

The Voice of Spirit

A011 Sunday Address 6th May 1934 Burstow Manor, Surrey Sunday Service

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Text: duplicated bound copy entitled 'The Voice of Spirit'. No contemporary markings.

Context: place given as Burstow; the date is a Sunday, and the assumption that this formed the centrepiece of a Sunday service seems reasonable. There is a Benediction as well as a farewell greeting.

General notes: the reference three-quarters of the way through to a Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost is unusual in White Eagle, for whom the Trinity is normally Father, Mother and Son or Wisdom, Love and Power. It may have been a concession to his audience, but there may be genuine intent too.

Historical notes: White Eagle refers at the start of his talk to Spiritualism, Christian Science and Theosophy, all widely known, but the reference to the Oxford Group much less well-known today, is interesting. Its American founder, Frank Buchman, believed that the root of all problems were the personal issues of fear and selfishness. His movement to overcome these problems brought him positive mention from two UK archbishops, Lang and Temple, and was the progenitor of both moral re-armament (MRA) and the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

White Eagle's Address:

Humanity craves wisdom, craves knowledge, craves food, not of this earth; it is food of the spirit which man longs for, and which he has sought for his many, many lives. In this day of life a great light descends into the spheres of the flesh and begins to permeate the mind of man. Modern Spiritualism is one of the communities which responds, but there are others too into which the light is breaking. All men are at different stages of development; more than this, men are differently equipped, for not all will respond to the message which Spiritualism proclaims. Each responds in his own individual way, some from the mental plane, from such schools of thought as Christian Science or Theosophy – again I speak of orthodox communities, and do not use those terms in the wider sense. Another great outpouring of spirit has instigated that modern movement which you call the Oxford Group.

And so, all the world over, dawns this light; still there remain greater heights to scale. You who have come into contact with spiritual healing, and with spiritualistic phenomena – you know that those touch only the surface of the Wisdom which lies deep within man's consciousness.

We would speak to you of a plane of spiritual life in which all participate. You live in a world both beautiful and ugly. Let us analyse these two aspects. Why does the world seem ugly, why seem its people ugly? Why is the world beautiful and why seem its people beautiful to you? When the Light Divine enters your heart, then the world becomes beautiful, and all ugliness disappears. You may feel sorrowful for those out of harmony on the outer plane of life, but nevertheless pierce through all physical manifestation to recognise a Divine Purpose, a Law at work, beautifying humanity by causing growth from the earth.

When we say earth, we do not mean merely the substance of the earth's surface, but matter of every form, matter which is full of vibration – we are going to say, matter which is conscious.

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That will perhaps be difficult for you to understand, but we repeat – ‘matter which is conscious’ which has consciousness and an earth which breathes – yes, the earth breathes – otherwise it would not continue to live. The earth breathes in God’s love, breathes out life... Man lives and has his being in his same Infinite Consciousness; therefore all physical matter is but a condition of consciousness. The inanimate is yet alive, for there is no such thing as death... Once get this thought fully into your being, once realise there is no death, that even physical matter vibrates with life, is breathing even as your physical body breathes, and you will enter the realm of spirit, for you will be reaching behind physical manifestation into the Infinite...

Raise your consciousness from the earth plane or the apparently inanimate to the spiritual plane which is God. Do not, however, separate God from matter. The consciousness of Divine Love permeates every atom, physical, etheric and spiritual. There is no separation; there cannot be separation. Therefore beloved, man cannot live unto himself; there is no such thing as splendid isolation. There may be the withdrawal from the outer manifestation to the inner, but the inner planes are as real – nay, more real than the outer, that which is called ‘physical life’.

How is man to become more aware of his life in the Infinite?

The life of man, owing to his breaking of the Law, is chaotic and becomes very complex to most people living on the earth plane. But we would have you raise your consciousness to the spiritual, a plane which is all harmony and love, and then immediately the doors of your consciousness open to universal truth. Have you not heard how man can, by sending forth thoughts of love, enter the heavenly life; how he can at once plug into the main power station, the main broadcasting station, and receive exactly his need?

Does your body need healing? Cast out resentment, cast out misunderstanding, hold no fear – buy only love. Thus can you contact the Christ Spirit and can be made perfect in Him. Are you sorrowful for a loved one who suffers? Remember beloved, that suffering is not God’s way but the result of chaos in the past, not necessarily in this day of life; thus when you see your loved one suffering, if you can put him or her in touch with the right thought, in touch with the Power House, you will have done all the healing that is required. Hold your loved one in the thought of peace and love and know that despite the suffering which seems so bad, there waits wonderful healing and restoring power in God’s love.

Does man believe in miracles? Nay, he believes not. Yea he believes! A paradox for you! Miracles are so called only because man does not understand the Law; once you understand the Law, which brings unfailingly perfect manifestation of God’s Love, and they cease to appear as miracles. Or if you yourself suffer – rejoice! Oh what a hard doctrine! Rejoice, for out of the bitterness of suffering comes greater understanding and progression. By suffering man must enter to fuller understanding and greater power and with the coming of that power will harmony be restored so that there will come a more perfect manifestation of the spiritual life from within.

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Raising of the consciousness is the secret of all spiritual manifestations. We don't speak of psychic phenomena – that is produced in a different way with which we will deal on some other occasion, but of spiritual manifestation due to the raising of the consciousness to planes of power.

You have heard, no doubt, the story in the Acts of the Apostles, which tells of the disciples speaking to the great multitudes in their own individual tongues. I do not know how many different tongues were spoken – nay, but there were no different tongues spoken. Another paradox! This story instances what I am trying to tell you, and shows how that great company had their consciousness raised to spiritual planes of being whereon they could hear and understand the language of the spirit. There is another interpretation, I know; it is said that the disciples were controlled by different spirits, different guides and the guides spoke in their native tongues, so that all present heard their own tongue. We suggest to you that there must have been a great confusion, a babble of tongues; how could the message be received, a message so great, so pure in its spiritual purport – how could it be received and understood in the midst of such chaos?

If we interpret the story with spiritual understanding, and recognise that the Holy Spirit descended upon the multitude and raised them in consciousness, so that in spite of the great crowds there was silence of spirit, so that all heard. The voice of the Spirit needs no words. You ask how we communicate in the planes of spirit? We need no language, for there is only one language in Spirit. We know, we understand... Love is the only language we speak. Only one language has brought to the student of your day the Wisdom of the Ancients. They interpret not the language of Egypt, Chaldea, China or America – no one of these, but the language of the spirit of man. You possess records of a far, far past, written on stones found through the world, a language which tells of the Fatherhood of God, of the Nameless One; of the Point within the Circle; of the Triangle, which symbolises the three aspects of Deity, the Wisdom, Love and Power of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost.

This again finds expression in the symbolism of the Cross within the Circle, one of the oldest, nay, the oldest symbol, coming down to you from a far off age; Man, with his head in the heavens, his feet upon the earth, his hands outstretched in service; man within God, within the Universal; and also the universe divided into the four great elements, earth, air, fire and water. All working in harmony creating, bringing forth and manifesting on the outer planes of being.

So we could go on. Man has no need for speech. You do not need to talk to your loved one; you can remain quiet and still for long periods, yet each know what the other has been thinking. The language of love... in that condition there is not time, no space, for all is there when love alone envelops you.

By the raising of His consciousness to the Infinite, Christ fed the 5,000 with three loaves and five fishes; with the raising of His consciousness to the Divine, He created wine from water. Thus also he healed the sick, restored sight to the blind and raised the sleeping to life...

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Life eternal is life realised in the spiritual spheres; life eternal may be here for you, now, and remain forever. Life eternal is the awakening of the consciousness to the all-pervading Spirit of God. When you pass on to the next plane of life, you may be just as limited in your vision as on this; but here, here you may be striving and seeking, become absolutely free ... free! You may become conscious of cosmic laws, and touch that condition of consciousness where there is no death, where all is life, and know all the past, all the future, all the present; and every soul whom you have ever known loved is with you.

May the Voice of the Spirit speak unto you and lead you on the pathway to God...

Benediction:

Beloved Father God; we desire to be with Thee, to love and serve our brother. May greater understanding be ours, greater desire to love; and so may Thy peace fold us to Thy heart. Hold us, O God, for evermore....

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