

White Eagle's New Year Address

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Text: a characteristic blue top copy typescript by MB. A carbon also exists which contains markings by YGH and some part pages cut out; it gives us a correction, 'painful' for 'baneful' in the paragraph beginning 'And now, lastly', which has been copied in this online version. The syntax of the paragraph beginning 'Now every spirit' may possibly contain transcription errors, but is comprehensible. There are other examples suggesting the stenographer was sometimes struggling.

Context: a new year address given on the second Sunday of the month. As with so many addresses of this period, only the idiosyncrasies of the typist identify it as being given in the London Lodge, but these characteristics are nonetheless unmistakable. The reading is given as Isaiah 11 : 2-9, associated with Handel's *Messiah* and Christmas, but representing the new world based on righteousness ('with righteousness shall he judge the poor') – in which inequalities are removed, and the meeker animals are safe with their traditional predators ('The wolf shall dwell also with the lamb...'). White Eagle mentions the phrase 'Comfort ye, my people' at the very start; this is also from Isaiah (see 'References') but not part of the reading. Maybe he felt safe to assume that his congregation knew the *Messiah* and would make the connection. The anthem was in fact 'The Lord's my Shepherd' – probably to the famous Scottish psalm tune Crimond, which is generally sung as an anthem for choir. White Eagle gives a communion at the end. We are told the closing hymn was 'Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy'.

General Notes: an interesting beginning in which White Eagle stresses he brings a message of comfort but assures his listeners that no thought of foreboding is intended to be heard: just that spirit will lift the human consciousness out of its wintry shell. What follows is one of White Eagle's fullest and most steadfast confrontations with fear. It is followed by a most interesting discourse on telepathic inspiration, particularly that of scientists, and ultimately on the intuition. White Eagle later says that death 'is the most beautiful thing in life. In life is death, and in death there is life' – a powerful saying. And he tells us that there is a 'Great Being' present with him. One wonders who this is. Sometimes Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was felt to be present at these services, but his may not be the presence White Eagle means here. It appears to be someone who passed over recently. Albert Einstein died five years previously, but the Great Being seems to have been distinguished by the beauty of his death. White Eagle repeats, 'the scientists on your earth are men of great sensitivity' – and open to inspiration – and some of them have indeed acknowledged this.

References: 'Comfort ye, my people' is Isaiah 40 : 1; The Lord is my Shepherd is, of course, Psalm 23. The reference to standing at the gate of the future is to the poem by Minnie Haskins (1875-1957) that begins with those words, best known through having been quoted by King George VI at the end of his Christmas broadcast for 1939. The saying 'When the student is ready, the teacher will appear', which White Eagle gives in a slightly different version, is variously ascribed to Gautama Buddha, the Theosophists, and the Tao Te Ching. The saying, 'Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die' is carried through from Isaiah (22 : 13) and Proverbs (23 : 35) to Luke (12: 19) and I Corinthians (15 : 32).

White Eagle's Address:

We would like to thank the Choir for that beautiful rendering of 'The Lord is my Shepherd'.

As you all stand at the beginning of a New Year we would bring to you a message of comfort and reassurance. Those words, 'Comfort ye my people', are ringing, are ringing in our hearts. And in your midst is the Master Jesus. He comes to you all tonight with tender love.

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Now, this may seem as though we are solemn in our words, but we do not mean it in this way. We mean to bring you reassurance for the New Year, and comfort in your hearts; because we know as we come back from our Shining Land of the Spirit to talk to you, who are all imprisoned in the flesh, we know that you all have your doubts and fears and your problems. Even the young who stand at the beginning of life have their doubts and fears and problems about their future. And those who are older have their confused thoughts about what awaits them in the future, about possible sickness or death. And they, although they may not admit it, the older ones sometimes are overcome with fear about the future.

And so we come this night to bring you all a message of comfort and reassurance. Do you need to be reassured of the tender love of God, and the manifestation of His spirit through His Son, Who in this western world you can understand best in the personality of the Master Jesus? What fears have you as you stand at the gate of the future? Have no fear! Feel in your hand the warm, understanding, loving clasp of the Master's hand and you will know that all is well. You will know that the hand which has led you up hill and down dale, through the forests, through the mire, through disappointments and heartaches and fear has brought you safely through all these experiences. Nevertheless, you, yourselves, can be a ready servant of this gracious loving spirit. We mean by your co-operation, your faith, your surrendering yourself to this ever-present power, which is all love.

You know, half the trouble on the physical plane of life is fear. Fear is man's great enemy. Fear for yourself, fear for your loved ones and fear for the future. Now, this fear is a great enemy to mankind. It produces sickness. It produces the passions which rise to defend itself from its so-called enemy, which brings about wars upon your earth, fear which would destroy in case the self is destroyed.

Now, if you can recognise this great enemy, and overcome it – not by attacking it, but by recognising by your side the loving Master, the Guide, the Helper – surrendering in love to the guiding influence of the higher agencies, the guardian angel, the teacher, the protector [*sic*]. Now, you will say, but we must rely upon ourselves. We have to live our lives in a hard world. We must protect ourselves. *The greatest protector that man can have is love.* And if, following that protector, you feel that you are brought up against impossible barriers in your life, remember, that there is always a way through and over human problems, human difficulties.

And you who are in this Lodge are beginning to recognise in your own lives a wonderful guiding power. Many of you here tonight have been in a low state of courage. You have been full of fear, and in spite of our reassurance you still made yourselves suffer. Maybe this suffering was good for you. It certainly was because if you hadn't needed the particular lesson you would never have had to suffer. Now through that suffering you found in the end that God in His great wisdom had taken you along the right path. What you all need is to cultivate your spiritual, your higher mind.

You see, you are on the path, at the beginning – you stand at the beginning of a New Year. You stand on the path at the beginning of a New Age. And already the significance of this New Age is apparent to earthly people; even to the materialist, because he is seeing a demonstration of the extraordinary influence of the Aquarian Age, the Age of the air. But it is

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not only the age of space and air. Man will, in the comparatively near future, conquer air and space. By scientific instruments, scientific knowledge he will be able to send forth in apparently a physical form, or in the form of impulses or vibration, send forth light and sound and colour. And he will be able to receive these impulses on a physical instrument.

Now, all this physical manifestation is commencing, even now, to make man think, think about the invisible rays, the cosmic rays. It is making man think about himself, and his own innate powers, the powers that lie in man's mind. You see these developments go side by side when man is ready. You know the well-known saying, 'When the man is ready the Master, teacher appears'. Man has to go through failure before he recognises a success. Now, together with this physical development and material development which is now coming there will be an awakening of the powers of the mind.

Now, you think that man's mind is wonderful. But do you realise that all these inventions, new ideas, which are coming to your earth are coming from afar? They are not just developing and unfolding in man's mind without help. Now, this is the mistake that he makes. He thinks, 'Alone I did it'. Now, what man is coming to is humility. Certain experiences will bring to him an inner conviction that the knowledge which is now coming into man's mind is not his own. It is coming from other spheres. Some of these ideas are coming from a higher mind, from the guardians of the human race. First and foremost they come from a spiritual source. Let no man make the mistake, or fall into the error of thinking that he alone is responsible for the inventions of the New Age. First of all, as we have already stated the ideas are being sent down to the earth from the Council Chamber above. More than this, there are many influences, many forces in the Universe. There are other worlds in your solar system where the people, where humanity is much more advanced, both spiritually and physically, and in every way than earth's humanity. And what is happening is a development of the power in man of receiving telepathic messages. Now you may smile, some of you may smile at this, but we assure you that it is not very long hence that the powers of telepathy will be accepted as natural and normal. Telepathic messages are now being received from other planes. Telepathic messages from the world of spirit are being unconsciously received by earthly men and women.

Now, the important point is this, that man must not only develop these powers of telepathy, but the powers of spiritual awareness. You call it the sixth sense, you call it intuition. People laugh at intuition, but not for very much longer, because in this Age of Aquarius this sixth sense is already quickening in man's being.

Now, how can you at your present stage of development help yourselves and your brethren of the human and animal and nature? Remember that life is full of creatures. Man is not, has not yet attained to – the apex of his powers. Now, what we are saying to you tonight about the development of these mind-, these mental, powers have relation to your spiritual powers [*sic*], the powers which lie within you of being able to recognise God in manifestation, in your heart, in your outer life; and recognising God in your brother man and the outworking of the spirit into physical life.

Now, how can you at your present stage of development help forward the progress of all life? This is a natural question, and do remember always, not only when you are here in this Lodge

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working with the power of telepathy and projection of the light, but at all times wherever you are, remember that you are not merely a physical body: you are a spirit. First and foremost you are spirit and spirit is God. That is the first thing, to get that idea rooted very strongly in your mind. Your body may be hurt; you may find yourself in peculiar circumstances – but God is within you as well as around you. And if you will act according to the law of God all your sickness will vanish, you will not feel any disturbance whatsoever because you are spirit. And if you make this affirmation your body is your servant, and you are not its slave. Now, that is the first thing to do. It isn't easy, but you see this is the very thing that you have to learn to do because you are spirit and not body. Many people go through, are going through terror at the thought of death. They push it away from themselves: 'Eat, drink and be merry, don't think about the future'.

You may say that what we are about to state is open to question, and we will say to you: 'Well, how do you know?' We have passed through in full consciousness the change called 'death', and we know that such an experience is the most beautiful thing in life. In life is death, and in death there is life.

Now, every spirit – we have a Great Being here with us at this moment – they will tell you that death was a most beautiful experience. The actual passing, release of the spirit from the body, a most beautiful experience: peace, release, light, joy, beauty. No matter what the soul is – the life may have to be reviewed, and in that reviewing must come regret and grief for pain and suffering caused to others. Nevertheless, we repeat, my friends, that in spite of what you see of the physical shell, which appears to be in great agony sometimes, the spirit is above it, and the consciousness of the life is in the spirit.

God is *Love*. God's ways are merciful, and even if man tries to confuse the issue by stupidity, by ignorance, by fear, God enfolds the spirit within loving arms. Never forget this. It will help you to live. And it will help you to die. "Comfort ye, my people", saith the Lord.' And this is the reason why we come back and speak to you, because we are Messengers from the higher life, from that spirit life.

And now, lastly, my dear ones, remembering that you are spirit functioning through matter, you must be aware of that spirit life. You must learn to become receptive to the guardian angel, receptive to spiritual thought, spiritual ideas. In other words, man will and must in the future, in the very near future, develop this power of receiving words and messages, ideas, from other worlds, from higher planes. The trouble is that man pushes it out, and says, 'It is only my imagination'. Now, that is the downfall – when man says it is only imagination and casts it out. If everyone threw out the ideas which are impressed upon them there would be no new ideas in your world at all, no inventions, no development of science. So remember to train yourselves to enter that sanctuary of silence. Seek the place of God, the Holy Spirit. Seek communion with Him Who is all love, who came to demonstrate the power of love on earth – because this is man's way, this is man's path: the pathway of light, which is the pathway of love. If you don't give love you must suffer. If you don't give love your life will become more and more confused and painful. But with the development of love in your heart life will become more harmonious, easier and full of joy. Nothing of a worldly nature can touch you; the higher mind is awakening, and will be used. And with the coming of this development there will be the overcoming of time and space. There will be this Centre of life

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and all beings will be attached to that Centre, and yet eternally free, free within the love of God.

The world of Spirit is your next step. And there you will find indescribable harmony, beauty and wonders, [of] which the earthly mind has as yet no conception. Look forward, my friends, in this New Year to this unfolding and expanding life.

We repeat that the scientists on your earth are men of great sensitivity. They are the receivers, although they will not yet admit it. They are receivers of these boundless truths. And through science, religion, as you call it, is going to be reconstituted. It will not be the religion of an outworn age, not the religion of emotion, but a religion of action, a religion of brotherhood, a religion of worship and adoration of the Source of all things, the Source of all glory, all loveliness, all happiness.

And He, Whom you know as the Master Jesus, stands in your midst. His body is raised from the earth. He is standing on the earth, but far above it, and yet He is in your midst. And He brings to you, one in either hand, the symbols of the bread and the wine. These symbols, dear ones, do not dismiss as unreal or imagination that is good [*sic*], for all imagination which is Godlike is true. And it is the only way that man can reach his Creator – through the power of imagination at its highest peak. So picture this image of the Lord Christ, and receive from Him, into your heart, the bread and the wine.

Peace in your heart. Comfort in your soul. Strength in your spirit. And, as a Shining Star, move forward on the pathway of the new year and the new age of the spirit.

Brother Faithful

As we have heard, we stand on the threshold of a decade of ten years which may well be the most hopeful, the most auspicious and the most momentous which the world has ever seen so far as our knowledge reaches back into the past. A ten-year space which may be wonderful, almost beyond measure, and which when war will disappear [*sic*] from the world and human life become placid, easier and more serene. It is an era such as this about which we have been told tonight and for which we work and look forward. And therefore tonight it has been a very important message.

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