

The Risen Sun

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There is a list of teachers of the past two-thirds of the way through, and we believe that there is a transcription error of 'Prometheus' for 'Pythagoras'; we have corrected this to 'Pythagoras', although the printed version retains 'Prometheus'. There is no title on the typescript; the title 'The Risen Sun' is from the printed version.

Context: Easter Sunday in 1951 fell on 25th March, so this was given the Sunday after, sometimes known as Low Sunday. It focuses, unsurprisingly, on the Resurrection. The heading tells us that the reading comprised passages from the 178th chapter of the Aquarian Gospel. This is quite a lengthy chapter from the post-Resurrection part of the story, and includes words about Jesus's life being a model for all human lives.

General Notes: this is a lengthy and quite bold commentary on the meaning of the Resurrection story. It includes an important discussion on how far man loses his individuality as he enters the Oneness, a topic here examined in more detail than probably anywhere else. White Eagle then takes up the theme of the life of Jesus representing all the initiations that every human being goes through in the course of his or her lifetimes. There is reference to similar traditions in other religions. At the beginning, there are hints of the image of the Cross of Light described in the second-century *Acts of John*, which White Eagle had shown knowledge of in the address of 9 April 1950.

References: 'I and my Father are one' is John 10 : 30. The raising of Lazarus is described exclusively in John, chapter 11 (the quotation 'Lazarus, come forth' is verse 43); that of Jairus' daughter in Mark 5 : 21-43, Matthew 9 : 18-26 and Luke 8 : 40-66. For the phrase about the 'little daughter' see Mark 5 : 41: 'And he took the damsel by the hand, and said "Talitha cumi"; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise'. The account of the disappearance of Jesus, when the authorities sought to arrest him is in John 8 : 59. The key point is that Jesus escapes right through the middle of his enemies.

White Eagle's Address:

The message that all the world is waiting for is the message of the risen Christ. We are close to your earth plane. We know the travail of humanity. This is why we seek a voice that we can use on earth to speak of those things which remain a mystery to the human intellect. When the message from the Spirit is heard by the world, then humanity will receive the full power of the spiritual sun, the full power of the arisen Christ.

During the Christian age men have been receiving the message spoken by the lips of the Master Jesus but they have not comprehended the full implication of that message. Man does not understand why he is on earth, nor does he know that he came from realms supernal: that is, that his spirit, as a divine spark, came from those realms of light. If man understood the purpose of his life here and the whole story of spiritual birth and evolution and resurrection he would be converted. He would turn his face to the light and, instead of seeing the form of the crucified man, the physical form nailed to a cross, he would see the blazing sun. He would see in the heart of that sun the perfect man; the son of man and the Son of God. He would see that form with arms outstretched making the form of the cross of light within the sun of light, and he would see his goal. Man would see the end of his travail. He would be inspired by the divine love of the Christ spirit. He would know the joy of life.

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Now we would like you, dear brethren, to hold in your mind's eye this picture that we have drawn for you. The perfect man, Jesus, standing with arms outstretched in the sun, the blazing golden sun which is life. Many of you know that behind the physical sun shines that spiritual glory which is the life, the essence, the power. It is your life, and what we have to tell you is this, that every man and woman born of flesh has within him this light of the sun; and when he wills he may draw to himself ever-increasing life. He can breathe in this life force. He can absorb it in the water he drinks, in the air he breathes, in the food, pure food he consumes. The man can in full consciousness absorb this spiritual life force and it will cause him to grow in spirit and in glory until his whole being radiates the light – just as [does] that symbol we have given you of Jesus in the sun. This is the picture of the risen Christ. But something has to happen before man can take on that state of resurrection, before he is resurrected from darkness to light, from death to life.

You know, my dear ones, all life is eternal. When you live in the spirit, life is eternal, but the first step for man to take is to work through the bondage of the limitation of the flesh and to realise that life, spiritual life, is eternal life. And in spirit there is no death. There is no separation from love or loved ones. There is no time when you have not been and there will be no time when you will not be.

We heard the question asked during the past week, 'Shall we eventually be absorbed into the Infinite Light and glory of God? Shall we lose our individuality?' Now this is a burning question in the minds of all thinking people, and we say to you in this congregation that as you develop and grow in the Christ life you will become more and more individual, but you will also become more and more absorbed into the Infinite Glory which you worship as God. Can you not see that the more the Christ man is developed, the more he grows in the form created in God's own image in this human form? The more beautiful he becomes in that form and in his life, the more certain it is that he will retain that individuality. But not only will he retain that individuality, he will so radiate that life of the Christ that he will become at one with the Father. This is the teaching of the Master Jesus. He continually said, 'The Father and I are One'. He tried and tried to teach the world this deep truth that within man is God. But man has been given freewill. He can allow that God to develop. He can encourage the growth of the Christ which is the Son of God or he can, by his own rejection of truth and immersion in selfishness, he can reject the growth of the Christ within him.

Now, beloved ones, this story of the Christ birth and life, crucifixion, resurrection and ascension is the symbol before you, before every man on earth; the symbol of his own life. Every event ordered in the life story of Jesus of Nazareth is an initiation in each human life. Step by step the Master Jesus has shown you how you, as a living soul, must traverse the path which He trod and by a series of initiations or expansion of consciousness advance along the path of spiritual life until you have overcome death, the last enemy of man: the fear of death.

This story of the life of the Son, the crucifixion of the Son and the resurrection is not confined to the orthodox Christian Church. Many people fall into the error of thinking that it is purely a Christian teaching and was only introduced to man with the coming of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. But if you study other religions you will find that this same story is in the heart, the core of many other religions, if not all religions. It originated with the Ancients,

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who believed that in the wintertime the sun died. The winter crucified the sun, but after the winter, after the ceremony or crucifixion and death, the sun arose again to life out of the ashes. Out of the ashes of the winter, the death of the winter, the sun arose. You have the same story in the mythical bird, the phoenix; the phoenix that died and was reduced to ashes. Out of the ashes of the dead phoenix rose new life. And so it is always rebirth, the rising from the crucifixion or the death of the physical, or the passing from one form of life to another. You will find it in the Egyptian religion, in the Hindu religion, in the American Indian religion. All the symbols of these religions tell you the same story; the passing away of the life of the sun and then the resurrection – and the glory of that resurrection.

What we are trying to get across to you this eventide is the message of life, eternal life. We want you to understand that the life is the Son in you and the Son is the Christ spirit; and the Christ spirit is divine love, and divine love is ever creative, ever rising from the darkness into the glorious light of the heavens. The tiny spark, the real you, the essence – you, my brother, my sister – you are not the little earthly personality that you think you are. You came from God, you are part of God and you are the seed. Within the seed of the plant is the beauty of the flower, the richness of the fruit. And the seed, or the spark, has enfolded itself through the ages in clothing, wrapper upon wrapper of earthly clothing, until the beautiful spirit, the divine spark, is wrapped so tightly and encased in darkness that it can hardly breathe. But it has to go through this process of involution for a purpose, and the purpose of this involution is growth, acquisition of knowledge, so that in due time it can burst the shell of darkness and can be reborn and rise on wings of light.

Do you not understand the ancient symbolism of the white eagle and the phoenix which we have just referred to? The ancient symbolism of the Egyptian sphinx – not only the Egyptian sphinx, but stone images which are to be found in many parts of the earth: images which are depicted with wings, indicating that man has the power within him to rise into higher worlds, into higher states of life. Just as the bird can fly through the air, so can man rise in spirit to those higher realms of life.

We understand that the flesh is heavy. We know how it can hamper you, imprison you, hold you down, but any work that you undertake whilst on earth, or in the spirit world for that matter, needs perseverance. A bird, a little bird, has to learn to use its wings. It cannot fly straightway from the nest. And mankind is learning, or will learn, to use its wings and rise into spheres of light and beauty. But the mistake all of you – all mankind – makes is in thinking that this state, this beautiful state of life, will come after you are freed from the flesh. This is not at all in accordance with the teachings of your Master, Jesus the Christ, nor is it in accordance with all the great teachers of the past. You have the teachings of Krishna, of the Buddha, of Pythagoras, of the Greek teachers, the Egyptian teachers – there are so many that we cannot name them all – but all give you the same story. It is not a question of shuffling off your physical form to enter the kingdom of heaven. You have come here clothed in flesh, to work with flesh and in flesh, not to escape – and this is the mistake so many people make on your earth. They are seeking a way of escape. Escapism is a great sin. This is what mankind is doing today: seeking a way of escape from responsibility, from duty to its fellow man, from the life on earth, from the discipline which God in His love has decreed for the flesh.

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Man must be disciplined. The flesh must be disciplined. The flesh can be – not mortified, which is a different thing altogether – *disciplined*, gently and truly beautifully disciplined. And it can only be disciplined first of all by the mind and secondly by the Will of God within man: the divine Will which rises and through the mind commands the flesh, commands the way of life and commands the physical atoms. Now you have all this message that we are giving to you: you have it in the four gospels of the teachings of Jesus. You have it in the Vedanta teachings, in the Upanishads, in the Vedic teachings, in the teachings of the Lord Gautama Buddha. You have it in the Aquarian Gospel, the gospel of the New Age, the Age of Aquarius. All these scriptures are teaching you, when your eyes are opened and you can comprehend between the lines.

When you can read between the lines and comprehend the truth lying within the words you will find this teaching which tells man that he is here to overcome death, to overcome mortal life, and to raise the vibrations of his life – not only his physical life but the whole world vibrations of the earth planet. Now, it is going to take aeons of time. We know we cannot calculate time, but the spirit, remember, is out of time; the spirit overcomes times and space – which you have already had proof of. You have the proof. You have received the demonstration that the spirit overcomes time and space. You have this demonstration in your absent healing, for one thing; in your telepathic messages and in the messages that come to you from the other world. All these things are demonstrating to man that spirit overcomes time and space. You have to learn to live from the spirit, in the spirit. You have to learn to rise in spirit and command, *command* the flesh and physical matter. This is what the Masters are doing. A Master is one who has, by hard work and self-discipline and divine love in himself – and in giving his divine love, giving all gentleness and kindness to his brethren – he has attained to that degree of master. So he is loved and recognised by his companions in the brotherhood as a master.

And Jesus the Christ demonstrated this many times in healing; in raising the dead. He commanded the spirit to return. ‘Lazarus, come forth!’ ‘Little daughter, little daughter awake, arise!’ And the little daughter awakened from her mortal sleep and came back to the physical body. And when he was surrounded by his enemies and was about to be stoned, about to be attacked by those who had not understood the spiritual teaching behind his words, he dissolved his physical body. He withdrew. No one saw where he went. He just made himself invisible. He had mastery over physical atoms. He demonstrated this truth the whole time and finally in his resurrection after the crucifixion of the physical body.

Now, my beloved ones, you are now in the process of crucifixion. It is very painful. Your life may be hard. You get weary of the burden, and the cross you bear is more than you can stand sometimes – but it is only the power of the spirit of Christ within you that will enable you to rise and carry that burden as though it did not exist. This is for you. It is for everyone on this earth plane, to understand and to set to work to develop more and more this divine love in the heart. And through the development of this divine love in the heart, wisdom comes, knowledge comes. And with the coming of knowledge and wisdom and love, the whole being of man will be suffused with the power of heaven, the glory of heaven. Then disease as you know it today will be no more. There will be no more disease.

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We were going to say there will be no more accidents – because accidents are the result, quite clearly the result, of karma. Not necessarily the result of karma from the past life, but here in the present day some lack of wisdom or lack of thought, some lack of poise, some lack of control – and in a flash an accident happens. But you see if the life was orderly and all were working together harmoniously, thinking in the light of the Christ, working in the light of the Christ, ordering all the details of life in the light of Christ there would be no accidents and there would be no disease of the body. But then what happens when the soul has had enough and learned all its lessons? What does it do with its physical body?

Well, there are many constituent parts of the physical personality. We cannot in this talk go into all these various bodies which make up the personality of man, but we can just tell you this to make you understand what we mean. There is a part of you which is called the etheric part. That is the etheric body, which is very close to the physical. It is working, it is living and working through the nervous system and that etheric body, the lower part, that part which is very embedded in earth, which is dragged down and very earthy, that part dies and disintegrates with the physical body. There is another part of the etheric body which is not of the earth, which is of finer and eternal substance, and that passes away and that lives. It does not change its form. It is eternal. Now, that is part of the soul, the individuality.

But the work of the spirit here is so to purify the flesh that there is no disease, no corruption. But by the power of God the Father with, the body is purified – and that part which is of the lower form of man is just shed, invisibly shed. But the form, the perfect one, the soul and the body of the purified atoms lives on – as Jesus demonstrated. The people who were responsible for the crucifixion could not find the body of Jesus, and it remains a mystery to man to this very day what happened to the body of Jesus. It disappeared; some say it was stolen and buried secretly. But the men could not answer the challenge as to what happened to the body of Christ. And we assure you that the body of Jesus, the instrument of the Christ, was so purified by divine love and spiritual life that it was made invisible, that is to those who only had sight for dense matter, dense life.

Now do you see the implication of this mystery? It means that as man purifies his life by divine love and wisdom and service to his brother man, the physical body will become refined, rarefied so that if there are lower orders of life on earth man would become so pure as to rise into the world of spirit without the corruption of the flesh. But if there were lower forms still living, they would not be able to see that rarefied, purified physical body. It would not mean that it did not exist. Because you cannot see the spirit forms, the souls of those who have passed on, it does not make any difference – [it] does not mean that they do not exist, but man makes the mistake of saying there is no life after death because, in his darkness, he cannot see into that world of rarefied life. But that world is there and it is more real than this world. This world is corruptible. The world which is created from the Light of God and is God is always there and will be eternally there. This is the truth, the message of the Master Jesus the Christ and the message of all the Masters. It is the message of the White Brotherhood to humanity today.

You move forward. You are now going up the arc on your return journey to that place of perfect life. You are, you will be as Jesus is, the arisen Christ – or Christ within you will rise, and *you* will be perfected in His glory.

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May the Father–Mother God bless you and give you vision, give you truth in your hearts.

Amen.

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