

The White Brotherhood

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Text: duplicated script with the title 'The White Brotherhood'; the number '9' has been added in pencil after. No other superficial markings.

Context: no details given of the service itself.

General notes: possibly by coincidence, the previous teaching (April 11th) used as its title a book title by Mabel Beatty, the phrase 'the White Brotherhood' very much describes a concept that she promoted in the book. White Eagle actually refers back to the previous address, so he may have been aware of the connection.

It is intriguing that in the middle of the address White Eagle speaks of the Rosicrucians here as a fourteenth- and fifteenth-century phenomenon. Records of the Rosicrucians originate in the second decade of the seventeenth century, but Rudolph Steiner, among others, was clear that their founder, Christian Rosenkreutz, had lived earlier, in the late middle ages, in a connecting incarnation. The Polaire group also, possibly, saw them as having this earlier manifestation.

The next paragraph refers to knights in search of the grail, which may imply King Arthur's knights but may be a much wider reference.

References: 'To whom much is given, much shall be expected', towards the end of the address, is a rendering of Luke 12 : 48

White Eagle's Address:

Our subject tonight is dear to our hearts, and perhaps for this reason we bring to each a wealth of love. We cannot express such love in words, but pray that each one will feel love's baptism. For as we speak of the White Brotherhood, there appears a great aura of light enfolding you all, so that we tell you in truth that the love of the White Brethren is yours, with you now, present in your daily life. Yours is the power to receive the spiritual light, the beauty and the wisdom, as free and open as the air you breathe. Those privileged to serve in the White Brotherhood long to bring to your consciousness this power. Brethren, there have always existed souls evolved beyond ordinary humanity who recognise each other instantly when they meet either on the physical or any other plane: souls of men, shall we say, who are perfected.

We spoke of man made perfect. We told you that this is the plan for every living soul, that at some time each man would become perfect. Some may regard this state as superhuman – so, if you will, these advanced brethren of ours (because they are your brothers) we will call supermen.

Do you realise what this means? *Your brothers* ... yet they have advanced beyond the limitations of man, have become initiates of the Great White Brotherhood of Spirit. Through such initiation their vehicles are opened to the glory of their King. Instead of being isolated individuals they are at one with all brethren, one vast company! – and you are their brethren!

Those of you who have personal sorrows, who have ambitions and longings for higher things, for greater powers of expression, greater understanding, clearer vision of spiritual truths – we

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say 'Beloved, take courage, for you are on the path towards conscious realisation of your kinship with the White Brotherhood'.

This is no new truth, no new-fangled idea we present; the White Brotherhood has existed since the beginning of life on your solar system. And when these great ones – no, I will not call them thus – these loving sons of God, loving brothers, are received into the glory of the Logos, they enter such a condition as you can barely realise. They pass onward, onward, Creators, Life-givers, outpouring to other worlds the same beauty and love which God gives to you.

As we look down the ages, we can see these advanced brothers – we sometimes say 'peaks of the human race', the peaks of humanity. No thinking man, no intellectualist – if he reads history – can fail to recognise that there have been these great dwellers amongst men who have contributed to humanity gifts of literature, science and of religion of priceless worth; and many today can be thankful to these their brethren of the Brotherhood for certain privileges, intellectual delights, or certain religious joys and fervours [*sic*]. In selfless service, by seeing truth, by following the light, they have discovered knowledge of benefit to their lesser brethren. When humanity advances further, it will discover that behind the veil of materialism there is a spiritual force, something outside man greater than himself, which is leading him and guiding him forward.

This power slowly but surely reveals to man's conscious mind the existence of brethren on the inner or invisible planes of life. Some think that the Great White Brotherhood is unapproachable by the ordinary individual. This is not true; man needs only true humility of spirit, true love in his heart for humanity, and he can then make his light seen by the White Brotherhood and can draw to himself some of their light and power. For the beloved Brethren have only one thought, that of SERVICE. They do not think of the individual only, and yet if they see in him potentialities for growth and service, he in turn has their care. The White Brotherhood knows only one truth ... Love. And as the Brotherhood pours forth its love upon life, upon all living things, so it serves the evolution of the whole. Thus however humble you are, if you hold that one-pointed view, if you see no greater thing than to so live that every thought and action sends out good, then worthily, by the very law, come you into closer companionship with the White Brotherhood.

May we speak of Secret Societies known to some? – of brethren called the Rosicrucians, not those prominent at the present time, but known in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, who worked in silence, behind the scenes (these facts are known to historians) who made strong contact with the reservoir of light and truth and power, who were working behind the veil of materialism although still in the physical body, to pour forth to humanity their truth.

There are also legends of knights, who, in search of the Holy Grail, were true brethren of the White Brotherhood. And of recent years, during the last half century, in preparation for the Second Coming, knowledge has been pouring through onto the outer planes of brethren behind many a religious and social movement – White Brothers at the head of each.

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You must learn to make contact for yourself, and so find the truth. Look down the ages. What does the world owe to such minds as Pythagoras, Shakespeare, Bacon? Or in the religious world we look back and acknowledge Christian Rosenkretz, or see the Master Jesus, used as a channel for a great outpouring of the World Teacher's love and compassion to humanity. So many we could name; men well known in religion, literature, science and art – men who have sacrificed themselves to help evolution forward. Such great souls die not, but grow in power and purity, and are with you today, some with still a physical body (because thus they can best serve humanity).

Always the first thought of the candidate entering the White Brotherhood is 'I live no longer for myself, but for Brotherhood' – of which there are members both incarnate and discarnate.

We do not mean that every Brother of this vast gathering has attained Mastership. Not so; but we mean that every member has qualified through life and service to become an initiate of the White Brotherhood. There are many possibly here who have been thus received. But not until you become a brother in spirit will you recognise your brother when you meet.

At present there is an especial outpouring of spiritual power upon humanity. Many on earth are stimulated by this force, are waking, beginning to realise the outer life as one of shams and uselessness, and that the only reality is that which comes from the spirit. This, beloved brethren, is the first step – the realisation of the outer and material life as unreal, the real life as being lived within. It matters not what happens to a man on the outer planes, but what is taking place in his heart and soul. Disappointments in business, in household affairs, in ambitions, matter little when you realise that there is a power behind all, directing mankind towards real growth and strength, towards the kingdom of heaven.

Beloved ones, from now on will you realise this, that it is not the outer life, but what you make of yourself, of your temper, or your character; how you react in irritability or in calm to outer things; this is the important thing. When once you look upon that other self which before became fevered, irritable, fearful, you will see that you were childish, and so grow in strength and poise. With growth, the influence of beauty and strength around draw closer, guiding you and putting into your mind – truth. It is for you to respond.

Choose then between the false and the true life, and you will have set your feet on the path. Then there will be drawn to you a brother – maybe in the form of a spirit or angelic guide, and you will be watched over and counselled. During your sleep you will no longer hover about two yards from your body, but be released from bondage and taken by your guide to Halls of Learning. Your instruction will remain deep in your consciousness, and will well up. Wisdom will begin to guide your daily routine, and your judgement of things affecting yourself and your brother.

Yes, not one is overlooked, not one! Whoever you are, you may at this very moment send forth an aspiration to serve; that aspiration will be seen, will create a soul-vibration in the ether which registers as light; and that which we call the ego within you will flare out like a star. You will immediately be given assistance.

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When a soul has walked the probationary path required, when proved, accepted and initiated by Him Who receives such souls into the White Brotherhood, the candidate will henceforth think only universally. He will no longer be 'I', 'I', but always 'We', and each will represent the honour and integrity of the whole Brotherhood.

From the general to the personal: concerning your little Brotherhood which you call the 'White Brotherhood', we tell you that in lesser degree the same work is being directed through you as through the Great White Brotherhood above. As the Brothers above are individually responsible to the whole Brotherhood, so in the little groups formed on earth, every soul which offers itself for service takes upon itself the honour of the whole. Each no longer acts alone, but has become one with the group. Will you bear that in mind?

In many parts of the world are small groups forming; there may be exception taken by those who do not understand to such people allying themselves with the White Brotherhood. The groups on earth have a grave responsibility. To whom much is given, much shall be expected. We speak with intention. Those present called through the voice in your heart to serve, remember your sacred obligation; and remember that through such groups will be poured the light. No matter whether the White Brother is called to work through political, religious, literary channels, he has one object – to enlighten humanity, to raise men to the light, to speed the great wheel of human evolution.

This close contact with the White Brotherhood comes periodically: each two thousand years there comes this speeding up of a world which may be getting heavy and slow on account of the forces of evil. The Brotherhood would keep the balance between good and evil – evil being recognised also as an evolutionary power, but it must not get out of hand. So the light streams through the Brotherhood above and through the humble brethren on earth to bring balance, to restore equilibrium. Were it not for the Light brought to bear, there would be complete chaos. Will you see to it that you as an individual are used as a channel to bring light on earth, to keep the equilibrium and to raise humanity?

And now peace.... Peace be upon you. A stream of power and blessing falls upon you from the White Brotherhood, who work now and always for the glory of God, the King.

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