

# Sound, Word and Inspiration

A435 Sunday Address 16th January 1972 New Lands, Liss New Year Service

*Text:* carbon typescript, for the first few pages somewhat pale, not obviously by AMI as it uses foolscap paper (but quarto carbon paper, apparently). Tape recorder copy, marked 231 and 231a, in RAE's hand, plus the further information 'Cut 29-05a'. No typed heading whatsoever but a handwritten heading says 'W.E.'s message at New Lands 16.1.72'. We have once again followed corrections we deem to be in RAE's hand. He has added words in pencil in the first paragraph where we have marked them as possible words missing, but they are unreadable today. The script is unparagraphed.

*Context:* there is no listing of readings and hymns in the script but references in the first and third paragraphs give us a hint the reading might have been taken from the fourth chapter of John. This is the story of the woman at the well in Samaria, before whom Jesus declares himself Messiah. A reference to the hymn 'Gentle Jesus, meek and mild' might just possibly indicate this hymn was sung – it would be quite appropriate for a service still in the Epiphany season.

*General notes:* White Eagle begins by defining the place of man in creation, first as a child of the spirit, and secondly in the context of the opening words of St John's Gospel ('the Word'). He uses quite a childlike expression for the response of 'being good' but means something much deeper – the choice of words may have been for his immediate audience. Later in the talk, he specifically distinguishes his concept of good from that of the do-gooder. If you have trust in the supreme power, he says, you will always find truth. White Eagle's warning against rushing forward occurs many times in his teaching, but he goes on to talk about the 'sound' of the Word, 'a vibration ... sent forth from the heart of God' and heard in the silence. Eternity is a very real thing, and beings in incarnation are indeed eternal, even if not in their earthly bodies. White Eagle seems quite outspoken when he says, 'Religion is only a prop' – what he means is that the religions of the world are clothing for a deep, underlying universal truth about continual growth. He then moves to mention his own life, long past, 'in the far west' and how happy his people were. This reference to happiness is striking – how can they have been happy? Not by getting away from earthly being but through realisation of greater being. As eternity unfolds, each person is a star in the making. The final section is about the role on earth of Britain. It is not that other nations are not special in their own way, but that there is an ability within the British culture to stand up to the forces of darkness. But human beings go forward together, not in competition with each other. There is a section beyond this supposed final one about unity – human beings moving forward into unity. And that is the Plan. There is a beautiful communion with a theme of advancing along the golden path up the mountainside.

*References:* there is a veiled reference to John 4 : 21 ('God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth') in the very first paragraph. It might indicate that the Choir had earlier in the service sung the anthem by William Sterndale Bennett that is a setting of these words, but it is unlikely that a New Lands New Year service would have had a choir to sing it. The words may simply have been familiar to White Eagle from previous services or, maybe most likely, the reading in the service was from John 4. See 'Context' above. 'Gentle Jesus, meek and mild' is the opening line of a hymn by Charles Wesley written in 1767. 'You have been born of God, not of the flesh, not of the will of man, but by the will of God' echoes John 1 : 13.

*Historical note:* in the middle part of this address, White Eagle refers to 'all the suffering, and the horrible conditions which you witness on the earth, particularly today'. He means 'today' in a general sense, and the problems which afflicted British people were first, economic, and secondly, the ongoing and seemingly never-ending conflict over Northern Ireland. In fact, this situation was going to get worse: the IRA bombing campaign in London began the year after, 1973. Later in the address he confirms that it is Ireland that he saw most strongly printed on people's minds. When he refers to Britain having gone through the 'years of fire' he means the second world war, although by 1972 it was rather more than just a few years ago.

White Eagle's New Year Message:

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Beloved children of the earth life. We come from the world of spirit, the world of God, because God is spirit, and those who worship Him do so in spirit. Now this is the great stumbling block in the physical life; 'the stumbling block' we call it because our brethren who are encased and imprisoned in the flesh [words missing?] find it so difficult when they are young to seek the presence of their Creator.

The world is in a turmoil, and there is so much inharmony and, we regret to say, selfishness in the flesh, that it becomes very difficult for every soul to seek and have confidence in that supreme Almighty Spirit which is the Father—Mother God and the light of the spirit in every man, woman and child.

You have listened, we have all listened, to a beautiful reading from the Gospel of the Great Master, St John, and in it he is presenting to his people the true message of life. Now the intellect overrules man, and particularly in this age of Aquarius. But we have to give you a message about this. Man is a child of the Great White Spirit, that Almighty power, that overruling power of the universe, and every living man, woman or child is a spark of that Divine Life. Spirit is in everyone, but the mind of the body – the brain, the flesh – is dominant. When the spirit is young, it is like a little babe, crying feebly at times. Sometimes very much stronger, but usually it cries feebly for its parents, and when that cry comes from the heart – not the mind, but the heart – there is an instant response from the parent, from the Great White Spirit, because the child, the spirit in man, as it cries out and aspires to its parent, its creator, it plugs in to a powerhouse.

Now you are all familiar in this present age of wireless communication and automation, you are very familiar with what takes place when a correct contact is made with a machine, but it exactly is a demonstration of what takes place when man attunes himself through the goodness in his spirit, through the love in his spirit for his Creator, for God, that all-enfolding and interpenetrating life. In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, God made the sound, God sounded the word of life, and the Word was God – good – and when God speaks to man, and man to God, it is all good. You know these things for yourself my brother, my sister. When you aspire to good, to be good – in the words of a little child: 'O Mummy, Daddy, make me good', that is it – such a simple phrase. Good. As soon as that cry goes forth, there pours in to that spirit child an infinite power, and this power is all-conquering, but it takes the spirit of man many incarnations to believe this, to accept it and to know it. But this is the message that God is sending to you now. Speaking to you not with earth language, but with the language of his own spirit. God within.

We sometimes grieve to see how man misses the truth, when he is searching for an answer to a problem which is created, not by his spirit, but by his brain and earthy mind. And man is making the mistake – no, we will not say it is a mistake, because it is a process of growth that man is going through, a process of spiritual development, spiritual unfoldment; but we were saying that we felt grieved sometimes when we have to listen to the errors of the human mind; and if only mankind would pause, and first of all make contact by plugging in to that great Power, that universal, eternal and infinite power, he would find truth; he would find a true answer to every problem. But we would say this to you; it needs confidence in God, trust in God, and it needs a patient waiting on God.

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Humanity is too eager, too anxious to rush forward, because they are afraid they will miss something, miss an opportunity. My children of earth, if God is within you, if God is activating you, you cannot and you will not lose an opportunity. We say most emphatically and lovingly and earnestly to every one of you: be patient, have courage, and develop that inner knowing that your Creator is all wise and all loving. It is when man kicks against the pricks, and tries to force his own way, the way which his mind, the brain, the earthly mind is pointing – when he tries to force the way in that direction, he comes up against a great force which holds him back. And then the trouble begins: pain, suffering, misery, anxiety. So we come from the world of spirit to describe to you what happens in our world, which is a spirit world, [but] nevertheless as real, more real, more solid than your world.

We are called together by the sound. Now what do we mean by the sound? The sound is a vibration which is sent forth from the heart of God, and this sound can be heard in the silence. It will never, never fail to respond to your own call, but you have to understand that you are spirit, not mind, not body, not soul; you are pure spirit, and your spirit is a part of all spirit. It is a part of the eternal spirit.

Now some people find it very difficult, indeed impossible, with a finite mind to comprehend the meaning of eternal life. Now you know, we have told you so many times, that the life of the spirit, the spirit is eternal; and if it is eternal in the future, it must be eternal in the past. What we are trying to tell you, my dear ones, is that you live in the power of the spirit, which is God, and you always have been a part of God. There never was a beginning and there never will be an ending, but the finite mind cannot understand this. But when you go into the silence, into the stillness, into the heart of the Sun, you become conscious of eternity, of eternal Now. There never was a beginning; there never will be an ending; you are part of a great circle or cycle of life, which has many forms of manifestation. And as you yourself progress spiritually, so you will find that you are continually 'plugged in', or in touch, with that heart, that great heart of life. This is the secret of the clairvoyance, shall we call it, which many of you have, a clear vision of what has taken place in the past, and what will take place in the future, because it is already there. Now you will find it difficult to understand with your mind – but, my children, with your heart, in the feeling of love and harmony, you will know that beauty is all around you, but you cannot see it, oh, so often you are blind, you cannot see beauty, either before you or behind you, you cannot see happiness, which is always with you.

We want to speak especially to those who have lost by death a very dearly loved one. It is a habit when on the earth plane of life to think about death. Some people are very frightened of death. If only they could realise that there is no death! The body may be vacated for a while, but there is no death of the essential loved one. That loved one is more alive than ever he or she was when imprisoned in the flesh. We can assure you that when the spirit has gained deeper consciousness in its earth life through worship of God, through loving service to its fellow men, it need not necessarily belong to any particular religion. Religion is only a prop; it is like a walking stick – two walking sticks very often – that people hobble along on. But you see, religion has its purpose in directing man's thoughts to a higher life; but we are not going to say that it is religion which is most important to man, but we do say that it is man's

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development and encouragement of the growth of that divine spark in him which always urges him to be good.

Now we know that the mind instantly jumps to all the suffering, and the horrible conditions which you witness on the earth, particularly today. But do remember that these things, my children, have always happened on the earth. In certain parts of the earth are communities who live in peace and brotherhood, and who do not fight and kill, do not quarrel with their fellow men. They love them and serve them.

We now become conscious of our own life in an incarnation in the far west, where our people lived in great happiness. They may not have had all the material and worldly luxuries, we would call them, that you have today but they had the luxury of living in loving communication and communion with God and with each other. And in these communities there was no fighting each other, no quarrelling. Now another question pops up in that little mind of yours. We know, we know. 'Well, if you had such a beautiful life, then why are you coming back now using a physical body? If we have ever lived like that, why are we back, you as you well as we, why are we all back here now on this physical plane of earth, when we could be enjoying a life of great beauty, happiness and harmony, in a world far removed from this heavy atmosphere of the earth?' Does it make you feel you want to get away from your physical body at any price? Perhaps it may do, but remember this: you can never get away from yourself. You may die to the world, to the physical life, but you are still in the world of yourself, and the reason why we come back is because we have been shown a greater vision of what life is, and what it will be for every one of God's children, and so we come back under the direction and under the guardianship of the great Beings, great Angels, great Masters, who are all working in God's life, not working to achieve anything for God – don't misunderstand our statement – but working to bring all life and all mankind into the realisation of the one, the one, the one family.

No man can injure his brother man without that injury bouncing back on himself. No, this is the law, a law – shall we call it the Law of Moses? – but it is a physical as well as a spiritual law. You can see that demonstrated in a very simple way, because if you bang a solid object, shall we say a piece of wood or a stone, and you bang it hard and viciously, it is likely to bounce up into your face, and you get it back again. That force of your blow will bring back the object of your attack.

Now this is just a very simple object lesson that we put to you but, my dear ones, what we long to do for every one of you and of God's children, is to help you all to climb that mountain right up into the golden heights of perfect life. You have been born of God, not of the flesh, not of the will of man, but by the will of God. By the law of God you have been born; you have descended from that heavenly state a little babe, unconscious of itself, and you have been born in a universe of spirit, and you have then been given, or it is being created for you, a physical body; and you yourself create your soul body.

Now let us get this quite straight. You are the Divine Spark, the spirit, pure, but you have to develop your full potentialities because you have within you, within your spirit, vast potentiality, and we beg you to look out into the sky at night and see the countless, countless, countless stars and planets, and remember that they are as you are. And within you is that

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creative power; and you will grow and expand and grow until you eventually become as a star in the universe. We do not mean a little star; we mean a great world, a planet. Of course it is impossible for the human mind to comprehend this; impossible for you to think of a time in the future, because it seems impossible that you could ever become as one of those worlds in outer space.

And so life goes on and on, *ad infinitum*, but you, my children now, you are living in an age which is a really wonderful age, and the sun is just now moving onward into the constellation of Aquarius, where this spiritual life and the activity of the human mind and brain will increase. It is increasing, and it can bring destruction unless man, you, you are as important as uncounted spirits, unless you as an individual seek that inner contact, that constant urge which is in you to do good. We do not want you to go about being 'do-gooders' and making a nuisance of yourselves. We just want you to be calm, gently good. You know, as the children say, 'Gentle Jesus, meek and mild' – the most difficult thing for any human being to be, meek and mild! But you see that in the meekness and in the mildness there is enormous power and strength. It is this which is the saving grace of humanity.

And now to conclude our little New Year's talk to our New Lands brethren, we want to draw your attention to the land of Britain. Now there are many people who will say, 'Well, what has Britain got that other nations haven't got?' Other nations have got their own particular quality, and their own particular work and place in the grand plan of life. But you are living in Britain, you have your karma in Britain, therefore it will be for you as a child of God to not only develop this inner spirit, this light within you, but to use it continually every day in all your human relationships.

A few years ago Britain had terrible years of fire, and it looked as though Britain would be overcome and dissipated, but you know there was something there in Britain and its people, which rose up – strong and true, and noble. We want you to remember this, that in the British people there is a quality and a spiritual power which can and will rise to the occasion when it comes. We want you to hold Britain in your mind and in your heart and in your faith and in your belief, in the very heart of the Christ Star, because we tell you that she has a very special mission, and the mission in life – the law, shall we call it? – in life, is unification, harmony, brotherhood; not domination, not exploitation, oh dear, dear no. Harmony, brotherly love, godliness, simplicity and humility and strength.

We once said to our brothers in the inner brotherhood chain, 'The time is coming when Britain will rise above all darkness and will be a leader.' It doesn't look very much like it now, but we assure you that this is the destiny of Britain and the British people, and we say it without any equivocation. We want you all to know this, because we are all working in the brotherhood to bring about on this earth plane a life of beauty and harmony and brotherly love.

You may think that competition is right and good. It has to be paid for, and paid for very, very dearly. Not competition, my children, but co-operation, loving and kind and wise co-operation. No good will ever come by sticking your elbows out and pushing the other man or country over. You have got to hold hands and go forward together to the Elysian Fields. And as humanity progresses and develops spiritually, so will our animal brethren develop.

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There will not be wild animals. We do say things, you know, that you will pick up afterwards and say, 'Oh, White Eagle said so and so'. We don't say any of these things without a meaning. Now your wild animals will no longer be wild. They will be gentle and friendly. There will be love, because man will learn to love his brother animal – and bird and fish – and will not be greedy and hurt him.

Now another thing, our final word, really our final word – is unity. A united world. Now you see there is this conflict now between Britain and Ireland, but the time will come when there will be unification, a British Isles united in brotherhood, not in domination and cruelty, but under the Star, under the great white canopy of peace and brotherhood. We have always worked for the great carpet of peace to be spread over the whole earth, and you are going to help us to achieve this ideal – brotherhood and harmony.

But let us not forget that it rests with us, in your hearts and in our heart. And there are the great Masters in the heavens. Call them what you will, the great Brotherhood, but they are very great souls, and they are watching over you, they are guiding you, but they depend upon you for your response to their guidance.

And in your midst now is the form of the Lord Christ. Close your eyes, be very still, and feel love, love, love for God, and his vast family of creatures. And the Lord Christ draws very, very, very close to you. 'Come', he is saying; 'come, brother, sister, rise up and follow the golden path, which will lead you without any question to the golden world of God'. And your years will be happier and happier and happier. You go on and on. There is no death, only in yourself. You know what we mean by that, if you think of death, dwell on death, you yourself kill yourself, but if you think of life, life more abundant, more beautiful, you go on and on, and you live and live more gloriously, and life is wonderful. Life is wonderful, my children, and the higher up the mountain you climb, the more beautiful the view! Remember this. Keep on plodding on, and we are with you; and God blesses you, every one.

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