

Brotherhood of the Elect

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Text: typescript almost certainly by AMI. In the first two paragraphs are three of White Eagle's longest sentences! – often a problem for the typist, as well as for the reader today. A MS note in AMI's hand virtually but not quite at the end, 'Tape ends here' enables us to know that not only did she take White Eagle's words down in shorthand, but verified them against the tape recording. At one point, she was uncertain whether to type 'planes' or 'plains' ('that mountain which reaches far above the plains'); we have opted for 'plains'.

Context: a second harvest thanksgiving, two weeks after the London one and just before the day dedicated to St Francis. It was also just after the nineteenth anniversary of the Lodge at New Lands, which is the reason White Eagle refers back to 'the first occasion' at the beginning (apparently to the opening of New Lands more than the Lodge as a whole. He refers to 'these beautiful flowers', which were probably the ones on the altar beside him. All through 1966 White Eagle has made intermittent references to young people present, and in this address all the more so. There is a moment of becoming still, but no communion as such, unless this has been lost.

General notes: White Eagle notes the special site of New Lands at the outset. After passages relevant to the occasion (see 'Context') and a lovely passage invoking the beauties of nature, he begins to talk of what he here chooses to call 'the Brotherhood of the Elect' and a remarkable invocation and introduction to them follows. As in the London harvest message two weeks earlier, there is a strong focus on thankfulness. Given two days before the traditional feast day of St Francis, this address also invokes Francis very strongly. Another message is that it is finding peace and tranquillity which brings about the discovery of trust. Lastly, he tells the young people that they will always find help, but finding it is dependent on asking for it. He emphatically denies there is no such thing as a perfect level of being.

References: White Eagle once again refers to Matthew 4 : 4, about not living by bread alone.

White Eagle's Address:

To our beloved earthly brethren, we bring all love and welcome. We welcome you to this service of harvest thanksgiving, and we rejoice in the Great White Spirit that so many of our brethren who were with us on the occasion of the first service in this little sanctuary are now with us today. We would remind you that you, a handful of human beings in your physical bodies, are only a small part of the congregation now assembled to join with you in giving thanks to the Great White Spirit for the work which has been commenced, only commenced, on this hilltop of the ancient white light. May we remind you, brethren, that this is one of a number of ancient centres throughout your island? – and beyond your island, in other countries, continents and islands there remains the centre of the Ancient Wisdom and the Great White Light waiting to be stimulated, and the centre of power re-opened so that men and women coming into incarnation in the future may find not a dead, bygone religion or church, but temples of the living God, temples of the golden fire which, although they have been closed down for a period of time, will be re-opened, and humanity – who will then be more evolved than at the present day – will join with the angels of the Divine Mother and the angels of God, the angels of wisdom of the Cosmos, will join together to worship and to enjoy all the glories of life, both physical and beyond the physical stage of life.

We assure you, little brethren here, a little handful of brothers, that you are watched over by the brothers of the Ancient Wisdom, some of whom have been able to draw close to you and inspire your thoughts and quicken your understanding of the power which lies within you – the power of the spirit, the power and wisdom of the Creator, which will enable you to find

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not only vision of a greater life, not only wisdom of the evolved beings and great brothers who are living in that heavenly state, but also to give you the help to develop within yourselves powers of God, enabling you to comprehend the wonders of the universe, the wonders of your earthly life and your physical selves – for still these wonders have to be unfolded to man. These angels bring to you this power, enabling you to develop this higher consciousness, this clearer and purer vision of life as it has been in past golden ages and as it will be in the golden age towards which you are all journeying. Those of you who are already quickened to this truth of the life of spirit, this truth of the living God which is in every atom, which is in every form, human and natural form of life, in all God's creation, the living God: the Brotherhood of the Great White Light comes back to help you to open your own inner powers and vision that you may see and comprehend the beauties of life, that you may understand that man cannot live by earthly bread alone, but he also lives by the divine love and wisdom and truth of the Great White Spirit, the living God – not an ancient God, a dying God, but the living, ever-present God in man, in all creation.

We speak to you now of the beauties of nature which are so well revealed to you at this moment – in these beautiful flowers and in the grasses and the leaves of the trees which are now becoming so rich in colour and beauty, all speaking to man of that living God, the Creator. It is true that man ploughs the earth and sows the seed, but without that living force behind the sowing of the seed, the seed could not grow and develop and produce the beautiful blossoms and the fruit which sustains man and the grain which is man's bread, sustaining his physical life. This produce is not the result of an automatic law. It is the result of the creation of the God power. The ancients worshipped the Giver of all life, the Great Mother, the Earth, the Great Mother, but even the Great Mother cannot produce the offspring without the vital cosmic force of the Heavenly Father; and the Divine Mother and the Heavenly Mother working through the forces of what you call nature produces the fruits of the earth for her children, her human children. And it is for the Brotherhood on earth to learn the secrets, the natural secrets of life in their attitude towards and their treatment of the natural gifts, the elements of the earth. Praise Mother Earth, praise the Water and Brother Air and all the elements without which life could not be, could not become, could not be sustained. Remember these things in your meditations, your daily meditations, and continue to worship and to give thanks to the brethren of the Great White Light, the ancient brothers called the Brethren of the Elect, in the eternal garden of God.

The saints of the past, your Brother Francis and brothers of the arts, of the domestic life, all the brethren who were assembled in their brotherhoods of the past, learned how to work in co-operation with the Brothers of the Elect. They learned how to benefit from Brother Air and Brother Water and Brother Sun. They learned how to live purely and simply, protecting their bodies from all the darkness of the earthly state of life. Just think for one moment of the purity, the simplicity of the lives of these ancient brethren who forsook all worldly things to live for God and His creation, and for these brethren let us now give thanks! And for the brethren of the elements let you, my dear ones, give thanks now, remembering the service which is rendered to man and which man takes for granted without a single thought of thankfulness. Thankfulness is the key which opens the door of the soul to increased blessings from heaven. Remember this thankfulness, dear brethren: thankfulness to the Brotherhood.

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Now let us take you in thought beyond the earthly plane just for a brief flash or a vision into the heavenly life. We understand that man at the present time is misusing these powers of God, trying to force the gates of heaven in the wrong way, but the Brothers of the Great White Light come to you, my dear earthly brethren, to help you and to show you how to aspire to the golden mountain, to that mountain which reaches far above the plains and the darkness of earth into the heavenly consciousness, into a heavenly life, and the brethren are teaching you that in the right way you can unfold that secret within yourselves which will carry you into those heavenly realms and show you how the powers from that heavenly state come down like rays of gold, and light rays, cosmic rays come down into the soul of man and into the earth itself to quicken the life forces in earth and in man. There, in those higher realms, are those records impressed on the higher ether or on the akasha, those records of thought and good deeds and service which man throughout the ages has given to God to help in the process of the evolution of the spirit of God in all life.

So let us now in the stillness, using our purest heavenly imagination, look at the records in the heavenly state of life, the records of the work of the ancient brotherhood. Not only the Brotherhood in your own country, but the Brotherhood of the Elect all over your earth, in the east and in the west, in the north and in the south, ancient brothers who had the knowledge of these natural secrets, of these heavenly secrets, and who lived in service to their brethren, either of the human kingdom or the animal kingdom. These ancient brethren found the secret of life, that they were a part of the whole, they were specks, atoms in the vast universe, not only of your own solar system, but in space beyond and beyond and beyond. All creatures are one in that supreme cosmic life, and your little earthly brain cannot comprehend space, outer space, cannot comprehend eternity, cannot comprehend life. The little mind of man is ever destructive, but destruction has its part to play in the development and the evolution of life. We recognise this, but we want *you* to recognise the fact that the little mind of man, as well as being constructive, can at times be destructive and is destructive. But when this is so, remember that this means that what is destroyed has outlived its purpose. It has served its purpose, so the Brethren of the Great White Light are very calm and still with changes which come to mortal life, and if you can train yourselves to be tranquil and peaceful with the natural change and evolution of life, you will find a quality in your soul which is one of the heavenly gifts – the quality of peace and the quality of wisdom, for both will bring to you that supreme trust, and will lead you to find truth, truth, truth which is eternal, truth which was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, truth which tells you that life goes on and on and on, ever unfolding, ever bringing to the creature more happiness and joy and satisfaction.

Remember what we said at the beginning of this little talk, that you do not worship alone – that you are now in this vast assembly of illumined spirits, brethren of all time. And in consciousness we have raised you into the golden city at the apex of that golden mountain in the heaven world. There, in your thoughts and prayers now, we beg you to hold silent communion. Think of those you love who have passed onward into a world of freedom and light; those you love who are protected and fed and served by the angel band, watched over by the Heavenly Father and the Divine Mother of all life. We are not telling you fairy tales. We find the language which is at our disposal in the human instrument quite inadequate to speak to you of these divine, heavenly truths. We can only bring to you the spiritual power and say a few words and help you to lift yourselves up above the darkness, the weariness and the disillusionment of the earthly life.

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Now dear friends, and we speak to the young, the young here. Remember, boys and girls, young men and young women, as well as the older ones, but especially to the young – you can receive the help that you ask for, if you ask in sincerity and humility; you can receive the inspiration you seek from the Brotherhood of the Elect. Think on these things... The brethren are looking now upon you. They are looking for instruments on the earth plane through whom they can work, and do you know *how* they work through you? They work through you, my young brethren, through your own simple and pure aspiration; and it is not easy for you to keep up and to try and live the life of a godly man or woman, or boy or girl, because of the mockings of the lower mind, not only your own lower mind, but the lower mind of your companions. But we say to you in your own innermost heart: ask simply, trustfully that you may be a channel to work in the eternal garden of life for God, to assist your fellow beings onto the true path of spiritual evolution towards their goal, perfect life. Some people say there is no such thing a perfect life or perfect happiness. We deny this most emphatically, for you will find when you gather your harvest, if you have followed the path as indicated by the spirit within you, you will find that rich and glorious harvest not necessarily in the world after death but in eternity.

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