

# Service of Dedication

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*Text:* a blue duplicated original in a bound volume, without any other markings.

*Context:* the opening service for the White Eagle Lodge at Pembroke Hall, 12b Pembroke Gardens, London W8; for more detail see 'General Notes'. Note that 22ND February 1936 was actually a Saturday, although we think of this as a Sunday address; it is also much briefer than the normal Sunday address.

*General notes:* the 'beloved sister in service' greeted at the beginning was probably Estelle Stead, who shared the platform with Minesta – along with the noted Spiritualist author, Shaw Desmond (1877-1960). 'Beloved Rosemary', described as 'the chairman' has not so far been identified; she may be the same Rosemary who is addressed in what may be the very earliest White Eagle talk, given at the Stead Library. It is just possible (but cannot be authenticated) that 'Rosemary' was the name by which White Eagle referred to Estelle Stead. She was initiated into the White Eagle Brotherhood in 1935, but her brotherhood name has gone unrecorded. The term 'lighthouse', used for the Lodge, seems first to have been adopted by Shaw Desmond – see THE STORY OF THE WHITE EAGLE LODGE, 1986, p. 7, where there is an account of this opening service. The version of this dedication given there probably carries Brother Faithful's edits, as it differs slightly from this one.

*References:* the phrase containing the words 'He doeth the works' is loosely quoted from John 14 : 10; for 'the kingdom of heaven is within you' compare Luke 17 : 21. 'Create man in my own image' is a slight misquotation of Genesis 1 : 26 and 'Feed my sheep' is the phrase repeated again and again by the arisen Jesus to the disciple Peter in John 21. The 'peace which passeth all earthly understanding' is from the Epistle to the Philippians, 4 : 7.

## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren – beloved sister in service – our heart is filled with love. Nor is it necessary for us to tell you how much we feel your love in response, and how pleased we are to welcome you all. For we who dwell in the spiritual spheres of life are not far removed from you and the very work of God, the Great Omnipotent Spirit, the Light of the Universe rests dependent upon you. How can there be separation between any one of us who labours to make mankind aware of the great Light of God upon your earth plane?

We gratefully remember each who is representative of some other organisation in this service today, for remember, no matter whether their organisation deals with the scientific, the literary, the religious or medical side of the service of the Spirit, all are necessary, all are as spokes in the great wheel which speeds on the path of human evolution. We wish to strike the note of unity today, for in spirit there is no separation, and thus emphasise the need for unity throughout every activity of man.

Most of you, beloved children, who are gathered here today are drawn hither through your contact with the movement known as Spiritualism. Spiritualism has brought a great revelation to the present age, because it has proved to mankind the fact of survival after death. But it

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demonstrates to mankind far more – even that man has within himself an Immortal Spirit. Spiritualism opens the way, provides indeed the threshold through which humanity passes into the inner spiritual mysteries of life, those mysteries which the Masters throughout the ages have been revealing to their chosen Initiates – because only the few can understand.

The great master of Masters, Jesus the Christ, gave unto mankind all the sweet mysteries of life, both here and hereafter and struck one dominant note throughout all his ministry. It was this – “God My Father, it is he who doeth the works.” Jesus made no claim for Himself that He did not share with all those who love God. His Voice is sounding even now, speaking always of love of God, revealing always the Kingdom of Heaven. He spoke of a Heaven in some far-off clime, but rather ‘The kingdom of Heaven is within you’ ... When mankind realises this truth of the God or the Christ within, then at last he can meet his brother man on a common platform, on one common plane of brotherhood and service.

Because of this, we have chosen the name ‘The White Eagle Lodge’ for this Centre – a name not attached or bearing any reference to any particular person, but referring to the symbolism of the White Eagle, the symbol of Vision, used down the ages by the Wise Ones to whom we are privileged to be attached and to serve.

This is a focal point, this spirit of light; and all those who serve the Great White Light, whatever their denomination, whatever their school of thought, all can meet on a common plane of brotherhood and service.

Therefore, beloved children, we say that this place is another lighthouse and we ask you to help us establish the light within. Beloved Rosemary (the chairman) has already – perhaps without knowing it – struck a note which we would emphasise – that of Light. Here may there be a focal point for the Light of Spirit.

Unite with us in spirit so that we may be at one with the Christ Light, so that we may attune ourselves, make ourselves channels for the inflow of that pure virgin Spirit of Christ, Who is the Son of God, even as you also are sons of God. Since within you dwells the Christ light, by contacting those spiritual spheres of light you will grow in stature to perfection and full manhood.

Did he not say ‘Behold, create man in My Own Image’? What a birthright is yours: To hold the gift of the Spirit within you, so that you may become perfect sons of God the Father, going about your ministry even as Christ.

And now I ask you to be absolutely still within; to put aside all material agitation and thought, to be still and contact the great Light which is now pouring down upon us all...

Pause...

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In the name of God we call upon the Angels of Light, of Wisdom and of Power, to bless, sanctify and dedicate this centre to the service of the Spirit of Christ. May those who minister herein give healing to the sick and comfort to those who mourn; take the blindness from the eyes of those who see not, and give hearing to those who are deaf; and may they send forth from their hearts and their lives at all times the love of God, bringing to this earth peace and establishing the Brotherhood of Man and harmony between nations.

So be it.

And in the words of the Master we say – ‘Feed My sheep’, in daily service and love.

And so may the spirit of God our Father dwell within you all. May you go forth from this service with the will to do the will of the living God; within you the will to serve, to love and to minister to all mankind. And so may the peace which passeth all earthly understanding remain with you now and always.

Amen.

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