

The Teaching of Jesus Christ – an Astrological Interpretation

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Context: 2 April 1939 was Palm Sunday. Any Easter Sunday address for 1939 is, at the time of writing, lost, but the text implies that this was intended to stand for an Easter service; maybe, since the next recorded address was from Edinburgh (albeit on the 19th), the plan was to travel to Scotland before Easter. Internal reference shows that the address was preceded by the familiar hymn, 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind'.

General notes: it sounds from the middle part of the teaching as though there were members of the Royal Air Force present.

References: the words quoted from the hymn are from the third verse; the words are by John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807-92. The story of the Last Supper is told in all four gospels. The synoptic gospels show it as the origin of the Eucharist, while John, in chapter 13, prefers to take particular account of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. The phrase '[I am] the Way, the Truth and the Life' is from John 14 : 6. The reminder that during the Crucifixion, darkness came over the whole land, which White Eagle reinterprets, is given in Mark 15 : 33 and Luke 23 : 34. The 'woman clothed with the sun' is a reference to Revelation, chapter 12, itself looking back to Genesis 37 : 9-11. White Eagle gave a talk on 1 November 1936 to which the title was given, 'Clothed with the Sun'.

Headnote in the text: An address given by White Eagle at the White Eagle Lodge on Sunday April 2nd, 1939. In this remarkable address, the Life and Teachings of Jesus are given their astrological significance and interpretation. Readers will find this theme dealt with at length in White Eagle's book, *The Christian Mysteries*.

White Eagle's Address:

We welcome everyone. We are very happy to feel the presence of so many of our children, our family. It gives us so much joy to think of you in this way. This night, as you may all feel, there is a special blessing poured fourth upon you all. We were conscious during the last hymn of words pregnant with truth: 'Jesus knelt to share with Thee The Silence of eternity, Interpreted by Love...' We would like you to feel this love tonight.

Yes! We are conscious that the lower mind of man is full of turmoil and perplexity, but peace be with you, beloved brethren. All is well, The Divine Plan is laid and all the children of God (remember, we include all races, classes and conditions of mankind) all God's children are sheltered within His heart of Love. These are not merely pretty words: they express a fundamental Cosmic Truth. Peace be with you ... peace on earth, and goodwill.

This is an Easter service. There is so much we would say about this festival, which is agelong. For it cannot be confined merely to the Christian era. The esoteric symbolism of the festival of Easter lies within all teachings which spring from the Ancient Wisdom, the Divine Truth. It is sad that the intellect often seeks a destructive way, would destroy the very foundations of human life, in its attempts to refute the great and wonderful story of Eastertide, even as told in the four Gospels. There are schools of thought not yet accepting the illumination of Eternal Truth, which doubt or deny the reality of the life and death of one

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Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ. We can only tell you what has been revealed to us; but we do not say you must accept; we leave it, knowing that within your soul lies the spirit of Truth, which will speak only truth, and reveal to you this wonderful Cosmic story. It is a fundamental truth of your very own life, did you but understand.

We speak with knowledge when we say Jesus of Nazareth was an historical figure. But He was more; He was raised up by the Father, a pillar in the heavens, a peak above all humanity – and through Him and the stories surrounding Him, there shines the life of every child of God. If you would yourself understand the complexities of this earth life, then enter, in simplicity and humility, to the inner sanctuary of Christ; and there you will find written the history of man's creation, his pursuit through life after life in a body of flesh, of the spirit of the Christ-man which leads him onward, upward, to liberation, to illumination. On that path he himself experiences the story of Eastertide; he himself partakes of every detail of this Eastertide story, as related in the four Gospels. Ultimately he himself journeys up the hill of Calvary, consciously; and *consciously* finds himself upon the cross – the cross of Earth, because, remember, the sign of the cross is astrologically symbolical of the Earth. He finds himself upon the cross. Then are his eyes opened and he calls upon his Father; and the Christ Spirit – the complete illumination of his soul – comes to him, and he is crowned, not with the crown of thorns, but with the crown of illumination, of light: the crown of spiritual power, that which thenceforward gives him domination over his own earthliness.

This age-old story of Easter is to be traced through many religions over the face of the earth. In it is to be read both the story of the heavens and of man on earth. Christianity, it is said with a degree of accuracy, is based upon ancient pagan religions. Certain teachings repeated throughout the Christian teaching are traceable to the ancient Greeks, the Egyptians, the Hebrew religions. All these are impregnated with the same wonderful story of Easter and the Christian religion. The symbolism of Easter has to do with the twelve signs of the zodiac and the rebirth of the sun at spring time. Whilst Christianity has an exoteric or outer story – we liken the astrological aspect to the outer symbolism of truth – whilst it has an outer, it has also an inner revelation of the divine gifts of the Christ life to man and to the Earth. Whilst the so-called heathens were supposed to worship the sun, the moon and stars, in very truth they worshipped the spiritual symbolism of the sun and the planets. If you did but know, if you understood more clearly the Christian teaching, you would see that you too worship the spiritual symbolism of the Sun – the Light-giver, the Light of Life, the spiritual power or divine consciousness within the soul of man, the twelve signs of the zodiac through which all men have to pass as they journey on the spiral of life up to the apex of supreme crucifixion and illumination. Astrologically, with the coming or birth of Jesus of Nazareth, there was revealed to those wise men who journeyed from the East to welcome the Birth, the coming of a new age – the Piscean Age.

Let us remember this: the age before that of the Jewish teaching, was concerned with the sacrifice of the lamb, or the ram. You will remember Abraham sacrificing the ram to his God; the ram, the lamb, was symbolical of the preceding astrological sign, that of Aries. With the coming of Jesus of Nazareth we entered the Piscean Age, the age of the fishes. Astrologers will know that the sign of Pisces is connected with the two feet, or the understanding of man,

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upon which understanding of Christ built his Church. He drew His disciples from fishermen. The whole foundation of the Church was built upon the esoteric influence of Pisces, and we have now passed through from the Piscean age into the age of Aquarius.

Now let us consider the wonderful astrological symbolism, easily understandable, even to those not students of Astrology. Listen: at Eastertime Jesus sent forth his disciples to find a certain man carrying a pitcher of water. The astrological symbol of Aquarius is that of the man bearing the pitcher of water and the water is symbolical of spirit. So the man carrying a pitcher of water was the symbol of the sign of Aquarius. Jesus knew that his teaching, and all his work during the short years of his ministry, served to lay the foundations in the Piscean Age for the coming of the Age of Aquarius – the Age of Spirit. This is the age that you now enter upon, the age of the spirit, the age of air. Do not think that man's conquest of the air is to be used merely as a form of destruction. You young men who have given your services to the air are children of this New Age, the Age of Aquarius, the Age of the Air and the Spirit. And whilst becoming familiar with all the aerial experiments and inventions, such as wireless communication and flying, remember also to develop, side by side with this earthly advance, the spirit of Christ so that in all your dealings the wisdom and the love of Christ shall possess you.

The disciples went forth and met the man, even as Jesus had foretold – the man carrying the pitcher of water, symbol of the Age of Aquarius, the Age of Spirit. Jesus had told his disciples to ask this man to prepare an upper chamber, to make ready, for therein they would participate in the Holy Supper. All happened even as foretold, and the landlord of the inn prepared the upper room. The disciples came to Jesus and they were all seated, twelve of them. Each one of those disciples represents a sign of the zodiac, or you may interpret it if you like and you will be equally correct, a certain type of humanity resulting from the influence of that Sign. Jesus broke the bread and each disciple was of that sign.

Jesus broke the bread and each disciple was given bread to eat and wine to drink. Each type of mankind shared the bread broken and given to them by the Son of God by the Divine Spirit of Life. Every one of the disciples shared equally the bread of life, the very 'body' of Jesus; each shared alike the wine of life, or the 'blood' of Jesus – the life force, the Divine Spirit. What a holy communion! In this also you, my beloved, can participate. You know it not, yet; these things may not be clear – yet. But think on this wondrous symbolism, and see for yourself how you are even now participating in this Holy Supper, this Divine Communion with the Son of God ... this gift of God to all His children. Is not this the Way, the Truth and the Life!

There was one present who denied His Master; and to the Scribes and the Pharisees and those men only concerned with the material things, he delivered up His Master! Judas, the betrayer. Do we not see from this that we too are Judas? That we too go forth into the world and deny Christ, our Master, into the hands – I was going to say, of the war-merchants, into the hands of the moneychangers, into the hands of those who judge only by the material standards. Although Judas denied his Master; and although we, following in Judas' footsteps, deny our Master, and although our Master by us is delivered up to torture and death, this is truly the

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way all men must walk. We ourselves shall someday be delivered up to the ignorant, be judged and crucified on the cross of the world; and then, when we have been crucified – or in other words, when we have sacrificed all the selfhood in our being, when we have denied self and surrendered ourselves on the cross, then comes the Divine Illumination.... The Crown of Thorns, symbolical of the sorrows caused by the earth man to the soul – is cast away, and the golden crown of Divine Illumination is won. At the last we open our eyes and see the Sun shining. At the time of the crucifixion we are told that the earth was darkened ... darkness came over the face of the earth. But the truer interpretation is that the Light of Heaven was so bright that the earth appeared to be in darkness.

I want you to notice how the number three is important throughout the life of Christ; even to the three nails which pierced the hands and the feet – the hands and feet being well known psychic or power centres through which flow the light and power of the invisible life. A healer lays his hands upon the sick. Jesus healed by the hands at times, but at others he used His heart to heal. Remember, that three is the number corresponding to the planet Jupiter, the planet of philosophy and spiritual teaching, the ruler of the Sign Pisces; although in all cases, two planets rule a sign. As many know, Saturn is considered by the ordinary astrologer to be the ruler of Aquarius, but in the other quarters Uranus is known to be the ruler, or shall I say, the joint ruler. So also with Pisces, Jupiter being the accepted ruler, but by some the ruler is considered to be Neptune. Jupiter however is associated with the number three, a number frequent in the life and ministry of Jesus. Even at the age of twelve (four threes) he was found in the Temple, teaching, talking with the wise. He was thirty years preparing for his ministry; three years teaching and working his miracles; He was on the cross three hours, and after three days he rose again and illumined the physical vehicle ... or that vehicle which was henceforth to him the equivalent of the physical.

Jesus overcame the earth, the earth body. His life and all the teaching of the Christian Church (when we say Christian Church, we do not mean orthodoxy, we mean the Christ Church in the heavens, the Church of the Age of Pisces) makes ready for the Age of Aquarius ... the New Age, when, you will remember, the 'woman clothed with the Sun' is raised up in the heavens. For the Aquarian Age. The New Age which Christ prepared for, is the Age of the Spirit, and through womanhood will come great peace and the preparing of the new spirit of Brotherhood upon earth.

Ponder on these things. Words we find difficult to find to express the glory of the spiritual life. A few crumbs have fallen. Ponder on these things and take up your life with renewed courage and hope. Nay, more than hope, my brethren: conviction and surety that this New Age is dawning, even as the disciples found the man with the pitcher of water, who made ready the upper chamber. The upper chamber is the higher mind, the spiritual mind. Only with the mind of the spirit can man comprehend the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God. Only with the mind of spirit when that which is supposed be evil is transmuted within the 'upper chamber', this being the highest point in man's brain, or consciousness; only there can be taken that true communion, or last supper, with the Redeemer, Christ the Lord of Earth and Heaven.

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And so the Lord is risen!

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