

The Descent of the Dove

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

Text: from *Angelus*, July 1947, with the date given in the heading. It is just possible that the word 'power', at the end of the paragraph about God never having left man without a witness, is a shorthand error for 'Passover'.

Context: an editorial note in the July *Angelus* says that this address was given 'under the distressingly humid conditions which prevailed in the first days of June, and can be regarded as a spiritual triumph over a temperature which left most of the listeners listless and enervated'. White Eagle confirms the humidity in his opening words, which also refer to 'the heaviness of physical life'. He refers to Whitsun as only just past, and indeed in 1947 it fell on the Sunday previous to this, 25 May. It would seem, from a reference late in the address, that the reading on this day was from Luke, chapter 4, for White Eagle says it contained the phrase 'to preach the acceptable year of the Lord'. The chapter in Luke begins with the temptations of Jesus but continues into the beginning of his ministry; the phrase quoted actually originates in Isaiah, which Jesus quotes.

General Notes: the words in the editorial part of the magazine, quoted, continue with the statement 'No clearer, more concise, or more powerful address has been given in the Lodge, and no more important message at this juncture of world affairs'. The next editorial item is a comment on world affairs and an observation that the nations were at the time being subtly schooled in brotherhood. It is not absolutely clear what international events were under scrutiny, but 1947 was the year in which the aid package later known as the Marshall Plan was being mooted. May 1947 was the month of the Truman Doctrine, which brought aid to the Turkish and Greek governments, but the aim was primarily the containment of communism.

References: White Eagle's 'it has been said that' in connection with God never leaving man without a witness is one of his common references for which no source has so far been found. 'As it was in the beginning, is now' are the words of the *Gloria Patri*, or doxology added widely to the Lord's Prayer and other prayers. The reference to the disciples being told to go into Jerusalem and await the coming of the power is to be understood in the context of Luke 22, although the instruction is literally to await the Passover. It is possible this is a transcription error: see 'Text', above. 'To preach the acceptable year of the Lord' is Luke 4 : 19 (but compare also Isaiah 61 : 2). White Eagle's reference to the poor in the preceding paragraph may also owe something to Jesus' quotation of Isaiah.

White Eagle's Address:

Brethren, we come with much to say, but once we contact the heaviness of physical life we find ourselves very limited in our power to bring through the glorious truths of the spirit world. We feel this more than usual tonight, perhaps because the atmosphere is so humid.

The subject of our talk is the power of the Holy Spirit. it is not long since the orthodox church celebrated the festival of White Sunday (Whit Sunday). According to the Christian scriptures the power of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost came upon the disciples at this season. This is a subject which all should understand with deeper wisdom that is at present developed.

In the first place, let us speak of the work which is being done Sunday by Sunday in this Lodge: the sending out onto the etheric planes of waves of light and goodwill, waves of the

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love of the Christ. In the Christian teaching the Great White Light is called the Christ Light and this Great White Light has always shone upon mankind.

Since the beginning of life men of other races have called the Christ Light by differing names. There is only one true light and this light is the light of life, for it comes forth from the sun as all souls come from the sun; and to the light all sons and daughters of the living God will return. Men have worshipped the sun throughout the ages, not only for its warmth and light, but the power of the spirit which comes forth from the sun. We cannot too often speak of this supreme power, which dwells within you all and which has to be quickened and brought through in your physical life. This light is the light of Christ. It is also the light of men and will be the salvation of mankind. It is not the power of one individual only which will save mankind from the darkness. It is the universal light which is indwelling in all life. You do not know what takes place on the inner planes when you strive to work with the light for the raising of the vibrations of the earth and all mankind, or the power which goes forth from your heart when you love selflessly.

What are the scriptures that you follow? It is true that the Bible records the words spoken by the Master Jesus and the Lord Christ, yet these words or their equivalent have been put into the mouths of other teachers coming from other races of men. Yet the meaning of all the scriptures is identical. Why is this? Because, brethren, the scriptures contain the story of the soul's journey through matter and the soul's evolution from the beginning to the end of the circle; therefore, if you will understand your scriptures and particularly your Christian scriptures, you must probe deeply to discover the mystical meaning within the words. Words are a casket but within is a beautiful jewel that you seek. You have heard of the jewels in the crown of life? What is a king's crown but a symbol of this crown of golden light, of supreme illumination? All who are placed in the position of rulership and of government have to aspire to wear not the earthly crown of gold but one of heavenly radiance. The former is but a symbol, the interpretation of which has been lost in antiquity; but the crown which stands for a divine illumination is decked with jewels which indicate the soul's triumph over its lessons. You are not here just to get through time. You are here for a purpose: to develop jewels, or soul attributes which will bring to you your birthright, that which was promised to your soul when you were brought forth from the heart of God. In order to develop those jewels, man has received down the ages the presentation of divine wisdom, divine truth and divine love in the form of a story.

It has been said that God never leaves man without a witness of His supreme beauty, love, wisdom and power. Therefore, from time to time throughout the ages a messenger has come bringing truth suited to the particular race to which he has been sent; but the inner meaning or the truth underlying the story has ever been the same. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be – the same truth. Yes, beloved, truth is like a beautifully cut jewel with many facets. No man can say, 'I have the whole truth and no one has truth but I'. Truth is that jewel which is to be found in the lotus of the heart. Man has to delve deeply, not with his mind but with his intuition. Only through intuition man can say, 'I have found truth. I know'. Every man, through his intuition, will come day know truth. So the time has come for the development of this sixth sense in man. Remember that we are at the beginning of the age of Aquarius, which is the age of mind, and mind will take a large place in the affairs and

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development of life. But, as we have told you before, the opposite sign to Aquarius is Leo, representing the qualities of love, of the heart. Therefore it behoves mankind to develop side by side with this mental power, the true brotherhood of goodwill, the true giving, giving, giving without thought of self. This is a hard lesson and a hard task in the beginning, but as the intuition develops – which means as the innermost being of man-woman becomes aware of heavenly truth – happiness and beauty flood in and there comes this gift which the disciples of the Master received when they were told to go to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the power.

What is Jerusalem but the condition of life which we can only describe as golden? – a state of consciousness which is heavenly, a state of divine awareness. All can be disciples of the Master and your Master is the great White Light – or the Christ of Krishna or Buddha – any one of the great teachers which bring divine illumination of the soul of man. Then the Master controls the life of the earthly man and so all who are striving to reach the Master become disciples. We do not mean to lay down hard and fast rules. We do not like to bottle and label all the elements of truth, put them into cupboards and say, ‘You must pass this and that test’. No. Spiritual unfoldment does not work quite like that. It is a general aspiration, a general overcoming of the darkness and a response to the Holy One, the Perfect One, the Christ One which is deep within every heart. So, my beloved brethren, we are all disciples. Let no one say, ‘not yet’, because every man and woman who aspires is a disciple.

Our last word: How does the soul receive the divine power, which is called the passing of the Water Initiation because the element Water symbolises the desire of man? Man’s desires can be selfish and greedy and low until the soul responds the whole time to the Master spirit, the Christ spirit. As the soul responds it commences to grow strong and receive the power of what your church calls the Holy Ghost, the third aspect of the Holy Trinity of Wisdom, Love and Power, each of which contains the other two, so there is Three-in-One and One-in-Three. Wisdom is Love and also Power. Power is Love and also Wisdom. Love is both Wisdom and Power. These three are inseparable.

The soul of man receives the Holy Trinity into his consciousness as he strives to respond to All-Good. When this comes, the disciple is enabled to help others on the path. No soul can attain without giving to other souls. We mean by this that with the effort each soul makes towards goodness that soul is helping others, raising the vibrations of the whole of the earth. This is what must be done in this age of Aquarius. Therefore, my brethren, respond to all that is true and good and beautiful. Then you are qualifying for passing the test of the Water Initiation, which means your soul will receive the Holy Ghost, the gift which will enable it to heal the sick, comfort those who mourn, feed the poor. Who are the poor? The poor in spirit. These are your brethren. Nourish them on the inner planes and by this feeding all men on the inner planes may become aware of the needs of their brethren on the outer plane. The physical and spiritual planes must blend and work in harmony.

This is the esoteric interpretation of the descent of the Holy Spirit and of the Trinity of God. When the Holy Spirit is working in you it is the White Light which gives you the power to heal, to comfort and to bless.

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Seek the way of peace; and all power, wisdom and love shall be yours; for only on the innermost plane of peace and stillness does the soul receive the Holy Ghost.

You remember these words in our reading, 'to preach the acceptable year of the Lord', which means not to be in a hurry. Know peace and know that God is All-Wisdom and knows better than you can know the way of your life.

God bless you, my brethren, God bless you and make you happy.

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universal truth, growing light in all humanity, heart/mind balance

