

## Forward into the Light

A303 Sunday Address 2nd March 1958 St Mary Abbots Place, London Service for  
Twenty-Second Anniversary of the Lodge

*Text:* blue typescript by MB. Both a top copy and a carbon exist, the latter heavily worked over by IC and also YGH. The title is from IC's handwritten notes on the carbon. MB describes the flowers and gives two readings, but makes no mention of music. She has also added in Brother Faithful's remarks after White Eagle finished, and we have retained them here. Three quarters of the way through the address, at the end of the paragraph beginning 'Love must take the place of fear', the word 'plane' just might be a mistranscription of 'planet' in both instances, or at least in the second one.

*Context:* as usual, the Lodge Anniversary was celebrated on the first Sunday in March. After the excitement of the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary, there seems to have been a desire to make the 22<sup>nd</sup> special too. MB comments on the flowers for the occasion: 'Exquisite flowers – red roses on the Cross. On the Altar, lilies, daffodils, white tulips, blue irises, pink flowers'. The readings were Psalm 67 ('God be merciful unto us, and bless us', which contains the words, 'Let the people praise Thee, O God') and selections from White Eagle's opening address at Pembroke Hall on 22 February 1936. The Psalm is only seven verses long. A write-up of the service in *Stella Polaris*, April 1958, tells us that the first hymn was 'All people that on earth do dwell', followed by the choir singing St Francis's 'Song of the Creatures'. Then came the psalm, and the hymn 'Ye holy angels bright'. The words from the 1936 Dedication came as a separate reading, and then the prayers. The anthem was Byrd's setting of 'If ye love me' and then came the address. The final hymn is confirmed as per the alteration, to 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind', and the recessional voluntary was based on the 'Old Hundredth'.

*General Notes:* White Eagle characteristically welcomes the whole company, but makes special note of the ranks of former members of the Lodge on the other side of life. There is just a hint in his words that there might have been a recent passing that grieved several members of the Lodge; Brother Faithful's words at the end could be read as confirmation of this. There is however no obvious candidate. White Eagle refers back to the reading in reference to the use of his own name, and the words from the 1936 dedication are: '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'. For a possible challenge to Minesta's authority, which might have led White Eagle to talk about his name, see the address of 7 September.

There is next an illuminating discussion of the Trinity. White Eagle speaks of being able to see, from spirit, centres of light – and that these are necessary to them for bringing the divine truth to Earth. He speaks of how brotherhood grows, and encouragingly reminds us that our spiritual awakening brings not only service to the rest of humanity but joy, and speaks of the gifts of God to man, such as the power of healing. 'God's gifts are legion. Perhaps the greatest gift of all is happiness, inner peace.' Above all, he says, we are loved: 'You as an individual are much loved by your Creator'. At the end, he stresses the importance of our capacity for *feeling*.

*References:* the phrase, 'all things work together for good for the man who loves God' is a favourite of White Eagle's; it is actually a rendering of Romans 8 : 28. White Eagle refers to the Lighthouse his members are creating: this, like the note on his name, is a reference back to the Dedication of the Lodge. At the end, the reference to 'the Great Spirit which maketh all things new' is an allusion to Samuel Longfellow's poem, sung as a hymn, 'O life that maketh all things new'.

### White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of earth, we come once more to bring you our message from the world of spirit.

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All around you are those who once lived in a physical body like yourselves. They are all here with you, your own loved ones. And we would also mention those who have been members of this Lodge – quite a large company now – who join with you in the service of Thanksgiving.

We would like you to know when one of your number falls asleep in the physical body, he or she awakens to a great welcome in our world of spirit. You all have many friends in what you call the afterlife. But henceforth we hope that you will not think thoughts of the invisible life as hereafter in the sense that you cannot reach it or be aware of it whilst you are enslaved in the physical life.

Our work in this Lodge is to bring humanity this joyous message, that life is one whole – and that man has, within himself, the power to see and to enter into the world of spirit when he is spiritually attuned to that world.

Now some of you may wonder why this Lodge is called the White Eagle Lodge. As you have already heard in the reading, the name ‘White Eagle’ is not attached only to an individual spirit. The White Eagle Lodge stands for a true vision, vision through the mists of earth into a larger and more perfect life.

You will all know that the white eagle is the symbol of St John, the beloved disciple of Jesus the Christ. If you know your Bible, as you should, you will know that St John received Revelations. He was caught up in the power of the Spirit and he saw into the heavens. He saw the Heavens and a new Earth. He saw the constitution of man. He saw that God had bestowed on man great gifts, and not the least of these gifts was the gift of vision. But the greatest of all His gifts was His own Son.

Now in Christendom the Son of God is worshipped in the man, the Nazarene, Jesus. But Jesus was an advanced soul who came to this earth from afar. Where he came from will slowly be revealed to the initiate or to the soul who becomes aware of the greater worlds interpenetrating this world. Knowledge opens – not mind knowledge alone – but heart knowledge, the intuition, the inner tuition; the tuition which is within man’s soul. Now this intuition is an aspect, a part of the great gift of God to man.

The greatest gift of all is the seed, the atom seed of the Christ spirit. This is the Son of God, God the Threefold, the Trinity. God, the Thought, the Power, the Energy, the Wisdom – the enfolding and interpenetrating Wisdom manifesting through the Great Mother of Life. Through the marriage of the Thought, the right thought, the God-thought, and the Wisdom of the soul – the wisdom *of the soul* – is born Love. Love is of God, the Father–Mother God. Love is the Son of God, and the Son of God is known to you as Christ.

We don’t want to go more deeply into this esoteric teaching tonight, but we hope we have put it quite simply to you. Christ is the Son and the Christ seed is planted in the human heart. There are Christs, many Christs, but when you prefix it with *the* Christ – *the Christ* – you are referring to the Infinite Supreme Light and Love which proceeds from the Father–Mother

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God. Christ is the Light which brought, through Jesus the man, the revelation of the Age of Spirit.

Now it has been a long time unfolding to man. We are on the cusp of the age of spirit, the age of the air, the age of science, the age of the mind and thought power – and these things are going to be demonstrated on the earth plane where and when humanity can safely be given the great knowledge and power to use that knowledge with wisdom and love.

Now, you are all pioneers. You have a work to do. You would not be here in this Lodge tonight – even if it is your first visit, you would not be here – if your visit had not a spiritual cause. You may never come here again, but the fact that you are here means that you have been drawn to this place of Light.

Now all over this earth plane there are lights like stars. And these lights we know are the centres to which we can come to assist humanity in its search for truth, in its search for spiritual knowledge and service.

Now the fact that you are here on this day of power, this anniversary day, means that you have sent out from yourself a searchlight for truth. The perfect law which governs attraction – cause and effect – is in operation, and you have been drawn here for a purpose: to learn that you are a pioneer for this great age which is now approaching humanity, an age of great wonders, an age of the spirit.

But before, as we have already said, before the greater revelation can come to mankind, it must be more receptive. It must be more spiritual in its attitude to life. The Christ within man must be allowed to take possession of man's heart and mind. It is a time of balance when the intellect and the intuition must work in harmony. There is a great deal for you all to learn, but the foundation of all learning, spiritual learning, must be brotherhood, brotherly love. So you see, mankind has quite a lot of work to do upon itself.

But we would have you all know that once you have turned your vision towards the light of love and have opened your hearing to the sounds of harmony in the heavens and endeavoured to put into practice the power of love in your own lives, and the vision in your minds of the future perfection of life, you cannot receive greater power than you have at present. What we are trying to say to you is this: that you are receiving messages not from individuals who have died, but from a great power, from Principalities, from great intelligences, from great Beings, who may be called Masters.

Now this, dear children, is a very wonderful thing, a wonderful revelation to mankind. The Heavens are open and the invisible hosts are working amongst men. The Light is slowly permeating the minds of men. As we say, humanity has quite a long way to go yet. But you have the privilege of helping humanity to open its awareness, its consciousness to the invisible hosts. And the basis of the whole structure of the new age is brotherhood.

Now not only brotherhood to those you like, not only brotherhood towards your friends, but brotherhood to life, to everything, to every created thing. Now when a man is filled with love

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of the Son of God, the Christ, he turns away instinctively from every form of cruelty. There is no cruelty in Christ, only love, friendliness, compassion, goodwill. God's Will is operating through His Son, the Christ spirit. The Christ spirit is Infinite, Universal, and can and has done, and is being done, in humanity the manifestation of this beautiful love.

There are problems that you will come up against, and still are coming up against. The problem of war, how can war be in harmony with the spirit of brotherly love, with the spirit of Christ?

Now you people (in your own words) are going to face a great issue very shortly. Not war, no, but a decision about nuclear weapons. Now there must be spiritually awakened people who can lead the thought of your world, and lead it away from thoughts of self-defence and the destruction of others. Lead it towards common sense, if you like, but good will and brotherly love because love is the greatest power on earth. Love has not yet been put into operation in entirety.

Love must take the place of fear. Fear in the human heart is man's greatest enemy. Only love can overcome fear. Mankind must turn away from the affliction of cruelty and deliberate suffering inflicted upon God's creatures. In the world of spirit beyond the lower planes which immediately surround the earth – in the world of light – there is a life of indescribable harmony and joy. Now this life can come to your earth plane as it has come and as it exists on other planes; this life of brotherhood and love.

Now it will come, but you all need to work for it. And the work must commence in the individual life. And what happens as soon as you set this light going in your heart, this light of love? What happens? Not only do you evolve spiritually, you evolve physically. The physical body becomes finer and healthier, stronger. The life becomes more harmonious and the spirit is able to respond to companions from these higher worlds.

It isn't only the service that you can give to your world by your right attitude of mind and your right life: it is also a joy which comes into your own life: a power which works, a power which Jesus the Christ demonstrated – the power of healing. A power which brings with it God's gift to mankind. And God's gifts are legion. Perhaps the greatest gift of all is happiness, inner peace. No pain, anguish through the turmoil of the emotions, but peace, quietude and a response to the Great Infinite Spirit which makes all things new.

These truths are what the Brotherhood of the Light is bringing from the world of spirit.

Now dear children, old and young, what we want you to know above all things is this: that you as an individual are much loved by your Creator, Who sends His messengers of the Light to bring you help and guidance and healing. But you have to have not only faith and trust, but you must have real love. Real love in your heart for creation, for God, for life – and then you will be able to receive in full measure. In full measure you will receive the help from your invisible companions. You will learn the reason for the events which come into your life. Instead of being overcome with worry and anxiety you will know that there is a wise purpose working out something inexpressibly lovely. Because it is only through your experiences of

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pain and disillusionment and lack that you are opening yourself to this wonderful life of the spirit. God is Love. And all things work together for good for the man who loves God. See this divine law at work in your own life first, and in the life of the whole of humanity. Look for the good. Look for God and you will find God. You will find that God is all love, great love, working a wise and beautiful purpose through human evolution.

Now the brotherhood of life, the response to the companionship of Wiser Brethren, the unfoldment of spiritual vision in yourself, the overcoming of all cruelty, cruelty in all forms on your earth: this is your work.

To all our dear friends and neighbours, young and old, we would say thank you for your efforts to establish this Lighthouse on earth and to continue to let it send forth great beams of light to comfort, heal and inspire your fellow men.

Feel the presence of the invisible hosts, and remember – our last words to you – remember the importance of feeling because through feeling you develop the Christ within. As you can feel the pain and suffering of your fellow creatures you are developing the Christ within. Feeling is a most important sense. Do not be ashamed of it. It is the pointer, the guide which is directing you along the path of Light.

May the Great White Spirit bless you all.

*O God, our Father and Mother, and Christ, the Son of God and Blessed Trinity, we thank Thee. We thank Thee for Thy blessing of life, of beauty, of love. May Thy children be ever mindful of these, Thy blessings. Amen.*

He, Who is the embodiment of Divine Love, is present here in the midst of the congregation. His aura envelops you all with love.

Forward, my friends, forward into the LIGHT.

### Brother Faithful:

It is perfectly true that we are a community on both sides of the veil. And at such times as the Anniversary and the Christmas Service it is impossible to remain unconscious of the presence of those who have been in our midst who have worked here and have passed on, and who are still working with us in the life beyond. I could give you the names of a score or more of whom I have gradually been becoming conscious tonight. And it is a great comfort to think there is this community in the Beyond, ready and waiting to welcome us when our time for passing comes, so that they can continue with us the work in the Lodge in that better life.

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