

The Christian Mysteries

A009 Sunday Address 4th February 1934 Kenton Spiritualist Church Sunday Service

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Text: duplicated script from bound volume, entitled 'The Christian Mysteries'. No contemporary markings.

Context: place given as Kenton (Kenton Spiritualist Church). 4 February was a Sunday. The address is followed by a Benediction and refers to 'our reading tonight' which seems to have been biblical and to have included the words, 'This is my beloved Son'. These words appear in the story of the baptism of Jesus at Luke 9 : 35 and Matthew 3 : 17; given the references in the teaching to the Transfiguration, however, it is more likely that the reading was from Matthew 17, where the same words from heaven are reported at the latter event.

General notes: as on 19 January, White Eagle addresses his listeners as 'Beloved'. The reference in the middle of the teaching to 'your Movement' undoubtedly refers to Spiritualism, given that the location was the Kenton Church. According to notes by GMH, this teaching was reprinted in the first White Eagle book, ILLUMINATION, in 1937, but this seems to be a mistake.

References: see 'Context', above. Towards the end of the address, White Eagle quotes Jesus as saying, 'I am nothing. I and my Father are One'. The first three words are non-biblical, but the remainder is from John 10 : 30.

White Eagle's Address:

"Greetings to all!" White Eagle comes with one great desire, to bring a message of truth, a message of comfort, hope and illumination to your hearts; most of you know that White Eagle makes no claim to possess a great intellect, but rather brings to you, beloved children, his tender love. Follow me with your hearts as well as with your minds. I would quote the words of the Beloved Master, Jesus Christ, when He said - "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" - let him hear...

But a few days ago, a friend said to White Eagle - 'Yes, this is all very well White Eagle, but your spirit people are so delightfully vague!' So it may seem to you, dear ones; spirit people are delightfully vague. And shall I tell you why? Because we can only give indications, only set spiritual food before you, and neither take up the implements nor eat for you. The same charges might be levelled against the great teachers of the past, because man, in his quest for truth and illumination, has to search always within himself. No book will give you truth. You can only find truth within - within the temple of your own being. So all that comes from the spirit world must of necessity be delightfully vague, because all spiritual things seem thus to hard reason. You have to find the jewel within the casket. Remember that, won't you? Seek, and you shall find; knock, and the doorway of truth shall be opened unto you.

I take as my theme tonight "The Christian Mysteries" - a far too comprehensive subject to be dealt with in the space of one short hour, despite that fact that you of the Western world are educated from childhood in what you term the Christian Faith, and your country is a Christian country, your civilisation based on the Christian principles. This being so, naturally, this subject claims much of your thought. Do we not find that Christianity has grown 'delightfully vague'?

Do not many feel that they have grown out of so-called Christianity? May we ask you to reflect very carefully when we say that the West has yet to learn what Christianity actually is?

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Two thousand years, since One called Jesus Christ brought to the earth the inward truth of being, which truth has been taught, believed and lived by some these two thousand years past. Yet the inner mystery of Christianity remains still veiled.

You possess in this Bible the purest gems of spiritual truth. In the early portion, known as the Old Testament, are records of the Holy Men used by spiritual power to bring teaching, to give laws to the people; a preparation indeed, from the Story of Creation, down the pathway of the centuries to the birth of the Great One, Whose coming was prophesied by the Holy Men in the past. This book contains a great spiritual outflow from the Ancient Wisdom, to which we would draw your attention and study. True, other great teachers from the East have brought similar teaching to the world; but we say in very truth that the incoming of Christ into the personality of Jesus of Nazareth was the mightiest inpouring from the Infinite Source of light and truth.

Try to get a clearer conception of Jesus Christ; Jesus-hood.... Christ-hood. Albeit, the inner mysteries of the Christ teaching are not yet understood by the Christian nations.

All the stories in this Book, the parables, the miracles, enshrine an inner meaning. I know full well that many an intellectual on the earth plane has presented some brilliant interpretation of parables and miracles alike; we tell you Beloved that man can never interpret either parable - still less miracle, by exercise of intellectual gymnastics. If we tell you to accept these stories exactly as presented, we do not ask you to accept that which does not appeal to reason; rather must you interpret by the light of spiritual wisdom - true wisdom. For not until men and women have reached that point of spiritual growth do they fully understand the beauty and the wonder of Christ.

I suggest that you think of Jesus not only as a man but interpret the life of Jesus, the development of the man known as Jesus, as a spiritual aspect of your own life, and thus interpret the glory and the beauty of Christ.

Realise Jesus and the Christ as two distinct Beings. Realise Jesus, the soul which had experienced many and many a life; His Jesus-hood is a state of development to which everyone, even against his own personal desires, must attain. These are profound truths. Everyone will, in the far distances of time, yet here and now (I speak in a paradox) arrive at that state of consciousness known as Jesus-hood. Jesus made the supreme sacrifice of giving himself utterly - utterly - to the incoming power of the Christ, Christ, not a man - Christ, who is the Son of the Logos - of the Father-Mother God.

All the parables present stories telling of the evolution of the Soul of Everyman. Read your Gospels, and re-read them, seeking the hidden meaning, the spiritual meaning. Read your parables, by the light of wisdom, and find that in each there comes again the story of the evolution of Everyman. Even in that parable of the changing of the Water into Wine, a puzzle to most - the story of the six vessels of water, understand that each refers to one or other of the six psychic or spiritual bodies of man.

Let us take the story of the Transfiguration. 'And Jesus went up into a mountain.' You notice that He took those of His disciples who were spiritually attuned to Him. He selected disciples

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possessing the greatest wisdom, those disciples who had passed spiritual Initiations, those who could understand and see. Do you suppose that eyes of flesh could have seen that vision of the Transfiguration? No. You are mistaken; the disciples who went with Him were those who had passed many initiations on the spiritual planes.

Does it mean that Jesus climbed an earthly mount? Or can it be that He raised His consciousness, and the disciples were with Him, and saw with Him the glory of the Celestial Light, the forms of Celestial Beings?

Dear ones: there exists much controversy, not only in your Movement, but in the outside world, as to whether Jesus ever actually lived; but very slender evidence in history goes to prove that Jesus, as portrayed in the Gospels really lived and spoke with men - and yet this life has inspired millions; civilisations have risen, and civilisations have fallen, but the inspiration of that Life does not die.

But this point I would make clear. It does not matter to you, as spirits, as Sparks of the Divine, whether One called Jesus of Nazareth wore flesh. What does live, and what shall live throughout the ages, is the mystical teaching, the inner truth contained in this Book - and the writers were men and women who were in touch with the Infinite, the Universal Supply of all Truth - and this despite the fact that White Eagle said that knowledge cannot be gleaned from books. Books may interest you, and are helpful in your modern system of education. But believe me dear ones, to find truth, to reach the heart of the eternal wisdom you learn only from life, from experience, from within; You learn to contact the Universal; then only can you know truth. Nevertheless, this Book has been culled from the Universal Source, not from men's minds alone, although the brain of man is used when receptive, used as an instrument, as a receiving set to contact the Universal.

The day is very nearly come when men of Science, those who are specialists in this or in that subject, will arrive at the same conclusion - that the problems confronting them can never be solved by physical methods. They are beginning to realise today that there is but one method of reaching the truth of being, and that is through Spirit - through Spirit only.

However futile the simple evidence of Spiritualism may seem to some, I tell you that there is a great force behind all these Spiritualist churches. I do not say that all are as they might be, nor as they will be, but never despise the simple Spiritualistic church or Spiritualistic phenomena, for this movement of Modern Spiritualism is the outcome of guidance, nay, of an order sent forth from the Centre of Truth, from that same Universal plane of wisdom.

You know that there are Great Ones - some call them Masters - but there are Holy Men, dwellers on the Mount. Did not our reading tonight tell us of the Voice, and of how the Holy Men heard the words - "This is My Beloved Son" - this Son being the Christ of all ages, the Light Eternal. And these same Holy Ones, these Sages, these Masters who have overlooked and guarded the progress of humanity since life here began, set in motion the Movement known today as Modern Spiritualism; by which the simple man is receiving conviction of a life beyond the grave, a conviction which will open the way to greater development of the spiritual aspect of man. Even Science is becoming arrested by the simple phenomena of

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Spiritualism. Many channels are opening for the inflow of this greater spiritual light, even as once it came in the days of old.

Christ - Lord God?.. Yes! Christ, my children, is not just a man. Never think that: Christ is the Essence and worketh through the spirit of man. Remember the words spoken by Jesus - "I am nothing. I and my Father are One!" A paradox again; but to every truly great man comes this realisation at last that of himself he can do nothing. Only the power of Christ worked his salvation, and brings him to the Kingdom of Heaven.

You will wonder whether White Eagle is leading you, and how all this can help in everyday problems. This is ever the cry of humanity. The plain man in the street, the simple woman in her home - they want something to hold on to, they want strength and courage, they want to know if life after all is worth living - and what lies beyond?

We draw your attention to the sweet mystery of the Christian teaching. Christ has already told you the way to heaven - and that which all the world is seeking - a passport to Heaven...

Don't mistake me. I know, O beloved children, the sorrows of earthly life, the human disappointments, the cares the responsibilities which all men and women must face. White Eagle also has passed your way, and full well he knows that the power to save mankind lies only within himself, and in the Universal.

Would you gain poise for business life, for the work that you are called to do? Would you gain steadfastness of spirit, and strength? Be still then ... and know God. Love your fellow! Words, words, words! - and words are useless.

There can be no excuse. We preach a hard sermon, but there is no back way into the Kingdom of Heaven. Until you find the Kingdom of Heaven, you will neither find nor hold happiness.

Would you possess health? Does your body suffer from rheumatism, sickness, headaches and liver, and the hundred and one sundry physical ailments that men are heir to? Of course. But why? Because you cut off your supply. Try this: every day of your lives, before you rise in the morning, relax every muscle, relax your mind, and say in very truth "Dear God, may I live and work in harmony with Thy laws during this coming day..." Breathe deeply, breathing in God's life, breathing out His love upon all. Try it, and know that whatever your trouble be, that trouble is of your own making. If your heart knows that God has brought you to that condition for a purpose, then your trouble has vanished, since you bear it not alone, but stand in the company of the Most High....

Let your mind be bothered or worried, then you bring trouble on yourself, you allow trouble to have its way. But if you know and realise that God worketh in and through your life, your cross is lifted. No man is your enemy: no man is your friend: both alike are your teachers.

Beloved, hold fast to the saving grace of Christ Love... the one security which can carry you through manifold experience, steadfast and sure.

What of this Saving Grace of Jesus? What of this Saving Power of Christ? Man declares, "Oh, but I want no one to save me, I must work out my own salvation - mine is the personal

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responsibility, mine the retribution for evil and good I commit". Yes, the Law of Karma works always; but even when you realise the saving power of Christ, you would not escape, but face responsibility with joy and willingness that may equip you the better with one desire: to help your fellow man. In your youth you were told that the soul of the evil man was cast to the flames - a crude dogma of a Church? No. All that is evil in the soul must be consumed in the fires. The flames burn still in Gehenna. When the soul passes to the spirit world, when it realises a greater light than that of the astral planes, then is shed that part which is rubbish to be consumed. Only the eternal spirit, the beautiful soul goes onward and upward - to God!

Have courage dear ones! Life is beautiful in spite of the darkness. Simplify life by your mental attitude, and remember that all around you are Universal forces of supply. You are exactly where you are for a good purpose. God is your Father; the Everlasting Arms are about you. Go your way in peace.

Benediction:

We open our hearts, O God, to Thy loving care. Do Thou go with us on our way, bless and strengthen us in our work, and give us peace, now... to remain with us - forever. Amen.

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