

The Open Door

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The text of this address is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors

Text: from *Angelus*, June 1947, where it carries the date of 4 March that year.

Context: the connection with the book *THE OPEN DOOR* (which White Eagle actually points out) will have been inescapable to those who attended this service unless they were absolute newcomers.

General Notes: an address focusing on the history of Spiritualism but with an aside touching on the right forms education might take. The key to the whole is the assertion, three quarters of the way through, that 'the open door is here, in your heart'. But this is another address in which White Eagle speaks in detail of the 'Star Circle' or 'Christ Circle' and that is the climax of the whole: living with the Christ Circle as our goal.

Some touches of editing are visible: for instance, it feels unlikely that White Eagle ever used the phrase 'As already said' with which one of the paragraphs opens. This sounds very like the voice of an editor.

References: Minesta's book *THE OPEN DOOR* had been published in the previous November. The Hydesville knockings, referred to in the paragraph beginning 'It is nearly a century', began in 1848 (remarkably close to a century before) in the place of that name in New York state and are generally considered the beginning event of the Spiritualist movement. The similar phenomenon in this country to which White Eagle refers has so far not been identified. The story of the man with the waterpot leading the disciples in Jerusalem is to be found from Luke 22 : 10 onwards. White Eagle speaks at the end of the May full moon and of the Buddhist Wesak festival being celebrated on that day. The full moon actually fell on the night following this address. For an earlier address describing the Star Circle in some detail, see that of 9 March 1947, two months before this one.

White Eagle's Address:

We have chosen to speak tonight on the subject of the Open Door. The human instrument through whom we speak may think that this is the title she used for a book, but we will let you into a secret. It was first chosen by the brothers in spirit. We would have you realise that you are all apt to adopt the thoughts or the ideas and act upon impulses which come from the world of spirit. For there are many in the spirit world whose work it is, whose opportunity it is, to come back and to inspire man to give true service to the earth people. The soul whose mission it is to inspire has often chosen that particular work because he or she has to learn the lesson of humility and surrender to the divine power. So inspiration flows through to you from the world of spirit, but those in the spirit world responsible often do not receive recognition by man for their work behind the scenes. There are not many men who would thus surrender all recognition of their work to another, but this is one of the lessons which the human soul has to learn.

My brethren, listen carefully to what we have to say. Life in the flesh is not easy for any soul, and certainly not easy for souls who have to accept disappointment and frustration. It would seem that for some people the whole of life on earth is but a series of the latter. The lesson these would teach must be looked for. This world, this physical plane, is a school for the soul; and frustration and disappointment constitute some of the hardest lessons which have to be learned. Ultimately the soul, which sometimes appears almost crushed, sees at the end of the journey the vision beautiful, goes forward into a life of complete joy and satisfaction because it has at last learned the meaning of acceptance of the wisdom of God. With this acceptance

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there breaks upon the soul divine love, divine light and the true vision of the life to which it is advancing.

Those of you who are suffering from disappointment, remember that earthly disappointments are heavenly appointments. We ourselves feel so much love for you all that we at times are too hasty, wanting to help you forward perhaps more quickly than you are prepared to go. Oh yes, a spirit is not perfect even though the body is shed; for when the spirit again comes into contact with the flesh and material conditions, that spirit cannot help taking on some weakness once more. Nevertheless, it is the will of the divine Father–Mother God, the Great White Spirit, that those who have passed onward should come back to contact those left behind. Were this not so, there would be no records of the ages showing that people of the earth have always received visitors from the worlds beyond.

It is nearly a century since knockings were heard in a country house in America. Similar knockings were also heard in a country parsonage in this country, but the people over here thought they were the dark ones. Across the water however, the children who listened did not think about the knockings coming from an evil source, feeling pity in their hearts. Their intuition told them that there was someone wishing to talk to them – in other words, the spirit world was knocking upon the material or the physical life because the spirit wanted to communicate with it. Such knockings have continued throughout the century which has since passed. Spirits have been forced to use material means to make themselves heard by people living in the flesh, but these manifestations are only stepping-stones.

We tell you in all urgency and sincerity that the world has now received sufficient evidence to convince it of the conscious personal afterlife which awaits the soul of man. We have come to an age when another sense has to be developed. For many centuries, shall we say for a period that we will call the Dark Ages, mankind has been concerned largely with developing his physical senses and his mental equipment. Both the physical and the mental senses have been deterrents to the development of intuition. Now that the Aquarian Age is opening up, the time has come for this sixth sense of intuition to awake. When it is fully developed in man a grand and glorious time for the earth people will come. Then the veil will be drawn aside in the temple and man will be able to glimpse the Holy of Holies.

We are speaking of the development of the sixth sense in the masses, which will and should even now be commencing in the children. In the future the education of the child will be so presented that it will enable the child to unfold its sixth sense. Instead of having its mind crammed with facts it will open its spiritual cognisance and receive knowledge of universal truth from a universal source.

You live on earth as in a closed dark room. You all know this is true. You feel it. You want to believe, you want to be sure that there is a world of spirit. In spite of the evidence which has come through you are not wholly convinced – not if you are honest with yourselves – not all of you are wholly convinced that a life exists apart from this physical life, at least not a personal life. We are now speaking, my friends, of the world into which the soul enters immediately it leaves its physical body and where it remains for a period until the urge comes once again for the reincarnation of the soul. At the present time you must depend upon those people who are called mediums, who serve as a bridge between this world and the next and

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also upon what you hear coming through the powers of the medium. However convincing the evidence may appear to you at the time you receive it, eventually it tends to fade into obscurity. You cannot always remember. Afterwards you go through periods of doubt and wonder if after all there can be a world of spirit to which your loved ones have gone and in which you hope to join them in the future.

As already said, life in the physical body is like living in a darkened room. You believe, you have faith, and you hope, but at times you are not always certain. Let us review this situation. Does this mean that evidence which seemed so very sure and convincing at one time has afterwards no value? No, but it does mean that you yourself at times of doubt have receded from your contract with the world of spirit. As we have told you, there is a vast accumulation of evidence – not only evidence of a psychic nature, not the evidence to be found in the files of the psychical research societies – but evidence which has accrued throughout the ages from the lives of the saints and the seers and the spiritual saviours of mankind. This evidence is living and eternal; and it is revelation of this nature that you yourselves have to learn to receive through your sixth sense.

My beloved ones, when you learn to open the closed windows of that little box in which you are imprisoned – even whilst you have to live in it – you will look out upon a glorious vista, a world of beauty such as you can hardly conceive. You will see souls living in a state of harmony, see for yourselves the joy on their faces and the light shining from their raiment. You will have no longer fear of sickness or of death. Although many untrue stories are told about the experiences of those who die, we say to you, my children, if you centre your whole heart, your whole being upon the love and the grace of the great White Spirit; if you remain confident and at peace you will pass from the small closed room through the open door into a world of infinite loveliness and joy. The open door, my children, is here in your heart. It is within yourselves. Do not seek for evidence of this infinite truth outside yourselves. Seek for it through the open door which is in your heart. God has placed that door within your own organism, in the heart centre of your soul.

The spirit visitors still come to you, and they knock. A century ago they knocked on the wall of a room. They will not much longer knock on physical matter, but upon soul matter, upon the door within your soul; and it is for you, for all men and women to open their spiritual consciousness and welcome those visitors from the realms of light. Let truth shine from your own heart. Let it shine like a beam. Then that door will easily open and the visitants will more easily descend down the pathway of light which you have directed to them, and hold communion spirit with spirit, heart with heart. Then you will feel a certainty about that life beyond the grave which nothing can take from you. You will know that everything which you endure in this world, all the experiences which are unpleasant, are yet worthwhile; all for a purpose. Men and women, particularly in your country, do not mind what they endure if they know that their endurance and their suffering is achieving some object. It is well worthwhile keeping on keeping on. We who come from the outer world of spirit, and who meet you on that plane of intuition, tell you that there is this life of light and opportunity for expansion, for happiness, for all the things which your soul longs for. But you have to work your way through certain mental and desire planes before you can reach your goal.

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May we hold you a little longer to speak of those illumined souls who have passed even higher into what is known to us as the Christ Circle or the Star Circle. These also are only waiting until the world will receive them. Then they can come very close to help men and women in this change of heart, this change of outlook, which is the opening of the door into a radiant and glorious world: not only in higher spheres but here also. It is true that the earth has made a great advance towards beauty and harmony during the past great cycle of life, which is roughly 25,000 years. Those of you who fear that the new age of Aquarius being a mental age will bring great ills to the world should remember that this also brings a great spiritual outpouring. Remember the man carrying the waterpot. Jesus said to his disciples, 'Follow that man and he will lead you to the upper room of the inn, and there make ready for the divine communion'. The man with a waterpot is the symbol of Aquarius. So do not think that the new age will be that of the mind unbalanced by the waters of the spirit. There is to be an outpouring of spiritual power and spiritual sustenance, together with development of mental state. When you get the combination of the two you get divine intelligence. Then mankind will be able to comprehend universal truth. Then he will be able to throw wide open the door of his heart and of his mind to those visitors from the Christ Circle, the Star Circle.

At the full moon in May a grand spiritual ceremony is held close to the earth. A thin veil separates it. We are speaking of the Wesak Festival. To this festival you may go, as may all who are ready to receive the outpouring of the great world teacher, the Christ, and the blessing of the Master of wisdom and peace, the great Lord Buddha. They may leave their bodies asleep and travel to the inner planes to be present, and to receive into their auras, their souls, something of the radiance and truth of the Master's love. Each year when this ceremony is held, a little more light penetrates the consciousness of those who follow the path of light. They are raised in understanding and in consciousness of these worlds of spirit, they are developing that sixth sense which will in time become so acute and so sensitive that in an instant it will receive a message from the divine inspirer, from the beloved companion, husband, wife, brother or sister or child who, having passed away from the flesh, lives in this world of spiritual beauty. Having opened wide the door, the message will come with absolute truth and certainty. Then death and all the darkness and ignorance surrounding death will be no more; the sting of death will be wiped away and the grave no longer hold victory over the living; for *all* will be living and all will be as one grand family of the Father–Mother–Son. The Father–Mother God in the heavens will be united with the child on earth, the son–daughter of the spirit. Then there will be that perfect six-pointed star, the triangle of the Trinity pointing down, interpenetrating physical life, physical matter; the three points of the human life – body, soul, and spirit – perfectly interpenetrated by the holy Three, symbol of the Christ, the perfected Man–Woman, Son–Daughter of the blessed Father–Mother God.

May you all become more and more conscious of your goal, the Christ Circle on earth and in the heavens. This is your destiny. This is the destiny of every child of God, of every soul who wills to tread the path of eternal progression and eternal light and love and truth.

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