

Shining with the Christ Light

A277 Sunday Address 18th September 1955 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service

Text: a typescript (top copy) in the now-familiar style of the 1955 addresses given in London. An identifying feature is the small extent to which the teaching is broken into paragraphs. The word 'precipitate' in the fourth paragraph might have been 'prostrate'.

Context: Sunday service, following the return of GEC from Edinburgh, where White Eagle spoke the previous Wednesday (14th). There is something of a new trend beginning with the date of this address. Normally if there was a September address it fell on the opening Sunday of the month. This is the third Sunday, but the mid-September reopening after the summer break, followed closely after by the Harvest service, was to become the normal pattern in due course. This year, 1955, the reopening must have been on this day, and the Harvest festival fell a fortnight later, October 2nd. Although there is no formal communion in this address, the final sentences stand for one.

General Notes: after a very gentle opening, White Eagle promises that his themes will be faith and thankfulness. What immediately follows is a beautiful evocation of the Holy Breath, the Holy Ghost. 'Man is the dust of the earth; he is the glory of the heavenly light', says White Eagle. He reminds us that when we see those who have passed on what identifies them is that they are 'shining with heavenly light' –because of the stripping away of all of the earth that limits them, though also because 'to an extent they have realised the meaning of love'. The later part of the address is all about the presence of the Christ and how it can be visible on Earth.

References: as in the previous address (September 14th), White Eagle juxtaposes John 13 : 34 ('Love one another') with Romans 13 : 10 ('Love is the fulfilling of the law'). 'Not my will but thine' is Jesus' call to his Father in the garden of Gethsemane before the crucifixion: Luke 22 : 42. Near the end, there is an interesting reference, beginning 'And then, you remember, Jesus Christ led his disciples away into the Mount of Olives', from which vantage point they witnessed the resurrection. This does not of course take place in the accounts given by the four writers of the gospels. But it is close to what White Eagle had cited several years before, the special experience of John who, in the apocryphal *Acts of John*, was led up the mountain by Jesus and shown a cross of light in the sky, way above the physical crucifixion, with Jesus thus showing his detachment from the physical event. See the Easter address of 9 April 1950.

White Eagle's Address

Beloved brethren, we speak to you from the plane of spirit. We would ask you to lay aside all thoughts of the world, even of the earthly mind, and raise your souls onto a higher plane of realisation. Open your inner vision and see for yourselves the company of shining spirits who are gathered with us in our service. As you aspire to heavenly states of consciousness, so you draw to you very beautiful, a very beautiful company of men and women who have passed along the same road of life as you are now travelling. They are there; they come to you to help you, for no soul progresses in splendid isolation. You must realise that life is one; all creation is one; all forms of life are linked to each other.

We would have you get this conception of the at-one-ment of life, and then an understanding gradually unfolds in man's soul. Man feels God within him, God without, God in every living thing, God in every form of life. The realisation comes that heaven is reflected in the soul, and what a man is, what a man does, what he thinks whilst inhabiting the body of flesh, he is reflecting, is portraying – he is reflecting his life in a spirit world. People are mostly ignorant of this truth, but slowly it comes, it is revealed to the soul.

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We want you to pause for a moment and think, as you look back over past events of your life, and you can see the milestones you have passed, [that] you can but look back only with deep thankfulness as you realise that in spite of yourself, in spite of the mistakes that you have made, in spite of your judgment of other men and conditions in your world, you are forced to realise that God has been working out a purpose and you have been miraculously guarded and preserved and led. Now, it is easy to be thankful when you look back and see unqualified proof of the guidance and the preservation and the love which has blessed your life, but it is not so easy to be thankful for what is to come, and yet it is past experience which sows the seed, in man's soul, of truth. It is the events of your life which cause the seed of truth to be sown in your soul – and the truth which is born within you brings to you another gift, a precious gift, and this is faith.

What is faith? We have told you on other occasions – faith is an inner knowing and that inner knowing comes to you when you contemplate and meditate, stripped of all worldliness; you meditate upon the past, upon the path that you have journeyed, and oh! you feel that you must precipitate yourself before your Creator in thankfulness. How wonderful are His works in human life!

You go through these dark ways of earth, and you are cast down and you are blind, and you are hopeless. If only faith were there as your companion, the faith which is the inner voice of God, telling you that God is leading you through the deep waters, but will guide you into green pastures! And we want to emphasise this point to you tonight: faith and thankfulness. You cannot see yet the whole picture of the evolution of your own soul, let alone the evolution of this earth planet, but when you can see the picture, you will see and marvel at the goodness of God, at the wisdom of God and the power of God *in spite of* the foolishness of man.

We would just pause for a moment and remind you of the substance of man. Of what is man composed? You are told in your Bible, your Christian Bible – you are told indeed in all scriptures of the world – that God is in man, that man is created after God's own image. Man is the noblest creature on earth. It is sad when you see the desecration of God's handiwork, but the body of man is created of all the elements of the universe, and God put into man as the final act the Breath, the Holy Breath, and this gave man life and man contains the Holy Breath.

What is this Holy Breath of God? It is spirit, that finest, purest state of life, spirit, and spirit is the light of God; it is called the Son of God, the Holy Breath, the Son, the Spirit, and the Christ. Christ is the universal mind of God. Christ is love, His divine love, and this spirit God placed in his highest and noblest creation, man, and this spirit is in every man, irrespective of colour, caste, creed, age: the selfsame spirit, universal spirit, universal love. And this love is the light, the light of life you have had given to you in your scriptures. Christ is the Light of the world: the Cosmic Christ, the universal divine Love. Man is created out of earth and heaven. Man is the dust of the earth; he is the glory of the heavenly light. What a

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combination! – light and darkness, a pair of opposites – and the purpose of his life is to blend all these qualities which are in him, the earth and the heaven, so that in due time there is this perfect balance of heaven and earth in man.

What a beautiful revelation this is which God sent to earth, and although in modern times, owing to the development of the mind and the growth, the growth of civilisation, the old story or the truth, the inner truth of creation, is ignored. But let us tell you this, dear ones, that the time is very close, if it has not already arrived – we should say it *has* arrived – when through science man will be given this proof that we are speaking now in a religious service. But there will be this corroboration by your scientists and it is coming very soon. The composition of and the place in the universe of this quality, this unknown state, this unknown condition, which is being discovered. We call it love. Love is the fulfilling of the law. Jesus said this: ‘I come to bring you this message, that ye love one another. Love is the fulfilling of the law.’

Now love is light. Where there is love there is light. Where the soul is full of love, the face shines with the glory of the service. Those arisen ones, those people who have cast aside the physical body and who live in an inner world of spirit: when they are more highly evolved than earthly people, they shine with a light, with heavenly light. If you want to know what your dear ones look like now they are in spirit, when they have awakened and left aside, left behind, all the lower nature which held them prisoner when on earth, you must visualise them as beings shining with heavenly light, lit from within, the face and features shining with light, the whole body a lamp of light. This is because they have realised, to an extent they have realised the meaning of love. They have awakened on a higher plane of spirit.

We are not speaking of their immediate passing over, we are speaking after a period of cleansing. And when they awaken on that higher plane, they awaken to the glory of God and they find everywhere this quality of love. The companions who meet them are all love; they are shining with love. Every flower, every tree – the waters, the rivers, the landscapes – all [are] pulsating with light and giving forth this quality of love. They have found God in the world of spirit.

Now this love, this God state, this God consciousness into which they enter, causes them to shine with heavenly light. We are trying to show you that love is the light and love is an instinct, it is a gift, which is planted in every human soul, and that sooner or later man has to become acquainted with this quality of the God love, this love which functions in the heart, in the human heart.

Now the beautiful revelation, dear ones, which God has sent to the earth is in the form of the perfect life and this perfect life is called the Christ. It is not Jesus. It is the Christ, the cosmic Christ, and this is the light: but the light has to shine through man, or his fellow beings cannot recognise it. How can man know God until he knows his brother man? Religion is a way to help the soul towards God because religion teaches a way of life, and a way of life is revealed to the masses through the perfect life: and that perfect life is the Christ life. We see it, varying

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degrees of this Christ life in the saints and the sages and the masters, but only the individual soul can ever see the whole perfect life which is the Christ life, and the soul cannot speak of it. You know that [as] an inner experience, a deep spiritual experience where your spirit is raised in ecstasy to the heavenly glory. You cannot clothe your experience in words; you cannot describe the Christ, but you can meet the Christ and you know in your heart that Christ comes to you and talks to you and comforts you and strengthens you. It is through the form of man that the Son of God manifests, the form of man. And so God created man in His Own image, not only a physical image, but in essence, in spirit, in soul. In every particle, God created man in His own image.

Let us go up to the next step, beloved children: Christ, the Perfect One. But you have the demonstration in the life of Christ on earth when that divine light, divine love, manifested through a man, the man Jesus, the prepared vessel; and you saw in that life the humility, the meekness, the gentleness, the faith and the love, the surrender to His Father – ‘Not my will by Thine be done, O Father’. Jesus was the perfect vessel and the light shone through him, and Jesus was taken by the ignorant just as Christ is taken today.

Christ is being crucified hourly, daily, in your world. You see men and women who are potentially Christs being crucified and suffering just as Jesus was crucified and suffered. But Jesus rose, he overcame that crucifixion – as men and women of earth, as you are doing; you are overcoming the crucifixions you have suffered. You are rising above the destruction and pain inflicted upon you by the earth, even by earthly people, by materially minded people. They crucify the spirit, but the spirit rises. It is resurrected from the death, from the crucifixion, and then it goes forth and mixes again with man, and because that spirit is shining through the body, after a while men recognise that spirit and they say to one another: ‘Is this not he who was crucified? Is he not the Christ?’

And then, you remember, Jesus Christ led his disciples away into the Mount of Olives and then he blessed them and he pointed up to heaven and they witnessed him rise in that glorious body of light. He did not leave the physical body behind; his physical body was a heavenly body; it had become a body of light, attuned to the world of light. This was the final demonstration to mankind of what man must do, of what all men will do: arise and attain to their Father God in heaven. And when the body of earth practises love, it will become a lamp shining with heavenly light, and when the heart is beating with love, it projects rays of light and these rays of light are the healing rays.

Jesus did not need to go to his patient to heal. He directed the rays of love and light from his heart. But Jesus Christ would not break any physical or spiritual law. Jesus Christ used with knowledge [*sic*], he used the natural and spiritual law of the universe. He projected healing rays. He raised the dead, those who were dead, physically dead; he called the soul back and he gave it fresh strength to continue its journey.

There are many people who want to get rid of this life; they want to forget. You cannot forget your life, my children. You may change the form, but we tell you most earnestly to use every

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minute, every hour, every day of your life, use it to the very best of your ability because you will not have the same opportunity as you have on the earth plane to progress towards that glorious manifestation, that freedom of spirit. It is on the earth that the soul learns to practise divine love; the soul learns to quicken that divine fire, that eternal fire which is the Breath of God residing in the human heart.

There before us we see this blazing, golden figure, the shining face of love, and these rays are pouring upon you all. If you will receive them, if you will accept the cup of His Spirit and drink it, fill your whole being with His love, you will be healed and life will take upon a new state for you. All will be love in your life. All will be harmony. No thing will have the power to disturb you. And with the blessing of God, the Father, Mother and Son, we leave you.

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