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*Text*: one of MB's beautifully presented scripts, albeit a carbon copy. The reading is given at the top along with the date, but no title. In addition GMH has set out 'W.E.'s Address : 3 May 1953' across the top. The title has been created for the present project.

*Context*: the full moon with the Sun in Taurus in 1953 fell on 29 April, so this could be regarded as a Wesak address (in modern Buddhism Wesak would be celebrated at the May full moon not the Taurus one, and thus at the end of the month, but White Eagle and his Lodge have always adhered to the Taurus date. Wesak is not mentioned, however, but the end of the address refers to a time of spiritual outpouring. This will be the period of Ascension and Whitsun, culminating in the Christ Festival (the full moon with the Sun in Gemini). This is a time of abundance in nature, and seems connected with Wesak in its very abundance – and in the peace to be found within that abundance. In some respects this address prepares for the Christ Festival, which in 1953 would have fallen on 28 May. But it also, of course, prepares for the time of the Coronation, which is referred to directly in previous addresses in January and March.

The reading is given on the script as being from John 15, but a blank was left to add the verses later and it has not been filled in. This is frustrating, because White Eagle refers to it as 'one of the finest passages ... in the New Testament' and 'the core of all religious truth'. Verse 1 is the familiar statement 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman' and it seems highly likely the reading began there. There are 27 verses to John 15, so it is unlikely the whole chapter was read. White Eagle does not seem particularly to refer to it after those remarks about its quality. Two other statements of Jesus stand out from the chapter: 'This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you' (12) and another injunction to brotherhood, 'Henceforth I call you not servants ... but I have called you friends' (25). It might well be that this middle section is the one that White Eagle regards as 'the core of all religious truth'.

*General Notes*: White Eagle interestingly speaks of the universality of spiritual truth: 'It is the same truth which was given by Osiris, by all the ancient teachers, Hermes, by the Atlantean Men of God, by all the saints, shall we say of all the Illuminati throughout the ages; the same truth.' As always, White Eagle's use of 'the Illuminati' must not get confused with those whom modern conspiracy theories, after White Eagle's time, have demonised. The main thrust of the address, though, is an urging of each individual to open the imagination to the real, enthroned presence of the Cosmic Christ, or the spiritual Sun, in the heavens. As such it is perhaps White Eagle's definitive vision of human embrace of the Cosmic Christ. Towards the end there is a very lovely evocation of the need to be simple and pure in heart in order to recognise a Master. The final part of the address is almost entirely about the Lord's Prayer.

*References*: 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see their God' is from the Beatitudes: Matthew 5 : 8. The text of the Lord's Prayer is from the latter part of the Sermon on the Mount: see Matthew 6 : 9-13 and Luke 11 : 2-4.

#### White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren – for you are all brethren – all one of the same spirit. You can feel this on certain occasions but not always. You feel you are in harmony, at one, and then you go into the world, and you receive the impact of thoughts, vibrations which are harsh – perhaps you might call them crude – and you are hurt. And this impact stirs within you antagonism, resentment. You feel hurt and out of tune. Yet every man and woman has within the same spark of divinity; and the longing of every soul, whether the soul is young or old spiritually, the longing of every soul is to know God. To know that there is a power, an omnipotence, an

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omniscience. A God that is all wise and a God that is ever present; an omnipresence. And this realisation can only be attained when the man or woman or the soul can shut out all the earth's entanglements, all the inharmonies of the outer material life.

We believe we are correct in saying that one of your artists on earth painted a picture depicting the aspiration of man towards the Omnipotent, Omniscient, the Omnipresent. Many of you know that picture. It is of the man standing with arms outstretched, looking up into the starry sky. He stands upon desert land, indicating that the world is a desert spiritually, and man has to look up into the sky to realise the all-enfolding love of the ever present, all wise Creator – that power which is unknowable by the mind of man. It is impossible for the mind to comprehend the glory of its Creator.

Our message to the world, our message to you, dear brethren, is not intended to be highly intellectual. It is intended to be simple. The message we bring is to your better self, your noble, beautiful self – and you can only comprehend it in your heart. You can feel, if you are sensitive to spirit and to spiritual things, you can feel an unearthly power flow into you, into your heart. You feel with your heart; you think with your mind. Do not misunderstand. The mind, or the intellect, has been given to man by God for a purpose. Man needs his intellect to interpret, in earthly language, cosmic truth. But remember, dear brethren, that the intellect is limited. It is limited by earthly conditions, by the brain, by character. A man may have a fine intellect but if he has not developed a character, the necessary character, he cannot understand the truths of God.

Yes, we have heard it said that the teaching which is coming through into the White Eagle Lodge is too simple. Now when we heard that, we rejoiced, for it is exactly what we are aiming at. There are many schools of religious thought established on earth. Some are very intellectual and, in their intellectuality, they are confusing. The poor little mind cannot comprehend the spiritual truth or the essence which lies beneath all words. Do not be misled, dear brethren, by long words and sentences and a complicated design of the heavens or of man. Seek ye simplicity. Seek truth in simple language and in pure hearts. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see their God.'

The beloved Jesus, the Christ, the greatest manifestation of the light through human form, was very simple in his exposition of a mighty truth. He used very ordinary simple illustrations: ears of corn, birds, animals and children, the sunshine, the beauties of the earth and of the skies. He conveyed to humanity the truth. He spoke with authority but His teaching has lasted on your earth for two thousand years. It is the same truth which was given by Osiris, by all the ancient teachers, Hermes, by the Atlantean Men of God, by all the saints, shall we say of all the Illuminati throughout the ages; the same truth. Any teaching on your earth, if it deviates from that simple Christian teaching, has lost its way.

You have listened tonight to we can hardly say the finest passage in the New Testament, but certainly one of the finest passages and, in the words you have heard tonight, you had the seed, the core of all religious truth. It is in the words of the ancients and certainly of ancient freemasons. It is the dot within the circle. And if men seek that centre, that dot within the

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circle, they cannot err. Have we made this very clear to you? Get an impression in your earthly brain of a circle with the dot in the centre that is you, that represents man as well as God. It is the ancient symbol for the Sun. What is the Sun? The Sun gives life and warmth and it gives you spirit. For the ancient belief is that behind that physical sun which you see in the heavens is that spiritual radiation, that spiritual life force. Now it is this spiritual life force which comes down to earth. It draws the corn, the grass. It causes the grass to grow. It causes your food to grow. It brings down soft rain from the clouds. It feeds you. It clothes you, and it quenches your thirst physically. But that is only half its work for, as we have said, behind that physical form is the radiation of spirit, the light. Without the light you could not live. Without the light you cannot live spiritually. A man who is without the spiritual light is living in darkness. He is as one who is dead.

The Master Jesus had something to say about those who were dead on earth. And yet those who are dead, they live again, like the phoenix. The phoenix seems to die and is consumed in the ashes, but from the ashes of its dead self there rise the little birds. Of course, this is the ancient symbol of rebirth and new life, but that is how life continues, dear brethren. Life never ceases. It changes form. Here we would like to add that it retains its individuality. Once spirit has been put into an individual, that spirit never dies. It changes its form. It goes through many changes but, after passing out of this mortal and material life, the individual consciousness lives again. Like the ancient phoenix, it lives again in a new world, in a higher world; certainly a world which is composed of a higher ether.

Now let us remember that we are all one in the same spirit. It is a very important thing for people to remember because it is the greatest help in daily life when this fundamental truth is comprehended. It immediately raises man's consciousness. He becomes aware of something higher and better than his physical self. Remember that the Sun has its spiritual counterpart which we in the Spirit worship as the Cosmic Christ. Now the Cosmic Christ is not only a radiation and a power unseen and so often unfelt. It is a form, not only a form of the disc in the sky, but it is a human form.

We do not say that the whole radiation of spiritual emanation of the Sun can be crammed into a small human form. Oh no, but it can manifest through a very perfect and most beautiful human form. Now this is very comforting to man. This is why God the Father sent down to this earth the Son in human form. The Son in a human form creates a bridge between man and his Creator. Some people object to this, and they say we can go direct to God. Of course man can go direct to God, but if you were all bereft of your friends on earth you would be very lonely indeed. If you were the only man or woman on these islands, or this Island of yours, this mystic isle we call it, if you were the only man or woman here you would feel very lonely. You would find some difficulty in reaching that high state of consciousness wherein the Father-Mother dwells. But if you have by your side a companion, someone in a similar body to your own, someone who had a human smile and who could speak to you in your own human language and who could fold you to his heart, what a difference it would make to you in your loneliness!

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God knew this. God knows this, and this is why these wonderful manifestations of the Son spirit come to humanity in human form. So we would like you to conceive the human form, a perfect human form of the Cosmic Christ or Christ the Lord of Earth's humanity enthroned there in space, in heaven if you like, but not alone – surrounded by his younger brethren, the other creations of his Father–Mother God; all part of his spirit, all part of their spirit. You see this vision of the Lord Christ in the heavens in space unlimited and not entangled in any way by the Earth. And there he is, enthroned, but not just sitting pretty all the time. His life is being spent or shed or radiated for earth's humanity. Is not that a wonderful conception?

And we speak solemnly. We speak truth in what we are telling you. It is for you as the individual to seek this Divine Presence and to become attuned to it, and to become at one with it. And you can only do this, my brethren, as your heart swells, expands with good feeling, goodwill with love towards God, love towards everything around you, to the ugly things, the unpleasant things – until you comprehend. But try to develop that divine spark within you by first of all feeling thankful to God, if it is only for this revelation of spirit life, a spirit world and a spiritual state of existence.

You are not the only man or woman to realise this. Remember that all down the ages there have been people following this path of light – not only in Britain, remember, but all over the world. There are the saints and the prophets and the Christs. But the mass of humanity does not regularly come into contact with the blessed; the blessed who are pure in heart. And humanity has to become pure in heart to meet the pure and the glorified in the heavens.

Now one last word; if we are not trespassing on your time and patience – and our last word to you is about prayer, because we read in the hearts of our earthly brethren the question as to what prayer is: how to pray? Of course, the beloved Lord Jesus the Christ gave to humanity the perfect prayer in simple language. Our Father – we think we would add Mother – our Father–Mother, Who are in heaven: hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom of spirit come. Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Thou knowest our need. Thou wilt give us all the needs of our bodies and our souls. And forgive us our trespasses, our debts. Forgive us as we forgive. The very act or the motion of forgiveness in your heart towards your brother or sister instantly brings to you a blessing; forgiveness for all you have done. If you have that feeling of forgiveness towards your friends, you are immediately forgiven. In the words of the East, immediately your karma is settled. Forgive as we forgive and lead us not into temptation. Would God lead you into temptation?, the people say. If God is all love, He could not lead me into temptation?

God has implanted in you free will. You have to be tested; you are tested. You may confront what appears to be evil but, when your eyes are opened, you will see that what you thought was evil was good. This is a controversial point, we know, but there are questions like this which cannot be answered until the soul has its eyes opened and can comprehend what God is. God does not lead you into evil, but you need God's protection. You ask for God's protection. You ask that you may have your eyes opened to see all good, all wisdom, all love and that you may abide in God, abide in Him. Is this the way prayers are answered? Yes, prayer is answered – and the finest prayer is the one which asks nothing for itself, only that it

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may know the love and the power and wisdom of God; the yearning of the soul to be united to God. When a soul can pray like this there is nothing on earth which matters to it. It does not want this particular thing to happen. It does not seek its own gratification on any plane of life. It only seeks that unity with its Creator. In that way, every prayer is answered perfectly.

And so we leave you, reminding you before we go that during the next four weeks you are particularly blessed. There is an unusual outpouring and a radiation from the heavens; an outpouring of divine peace which you will, if you are sensitive, feel. If you are wise and you look well, you will see the effect of that radiation of peace all over the earth and culminating with a tremendous vibration of the Son of Christ, the cosmic Christ raising all men in joy and thanksgiving – for love will bathe the earth. There will be a large majority of people who share that love according to their ability to receive that outpouring of love from God and the Son of God, the cosmic Christ.

May you, dear brethren, attune yourselves to this heavenly state and receive the full power and blessing and strength of that Infinite Power.

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