

St John

A058 Sunday Address 7th May 1939 Pembroke Hall, London Sunday Service, four weeks after Easter

The text of this address is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors

Text: duplicated typescript, *Angelus* June 1939. Headed 'St John' with the date.

Context: the text refers to the reading in the service, which included the phrase from St John's Gospel (21 : 22) 'If I will that he tarry till I come'. In the address White Eagle refers to the symbol of the Circle and the Star on the wall behind the altar in the chapel at Pembroke Hall (see original footnote at the end of the address).

General notes: Minesta's own fascination with the being of St John goes back to her visit to Cathar country, to the department of Ariège, in 1931. However, addresses about St John are mentioned as taking place in issues of *Angelus* from early summer 1937,

White Eagle refers, perhaps surprisingly to some, to the age of Pisces as 'now past'. This is not a hundred per cent consistent with other references in his teaching, nor even with later in this teaching where he refers to the astrological ages as taking 'two thousand and a few hundred years', so it may be an indication that he at least felt that his 'family' (see the address a month earlier, 2 April, to which White Eagle refers back shortly after) had moved forward into the new age. White Eagle consistently refers to the 'Revelations' of St John, although the title of the book in the Bible is simply 'The Revelation of St John'. There is an interesting reference at the end to the 'Star Circle' – a topic White Eagle might have been more expected to save for a message to the Brotherhood, and to certain 'chosen souls' who carry the mark of the Star upon their brows. Right at the end.

References: the story of the Marriage Feast at Cana, during which Jesus changed the water into wine, is to be found very early in John's Gospel: chapter 2. White Eagle refers to the star leading the Wise Men to the birth of Christ, which is to be found in the Gospel of Matthew; 'Love one another' is from John 13 : 34, but 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart' is from Matthew 22 : 37. 'Think on these things' probably contains a reference to the phrase as it is in Philippians 4 : 8 (Whatsoever things are true...)

Historical notes: refers to 'our brother who was speaking to you from this platform last week' (a speaker who has not been identified) and to a symbol over the altar, the cross within the circle with the star at its heart.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved Brethren who dwell in the flesh, will you, during this brief talk, try to realise that we are speaking to you from the world of spirit.

We build our theme upon a phrase read tonight from the Gospel according to St John: 'If I will that he tarry till I come again, what is that to you?' Very few comprehend the deeper meaning lying in the words just quoted. Indeed, only a handful of people have any idea of the true significance of the teachings of St. John. We do not wish to raise any controversy as to the true writer of either the Gospel or the Revelations of St. John, but from the higher plane of spiritual vision we say that John – the teachings of St. John – are as old as the world, and came with the birth of the world. They are laid down in the Book of Law, in the grand plan of life, before the creation of this earth's humanity.

What then is to be read into the Gospel of St. John? Deep, mysterious truth; and also the Revelations of St. John contain the mysteries of Creation, of all life on earth. We do not say

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that these teachings came through only during time of the life of the Master Jesus, but we recognise, as you must, that these age-old teachings have been proclaimed and re-proclaimed, right down the Ages.

But we are concerned chiefly with this present Age, with the revelations which came to humanity through the Master Jesus, and so confine ourselves to the sacred truths as they were presented through the teachings of Christianity and through the Revelations of St. John. But we must look across the world and see the light which blessed humanity through the teachings of the great and wise master (some call him a God) Hermes; and the revelations which came through the Chinese philosophers, and through the ancient Indian teachings. All these wondrous Eastern truths we revere, and thank God for their revelation. But to the teachings of Christianity we turn today, for we are now within the Aquarian or the promised Age, to which the beloved John and our Master Jesus referred.

During the now-past Age of Pisces, we have been receiving the teachings of the Christian Church on the outer plane. The mind of humanity has been thus prepared for the grand revelation which comes with the Aquarian Age. We told you last month of how Jesus prophesied to His disciples that they would meet a man bearing a pitcher of water, and how this would come before they made preparation for the Holy Communion, or the Mystical Supper. We go a step further, and call it the 'Mystical Marriage.'

Our brother who was speaking to you from this platform last week referred to the pitchers of water filled at the request of the Master, at the Marriage Feast, and suggested that these six pitchers had reference to those symbolic pitchers used to carry to humanity the waters of the Spirit, or the teachings of the Spirit. We would emphasise the symbolism of the Man carrying the Water Pot as the man of the New, or the Aquarian, Age: the Age which will usher in the new truth of the Spirit, the new teaching concealed within the Revelations of St. John ... teachings which deal solely with the spiritual development of man, and not with material conditions or happenings. When Jesus, at the Marriage Feast, commanded the water bottles to be filled with water, this symbolised the filling of the suitable vessels (souls) of the New Age with the new Spirit – with the Spirit of Christ. When Jesus transformed the water into wine, this was in symbolic form a representation of the transmutation of man's inner being, the illumination of the heavenly state, the Mystical Marriage being the marriage of the understanding of the Soul; and the Spirit, or the Christ.

This mystical marriage takes place within the being of the Initiate who has traversed the path in search of the Holy Light, of the heavenly light. We see therefore in the Symbolism of the Man carrying the Pitcher of Water whom the disciples were to follow, and in the symbolism of the Upper Chamber wherein could be prepared the mystical Communion of Christ, a making ready for the Aquarian Age; and with this establishment of the Aquarian Age on earth, there will surely come the changing of the water into the wine – the heavenly wine, or the life of Christ.

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The great St. John is beyond man's present comprehension. But he revealed in Revelations that esoteric spiritual power which lies with the being of all God's children. It is perhaps significant that St. John came under the zodiacal sign of Scorpio – the teacher of the inner mysteries. And we see the Eagle as the ancient symbol of Scorpio, and the symbol of St. John.

This is significant. Will you bear patiently and follow what we have to say: St John is representing the age-long Wisdom. Behind us, on this wall is to be seen another ancient symbol of Wisdom, of the surrender of self into the circle of eternal Love, which alone brings true Wisdom. You will notice upon this symbol is another – a six-pointed star. Why has this symbol been chosen for this Lodge – the symbol of the age-long Wisdom, the inner secrets and the star of the six points?

The star with the six points represents the star of light ... of brotherhood, the Star of Christ. It was the star which led the wise Men of the East to the humble stable, or, we might say, the cave wherein was born the Christ-Child. The star, then, represents the Christ-love, the love to which Jesus of Nazareth referred when He said: 'Love one another ... love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul and all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself'. The love of Christ is represented by this Star. So we have in that symbol a representation of the Ancient Wisdom, and the love of Christ, the wisdom and love combined, which is to be realised by humanity in this New Age – the Age of Aquarius.

We would like to give you this thought about the Age of Pisces which now passes: the Age of Truth, or religion, can be likened to the age of a man. Man lives on earth his life's span, perhaps threescore years and ten. When he has lived out his life he passes onward; he has finished with his body and it is laid aside. Religion is like the body of man, born to live, but for a period only. We liken the age of religion to a Cycle of Life, which, roughly speaking, is two thousand and a few hundred years. This period of cycle is the 'body' or the manifestation on earth, of a Spiritual Truth. In the Christian Church you see the 'body' of Christianity, the physical manifestation which forms the channel through which the higher Truth has been endeavouring to percolate. When that body grows old and weary, it passes away; the spirit of the passing Age withdraws into the unseen, and waits for another reincarnation, just as man withdraws from his physical body when it is worn out, and waits for a new body, wherewith to manifest afresh. The new body of – no, not Christianity – but the wedded teachings of Christ and John, is even now being born. We shall see on this earth a new presentation of the old teachings of Christianity, not a presentation suited to the outer mind and the outer life, but a revelation of the inner life, the inner powers which man possesses, to enable him to receive truth and perfect communion with the heavenly worlds – such contact with the heavenly spheres that he will be healed and made whole in body and mind. Then he will no longer tolerate cruelty, slaughter, or bloodshed of any kind, but only follow the true and beautiful attributes of life and service, kindness and helpfulness to his fellows.

In closing we would speak to you of the work of the Star Circle. Since the world began there have been Holy Ones, Angels from other planets, Holy Angels from the Throne of God,

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specially concerned with the evolution of earth's humanity. Among these Angels, the lesser Angels, spiritual beings, even to man himself, are certain chosen souls who bear the mark upon their brow of the six-pointed Star. These souls form the Star Circle in the heavens ... or the Circle of the Christ Love.

You are largely concerned with the affairs of the nations, and you wonder if the spirit people have any knowledge of the future events. Yes; we say unto you that the great work of salvation has been done, and continues to be done by the Star Circle in the heavens. Were it not for the continual watchfulness and service, the direction, guidance and love continually being poured forth on to the earth plane at this critical stage in the world's history, you would not be as you are, or where you are, today. Only because this Circle of the Star works both in the heavens, and with the co-operation of man on earth, are you safely guided and ushered to the New Aquarian Age.

Dearly loved brethren, think daily of the Star Circle, of the great company of Angels and Archangels and illumined human beings, Masters of the Wisdom and Masters of the Love, who come to humanity's assistance. Every soul which is ready to respond to this tremendous yet simple and gentle Ray of the Christ Love will be made use of by the Star Circle for the salvation and advancement of humanity. Remember, the symbol of the star upon the brow, or above the head, can be seen in the aura of living people, seen in the aura and on the heart of the spirit people. From the heart the rays of the Christ love are distributed to humanity – to all the forces, invisible, concerned with the evolution of humanity.

... Think on these things. Meditate each day on the Star Circle, which is working for peace on earth. Do your part to help the Angels. Although you may be obscure, your light must add to the glory of the heavenly light of the Star. The spiritual unfoldment of humanity, the unfoldment of true vision, of powers of the spirit, will come to all men and women who prove receptive to the Christ Light; and to all who will give fourth the spirit of brotherhood and peace.

May every soul present be receptive to the Rays of the Christ Star ... and the peace of the Eternal Love be with you all.

Amen.

*(See page two of the address) A large Cross within a Circle, with at its centre a six-pointed Star, hangs above the Altar at the Lodge.

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