

# The Golden Harvest

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*Text:* typescript by MB, carbon copy. Pencil markings, apparently for the edited tape sold to the public as CS1004 (a note in red on the cover page, probably in YGH's hand, says 'used for WE1004'). RAE, who worked with the recordings, has made a few pencil corrections which we suspect are corrections of the typescript on hearing the tape, and so we have followed many of them. There is a point about one third of the way into the address where MB missed a word or two. They evidently defeated RAE too, or he would have written them in. Writing about the sparrows falling to the ground, White Eagle seems to be speaking to one person alone ('And that, my brother...'). We have left this as it is, but suspect that he said 'My brethren' and that there is a transcription error here. On CS1004 there was a second address on the B side, which was the Remembrance address of 8 November this same year.

*Context:* MB tells us, 'The whole Lodge and especially the altar was exquisitely decorated'. Brother Faithful announced the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell' (443). Minesta's invocation was recorded elsewhere, and Brother Faithful's reading was Matthew 13 : 1-19 (the parable of the sower, along with an explanation of speaking in parable). The second hymn was 'We plough the fields, and scatter | The good seed on the land' (14). After the prayers came the third hymn, 'God, who made the earth' (358). After the address, Brother Faithful commented as usual (reproduced here) and announced the fourth hymn, 'God is working His purpose out' (202). Minesta's final benediction was recorded separately, and the Choir offered Stainer's 'Hail, gladdening light' as a vesper. MB says that the vesper was 'Exquisite' and that at the end there was 'Beautiful music on the organ, played by Brother David'.

*General notes:* another particularly lengthy address. White Eagle begins by saying the address will focus on 'the truth about the Great Master', a promise which is not entirely borne out by what follows. Truth is to be heard by abandoning restrictive thought and giving out love, for that is the basis of life. The argument moves forward through consideration of the seed or the grain, along with some thoughts about karma. Acceptance of karma brings understanding of brotherhood. 'Brotherhood means sharing, sharing, sharing both the blessings and the sufferings of your fellow beings'. And at the end of the road of brotherhood there is the golden harvest. There is a disquisition about the work of the heart, and how unwise it is to transplant hearts. Lastly, there is a reminder that beauty on earth is nothing compared with the beauty of the higher world, and that to glimpse higher beauty is to rise in spirit. The communion is beautiful, but quite short.

*References:* White Eagle speaks of each listener being born into 'a piece of wheat'. This is not linked to John 12 : 24 in context, but the grain of wheat having to die and be reborn cannot be far from the reference here. 'Love one another' is John 13 : 34. 'Whose fault is it that this man was born blind?' and the answer, 'Neither', are John 9 : 2-3. There is a generalised reference to priests who created fire out of nothing; the source for this is maybe the story of Elijah, in 1 Kings 18. For the sparrows and the hairs on one's head, see Matthew 10 : 29-31.

*Historical note:* there is a reference to suffering in the Middle East. September 1970 was known as 'Black September' because of fighting in Jordan between the army of King Hussein and members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Black September was the name of the militant breakaway group of the PLO.

## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren of the earth life, we bring to each one of you love, great love. And we come not to preach, not to dictate to you, but to bring you a few crumbs of truth and wisdom, which we know will help you. Whoever you are, whatever your need, there is one who cares for

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you, and who understands you. And this is the whole of our message to you this day of the Harvest Festival.

We ask you to lay aside from your minds at this moment all the turmoil and bitter suffering of your brethren in the world, and particularly in the Middle East. And in passing we would say just this, that out of the chaos and suffering will be born a new era for the people on earth. For all people will be given the opportunity to learn wisdom, to learn the reason for the apparent mistakes and errors which are committed by their fellow brethren.

We would bring before you on this day of the harvest the truth about the Great Master, Jesus Christ. Now, there is so much for man to understand about this Great Master. The orthodox friends have misunderstood, or have not correctly in all ways interpreted, the message which he brought – though we say to you now from the world of spirit that his message to humanity was the key, the golden key, to man's freedom, freedom from sorrow and suffering and death.

Now, you have heard this before in a different context, but you do not fully understand the inner meaning. And for this, my brethren, you must turn to yourself, because you are a son–daughter of the living God. And in great love He bore, or They bore you, and brought you into a – shall we call it – a piece of wheat. A piece of wheat, we think that will be a good simile, for He created you in a physical body. And although you meet suffering and trial and maybe life is very hard for you at times, nevertheless you will find that underneath all this turmoil and heartache there is a *power* which is carrying you along. You may have accidents and illness and bereavement, poverty, all manner of suffering through man's inhumanity to man, but if you are honest with yourself – as you look at your life and look inward with an unbiased mind – you will admit that in a miraculous way you have been helped, you have been guided, you have been brought through your trials and difficulties. And so it will be to the end of this particular physical life if you can only resign yourselves to that Supreme Love which Jesus in His simple teaching was continually giving to His disciples and to the multitude.

Now, let us banish from our thoughts all restriction and orthodoxy, and open our hearts simply as children of the living Father–Mother God, and give from our heart His love. This is the key. But oh! humanity is struggling in the dust of earth to find a way out of its problems and all the injustice inflicted upon it. But, my brethren, God is in His heaven. God is omnipotent. God cannot be put aside, not by any man. God is omnipotent, *all power*. That is demonstrated to humanity in many, many ways.

Do you know, we have heard even quite recently – although we do not judge time as you judge it on your physical plane of life – that a question was put, 'If it is my karma – why do I have to suffer this? – I suppose it is my karma! Whose karma is it when there is national suffering, international suffering?' We answer that question. It is humanity's karma.

Now remember this, that you are all as children. Many of you are in the kindergarten. Many of you have passed into higher standards, and a few have graduated into the university of spiritual – shall we say religious? we do not like the word very much – but spiritual, science.

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Now, those of you or anyone on the earth who has by living in accord with the law, which Jesus so clearly gave, the law of love and brotherhood, 'Love one another': he who has lived honestly by that law. is not only helping himself, but he is helping the whole of mankind. It isn't by rushing about and fighting or shouting and talking that you do the most good. But within your heart is a seed which God has placed there. It is the seed atom of life. And this seed in your heart can, when you understand the law, when you are operating the law, it will put you in direct touch, contact, with that supreme all-embracing light of life.

We speak of the pure Holy Spirit, not the soul, the soul is the encasement, the body, the etheric body in which man is functioning whilst he is on the earth. You call it your soul. The soul receives impressions from that creative sphere of pure Light, and that soul transmits it to the brain of man. And [the] man with the love in his heart, the *light* within his heart, will use that power to create. He will create in colour, in beautiful colour in art and pictures. He will create in language, in literature; he will [...] create in drama. Man has within him this remarkable gift of creating beauty. And this power is illumined, quickened, by that pure White Light, Spirit. And spirit is all love. This is why until a man or woman loves, and understands what love is, he is unable to create perfection. Perfection only comes through that pure Christ love. And this love, which we have described to you many times as light, is the power which enables that seed atom in the heart to grow.

Now, as it commences to grow in you do not stifle it, brethren. Encourage this feeling of love, of tolerance and of good will. Encourage it, because as you are doing this you are growing in spiritual power and wisdom. If you could see clairvoyantly the tiny seed – shall we take, for instance, a piece of corn which is sown into the earth [and] covered up in the darkness? – you do not know what is taking place. But if you could see clairvoyantly you would see [that] in that little seed was life. And this life would appear to you in the form of light. You would see that little seed as a fire. You know, in the days gone by – we have told you this before – how the priests in ancient times would create fire out of apparently nothing on the altar. A priest would place his hands in a certain way, and say certain words, and there would come gradually the fire, because the light would be fanned by an unseen wind, and the fire would grow and blaze. Now, that was a demonstration to our people of the life of God which came from out of space, from silence into manifestation, into physical form. And you know enough to accept the truth that phenomena of this kind happen in certain places in certain cases.

But remember that there are many different levels of creation, creating matter and form. And it can be created purely out of the astral matter instead of the pure white ether, animated, brought to life by that light, that life-force, which man calls God.

Now, let us go back to our little seed which we see breaking its bonds. We see the white light shining through it and drawing it up, drawing up the rays of white light through the earth until it appears above the earth as plant, grass green, opened by the sunlight from above. This is a clear demonstration to humanity of this invisible power, this life, which is the ether which is all round man, which is everywhere: most of all in man himself.

And with regard to our reference to whose karma it is when you yourself have had an accident. We are thinking of a special little friend tonight, who had a severe accident, and it

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seemed not her fault. And people would say, 'Why should that happen to our little Sister?' You often say, 'Why should this happen to me? Whose karma is it? Is it my karma?' Now, we want to give you a broader vision of the law of karma. Jesus, you may remember, said to the man in answer to a question the man put to him, 'Whose fault is it that this man is born blind. Is it this man's, or his parents'?' And Jesus said, 'Neither'. He said, 'It is to demonstrate or to fulfil the law of God'. And this – the meaning of this is, that the suffering which comes unbidden to you, and to all men: innocent children who are murdered; innocent people who are imprisoned, innocent people who have to suffer because others are cruel; all these things come under the law, the law of karma, which when viewed with knowledge and understanding is seen to be a just and good law.

Now, you will not or you may be able to accept this as a truth, but we assure you that when man becomes more tolerant and is able to feel the need of the rest of humanity he will accept his own karma – what comes to him – knowing that he is helping the rest of humanity to work out human karma. Now this, my dear brethren, will bring to you a true understanding of brotherhood. Brotherhood does not mean just doing as you like. Brotherhood means sharing, sharing, sharing both the blessings and the sufferings of your fellow beings; accepting with humility and faith the divine law which is at work on this earth plane – working through the hearts of men and women, working through human life, teaching lessons, revealing to men the difference between good and evil, between selflessness and selfishness.

Now, these wrongs cannot be put right by legislation alone. They can only be put right through the human heart. And do remember that all men are not at the same level of evolution spiritually. Therefore, those who may have climbed a little higher up the mountain should not look upon their brethren in the lower slopes with criticism. They should regard all men with love, not even pity, but with love. And know that they are all treading the path of progression, all moving upwards towards the mountain slopes until at last they reach the apex of the mountain – when they become clothed in gold, not the gold of earth, not the hard material gold, but that lovely gold of God, the gold of love.

Now this, my children, is what we call the golden harvest, the *golden harvest*. Every single soul will come to it. It doesn't matter who you are, it doesn't matter what you are, you all have within you that inner light. And if you do your best to follow that inner light, which means to be loving and kind – it is so simple – humble and gentle in thought, in act, you grow all the time. But more than this, you are opening the main centre or chakra of your being, the heart, to the blessing of the Great White Light which is pouring down upon you. This is the point: that you as the individual must obey the law and do your best. It is not – you cannot be perfect – it is not possible. And as you do your best, as you do this, you are drawing the attention of the great hierarchies in the Heavens.

Now, Jesus said, 'Not a sparrow falls to the ground and your Heavenly Father knows it'. And with man, 'Every hair of your head is numbered'. Now, if you could see the diagram of life as it can be seen in the Halls of Wisdom in the Spirit World you would see a most intricate criss-cross pattern, innumerable little lines crossing backwards and upwards, forward and across, up and down, a most amazing intricate plan or diagram. And that, my dear brother, is

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the nearest picture we can give you of all the ramifications of life, not only on the physical plane, but in the spirit spheres, and in the Heavenly Spheres.

All these little intricate fine lines all have a purpose. And all is moving according to this Infinite and Divine Law. And even you, whoever you are; even you, my child, possibly with a heart which is breaking, you are known to your Guide and to the Brethren beyond your Guide, and to the Great Ones in the Celestial Spheres; and most of all to God your Heavenly Father–Mother, your Creator. Your need is known, not only your physical need, but your spiritual need. And everything which happens to you has a purpose. You must have seen yourself how one thing leads to another. And you say, ‘How extraordinary, if I had not met old Bob yesterday he would not have told me to go to such and such a place, and I should not have linked up with [someone else] who has proved to be of such help to me. It would have been a great miss in my life.’ Now, you all know these things happen. You all know how you are brought to meet the right people, to come to the place at the right time. Because the Lord God knows your need, His Messengers are sent to guide and to help you.

Of course, just as a simple illustration, on the walls of certain buildings in the world of Spirit, administrative buildings where there is a staff which is at work to save and help humanity, you would find a great screen. And on that screen would be marks, little stars perhaps, and you would see how these little lines are marked. And this star is moved from here, and this one is moved up to there. Everything is known. This man is going to pass over. Preparations are made for him to be received in love to the Spirit World. This child is going to be born to these parents. All preparations are made, the Divine Mother-spirit is with the young mother on the earth, helping, sustaining. So on and so forth. Every single detail of life is prepared for. But what man has to understand is that the Supreme Divine Intelligence and Love has humanity in its care. And however it seems to suffer there is always a wonderful power which comes to the aid of the suffering, and you, remember, may be a channel of God to help your fellow man. You will feel moved to say certain words; sometimes, you say, ‘I do not like so and so’. But if you could always act and speak with love and tolerance you will be doing the work of the angels, we assure you.

Now, our very last word – we will not keep you any longer, because you will be tired. We want to speak of the heart again. The heart is the repository of the Divine Spark, the Spirit. And this is why the physical heart should be sacred. Now, from that heart there pumps through the veins, through the arteries, all over the body, through the nervous system, pure *white light*. You cannot see it. Doctors do not know anything about it. It is what we call the Christ Spirit. Now, it is this Light, which is the Great Healer. It flows from the heart of the universe, from the heart of God, direct[ly] into the heart of man.

And the heart of man has a much greater function spiritually than physically. And this is why we have said that it is an error to transplant the heart. You know quite well how the arguments go: ‘You are saving life, you are giving life to a loved one for a little while.’ But it cannot be long, because the heart of each individual is individualistic, and it can only function correctly in its own individual. And to try and transplant a heart from one body to another you can only prolong the life of the patient for a very short while. And you do not know what you are doing to that patient, spiritually.

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Now remember this, because the heart is the most sacred centre, the most sacred organ in the human body. And it cannot, it should not, it will not be transplanted. It will protest, because there is this Divine Intelligence, this Divine Power, Wisdom, which is using the heart of every man irrespective of colour, class or creed. Every man has his own altar in his own heart. And the password into that heart chamber, that heart temple is love. *Love one another.* And see before you in the different parts in our Lodge the manifestation of God's love for His children encased in physical bodies. Do remember too, my children, that the Golden Harvest awaits every soul, and time is nothing, a thousand years is but a day. You are proceeding on the path upward to that golden world of God, to freedom – for man will not for ever be imprisoned in a body of flesh. He will live in an indestructible and eternal body of light, of *light*. When man enters the spirit world at death, when he has freed himself from the entanglements of the physical body, his eyes are opened, and he sees the glory of the heavens in light.

Now, if you can imagine a beautiful seascape, a beautiful scene in the country – trees and flowers and lakes – you will say, 'How beautiful!' But to us it looks dull. But to you when the Sun is shining on it you say, 'How beautiful!' But from the spirit, and in the spirit world, you will find everything you look upon will be illumined with an inner light, and the colours are most beautiful, beyond anything you can imagine with your brain, with your earthly mind. And if you can just for a flash picture a scene of utmost beauty, illumined with heavenly light from within, so that it is radiating pulsating colour and harmony, you will get a little idea of what you will find in the world of spirit; provided you have taken it into yourself whilst living in a physical body – the light, the heavenly light, to the best of your ability. And you do this by giving love, love, my brethren.

To the Great Spirit we now raise our hearts in thanksgiving. The Grand Master of all the Masters silently brings to you now the symbol, the Bread, the wheat, the Holy Light made into Bread. Place it on your tongue. Hold onto your consciousness of the truth of God's light in you as you absorb it. And He offers you the Cup, the Grail Cup, the most perfect symbol of man's reception for the White Light, the Wine, the Essence – the blood, if you like, because it is the life force, the heavenly life force given to you by the Grand Master. Sip, and feel it flowing all through your circulatory system and your nervous system, the *Holy Light* and *Love*. Amen. Amen. Amen.

## Brother Faithful:

Supposedly, the average garden would provide a pretty good illustration of good and bad karma. It is not waving a wand and it [is] working. Take roses and the assailing weeds, grass, elder, docks, thistles, dandelions – a whole host of them trying to pull down the good karma. And talking of bad karma the various fungi, slugs, caterpillars, all kinds of things assail flowers. All those flowers, whatever they are, some varied, they are all dependent on the good offices of the good gardener. And in our human garden I think we are all equally dependent. in case we get more than overgrown or battened or stripped. We are equally dependent on our good *Gardener*. It is a thought.

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Our closing Hymn, No. 300: 'God is working His purpose out'

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