

Promise of the Flower of Spring

A312 Sunday Address 25th January 1959 New Lands New Year service

Text: carbon typescript, maybe by AMI. It was printed also in *Stella Polaris* in the April following, and the title comes from that printed version.

Context: the new year service at New Lands, following the London one two weeks after. The reading is given as 'from chapters 54 and 59 of the Aquarian Gospel'; for a suggestion that the second chapter might have been no. 89, and 59 a typo, see headnote to the London address of 11 January 1959. There is no certainty, of course, that the same chapters were read in each place. There is a communion. The typescript offers an invocation and a benediction; the invocation, in particular, has a little more of the ring of GEC's words than White Eagle's (this, and the benediction, might also be by IC; such an allocation of GEC's and IC's roles in the service was common).

General Notes: despite the similarity, at least, of the chosen reading, this is a very different address from the London one two weeks previously. It does not look back to Christmas, and is also substantially longer. White Eagle speaks of an 'unknown quantity' and says it is 'the source of intelligence' – he is probably here anticipating the scientific debate that is so prominent at the time of this present project, around consciousness. There is a discussion of how communication between the two worlds may occur, and the metaphor of a telephone conversation is used. It refers to what now seem to be old-fashioned landline operations and physical telephone exchanges, but is apt. White Eagle speaks lovingly, and a little wryly, of the patience of those in spirit who seek to communicate with beings on earth. And suddenly we realise that he is talking of the power the individual has of building the Solar Body, the Christ Body. After that, we move on to hearing about healing and how spiritual healing happens – what law is in place to make it happen. Finally, we return to the ongoing life of spirit and the Christing of man.

References: White Eagle refers to two sayings from John 14: 'the things that I do, he shall do also' is verse 12, while 'I am the way, the truth and the life' is verse 6. He also quotes a well-known masonic phrase about the soul going 'from refreshment to labour, from labour to refreshment' – the exact source of this is unknown. 'The rough ashlar' is also a masonic term. 'The peace of God which [sur]passeth all understanding', familiar from the Book of Common Prayer, originates in Philippians 4 : 7.

Invocation

For this brief hour we withdraw from the outer world and from the world of physical matter and we seek within our souls to worship the Creator, the Source of all life. In this innermost temple of the spirit we kneel in prayer, opening our consciousness to the inflow of the divine blessing, and in this heavenly Presence we pray to be conscious of the invisible hosts and the company of those who have passed onward into the light. Spirit with spirit we hold communion. God with God, we would commune and give thanks for life and all the experiences of life, praying that we may have a deeper comprehension of the purpose of all human experience. May the world of spirit, the world of light and the noble souls who work from that sphere of life ... may we be aware of their presence, their inspiration and all the blessings of spiritual truth. And above all may we be conscious of the Master, the Cosmic Christ. He said where two or three are gathered together in my name, my spirit will be with them.

Amen.

White Eagle's Address:

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Beloved children of earth, we come through the mists of the earth life to bring to you all inspiration, comfort, and – we hope – light. There are many people on the earth plane of life who are confused about the life of spirit and the possibility of those who have passed away from the physical life being able to bring, through physical matter, a message from the world of spirit. There are some friends on earth who feel that the right approach to this question of communication between the two worlds should be strictly scientific. Now our reply to this is that the communication from our world to your world must be scientific, but it is not the same type of science which the earthly mind understands. We have told you that there will come a time when men of science will touch very closely the invisible realms. Indeed, they are already doing this. You are benefitting by their discovery of the invisible sound waves and light waves, but man at present knows only very little about these cosmic rays. The time will come when greater understanding will grow within man's consciousness.

At present there is an unknown quantity. The purely physical scientist has not discovered that 'unknown quantity', shall we call it, and this is the power of life. It is the source of intelligence. We believe we are correct in reminding you that some years ago a scientist thought that he could create and build a physical body. We believe that he travelled very far along the path in doing this but then he came up against a wall which was impenetrable. He was unable to give life to that physical body. The scientist may do very wonderful things with physical matter but, at present, spiritual matter and spiritual forces are quite beyond his reach – and those of you who have been convinced through human experience and soul experience, you have been convinced of the life of spirit, you are still unable to understand the *modus operandi*: how the two worlds meet. [That is,] how this power operates miraculously in healing disease, in comforting the bereaved and in removing the bandage from the eyes of the spiritually blind. You do not know how these things happen, but you know they *do* happen – and in the past there have been great demonstrations of the appearance of souls who are supposed to be dead. They have found a way to communicate with their loved ones, but the way they do it, the way we do it, cannot be understood by man in his present state of spiritual evolution.

The simplest soul is often used as an instrument of the spirit people, and the instrument which is used is totally unaware of how he is being used. But the instrument must have a certain quality within himself: a quality in the physical body, a certain construction of the etheric body, and certainly a special frequency in the soul body; and the spirit must be quickened. Now you may say that it is not necessarily a spiritual individual who is used as an instrument of the spirit. Our reply to this is that life as you understand it is lived on a number of different levels – the physical level, the etheric level, the astral level, the lower mental, the higher mental, the celestial and the Christ level. It all depends on the conditions which are on the physical plane of life how the communicating spirit uses the instrument.

Now if you wish to send a telephone message you may have to use a public instrument. There is often confusion on the line. There are difficulties which hold up your reaching that instrument but you do not decry a public instrument if your message is urgent. You seize the first telephone you can find. And those who love you in the astral world and who want to reach you, they first of all try to reach *you*, the spiritual you, not the earthly you. They try to impress you with their presence, and many times you will say, 'I had a feeling that my dear one was with me'. Now these dear ones will use unimaginable things, tools and instruments

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through whom or through which they can commune with you. Those of you who are alert and sensitive to the spirit world know that, on many occasions, those of your dear ones in spirit who long to reach you do reach you. But then you say, 'Oh, it might have been my imagination'.

This is the stumbling block between our world and your world. You know, dear ones, artists – all those in the world of art, not only painters, but all artists – receive their inspiration from higher worlds: not through thinking about things, but ideas come to them from the higher worlds. There must be certain conditions in the physical instrument to enable him to receive those impressions. You will say, 'This man is an artist. He is gifted in artistic things.' But all men can be artists in the widest sense of the word. But the question always looms up like a bogey: 'Where is the proof? Give me proof. Give me scientific proof that there is a world of spirit and that spirit people can and do communicate with the earth.' Our reply to this is that you are receiving proof, but maybe your intelligence is a little weak – we say this very lovingly and kindly. We can only tell you that people in our world are very patient and work extremely hard to open up the consciousness of humanity to a beautiful higher world.

When you are faced with the grief of death you are closed in. Not only is the body of your dear one, the clothing of that dear one, put in a box and disposed of, but many people living put themselves in a box, a tightly closed box, and they are unable to break through it or to receive the joy, the thankfulness which they could feel, could they but see the life to which their dear loved one has gone.

You are surrounded here today with spring flowers. These little flowers have grown from a small bulb. Maybe you are like these flowers – all humanity like[s] these flowers – and contain within yourselves the flower of spring. Now so frequently, in many, many, many cases, when the soul awakens in the spirit world he finds himself in a garden of flowers. This is the most usual place on the astral plane. The friend awakens to a surrounding of flowers, to lovely gardens and exquisite scenery. Sometimes the soul awakens to a favourite place that he has known on earth; heathland, seascape, mountains. Sometimes if the soul is passionately fond of music, he awakens to the sound of his favourite music. He finds himself in an exquisite music room or a temple of music. You see, whatever is strongly in the soul, in the world of art or literature or even science, that soul finds his home or his joy in the expansion of opportunity which is given to him to pursue his development. If it is a woman who has loved home and children and domestic spheres of life, she awakens in a loved home with children surrounding her. All the homes on earth, your home, this home here, this little chapel: they all have a higher replica. Your home functions not only on earth with bricks and materials of earth, but it also has a spirit aspect, an astral aspect and – even beyond that, if the conditions have been created in the home – even a higher spiritual aspect.

You see, man is part of God and God is a Creator. The gift which God has given to his son, his child on earth, is the power to create. Man does not need a lot of material wealth to create beauty and harmony. That comes from within his heart. He can create beauty in simplicity, harmony in his surroundings, because he, himself, is harmonious. Now this is exactly what happens in the spirit world. Out of soul emanations there are created conditions in which the individual lives very, very similarly to the life lived on earth, but the whole point of this truth is that man is in a physical body on a physical plane of life with opportunities of creating

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from himself and within himself the Christ being. Did not Jesus say to His simple, humble followers, 'What I do, ye can do also'? He came to demonstrate the way to truth and life. What a wonderful gift God has given to all His children; the power to create, the power to grow and the power to help his fellow creatures. If man does not use that power to help and to serve his fellow creatures, he is wasting his opportunities.

Now there is a power which is only being demonstrated faintly and this is the power of life, the power which heals. We have already referred to this, reminding you that this power, when it is applied at the right time and to a condition in the soul of the patient that is ready to respond to that divine life power, works miracles – because it works outside all known scientific law. But while spirit is part of that scientific law, man has not yet discovered the particular law which is in operation when healing takes place.

Those of you who work so faithfully and selflessly to heal your fellow creatures, both animal and human – because animals, remember, are very responsive to the healing treatment – must not be discouraged when your efforts apparently fail. As we have already stated, we repeat that there must be a condition of soul in the human being. That is to say, the soul must be responsive to that spiritual force. You cannot hammer it into your patient, [but] only enfold your patient in the healing power.

Now lastly, we would remind you that resignation is so important in spiritual evolution. Many people will question this statement and say, 'It is not good to resign yourself to conditions which you can remedy'. We agree. Do not resign yourselves to conditions that you can remedy, but if you cannot alter your conditions then accept them with love and trust in the laws of God. Remember that life is governed by divine law, a very wise law, and what man has to endure is what is best for him and others concerned.

Remember the law of Karma. That is immutable. That is why we say to you, 'Accept with wisdom and resignation'. Now not resignation in a disagreeable sense. There are two ways of resigning yourself to unalterable conditions. You can resign yourself in disgust and annoyance because you cannot do anything else, or you can resign yourself with love to God. Resigning yourself to divine love brings you an inner peace and comfort because you have confidence in the divine law and you know that by following your appointed path, even if it is a lonely path, it is going to lead you – we are going to say in an old-fashioned way – to the gates of heaven. It is going to lead you into a state of life, a state of consciousness which will be to you a heavenly state of peace and joy. At that level you meet congenial souls. You meet your loved ones, those whom you truly love and who are part of the same Great Spirit as you are.

O my dear brethren on earth, life above the torments and tortures of physical passions and selfishness is so exquisite, so joyous and so beautiful! And those who have left the physical body journey upward until they reach that perfect level where all is God. This is why they will say to you from that spiritual state of life, 'Oh, I would not like to come back'. They are conscious of you and they send all their love and their help to you, but they have found that perfect state of life.

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Now you will say, 'But what about reincarnation?' Those to whom we have referred, who are living in that state of bliss, are doing so because they have earned that period of rest from the physical toil. They are resting but, in the words of ancient Freemasonry, they return to work 'from refreshment to toil again – from toil to refreshment'. The soul which reaches that state of bliss is not wholly perfect. It is still in the state of the rough ashlar. It still needs the training ground of physical matter and, after its period of rest and joy, it feels within itself that it must be active in God's service. And so that soul comes back again to the physical plane to carry on the work which in that higher state of life it has been shown. It can see the need for its help, its service to its earthly brethren – and so that soul willingly comes back. But until that individual has awakened to that glorious vision of service to all creation it is not forced back. The desire must come to the innermost being of the man. This is the way God's laws work: slowly, quietly. God does not force. God guides and inspires. As the flower grows from the bulb planted in earth, so man grows and develops until at last he passes through his final degree, the highest degree. And then all the temple bells ring out: 'This man is the Christ man'. That is *your* future, the future of every one of you here. Look down the ages and you will see the Christed ones again and again and again.

And your questions – we can feel your questions, read them as we talk to you – the question comes up to us now as we are talking. 'What about the millions of souls? Will they all become Christed?' Yes, because the seed atom of the Christ is within *every one*.

Look out upon a clear starlit night and see the countless stars above you. Each one of those stars is a Christed [one], a Christ, a Creator, a Teacher, a Saviour working, creating and evolving life. It is not possible for the physical brain to comprehend beyond the physical limitation of mind, so be content to know that life is governed by divine law, that you are all cared for and loved, that there is no death. If you can see it in the right way, the soul lives beyond its clothing, goes into greater opportunity and joy. In spirit there is no separation. You cannot be separated from love.

Here, dear ones, we leave you with all love. Here now, in your midst, is Jesus the Christed One. He stands here. Open your inner eyes and see him clothed in white garments with the golden cloak clasped at the throat with a ruby jewel. He stretches forth his hands to bless you all. His servers uncover the table which is before Him. The spiritual bread and the spiritual wine are there. Take communion from Him. Kneel before Him. Receive from His hands the spiritual bread and sip from the cup of wine, the symbol of divine love.

And you are filled, filled, filled with the divine fire. And your dear loved one is close, close to you. We are at one in the divine life. There is no death. Life moves onward, onward. Look around you and move forward without fear.

And the peace of God, passing all worldly understanding, bless you and keep you in His love.

Benediction

We are encompassed by hosts of shining spirit beings. May we feel their presence and the love they bring to us. We look upward into the highest heights to God our Creator, and pray

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that we may be ever receptive to His blessing of love and peace of spirit. And we give thanks to Thee, our Creator, for this service and for Thy blessing.

Amen.

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