

The Golder Flowers of Easter

A262 Sunday Address 4th April 1954 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday service
two weeks before Easter

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Context: a note on p. 98 of *Stella Polaris*, opposite the start of this address, implies that rather an exception was made to include it, another article being held over. Given the quality of the address, we may feel grateful for this. Although it cannot have been given in 1955, the previous April feels likely. In 1954 Easter Sunday fell on 18 April, so if this was given according to the usual pattern on the first Sunday in April, that would agree with the conjectural date of 1 April 1954. The second paragraph of the address confirms that this was a pre-Easter talk, not one given at Easter.

General notes: this is one of White Eagle's great Easter teachings and has been reprinted many times and is excerpted in the book *WHITE EAGLE ON FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS*. Notable is the vision of the cross of light over the horizon at dawn, 'a symbol of the Christ blessing upon the earth'. Earlier addresses had referred to the image in the apocryphal *Acts of John* of a cross of light just like this. Having made clear what 'salvation' really means, White Eagle goes on to speak of the Comforter, taking the concept from what are known as the 'farewell discourses' of Jesus to his disciples in St John's Gospel.

References: 'make all crooked places straight' refers to Isaiah, 45 : 2; White Eagle comes back to Isaiah (40 : 22 and 45 : 6) in the account of the sun in the circle above the earth. 'The Father and I are one' (actually 'I and my Father are one') is John 10 : 33. The 'old book' of course is the Old Testament. Jesus' references to the Comforter are in John 14 (see especially verse 16). For 'if i do not go from you, you will not know the Comforter' see John 16 : 7.

White Eagle's Address:

SPIRITUAL truth, and indeed all truth, must be acceptable to both the heart and to the mind. Some people think that love is something which is too elementary to satisfy their reason. Love in its divine sense completely satisfies. We are therefore going to talk on this very subject – about the opening of the heart, the working of the heart centre of man, for this will make all crooked places straight and will raise man from the valley to the heights, giving him a range of vision, which is only possible from the apex of the mountain.

You are now preparing for what you call 'Eastertide', for the festival of Easter as it is celebrated by your Christian Church. It is, however, erroneous for you to think that Easter belongs exclusively to orthodox Christianity. The festival is ages old, and the story embodied in the Christian teaching is a mystical story of Christ the Son.

It is not easy for you today to associate the Cosmic Christ with the sun in the skies, although you regard the sun as the source of the warmth and light which causes the uprising of the sap in the vegetable world at this season. Your hearts leap when you see these golden flowers raising their heads from the dark earth and turning their faces to the sun. For then all nature is stirring and rising to glorify the Creator. All will admit that there is a natural law behind this awakening of life and growth.

But there is something more; there is a Divine, a Supreme Intelligence; and, more, there is a

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great Heart, a warm Heart. Have you ever thought about this? Have you ever thought of the warmth of the Heart of God, the Heart of your Creator? Come with us, then: raise yourselves above the planes of physical matter into realms invisible but all-powerful, the realms of the Sun, the Spirit, because in man's heart is the Spirit. Someone once asked us, 'Where is the seed-atom of man's life?' Our answer is that it rests in the heart. For remember that man's heart is a tiny replica of the Sun, of the Heart of God the Creator; and God and Christ are One. The great Master-Teacher Jesus again and again told you this. 'The Father and I are one.' How difficult it is for you to understand this truth! Nevertheless, both intellect and reason will accept the fact that without sunlight life would slowly fade and become extinct on this planet; that man wholly depends upon the light and warmth and life in the sun for his very life.

Therefore, think seriously about this obvious but very simple and profound truth. At Easter time when the great sun pours forth its first rays upon the northern hemisphere of your planet, all life begins to stir. Most of the early spring flowers in the northern hemisphere take upon themselves the colour of the sun. Does not this sun-colour stimulate your intellect and warm your heart? We are told in the old book by the great seer and teacher Isaiah – who, by the way, is still Isaiah, the Ancient One, one of the great Brotherhood of the Light – that the sun sits above the earth in the centre of the circle. It is well worth your while to consider the inner meaning of this, because it will help not only to unfold your own Sun-qualities or Christ-qualities but to comprehend the purpose of life here on this earth, and, also, why particular joys and sorrows come to mankind.

How, as an individual, are you going to bring into your lives the power and the life of the Cosmic Christ? First, by remembering that Christ is not some remote being whom you will meet some day (if you are good enough), after you have passed away from the earth. No, Christ is an ever-present Power and Intelligence, Christ is a Friend, a Brother to you now if you so wish; He is also a Saviour. We are not speaking so much of the human master, Jesus; we are speaking of the Cosmic and Mystical Glory – the Creator who has been since the beginning of life on this planet; and yet who is so comprehending and understanding of man's nature and needs that he can and does take upon Himself a form. That form is like unto man's form. This is very important for you to realise – that this Being of light and glory can come to you in a human form, understanding human and personal problems, understanding your perplexity, your fears, your grief, your loneliness.

Today man has developed mentally, but lacking wisdom has neither humility nor simplicity in his heart so as to comprehend the beauty and the glory of his Creator's love. If some day you think you have seen a vision of the Master Jesus, this is not mere imagination. Jesus also is not separate from the world's humanity. His soul was prepared for his great mission, and He was sent forth by His Creator to this earth to be used by Christ, the Son of God, so that He could speak through a human personality to earthly people to tell them the truth about their salvation.

For 'salvation' is the right and only word to describe the mission of the Christ Spirit; for when the Christ Spirit becomes alive in man, man is literally *saved* from his sins. Thereafter

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man has nothing in the things of this world, once the Christ Spirit quickens within him and he has grown to full stature. This is the meaning of salvation for all humanity – not salvation through man's belief in one particular Man, but salvation by reason of the Christ love within man himself. This will forbid him to wage war against his brother or to treat his brother as less than himself; but will only inspire him to words and actions of kindness and consideration – to work for God in his daily life, to live in consciousness of a glory which is above, around and within him. This is salvation by Christ.

Your orthodox Church shows you the figure of the crucified Jesus, hanging upon a cross on Good Friday; and the figure brings sadness and depression. Is it good for man to feel such sorrow? Yes, because sorrow brings humility to the human heart. All forms of teaching and all teachers have their place. This is why we say to you, be tolerant of all aspects of truth. All religions have their message. The outer form differs but, in the centre, in the esoteric aspect of their teaching, is the same truth. Always the Lord of this earth, the Son who is the saviour of mankind, quickens the life of the spirit in man. Particularly remember this at Easter.

At Easter time the Ancients also worshipped and adored the Mother, though under many names. But the Mother was the symbol of life; for the Mother brought forth physical life on the earth. At this time of the year when the sun rises in Aries, it was said by the Wise Ones that above the horizon at sunrise the sign of a great cross could be seen; and this golden cross was not then regarded as a symbol of suffering but as a symbol of the Christ blessing upon the earth.

We would have you think of these things at Easter time, when the Sun rises in the sign of Aries, the sign of the Lamb: the Son of God, the Son Principle of God. That symbol is to show men that God is blessing them. It is a beneficent time, when the Son of Man is not crucified but is risen in the heavens – hence the story that on the third day he arose and ascended into heaven. Can you not see the significance of this mystical teaching about the ascent of the Son into the heavens?

Jesus once said to his disciples and to those who had ears to hear, and minds and hearts ready for the truth: 'Lo, I will send you a Comforter'. Jesus furthermore said, 'If I do not go from you,' – if I do not leave you – 'you will not know the Comforter'. Your Comforter, my children, is the Christ within your hearts; but while you are holding fast to outer things which you can see and touch, whilst you are clinging to your outer life, you cannot receive the Comforter, the Christ within. He comes to bring to you all illumination – a vision of the glory of the whole plan of man's creation. Are you bereaved, my brother, my sister? Have you lost one who is near and dear to you, and are you yearning, searching the outer, the physical plane, for that lost one? You feel that the heavens are as brass and you make no contact? Rise through earnest prayer direct to Christ as one who knows and understands your sorrow and your need: then the heavens will open and the Comforter will have come into your heart, and your vision will clear and you will see your loved one. Then you will know in your soul that where you love you cannot lose; for when you love, you are united in love; there is no separation.

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Your loved one will not appear in the body which has been shed but retain his form because God has created all men with not only physical form but with the form of the soul. If you are sick and are faced perhaps with a long illness (or the illness of one you love) you can still rise in your spirit to meet the Golden One. Then all sickness and pain is healed. He is the great healer: He demonstrated it through Jesus; he is still demonstrating his healing power of the Creator. But it requires man to put aside childish, earthly things, and live in the consciousness of an *enfolding, interpenetrating life-power* which is all love and wisdom.

Are you anxious about tomorrow? Can you see no way to turn? Do you fear to take the next step? Turn, then to the Golden One; be patient and rest in faith; in more than faith – in full consciousness of His Wisdom. You have no longer need to be anxious or to fear. Your Creator loves you and is guiding you step by step. Formerly you have tried this and tried that. It gets you nowhere. At last, back you come again on to the main stream which is your life. That life is now heading you direct to home. You have got to know that there is this guiding light and love for ever with you. Through life and through the great initiation called death it will never leave you.

So, children of earth, we raise your consciousness again to that Christ Life which is all love, wisdom and strength. If you wish to be attuned to that Source, you must live a life of loving service, thinking kindly, ever believing the best, ever being patient, cherishing a faith which is an inner knowing that you are God's child. He will never fail you, but you must never fail Him.

The glory of Eastertide be upon you in full measure. May your heart rise in praise and thanksgiving. The blessing of the Almighty Spirit be upon you all. Hosts and hosts of shining forms surround you. You are in the company of heaven. Silently commune with this vast company, and with the King of Kings, your Saviour.

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