

The Eternal Light

A164 Sunday Address 11th August 1946 Christchurch Town Hall, Hampshire Sunday Service

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Text: from *Angelus*, November 1946; where it carries both title and description: 'Address given by White Eagle at Christchurch Town Hall on Sunday, 11th August, 1946'.

Context: it is not certain that this is an address in a Sunday service context, for there is no reference in it to the accompanying elements of the service, with one exception: White Eagle speaks of his congregation having sent forth the light. This would probably have been during the Prayer for Humanity, earlier in the service. The service was given on a Sunday, and the feeling of the whole encourages the idea that the word 'Address' in the subtitle is not misplaced.

General Notes: White Eagle speaks of the spiritual effort 'that is needed at the present time, more than ever before'. It is worth remembering that when he spoke Europe was only a year beyond the end of war, and that White Eagle's primary challenge to his audiences was to embrace the reality of spirit and thus usher in the new Aquarian age. There are plenty of ways in which it seems to dovetail with the Sunday addresses in St Mary Abbots Place immediately before and after (see headnotes to the address of 7 July 1946), which have discussed orthodox Christian beliefs and moved through to the principles of the White Eagle Lodge and the laws of life.

He refers substantially in this address to the 'God-men' and we have relied on the overall introduction to carry the message that terms like this are never intended to be gender-specific in White Eagle's teaching.

References: 'Love one another' is John 13 : 34, while 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart' is Matthew 22 : 37. The instruction to follow the man carrying the waterpot is to be found at Mark 14 : 13 and Luke 22 : 10.

White Eagle's Address:

We greet you, brethren, we who come from spiritual realms of life, as brothers; and tell you that the Brotherhood of the Light draw near to the earth to teach men the secret of life.

Most people like to be told a secret; and yet this same truth, although obscured, is held by every man and woman within his own being, his own heart. We come with this message because it is proposed to establish study groups in this town so that you may learn the way to approach this ancient and divine secret. Later, when you have deeper understanding you will endeavour to practise what you have learned in your daily life. Later still there will be formed in this mystic isle of Britain groups or brotherhoods of the white magic. Although some of you are familiar with this term, we propose to enlarge upon the last two words. First, may we tell you that the groups which will someday flourish will be similar to the groups which once worked in Egypt, Atlantis and Ancient America. Such groups were commenced in ages past in a region called Hyperborea, the northern part of the hemisphere.

Those who came to the earth in those days were evolved being[s] called 'God-men'. They brought to mankind the eternal secret of life, that man has within his being two aspects – one the God-aspect, the *good* aspect, the white light; the other part is the darkness. In other words, man is born of God and is the spirit of God; is indeed the only begotten son of the Father–Mother, of the two aspects of creation, positive and negative – divine will and energy, and divine wisdom – and the two aspects bring forth a third, which is the only-begotten Son,

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the centre of life; and this is the Light. It is the light in mankind and is the only begotten of the Father–Mother principles of life. This light, which is within man, is the saving power of man's soul.

But let us remember that the continual 'pull' of matter holds man down to earth, causing him to be self-centred and selfish. This arises from a sense self-protection which is inherent in the flesh, and with a purpose, for man has been born into a physical life, into a material world, to enable the God-consciousness – the light within – to grow and so to gain superiority, supremacy, over the darkness and limitations of the flesh.

Many people look forward, on leaving the physical life, to being freed from the irksomeness of matter, so that they may migrate to physical realms where they think they will find ease and happiness. We do not come back to disillusion you; but we come, my beloved brethren, to give you truth. The truth is this: that you are here bound by a material world to help that inner spirit to grow, so that it will again complete mastery; and growth can only come through effort. You can see that for yourselves if you are working with Nature. You see the efforts which Nature puts forth from Mother Earth. You see it in the babe: the effort the little one makes to speak, to stand, to talk, to play, to learn. Yes, all life is effort. But it is spiritual effort that is needed at the present time more, than ever before.

Brethren, we want you to endeavour to feel, to sense the presence of an unseen community; for we assure you we are not alone; that there is a vast company of illumined spirits, of men and women of past ages who have been recognised and loved for their saintly lives; who have been worshipped and loved for their service to mankind. Among this gathering are to be numbered your own nearest and dearest, the true companions of your spirit. This is the truth, my children – that you are all companioned by these illumined ones. All the world can be thus consciously companioned if the people will look up to the light. What is this light? What is this divine magic, what is this third aspect of the Deity? Called by many names, it is the simple love of which the Master Jesus spoke, and which all masters and teachers through all the ages have taught.

'Love one another.' Love the Lord thy God, thy Creator, the Source of thy being. 'Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy strength, with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. Upon these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Because it is so simple people fail to grasp its significance. We are not talking about things which cannot be proved. We are offering you words by which, if you will accept them and follow the path, you will gain the key to the heavenly realms – not only here on earth, not only when you pass away from your physical body, but through all eternity, through every life; because there are many, many forms of life, many manifestations of your spirit in matter. There are many degrees of matter, many cycles of life, many planets.

We assure you that people encased in the limitations of the physical brain have not yet arrived at the truth of the age of this earth planet; nor have they any conception of the life into which they have been born.

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How can you individually contact those illumined souls by your side waiting to use you to bless and heal mankind? There is only one way, my brethren, a strictly scientific way. It is simply to surrender all to God, to that enfolding, wise power. Your own heart will tell you that what we say is true. Surrender in confidence to this divine power, this love and wisdom. Truth, justice, peace, joy, happiness – all the attributes of God are within your own being. As man strives to allow these attributes to manifest through him in his daily life, in his contracts with his brother man, so he grows in spirit. God becomes clear, in him and through him.

The ancients used to speak about the key to heaven, the key to the heavenly mysteries which would never fail to unlock the gates of heaven. We were told in those far-away days that the key of heaven hung within the human heart. Nowadays, especially as man approaches the Aquarian Age (the age of the mind, the strong mental age) he is inclined to allow the mind and the mental powers to eclipse the divine wisdom and love within his own heart.

My brethren, you can see for yourselves what is happening in the world today. Some may feel helpless and despairing of the future. We assure you there is no need. The heart of love will yet balance the strong mental power, the tendency for man to destroy himself and his earth through the power-complex of his mind. It is your work, your work, my brethren, to project into this world that balancing essence of love, which is light.

This is the light of which the Master Jesus continually spoke to His disciples. The Christ within you is the way. The Christ within you is the truth. The Christ within you is the life. As you look to God and breathe in the breath of God, you are breathing in eternal life, eternal light, and it has a magical power.

Do not think that the light cannot absorb the darkness, because it has and always will absorb all that is destructive. The time is ripe, at the beginning of this great Age of Aquarius, which is recognised as the mental age. It is also the spiritual age. Do you remember Jesus telling His disciples to follow the man carrying the water-pot and he would lead them to an upper room and make ready? The man carrying the water-pot – the symbol of Aquarius, the sign of the new age – ‘Follow him, follow him’, the disciples were told, and [you] are now hearing the same injunction.

Follow the new man: the Age of Aquarius is here! He will lead you to an upper chamber, a higher state of consciousness. Prepare yourself, and there hold communion with the companions of your higher self whom you will meet in the upper room. Do you not see the significance of this parable? Prepare; it is within the power of each one of you. You are not here in this little room listening by chance. You people have no conception of the plans held in the hands of the Great Architect of the Universe. The least of you is known to the greatest in the heavens. God holds each one of you within His heart, and you can with confidence look up to the light of God’s love. Surrender all care. Be not anxious, and you will be filled with wisdom; then you will know your path and you will walk with confidence and the power of spirit.

What do we mean by sending forth the light, as you have done here this day? Give out the love which you feel in your heart, and it goes forth as a light. If you could see yourselves

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when you are truly sending for the light, you would see a great radiance flowing from your heart – from your head in many cases. Your aura would be shining. You would see the rays penetrating to a limitless degree; you would see the light flowing from you, touching the heart, the understanding, even the physical life of your fellow men. You would see that you are literally giving a cup of cold water to the thirsty.

People talk about working on the inner planes. What are these inner planes? Beloved, they are in the heart. These are the inner planes of life. You create your own inner plane and the state of life to which you will go when you have no physical body. All is in the heart. If you would know joy and happiness and beauty in a spiritual life in the beyond you must cultivate it here on earth; and in this way you will help to raise the vibrations of the earth. The very physical atoms of your body are changed by this divine love. But it will mean a continual effort on your part, because only through effort can growth take place. The time is now at hand for the spiritual consciousness to unfold within every man, woman and child. As we have already said, this means the second coming of the Son, the light, the divine spirit, to revivify the life in mankind.

We are not theorising. We are speaking of things which we in spirit know are true.

Feel the presence, the love which speaks to your innermost being. On this vibration of love you can hold true communion with those who have gone before.

No time is ever wasted in spiritual unfoldment. We assure you that not only people like yourselves, but even those in high positions, leaders of the nations, will in time become initiates into the secrets of divine magic. But you people are necessary *now*, to practise – however feebly – this divine magic in your own life.

There is nothing to fear except fear. Fear is man's enemy and the last enemy to be overthrown. Have no fear. Resign all to the wisdom and the love of the divine law. Do your best. Be true and sincere and loving in your human relationships. Let love rule your heart and life and there will sweep through you the healing power for the healing of the nations, for the raising of the vibrations of the earth, for the overthrowing of death; because there will be no death when this eternal life of the spirit fills the human soul.

God bless you, my dear ones. May His peace rest always in your heart.

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