

The Quality of Mercy

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Text: a top copy, in blue, of an MB typescript, worked over by IC, evidently for *Stella Polaris*. The title is that used in *Stella Polaris* when it was printed there in April 1960, and appears in IC's hand on the script.

Context: normal Sunday service. Full moons fell on 22 May and 20 June, so this is not a Christ Festival service, nor is it a Whitsunday one, as the latter festival fell on 19 May. MB states that the first hymn was 'Brother Faithful's favourite', no. 582. In SONGS OF PRAISE this is 'My God, I thank Thee who hast made|The earth so bright'. Among the White Eagle Choir's repertoire this seems out of the ordinary, so it is possible the number is wrong (or possibly, that in 1958 a different hymn book was being used). The choir performed the anthem, 'Look down, O Lord from heaven'. There is a well-known setting by William Byrd (1540-1623), but also one by Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801). The words are a translation from Martin Luther. The reading was Aquarian Gospel 114 : 42-51, the subject of which is reincarnation. It begins, 'So when men see no further than one little span of life it is no

wonder that they say, There is no God'. At the end of the address there is a short communion – and a longish note from IC.

General Notes: White Eagle reminds us that in his Native American days conscious communion 'with the hereafter' was a perfectly normal thing. He goes on to compare Native American life and remarks how it was lived in harmony with nature and in peaceful communities. Then, he says, man has reached an impasse at the present moment, but there are wonderful 'air currents' abroad which will bring the urge to good. This address has more about White Eagle's own people than most, and it is always with irony that he uses the term 'savages' in their context. He is unusually positive about the age of the mind: 'You are in a wonderful time', he says; and goes on to talk about extra-planetary visitors. The inhabitants of other planets, he says, are 'altogether happier than humanity is at present on the earth plane'. As the address unfolds, White Eagle moves into a discussion of spiritual law, in particular reincarnation and karma. And that leads into the discussion of the quality of mercy which gives the address its title. White Eagle also compares life on earth with that on other planets and says that one single language unites them all – that of brotherhood.

References: White Eagle amalgamates two bible quotations in the middle of this talk. 'with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again' is Matthew 7 : 2, whereas 'one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled' is Matthew 5 : 18. Both are from the Sermon on the Mount. 'Cast thy bread upon the waters, for you shall find it after many days' is Ecclesiastes 11 : 1. It was not Jesus who said, 'Am I my brother's keeper?', but Cain, after the slaying of Abel (Genesis 4 : 9). 'The quality of mercy is not strained' is the opening line of Portia's speech in Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, IV.i.1-3 (in line 3, the play has 'place' rather than 'earth').

White Eagle's Address:

Welcome to this service, dear brethren of the ages. We have been deeply touched by your love and the beautiful vibrations you have created in this Service. Oh, if only all people could know, could understand the power which they have within themselves to create harmony and love, to create healthfulness and joy!

We speak to you this evening from the heart. We bring to you sweet love from our brethren of the White Lodge, those who dwell in the Light of God, but they are not separated from men. Remember this at all times. If you are comfortless and anxious or sick, or you have an ordeal before you, if you feel that an injustice is being done to you, we beg you to remember that the Source of the help that you need lies in the Great White Spirit.

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You know, in a certain period of our past, both yours and ours – when we lived perhaps more primitively, you would call it – we lived very close to the Great White Spirit. And we were in conscious true communion and communication with what is sometimes called the hereafter. But we learned that there is so little difference between here and the hereafter when we can rise in spirit, in frequency, onto that higher level of consciousness of life. We want you all to do this. When you are downcast, possibly sick in your physical body and, worse still, sick in mind, rise up and walk into the Light of that true and beautiful life of the spirit. Cling to the spirit, to that life or level of consciousness where all is understood, where there is all harmony and healing and comfort.

Now this you will not find at an earthly level. On the earth plane there is utter confusion and you are overwhelmed by the confused thought of the mass of humanity. But come, as Jesus said to His disciples. ‘Come, follow Me’ – which means follow the way upward to a higher life, to a higher consciousness. And there you will find the Kingdom of God, the happy hunting ground of your Indian brethren. You see, they lived in harmony with life and nature. They lived in communities, in lodges. And in that the lodge, in the individual lodge, there was a merciful law which controlled and governed communal life. You, at your present time, may regard our Indian brethren as savages, but they had a truth which the modern world has yet to learn: the truth which is only revealed to man in his heart, [that of] the Great White Spirit. And our brethren of ages past had reason to believe that they were in communion with the Great White Spirit, because of the demonstrations in their own lives of the outworking of a cosmic law. Call that law what you will. Call it love. Call it God. But they were aware of it and endeavoured to live in brotherhood, in true brotherhood.

We admit that since those days the earth plane has travelled quite a long way scientifically and mentally, but we have now come to a blank wall. You may not think this, but we have arrived at a very serious impasse. There has to be a change in heart on the earth plane. We won't say more than that.

Trust, as you have heard us say so many times, lies in the heart. There are many people on earth today who would scoff at the idea of a loving God, of an Eternal Spirit Who is in contact with His creature, man. Nevertheless we say to you, as law controls the movement of the planets and the tides and of the seasons, the same law operates in human life.

Now man is making some wonderful scientific discoveries in this new age. But he has the greatest discovery of all yet to make, and this is the discovery of the cosmic law which governs his own life. So many seem to think that they can ride roughshod over their fellow creatures, that they can do as they like so long as they retain a power and dominion over others. But divine law controls! It appears to you very often that a so-called wicked individual can get away with wrong action. But, dear brethren, you will come to a point in your evolution when you are higher up the mountain, and you will be able to get an overall vision of life; and then you will see the absolute justice of the outworking of divine law or divine love.

You are in a wonderful time; a time of development of the mental body, the uncovering of scientific secrets, and it will seem as though mankind is controlling all life. But do not be

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mistaken with these wonderful air currents which are going to be stimulated and used on the earth plane. They will stimulate the mind and according to earthly understanding wonderful things will happen. But remember what we say, man will arrive at an impasse. He will be unable to proceed with his designs because there will come to his heart – *into his heart* – a feeling, an urge towards the God who created him.

Now this is the point. Now remember this, and those of you who understand the occult law which is controlling life, rise! Brethren, rise in spirit and investigate not the phenomena but the spiritual life. Investigate through your own aspirations, your meditations and contemplations, and you will find you will touch the spring of divine law. This applies to the Universe, remember – well, you do not need to remember, you know perfectly well that humanity is living on many other planets. But not all of those planets are more advanced than the earth. Some are less advanced than earth's humanity. But there are many planets who have touched that higher level of life and who have learned and are learning to put into operation, at their physical level, Divine Law. And for this reason their life is much more beautiful, more harmonious, altogether happier than humanity is at present on the earth plane.

Now there is a lot of speculation at the present time as to whether visitors from other planets are coming to the earth – whether earth people will be able to visit their brethren in outer space. Life is all one. And this truth must be unfolded in every man's heart. He must see even in the small life around him, in his own community, he must see it as at-one-ment. You are all part of each other, and this earth planet is part of your solar universe. But it is necessary for man to rise to a higher level of consciousness and life before he can be admitted in higher and more glorious heights of life. So the earth planet and humanity on the earth must unfold spiritually and rise to a higher level of awareness, a higher level of comprehension of the Great White Spirit and His Divine Laws before he will receive in any degree, great degree, visitations from other places in the solar system.

The influences from the Solar Logos have been pouring upon the earth plane for a very long time. The plan is that man on earth should be raised and should become aware of the truth, not only of human brotherhood, earthly brotherhood, but spiritual brotherhood, and universal and cosmic brotherhood. But we remind you, dear brethren, that life is governed by law and the law of the Great White Spirit – call it love, if you like, but it is divine law. And man has to learn to put first of all and to comprehend this law, to feel in harmony with it and then to put it into operation – first of all in his individual life. And when man puts this divine law, which the Cosmic Christ so clearly came to explain to humanity, when he puts this divine law into operation then he will be admitted into finer glorious realms of life. But everything has to be paid for. Man gets nothing for nothing. The law is, as you give, so shall you receive.

Now those of you who are coming into a certain understanding about the law of cause and effect, those of you who are studying past incarnations – either of your own or your companions – are compelled to recognise the justice, the absolute justice of that law. Jesus Christ in His gospel told you, 'As you mete it out, so it shall be meted unto you. Not one jot or tittle of the law shall pass away until all is fulfilled.' Are we harping too much upon this? We cannot, dear ones, we cannot emphasise too strongly this truth, the truth of karma, of reincarnation. When you reach that level of awareness you will see how every act, and even thought, sends out its ripples, its vibrations, like a stone cast into the water. As you give, so

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you receive. Now this to so many of you is a comfort. When you have to endure apparent injustice you think what, when and how did I inflict injustice and suffering on a fellow creature? If I had not set this law, this vibration in motion it would not be returning to me now.

This applies in both ways. 'Cast thy bread upon the waters and in many days it shall return unto you'. You see, it is just the divine law of life. The breaking of divine law is called sin. People say, 'What is all this talk about sin? It is all rubbish. What is sin? Sin is a question of jargon.' Sin is a question of breaking that one supreme law of brotherhood, of love. Jesus said, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' Everyone is his brother's keeper. Has it ever occurred to you, my dear brethren, that a word or an act of yours at a given time may send another soul down into suffering, causing him to take retrogressive steps? Every one of us is responsible for our words and action. And we assure you that when in spirit you are able to see what careless, thoughtless actions and words, particularly, of yours have done to a fellow creature – we assure you that you will be very sorry and long to put it right. People who carelessly say there is no such truth as reincarnation are doing much harm because the soul – as soon as it sees the error of its way and its speech – its one longing is to put it right.

Now there is just one other point we would like to leave with you, and this is the quality of mercy. 'The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the earth beneath.' God's mercy comes to refresh and comfort and heal.

Now every soul has to learn its lessons. It has to learn about the occult laws of life. But there is this comforting, beautiful mercy which flows from the heart of God. Now this mercy also flows through the individual heart, because all men are part of God. And as man shows mercy and forgiveness to his brother man, so he receives the mercy of God. And you see the implication of this, the great need to 'Judge not, that ye be not judged'? The quickest mistake that man makes is hasty judgment. No one, no living individual, is in a position to judge his fellow man, and yet it is something which is constantly being done – judgment of the wrongs other people are doing, judgment of the mistakes that others make. How do we know? We cannot know because we have not arrived at that level of awareness of truth. And you will find that the Greater Ones, the beloved brethren of the Great White Lodge, are the last to judge their fellow creatures even though they have much greater knowledge than the masses. So let us withhold judgment and spend our time in putting into practice the love, the mercy and the brotherhood of man.

Now this is going to raise the planet to a level of life where it will be able to comprehend and hold communication with the brethren on other planets. There is one common language throughout the solar system, throughout the whole of the universe and that common language is *brotherhood*: doing exactly to others as you would be done unto.

And now, with this message, which we have brought in love and in tenderness, assuring you if you will follow the guidance of the spirit you will have no fear, no anxiety for the future. You will know that if you obey the divine law you will live forever in the heart of divine love.

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He Who is all love is here in your midst, taking an astral body in the form of the Perfect Man. Accept your karma, which is the bread of life. And accept from Him the cup of heavenly wine – the life force, the inspiration, the strength, the vision – and be healed of all infirmities. And peace, heavenly peace, live in you, companion you and beautify you for ever more.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Brother Faithful:

As I have been listening to White Eagle tonight I wondered what distinguished him, and what he tells us, from other schools of thought and other religions based on some ancient book or some person who lived years ago – many years ago. And I think it is this: we can each one of us prove for ourselves that what he tells us is true by looking into ourselves, by unfolding ourselves, by increasing our awareness, our illumination. By vision and determination we can find for ourselves, not by mediumship but by awareness, whether man lives on after death. We can look into ourselves and find out the truth or otherwise of reincarnation by realising our own former lives, and we can heal ourselves of infirmities and sickness by realising our power to heal. And we can look out around ourselves and events and see the law of karma operating in our own lives and in the lives of those around, and in the nation's life and in the life of the world. Nothing is more apparent, more obvious than the operating of the law of karma.

So I suggest to each one of us, we can prove what we have heard tonight and on previous nights to be true for ourselves.

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