

Increasing the Music

A357 Sunday Address 28th July 1963 St Mary Abbots Place, London Dedication of the Organ at the White Eagle Lodge

Text: one of MB's usual display typescripts, without any additional markings. The address was reprinted in *Stella Polaris* in October-November the same year, with a title simply referring to the Dedication of the new organ.

Context: a service with a particular purpose, the dedication of the new organ at St Mary Abbots Place, and breaking the 'first Sunday in the month' pattern completely. In fact, a July address by White Eagle is a distinct rarity. It also marks the beginning of the regular commitment of Philip Jones, Brother David, as organist, although he and Mary Brameld had been sharing the role, and would continue to share the role, for a while. White Eagle explains, later in the address, how the money for the organ was raised. We learn from the typescript that the opening hymn was 'Praise my soul, the King of Heaven'. Minesta's invocation, this time, was included in the typescript and thus included here; we have also included Brother Faithful's closing words and the benediction, which is one of White Eagle's most loved. The reading was from *THE RETURN OF ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE*, pp. 177-9; the second hymn was 'All things are Thine, no gift have we', and in place of a third hymn the Choir sang the anthem 'The Lord is my Shepherd' (probably in the setting known as Crimond).

General Notes: White Eagle speaks of 'the message which was brought through to the earth place over a quarter of a century ago ... a restatement of the Ancient Wisdom' is presumably a reference back to when he began his ministry, twenty-seven years previously. A paragraph about the *Consolamentum* of the Cathars or Albigenses is interesting, not least because it places that ritual right into the heart of their beliefs and sets the overcoming of death as the centre of their work. This is not entirely in accord with modern scholarship, although the latter is very much lacking in a common viewpoint.

A relatively short address and rather touching in its simplicity. White Eagle speaks of the power of overcoming death, of how this was understood by the Cathars, and of the power of music in increasing the heart's involvement in spiritual teaching.

He also speaks of one individual in particular, one Sister in the Brotherhood, having been the motivator of the Organ Fund and inspiring another, on earth, to make the seed donation. It is regrettably not recorded who either of these persons was.

References: 'all things work together for good to those who love God' is Romans 8 : 28. The word 'mite', applied to contributions to the Organ Fund, is little known today but refers to the story in Mark 12 : 42 of the widow's mite, two of which sold for a farthing.

Prayer of Minesta:

Infinite Spirit, we come into Thy Presence this eventide with joy and thankfulness to Thee for the bounteous gifts of life. We pray that every soul in this assembly will be receptive to the outpouring of love, wisdom and power. We pray that with our inner vision we may see the hosts of Heavenly Shining Beings, who come at Thy command to bring the message of truth, of illumination to this physical plane of life.

O Gracious Spirit, we earnestly and humbly pray that Thy comfort and healing may be with all the bereaved and the suffering souls on this physical plane of life. May we see, O Lord, how to help all suffering. May we learn through Thy Wisdom at all times to impart spiritual healing and comfort to all Thy creatures.

May Thy gifts of body, soul and spirit be used in Thy service now and always. Amen.

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Address and Dedication by White Eagle:

Beloved brethren of the earth life, we come amongst you with joy and thanksgiving. We must all unite in this outpouring of praise to God, the Source of all blessings. And at this moment of time we would have you be with us in spirit, and feel now, here, the ray of love which is pouring upon you from Elder Brethren, from those whom you call the Great White Brotherhood, who live as you live in form and with one object – to serve God and all creation. Now, this is the purpose of life on a planet.

Now, there is a great deal that we could say to you about the vast infinite life of many solar systems. And yet think of the wonder of the love and care which is bestowed on the smallest creature in a physical life, and upon each individual life of man on earth. We want you to think of this, and as you do so, you will feel this infinite love and blessing, this life of God in which you have your being.

Now, the object of man's life both on earth and hereafter – for ever – is the slow but certain unfoldment of the God-qualities. Now this is a vast thought – we want you to bear it always with you – no matter what the circumstances are in your life, remember the truth, that all things have a purpose; and the greatest purpose is the God-development in man.

Now it has been said that man is the highest creature on the earth plane. But man, so far in your present life, has only developed to a very small degree. Now think – you will hardly be able to comprehend this immense truth, because you think in limited terms. But we tell you that within you, and every man, is the seed which will eventually grow until you will become as a Son in the firmament. Now if you can accept this truth, it will help you to understand Infinity and Eternity.

Now, you have often been told that with finite mind and with this physical brain as it is at present, it is impossible for man to understand Infinity or Eternity, because he is so limited in his range of consciousness. But when you begin to think of yourself as a Son in a solar system, which you will eventually become, you will then realise that beyond your present solar system are countless others, and so on and so on *ad infinitum*. Now, think of this, and it will – *it will* – help you, not only to expand your consciousness, but it will help you also to develop your inner vision of life beyond the limitations of physical matter. And the message which was brought through to the earth plane over a quarter of a century ago that is a restatement of the Ancient Wisdom was to help man to understand his own potentialities, and to help him to develop in himself an infinite power.

Now you will remember, many of you, the message or the revelation which came to the Albigenses Brotherhood. We have repeated this message to you, because it is vital for you all to know it. We remind you that the work of the Brotherhood beyond this lower physical level, above it, surrounding it, enfolding it, is to help mankind to an understanding – to an understanding – of what the Albigenses meant by the *Consolamentum*. They discovered, as you will discover, the secret which brings consolation to the suffering, to the dying, to the bereaved. Death is a beautiful experience – no matter what you see of the shell which is left

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behind. We would have you think of the release of the butterfly from the chrysalis. And when man has developed within himself this perfect spiritual vision he will no longer grieve when the change comes, the change for any of his loved ones. He will no longer be grieved or miserable, he will be filled with a great happiness and joy – for he will have received this wonderful revelation, this *Consolamentum* which reveals to man the love of God, the provision of God for all His children.

Now, remember the verse, which is often repeated: ‘All things work together for the man who loves God’. And this means that when that inner secret in man’s heart has been whispered to the consciousness of man – the soul of man – he commences to look for God everywhere, in his fellow being, in the animal kingdom, in the kingdom of nature, in the stars, in the heavens above; and he is able to welcome [God] into his sanctuary – we don’t mean a little place with four walls – we mean the sanctuary of his own heart; able to welcome all those who are brothers of the light – those who are seeking for the light, those who have found the light and who are able to bring it to him whilst on earth.

Dear ones, at this moment there is a concentration upon you from the heart centre of the great brotherhood of Christ. Oh, they are close to you. They have watched over this particular work since they themselves had the charge. They were given the charge to bring to earth this message; and to form a brotherhood and a lodge into which could be poured this spiritual light and truth.

Now, we want to speak at this juncture about the coming of your new organ. You dear ones on earth are very ready, we know, to believe in the guidance and loving care of the Brethren of the Great White Light. You believe it, oh yes, but you are not very quick in your recognition of the way the Brethren work. We have said on former occasions that the Brethren work through you, but you never realise it. Perhaps it is as well that you don’t, or you may get very puffed up and swelled; and there is only one thing to do if you get puffed up and swelled [; it is] is for you to explode and all the pieces are scattered. Nevertheless it goes without us saying it to you that the virtue most prized by the White Brotherhood is that of humility, humility of mind and heart, and also love, the most precious gift – *love*.

Now, brethren, since the very inception of this work, and the establishment of the White Eagle Lodge, they have desired the Lodge to achieve the most perfect harmony, harmony amongst each other. Now, this is a rare quality; if only harmony was the primary object of all groups and all work the world would make good progress. So the Brothers have endeavoured through you and their chosen instruments to establish harmony and brotherhood.

Now, there is nothing like harmonious music for stirring the emotion of harmony in a man’s soul. Now in the new age, sound and music is going to play a very big part – music – sound – sound and music provoke feeling. Now it is through feeling that you develop the gifts of the spirit – through feeling and imagination. And these are qualities which so many, so many human people lack. The beautiful music is a necessity in this work – it is going to contribute to the awakening and the development of the feelings of God, the feelings of Christ. The Christ qualities in the human soul are awakened when it hears beautiful sound. Moreover, as the sound is sent forth from the speaker or the instrument you will see very beautiful colours

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emerging from the speaker. And you may practise if you like now you have a beautiful organ – you may practise seeing the colours and how the colours are projected from sound. The colours are beautiful in harmonious music. They are very strong and powerful when the music is strong and powerful. And you may see the colours, the vibrations from the sounds, building here a temple, a heavenly temple.

Now, do not live entirely in your closed physical brain, remember that there are other cells in the human brain, which are as yet unused, but they will develop as man searches for this harmony, this love, this God in life. And then these cells in the human brain – the brain cells will be stimulated and they will be receptive to finer sound, they will be receptive to spiritual waves; they will be able to hear heavenly music. And more than this, they will hear the heavenly message.

Now, we are practical people, although we are now speaking to you from the level of spirit, but we believe in keeping the feet on the earth and on the straight path; the head turned upward to the angel world and to the blessings and help and inspiration and guidance of all those elder brethren, saints and teachers and sages of all time.

Now, our last little message is to explain to you how you have received the gift of a beautiful instrument, which will become more beautiful as time grows. Now, there is one in spirit, who was when on earth a member of your congregation, who was initiated into the Inner Brotherhood of this Lodge. She came over and joined the Brotherhood over here, and she was used willingly as a link from spirit to earth. Don't take all the credit for yourselves. Now, she impressed one of your brethren here in this Lodge, and this one humble simple soul felt the urge to start the Organ Fund. And as with other things it always means one starts and then the ball rolls. God will thank you, my little Sister, for your generous gift, for you were receptive to the guidance, to the influence of one who loves you, and is in spirit. And because you commenced the Organ Fund others were inspired and they responded also to the whisper of the brethren in spirit. And so by not such slow progress – quite quickly – there came an accumulation of loving gifts which have provided, or nearly provided that instrument.

Now, we hope that anyone here who hasn't been able to express their thanks for this Lodge, for the message and for the work which is being done, will be inspired to drop a penny in the Organ Fund of the Lodge. And we can assure you that every mite which you give to the Master's work, which is most valuable work on earth at the present time, and will be in the future – anyone of you who can subscribe a mite, or drop a penny in the box will be more than compensated for your kindness.

Brethren, it is the most beautiful gift which has been given to you and to all mankind – when mankind recognises the beauty and the value of the message of God and the Son of God. Dear ones, we from spirit thank you for your ready co-operation with us to build this grand spiritual Temple upon the physical plane of life.

And now, He Who is the embodiment of love is present. He is grateful. He is in your midst. He calls up God – Father–Mother God and all the company of heaven – to bless this work, to

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bless all workers in the Lodge, and to bless the musical instrument, which will be used in the coming days and years to stimulate the light in the souls of humanity.

And you now will dedicate yourselves to the service of God and to the Brotherhood of Life. The Great Power is with us, and it flows from the sphere of John the Beloved, so closely linked, united, with the Master Jesus Christ, for John the harbinger of light is bringing to mankind the message of the *Consolamentum*, the blessing, the comfort, the healing to man, the healing of the nations, the healing of this dark planet.

Brethren, receive now in the silence the Heavenly Bread and the Golden Wine and be made conscious of the Cosmic Body of Christ, which is everywhere, is in man and beast and bird and fish and flower and water and air, the Cosmic Body of Christ. And be refreshed and restored by sipping the golden liquid sunlight (Son light), His Spirit of Love, and be at peace. Be comforted, my brethren, and go forth into the world to live, to speak and to think in the Christ way.

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Don't disturb: don't disturb the vibrations for a minute, or more.

Brother Faithful: It has been a memorable occasion, which few of us will forget, I think, because we have felt already how the music can inspire us – regenerate our singing, reinvigorate the spiritual content of a service. And we remember also that this is but the beginning, and that not only in our hearing and in our hearts but in our lives also shall we receive and give forth greater harmony – and that, of course, is a very great thing.

And so we come to the last hymn, one of the loveliest in the book, hymn no. 438:

‘All as God wills, who wisely heeds [etc.]

Benediction:

Great White Spirit of the wide open prairies, of the windswept skies and the gentle valleys. Great White Spirit, we worship, we bless, we give Thee thankful hearts, and pray that Thy peace may be known to us, may become part of our lives, Thy deep peace.

We rest in Thee, in Thy love.

Amen

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