragement about the beauties of the world to come which contrasts a little with the clear statement made in the February address, that when we pass over we take our present emotional state with us. Although the lighthouse image features, a central image is the one of humanity's ascent to the Golden City referred to in the Book of Revelation. The teaching on miracles here is definitive within White Eagle's teaching. There is a very strong sense in this address of 'the brethren who are with us tonight' – White Eagle seems anything but a solo teacher. 'Let yourself slip into the ocean of God-consciousness' is a powerful phrase. There is also a sense of the humble beginnings of the Lodge – a humbleness that those in spirit (White Eagle says elsewhere) deliberately chose, other attempts from spirit having possibly foundered through the strength of the egos concerned.

References: 'described by the great teacher St John'. White Eagle undoubtedly means what is written in the Book of Revelation, and later in the address this becomes absolutely clear. Where he refers to 'Revelations' we have corrected this to the singular. He takes from Revelation the image and goal of the Golden City, and also the threat of Armageddon. 'See ye first the Kingdom of God' is Matthew 6 : 33. Near the end of the address White Eagle refers to 'daughter lodges': these were the forerunners of today's Star Centres, and the term is still sometimes used.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved, beloved brethren, we come to speak to you with full hearts, bringing all love, greeting you from our side of life with joy and thanksgiving, for today is the day of your nineteenth anniversary. And we in the spirit, quite a large group of the White Brotherhood who are with us, wish to convey to you all their congratulations on the work that you have done and are still doing, for you in this Lodge have done very good work. May this be an encouragement. May your progress not be measured by numbers: may it be measured by the spiritual power, the peace and the love, which is established here – not only in this Lodge but in all centres and groups all over the world where the light of spiritual understanding is burning. We who are doing our best to help you, to help all mankind, we rejoice when we see love in the hearts of our workers. As we have already said, success, achievement does not lie in a great worldliness, in noise, in success of the worldly kind, but it lies in the sure growth and development and unfoldment of the God-consciousness within all the adherents of a group like the White Eagle Lodge.

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When we look down, as indeed it is a looking down and across the planet, it appears to be in many places quite dark, a very dark place; indeed, we might say that the earth planet is the darkest of all the planets, and humanity is at the present time only just emerging from the earth, from the darkness of earth. There are a number who are awakened to the light, to the real light, which is the life of God, but there are, oh so many who are as yet unconscious of the glory which is imprisoned within them.

Now, dear ones, the whole point is this, the soul must awaken to the vision of heaven. The whole soul of humanity must be stimulated and the vision opened to the glory which has been described by the great teacher, St John. He has given to the world the divine revelation but it was many years ago that this revelation was given. There are only a few living on earth who have any conception of the meaning of the words of St John. The man of earth is so bound by earth, by the body, the physical body. It is true that the earth life has to be lived to the best of man's ability; he has a body to feed and clothe, but he thinks first of all about feeding and clothing and giving pleasure to the physical shell, quite forgetting that the time comes – it is continually arriving for all people – [which is] the time of death and separation; and what happens when the great Reaper comes to a family or to a group of dearly loved brethren? There is a concentration upon the loss of the physical body, instead of understanding that the soul which occupied that physical body has gone into a world of light. There should be thanksgiving and rejoicing. Oh, how lovely it is for the one who has been released from that physical body, who has had the blindfold removed from their eyes! But remember, dear ones, that all men are waiting, whilst on earth, for the material blindfold to be removed.

Now this is our work, yours and ours, to remove from men's eyes the material blindfold so that they can see life as God sees it, see the true beauty of the glorious happiness which awaits man when his soul becomes alive with the light of heaven. Oh, it is not true to say that man has to live a hard, material life, struggling to maintain his life in the body! Man has been placed on earth by a great, loving Creator, God, both Father and Mother, a dual being – and that Source of life is not only a power, a divine intelligence, it is a sweet personality. Now, you will think we are preaching of an anthropomorphic God. We are preaching, talking rather to you, of a beautiful Being who is the Source of your being.

O dear ones, do not mistake our meaning. God is our Creator, the Source of all that is beautiful and lovely. Have you seen beauty in any form on your earth? Then it has come from God. Do you see beauty in your fellows, beauty in men and women who have lived lives of devoted self-sacrifice to comfort, to heal and to bless mankind? Then you see God in that soul. And you and I are working, you and all the brethren who are now with me tonight, we are all working to bring into man's consciousness the truth of life and what this truth can mean to your happiness, to the happiness of all humanity.

We spoke a few moments ago about the success of a work like this. We have told you that we are pleased with the progress of the work. We would like you to know that it is the light of the heart, your heart, the heart of everyone who serves in this Lodge, that we see as a beautiful jewel alight, a lighted jewel. Now we are not painting a pretty, imaginative picture; we are

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telling you the truth. And there are some of you here tonight who are unable to come very often; only rarely can you visit this London Lodge. You may feel cut off; you may wonder what good you are doing to help the work; and we want you all to know this, that the links that we have made with individual souls are very strong links, and although you do not speak with us in a physical form, we are your friend, your friends; we come to you when you call. We are by your side. A beam of light, a ray of light links us together. You may be the other side of the earth; your thoughts immediately establish a link of light with us and we are with you. We work together. If you leave the lodge and you travel to the uttermost parts of the world, the line of light extends. There is no time nor space. We are one in spirit. Where there is love, there is no separation. Will you remember this?

We have referred to the brethren who are with us tonight. We are merely a spokesman for them. Oh, would that your inner eyes were open so that you could see the Illumined Ones who are with us tonight, who are pouring upon you the rays of golden light to stimulate the growth in your souls! Now this is the most important matter, this is the core of the work of the White Eagle Lodge. We do not come to give you fine intellectual talks, we do not come to take your responsibility away from you; we do not come to criticise you when things go wrong; we come to love you and to help you along that shining path of golden light which leads right to the very apex of the mountain, the golden mountain, and to the golden city.

What has it been called? The New Jerusalem. O dear ones, there is such a state of life, and it is for you and for all men and if you can see in your vision the perfectness of that life in the New Jerusalem, you will have one longing and that [is] to help all people to find that perfect life above all the darkness of materiality. But you do not have to wait until you shed your mortal body to reach that City of Gold. You have first of all to understand that there is within yourself a guide, a light. There is a pull, an upward pull, an inner power, which is pointing the way towards that golden city. There is also a downward pull, the pull of the physical body, the pull of the desires and the emotions, the pull of the individual, of the self; and these two powers in man's life are at war – and whilst that conflict is taking place in the soul of man, he knows not peace, nor health, nor happiness.

And how can man extricate himself from this battle? Is this the Armageddon spoken of Revelation? We think yes, it is. You all know this continual conflict between the world and heaven, the voice which says to you so often: 'Oh, the material life is the life which I must – I must get satisfaction. My desires must be satisfied. My lower nature must be satisfied. I must have great possessions. I must have power and dominion over my life and over others. If I had possessions; if I had money; if I had power; oh, what could I do with it! I would use it in God's service.' You *mean* that you would use it [thus], no doubt; you think you would use it in God's service, but you will not.

Now, we are very earnest in what we say, and we are speaking as a group using this voice to speak to you people of earth. You must learn to select wisely in your earthly life. You must choose the way of God. You must endeavour to loosen the bonds of ignorance, what some people call the Evil One. You must rise in the power of God, the power of the Great White

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Spirit, your Creator. You must follow the urge of your heart and the love for God which has been planted in your heart as a seed. You must search through all your worldly experience for this truth. It is not easy, dear ones; it is not easy but whatever the project before you, whatever work you are hoping to do for God, whatever work you are hoping to do for your brother man on earth, we say to you: See ye first the Kingdom of God. Put aside all worldly values. What is your trouble? What is your anxiety? What is your need, my brother, my sister? Then go into the silent chamber, into the silence of the great spirit, and wait upon God; love God, adore and worship your Creator, that Divine Power which has brought you into being. See the beauty of that life. Let yourself slip into the great ocean of God-consciousness. Live in that consciousness. Surrender all to God, knowing that God is your Parent, your Creator, knowing all the needs of your soul. Get right, get in harmony with that enfolding peace and love. Dwell in it in full consciousness and if you train yourself to do this, you will be amazed at the miracles which will happen.

Not miracles really. Things which happen on earth which are not understood by man because they do not confirm to the ordinary laws of the physical life are called miracles, but they are not miracles in truth. What you would call miracles are happenings which take place when you are in harmony, working in accordance with Divine Law. As soon as a divine law is put into operation in human life, then all things work together for good, because the individual has become at one with the Great White Spirit, with all good, with all power, with all wisdom. The operation continues not only in that inner silence, but it proceeds into the outer world and things happen. Now we do want to get this very firmly established in the minds of every one of you here, that no man who works for himself, thinks of himself, no man himself can put this law – indeed he cannot put the law into operation – it will not work unless the soul is alight, is aflame with the love and devotion to God. The soul must forget his earthly things and the earthly side of himself. He must meet his Creator every day. He must talk in his heart the language of divine love. Then the power works, but it does not work except to destroy the man or woman who is working for the individual self, even if the motive is good. Self must be forgotten. All for God. All for God.

Now, dear ones, why have we brought you to this point in our talk? We will tell you. For nineteen years the work of the White Eagle Lodge has been going forward. It commenced in a very small way with a few handful of loving souls, all eager to love their brother man and to help as God wishes them to help the people living on earth. First it was to help humanity during the years of fire, the years of war. And this gallant little band faithfully stood at their post in spite of all the gathering darkness and the conflict of ideologies; and there stood a little band of brothers, and they were seen by us to be sending forth into the darkness around them a blazing star. There were some of these brethren who were sent to different parts of the world on material service but they had caught the light of the Star which lit the little brotherhood and they took the light with them, as all humans who touch this Lodge and the Star above it take the light away into the world.

Sometimes the light is shining very powerfully; sometimes it is so weak and flickering; but it is a light. Now, how is this light strengthened? And what is the life and the power which has

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kept this Lodge on its course for nineteen years? It is the love of God and the love for God, that is living, a living force in the hearts of those who work and serve the worship in this Lodge. There is no propaganda. There is no shouting in the world, no proclaiming the truth or trying to force it upon other people. That is not the way of the brothers who are working behind material things for the growth of this Lodge. You people, you brethren, you dear visitors, you loved ones who come here (and week by week you humbly touch the centre, the holy centre, the sacred centre, the reservoir of love, of spiritual truth, of light): you, by your inner communion and meditation, you are drawing the light of God from the heart of matter.

A big organisation, particularly of a religious kind, must have its heart in God, not in words, not in preaching, not in the spoken or the published word, but in the silence, in the still silence, in the temple in heaven. Your body is likened to a temple, and within your soul, your form is the shrine; and in the shrine is God, your Creator, and the Lamb – the symbol of innocence, innocence, humility, simplicity, the power of God, the power of the Lamb, the Son – and that power is the power of simplicity, innocence, humility, gentleness. Now these attributes are the attributes of the Son, the Lord Christ, and they are on the shrine in the soul of every human. Now this is the power and the life, and you and we are working together to help our brother and sister, man and woman, to find that inner shrine and to let that place be the centre, the commencement of all good, all progress in the life.

We will not keep you except to say this, because it is so important to say this to you. A symbol of a lighthouse has been given, not by any human, but given you to you from us. It is a spiritual sign; above all things it is the symbol of the soul, and from that soul must ever shine the light of the spirit. This White Eagle Lodge, and all the groups and daughter lodges throughout the world, all are symbolised by that lighthouse, the light ever burning. It is being used now for a material purpose but remember, whilst the material has its purpose, the real purpose is the symbol of the spirit which must be kept burning bright and clear with a true flame. This is the success and growth of any organisation. It is not in propaganda nor worldly achievement; it is whether that light is kept clear and bright.

Remember – you remember – that parable of the ten virgins – those who kept their lamps trimmed and burning brightly, and those foolish virgins who had to go away for more oil, the oil of wisdom. They, dear ones, are the symbol of the earthly mind, the materially minded – and the wise virgins are the symbol of the spiritually minded, and those who work in the silence, in truth, without sham, without any pretence, without any falseness; they work from the shrine of their hearts. The work of this Lodge depends on the prayers, the sending out the light into the world. The world knows nothing of it, except you will find a light beginning to shine, reforms coming. You will find a change of heart in mankind, and this and only this is true reform, when the heart of man becomes alight with the love of God, when the heart of man becomes centred on God, and the spirit and spiritual things, away from earth and earthly things.

This is our final word, beloved ones. You are light bearers. You have a lighthouse to keep the light shining therefrom. You are working with us and we with you. Wherever the light of the

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spirit travels, there will be the establishment of the brotherhood of the spirit, the light of God and peace and goodwill on earth.

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