

# Resurrection and Ascension

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*Text:* the familiar MB script, apparently a top carbon, no later markings. The typist acknowledges missed words near the end, 'Regret did not get missing words' – the passage is a conventional one about the audience tiring. The address never seems to have made it into print, despite its quality.

*Context:* announced by the stenographer as a Rogation Sunday message, although White Eagle's stated topic is the Ascension and Resurrection. The reading is given as Aquarian Gospel 178 : 10-13 and 30-47, and 180 : 14-24, quite a long reading. It offers a non-biblical post-resurrection appearance of Jesus in the Temple, and an account of the Ascension. The anthem, 'As thy days so shall thy strength be' is probably the setting of Deuteronomy 33 : 25 by C. H. Spurgeon, written in 1858. The only hymn mentioned is that given by Brother Faithful in his closing remarks: 'At even when the sun was set'.

*General Notes:* despite the topic being promised, the first discussion is on freewill although it centres on an account of how White Eagle 'controls' his medium – maybe one of the most detailed descriptions he gave of this process. Her freewill acceptance of his control, he says, is vital. It is interesting that as White Eagle moves on he seems to link the Aquarian Gospel with the Gospel of John. This is maintained as White Eagle talks in more depth about the author – uniquely, in the addresses and teachings. He also says that there are inferior, or less 'guided' passages in the document. Now White Eagle moves into his intended main theme: the story of Jesus' resurrection body. He appears to imply that a new body was created for Jesus 'by the power of God', helped and assisted by all those associated with him. A later phrase adds clarity, that 'the Man' – Jesus – 'was in complete control of all the physical atoms of his body'. A key point to take from this is that what Jesus did, including manifesting and unmanifesting on earth, is what we shall all one day do. The reference to Olivet, in this sequence, relates specifically to the wording of the Aquarian Gospel.

*References:* 'I, John, saw the vision in the heavens' is not a quotation from St John's Gospel but much closer to the statements made in the first chapter of Revelation (see especially Revelation 1 : 1-2). Later he makes what is by now a very familiar reference to John 14 : 12 – in the shortened form, 'What I do, ye shall do also'. White Eagle's description of the life of Levi H. Dowling (1844-1911), through whom the Aquarian Gospel was given, is largely confirmed by history.

## White Eagle's Address:

We come, beloved children of earth, we come. We come with all love. We pray to the Great White Light, the Christ Light, to bless us all in this assembly.

Our talk tonight is upon the resurrection and the ascension.

There are a number of problems and questions which occur in the human mind upon these two grand events, not only the events in the life of Jesus, but these two events in the life of every man. In your modern age when the mind is becoming ever more stimulated into activity on the intellectual plane, it is of the utmost importance that man does not lose sight of the eternal truth of the spirit. We would impress this on every living soul incarnate because the physical body is weighed down to earth.

There are so many forces – material and physical forces – which chain man to the material conception of life. And this material conception has increased in the last half-century, and it is most important for every one of you here to realise that you are not here by chance. You have been guided here. Some of you have come from overseas. We know you. We greet you

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with our hand upon our heart, dear brethren. Some of you have come from far distances in this sacred isle of Britain. You have all been drawn unbeknown to yourself. You think you have used your own freewill, your own choice. Yes, up to a point man is given freewill. That freewill is operated in his selection of spirit or matter. Man either follows the path of the spirit, the guidance of the spirit within himself, or he shuts out that still small voice and becomes a slave to the forces of the physical plane and to the demands of the appetites of the physical body. But remember, man has freewill choice, and you have responded to the urge of the spirit, though you are here. And we speak to you not from the lower, the mental, not from the astral level or the lower emotional level, we speak to you from spirit. The voice of spirit is being heard by you through these lips, this voice; the physical voice of a woman. It is not her subconscious self that is speaking, that is completely in abeyance – away. We are speaking from above. If you are clairvoyant you can prove it for yourselves.

Now this is leading up to a vital truth that we want you to hear. When we come to the physical plane we can't come very close, but we come as close as conditions will permit. We envelop the physical instrument with the power of the spirit. We speak through her organism, having complete control of the instrument. Some people may feel that this is wrong. Our reply to this criticism is that the instrument has laid down her life to serve the Spirit. It is of her own freewill that she opens her instrumentality to our control, because we have an ancient association; that is sufficient for us to say. All of you have particular spiritual associations with higher worlds. There are laws, divine laws, which control and direct these associations between the spiritual life and the physical life. A great deal of strength is required, a healthy body, a simple and humble mind; one willing to surrender to God, which means a surrender to all that is good, true and beautiful.

When we come like this to earth we come into a public gathering, a service or a meeting. It is necessary for us to raise the spiritual aspirations of the assembly. This we do not do alone. With us there are many Shining Beings. You may see them if you have inner vision. They are known by the name of the Brethren of the White Light; the Silent Brethren.

The reading which you have listened to was read from a comparatively modern book called 'The Aquarian Gospel' or the Gospel of St John. The Aquarian Gospel for the Aquarian Age, the Age of Spirit, the mind. The Great White Brotherhood controlling all life on the physical and human plane.

He, who was the channel for this Gospel, was a simple godly man who had given his life in the service of God and humanity since he was a very young boy. At a certain time in his life the spirit came upon him, enfolded him and opened his vision to spiritual life.

Most will agree that the scriptures of the world, from whichever part of the world they come, be it east or far west, north or south – there are many scriptures – these are sacred writings or sayings and they have been inspired from one source. Naturally man will say inspired by God. All truth, all knowledge, all wisdom is inspired by God, but God has His agents, not only on the physical plane of life, but on those higher planes of life. There is a central point, shall we call it the Council of Heaven, some people call it the Great White Lodge. Whatever

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you call it, it is a source from which streams of light, knowledge and wisdom come to the earth.

The writer of the Aquarian Gospel came into incarnation with a mission, as all great teachers do. There are different levels upon which this teaching comes through. Humanity has varying needs, and according to the need of man at a particular time and age, so comes to him the light – knowledge. Every man, when he sincerely and humbly calls to his Creator for Light, his eyes are unbandaged. The blindfold is taken away and he recognises light. He instantly knows truth. It comes like a flash. We know that there are many problems on the physical level of your life, but if only the children of earth would be true to that inner light, to the spirit within them. If only they would aspire to the great personality of the Lord – the Christ Light – they would most certainly be given the knowledge they are seeking. But don't think that the spiritual path is easy. Tests and trials and disappointments lie awaiting the soul on the path, but the *light*, the *truth*, the *power* and the *love* of the Eternal Spirit watches over the aspirant. Moreover, God sends by His command the Silent Brotherhood. They gather and they come to you. Any one of God's children who earnestly seeks the blessing of knowledge, of truth, is recognised by the Silent Watchers – the great Brotherhood of the Eternal Light.

And so our Brother, who was a recipient of that Gospel of St John, was used. He wrote just the same as St John wrote centuries before. 'I, John, saw the vision in the Heavens and the Voice commanded me to write.' Not all the writing which comes through is of God because there is something very often in the human character which brings confusion and obscures the pure Light, remember this. Therefore, the instrument must have reached a very certain level of purity and simplicity, in other words, godliness, before he is a clear channel. Now, this is an important point for us to emphasise. You will, if you study the chapter which has been read to you, recognise certain words of profound truth.

The writer commences in a previous chapter describing the Resurrection. Now, it has been a puzzle and it is a puzzle to many people on earth today as to what happened to the body of Jesus; Jesus, who is one of that Silent Brotherhood, because there are many brethren who continue their service to mankind. They have withdrawn from incarnation, but they are indeed powerful in their guidance of mankind: the White Brotherhood, invisibly watching all the happenings on the earth plane. They are guiding here and guiding there. Do not think that the world is abandoned – oh dear me, no. The Brotherhood of the Light watch without cessation. They come to you as an individual. They come, they visit you. They give you comfort. They guide you. And when your karma permits, you are healed. But if it is not the time for you to be healed, you have to continue bravely and in faith that all is well.

Oh, my children of earth, trust in your Creator and the ministry of Angels and the Great White Brotherhood. Jesus said, according to the Gospel, 'What I do, ye shall do also'. Now, Jesus unquestionably rose from the dead but His body was never discovered. What happened to it? Remember that He was not alone. He was surrounded by a powerful assembly of the Silent Brothers. The body, by the power of the Spirit, was disintegrated. 'What I do, ye shall do also.' But you see, there was a body which was seen. It rose. It appeared on a number of occasions – a perfect body, a body reassembled and recreated by the power of God, by all those who were associated with the Master Jesus. You haven't reached this stage yet, but

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because you haven't reached it, don't fall into the error of thinking that it is impossible or that it is against scientific law. We want to make this very clear. Spiritual law is scientific. It is exact. It is perfect. Spiritual law does not make mistakes. It does not fumble along like the physical law of science. It is perfect in its execution. Divine law is a creative law. But you see, dear children, before man can comprehend this Divine Law he has to go beyond intellect. Divine law can only be comprehended by divinity, by spirit.

You will find, as you tread the path, that as humanity advances it will be through the mistakes of physical science that he will gradually come to the point in his research where he will have to surrender to divine law – and divine law is love. Man has got to develop this certain pure love in his soul. He has got to live by the law, divine law, the cosmic law of love. Through living thus he will quite simply understand the power which that love is to him; the power which is called the power to create, to assemble form, or the reverse. But it cannot come through intellect alone. Intellect has its place. As we often say to you, a man's mind must be developed. The mind must be strong, but it must be subject to the gentle law of divine love.

Now, this is the basis of spiritual healing, but there is more than that to it and we cannot possibly go into that subject on this occasion.

Now, the body was resurrected. It was seen. It was in perfect form. It manifested in the ordinary physical way except it had the power to appear and to disappear at will; that is the difference. You see, the Man [Jesus] was in complete control of all the physical atoms of His body. As we have already said, this can only come about by constant striving for self-discipline; incarnation after incarnation working out karma; all the time rising in spiritual consciousness and purity, ever progressing nearer and nearer to that central Light – that centre, the centre within the circle. Man reaches his goal eventually. We are hoping that we are conveying to you the possibilities which lie within you and every man.

Now after the demonstration of the resurrection of the physical body (through the appearing to the disciples and the Inner Brotherhood and the Inner Group) that Jesus, their leader, brother, Master, Saviour, through the light of Christ lived and could not die and fade away – then, having demonstrated that mighty power, that glorious power which was intended to give comfort and inspiration and assurance to all men, when the time came for that form to withdraw from the earth plane – I will put it like that – from the earth plane of life, it had to withdraw to a heavenly plane, to a far more spiritual level of life. It was such a pure spirit it could not endure the cares, vibrations and the darkness of the physical plane for too long. That would have been too great an imposition, too great a slavery for that pure soul. It had to withdraw. So He took His disciples to the Mount, Olivet, and there, in full view, He commenced to rise into the Heavens. This is a very important thing. It was said [that] the angels who were seen coming to fetch Him were heard to say 'that as He disappears from the physical vision and is caught up in the power of God so will He come again. So He will descend'. It didn't say when, but this is the method of that Great Soul's descent and second coming to the children of earth.

You are [tired]. We cannot keep you very long now. Our time is up, but we could talk to you longer [...].



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We assure you that there are these Wise Ones, these Great Ones and the Great World Saviour Himself, who are watching and are waiting. And when man is ready to understand, then the knowledge of this solar transit will be revealed. It is impossible for man to understand it at the low mental level, but when he has reached that higher level of consciousness; when he has become more godlike through brotherhood, through love, through kindness to his brother man and his brother animal, and to Mother Earth herself; when he has learned the meaning of life, the relationship between every living creature, himself included; when man knows that all life is one, man cannot inflict suffering or pain or neglect the need of his brother man: when he has learnt this lesson, he will have learnt the way to freedom – which means freedom from the imprisonment of the flesh and the freedom to go, to disappear even as Jesus demonstrated. Do space people visit your earth? How the ignorant scoff and laugh at this truth. We assure you that visitors from other planets in your solar system do come. They are not the materially minded people that you might be led to believe. They are beings of great stature and beauty. [They are] beings who are far more advanced spiritually than the earth people. They have disciplined themselves. They understand to a limited extent this cosmic law. They come unseen. They depart unseen by man, but they come. And when man has acquitted himself of all his tests, examinations, and has gained the right degree of spiritual life, he will see that angels and planetary beings will come and walk and talk with man on this physical earth.

O my children, we leave you with the vision of He Who is all love. For He comes now into your midst. Those who have clairvoyance – clear vision – will see with the vision of their spirit the grandeur and yet the simple gentleness of His majestic Form in this Temple of Light. And He smiles upon you. He begs, prays for the blessing upon the symbols that He brings to you; the symbol of the heavenly bread. Accept, accept it from Him. It is the symbol of your life, the outworking of your karma; a symbol of heavenly truth and revelation. Humbly accept from Him this symbol of the bread. Quietly take it from the plate of golden light which is before you. Take, eat and remember the profound spiritual truth of life.

Now this majestic figure holds up before you individually the cup of heavenly wine, the symbol of the divine Essence which keeps man living in God. [It is] the heavenly wine, the wine pressed from the grapes; the fruit of the Christ life. This is the truth. As you live by striving to obey that Divine Law, you receive into your being this essence of Divine Love; a gift from Him to you. This truth is the ancient wisdom, not the teaching or wisdom of the past two thousand years, but the wisdom of eternity – eternity.

And He raises His hands, and the light pours from Him upon you now. Love, love, love one another. Control your emotions. Be gentle and kind and loving in your life. Bless all life with every breath you take. Liberation, liberation from the bond of darkness and unhappiness, disease and sickness and death is yours.

Oh yes, it is a mighty truth.

Farewell.

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Amen.

Peace we leave with you.

### Brother Faithful:

The most deeply interesting passage of this deeply interesting address we have heard, to me was when White Eagle spoke of the Source from which his message came – the spiritual source – and of his contact with his instrument and of the degree of closeness which such contact entailed. What he did not mention and what those on this earth in close association with her know full well, is the degree of one-pointedness of preparation of mind and body and of the dedication such a mission as this on earth involves – and most especially the degree of preparation needed for an address such as you have heard tonight.

Last Wednesday, White Eagle gave the first Inner Teaching to be given at New Lands, in the country, in the beauty and the peace of New Lands gardens. And He spoke, the first of a series, on the harmony of the spheres, which was recorded and you will be able to hear this record of his voice sometime in London. That again was a very wonderful experience, equal to this tonight. I hope you will come to hear it.

So we come to the close of this very beautiful and moving Service and our evening hymn; No.42, 'At even when the Sun was set'.

*The search matches with either words and phrases, which appear in the text, or the following 'key' words and phrases, which are similar in meaning to those in the document:*

*spiritual unfoldment, spiritual contact, light within, path of service, path of the soul, spiritual path, mediumship, psychics, mediums, psychic studies, fate, preordained, age of Aquarius, Aquarian Gospel, Levi H Dowling, new age, Saint John, John the Baptist, Divine Law, Great Laws, ascension, aliens, UFOs, extra-terrestrials*