

# Gifts Rich and Rare

A158 Sunday Address 3rd March 1946 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service

*The text of this address is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors*

*Text: from Angelus, April 1946.*

*Context: White Eagle refers back to the service 'last week': that would be the Anniversary service of 24 February, when White Eagle did indeed talk of the 'purpose and work' of the Lodge. The reading, or one of the readings, for this service, is identified by White Eagle as being from the very last chapter of the gospel of Matthew (see 'References'). In the editorial part of the April Angelus this address is introduced as 'one of the finest delivered in the Lodge'.*

*General Notes: White Eagle makes an important and powerful point, that by loving one another we are ourselves ensuring Jesus's presence with us till the end of the world'.*

*References: the words 'it is more blessed to give than to receive' are to be found in Acts (20 : 35), but in that location they are nonetheless ascribed to Jesus himself. 'Ask, and it shall be given you' is Matthew 7 : 7. The phrase 'in full measure, pressed down and running over' is also biblical: see Luke 6 : 38. 'Except ye become as a little child' is Mathew 18 : 3, while 'Blessed are the pure in heart' is Matthew 5 : 8; in the phrase about knocking at the door there is another hint of Matthew 7 : 7. For 'Teach the people our commands' and 'Lo, I am with you always', from the reading earlier in the service, see Matthew 28 : 20. The command 'to love one another' is set out most clearly in John 13 : 34. 'The works that I do shall he do also' comes from John 14 : 12.*

## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren of the earth life, we come to help you by our message; and we pray that the Great White Spirit will enable the power of the spirit and all the light of the spirit to come through into this service to bless you; and to raise you up from the darkness of confusion into the light.

We spoke to you last week about the purpose and the work established here in the Lodge, which is to send out light and love into the world. We rather stressed the need for all of you to give and give and give the light of your spirit. Tonight we are going to talk to you about receiving. It is not easy to give in the right spirit nor to receive in the right spirit. In the Bible we read that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive', and in another part we read, 'Ask and ye shall receive'. These two statements seem difficult to harmonise because the injunction to give rather than to receive seems to contradict the other injunction, although it would seem that a divine law operates through both the act of giving as well as receiving. You have discovered from your experience that by creating a condition of love and harmony deep within your own heart you draw to yourself love and harmony. By loving beauty within, you draw external beauty to you. By this we do not mean a superficial beauty such as attractive possessions or love of bright and attractive colours, but rather an outpouring from the soul of the spirit of tranquillity, of peace, of love – thereby attracting to the life similar vibrations. By this means you will prove for yourselves that what you give out you will in turn receive. An inescapable law demands that what you put into life flows back in full measure, pressed down and running over. It is impossible for any man or woman to give from the heart without receiving exactly what they have given and a great deal more if they give from a heart attuned to the Master of love. The working of this law is very clearly recognised when the soul withdraws from the physical body.

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There are many conjectures about the kind of life which awaits the soul after death. We have told you many times that when the soul awakens in the spirit world it finds itself surrounded by the very conditions which it has built for itself through its thoughts and actions in the physical body. The soul receives in the spirit that which it has given out on earth. So you see that there is no escaping one's actions; for as we serve our brother man, in the exact degree do we serve ourselves. If we think (mistakenly) that ours is a righteous cause and we allow what we call 'righteous indignation' to excuse us for breaking the law of love and goodwill – if, in other words, we give hurt to any one of God's creatures, human or animal, we receive exactly that hurt which we have given. Now, my brethren, when we seriously contemplate this it will make us think very carefully about what we do and say, because the hurt inflicted upon others is, as it were, inflicted on ourselves. In this sense, as we give so shall we receive.

But yet another truth is contained in the injunction, 'Ask and ye shall receive', since every soul has great need to ask – to ask its Master for the spirit of love, understanding and wisdom. Before the soul can ask in truth it has first to become very simple, very humble – in the words of the Master Jesus, to become as a little child, stripped of all pride, arrogance and self-justification – as a little child, simple and pure in heart. 'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.' So before the soul can ask truly it has to be stripped of all that hinders its approach to its Master, and in truth and humility it asks, it seeks, it knocks at the door. Then the door is opened. It finds what it seeks. It receives that for which it asks. But in all these three cases the soul must be without shame, without self-justification and without fear. In simplicity and in truth it asks for truth.

At the end of the reading tonight we noticed the words, 'Teach the people our commands' and 'Lo, I am with you always'. May we bring to your notice the inner meaning of these words. The law of Christ Jesus is that ye love one another; and if you love your brother man, 'Lo, I am with you, always, even unto the end of the world'. We see that by love and obeying the commands of the Great Spirit of love we are asking for and receiving the eternal presence of the Master of love. It means that we set in motion those spiritual forces which open up our innermost consciousness to the Source of all being, and we receive into our innermost streams of light and power from our Master the Lord Christ, the Saviour of all mankind, because He is all love and light. As He flows into the heart of man, He raises him out of bondage to fear, sickness and death, into the radiance of the spirit life.

Every one of you is setting in motion in your daily life a tremendous force which you do not realise. You are sending out into the invisible worlds rays, vibrations, which act like magnets. As you think and speak and act you are drawing to yourself exactly what you are fishing for. In this sense you are all fishermen. Why did the Master Jesus call upon the fishermen to follow Him? Why did he speak so often of fishes and fishermen? Because this is what every man, woman and child is doing – fishing, throwing out the line, drawing into itself according to the vibrations it is sending forth. This is the real meaning of karma.

Much is said by you people about what you are suffering today being due to karma made in a previous life. This is true, but not wholly, because a great deal of karma is both sown and

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reaped in the one life; and every moment you are making the karma which you will reap in this day of life. We look around the world and we see certain souls who appear to be blessed – we do not mean with this world's goods, but in themselves. They live lives of poise, spiritual strength and tranquillity of spirit. They appear to us to be so happy. Other people look at and if they recognise their spirituality, envy them and say, 'Oh well, they are not made as I am. It is easy for them to be poised, tranquil and happy. I am not made like that. I must get things off my chest'.

That is alright. You can do exactly as you like, but the law is inescapable. As you give out in your life so you will receive exactly what you give. We do not want to be too depressing. That is not good. Really we are endeavouring to bring you a message of hope and promise, to make you realise that every day offers you a fresh opportunity. Before you all is a field freshly ploughed. You have in your basket the seeds of goodwill, of love and so on and you can sow today for the harvest of tomorrow in your earth life. Don't be despondent. Don't despair about any conditions which seem to overwhelm you and press you down. They will all pass. So much depends upon you! You can have your harvest of beauty, happiness, love achievement and fulfilment waiting for you – tomorrow.

So, my friends, we begin to see that when we keep the commandments of Christ and love one another we can expect the presence of the Master, 'Lo, I am with you always!' Those who love, those who serve from the heart, reap what they sow, and the eternal presence of Christ, the Master of love, walks the earth with them.

You dear ones sit and listen very patiently and lovingly to the things we say. We tell you of them because we know that as you learn to put into practice the divine laws of giving and receiving, you will develop within your being rich and rare gifts of the spirit. Did not the Master Jesus Christ say, 'These things that I do ye shall do also; and greater things than these shall ye do'? What did He mean? He was endeavouring to teach those who had ears to hear that if they practised the divine law of love and harmony, holding fast to the vision of the Master, they would receive into their own being the wherewithal to have in their life great gifts – all that they needed physically, mentally and spiritually. With deep earnestness we are telling you the secret of happiness as we have seen it revealed on the higher planes of life. For when the soul who has found the Master of love on earth awakens in the world of spirit that soul is surrounded by everything it needs, everything it can long for.... To enter into the world of spirit for such souls is a manifestation of God's love. All the colours, all the beauty, every opportunity which a soul needs for recreation, for learning, for serving, comes as an outer manifestation of the Love of God which that man holds in his heart for his brother man. This is what life is like in the world of spirit when the soul has learned how to both give and receive.

This same law applies particularly to spiritual healing. To those of you who are engaged on or who wish to be spiritual healers we would say that the first essential is to get attunement between your innermost and the great spirit of Christ. You must become united with the Cosmic Light. You must feel that light pouring into you. You must remember that when the light flows from you to your patient to give strength to your patient, he is enabled by the

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power of his own spirit to discard all the diseased atoms in his physical body. As these atoms are discarded they make way for the inflow of the recreative atoms. This is the simple truth. Spiritual healing is like a broom sweeping a room. Both of you – patient and healer – are at work. Once the room is swept and cleaned the light pours in and builds fresh atoms in the physical body. My beloved friends, do not talk about getting old. We often hear it said and we are very amused. For the human body is continually being recreated when the secret is once known and lived. Recreate your body. Recreate your life, my friends and you will enter into heaven on earth and without waiting a long, weary time before you know what the kingdom of heaven is like.

A final word, a thought which we will leave with you. What applies to the individual in giving forth applies also to communities and nations. If the brotherhood of man is to come, individuals, communities and nations will have to learn the secret of giving and giving and giving; and then without demanding they will receive and receive and receive in full measure, pressed down and running over. For this is the law; but we should ask first in the spirit of the little child, in purity and simplicity and love, and the Father God in heaven hears the petition of the soul and pours down upon His child all that it needs on every plane of being.

We leave, but would remind you that you are at this moment being served by the Brotherhood of the Christ Light. Every fear goes from you as you realise the power of this light, for you and your Father are one. The love of the company of white brethren who are with us blesses us – now!

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