

A Work Planned from Spirit

A338 Sunday Address 5th March 1961 St Mary Abbots Place, London Silver Jubilee
Thanksgiving Service

Text: the usual MB script, in this case a lower carbon copy. It sets out the whole service, not just the White Eagle address, and given the occasion, it seems right to include all that the script includes. The title has been chosen for the present project. The address was reprinted in *Stella Polaris*, February-March 1962 and again in February-March 1983, under the title 'The Coming Light'.

Context: the Silver Jubilee was seen as a major event in the White Eagle Lodge story and a special issue of *Stella Polaris* was produced, with a silver cover. As just stated, the whole service is reproduced here, and less notice of the details in this headnote is required. There is a reference in Minesta's invocation to a recent birth; it is not currently clear which child is referred to and there is no notice of a birth in *Stella Polaris*. It would seem that the parents were among the 'Eaglets', the young people referred to generously in this service.

The reading from the end of *Plumed Serpent* is important to part of the talk and needs to be consulted alongside.

The music by Bach sung as an introit is published in an arrangement by W. G. Whittaker and sounds like a movement from a cantata, but from which is not entirely clear. The anthem, 'We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God' was by Sir William McKie, 1901-84, a living composer. The anthem by Orlando Gibbons, 'In humble praise I dedicate to Thee' was regularly sung by the Lodge choir, but the words are modern (by David Goodchild, 1940). Gibbons' music dates from 1612.

There had previously been an evening party with speeches and celebrations for members – on the actual date of the anniversary, 22 February.

General Notes: White Eagle makes an important point once he has opened his address, which is that the point of having an intermediary – himself – between God, the Great Spirit, and the individual is that the intermediary is a visible reminder of the potential of the human being to become illumined and inspired. White Eagle uses *Pilgrim's Progress*, specifically the example of the man with the muck rake, to show up human arrogance. Minesta and Christian (Ylana Hayward) are addressed as those inspired to choose the reading; Christian's own name in the Brotherhood was taken from *Pilgrim's Progress*. There is an encouraging message about the closeness of the spirit brotherhood and how they work with the human fellowship of the Lodge, and a further message about Minesta, as a channel – although the point of it is that White Eagle wants us to know that the work is 'not the work only of the human mind: it was planned a long, long time ago' (he relates this back to the *Plumed Serpent* reading). At the end there is a frequently-quoted and very inspiring passage, beginning 'Behold, the Age of Aquarius is at hand'

References: 'Courts of Praise' in the Invocation is a phrase taken from the opening hymn. 'Those who have gone through great tribulation', a common White Eagle quotation, is from Revelation 7 : 14.

Choir: [Introit] 'To God give thanks and praise'. Bach.

Brother Faithful:

We are very glad to welcome you to this twenty-fifth anniversary of the Lodge which only comes once. Let us remember it in great thankfulness.

And, though it is extremely difficult to recognise from this platform all, I have seen we have people from quite long distances. And we welcome you one and all. We commence with the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell'.

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As we enter into the courts of praise and thanksgiving, let us close our senses to all earthly things and in spirit pray that we may be raised to a heavenly level of consciousness and see, through our spiritual imagination, that we are in very truth in the shining courts of prayer.

As we enter these courts we see with the spiritual vision the vast company of shining forms, saints, teachers, avatars of the ages and the vast company of White Brethren. These are those who have come through great tribulation, and they shine with the joy of attainment, with the joy of their reunion in full consciousness of the Great White Light, the Eternal Spirit, from Whom we all come. And in this spirit, with the vision of this vast company around us, we give thanks to the Source of life, to the eternal the Great White Spirit, and to Christ the Son, the Light which Thou, O God, has sent to man.

For these wondrous gifts we are humbly thankful; for the service that all of us in this congregation are permitted to render to our fellow beings, we thank Thee. May we all remember that it is only from Thee that all good floweth.

We pray this night to have an increase of strength to do Thy Will, a clearer vision, an understanding of Thy Will. And, O God, we pray that the light of this earthly Lodge may grow in purity and strength and go out into the world to heal, to comfort and to inspire mankind.

May every soul in this assembly receive the rays of Thy blessing. And silently, O God, we commune with the Christ, our Lord. May His Presence be felt by everyone here.

May all the workers and servers of Thine be succoured, strengthened and blessed. For the gift of the young especially, we thank Thee. Tonight for the newly arrived little daughter of our younger brethren of this Lodge [we thank Thee]. We pray that all the young in this Lodge may be inspired with the vision glorious of man made perfect. May they continue throughout life to serve Thee and to work for the enlargement, the progress of this truth of the New Age.

O Lord, we thank Thee. With joy in our hearts, we thank Thee.

Anthem beautifully rendered by White Eagle's Choir; 'We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God'. McKie.

Minesta:

Reading from *Plumed Serpent*, p. 100. Give the incentive to carry on the work of the Lodge. And these words were those heard from One who would possibly be called a Master, a very great [and] wonderful Being: 'His Will is that you love all men, that you send forth goodwill to all men' ... to the close of *Plumed Serpent*.

Hymn: 'Come down, O Love divine'.

Prayers: The Lord's Prayer (sung).

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Anthem: 'In humble praise I dedicate to Thee'. Orlando Gibbons.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of earth, we come amongst you tonight with great joy in our hearts, joy and thankfulness to God our Creator. On this most happy occasion we bring you a wealth of love, my children, love and thanksgiving. For we have to be thankful that the earth people allow us to come and speak to them.

There are some dear friends on the earth plane who do not understand the reason why we speak from the spirit world to our brethren on earth. Many people erroneously think that one who is a messenger from spirit is trying to usurp the place of God, the Great White Spirit. They will say, 'Why? God can speak to us direct, in our own hearts? We do not need an intermediary to speak to us.' My children, life all down the ages has been demonstrating the importance of personalities. How important it is for a child of God, however simple he may be, to so attune himself to God, to the Great White Spirit, that he allows that spirit of his Father–Mother to manifest through him.

There are so many souls, great illumined souls of all ages, who have demonstrated to humanity that man is but a channel through which the Great White Light manifests. Without a human channel, humanity would not understand his own potentialities in becoming the channel for that Holy Breath, that Great Light. God works through His children, through everyone, according to the vehicle or channel. God is able to manifest and give truth. But it is so important for you all to realise that you are a part of that Divine Spirit. You are a part of the whole. When man can realise this, not only with his mind, but feel it in his heart, then he becomes truly a man of God, for the light which is the Son of God is able to shine through him.

This is the work for humanity in the New Age, the Age of Brotherhood. In this New Age, this spirit, this light within man, is destined to rise and fill man with love, wisdom and power. It will enable him to have command over himself, his own personality, over his surroundings, his life. It will enable him to have command over physical matter, command over life, as Jesus, our beloved Jesus, showed when he demonstrated so plainly to man, He demonstrated this power. It was the Christ power shining through Him, working through Him. It was this Christ power which enabled Him to conquer death, for the death is the last enemy of man [and it] was overcome by Christ, the Son of God, in Jesus.

And Jesus said to you and to all His disciples and followers, 'What I do, ye shall do, because ye are sons and daughters of the same Father–Mother God'. But He proceeded to tell you that in order to be strong in this light, which would give you power and wisdom, you must learn to love one another. So simple, and everyone knows it. Millions and millions have heard this message, but how hard it is for man to live to love. But this is the way, the only way, for man to gain the crown of eternal life.

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What do we mean by eternal life? We do not mean that when man leaves the physical body he passes into a heaven world and sits idle for the rest of his time wearing a crown of gold. What is meant is that man, by his own endeavours and aspirations and service to his brother man, is bound to win or to reach that level of life where he will be victor, master over himself and all earthly conditions.

Beloved children of this Lodge, and friends who may be with us tonight, we want you all to strive to recognise that each one of you is being guided and helped by a guardian angel or a spiritual guide. Now this is a very important truth for man to have. There is a difference between the man who is able, because of his spiritual advancement, is able to easily make contact with that Divine Love called Father–Mother God, but there are many countless souls who cannot reach that level and cannot get that contact for themselves. It is part of the work of the company in the spirit world, or the heaven world, the Great White Company; it is their work to come into closer contact with men on earth, to give them encouragement, reassurance. This is the Divine Plan: that the heavenly company should be watchful, and lovingly care for the earth children.

Now so many people think that this is all wrong, and they will say, 'It is rubbish. Let the spirit people go away. Let them get on with their work and we will get on with ours.' Many men and women on your earth plane are very arrogant, and they like to think that of themselves they can accomplish all things, that they are clever. They are able to manifest the gifts of art, music, all the gifts of man – literature, great leadership, and so on and so on. But you know, my children, there was a very simple man who wrote a message to the earth people or for the earth people. You will all know his name. We know this man, because he had a special mission on earth, but you well know the story of the Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan. He described, you will remember, the man with the muck rake, raking in the filth of earth, head bent low, looking for treasure in the muck. Above him the Shining Angel was there, trying to guide him on to the right path.

Now we particularly want you all to hear this message tonight on the anniversary of the commencement of this work in the White Eagle Lodge. We want you all to be reassured if necessary, but to be certain that in this place, this Lodge, which is a Lodge not of bricks and mortar, but it is a building of the spirit. In this Lodge are groups and groups and groups of spirit workers, healers, guides, inspirers, who are not necessarily training you and teaching you the way to use what is commonly called psychic gifts, but teaching you and guiding you to become clear, pure channels for the Great White Spirit. It is a vast company in this Lodge. We want you all to remember this. And it is not that we wish to threaten or scare you, far from it, but we want to help you to act and live in the full knowledge that what you think and say and do is heard and seen by the invisible friend of yours. It is quite true we look through a clear glass curtain. We all understand failures, disappointments. We bring to you constantly, continually, loving help. We have been given this particular work to help mankind to rise on to a higher level of life, so that the spirit of the Christ within man will more easily be expressed.

Now if a small group commences this work anywhere in the world, the Council of the White Brotherhood above immediately come to that particular group of aspiring brethren. This is

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similar to the early Christian Brotherhoods, who worked unknown in the backwaters of life. But they persisted in their work and all mankind today has so much to thank those faithful bands of Christian Brothers for. They gave to humanity their life and their service.

And now, lastly, brethren, we would like to say this to you. We inspired our beloved daughter Minesta, for she was our daughter in the past – don't think about time, according to your earth it was a long time ago, but when you get on to the spirit level of life time is all one – however, we inspired Minesta and Christian that we wanted that particular reading for you. We wanted you to again be reminded that this work is not a work, not the work only of the human mind. It was planned a long, long time ago. You all like to feel that you are independent and free. Well, it does not matter very much if you like to feel like that, but you see, no soul is entirely free. He is tied by little fine links [*sic*] to his own past, to his future. This raises many questions, but it is a law, a cosmic law.

And this work was planned in the distant past. Now humanity does not always go the way that God would like it to go. Now this is where the free will comes in. Man may respond to that good pull, he may respond to the good will or the God Will or he may turn away his face from it. But he may have opportunities, repeated opportunities, to respond to the Christ spirit within him or to remain negative.

Now you have all felt the power, the rays of light from the temple above. Some are responding very powerfully to that light. Some are striving hard but find it difficult sometimes. Karma is a taskmaster. Karma puts tests and trials in your way. But, my children, now your feet are on the path, keep before you the vision, the vision of that Great White Company of shining brethren in the spirit's spheres, who are living to serve you and to assist all mankind to evolve spiritually – and to attain that level of life and spiritual awareness where they are free, for they have such love [that] their souls will have found truth. Now this is of God. God is truth. Love – unselfish, Divine Love – is truth. From Love, the very heart of God, from love, all life has come on to this planet, irrespective of the denial on your earth by very clever men and women. Love planted the seed. From love cometh life. Love is the basis of all life. Begin to practise love, my children, tolerance and goodwill. You are then getting very near to the Crown.

Now surrounding this Lodge this very moment, you will see the temple, not built of physical matter, but of the shining substance of love and light. You will see there in the centre of that temple, the altar-table cube – holding the symbol, the Grail Cup. See it. See it in spirit. Feel its power. Over this earthly Lodge are spread two immense wings. This is the protection that you have, the guidance that you have from that Lodge above. Do your best, my children, and do not fear anything earthly. God is close. His Angel Messengers are very close to you, helping you, inspiring you, guiding you when you yourselves choose the right and the true way of life.

Now when you see the Star shining here will you remember the Shining Wings attached to the Star, the Winged Star, Star of the ages – symbol of the Christ Light, the Christ Spirit which will carry you up on wings of Light, giving you clearer vision, healing power, power to

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comfort the sad and the bereaved, power to develop all the spiritual senses of vision and hear heavenly music.

Behold, the Age of Aquarius is at hand: the age of spirit, the age of spiritual brotherhood, the age of freedom. And you in this Lodge can lead by your thoughts, your speech, your actions. [You] can be pioneers in the world to impress upon those who are sleeping in materiality that there is something finer, nobler, grander, more beautiful and more lovely to live for. And life, my children, does not stop when you change your coat, when you change when your physical body is tired, and you haven't learnt yet to spiritualise it so that it can go on and on. And when it is weary and falls by the wayside, you go on. Life goes on and on and on. And you will not be weary. You will be full of joy, and you will dance the dance of Jesus, for He danced the joyful dance of spiritual freedom, spiritual happiness and spiritual harmony. Oh, life is grand, my children, when you have attained freedom in spirit!

So, before we leave you, we draw you all together again in this shining temple of light, the perfect lodge above. And there we see the perfection of its architecture, the perfectly laid stones in the building of the temple. And the builders, who are they? They are the brethren who followed the light of Christ. You are young apprentices, but you are helping the masons to build this eternal temple in the heavens. And the Grand Master is there, enthroned in the golden light. It is true. He draws you close to Him. He raises His rod and touches every soul who comes close to Him. He offers every soul the bread of heaven, the knowledge and wisdom. And He offers you the cup, the cup of divine wine to sip. Learn from heaven, the bread of heaven, the knowledge which heaven will give you – and be sustained, be succoured by heavenly wine, divine love.

Go forward, forward, forward unafraid. Keep on keeping on. And remember the Christian Brotherhood of the Piscean Age. You are the Brethren of the Aquarian Age and vast possibilities are before you.

May the Great White Spirit bless you.

Dear, dear earthly brethren, we shall never forsake any one of you.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Brother Faithful:

In this fashion, the power and the blessing has come to us. I have a final notice to give, but I do not want to give it just now.

Hymn: 'God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year.'

[Brother Faithful's notice querying the receipt by all present of Retrospect and the New Lands letter by all present.]

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Minesta:

I want to give a very warm welcome to so very many dear friends and members. I notice so many of you here and I very much appreciate the long journey that some of you have taken. I just want personally to give you love and welcome and also thanks to everyone who supports the work of White Eagle – and those of you behind the scenes. So many backroom boys appear to do nothing, but they do so much to help this work. Thank you, all of you. Thank you. And, in dear White Eagle's words, I do hope you will 'Keep on keeping on' until your legs get too tired.

Benediction:

Now we look up. We look up into the spheres of Light with hearts filled to overflowing with loving thankfulness for the care we have received and of the gifts which bless and beautify our lives.

We bring our hearts, O Lord, to Thee. We rededicate ourselves again to Thy service. However small or great that service may be, help us to see it truly in its true perspective and then help us to fulfil the path with honour.

And so may Thy peace, which is beyond all worldly knowledge, enter and remain in our hearts as we journey onward. O Lord, Thy peace be with us. Amen.

[Minesta, on leaving the platform, personally thanked White Eagle's choir for their beautiful renderings – these were not heard by all, but Christian will have them in her heart.]

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