

From Pisces to Aquarius

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Text: another blue 'draft' carbon copy probably by MB, and corrected by AMI. It is untitled beyond the information 'White Eagle's Address' and the date, and the title 'From Pisces to Aquarius' has been created for this project.

Context: because we have the typescript there is no problem with dating this address, although it does not seem to have gone into print at any stage. A pencil note in AMI's hand on the script says 'Not used for Sept. Angelus'. The script identifies the reading as the 155th chapter of the Aquarian Gospel. The published version of this Gospel gives a summary of the chapter, but it is probably easiest to consider it as beginning with Jesus answering questions, and then talking about death. Later, he is asked which is the greatest commandment. The chapter ends with warnings about the hypocrisy of the scribes and pharisees. The connection of the reading to White Eagle's topic is not immediately apparent, except perhaps in verses 16-19 of the Gospel, where they are about the transition from death to life. White Eagle thanks the Choir, but does not name the anthem that they have just sung. Maybe, if it indeed prompted thoughts about the great need of humanity, it might have been a choir setting of the hymn, 'O brother man, fold to thy heart they brother', but this is speculation.

General Notes: the underlying theme of the whole seems to be the religion of the new age and the nature of the Second Coming. White Eagle recognises the emergence of small groups all over the world, carrying the truth forward – a very Aquarian scenario. In the paragraph that begins 'Now, what does this voice tell all men on earth?', White Eagle speaks of man learning unselfishness through meeting selfish people, and it sounds as if he is saying that man meets these selfish people in the higher world. We suspect a phrase has been lost, for this sounds more like what would happen on earth, the lesson man learns here. A key point from this address is the delineation of the sixth sense, which White Eagle calls intuition – this has become familiar in White Eagle's teaching but may not have been so familiar to his 1951 audience. It is by this sixth sense, White Eagle says, that humanity will see the return of the Christ, the Second Coming – and it is that Second Coming which is the ultimate burden of the address. Finally we get a vision of the Aquarian Age, where this vision, White Eagle says, will be achieved, and will involve demonstrations from the spirit life which substantially exceed those that came through Spiritualism.

References: the phrase 'the great need of all humanity' forms part of the opening of White Eagle's own 'prayer for humanity'. White Eagle describes a picture of Christ holding a lamp, and the picture he is thinking of is almost certainly Holman Hunt's 'The Light of the World', painted between 1851 and 1853. There is a hidden quotation in the middle of the address, 'And ye shall know the truth and the truth wills set you free', which is from John 8 : 32. 'Except ye become as a little child' is Matthew 18 : 3. 'O death, where is thy sting?' is 1 Corinthians 15 : 55.

White Eagle's Address:

We thank the choir for that beautiful rendering, for it leads us to what we have to say to you all tonight.

As we listened to the singing it came over our hearts: the great need of all humanity. It may look, particularly at the present time, as though man is completely engrossed in his material life. He has no thought for an afterlife, nor for God, his Creator. And this may be so when all goes well with him, when he is prosperous and happy and healthy and is able to satisfy his physical demands, but when sorrow and trouble comes along, as it is bound to do, then he feels the great lack – and most people go to their church. They hope that in practising the religious word they will receive the help and the comfort which they need, and it is very noticeable on your earth today that the Christian churches, the recognised orthodox churches,

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are not as full as they used to be – and it is very sad to see the suffering of humanity; people who are crying to their God for bread and [yet] they are unable to receive the food which they need.

Now, we would remind you that we are at the end of an age, the age of Pisces, which we might almost describe as an emotional age, and we are passing into the age of Aquarius – which influences the mind and the intellect of man and also stimulates the spirit beneath mind and intellect. You are at the time in the earth planet's history when there is the breaking up of the old before the ushering in of the new. And so mankind is at the crossroads and very unhappy, very disillusioned, for the old religion of his fathers has been taken away from him. It is passing away and he knows not yet which way to look for his guidance into the future. There comes to us a picture of the Master, Jesus the Christ, holding in His hand a light and we hear His words saying, 'I am the light of the world'. But if you utter these words to the masses, who are bent on satisfying their physical cravings, they will no doubt laugh at you, scoff, for these words have no meaning for them. But there is something which man can find to inspire, to guide, to comfort and to heal him in his affliction. But he has to be shown how to find this guidance.

Now the Lord and Master Jesus has given the guidance to all peoples. Other teachers throughout the history of the world gave guidance to their followers, to their people. But at the present day there is no voice which can make itself heard above the noise and the babble of modern life. But there is a voice which is being raised and, at the present time, it is only a very soft voice, and it is not carrying very far. But we are going to tell you tonight that it is the one voice speaking through many channels all over the earth. And it is the voice of the spirit. It is the voice of the Son of God. It is the voice of the cosmic Christ.

Now, what does this voice tell all men on earth? First of all, the spirit voice comes back to tell men and women that things are not what they seem! That on earth you are living enclosed in darkness with a heavy veil before your eyes, and that the order of values, of life's values on your earth are all crooked. And the spirit voice comes to tell you that man on earth must make himself listen to the voice of the spirit, the voice which speaks across the border, across the etheric bridge from the world of spirit to the world of matter. He must listen when he is told that man does not die when his body falls from him, when he withdraws from his body. He continues to live in similar conditions and yet they are different, because in the world of spirit a man has to learn to be unselfish. If he does not train himself or make himself unselfish then he suffers, for on every hand he finds himself meeting extremely selfish people. And this is very uncomfortable and it causes him distress. When he has suffered a certain amount of distress he then understands that in order to escape from the selfishness all around him he must himself become unselfish. And when this happens he finds that he has been removed from the world of selfishness in which he was compelled to live. In other words he has removed himself by his own will and by the power of God, Who loves him and Who has formed the spiritual laws for man's own development and upliftment and emancipation.

The voice of the spirit will tell man that he must also be true. He must seek truth, and in order to seek truth he must be true in every reaction to the law of God. The law of God is love, and man must be true to this law according to his understanding of it, and he must deal truly and honourably with his brother man. He must not preach one thing and do another. He must

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reflect truth. Now, man finds when he passes to the world of spirit that if he has attained to a degree of truth in himself and in his relationships on earth, he will be in a place of truth where all those whom he meets will be true to him. He can have confidence in their reactions. They will be kind and helpful, sympathetic and loving, so that man in a very short time finds himself in a place of beauty which is truth, in a place of heavenliness which is love. And he finds that all men and women are his brethren. He finds that he is in a community of brethren and he feels happiness, for he has passed into a world of harmony and beauty and love and truth. And this world of spirit is not very far removed from the earth plane except by man's own selfishness and wilfulness.

Now, when man is thinking only of his own pleasure and enjoyment and his own gain, he cuts himself off from the plane or the sphere of light – which is the reverse of what he is living in dense matter. But when a soul passes to our side of life and by a simple process of love, loving simply the Christ spirit, loving his fellow man, being very calm and forgiving in times of apparent injustice (it is very hard to bear injustice); but when a man knows that in God's universe there is law, just, perfect and true, and that spiritually there is no injustice, [then] whatever you suffer on the earth plane which feels to you to be unjust, just pause for a moment and think what the word of the spirit says: 'there is no injustice in God's law'.

All men are set here in a physical body to grow in God-consciousness, in spiritual consciousness or in spirituality. Man is here to grow. The law of life is growth and whatever the law of cause and effect brings into a man's life, if he will remember that there is a justice in that experience, he will not feel so unhappy. He will feel that God knows best and that there is a wise purpose behind all seeming injustices in the individual life.

So we from the spirit world would say to man on earth, be still, be tranquil, and, above all, have patience, for in a little while what seems to you today to be an impossible barrier will be removed ... when you have learnt the particular lesson that the barrier has erected. We do not, when on earth, realise that we are the cause of our own ills, our own barriers; we erect them ourselves.

Now, these truths which the spirit is speaking to you are age-old truths. They are the law of the living God. They operate all through human life, and when man passes away into higher spheres, into what the masters of all ages describe as eternal life, then man will find that beautiful home, a heaven world to which all are journeying.

Now, be comforted, dear ones of earth. The law of the spirit is at work on your earth and the time is approaching when mankind will listen to this message of the new age. Jesus gave you, gave all the world, the message from the Father God.

Why do men still suffer and quarrel amongst themselves? Why do they reject the greatest treasure of life, God's love, God's truth? Why do men turn away from religion in these days? Because what is now called religion does not fulfil the needs of man's evolving spirit, for with the evolution of the spirit and the expansion of the mind consciousness, man needs something more than he is at present receiving in what is called religion, that which is passing away, because it has fulfilled the need of the people of the past Piscean age.

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Now comes this new religion, which is not of the emotions, not only of the intellect, but is of the spirit. It is of the heart and it is the lifeblood of the people. The people must find this life. They will only find it if they will listen, not only to the voice of one speaking from the spirit world, but if they will listen to their own inner voice and give themselves time to be quiet and still and to seek within. For the Kingdom of Heaven is within man, and he must seek this within-ness first. Then he will know truth. The truth, as it is absorbed into his being and expands his consciousness, will set him free from the bondage of matter, the lower matter, physical matter, earthly matter. And he will learn to function without the limitations of the five senses, because there is the sixth sense – which is now being developed in mankind. This is what you call intuition, but what we call the voice of the spirit. And as this intuition develops in the new age, man will learn from the living God, not necessarily from individual teachers or preachers, but from God within his own heart. Following this line, man will be preparing himself for that second coming of the Lord.

Now, there are many people who want to know, those who seek an answer to their question; ‘Will the Master, Jesus the Christ, come again as He promised to earth?’ Now we would like in just a few minutes to draw your attention to that picture of the Ascension and the disciples there watching in anguish and in adoration the shining form of their Master, whom they loved, whom they would hold to earth. They want to keep him here on the earth plane. What will they do without their beloved Master, who has the power to raise the dead, heal the sick and to perform miracles and to save humanity? What will they do without his presence?

There he is, becoming more radiant in the light, the light becoming brighter, and then his form is raised up into the heavens and he is enveloped in the mists surrounding the earth. Now has he really gone from the earth? ‘I only go that you may find me again.’ That glorious spirit of the arisen Christ has not withdrawn from the earth, but man has drawn over his eyes the veil, so that he cannot see the transcendent loveliness of the Christ spirit. And as the Christ rose and ascended into heaven, so will He come again. But first, we say this most emphatically, first man must receive into his heart the Christ light. Man must seek the truth through his spirit, through his intuition, and his intuition will guide him to the life of spirit, to the world of spirit. And in that spirit world there are countless hosts who are concentrating upon the earth, upon man to help man.

The Great White Brotherhood, the great White Army of saints and teachers of all time, are dwelling with man, but man cannot see because of the mist which he has himself erected through selfishness and lack of truth and distorted values of God’s life on this earth planet. But when man seeks to find the spirit of the living Son of God, the Christ spirit, and changes his heart from stone to a living fire, then he will raise the vibrations of his body. He will raise the vibrations of the whole earth – and then he will be able to see the Son of God when He appears to him in all His glory.

There is no death, only a passing out from this physical body into a finer ether. There will be a return for those who have not mastered the lower elements of life and only through the Christ spirit growing within them and mastering their lives will they be able to see the living Christ. And as they are purified, they will pass into this higher ether, and there they will meet the hosts who are with the Lord Christ.

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All over the earth from now onward you will hear of small groups, many, many groups. All over your country, all over Europe, all over the whole world, men and women will be meeting, together seeking this truth and they will not be given a stone. They will be given the Bread of Life, God's Life, for the message will come – and as man is prepared to receive this message, man will receive deeper understanding of what the message means. If this story was told to man at the present time he would not be ready to receive it, not be ready to comprehend. Did not the Master say; 'Except ye become as a little child, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven'?

And this age of the intellect and the little earthly mind will pass, and there will come to man this divine light, this divine intelligence. It will not be merely words alone that man will hear, but demonstrations by the spirit power through physical matter, through earthly matter, but of a very much higher degree than the manifestations which ushered in what you call modern Spiritualism. That had a purpose to fulfil, but there comes to earth in the future a greater demonstration of the power of the spirit of Christ. And then, although the physical body may in many cases be left to disintegrate and pass away until a new incarnation of the spirit, there will also be many instances of the transmutation, the recreation, the reconstitution of the human form, and we can assure you this is true. You have only for confirmation to read the story of the resurrection of the Master Jesus. There He demonstrated for you the resurrection of the human form, a much finer and more beautiful form than the average gross body now living on earth. Man must purify that emotion body, must seek the inner voice and respond to the intuition. Man must set his whole being to love his Creator with heart and soul and mind and his brother man as himself. Then will wars finish, then will come the Golden Age onto this earth. Then will man know the meaning of 'O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?'

Life beyond is here, close to you; those you love can be forever in communion with you. Even though they pass into spheres of light beyond this earth they will meet you on the plane of reunion, that state of life which is between heaven and earth. Man must rise by his life, his truth and by his love to that plane of reunion above physical conditions; and the loved ones in the heavenly state will clothe themselves in the appropriate body and garments, and there meet man and hold communion with him. There will be the plane where men and angels will walk and talk together. This is the message of the new age. This is the religion of the new age and the White Brotherhood are sending out their messengers now all over the Earth to give this message to mankind.

May the spirit of the Lord Christ the Son be with each one of you. God bless the words of the Spirit. Amen.

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