

May God grant Vision to our People

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Context: a Sunday service on, as usual, the first Sunday in the month; as Easter was early in 1951, Whit Sunday would have fallen the next week. The service did fall on the weekend of the Wesak full moon but the talk does not mention Wesak and is very much about the Beatitudes of Jesus, sandwiched between reference to 'the mystic isle of Britain'. Almost certainly the reason for the focus on Britain was the opening of the Festival of Britain on 3rd May. The reading is given as Matthew 5 : 1-16, part of the Sermon on the Mount, which occupies chapter 5, 6 and 7 of St Matthew's Gospel.

General Notes: within the specific context of an exaltation of Britain and its spiritual qualities, White Eagle offers a very beautiful exegesis of the sayings by Jesus known as the Beatitudes and a clear distinction between true religion and popular superstition.

References: 'And, seeing the multitude, he went up into a mountain' is Matthew 5 : 1. Jesus's comment about not casting pearls before swine is from the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 7 : 6. 'Blessed are the poor in spirit', 'blessed are the meek', 'blessed are the peacemakers', are phrases from the Beatitudes: Matthew 5 : 3, 5 and 9 respectively. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life' is John 14 : 6. 'Perfect love casteth out fear' is 1 John 4 : 18. 'Underneath are the everlasting arms' is a favourite of White Eagle's, and comes, surprisingly, from Deuteronomy (33 : 27). 'Those who have gone through great tribulation' is Revelation 7 : 14 but the phrase about the raiment whiter than snow comes from the account of the Transfiguration, Mark 9 : 3. The 'precious stone set in the silver sea' (White Eagle slightly misquotes) is a quotation from Shakespeare's *Richard II*, Act II scene i.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of earth, we speak to you as a voice from the world of spirit; a world which you know so very little about at the present time, but we come with joy in our hearts. And when we speak of 'we', we would have you realise that we are a vast company. Many of those whom you have known on this earth, and whom you now call dead, are alive in a world of light. They are still full of enthusiasm for the progress of human life on your earth.

And we speak tonight very specially to the British peoples, the British Commonwealth of Nations, and this mystic isle to which you have come, reincarnated spiritual beings that have come back to this earth for a grand purpose. You know, dear ones, we would like to draw aside the curtain of materiality and show you the world beyond your present conditions of life. We would like to show you at this moment the company of men and women, great souls, who have lived in your country and who have laboured for the progress and for the spiritual life of the peoples of this mystic isle.

Now, we have been listening to a Bible reading so very well known to all Christian peoples, 'The Sermon on the Mount'. We believe that there are some people living in your country, and in other countries, today who think that the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount are not applicable or cannot be applied to life as it is known today. How little they know of divine love or divine law! Let us take the words, the opening words of the chapter, 'And, seeing the multitude, he went up into a mountain, and when he was set his disciples came unto him'. He went up in to a mountain, which means He went up in to a higher state of consciousness, into

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a state of spiritual awareness. There He communed with the Source of life, the Source of wisdom and love. Picture yourselves being raised in consciousness, above even the mind state, the mental state, being raised into a spiritual ecstasy where you find the Lord, your God.

You are filled with Light. You know truth. You know the meaning of the Christ spirit. You know that love for all life. You know the spirit of humility, the spirit of tenderness and gentleness. You feel within your innermost heart the truth of the Christ spirit. You know then that the teachings which Jesus gave in the Sermon on the Mount were jewels of great price. You know that His teaching He received from God, His Father–Mother. And you know that if you would grow in spirit, if you would create harmony in your life and help others to create harmony and happiness in their lives, that you must follow exactly the precepts which Jesus gave to His disciples.

You will notice that it does not say in the Gospel that Jesus spoke to the multitude. It says, ‘seeing the multitude, he went up into a mountain’. Now, apply that to yourselves, my dear brother and sister. You see the crowds in the outer world who have no ears or sight for anything beyond material things. You know that they would not understand with the earthly mind those spiritual truths which they can only understand with the mind within the heart, or the spiritual mind. So it is no use casting pearls before swine, as Jesus said. But the vibrations of your earthly life have to be raised. You have to go up on to a mountain above the multitude and there, when you are set with your Master the Christ, then He will open His mouth and speak to you the words of wisdom and truth. It was to His disciples He spoke, remember this – which means that the disciple is one who has a great longing to follow the path of the spirit and to learn spiritual truth. Jesus opened His mouth and taught them, saying; ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, the humble in spirit’ – those who are not arrogant or powerful intellectually, but who were simple and poor. ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit’ and so on all through the Sermon on the Mount. ‘Blessed are the peacemakers. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth’. Here again Jesus was explaining to His disciples that those who are meek, truly meek in spirit, receive into their souls a spiritual power which overcomes every enemy of life. For the meek shall inherit the earth.

Jesus was teaching His disciples the ancient wisdom, the law of love. He taught His disciples how to live if they would receive the great blessing of eternal life. What does this mean? You are inclined to think that eternal life means that you will pass away from your physical body, which is not very important, and that you will pass on into a beautiful heaven and there you will live for evermore, doing exactly as you please. No, dear ones, this is not the meaning. To inherit eternal life means to come into the fuller consciousness of the God within you; to come into the full power of the Christ life within your soul. When man can do this he triumphs over death, which means he becomes alive in the life of God – which is all power, the power of love. Love is gentle and kind and meek. Love thinks no wrong. Love continues to send out light and truth and goodwill to life. The man who follows the path of light enters into the fullness of eternal life, not some life which is far away in the dim future, but here and now. Man enters into a deep understanding of the power of the God life within him, the power which can control the lower elements, which can control physical atoms, which can control the mind and the emotions. He can set himself upon the light, the eternal light of God, and draw upon that light to use it, not for himself but for all mankind. This is what the Lord

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Jesus the Christ, Son of God, demonstrated in his life. He continually said; 'I am the way, I am the truth. I am the Life'. But no man understands that Jesus, or the Christ speaking through the lips of Jesus, was speaking of that life which is within every human soul. He was speaking of that life which is the sun, the spiritual sun beyond all physical manifestation. He was speaking of that spiritual glory which man can receive into his own being and transform his life on earth from darkness to light.

Dear children, whatever you wish to do with your life in your present incarnation, if you will practise the presence of God, if you will go up onto the mountain and listen to the words of Jesus and then practise these words, you will find that whatever you desire to do that is good and for the upliftment and the illumination of your fellow beings, you will receive into your soul the power of God, the power of Christ. You will be doing the work of Christ.

Have no fear. Perfect love casts out all fear. The love of God which flows into your soul will overcome nervousness and fear and anxiety. You will be upheld by His strength. You will feel that underneath are the Everlasting Arms.

Now, dear ones, all these things which we are saying to you, you have heard before. They possibly have remained just as words to you. Now, our message to you from the world of spirit is this; behind all physical manifestation is this spiritual power which can work in daily life. You are receiving in many ways, at the present time, a demonstration of what your scientists may call the fourth dimension, demonstration of the radio communication, of television, of recording the human voice, and many other forms of tapping into the waves in the ether, harnessing these waves to an instrument so they can be heard and seen by the physical senses.

In this great new age of Aquarius what you have to do is to learn to receive higher waves which are in the ether, higher ethers. Receive these vibrations into your soul and recreate your life on earth. But this word of warning: these blessings to human life will only be blessings so long as man follows the precepts of the Christ and all the great teachers throughout the ages. Man must not use these God-given truths, these great powers, to conquer physical, material, worldly enemies. Remember these powers are heavenly powers and so long as man uses them to gain ascendancy over this brother man, so he himself must be destroyed by such power. It is only when man uses this power to give health and life and beauty and happiness to his fellow man that the power will bless him and give him life; otherwise it will destroy.

What we want to try to give to you is the assurance and the conviction that within you God speaks. And God has given unto you the seed which will grow in your life and bring to you eternal life. It will bring to you in due time the preservation of all form as it is good for you to use that form for the blessing of mankind.

Now, dear ones, before we close our talk we draw your attention again to this mystic isle of Britain. All around us now, as we speak, are countless shining forms. They are those who have come through great tribulation and who are now clothed in raiment whiter than snow. In other words, they are clothed in the light of the spiritual sun. Now they come back to you to help you to journey along your path towards complete spiritual emancipation, and as you

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work from the spirit for the peace of the whole world, so you will be brought into closer and closer contact with these shining ones.

You have yet to learn, dear children of earth, that in this mystic isle of Britain are centres of great age which are full of the imprisoned spiritual light. Way down the ages, far beyond history, there lived in this mystic isle men and women of great spiritual stature; gentle men, gentle women, advanced souls who had found the centre of all truth, the Christ the Son. And this island, these British Isles are impregnated with this age-old spiritual light. How do you think the British character is sustained? How do you think it gets its courage and its sense of fair play and its brotherliness? In spite of all criticism, in spite of many mistakes, my dear brethren, there is a core in this mystic isle of Great Light. There is a centre here which will one day burst forth like a great fountain and will bless the whole earth. You watch and see these words of ours come true.

Oh, dear children of earth, and particularly you people of this mystic isle, this sacred mystic isle, we ask you to go up into the mountain and make contact with the eternal truth and the Son, the cosmic Christ, and then come down and put into practice those precepts of the ages. And then you will find that the whole world will gradually be formed into a universal brotherhood. But there must be the focal point, there must be the light shining in this mystic isle. For it is not to great earthly power that this mystic isle is destined, but to great spiritual power – and its peoples, being filled with the Light of the Christ spirit, can and may lead the whole world to the brotherhood of man and to spiritual emancipation.

NOW is the time for you to work. During this year the whole of this island will be attuned, emotionally attuned, to the glory of the past, a past which they may think is two thousand years, but a past which is incalculable. Millions of years past this was a centre of light and the peoples of Britain must realise this truth. They must enter in full consciousness into their divine heritage of the ancient light here in this beautiful island, this jewel set in a crystal sea.

May God grant vision to the peoples of this mystic isle. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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