

Life and Work in the World

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Text: typescript probably by AMI, no contemporary markings, though a scribbled note by YGH tells us it was printed in the Christmas *Stella Polaris* the same year, which indeed is true.

Context: it is not certain what was the context of this talk, which was advertised as part of a 'Service for Young People' at 3.30 pm, in *Stella Polaris*, and the typist called it an address. Enquiry to a sometime Eaglet who remembers such events, they were full services created around the particular commitment of those present. By contrast a talk to young people on 28 October 1962 seems to have been just that, a talk. The Eaglets were the Lodge's young people's group, centred on London, and they enjoyed giving service by travelling as a working party to New Lands. There they would have enjoyed something like a weekend retreat, based around their work contribution but including spiritual activities such as White Eagle's talk. Memories of these weekends imply that the context of the addresses was an actual service, but just what else the service consisted of is not known. The second paragraph appears to distinguish between the older members of the congregation and the Eaglets. A later paragraph indicates that some of those present were still at school (in 1963, Minesta's own granddaughter, since known as Jenny, would have been 16).

More than usually in this address White Eagle addresses remarks to individuals in his audience, and to specific groups within it. It is quite a lengthy address, and at one point White Eagle says – presumably to Brother Faithful or whoever was in the Chair – 'You see, we will not keep them too long'. He nonetheless digresses further! Later, he asks 'Shall we leave now?' but promises an evening question-and-answer session. The atmosphere here is informal, but the communion reminds us of the Sunday service context.

General Notes: White Eagle's analysis of youthful loneliness and isolation feels as relevant today as it must have done in 1963, maybe even more so, and his analysis of how truth is found through a recognition of warmth and 'feeling accepted' is interesting. The words, 'love is the *only* thing which satisfies the human heart' are memorable. As he addresses youthful worries, White Eagle has some clear advice even for those still in education, which is an unusual feature of this teaching. In answer to young people's desire to *do something* in response to bad conditions, White Eagle says, 'do nothing but the job which God has placed before you'. This does not, of course, mean that activism isn't one of the jobs put before us – later in the 1960s two White Eagle brothers were to found an animal welfare charity that has gone on to lead the world in establishing welfare standards. But he seems to have felt that there was a strong pull on the young particularly to dissipate their energies, and use protest as a distraction. There is an interesting assertion that 'smoking the pipe of peace' does not always mean using an actual pipe. 'It means brotherhood', says White Eagle.

References: 'I come in simple ways, in little ways, saith the Lord' sounds to be a biblical quotation but concordances point to Isaiah 55 : 6-9, which does not say the same thing at all. The phrase is, anyway, quite a common White Eagle saying, but seems to be non-biblical. The saying, 'Truth is within ourselves; it takes no rise | From outward things' comes from the poem, *Paracelsus*, by Robert Browning.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of the earth plane of life, we welcome you all to this spiritual home and we are taking this opportunity of having a little family talk. Of course, it is not really necessary for us to tell you how each one of you is known to us, who speak to you by a very wonderful process from a different plane of life from earth, but we want you to know that a magical occurrence takes place when you come into the family of White Eagle. You may not

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understand this, and yet some of you may, those who understand a little of the intricate forces and vibrations and sound waves and light waves which are continually playing upon life. You may understand how wonderful and delicate is this operation of communicating our thoughts, our love and our guidance to you whilst you are on earth and we [are] released from the flesh, living in a higher ether using a state or a form consisting of substance which is finer and higher in vibration than your physical body.

We hope that everyone present, even the young ones, are beginning to realise what a wonderful blessing has come to *you* in your youth in the form of knowledge, knowledge of a spiritual life and a world of much more beautiful form than the physical world. Now there are countless numbers of young people in the world who are very unhappy, although they cover up their secret loneliness and unhappiness by pretence. They pretend that they are happy and they get excited and they like very inharmonious music because it does something to them. It stimulates a certain life in them and they feel that they must have satisfaction; they want to be satisfied, they want to be happy and they are trying to enjoy themselves in the only way that they understand. Now we do not decry this at all but we know that those young people unconsciously are searching, searching for love. They do not know this and they will deny it, say they do not want any sentimental stuff, and they will criticise you perhaps or those people who speak in loving terms. They may call it 'mushy'. We know just how those young people feel. They are sad. They would not admit that they are lonely and they are all searching for love, for something which will satisfy that longing within them. They do not know what they are longing for; they are just dissatisfied with their life and they are undisciplined and in some cases they break away from discipline and restriction because it satisfies for a moment or two, it satisfies that search, that longing, and they are longing for – we put it simply to you because you will understand what we mean – they are longing for love, for love is the *only* thing which satisfies the human heart.

Now you have been placed in, you have been brought along, the path, admittedly through your karma, which means that in your past life or lives you have so disciplined yourselves, you have qualified for greater knowledge, and therefore you now in your present day of life, your present incarnation – by chance, you may say, but certainly in an unsought way – you have been brought back again into a family or lodge to which you were attached in the past. Or another way of putting it is that you in the past have earned the opportunity to come into the Lodge and to learn more and more of this New Age truth.

Now there is no new truth but there is always a fresh presentation of truth which comes to mankind in different ages and it comes in a form that is exactly suited for the soul at a particular time. And now we are going to answer a question which is possibly in the mind of one or two of you present. The question is, 'How do we know that what we believe is truth?' Now we know that this question comes into the mind not only of the young but of the older people too. How do we know – we are speaking for you – how do you know, how can you be sure that what you are learning in the White Eagle Lodge is true?

Now the very first thing is that when you come into the Lodge you are affected by an atmosphere, a vibration – you can hardly put it into words, but you feel in your heart that you have come home. You get a feeling of comfort, of sympathy, of love. Now the very first thing that a soul must do to find truth is to experience truth in his soul. You can read millions of

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books, you can study the religions of all time. You will find that all the religions have one common point, one denominator, and this is love – which is light, light. Now to realise this you have to shut away all the noise and clamour of the lower mind. You have to be very humble, very simple. Shall we explain it to you like this? Just imagine that you come into a temple to worship, to worship God. Now God is in you but God is also outside you. God is speaking to you through nature, through your fellow beings. Through every experience, everything that happens to you in your life, God is speaking to you, God is your teacher, so think of God in your heart. God is here, in other words, the higher aspect of you is of God. Of course all life is of God; darkness and light are both alike to God; the whole of creation is of God. We do want you to understand this, that you are a part of God, God is speaking in you, so when you come into a temple of worship, even this small sanctuary, you are coming towards an altar of light, and you can stand – or better still, kneel – before that altar in silence and God would speak to you.

How would God speak to you? He would speak to you in a beautiful feeling which would come to you, a feeling of worship. As you kneel before that altar of light you would worship, you would thank God. For what? For everything, for your life, for your friends, for your happiness, for the flowers and the birds and the animals, and for all the wonderful inventions making life easier and more beautiful for you. Oh, the wealth of gifts that you would thank God for! Not least of your thankfulness would be for your fellow creatures, [and] for those people who have been the instruments of God to bless your life. And if you think, you will find there are countless numbers of people whom you have to thank, so you would be pouring out blessing. Thankfulness is blessing. To be thankful is the outpouring of blessing upon life, even blessing upon God, and so [to] be sure that what you learn in the White Eagle Lodge from listening to our talks [is truth] you have to find how you feel when you come into our group.

Do you feel impressed with truth? Yes, your spirit does feel impressed, but your earthly mind (which is concerned with the activities of a physical life) questions your spirit. The earthly mind comes in, and as all wise people will tell you, the mind is the slayer of truth. When the mind commences to analyse in a critical way, it is the demolishing of truth – but it cannot give it back to you. What the mind demolishes for you it cannot give you back, but the spirit within you, the spirit of truth that is within you, will never lie, will never mislead you – *never*. Therefore, you young people when you want to have guidance, put aside all thoughts of self, what *you* want. Do not allow your own desire to interfere with that pure beam of white light which flows direct into your heart. What your heart tells you is truth, then, it is truth.

Now to arrive at truth you must become very humble, very simple. The simple men and women are great beings, the simple and the humble. *I come in simple ways, in little ways, saith the Lord*. And when you are despondent, as a number of you are now – you are a little better than when you first came to New Lands this time – but many of you came with a heavy burden and you have gradually been slipping that burden, but it has not quite gone yet. Now my children, life is law, and what you do brings a result. What you think sows a seed in you and that seed grows. If it is not a very good thought it will grow and depress you and cause you much unhappiness, but if it is a good thought, a hopeful thought, a God thought, it will grow and grow in you and give you joy. That is what we want you all to find – that happiness.

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We were saying the other day that the brethren of the Great White Lodge are exceedingly happy, in so far as they are peaceful, peaceful in their hearts. They are undisturbed by the dark things. And you will say to me, 'Is it right be undisturbed by the dark things?' Yes, my child (we are answering a question here). Yes, because by maintaining in yourself that inner peace and letting the light burn steadily within you, you are doing far more good to your fellow creatures and to the world than if you get all excited and argumentative with other people about conditions which you do not agree with. Keep your poise. Be steady on your path, even you young ones who are at school and you have daily lessons, you have perhaps to face some unpleasant moments with teachers or with problems which you do not quite know how to deal with, and you may get unhappy and very excited about these things. Even your companions, boys and girls who are around you, may be what you might call 'nasty' – we do not know what word you would use – but anyway you are not very pleased with them and they would make you feel unhappy and a little frightened. Now can you remember, will you remember all your lives what White Eagle says to you? Be still. Ask, and God or your guardian angel will help you, but you won't understand that you are being helped by someone outside yourself, but it will work. Now be still; keep very calm and let the power of God help you, and it will.

Now we are very earnest in what we tell you, and to our older brethren we give the same message. Some of you have to face sickness, old age; some of you have to face frustration, very hard work, disappointment; some of you feel that you are carrying a very heavy burden. Now are you to throw all these things, your burdens, away and be care-less? No, recognise these things but see beyond them. See, or pray to see what you are learning from these burdens. Now the question will arise in your mind, 'What am I to do about it? Am I to do this or that? To go here or there? What shall I do?' Now our answer to such questions is this; do nothing but the job which God has placed before you. Have you ever thought that your work has been placed before you by God to give you the opportunity to develop your character, to develop your spiritual sensitivity, your spiritual gifts, an opportunity to help others also by your example? We wonder sometimes how many of our dear children remember this – the example that they are setting in the world?

Now our last little bit of talk. We hope you are not very tired of us as it is. Before you all lies a path of light which is leading you onward and upward to indescribable happiness and satisfaction. You are going to be utterly satisfied because you will have fulfilled the purpose of life, and when spiritually man fulfils his purpose he is full of peace and happiness. We know, we know, children, all the sorrows that you see and the problems that you face with other people. We know how you feel. We feel, we can feel exactly the same because we feel through you, we feel *with* you, but at the same time we know that there is this heavenly power which is always at work, working, working, working through all the affairs of man slowly to bring about illumination of the soul and happiness. Never have any regrets. Never regret; that is a waste of time. Do your best honourably. Let that inner voice speak. Do your best in the circumstances in which you are placed. Be careful what you say. Guard the unruly member because the little tongue can hurt others and it can make much mischief. So be careful, be careful what you say. Always speak the truth. Now this sounds rather like a Sunday School talk, but we are really going deeply into the truth.

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Now in the Lodge you will be working. You cannot all do the same thing. Every one of you has his or her own particular work, and everyone is needed in the Lodge work. As time goes on, there will be great need for the younger brethren to come forward and take their place in responsible positions. It is so necessary, dear brethren, for every brother and sister who works in the Lodge to become a pillar, a pillar steadfast and true – just, perfect and true – because all the work in the Lodge must be true. There may be little mistakes. You may not at first all quite measure up to what is expected but keep this in mind – *just, perfect and true*. We must have an exact and perfect building of the White Eagle Lodge, so that it withstands all the storms and batterings of the outside world.

How do we know that we have the truth? The truth is within you. It takes no rise from outer things. Whatever you may believe, there is an innermost centre in you all where truth abides in fullness, and if you allow that inner light to guide you away from foolishness and the wrong values in your life, then you will indeed be responding to truth, and having found truth, remember to have faith, faith in that truth to guide you every step of your journey through your life. Keep on. We know you are very tired of White Eagle saying, ‘Keep on keeping on’. Believe us, it is the only way – because if you do not, you waste time running round corners, you think you will do better if you go this way or that, but it is a waste of time because you will find yourself in a cul-de-sac. Just keep quietly on – and remember that each one of you has been given a particular piece of work because *you* are the only one who can do that work, and your reward will be great.

God has His own way of paying debts. God has His own way of helping His sons and daughters, even with material gifts. We are thinking of one of our younger brethren who finds it difficult to keep on his chosen path. He has to work very hard. Well, just quietly do your best – which, by the way, brings us to one more point. That is this: when you are doing your work do it easily. We can say that to our own family. Don’t die a thousand deaths over whatever you do. Do it easily; do your best, but do it happily and quietly, and let it be a joy to you, not a burden. You know, we have been on earth and we have worked. Now relax in your mind. Be happy, be loving, and all things will work together for good for you. Never, never, never doubt this, children. Never doubt it. Just remember the Commander-in-Chief is behind you and He is directing you and all is well.

If God wants you to make a change He will make it for you. If there is no indication and nothing is thrust before you, you can quite happily keep on quietly getting joy out of life.

We have talked to you for a long time but not a bit about the fascinating and interesting things you would like to hear – about Atlantis, reincarnation, ancient civilisations, the planets Venus, Saturn and Mars. We know exactly what is in the minds of our young brethren. You *will* know. You can be quite sure of that. There is nothing more sure than that, but meanwhile you have a lot to learn. You see, we will not keep them too long. The point is this: you have got to learn the ABC of the alphabet first before you can build words and before you read and write, and then when you can read and write you have wider fields open to you. Now in steadily learning all these obscure things which no one of the earth plane knows through their mind (but there may be a few who know it with the heart mind), before you can get to that state of receiving communication from outer space, from worlds above and worlds beyond, you have got to train yourself in the way to receive – you see what we mean – and the

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training comes in life and your reaction, how you live, and as you live properly you learn and you open your awareness, you open the doors of your higher mind to these ancient truths, to the ancient wisdom, to the ancient lives, to the akashic records. You know what the akashic records are – although we have been very surprised how little our dear brethren know after all the talks we have given! – everything you think and say and do makes an impression on the ether, on the akasha, and the records on that akasha are called akashic records.

Now when you have by a process of evolution, spiritual development, earned the right to read these akashic records then you will know many things that you long to know now. Why should you know them now when you have not passed all your examinations and got your degrees? You just get to work and work hard and then you will pass your degrees and be ready to read these records and know what is happening on Venus and Mars. Our little friend here says, 'Tell them to put that in their pipe and smoke it!' We would say to you all, 'Smoke the pipe of peace'. There is a great deal we could say to you about this pipe of peace. It is a very important little thing, and in the old days of course we used to receive much inspiration and learn a great deal about human nature and brotherhood as we smoked the pipe of peace. This does not mean only the physical instrument to smoke weeds in. It means brotherhood. To smoke the pipe of peace means to get into tune with all your family and to have sufficient understanding, to be loving and tolerant and humorous and gentle and peaceable.

Now dear ones, we leave you with these few seeds, put very simply because of the young members here as well as the more advanced, but the advanced can always understand the simple thing whereas the young ones cannot understand the more complex thing.

Do you think that the time is up for us to leave? We are wondering if we should ask for questions but when we have invited questions we have been so surprised at the kind of questions which came. We are going to have an evening of questions for you young people, and we will see what we can make of your questions but they must be dealing with spiritual truth only, problems which you have in your spiritual unfoldment, and we will see what we can do, but we hope that you all are going away inspired and cheered and blessed.

To every one of you is a guide now by your side and this chapel is a blaze of gold. In the centre is the presence of the Lord Christ. He has come to you, each one of you, in the silence of your own heart, in your own inner temple, the simple white temple.

He offers you the symbols of the bread and the wine, holy communion with Him, the bread symbolising the whole of creation. 'My cosmic body', He says. 'Take it; eat; be at one with Me. And sip from My cup the divine essence, divine love. *Be* love, even as I am love. Give love, and know peace for evermore. Peace....'

Amen.

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