

Centres of Light

A388 Sunday Address 22nd January 1967 St Mary Abbots Place, London New Year Service

Text: classic MB typescript. We have made a tiny emendation for sense in the paragraph 'What you must know is that what you create....'

Context: the first hymn for this new year reopening service was no. 350, 'Now thank we all our God'. Minesta's invocation was recorded elsewhere as usual, and then Brother Faithful read from the book, HEALING. He read paragraphs 3 and 4 of p. 32, p. 36 from 'We are told that Christ...' to the end of the page and the first four lines of p. 37. The first part of the reading is IC's own writing about 'the hills of Britain'; the second is teaching from White Eagle about the Christ and his message. The hymn 'O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother' (307) was then sung. Brother Faithful led the prayers with the words, 'Before we join in this our prayer for humanity let us remember the many years, the many Sundays over the years we have been sending forth this prayer, and let us feel grateful and thankful that the heart of man is gentler and kinder for this work we have been privileged to do: And so, The prayer for humanity:' After the prayers, the Choir 'beautifully rendered' the anthem, 'Thou hast a work for me to do' (probably by Robert Walker Robson, dates unknown). After White Eagle's address, Brother Faithful gave a few words (retained here), all sang Jerusalem ('And did those feet') (446; according to MB, 'very beautifully played by Philip Jones') and Minesta gave a benediction, again recorded here. MB added a note at the end, 'Have added the Benediction (already separately recorded) as it will always be memorably linked with the initiation of Philip Jones the organist of the White Eagle Lodge as Brother David on the following evening. There is no mention of a vesper, but MB may simply not have recorded it.

General notes: This feels to be rather a special new year message, because instead of many of the usual words of encouragement to the Lodge community at the start of a new year White Eagle goes straight into showing the timelessness of the message he brings and reminding us of the centres of light which have held the vision from spirit. What he says seems to have been triggered by the reading from the book HEALING (see above, 'Context') which he says describes the radiation from 'a very old centre of worship'. He says the creative forces set up at such a place 'remain there for all time'. The lesson is there for us with the Lodge. It also helps to show us what our work is, service 'which goes far, far beyond this city of London'. 'What you create, lives ... and can never be extinguished.' White Eagle says that as he and the other brethren descend to our level, they see us in our spirit garments. The latter part of the address rather focuses on divine fire, the radiation of the sun light; human beings living always in the consciousness of God, even when experience is at its most crucifying. And that is the special mark that visitors to the Lodge discover when they come. In the communion the divine fire returns. In terms of teaching it is summed up in the phrase, 'Love one another'. But White Eagle also refers to a wind, 'the winds of heaven', which will carry each member of the Lodge through their difficulties.

References: the injunction, 'Love one another' first occurs at John 13 : 34; it's a very strong component of the first Epistle of John, too.

White Eagle's New Year Message:

We bring all love and greetings from the Brotherhood in the Spirit, and the Brotherhood Universal through all the Ages. We bring from them love and blessings to each one of you present. We welcome you to this service. We welcome you into this community, this Brotherhood of the love of the Son, the Christos.

You stand now at the beginning of another session of work, and so we speak to all who are brethren, members, friends and servers in the White Eagle Lodge, for you present yourselves

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as the ancient Brotherhood into the Temple of Service and service to God and man, and all life.

Now this, dear brethren, is the keynote of our talk tonight because it is the core of all the ancient teaching, not only the teaching of the East, but the teaching of the Brotherhood of the whole Universe. It is the teaching which God created in man for man. It is no dogma nor creed; it is the simple teaching of brotherhood. Brotherhood of all life: brotherhood in action, brotherhood in thought, brotherhood in spirit. And this, dear brethren of earth, is the message we bring from those whom you call Masters. We call them the Brotherhood of the Light.

You will wonder why we chose the particular reading you have listened to, and probably question what it has to do with the commencement of this new session's work, or shall we call it the new year's work of the Lodge. Now, if you think carefully about the reading, you will begin to see our purpose in introducing it to you in this service.

First of all, it commences by describing to you the radiation from a very old centre of worship. Now there are many such temples, cathedrals, structures on your earth, particularly in your own beloved Isle of Britain. And all these temples have one purpose, although maybe the purpose has been lost to man today. We want to draw your attention to the value of a central meeting place for worship. You will notice that in the reading, reference was made to the hilltop temples on your chalk downs, and how the radiation from these chalk – these temples over the chalk downs – still continues. And this, you can prove for yourselves if you will wander forth – journey forth and meditate quietly in these ancient holy centres.

The strange thing is that once there has been established on the earth plane a centre of spiritual purity and power, it remains there for all time, even though other destructive forces sweep over it, because what happens is the radiation is withdrawn into the chalice or the heart of power which has been created upon the earth plane by the simple pure lives of the ancient brotherhood.

Now in the spirit world, when you are able to detach yourselves from the bondage of flesh so that you can enter into full consciousness into those heaven worlds, you will find that at certain places in the spirit world there are similar temples of worship, and you will wonder if they have any connection with the centres upon the earth. Yes, they have. So if you can imagine such a centre as this little Lodge in the heart of a busy city, that is built up here by lives of faithful service and worship here, because this is the meeting point; this is the crucible of the power which man can create and build up in conjunction or in harmony with his at-one-ment with the Great White Spirit. He can build up these focal points, these centres of pure spiritual light and power. And these centres live in the ether. And from a small Lodge like this, there is built up in the higher ether a more beautiful replica of this centre.

And this truth was – is – always known to brethren all over the world, in the East and the West. These centres have been created and they still live, but of course they only live not by man's power alone, but by his attunement and partnership, his sonship with the Great White Spirit.

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Now, you will wonder what this has to do with this opening session of the year's work. We tell you these things tonight, brethren, because the brothers behind us desire you to know the work you have been shown to do. Your particular place in this Lodge is valued. You have, either visibly or invisibly, your own contribution to make, to give, to this community, to this service here, which goes far, far beyond this city of London, and lives far beyond your own present day of life, your own present incarnation.

What you must know is that what you create, what you establish through the purity and sincerity of your love and kindness to life, *lives*. It is eternal because it is created by the eternal in the Eternal. Your spirit is eternal, and what is expressed or manifested in your daily life and in your communal life; what is expressed which is of God, the Great White Spirit or Christ the Christos, that Light is eternal, and can never, never be extinguished.

People come to visit this Lodge from the uttermost ends of the earth. Some of you know this. Many of you may not know it. But we are telling you that this little place is a focal point of light. Therefore it must attract those souls who are awakened to the light.

Do you know that when we descend through the mists, to come close to physical life, we see our brethren in spirit? We see you just as you are, and we love you exactly the same, even though we may see a little blot there and there on your spirit garment. We love you brethren with a tender love and we know that in due time your spirit garment will become absolutely pure.

But when we come close, we see first of all many lights – many, many lights - little lights all over the physical plane of life. You look up into the sky and you see myriads of stars. You think 'How wonderful!', and you try to comprehend the life which you feel must exist in those stars. Of course life exists. You are surrounded by life. You are surrounded by lovely people and you don't know it, but we are telling you now. Aren't you blessed to be surrounded by dear, kindly loving spirit friends, brethren?

Now, to some of you this may sound peculiar, and yet it will strike a chord within your heart, particularly if you are lonely or sad or sorrowful. It will strike a note in your heart, of joy, to know that you are watched over and cared for and loved by dear brethren in spirit. Now you may not know them as your guide or a relative or a friend, but this makes no difference. They come to you directed by Divine Law. They come to comfort, to help you, to shed their radiance upon you.

Now, in the same way as you build the centre of power that we have been speaking of, and in the same way as the ancient brethren with their ritual and ceremonies created and built a power and a light in the ether, so you do it. You can do it in your own simple way. It doesn't matter who you are, or what you do in your life. We mean by this what you are engaged upon in material things. Nothing can alter the law of which we are speaking. This is that within you is the fire that is Divine Spirit – this fire. And it is part of the whole of life.

Now that is difficult for you to comprehend with your finite minds. And as soon as you release yourselves from the idea of 'finitude', you come into infinity, and then you know that

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you are part of the whole; and that you are there with loved ones and angelic beings – you are there. And there you are to learn to direct currents of thought and power, and you are there to receive the help of the angels and illumined souls of men. This is a law. You cannot get away from it. And the only time you cease to be active in the way we have described is when you of your own will and desire close down your consciousness, drag it down to the physical level, to the material level – when you become immersed in matter and only concerned with the lowest state of conscious life. As soon as you open up to the heaven world, you commence this radiation of the light within you and you receive – you receive from the invisible angelic powers what they have to give you. And this is all part of the divine plan of man's life.

Now don't bury your head in the sand, brethren. Don't be sorrowful and sad. Rise up and know that you have work to do! And not least of this work is to radiate – radiate this sun, this light, this power. It is this which goes forth from your aura, that comforts the sorrowful and heals the sick.

Oh, we do long to see you all live in that consciousness of God all the time. Now you will say, you have got to attend to your daily life and meet difficult people. Well, the Master Jesus and the other Masters had exactly the same experience. They had to meet difficult conditions. They had to meet awkward people. But they had to suffer even crucifixion. And until a soul can go through that so-called crucifixion, can go through that pain and overcome it, he will be bound down to physical and lower forms of matter. Now God doesn't do this – man does it of his own will. A question is coming to me so clearly, 'What about those people who know nothing about this teaching – what about them? Are they banished because they do not know, are they bound down? Think of all the people on earth who are ignorant and who have to be banished for their misdemeanours. What about them?' This is a very big subject, but it is all part of the Brotherhood teaching. And the brethren on earth, you and your friends, the people with whom you associate, all people, all mankind learns in time to help his brother man.

Now those people who are in darkness and whom you think are untouchables, that you could not help them by words – nevertheless, you can help all peoples by your own life; not by preaching, not by words, but by true living, truly living in the Christ spirit. Don't tell us that you are only human. We know that you are human, and we know that humans err; they must err until they have learnt a different way of living.

Now the Brothers urge you all to live your religion, to live here in this Lodge as brethren in spirit. Now, when people come here, strangers, and sometimes spirit people come who are strangers to this particular teaching that we are passing on to you tonight, they feel something here. Maybe, when you first came into this building you felt an 'atmosphere' – you don't know what it is. But you will find kindness and love, friendship – no condemnation – only friendship and understanding of your need.

Now this is the duty – not duty, that is a word you do not like – this is the *privilege*, the joy of every brother and member of this Lodge to give service to life, and not only to humans, but to animals, to our brethren of the animal kingdom and to our brethren in all nature, and of course to Mother Earth.

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Now we are always telling you these things, but we have to repeat and repeat this one simple law of brotherhood. Brotherhood – man to man, brotherhood amongst the nations, brotherhood with the invisible spirits, brotherhood with the planetary – the solar system; brotherhood with all life. Therefore your work is to help all forms of life. Keep in your consciousness at all times the love and the beauty and the truth of the Great White Spirit. And when that is awakened in man, that love, earth then will be as heaven, the kingdom of heaven, not only on earth but through all life. We do not like this separation which the mortal body creates, of the life in the body visible and of life in the invisible. All life is one. All life is governed by thought, and as man thinketh so he becomes. We must not continue in this way.

But to close this talk at the beginning of the year, we want you to come – to forget about your bodies, rise above your bodies – come with us into that heavenly state of consciousness. And remember that everything on earth is the result of man's own creation. Whatever it is, it is man's creation on the physical plane in nature, for God creates through nature, but man has the power to despoil nature; which unfortunately he does so often.

But let us rise into that Temple, the Golden Temple above this earthy Lodge, and there in the stillness and the silence draw close – close to the presence of the Christos, the Son, the Light, the Truth, the Love; and mentally and spiritually absorb into your being the rays, the lifegiving rays of the Son, the food of heaven. Feel the touch of the heavenly hand upon your head – the blessing. Feel the heavenly wind created by the movement of angelic forces. Heaven comes to earth when earth endeavours to rise into heaven.

And in your midst is a very large crucible of divine fire. It pours into you, through you. And as humans, you radiate that healing light, that creative power, that power to uplift the whole of your work. Jesus gave you this teaching, because he was of our Brotherhood. He has given it to you in simple language which has become despoiled by man, but he gave it to his disciples, so simply, and reduced it to three simple words, 'Love one another'. That is all. That is all. It cannot come from only one side; it must come from all hearts. And it *will*.

Remember what we have told you, that above is the light and power. And you are contributing to that power. And this is the future work of all sincere brethren of the spirit – of the spirit. *Love one another*.

Now the winds of heaven will carry you over all the rough places so long as you are living by the law, the divine law of loving one another. The winds of heaven will carry, carry you onward right through the difficulties and problems of the physical life. You won't see them; you will only know the beauty of God's love. And so mote it be, my brethren. So may your new year be filled with this divine power.

God bless you, every one. God bless you, my children. God bless you. Trust, trust in His love and you will never, never be disappointed.

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Brother Faithful:

I have been doing a little arithmetic lately, and if my figures are correct, about 500 people will be coming here during next week and all the weeks that follow to give their power, their time, their strength, and the money they spend on fares to help in the healing. The great majority of them will be on healing groups. Every healing group also concentrates on sending out the light to help the world. And apart from healing groups there is the service each day at 5.30 p.m. There is the healing service upstairs, the public service; there is the Brotherhood and other activities; and at every one of these the light is being sent forth. And therefore if we can make it more beautiful, more suitable to promote and further this work, then it has been a good deed. And we are not exactly an empty or idle spiritual centre.

Very fittingly, we are closing with Jerusalem: Hymn No.446: 'And did those feet in ancient time | Walk upon England's mountains green?'

Minesta:

Stimulated by the power of the lovely song and the strength of the music, we are caught up in this power to receive the blessing of the Great White Spirit. Thus as of old when we perambulated the plains and were caught up in the spiral of light, so tonight in this day and age we have again been caught up in that spiral of light and power.

So let us give thanks to Almighty God for the special blessing which has entered our souls this night.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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