

Service of Remembrance

A197 Sunday Address 14th November 1948 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service

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Context: dated from the title in *Angelus* to 14 November, which would have officially been Remembrance Sunday. To hold the service on the 7th would fit normal Lodge practice of White Eagle speaking on the first Sunday of the month, but it is clear from the address itself this was the day that the whole country was observing.

General Notes: a service very clearly in remembrance of everyone, not just those who died in the two wars. 'Remembrance is love; then remember them in love.' White Eagle's overriding point is that it has taken two world wars and their commemoration for human beings to take in that their relationship to the dead is an important thing that cannot be passed over. Communion with those who have passed on raises the spirit. 'The purpose is to thin the veil between the earth people and those in the beyond.'

References: 'These are they who have come out of great tribulation and are clothed in raiment white than snow' (quoted twice) is a common White Eagle collation of Revelation 7 : 14 (great tribulation) and the transfiguration story, where Jesus' raiment is perceived as whiter than snow (see, e.g., Mark 9 : 3). The man carrying the water-pot is described in Mark (14 : 3) and Luke (22 : 10). 'Man does not live by earthly bread alone, but by every word which cometh from the mouth of God' is Matthew 4 : 4.

White Eagle's Address:

Let us at this moment raise our voices and our hearts in thankfulness to God for the lives of all whom we love who have blessed and made happy our lives on earth.

O Gracious Spirit, we Thy children give thanks to Thee for the lives of the saints, the teachers and the saviours of humanity. We give Thee thanks for the joy which we have received through our own loved ones; and we pray this day that we may be united in spirit in the Light of Thy Son, the Cosmic Christ. We remember and dedicate our lives to the remembrance of love. Amen.

Friends, brethren, this is a Service of Remembrance. We would like to talk to you not only about this particular service here, but about all the services which are being held throughout the world at this time. You know, people nearly always make the mistake of thinking that all new ideas originate with themselves. They blindly take to themselves the credit for all the healthful, happy things which come about. While it is true that man has been given certain faculties by which he is able to think and plan and create, he must endeavour to understand that the origin of pure thought is not in the human brain. The ideas which men receive originate from a higher plane of life. Therefore, please understand this Day of Remembrance was first planned in the spiritual spheres before the idea was adopted by the mind of man. It is not generally understood by the masses that mankind during the past twenty-five or thirty years has passed through a degree of initiation. True it is that humanity has suffered, that the heart of man has been wrung and tortured with sorrow and pain; the sorrow of bereavement; the pain of weakness, distress and all the ills which have followed two great wars.

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Many people are inclined to look around and wonder why God, if He be a God of love, has permitted this major degree of suffering. In a little while, even if not at present, man will begin to realise the great purpose which has been served by his sufferings. Do not think for one moment, my brethren, that we advocate wars. We do not say that it is necessary for humanity to endure such a measure of pain. But we do say that out of man's folly God brings forth good. In other words, God makes use of the mistakes and madness of men to bring about better conditions, to bring to man illumination and an awakening to the spiritual forces which govern life.

So we find that after the first great war a plan was conceived to set apart a certain day in the year as a Day of Remembrance of those who had passed on. This is no new celebration, for its like has always been known in ancient races. Possibly some of you have read that in ancient Egypt it was the custom to keep a similar day of remembrance of those who had passed onward into another life. In the modern world is so much rush, such a scramble to obtain possessions and even to get food to sustain the body, but there has been little time to give thought to those believed to be dead. Only after mankind had been tortured through war did the idea take root. As we have already told you the idea arose from the concept of the Almighty Powers in the heavens. For it was thought meet that a day should be established when men's minds would be raised to the afterlife, when men's hearts would quicken in love to those who had passed onward. The purpose of this is to bring about a link between the two states of life: the spiritual and the physical. The moment when all thoughts are centred upon that afterlife raises the vibrations of the whole community, for then a light goes forth from the human heart. Love is always a light. So, when men and women are pouring out love to those in the world of spirit, they are sending out light. This causes the heavy fog which has settled around humanity to become less dense. The mists begin to disperse, and those in the world of spirit to rejoice, for they too are eager to come closer to those they love on earth. They themselves feel the warmth of your love. They too rejoice at this brief reunion and long for the time when all mankind will peer beyond the material, beyond the physical life to realms of light and truth.

You know without our assurance that you are now encircled by a vast company of radiant spirits. Looking at them, as we do, we see countless numbers of spiritual beings robed in the sun. These are they who have come out of great tribulation and are clothed in raiment whiter than snow. They are here with you now, and not only those men and women who passed onward in youth, but your own particular friends and dear ones. It does not make any difference. Those who come are not necessarily men and woman of the forces who died in the service of their country. Many other souls have laid down their lives in service, such as mothers who have lived devotedly for their families, or many a brother or a sister, or husbands and wives, or any of those whom you have loved and who have loved you and who have made sacrifice in their everyday life on your behalf, even as you may have sacrificed for them. Do you not see that this constitutes a bond of love? Remembrance is love; then remember them in love.

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This remembrance is very important as regards the spiritual evolution of humanity as a whole. The Christian Church teaches that Christ is the Saviour of mankind, the esoteric meaning of which is that love, or the Christ Light (which is love) is your Saviour, as is the Saviour of every human soul; because only through love does the soul rise into the heaven world, and reach beyond the heaven world in to the highest; for there is no limit to the spheres to which the soul may rise when it has been saved – or released by the Christ love.

We will pause, my children to send our love to these dear ones in the world of spirit.

During this silence their love flows to you and is the healing light. Do not make the mistake of thinking that when your dear ones pass away they become too high and too pure to return. Do not think, because your loved ones live in a sphere of light and a state of bliss that they are cut off from you; that they will go onward without you. We would like to correct that error. When love enters the heart, even when the spirit is still embodied, you will notice a radiance in the flesh. You may claim, 'O what a nice face So-and-So has! How radiant he looks!' His is the radiance of the spirit, of love shining through the flesh. It does not remove the person because he or she is beautified by love. On the contrary it draws that loved one closer. This same rule applies to those who have passed onward. They are not removed because they are clothed in the radiance of the sun. On the contrary, the more spiritual a soul becomes the more human it grows, the more understanding of your earthly difficulties. If you could meet the Master face to face, you would find your Master a very dear friend and companion, and not at all like a plaster saint. The illumined souls of men do not condemn their younger brethren; they do not even judge them. They love them. We would have you open your hearts confidently to these radiant friends. Ask for them to come close, and you will feel their companionship, and they will whisper words of love to your heart.

In this manner, my children, we would have you remember the purpose of this Day of Remembrance. The purpose is to thin the veil between the earth people and those in the beyond, because the age of Aquarius is the age when man's higher consciousness has to be developed, unfolded.

We have often referred to the incident when Jesus told His disciples to follow the man carrying the waterpot, which is the symbol of Aquarius, the new age. You too are asked to follow the man of the spirit, so that your higher consciousness may be stimulated and unfolded; and the progress, the development of each person there spreads all over the earth a state of receptiveness to the message from the spiritual leaders in higher spheres.

Man does not live by earthly bread alone, but by every word which cometh from the mouth of God. This earth planet cannot continue if the people do not open their consciousness to the spiritual messengers. It is the Will of God, part of the plan of spiritual evolution for the spirit messengers to come close to awaken mankind from its sleep; and to pour into the minds of all peoples the message of the Living Word, the Christ message.

This is the purpose of the Day of Remembrance. Never let it pass without entering into the sanctuary of prayer and meditation. Hold communion at the altar of the spirit; receive the bread and the wine of the Cosmic Christ. This is for the healing of the nations; and this, and

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only this will lead humanity into the paths of peace and progress – and onward to eternal and perfect life.

God bless you. God bless you, children; the love of the heavenly hosts is flowing, flowing, flowing to your waiting hearts.

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