

# The Eternal 'Now'

A201 Sunday Address 6th March 1949 St Mary Abbots Place, London Thirteenth Anniversary 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*, May 1949, clearly dated

*Context:* in 1949 the anniversary service was for the first time held on the first Sunday in March, rather than at the true anniversary, which would be the Sunday nearest 22 February. This was announced in *Angelus* that February, and while one advantage for Minesta was that it then fell on a first Sunday in the month, when White Eagle would normally have spoken anyway, there was also the point that in early March it fell between the overall anniversary on 22 February and the St Mary Abbots Place anniversary on 22 March. It may also have been felt that the weather could be more propitious in March.

*General Notes:* when White Eagle emphasises, 'This *particular day* is important in the history of the White Eagle Lodge' it almost looks as though he means 6 March. However, there is nothing else that seems to link with that date, and we must assume he simply means 'the anniversary is important'. There is a rather fine statement of the quality of life enjoyed by the one who opens him- or herself to spirit, one which feels almost Celtic in character: 'He sees beauty in the stones on the seashore', etc.

*References:* 'Within you lies the key', at the end, is a favourite White Eagle phrase which may have an external source, but if so it is not known.

## White Eagle's Address:

We are going to talk for a while about the House of God – which in other words can be described as the life eternal.

The House of God is the home of the glory which is life. Beloved, you look around you at the earth, and are filled with sorrow because of the ugliness, the harshness and cruelty which exist. At times the mists become so dense that you cannot even remember that the sun is shining. Yet we would remind you that God, your Father and Mother, God who has given you life, has placed within you power to reach the heights. You contain within yourself the seed or the potentiality to become a radiant being, a son of God, not in some far distant time or place but here in your daily life.

Therefore, be encouraged. We do not want to see those thoughts which too readily spring into your mind, [such as] 'Oh, it is impossible for us to realise this truth'. At some time, we have all to take a stand: to be determined to make contact with this divine and magical power, and to bring it into operation in physical life.

This *particular day* is important in the history of the White Eagle Lodge. This anniversary is a day of power, and we wish all who worship in this Lodge to understand that they can contact a mighty power; that they themselves can feel this power and can allow it to manifest through them in any degree they like. In other words, the beloved adherents of the White Eagle Lodge have it within their power to become masters of life, masters of their soul; and within their power to unfold inner qualities which will enable them to rise above the ordinary level of life and live in happiness and freedom.

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Two kinds of people are living on the earth. [There are] those who are materialists, which means they have closed their minds to spiritual truth, so refuse to believe that there can be such a thing as spiritual power, or life beyond the mortal life. They are those who do not know truth, although they may be well versed in material knowledge, well read, and crammed with many so-called facts. For this reason they are often full of pride, and so live in a state of darkness. Because they live thus, their body atoms are not nourished by the life-force emanating from the Source of their creation, so these materialists become weary of life. Their physical body commences to decay, becomes diseased because access to the Source of life is being denied. They fall into a state of unhappiness, darkness and finally die. On the other hand, the man who knows truth turns his whole being, his soul to that truth of eternal life. That man keeps his mind and his heart open to the light of God, and is constantly being nourished by the food of the gods. His senses being quickened to spiritual life, he sees the beauty of God in everything and in every being. He sees beauty in the stones on the seashore, hears it in the rhythm of the sea. He feels the blessing of God borne by the wind and the rain, the blessing of God in nature. He sees the beauty of God expressed in colour in the heavens and on the earth, in the flowers and the trees and the grass. Wherever he be, whether within four walls or out in the countryside, he sees and hears the beauty of God. That man is a true son of God. Compare his with the life of the materialist, him [*sic*] who does not know. So we see the earth life is made up of two kinds of people. We see that the materialist deliberately takes his path, and the spiritual brother as deliberately chooses his; that the one in darkness continues to live in darkness and becomes blacker as life advances – unless he listens to the inner voice, unless he withdraws from the outer world and spends certain time in meditation and in contemplation of the invisible.

You will wonder what all this has to do with the celebration of the anniversary of the White Eagle Lodge. Well, we will tell you. The White Eagle Lodge is a place which has come into visibility, in so far as you are concerned, from the invisible. Life is a circle without beginning and without end, but it is impossible for you with your finite brains to comprehend this profound truth. But the present White Eagle Lodge has existed before. It is not a fresh institution, but something which has come over from ages past. Many of you here tonight have been associated with us in that past. Although it was not called the White Eagle Lodge in those days, it was a brotherhood or a group of people working to bring to those who would listen words of truth, light.

Today you celebrate the anniversary of this present Lodge. When you turn from the outer into the inner – into a spiritual sphere of consciousness – you will know that this Lodge is eternal, and recognise that you have been attracted to it, drawn spiritually to a centre of light and power.

This Lodge has certain work to accomplish. You, brethren, are given an opportunity to labour with your brethren of the unseen to accomplish a mission which is set out in the divine plan. If you read the history of this little Lodge from its inception you will discover that the first and primary purpose of its establishment was to create a centre of light in darkness, and to help humanity through the 'Years of Fire'; through years destined to break down outworn and unwanted modes of life, and to bring to mankind a vision of something better – of a nobler

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life filled with happiness, brotherhood and the riches of heavenly things. The purpose of this Lodge is to bring this light to humanity. We do not want to proselytise, nor yet to convert people to our particular way of thinking. We want simply to help them to feel the quality of spiritual life and power gathered in this communal life of the White Eagle Lodge.

In order that people may better realise the life of the spirit they must be helped to understand that there is no death. Death would be a violation of the law of the spirit. Spirit cannot die. It is eternal. So long as the spirit is manifesting in power through the physical body it also is eternal. The body may change its form, its texture. The very atoms of the body may become more refined and purified. The physical body can be caught up into the heavens, as is the case of Jesus the Christ and others. The trouble with you people is that you grow too fond of the material and cling too tightly to things. You believe that physical matter is all-important, but it is not. So the purpose of this work is to help people to understand that when the body unfortunately dies (as it should not, but does in this time and age) the essential part of man continues to live in a higher state. You can reach those who have passed to their next life by attuning your souls to their higher state. There you may meet your loved one and hold communion. But it will need all your strength of purpose to disentangle yourself from the pull of earthly conditions. Nevertheless you can do it, and members of a community like this can help one another to rise to that heavenly state where you may hold communion with the spirits of your loved ones – those who have passed away from the body – or those whom you have known in former lives. Your whole purpose must be to rise above mortality and not try to drag down those who have been freed from the physical life. Rise towards them, and commune with them in their pure and exalted state of life. This is the true way of communion.

The second purpose of this Lodge is to help our brethren to develop the spiritual senses of seeing, hearing, feeling, and tasting the glories of the higher spheres. As already said, you contain within you the seed of Godhead. Only when you know how to unfold and enter into higher states of consciousness can you hope to harness the power which we call divine magic, and use it for the blessing of your fellow creatures – your own kind – as well as the animal and the vegetable kingdoms; for all the kingdoms of nature may be helped when man knows how to use his potential gifts – his spiritual gifts – for the blessing of all life.

Yours is a great opportunity, and also a grave responsibility, not to be treated lightly. Undertake such responsibilities with all your heart. Keep on striving to realise the glory of God's life and little by little demonstrate this power in your own lives in the perfecting of your health, in the perfection of your appreciation of beauty. Then you will touch the centre of truth. You will become fully conscious. You will become free from time and space and you will live in the glorious Eternal Now – manifesting, demonstrating with every breath that God's children are gods in the making.

So we leave you now with this anniversary message. *Life is eternal, everlasting, perfect. Within you lies the key to unlock the temple of these glories.* God bless you. God bless you, dear brothers and sisters.

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