

## The Star of Initiation

A310 Sunday Address 21st December 1958 St Mary Abbots Place, London Festival of Carols

*Text:* typescript by MB, a blue carbon copy. No markings. The title is given merely as 'Festival of Carols Sunday' and the date.

*Context:* MB sets the scene with 'White lilies on the Altar. Pink roses on the Cross. She lists the first reading as being words from a previous address or teaching and headed 'The Christ Mass'; they are presently unidentified, but she states 'White Eagle gave these words at a special inner group of Brethren at the White Eagle Lodge'. The second reading was 1 John 4 : 7-21, an extended meditation on love: 'Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God'. There is no mention by MB as to which carols were sung, and once more words from Brother Faithful cover the transition back from White Eagle to the structured service. He does, however, tell us that the service ended with 'It came upon the midnight clear'. Brother Faithful is in fact left to thank the choir and their choir mistress, something White Eagle generally does. Like so many Christmas address this is relatively short, but not as short as some given with the carols.

*General Notes:* near the beginning is some useful teaching about the verses of John, 'In the beginning was the Word', leading into observations about the birth of life out of chaos. Shortly after, there is a wonderful and unique account of how, through the initiation connected with the mystery of the Christ child, the individual is crowned with the Christ Star. This is an unusually profound teaching for the Christmas service, which does not often give White Eagle the opportunity to go deeply into mystical concepts beyond the obvious ones. Here, not only is there a passage about the meaning of the Star but some very intriguing teaching on the supposed hour of twelve on Christmas night, which White Eagle sees as being a mystical twelve, not an hour of the clock. Presumably the hours noted at the Crucifixion also have meaning. He also speaks of the moment of the outpouring from heaven onto Earth as affecting other planets in the Solar System. Through what we celebrate at Christmas, brotherhood comes, is what he is in effect saying overall in this address. In view of the focus on the midnight before Christmas it is lovely synchronicity that the final congregational carol was 'It came upon the midnight clear'.

*References:* 'In the Beginning was the Word' is John 1 : 1, while 'And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us' is verse 14 of the same. 'Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb' is not biblical but a line from the carol, 'O Come all Ye Faithful'. The words here about the descent of spirit into chaos are more reminiscent of the first chapter of Genesis. White Eagle returns to 'O Come all Ye Faithful' at the end.

### White Eagle's Address:

Beloved, beloved brethren, we speak to the heart of you all. We come from the world of spirit. We speak from the world of spirit. And we would say welcome and especial greetings to our old friends and welcome to the new.

Now, as we are before you, a thread of light travels from our heart to yours. We are speaking to you as a personal friend and a dear one. It is with great joy that we in the spirit life are observing the slow but certain birth of the Christ child on earth.

Now this time of year which is known as Christmas is a wonderful time. Mystically it is the most beautiful spiritual time. Even the most materialistic man, woman and child is responding unconsciously to the outpouring of a great light.

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Christmas is not only celebrated on your earth plane. It is a grand cosmic event. We see in this event of the coming of the light to humanity – the birth of the Christ child – we see two aspects of a divine truth.

Firstly we would remind you that this story of the birth of the child on earth is one, or *the - the* heavenly mystery. You are only seeing a fragment of the vast truth.

Now 'In the Beginning was the Word and the Word was with God . . . and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us'. Now this, my brethren, is a holy and glorious wonder. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. This heavenly mystery is recorded through the ages. It did not commence two thousand years ago. It lies in the heart of every religion. Most of you here know this to be true. Those of you who have doubts, read your scriptures; not only the Christian scriptures, but all scriptures throughout time, and you will find the mystical truth of the Holy Family, the Father, Mother and Child. And he came down from heaven and dwelt among man, the Son of God.

The second aspect of Deity [is] the Solar Logos, the Son of Life, because without the Sun there could be no more life on your planet. And the spirit of the Divine Father descended into the chaos of matter. Before the birth of the Holy Son matter was chaotic – and hence the words, 'He came down and did not abhor the Virgin womb', the womb of the Virgin Mother. The Divine Intelligence and the Will descended into chaos of physical matter and took form; the form of man that formulated humanity and the world and all creation.

Now this is the sacred heavenly mystery which in course of time, when man – the human soul – has become ready for the second birth or for initiation, he receives into his heart the Christ child. There are these two aspects of the Holy Mystery. In the beginning, the creation, the formation of life on earth, and in due time when man is ready for the great initiation in his soul into the secret mystery of the Christ light, he is crowned with the symbol of the heavenly Star. This is the meaning of the Star. And with clear vision, by clairvoyance, can be seen in the aura of every initiate the Christ Star.

Wonderful things are happening on your earth. See, dear brethren, beyond the present chaos the rough material which seems to you to be so crude. See, behind this earthly substance, this beautiful spirit of Christ. The Divine Mother, the symbol of the soul of humanity, is now bringing forth the Christ child. You will see everywhere at Christmastide these two symbols: the Holy Mother – the soul of humanity – and the Star, the Son of God, the symbol of the Christ spirit. The Christ spirit is cradled in the heart of the Holy Mother. And the heart of the Holy Mother is symbolised by the fragrant rose. Think, think carefully, dear children of earth, the meaning of this rose in the heart and the rose in the human soul.

Now we have just said to you that wonderful things are happening on your earth today. Be not deceived by the darkness, the wilfulness and the ignorance of material things or the materiality in the minds of people. Behind all that chaos is coming this Light, this spiritual truth, this love.

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Now it is coming now in symbol, and you will see it expressing itself through the intelligence in the more advanced humanity. You will see it expressing itself in the brotherhood and the love of one towards another. For this is not only an event on your physical plane. In our world of spirit the celebrations of Christmas are infinitely more beautiful than anything yet conceived by man on earth.

In the spirit world at the magical, mystical hour of twelve on Christmas Eve – now this again – you must expand your minds and understand that we are not speaking of twelve o'clock by your Earth, but the mystical twelve on the eve of Christmas. Then a vast assembly of angels and archangels and all the company of heaven send forth into space and onto the physical plane of life an outpouring of love and light. And the vast company in the heavens includes not disembodied spirits only, but visitors from the solar system, from other planets. For the birth of the Christ spirit on earth is profoundly important to other worlds besides your Earth planet. Other worlds are involved in the progress, the birth and the progress of the child of God, the Christ child, as you people on your earth are affected.

Oh, would we had the words to describe to you, to paint for you a true heavenly picture of the Christ Mass! Remember those whom you call Masters, those peaks of the human race, those who have come to this earth from more advanced planets to bring the light to humanity. They are working as disciples and messengers of the Great Spirit of the White Light, the Christ Spirit. These, our brethren, messengers, [who] are bringing to Earth knowledge of man's true destiny – are working with you. They are working behind all the scenes of mortal life to usher in the spirit of Christ, the *spirit* of the New Age.

And so, dear brethren, we would help you to rise into the glory of the heavenly state at this Holy Christmastide, the birthday of Christ, the Son of God. For he is the way; the only way to man's salvation and man's awakening to his true and glorious destiny. 'O come let us adore Him.' 'O come all ye faithful.' Put aside all doubt and criticism of this Holy and most beautiful gift of all gifts. First of all you had the gift of life, of a physical life, a physical body and the good earth. But, following this, you had the greatest gift of all, the gift of the spirit, the Eternal spirit which carries you onward and upward into the glory of God.

This is our Christmas message. Happiness and peace of heart be yours.

### Brother Faithful:

At the conclusion of each Christmas Service throughout the years we have all felt that the last carol, in which we all join, gives us an opportunity of expressing something in ourself which we want to express – and that something is of course thankfulness.

We are thankful and grateful to the Choir who have done so wonderfully, and who have practised for weeks and weeks to produce this Festival of Carols. We are thankful to the Choirmaster. We are thankful to White Eagle. But most of all we are thankful to the Presence and the Power which has been close and so real to all of us tonight, so that we shall carry away with us a living memory of this experience, a living and a lasting memory.

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And so, we come to our last carol: 'It came upon the midnight clear that glorious song of old'.

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