

White Eagle's Christmas Address

A280 Sunday Address 18th December 1955 St Mary Abbots Place, London
Christmas Carol Service

Text: blue carbon copy of typescript. With this address we move back to the familiar style of MB's typing, and she institutes the practice of listing the readings.

Context: Christmas carol service. The carols sung are not listed by MB but White Eagle thanks the choir. The readings were a poem read by YGH, 'Years ago the Wise Men saw it' [printed somewhere in SP, maybe by YGH herself?] and Luke 2 : 4-19.

General Notes: incidentally, amid the opening remarks of thankfulness, White Eagle refers to a talk given from the platform by a visiting speaker, about visitors from other planets. The burden of the early part of the address is the importance of the nativity for the whole of human kind. Later, in the paragraph beginning 'All people that on earth do dwell', White Eagle makes a very inclusive point about all human aspiration (including things that may seem selfish) being really a search for God. Finally, White Eagle offers a vision of 'a world which is to come' and how humanity, especially his congregation, is engaged in bringing that about. At the end, there is a beautiful evocation of Christmas in spirit, of the Christmas tree and its symbolism. At the foot of the tree, as usual, would have been a large collection of toys given for children in need. This is what is behind the thanks to the 'givers of the gifts' – it seems after what has gone before to relate to spirit gifts, but actually is more about the physical offerings – which White Eagle may even have stepped forward on the platform in order to see.

References: Luke 2 : 4-19, the second reading, is the story of Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem to be taxed, and then the familiar words about the shepherds, 'And there were in the same country....' The quotation, 'He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also' is John 14 : 12. 'A little child shall lead them' is Isaiah 11 : 6. 'All people that on earth do dwell' is of course the first line of a well-known hymn by the sixteenth-century Scottish composer, William Kethe. 'Where there is no vision, the people perish' is Proverbs 19 : 18. The reference to Jesus' prophecy about the veil between the two worlds being 'swept asunder' relates in fact to this actual occurrence, at the time of the Crucifixion, related in Matthew 27 : 51.

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Beloved children of earth, we speak from the world of spirit to each one of you. We speak not of ourselves, but we are a channel for the company of Elder Ones, who are mindful of this Service and of every soul in this congregation.

We have to express our thanks to our choir tonight, to those who have given their gifts to this service. One of the greatest gifts man can give is himself, and it is the hardest gift of all. But it is the true gift for a man to give himself in service to his fellow men, no matter what form that service takes. The singing, the music, was beautiful, my children. We in the spirit world can hear your music and not only the sounds which are made with your vocal organs, but the sound which is made by your soul.

This world of yours is full of vibrations, physical and etheric. These vibrations of the soul have an important effect upon the lives of people on earth.

This is our message. The true gift is the gift of the self, of the soul. You know, my children, what we mean. Getting up when you would rather remain in a comfortable chair; going off on a mission, on a mission of the angels; bearing patiently the recital of people's care and

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weariness, bearing patiently. Remember it is not easy to do this. It is not easy to quietly stand and wait when you have all the urgency of action. But the quiet spirit is the one through whom the power of God can work. It sounds paradoxical what we say, but then all life is a paradox. It is for you, children of earth, to walk the razor edge of spiritual progression and to select the way which is most wise and of most service to mankind.

We remind you, the company who are with us would remind you, of the significance of the Christmas time. Some time ago a speaker in this Lodge remarked that one of the most important things that had happened to the world was the coming of visitors from other planets. Truly this is important, but we would add that the most important event that has ever happened on this earth planet is the birth of the Christ Child – because the Christ Child is man's saviour. First of all man believes in this truth and then he becomes the truth. When all humanity, all races, castes and creeds have become at one with this mighty truth, the greatest truth that has ever been sent to this earth – the truth of the saving grace of the Christ spirit – then the world will become a planet of light instead of a planet of darkness (and considerable darkness at the present time). Nevertheless, as man listens to the message from the spirit – not only to a spirit or to the things we are talking to you [about] tonight, but the spirit within his own heart – when man obeys that inner voice, that voice of the Christ within, then humanity will become a vast universal brotherhood.

You, my children, have a grave responsibility, but also a great joy in the opportunity which has been given to you because you have earned it. Yes, but do not throw away your opportunity of expressing to the world, not only vocally, but from your heart and through your thoughts express this divine revelation.

We have said that the greatest thing that ever happened on this earth was the birth of the Christ Child. Most of you are familiar with the teaching of this Lodge. There may be a few here who are not familiar at all. When we speak of the Christ, we refer to the Cosmic Christ, the second aspect of the Trinity; the Light in the heart of life, the creative light which is given to every soul born. Jesus, the Master, was the human channel through which that light manifested. He demonstrated to the world what that light could do. And He said; 'These things that I do, ye shall do also and greater things than these shall ye do'. These were not idle words. All through His ministry He demonstrated to His followers the power of this light: this Christ light, this love, this wisdom, this unceasing service to His fellow creatures.

My children, dear children, you heard in the reading tonight about the angelic hosts appearing in the sky to the shepherds. Maybe angels announced this great cosmic event, the birth on earth of this life and this light which was to be demonstrated through a man, a human being like all men.

Now these angels did not only come two thousand years ago to the shepherds. Incidentally the shepherds are symbolic of the initiates, those people who have attained a certain degree of spiritual understanding. The angels came to them. You people have attained a certain degree of spiritual understanding, or you would not be in this congregation tonight. Remember that

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the angels come to you, and they are here now. This congregation is overshadowed by the angel messengers. There is a blazing light over you all. The angels have brought you the message once again. They bring to you a symbol of the little babe. Is there anyone present whose heart cannot be touched by the thought, the sight of a little child? 'A little child shall lead them.' This little child is symbolic of the simple innocent heart; the heart of, or the personality of, a good man or woman or child. You know as well as we do that those men and women who appear to be simple and gentle and spiritual are so often mocked by those who do not know, by the arrogant of mind. But, nevertheless, the saint and the good man and true is always the one who is gentle as a little child, who has no arrogance and who is peaceful of heart and loving in [all] ways.

Do you know, my children, that Christmas time is the time when all people turn to God? They are searching for God, but they do not know it. They keep up what they call the spirit of Christmas, the convivial spirit. They send good wishes. They send tokens of material presents to one another, all to inspire a good Christmas spirit. But remember, these outward presents again are symbols only, symbols of the heart love. The heart desires to express goodwill, friendliness and love. On your earth there are so many material symbols which, if interpreted correctly, would teach man the way of life.

All people that on earth do dwell are searching for God, for their Creator. There are so many who do not know that they do and they seem to go blindly along, stumbling along the path. Remember that all people on your earth planet are all in search of God. Call it what you will. They may be searching for freedom. They may be searching for what they call political freedom. They may be seeking for their own pleasures, to the satisfaction of their senses. They are all moving forward upon the evolutionary path. They are all striving for spiritual evolution. For this very reason there should be tolerance amongst those who think they have seen the Light of God; tolerance and sympathy and love.

My children, on this Christmas Day lift up your hearts and open your vision to that finer world which is all around you, and see in your vision a world which is to come! This new life will be upon this earth as it is now in heaven. You have the vision. Hold onto your vision, for the world will depend upon people like yourselves. For where there is no vision, the people perish. Hold onto that vision which has been vouchsafed to you. Hold onto it like the most precious gift you have ever had. Remember this, the day will come, even whilst you are on the earth in your physical body, when you will want the strength and the comfort and the light of that spiritual vision.

All around us now are the heavenly host. The veil separating you from them is very, very thin indeed. Before very long that veil will be swept asunder, even as Jesus prophesied.

In the world of spirit, Christmas time is the most grand and powerful ceremony or festival. You do only get a glimmering of the truth here. We assure you that Christmas time to the spirit people is the most important time of all. There the Presence of the Cosmic Christ is seen and felt. We can describe to you a magnificent Temple of Light in the centre of which

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can be seen the blazing Christmas tree – symbol of the Man of Light, of the perfect Light, symbol also of the Giver of Light, the Creator – and oh, the children, how they love the Christmas festival! Yes, spirit children are so like the earth children. They laugh, they sing and they dance. They are made so happy. They hear the voices of the angels. They enjoy themselves with their guardians, their mother guardians and other children who are with them, like brothers and sisters.

And those of you who have lost loved ones or husbands, wives and children, oh do remember they do not lie upon the earth in graves. That is the dust of the earth they have left behind. They are alive in this wonderful world of eternal life which we are trying to speak about. Now you remember this, in love there is no separation. At your Christmas board do not think with regret of those you have lost, but let your hearts go out in joy to them in their new-found life of freedom and happiness. They all gather round. Yes, we are giving you their message of love. And may the peace of the spirit of Christ bless your Christmas and bring to you that deep and sure happiness which comes in the silent night. In the stillness the child of Christ is born.

Whilst thanking the givers of all these gifts, we would pray to God that the blazing Light of the heavens be upon these gifts. May they be impregnated with the spirit of goodwill and love. May those who receive them be touched by the Light and may they see a fresh path. May hope and joy be born again in their hearts. O God, bless these gifts and those who will receive them.

And to you, our dear beloved brethren, members and friends, we wish you, we would give you a happy, happy Christmas time spent in the consciousness of God's Eternal Presence in you and God's Eternal Love for you.

Peace and love.

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