

The Work of the White Eagle Lodge – II

T243 The Inner Teachings 29th November 1955 St Mary Abbot's Place, London

Invocation:

Let us pray to the Eternal Spirit, to our Creator, the Holy Trinity of Wisdom, Love and Power. Let us pray, O children, that the light of God may pour upon our receptive hearts; that the power may enable us to put aside all anxieties, all fears, all disturbance of the emotions; and that we may receive according to our state of spiritual evolution the truth of life eternal. We pray simply and humbly that great love may manifest in this upper room... We pray, O Great Ones, that the company of shining souls may be felt, realised and seen by all present; and may this joyous company bring to every heart here the love, the joy and the vision of eternal and heavenly love.

Amen.

We have prayed in spirit and in truth to our Creator and to the company of the Christ Circle, asking that we may all be receptive to the truth, to the influence of the Great Brotherhood of the Light. May everyone realise the incoming of this spiritual power. It is not only for the individual to receive but for everyone to give out, to send forth from this upper room great rays of the Christ light into the world. For those who receive the light must also give forth the light.

Tonight we continue our talk on the work of the Lodge. We want to tell you about Those who are behind this work and what it means and what it will do for humanity in the future. But first we would explain that we can only give a little knowledge. Through all the years that our Lodge has been working, the Elder Brethren have only released a very little wisdom at a time. The aim is to bring aspirants for the truth along the path gently, and very slowly. In our talks we shall repeat ourselves from time to time, because there are always new candidates coming along. We have to temper the wind to the shorn lamb.

Of course it is the work of all members and brethren of the Lodge to guard well the jewel which has been entrusted, and which is still being slowly revealed to them, in order to preserve the sacred wisdom which is being released. We do not forget (and you must not forget) that throughout the ages the Brethren of the Great Light have always been working behind the veil to release knowledge to humanity, but only in the particular form that they could understand, and also in accord with the particular time and state of their evolution.

You will find that always there has been the presentation of religion, or of spiritual truth, to the people on the outer plane. Heavenly truth must be given to them in a form which they can understand. To you today, some of the presentations of religion in the past may appear to be crude. You may dismiss them, saying, 'I do not believe that such and such a statement can be true because it is against all scientific knowledge.' Man's* reason rejects it. We would remind you, however, that always side by side with any outer presentation of religion or spiritual truth has been the inner, the esoteric truth, but this has always been guarded and only given to souls ready to understand.

*[*For editorial policy around gender, see the introduction.]*

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Today you perhaps think how man has degenerated, how far he has travelled away from religion. Your religious bodies today are greatly concerned because of the lack of attendance at church services. The erroneous idea has arisen that people are becoming very materialistic, that they are casting off religion. But we do not see this happening; we see into the hearts and we see the soul-bodies of men and women, not only here in this country but all over the world. We see a deep longing and readiness to absorb, to learn more about the truth and the purpose of life. We see men longing for a spiritual anchor, longing for God, but men do not want an empty shell.

This Lodge, as we have told you, has not come into being by the will of man only but through the guidance, the effort and work of brethren behind the veil. Let us remember that these brethren are not necessarily discarnate; some are discarnate disciples and helpers, but there are also advanced brethren—wise brethren who have passed through all their initiations and who have attained what you call mastership, thereby retaining a perfect physical body or form which they can use when necessary. They never misuse their power to satisfy anyone's curiosity, but should there be some tremendous issue at stake which might affect a mass of humanity or even the world itself, they will manifest. Even then very few know and recognise a master when he* makes such a manifestation.

*[*While the master is referred to with masculine pronouns here, White Eagle would state that a master is 'beyond gender'.]*

This Lodge, as many of you know, was brought into being under the direct guidance and advice of brethren who have withdrawn from the world of men and who live in the remote and secret places of the earth. They have their own methods of communicating with earthly people. Sometimes the earthly people are fully aware of their communication, but not always. You will see a wonderful guiding hand in such a work as this; you will see step by step how the work is advanced, how it unfolds; you will recognise that a power beyond ordinary human power has founded, supported, guided and expanded this work. The Lodge is not an isolated case. All down the ages there have been similar inner brotherhoods formed, and always with the same object—to present esoteric truth to men and women who were ready to receive it.

We know that far beyond the earliest time as you understand time, the same eternal truth has always been, and it is for man, when he is ready, to follow the path which is shown him. It is a very serious matter for a soul to turn away from the path when it has been once revealed. You may say: 'We cannot understand any soul turning back.' Let us put it this way: sometimes there is delay in the development and unfoldment of the spirit. Of course man is always learning by his mistakes but sometimes his mistakes are painful. We say these things to impress upon you the importance and the necessity for every soul to follow the light, to tread the path to which his karma has brought him and to which he has been very tenderly led by his guide and guardian angel.

All the mystery schools—that is to say, the recognised and the true mystery schools—all give forth the same teaching; they may have a different form of presentation but you will find the

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ancient wisdom, the eternal truth, in spiritual science. If any other teaching or talks do not seem to harmonise with that fundamental ancient wisdom, then there is something wrong. Mists have gathered round, and it is for you, as a candidate for truth, not to accept anything which does not harmonise with your true aspirations.

The sole purpose of life in the physical body is to develop and unfold the Christ-seed which is planted in the heart of every child of God. All your experiences are intended to bring to you deeper understanding. Your sufferings, your loves, your pains, all unfold the Rose of Christ within your heart. In the Middle Ages that great soul Christian Rosenkreuz brought to his secret brotherhood the same simple truth. His brotherhood, in common with other brotherhoods or lodges all over the world, were all taught a way of life which would enable them to develop the Christ within and to bring the Rose of Love to bloom upon the cross. The ancient Rosicrucian* brethren are still in existence today; for there are many Rosicrucians, not of the outer world, not known in the world, because he (or she) who is a true brother of the Rosy Cross does not speak, but lives for one purpose, to give out love to life, love to his fellow creatures, love to God; he lives from the heart in sincerity. The true Rosicrucian brother thinks not of self. Selfishness has no place in the life of a Rosicrucian brother.

*[*See T 034, T 231 and T 244.]*

Do we make ourselves clear? Let us look to the great Master Jesus. There you have an example of the true Rosicrucian, the true yogi. Continually he claimed his at-one-ment with the Father; he claimed his sonship, and with authority. He lived not for himself, but always to help his brethren on the earth. He lived to obey the will of his Father in heaven. Many of you know that this is the object of brethren and members of this Lodge. We seek to be able to give you knowledge, but every soul must learn certain lessons, must become qualified to receive. It is not merely what those behind the veil can give; it is what you can uncover for yourselves in your own hearts. We can only put signposts up on your road; you have to study well those signposts, to learn discernment and discrimination. In learning these you are learning wisdom, and wisdom is akin to love, and wisdom and love together are power. You cannot separate this golden triangle of wisdom, love and power. From that triangle proceeds all truth.

In speaking of the brotherhoods of the past we would draw your attention first to that brotherhood in France which was known as the Albigenses*, the White Brothers. We do this because there is a particular link between their early work and that of this Lodge. We hope you will treat what we say with respect and not misinterpret our meaning. The Albigenses were a group of men and women who strove first and foremost for purity in their lives. This brotherhood was directed, brought into being and influenced and guided from Masters in the Far East. They had their place and they had their work to do at their particular time. Later apparently, they were wiped out by the Roman Catholic Church. It looked as though they were massacred in their thousands, but such things do not happen; only the physical bodies are destroyed but the work of such a brotherhood is never destroyed. It remains. Their prayers, their purity, their spiritual power impregnated the very earth. They too were linked with the Rosicrucian Brotherhood and with Rosenkreuz. You see, the same power was behind

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all these brotherhoods, and the Albigenses were to provide a channel through whom a certain world teacher would someday work. Now it looks as though their work is finished, yet if you will carefully and quietly watch you will see miracle after miracle. You will see the outworking in a wonderful way of the power of God on the earth. What appears to be evil has its place, because it is used to bring forth, to stimulate the goodness in humanity.

*[*Another term for the Cathars, a Christian dualist group in France that were persecuted in the 13th century.]*

What is called evil often opens the eyes of humans to truth. It wakes them up. That is what is taking place in the world today. Human beings are being overpowered with fear in case evil destroys the earth. But this atomic power can be used for good as well as destruction. Thus an apparent evil is stimulating many minds to seek good ways of life. It is therefore important that those of you who are awakened to the spiritual forces should remember the need for constructive thought. Do not give way to pessimistic or evil thought, because that is negative. Develop positive thought, and see in all that happens and even in the uprising of nation against nation—see that all is a forcing ground for the growth of the Christ spirit. The masses have advanced a long way in the past fifty years, and although things appear to be chaotic now, you should be thankful that the light is breaking in. Half the people are seeking justice, and the other half trying to give justice and to establish on this earth a great brotherhood of men.

The work of this Lodge is to establish first of all in the hearts of its members and brethren an understanding of life, to establish in them a Christ-like life. It is of no use to talk; it is the living of that life which counts. Jesus gave us simply the laws of the Ancient Wisdom. Read his words, and you will see in every word he uttered the law of God, the teaching of the inner mysteries put in a very simple way. We do not need at this present juncture to strive unduly after intellectual knowledge. Intellect can destroy truth, unless developed along the right lines so that it can comprehend spiritual science. But let us lay the foundation of the New Age by living truth and by living the life of love, goodwill and brotherhood.

Wherever you look, you will find the same truth, the same search for the Christ self. You have it even in your music and your operas. 'Parsifal'* tells of the search of Parsifal for this inner light and how he went to the Kingdom of Klingsor and how he was beguiled into the Garden of Flowers by the dancers and the women there, and how Kundry did her best to get him to worship and to love her. But the light within Parsifal revealed the true nature of Kundry; he knew that she was the queen of the senses, of the lower self, just as the Kingdom of Klingsor was that of materialism. Parsifal had seen the true light and he withstood the power and temptation of that lower nature of Kundry (or kundalini). Finally she fell before him. He had overcome that lower nature, that lower power. Then and only then was he able to find what he was seeking, the Holy Grail, the Holy Light—or, as our Rosicrucian brethren would say, he found the Rose upon the Cross.

*[*Opera by Richard Wagner.]*

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The cross represents the material life, the lower nature. The rose is the Christ life, the higher nature, and it is this that all men are seeking, although they do not recognise it. You have to go on step by step, patiently living out your lives with your vision ever upon the true light. Do not turn away. Keep on keeping on. This is the work of all brethren and workers here. Nothing is more important than to keep this spirit of love and brotherhood in this Lodge, because this is only the beginning. This work is destined to go very far in the future and to offer to men and women not only a way of life, of living on the outer plane, of how to live healthfully and sacredly and to create beauty and goodness.

There is also another aspect of our work. It is this: the Master of the New Age—we are not going to give names tonight—the Master of the seventh ray is also working here in this Lodge. It is he who is guiding humanity on the psychic plane. By the psychic plane we mean the soul plane. He is revealing step by step—not too much at a time but as you are ready—a little more and a little more the way of unfoldment of soul powers by which you can release yourself from the limitation and darkness of materialism; by which you free yourself into a world of light and beauty and happiness even while you still retain your physical body.

You will find it difficult to accept this. Again we say that there is no death. The only death is materialism, when man allows himself to be swallowed up by selfishness and by his lower nature. All is life eternal and an ever unfolding consciousness of that greater and more glorious life. Believe us. We speak to you in all truth.

Benediction:

Dear God and Father, we thank Thee for the outpouring of Thy love, for the peace of this gathering, for the love in the hearts of our brethren here. Lord, may they be ever more conscious of the life of the spirit around them. May they be ever more conscious of the close companionship of their loved ones in spirit and of the guide who guides them and the guardian angel who watches over them. We worship Thee, our Creator, we worship Thee, and pray that we may have no other God in our hearts but Thee.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Divine Love bless you all. Divine Love flows from us to you.

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