

The Gospel of Love

A229 Sunday Address 1st July 1951 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service

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

Text: like the whole series of 1951 addresses so far, a carbon typescript in the style of MB's work but corrected by AMI, and marked 'Draft'. There is an edited version in the September 1951 *Angelus*, from which the title has been taken.

Context: the usual evening service on the first Sunday of the month. The typescript once again mentions the Aquarian Gospel as the source of the reading, without this time indicating which chapter was read. There is no mention of the hymns that would have been sung.

General Notes: linking its topic to the Summer solstice, this talk is a protracted discourse on love in its many forms, but it begins by travelling in imagination to Stonehenge for a Sun ceremony there. It does not mention as such the so-called Christ Festival but it is clearly of this solar event that White Eagle is keen to remind us. It would have fallen roughly a fortnight earlier, with the full moon in Gemini on June 19th. It is also about recognising and holding the light within us and the spiritual power which love brings. In certain respects this address continues the theme, from the June address, of the Second Coming.

References: the appearance of the arisen Christ to the disciples 'as they walked along the country road' is the story of the Road to Emmaus in St Luke's Gospel (24 : 13 - 35). The appearance in 'the upper room' is in John (20 : 19 - 23). White Eagle also refers at this point, indirectly, to Jesus's words, 'the works that I do shall ye do also', which is John 14 : 12. At the end, the rending of the veil of the Temple to reveal the Holy of Holies was described in the Crucifixion story; see Matthew 27 : 51.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children, you are all feeling happy and uplifted this evening largely due to the wonderful outpouring of the sunlight. You do not perhaps realise the psychological effect of the sun upon your mood, upon your life, upon your emotions; but it is so. With the breaking through of the sun from behind the clouds there comes into the human life a warmth, a beauty, a relaxation, a surrender to the sun, to the eternal light. But it is not everyone who understands that behind the physical sun is that eternal spiritual light which floweth from the love of God, from the heart of God. We want to impress this upon you this evening, for we would like to see every one of our brothers and sisters aware of the spiritual life-force which flows to them from the light of the sun.

Now, a little while ago – between the 21st and the 22nd June, at the summer solstice – there was a great outpouring of the Sun light upon the Earth; a great outpouring of the Christ light. There is an ancient ceremony which is still enacted on your earth in your own country at that ancient temple of sun-worship which you call Stonehenge, the temple you call Stonehenge. Very often those who assemble at the break of day just before the rising of the sun are disappointed, because the sky is full of leaden clouds and they do not see the beautiful vision of the rising sun. Nevertheless the sun travels on its appointed path, and it rises in the heavens and it sheds its rays over your earth. The earth feels it, and there is a blessing on the crops and the fruits of the earth; indeed upon all life. In the ancient days the priests knew how to enhance the power which flowed to the earth and with the great Planetary Beings and angels they were able to direct these rays of light and life to the advantage, to the blessing of all growing things.

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These ancient rites are not used today, at least not on the outer plane. Some people consider they are pagan rites, and therefore they are not to be used, but we must point out that these ancient rites, although they appeared to deal only with the earth and with material things, they really were used by the Sun priests to stimulate the life of the sun, not only in the earth and the growing crops but in the human heart. It is an error to think that the sun worship was a pagan religion. The sun worship was full of spiritual power, and those who worshipped the sun knew that behind that physical form was the life of the Father and the life of the Son, the spiritual essence without which no thing could live or grow. And those who open themselves to the sun and worship the sun, worship the Son of God, the source of life and light and brotherhood, love; brotherhood which is love in action. It is not loving just a few privileged people, whatever class they are. Love is universal, the Son is universal, and universal love is the Christ, the spirit of Christ, and the greatest mystery of life is the action of the Christ in the human heart. You cannot comprehend it with the intellect alone, but you can comprehend it through pure emotion, through love in the heart. It is only through love in the heart that man can comprehend the mystery of life, the mystery of the Christ within.

Beloved ones, at the outpouring of that great spirit of Christ on to the earth plane there was enacted on the etheric plane, on the pure white etheric plane, a beautiful ceremony. Very few of you are aware of this. Very few of you have been privileged to see this Christ ceremony – and it takes place each year at the summer solstice. Now we want you to understand that Christ is not only a human form. Christ manifests on earth in a human form, but the spirit of Christ is universal. Christ is universal love, universal light, universal truth, beauty. Christ is all the qualities of the Perfect One, but there are some people on the earth plane who are humble and who feel that it is impossible for the human body of the Christ to appear to them. They say it is impossible, for they are too earthy and the beauty of the Christ form cannot draw near to them.

Now this is an error. The universal Son of God, the Christ, can and does appear to those who have prepared themselves. And the only form which the Christ can take in order to impress the child of earth with his Presence is the human form. We want you to understand this. We emphasise this truth, for we know that the form of the cosmic Christ can be the perfect human form. And it is in that form that He visits the children of earth.

Now this was demonstrated for you in the appearance of Jesus the Christ to His disciples. He appeared to the disciples as they walked along the country road, and he talked to them. And He appeared to the disciples in the upper room when they were praying and they were attuned. They were as one body in love and harmony, and the Master Jesus, the Lord Christ, appeared to them and spoke words of comfort to them. And so many times we have told you that what the Master did, you can do also. Do not think that you are too earthy to receive a visitation of the Great One. Remember that the greatest Living Being is the simplest and gentlest and the most loving of all mankind.

The Christ is universal love and universal love is light. And if you love you are enfolded in light: you are light, you radiate light, you live light; light is the reflection of the Christ love. You are light in spirit and the light shines through you. All is light, all is warmth, all is beauty if the love of Christ is strong in your heart. And love is faith. If you have love within you,

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you have faith in your Father–Mother God. You do not doubt the wisdom nor His purpose in whatever happens to you in your life. If you have doubt, you have no faith and the light has gone from you. If you have faith you have light and you have love; and if you have light and love you have faith.

This love that we are talking of is not just a weak sentiment, which is giving way to demands of the lower nature. Now we mean this very seriously, because so many people give way to what they think is love. We have seen mothers do this, and they think that it is love for their children. They give way to their children because they love them, but if they loved them they would not be weak, and they would not give way to the weakness in others, but would remember that all the experiences which the human nature is called upon to go through are for the good of the soul. These experiences, although they appear to be disagreeable at the time, if they are faced with courage and confidence and faith, always lead to good and to blessing. And love is seeing the good in others, seeing God's hand working in the lives of others. Love is gentleness and sympathy, understanding, but it is not a weak giving way to the demands of the unwise and the foolish.

Centre your heart upon the tender love of the Christ and you have no fear in you. You are filled with faith – and also, we would add, what you will to do you can do. If love is in your heart, love will give you the power to do that which is good. Love is power but it is not power of domination, one dominating over another. It is the power which love brings to you to do the will of the Father which is in Heaven. And the will of the Father for you, and for all children on earth, is love – and love begets peace and goodwill. Love begets beauty. Love begets progress, achievement. Love brings illumination into the heart and life. If the law of love, the Christ love, was put into operation on your earth there would be no more disease, sickness, poverty, war, sorrow, because the love of God in the human heart would understand the love of God in the universe, and it would not want its own will, but only the will of the Father. It would not want to draw to itself possessions; it would want to give for the good of the many rather than hold for the good and the selfish gratification of the one. Do you not see what love is and what it will do for the people of the earth?

And lastly, remember that love disperses all mists. Now you may be divided from those you love, who have passed into the world of spirit – but you are not truly separated from them, but before you hangs a mist, sometimes a very heavy fog. And that fog is man's own creation, and when he has light and love in his heart it is warm and it shines through the mist and disperses the mist – and then man sees clearly into that higher world, into the world of higher ethers. There he sees his loved ones. He sees life as a whole. It is not a question of here and there with a closed door in between. It is an understanding that life is universal, that the life of the spirit is the same as the life on earth. That the spirit world is a world more beautiful than this earth and is made beautiful by the love which man learns to operate when he is away from the limitations which he sets himself whilst living in the flesh.

The Presence of the Lord Christ is with you, and we speak to you individually as well as collectively. What you will to do, do it in honour of God and the power will be given to you to do it. As you become full of adoration and reverence towards your Creator, your heart will glow with the light and the glory of the Sun life within you. The ancient symbol of the sun is the heart – even in astrology the symbol of the sun is linked with the heart centre. And

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understand that all power is given to the man who loves God, not the power to dominate over others by the domination of the self, but the power of love to understand: the power of the Christ love. It can illumine a room when the soul who has that love within it enters the room. It can illumine the whole country when there is a great soul guiding that country. The power of love brings happiness and beauty into the life. The power of love overcometh all obstacles, all darkness. There is no darkness when love is strong in the human heart. Now we repeat again those words. The power of the Christ love in the human heart is the greatest mystery of life. Whatever your task is tomorrow morning, whatever burden you carry, whatever you feel lies before you, my children, we beg you to spiritually go on your knees and, with all simplicity and humility, pray to God and the Master will come to you. The power will rise up in you and you will be able to accomplish all things in the name of Christ the Lord of this earth planet.

Love is the King of Kings! Love is the king of life! Therefore, children: love one another. Love life, love every task which comes to your hand. Love is the fulfilling of the law and until the law is put into operation man cannot know the glory which God holds in His hand for all humanity. Love love.

O Father God, may love be with us all and remain with us and guide and inspire us every moment of life. Then indeed will love triumph over death and the curtain of the temple will be rent, and all people will see into the Holy of Holies, the mystery of God and love.

Our love, our love to all of you.

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