

The Christmas Tree

A247 Sunday Address 14th December 1952 St Mary Abbots Place, London
Christmas Carol Service

Text: another 'MB' script, marked 'Draft' but without any manuscript markings. It was printed, much edited, in the 1953 Christmas number of *Stella Polaris* with the heading, 'A Christmas Talk by White Eagle'. The title given here, 'The Christmas Tree' has been given to this address simply to distinguish it.

Context: a short message, as was usual in a Christmas carol service. It's unclear why it took place on the 14th of the month rather than the 21st, which would have been closer to Christmas. The reading is given on the script as Isaiah 9 : 2, 6, and 7, and Luke 2 : 4-19. The latter tells the Christmas story from Joseph and Mary leaving Nazareth to be taxed, including the story of the shepherds; the Isaiah verses are 'The people that walked in darkness', 'For unto us a child is born' and 'Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end'. A programme of carols will have been sung, and White Eagle thanks the choir: but there is no indication of what carols were offered.

General Notes: the opening comments, about the closeness of the world of spirit, take up from the Remembrance service a month previously. In remarks about the deeper truth of the revelation of God to man, White Eagle stresses the universality of Christmas: 'the truly religious man should find the light of Christ in every religion and in every human heart'; but he goes on to anticipate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II the following June, which he sees as another moment for the outpouring of the light from the heaven world upon humanity; indeed, he likens the moment to a Second Coming in terms of the flooding of humanity in the spiritual light. Finally, White Eagle evidently turned to 'this pine tree' – that is, the Christmas tree – and there is a beautiful message about the Christmas tree as a symbol of the illumined being that each might be.

References: 'God has never left man without a witness' refers to Acts 14 : 17.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of earth, we bring you greetings, loving greetings from our world of spirit – and particularly at this Christmas season we would convey to every man, woman and child living in a physical body that the world of spirit is very close. You are not separated from your loved ones if you can, deep within your heart, find the place of truth, the centre of light. In other words when you can feel the presence of God, the Great White Spirit within you, know, without a shadow of a doubt, that you cannot be separated from those you love. As soon as the human heart can touch that star within the soul, the star of light, then it knows that all are one in the loving God. All are one great family and this is what we would emphasise at Christmas time.

We pray most earnestly that every one of you in this service will feel the presence of the great host of Shining Ones, the great spiritual company of angels and of men – the Great White Brotherhood who come very close to humanity, for they have a deep love for you; a love which few on earth can understand, but can feel to a certain extent. But you may feel the love from our world of spirit: from your own companions in spirit and from the saints and saviours of all time and, above all, from the Great Light, the Christ Light, which you worship in the form of the little Christ child. For the story of the Scriptures tells you that this great cosmic Christ came to earth and manifested through the flesh.

Those of you who are students of the esoteric teaching of the scriptures know that Jesus, the Great Initiate, was He who was born in the body of a little babe. He prepared the physical

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vehicle for the incoming of that glorious Christ spirit. It was as a shaft of light from that blazing glory in the heavens which manifested through the body of Jesus the Initiate. And we would point out to you that this great spiritual glory manifests through God's creation, man. It is not limited to one channel but can shine through the whole human race when it has prepared itself for the incoming of the cosmic light. Do not think that Christ came only through the great Initiate Jesus. We would explain to you that ever since the world began the glory of the Christ light has come to earth and has manifested through prepared channels. God has never left man without a witness. The Lord Christ of earth's humanity has come many times to the earth but the record of his coming has been lost – until man's heart is quickened and his vision cleared, and he is able to recognise this glorious Christ spirit manifesting through chosen ones throughout time. For Christ is the Son of life. Christ is the glory of human life. Christ brings the joy and the happiness into the human heart and, at Christmas time, humanity feels the stirring of this spirit.

You have passed through an age of darkness, of great darkness and materialism, but in spite of this man feels the need of the stimulation of the Christ within. He is hungry for the message of truth, the message which will bring to him joy, which will comfort and strengthen him as he journeys through his physical life.

Now, beloved children, open your hearts – and in the silence know God within you. God is within: Christ the Light, the Son of God, is in your heart. Search for this in the heart of your brother man, no matter what his race, class or creed, for the truly religious man should find the light of Christ in every religion and in every human heart. This is our message to you this Christmas time.

You are on the verge of a great awakening. People talk about the second coming of Christ – but, dear children, Christ has come to this earth a number of times, but the present generation do not comprehend this truth. But again the Christ spirit descends to the earth and, during the next few months – in June – you in this city, in this mystic isle, will be rejoicing in the coronation of your Queen. Now, this is a very sacred and powerful ceremony. The very crown of gold placed upon that human head is a symbol of the crown of spiritual life. It is the apex of man's spiritual life; the crown of gold, the spiritual gold, the heavenly crown.

Now, when a human king or queen is crowned, particularly in this mystic isle, there is an opening of the heavens and an outpouring of the light; and humanity may, if it wills, receive the blessing of this outpouring of the Son, the Christ spirit. And in this mystic isle will come – will open up – a centre of spiritual power.

Remember that it is a time of testing as well as a time of illumination. So we tell you at this Christmas season to prepare yourselves quietly and humbly, prepare yourselves for another coming of the Lord of Hosts, Christ the Son, the third aspect of the Trinity. For as He comes into your heart there will be no death for you, no separation, no darkness at all. ALL will be light. ALL will be light and joy, and man will live with his brother man in contentment and peace. He will live to unfold his potential spiritual quality and his gifts. And there will be beauty on the earth, and over the earth a great beauty, because man's vision will be turned

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towards the beauty of the spirit. Man will see God's glory manifesting through all nature and through all mankind.

This, my beloved brethren, is the symbol of this coming of Christ to every man.

The ancients worshipped in a simple way nature, all nature, and this pine tree was a sacred tree to the ancients. They lived to bring forth the light of the Christ spirit into their lives. They became illumined: every chakra was opened to the light and the light of the spiritual Sun shone into them. So they were illumined, and they worshipped the simple, lighted pine tree as a symbol of the Christ-illumined man. And this is what they lived for. This is what they worshipped, recognising the source of the light, the power of the light and the glory of the light in their lives.

So, dear ones, we leave you with this message. Behold the Christmas tree, the illumination of the individual and, as every man becomes illumined, so the whole earth will be changed and the glory of the Lord will shine for ever more.

You will have a happy Christmas. We wish you to have a happy Christmas but, with the light of the Christ within you, you will be happy in your own human way and the curtain between your world and ours will be swept aside. You will know that your loved one in spirit is still with you – just the loss of the physical body – but the spirit is with you, loving you and taking part in all your joy and happiness this Christmas.

Before we leave you we would like to greet all our dear friends and brethren with love and say how pleased we are to have you visiting us on this sacred and wonderful day.

We thank all our dear friends who have sent us presents for the children who are needing them; those who have beautified the Lodge with their loving service, and for all that has been done to make this a harmonious and beautiful Christmas service. To the choristers we say a warm 'thankyou' for making the service so joyous and harmonious. You have given freely, all of you, and as you give, you receive in full measure – pressed down and running over.

The blessing of the Christ Light be in your hearts. God bless you everyone, from the Brotherhood in Spirit.

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