

# The Great Comforter

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*Text:* typescript by uncertain typist; the script is a pale carbon, marked also 'London cassette 3.6.79'. A shortened script, maybe for *Stella Polaris*, must also exist for the version originally typed for this project has had to be augmented and editorial alteration removed. There is also a top copy heavily annotated with what appear to be the edits made for print. The address was printed in *Stella Polaris*, June-July 1971, under the heading 'The Great Comforter' although a pencil note in YGH's hand upon both scripts simply says 'The Comforter'. Maybe title was augmented to distinguish it from a much earlier address called 'The Comforter' (A036, given in May 1936).

*Context:* White Eagle speaks of the day being 'this glorious Whit Sunday', perhaps implying that the weather conditions were particularly beautiful. He might, of course, have simply meant that it was glorious because it was Whit Sunday. As is usual with New Lands scripts, there is no record in the typescript of any of the other components of the service.

*General notes:* a very powerful teaching, with an extraordinary communion at the end. Unusually, White Eagle's theme is not so much the traditional Whitsun message of the coming of the Holy Spirit but more about death and transition (hence the theme of the Comforter, which he frequently sees in this context more than in the context of the universal Spirit). However, his point is that when we are *in extremis* we have the spiritual revelation we seek. The invocation is one of those occasions when White Eagle sought to present himself for service – 'We await Thy commands'. Then, turning to the congregation, he is keen to bring them 'together into the one Spirit'. During the talk, White Eagle makes a statement about how spiritual realisation can make each of us a 'man of peace' – it's not a concept widely seen in this teaching. Jesus, he says, was one example of a man of peace. There is a powerful and helpful message about why spiritual healing does not always present death, and about the perfect timing of the moment of death. At this stage, and White Eagle comments on this, the address feels like a talk to healers.

*References:* from the start, White Eagle indicates that he will be speaking not only of the gathering of the disciples at Pentecost, but also from John 14, which is the head source for the notion of the Comforter. This is not the only place where White Eagle speaks of 'Peace be with you' as the greeting of the Brotherhood; we have commented elsewhere that this was the greeting Jesus himself gave three times when he appeared after the Resurrection. 'Become as a little child' is Matthew 18 : 3.

## White Eagle's Address:

O Gracious Spirit, we await Thy commands. May every heart in this congregation be opened to receive Thy blessing and [may] the blessing of the Holy Spirit shine in their midst. Amen.

And to you, our dear brethren on the earth plane of life, we bring you this message: *peace be unto you*. This was the greeting which the White Ancient Brethren gave whenever they met each other, and so we bring it to you. We bring peace to your hearts and minds. We would draw you all together into the one Spirit as the disciples of the living God; the *living* God – not a God that is of the past, a God of words, but a *living* God; and this is the purport of our message to men on earth. It is a message of the *living* God which all men will receive and comprehend.

As Jesus visited the disciples who were gathered together in Jerusalem two thousand, nearly two thousand years ago, so he visits you today on this glorious Whit Sunday, a day of the great White Light. He spoke to his disciples of the Comforter whom he would send to them when he had been withdrawn from their physical sight. Now, many of you have experienced the truth of this message, for it is when the soul is left bereft of a loved one that it is raised above the conditions of mortal life. The soul on earth longs for contact with the one which

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has gone from the physical tabernacle and, because of this urgent need for a spiritual Comforter, the man or woman is raised in consciousness above all earthly things, and he finds himself (or she finds herself) alone and in the stillness; and a great love wells up in the human heart; a simple, human love. And this is the magnet which attracts the great light of heaven – and the light in the soul of that one who is bereft breaks forth, so that the mind and the brain is illuminated; the Comforter enters that heart.

This miracle, earthly people would call it, this miracle happens to mankind when it is in great sorrow, when it is confused and anxious. Then, suddenly, the cry rises from the heart, ‘O God, help me!’ It is instinctive, a natural cry of the human soul to its Creator, to that Infinite and Glorious Power, and the cry of the human heart is always heard by the Creator, the heavenly Father–Mother God; and because that human heart has opened itself in humility and trust, the light flows into it and it is raised up into that heavenly world.

We know, my dear earthly brethren, that your life can be very hard and confused at times, but this is the test which is given to you. You think at the time of your trouble, of your anxiety or your grief, you think that you can never believe that there is a power outside yourself, you cannot believe that there is an all-wise, all-seeing Heavenly Father, and you remember the words of Jesus the Christ – we will say Jesus the Christed One, because he *became* a Christed One – and his words, so simple and so dear, ‘Unless ye become as a little child, ye can in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven.’ And now in your modern age the confusion about a God, the confusion about a spiritual power, is very great. We will not say greater than ever before, because until the man or a woman can become as a little child and raise its consciousness to those heavenly spheres, that individual is always in a state of fear and doubt: fear, which is man’s greatest enemy.

Cast out fear, but you can only cast out fear when you have felt the power of love – when you have felt, when you have seen the miracle of the arisen Christ, of the living God, manifesting in all forms of life, in your brethren of the animal kingdom, in your brethren of the nature kingdom, and also in the mineral kingdom. Now when a man can see this Living God in all creation, then he becomes at one with all life. He becomes a man of peace. This does not mean that he lives without effort; for a man of peace has earned by self-discipline that spirit of tranquillity and of strength within his soul. Jesus Christ was a man of peace, and for you of the Piscean age and the Aquarian age which is advancing, or to which you are all advancing, the man of peace, manifesting so that you can understand the quality of this individual, is the Lord Jesus the Christ.

Now today many have been disillusioned by orthodox Christianity; but they are not disillusioned about this urge which is growing within them, this urge for knowledge and for light, and many of them are turning to occult knowledge, which of course means inner knowledge, knowledge of the inner world, the spirit world. They are turning to the occult sciences and there of course they will learn certain things, but they can also be misled and confused if they are not seeking in the right way for this light. Many men today are searching for this invisible power in the medical world. Many medical men are now realising from experience that there is an unknown quantity, an invisible power in man and in the elements, which can be used to heal the sick. But in this healing work we would remind our brethren here that all that is taking place is only by the divine Will, the divine Law.

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Some people become disillusioned about spiritual healing because their friend, in spite of all the effort of the healers, their friend leaves them, leaves the physical body. Why should people leave the physical body by the means of the death of that body? No, my friends; a soul at the present time has not reached that level of complete mastery over the physical body so that it can pass death by. But Jesus taught his disciples, indeed he is teaching you, teaching and all men today, that there *is* a way, there is a path which you can follow which will eventually give you command over the physical atoms, so that death, as it is known now, will not be the same in future days.

And remember also that if your friend is taken from you – remember what we say – the inner soul of man knows the day and the time, the hour, when it has to leave this physical body. Now this may be unconscious thought, but the hour of passing cannot be altered by man, but only by the Law of God. We mean by this that however much you try to heal a patient, it may not be the divine will for that the patient to be healed; and that patient may know in its own soul the day of its release from the imprisonment of the flesh has come. When this happens, you must send it forth with your love and blessing into that larger life, that happier life and that freer life. You must do this. But if, on the other hand, the karma of that patient has given it the opportunity of complete recovery and healing, then that patient will, must, be healed.

We say these things because we know that here in this assembly there are many of you who are healers, many of you who are disappointed some time when all your healing work seems to be of no avail. If the dense physical body is not healed, because the karma of the individual does not permit it, [then] the soul body or the etheric body is undoubtedly, unquestionably, healed and carried through the limiting lower astral spheres right onward into the glorious, heavenly world of peace and beauty and love.

Remember these things we tell you today, because if you can give yourselves unto the undoubted power of that invisible light, and that divine fire, you yourselves will grow stronger and stronger in soul. You will have no fears or doubts. You will become as a little child and you will say earnestly, ‘Thy will, O God, not mine. Thou knowest, because Thou art all love and wisdom, and Thine is the glory, for ever and ever’.

And now, my children, let us withdraw from the world of matter and enter the temple of the living God, of the spirit, the spirit. Forget all earthly form and enter with us into the white Temple of pure spirit, before the blazing, golden altar. And he who is the Son of God, he who is all light and love, descends into our midst. ‘Lo, I bring you heavenly gifts, refreshment for your mind, your body and your spirit.’ His glorious presence is clothed in golden light, clothed in the light of the spiritual Sun. You know his personality. You know that he is gentle and meek and full of love. This is truth, and as he stands by that golden altar, which you must see with the power of your own imagery; create the image. All form is created by the power of thought. Create the image by your own thought power, and see him offer you on the golden disc the heavenly bread. See the symbol of the golden wheat. This is your food; this is your food, given to you by our heavenly parent, the food which grows on the land of earth. This is man’s bread, and we bless the growing corn. He will be receiving into his soul the real bread of life, both physical and spiritual. And the Master now hands you the wine, the goblet of golden wine, and bids you to sip, for this is the symbol of his divine spirit and love, the

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essence of his love. Sip, and feel his power, his love pouring through your being, for by this method you are purified, cleansed, from all the entanglements of the spirit.

And now this whole chapel is ringing with the music of the angels, and the great power of the spirit is poured forth upon each one of you, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the gift of Whitsuntide. And each one, being filled with this power, this love, will feel comforted, will enter into the fullest knowledge that God is with them forever, and God has given His angels charge over each one of you.

And it is not enough for you to know with your mind of the universal life of the Creator, but you must find your Creator in human form, in all forms of life ... life, life on your earth planet. And man will do it, for humanity is a great humanity, although you doubt [it] so much at times, but we tell you that earth's humanity will become filled with light and the whole planet will radiate light, and you will become truly the salvation of the system, of the life system, of your solar system. Now we make big statements, but you yourselves must grow to understand our message, for it is only through man's everyday thought and steadfast following of that blazing Star of Christ that salvation and illumination will come.

May the Great White Spirit bless each one of you, comfort you and bring into your hearts that eternal peace. Amen. Amen. Amen.

We leave you with the sign, the ancient sign of the Great White Brotherhood.

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