

The Harmonious Life

A244 Sunday Address 21st September 1952 Bournemouth Lodge, Branksome Park
Harvest Service

Text: a carbon copy of a typescript on foolscap paper; an attached letter from 'Dixie', Bournemouth Lodge leader, make it clear the text was typed in Bournemouth. The letter says 'I hope you will enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed listening' – not an idle hope, for GEC always lamented that she never heard what WE had to say. The title has been added for the current project.

Context: the Bournemouth Lodge was founded by Dixie (Eunice Dixon) and her partner June (Irene Hume) and has operated from 'The Hurst', 7 Leicester Road, Branksome Park, ever since. We learn from the text that it was preceded by a solo song. The service is described as being one of thanksgiving; this is undoubtedly for the harvest (which is mentioned), but since the Lodge began in Christchurch in April 1952 and transferred to The Hurst later, it may well be that this is the service that commemorated the transfer to the new premises, or at least White Eagle's first visit there after the move. This address finished with a communion, like the two previous ones held in the London lodge. Although the harvest festival was commemorated on this day, London waited until October 5th for that celebration.

General Notes: White Eagle's description of the Aquarian Age as the 'Angel Age' is, as far as we know, unique to this address. He expands on this theme without losing sight of the underlying theme, the presence of angels, and their role in the harvest. The tone is very joyful: 'Life should be beauty, life should be a song of joy!'

References: 'God has never left man without a witness' is a saying White Eagle loves to quote. Its origin seems to be Acts 14 : 17, where the actual words are 'Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness'. 'According to your faith, be it unto you' is Matthew 9 : 29. 'These are they who have come through great tribulation and whose raiment is whiter than snow' is White Eagle's favourite collation of Revelation 7 : 14 and either the Transfiguration story (e.g. Mark 9 : 3) or Psalm 51 : 3. 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God' is Matthew 6 : 33. At the end, in the communion, are references to the Last Supper (see Matthew 26 : 17-30, Mark 14 : 12-26, and Luke 22 : 7-39 and 1 Corinthians 11 : 23-26)

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, we come to this little sanctuary with great joy and with a wealth of love for each one of you, and we would base our talk to you upon the Psalm which you chose for your reading. But as a preliminary to our talk we would like to thank the Sister who was playing and beautifully rendering the solo for us. She was singing, she was creating a beautiful condition, inspiring all that is holy and sweet and true from the world of light, the world of the Living Christ, and it is this world we are working in and endeavouring from this world to inspire humanity to feel the depth of spiritual life, and seeking, and seeking for knowledge and love.

Many people feel that love is not sufficient, for man needs knowledge as well. But he does not need knowledge first, he needs both love and knowledge, and this is what the world needs so greatly as it advances towards the Angel Age – the age which some spiritual scientists call the Aquarian Age. It is an age which will bring to man knowledge of physical science and will also bring knowledge of spiritual science and inspire the heart centre in man to quicken and to open. It is through this heart centre or heart chakra, as the eastern sage describes it, that man will achieve the goal, the goal towards which every living soul is reaching, although

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they may be totally unaware of this. In the new age there is the danger that the mind and the intellect may overrule the sweetness of the Christ love in the human heart – and it is so. When we go back to humanity we draw very close to the Brotherhood of the Great White Light, as permeating humanity, but it cannot force humanity to accept the truth which it brings, the message which it brings. But by the love that the Brotherhood brings you from the World of Light you will be stimulated and inspired to press forward in your search for knowledge, in a way of life, and in a true and right unfoldment of the Christ powers within your own being.

Brethren, on this occasion of thanksgiving let everyone open their hearts to God, to the Source of all gifts, to the Wisdom which directs human spiritual life. As we were listening to the solo, the heavens opened and a great power descended upon this little gathering; the power of the Spirit, the power of God. Let us contemplate and meditate upon this wonder, because it is a wonderful gift which your Creator, our Creator, has given to man whilst he lives in the prison house of mortality and in a very material world.

The words are in the Bible, ‘God has never left man without a witness’. God has always used human channels to work upon the consciousness of men on earth. You have records of this fact from the ages, and not only in the Age of Christendom, but this ancient wisdom has always been given to men who have been arrested by this ancient wisdom. They have listened and obeyed the voice of God, or the voice of the Spirit, and for all things on earth they have looked towards this Eternal Power, this enfolding Light, this infinite Wisdom. Men write, they may learn, but they do not always realise – nor feel the presence, the living presence, of God and the great company of his shining ones who, at His command, come close to the earth plane. This great company are the Lords of Life and they work according to the will of God and the law of God. They work to direct great Nature’s Kingdom as well as the Human Kingdom.

Here, upon this sacred altar you have placed gifts, gifts of thanksgiving to God – for he has endowed you with great joy, with food, with all the needs of your earthly life. From a full heart, because you are thankful for what you have received in this little sanctuary and in your life, you have brought gifts to him and these gifts are God’s gifts to you. The harvest of the fields and gardens is God’s gift to man: his food, his sustenance – and, as God gives to you the fruits of the earth, the harvest of the fields, the sustenance of your physical body, so he gives to you the harvest of the spirit; that spiritual harvest which is the result of your own seed-sowing. The farmer ploughs the earth. He sows the seed and has faith. Every man lives by faith but he does not realise it. The harvest is the result of faith and the spiritual harvest is the result of your faith. ‘According to your faith, be it unto you’ – and when a man has great faith, he has great riches. Faith may strengthen his inner knowing, a spiritual knowing, an inner certainty that there is a divine purpose working all through life – and that if you, as a child of that divine Spirit, if you sow your seeds, your actions, your thoughts, your actions in daily life, you will reap a harvest. You shall reap that harvest in your earthly life – but you reap an even greater harvest when you leave the earthly life, because then you are intelligent,

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you are free. Your eyes are loosened from the bandages that blindfold and you are able to see things. Then truly are you spirit in the World of Spirit.

May we remind you that whilst you are living here in the physical body and in a material condition you are ministered unto by a vast army of spiritual beings. Even though you are on the earth, you are living in a world of Light, spiritual Light, and even the earth which brings forth the physical harvest cannot bring forth the corn and the fruits and the flowers without the help of these invisible hosts, these beings which belong to the Nature Kingdom. All these are under the direction and control of the great Angel Beings; and down through the planes of Light these nature spirits come, and they work unknown to man, and they work consistently to bring forth flowers and fruits and the harvest which you acknowledge.

Now, the purpose of this spiritual life upon which you have placed your feet, the purpose is that you may greatly unfold that inner life and those spiritual qualities to bring to you power. Not the power of domination over your fellow men, but the power of Life, and this power of Life will enable you to open your vision to these finer worlds, to this ethereal kingdom – and in this kingdom you will see the beauty of God's Kingdom. You will see the myriad fairy folk and nature spirits and upwards into those higher realms, into the Christ's sphere, and there you will see the Angels of Christ, and you will see human beings who, like yourselves, have passed through the earth many times in training and preparation for the high estate to which they have passed. That state of life which is given to them is mastery over the physical life and all the disturbances and the disharmonies of physical life. These are they who have come through great tribulation and whose raiment is whiter than snow.

Oh, beloved children of earth, we speak to you from a great heart of Love when we tell you to take courage and keep your hope burning brightly. Whatever you endure in your physical life it is to bring to you the vision, the understanding of the great joy of life, as God has planned it for you. For man came to earth as a tiny seed, growing in the physical world. That little seed – unintelligent, unaware even of itself and its greatness – was stimulated by the Sun of God, by the Love of God; and that seed has gone on growing in your life, your physical body, and it has grown to a certain extent but it has not reached the full glory of the harvest which God, your Father–Mother, intends you to have. Is not this a wonderful thought for you to take with you? No matter what the world says, the spiritual life is beautiful and [so is] the law of the spirit which controls life.

Hold fast to this sacred truth which is now being given to you. Your heart is the seed of the Christ mind and that seed will develop and grow in due season, and it will bring forth the perfect man, the perfect woman – the Christ man, the Christ woman – even the Holy Mother, the Divine Mother. O my children, if only the Sisters on this earth could recognise their destiny, for they are all manifestations of the Divine Mother! They need not be physical mothers, the mothers of physical babies, but all women are mothers of the Christ child. Men on earth want to look up to the Divine Mother, for every man has within his heart that love and worship for the Mother. The principle of life, women's function on earth, is to mother

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humanity. If all women would remember this and live up to the nobility which is within them of the Divine Motherhood the world would very rapidly change, and instead of wars and in-harmonies and pain and suffering and anxiety there would come to earth harmony, understanding and the will in the hearts of people to good service instead of desiring to clutch everything to themselves.

Oh, we pray for the true earth brothers, that they may find this way of life which will bring to them so much sooner that grand harvest of spiritual life, making the earth and the earthly life a condition of beauty and happiness and, in time, perfection. The seed is within you and the power of growth is within you. God is the farmer. He has planted the seed. He has given you the help from the World of Spirit but 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God': that Kingdom of love, of gentleness, of the great ministry, the humility that ministers to all life. In gentleness and humility shall ye find the growth of the brother within you.

Life should be beauty. Life should be a song of joy. When the time comes for the physical body to be laid down, the spirit should leap with joy as it goes forward into the garden of beauty created by the Spirit of Christ for the Spirit of Man. This shall be your harvest, dear children, if you will follow the path of Light. So may it be – and, at this moment before we leave you, let everyone present take communion with the Christ Spirit, the Cosmic Christ Spirit. Visualise Him. Imagine Him. If you do not understand how to visualise His Presence, glowing in the garments of the Sun, the spiritual Sun, with the wisdom of the ages in His eyes, the beauty of His gentle yet strong features, the perfection of His hands. Clothed in the Sun, the form of the Lord Christ, the Son of God. In His hands the bread, the spiritual bread, the bread of His cosmic body, he offers to you [and] says.: 'Take, it is my body'; and in His right hand the cup of wine, 'My Life Essence, the grapes of My Life. Take, drink, feel the tingling of this golden wine as it flows through the higher body and into the physical body; My Life, given to you, dear children'.

The peace of the Spirit, beyond all earthly understanding, be with you and remain in you, in all your ways and days. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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power of the intellect, intellectualism, gratitude, natural world, fairies, devas, divine feminine, spiritual path, spiritual unfoldment