

“Behold, I make all Things New”

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Context: the reference in the first sentence, ‘Behold, I make all things new!’ suggests that the reading was from Revelation, chapter 21. White Eagle refers back to the Christmas service, which had taken place on 21st December.

General Notes: the address is unusual in mentioning Franklin D. Roosevelt by name, albeit for the reason that he had called his people to a day of prayer.

References: ‘Behold, I make all things new!’, somewhat of a chorus in this address, is Revelation 21 : 5.

White Eagle’s Address:

It is the New Year, and we have heard these words read out to us: ‘*Behold, I make all things new!*’ These words draw a beautiful picture of what will come to the world when the Spirit of the Sun shines upon men; when man opens his heart like the rosebud opens to the sunshine. This, my beloved brethren, is the sole purpose of human creation – that man may learn the purpose of His life, by opening his consciousness, his mind and his heart to the warmth and the power of the Sun.

At our last service, we celebrated the Christ-Mass and spoke of the ancient meaning of this festival of the Christ. We endeavoured to draw aside the curtain of materiality and reveal behind it the Son of the living God. In other words, we tried to show that behind the personality of Him Whom you worship as Jesus Christ, was this radiance of the spiritual sun – a glory which the ancients worshipped.

Modern thought does not recognise the spiritual aspect of the Sun and so concludes that the ancients were pagans and savages. Yet the visible sun gave physical life and health, and provided food for the sustenance of their bodies. But the true sun-worshippers taught not merely worship of the physical sun. Neither does the true Christian worship the personality of Jesus, but the Son of God which shone forth through that personality. The spiritual life force, the spiritual Sun, comes to humanity to make all things new. This spiritual Sun causes the spirit in man to grow in stature when it leaves earth and passes onward to the spiritual realms. And unless a man has received into his being this sustenance of the spirit – or the Sun Light of God – when he enters the next life, he is blind and deaf and dumb. In other words, he lacks power within himself to see the glory of the spiritual realms or hear their harmony and beauty; nor has he the power to communicate with others in that spirit world, albeit they are ready to communicate with him. Because, you see, he has no light in himself.

Understand this: this light of which we speak depends not upon a man's beliefs, not upon the creed or church he adheres to, not upon the books he has read, but upon the power within his soul to give forth human love, human truth and human beauty. By this we mean that warmth of heart which goes out to any soul finding life's pathway troubled and difficult. Such

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spontaneous goodwill and kindness of spirit is the true sunlight, the spiritual light behind the sun which we see in the sky.

The Wisdom of the Ancients was handed down from generation to generation. They possessed secret methods which enabled them to receive conscious benefit from this spiritual sun. Once secret – this is no secret, as many of you know it – was this. They learnt to stand as men, as true builders or masons, with heels together at a correct angle, with spine straight and faces to the rising sun at dawn. Thus they received the life-forces from the sun; they breathed in not only the air, the oxygen, but this true life-force which streams from the sun – breathed it into the solar plexus and heart and head centres. They were filled. This life-force is not denied to any man today. If you practise this *breathing*, keeping the spine erect, you would find your eyes shining and your heart filled with joy; and you would banish all so-called disease and lack of harmony between your higher bodies and the physical body.

Behold, I make all things new! The foundation of that statement rests in the invisible life-force, the spiritual power which mankind must learn to absorb into his being and give it forth again. By its very nature he cannot retain it for himself.

Physical sunlight gives colour and perfume and beauty of form to all nature. Each springtime it makes all things new. The ancients held the festival of Christ Mass in preparation for the coming of the spring, for when they knew that the physical sun turned back again to the northern hemisphere bringing fresh life, growth and form. Behold, I, the sun, make all things new.

This is a very practical lesson which we are taking today.

At Christmas a call was put through the man whom you know as Franklin Roosevelt. He is but an instrument, a telephone; his heart is attuned to the great White Light, the sunlight; he has the will to serve humanity, according to his light given to his heart; he is attuned to certain spiritual forces of the great White Brotherhood, and so called his people to a Day of Prayer.

Many persons are not impressed by the power of prayer. Such people have a lot to learn. Prayer is the dynamic force in creation. Without true prayer, the sending forth from the creative heart of man of the force of light for the good, for the reconstruction, for the progress of human life, what you call civilisation would disintegrate and disappear.

Prayer is an instrument which you can use more effectively than any machinery. You will wonder why we say these things. We will explain.

Even the factory depends upon the spirit of its workers – every service in your country depends upon the *spirit behind* the service. All life is dependent upon the spirit in man. If the spirit or the life-force is withdrawn, the factory's output ceases. Therefore recognise the

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importance of putting forth into life not the spirit of anti-Christ, but of Christ, of which we have received understanding – the spirit of Christ which will make all things new on earth.

This is a simple thing. Put into operation this spirit of thoroughness, of goodwill towards life, towards your work, towards all human relationships. What is your world suffering from today? Lack of this dynamic, this Christ force. Had this spirit of Christ guided and inspired the nations in the past, there would have been no neglect, no slothfulness in duty. Cannot you see the grave importance of this spirit force being brought into operation in every department of life on earth?

Do we expect too much? We bear in mind that certain souls are lower in evolution than others. There is no soul so young that it cannot respond to its conscience, which will guide it to put forth its best and finest effort. Even a child at school knows perfectly that inner voice which says, ‘I ought to be doing my best. If I ask, God will help me to work out this lesson’. If you try to obey that inner voice you can be certain that God will add the little more to your best, because His angels are around you, waiting. And if the human conscience and the national conscience would obey the voice of God, the voice of justice and goodwill – behold! I, the spirit of the Son of God, will make all things new!

Every man must learn to follow his own conscience truly. The universal Light, his own true religion, will inspire him to effort, to service. That Light will make him ashamed to do or say or think anything which is the negation of God.

Will you commence the New with this resolution? But perhaps you never make resolutions? Well, resolutions help to discipline the soul and they are good. If you fail, if you fall down on your resolution, do not think, ‘it is no good’. You must pick yourself up again and by the will of the conscience within discipline yourself to follow and abide by your resolve. Let this be your resolution: *That every day, and many times in the day, in your work, in your social, in your religious relationships, at school and office and in any one of the Services, LET THE LIGHT IN YOUR HEART BE YOUR GUIDING STAR AND URGE YOU TO GIVE YOUR BEST.* More than this, hold fast in your innermost heart the realisation that the light of your life is the Christ Light: you should project this light by an effort of your will. Certain key men and women are at present raised up, others will be thus raised; when you recognise an instrument of the light, help all you can; think of them daily many times as being an instrument of God and see the great White Light guiding and inspiring their service to humanity. This is the spirit which can and will be used in reorganisation and the reconstruction of the New Age. The Age of Brotherhood ... co-operation, good will. ... the age of achievement, not of mechanical and material success alone, but of the renewal of spiritual life in all mankind.

May hostilities cease and peace and goodwill bless you all ... *this year.* Amen.

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