

Peace shall be Established among Men

A195 Sunday Address 5th September 1948 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service (reopening)

The date of this address is conjectural (see below), while the text is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors

Text: from *Angelus*, October 1948

Context: the principal reason for selecting the date is simply that the October *Angelus* traditionally carried the September address; however, those who read these addresses consecutively will know that the 1948 sequence is complex.

A footnote in the printed text tells us that the reading was selected verses from Isaiah chapters 11 and 52. It must have begun at verse 1 of chapter 11, for that is where we find the allusion to the rod of Jesse, which White Eagle picks up on later in the address. Among other things these chapters contain some of the verses often seen as foretelling the birth of Jesus, and the coming of a golden age: 'The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them' (11 : 6). There seems to have been another reading, too, referring to 'the fleshpots of Egypt' (Exodus 16 : 3); we must assume that there were two Old Testament readings, which would have been unusual. But the Isaiah one looks towards Christmas, and accords with this address being given at the beginning of autumn.

General Notes: White Eagle says, 'The scriptures contain in symbolism the story of the human soul as it passes through the ages'. The series of his Inner Teachings now available in book form as INITIATIONS ON THE PATH OF THE SOUL extend exactly this concept. Shortly after this comment there is an interesting prophecy about psychologists being confronted with things they cannot explain. Maybe there is some evidence of this today. There is a fine paragraph on the higher self, and the building of the Christ body. Finally, White Eagle reminds us that it is when we find peace that we have true power.

References: 'God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform' are the first two lines of a familiar hymn by William Cowper (1731-1800). For the fleshpots of Egypt (literally, the pots in which meat was preserved, but by association those who flaunted their sexuality) see 'Context'; the Assyrians, those who had overrun the northern kingdom, driving out the Israelites, are also mentioned as a symbol of those who bring human beings into slavery. 'Trailing clouds of glory' is a quotation from Wordsworth's 'Ode on Intimations of Immortality'. 'Blessed is he who walks on the mountains' is not a quotation but reads as though it comes from the Psalms (compare, for instance, Psalm 121). 'Where there is no vision the people perish' is a quotation of Proverbs 29 : 18; the sentence after this reads like a quotation but is not; there is another of this just before the end of the address.

Historical Notes: the reference right at the beginning to the yearning for international peace must have been poignant in September 1948. Only three years after the second world war, Europe was facing conflict once more in the form of the Cold War, with the Berlin Blockade having commenced on 24 June.

White Eagle's Address:

Brethren, the message which we would bring is that of peace.

There must be a deep inner yearning in the hearts of all for international peace. Such peace does not mean inaction, for peace is active, but active in a tranquil form. Peace is the power of God working for all good behind the mortal scenes of life. God is peace, but God is not inactive. The Great White Spirit is life and harmony. God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. So important is this quality of God which you call peace, that God caused a manifestation of this quality to come in human form – and not only through one

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human form, but from many who have now become the world's saints, teachers and avatars. These teachers, these apostles of the Light, have demonstrated the dynamic power of the peaceful way of life. Look at nature: nature grows silently; you seek peace within the quiet of nature. God manifests through the glories of nature and His spirit is peace.

We would like to speak of the symbolism contained in the scriptures of every age. If you study them closely with understanding of the spirit (not with the mind alone) with intuition or the light within the breast, you will see that such teachings were given to man in accordance with the state of his spiritual unfoldment. The scriptures contain in symbolism the story of the human soul as it passes through the ages. During each cycle there comes the particular unveiling of truth which that age most needs.

The particular chapter of the scriptures read* during this service is a description of the spiritual power which lies dormant in man, and which man in his material state is inclined to ignore and even to deny. Yet modern psychologists are beginning to discover hidden powers within the mind and within the soul of man. As their investigations proceed they will find themselves out of their depth, for they will enter a world of spirit which will be a revelation. They will find it difficult to clothe in words what they discover in the higher realm. Yet the Scriptures of all ages contain the truth that man is spirit, and that man comes from afar trailing clouds of glory.

We have often said that we should be happy to draw aside the curtain which hangs between you and this heaven world from which you have come. Our reading told of man coming down into the land of Egypt, and spoke of the fleshpots of Egypt – by which is meant the material world. You are even now living in that land and enemies are about you – enemies in your own midst, enemies of the invisible world. You do not realise as you go about that you are encompassed by a vast unseen company, nor yet that you can close the door to unwelcome contacts, or open [it] to welcome friends, or those in affinity with you; or you can keep the door closed and deny them entry.

When you give way to thoughts of fear and depression you are tuning-in or adjusting yourself to a dark sphere, the inhabitants of which are your enemies. Sometimes occultists call them the dark forces. You can only attract these dark forces when you attune yourself to them. When you keep in harmony with all that is lovely, true and kind, all that is Godlike, you rise above the plane. Shall we call the dark ones the Assyrians? These are they who hold authority over you when you dwell in the land of Egypt. You have power to depart from land as you will, when you will be raising your consciousness, by aspiration to the world of light. Even thus you may escape from the Assyrians and mingle with the brethren of peace and love, living with and working to raise man and release him, not only from mortal but spiritual enemies. The writer of the scriptures emphasises the truth that we come from afar when we descend into the land of Egypt.

Life moves in circles, in cycles. If you expect to live beyond death of the body you must necessarily have lived before birth into a body. You have come from afar. This is the mystery of life. But whilst you live this life you are a finite being, and so are unable to comprehend

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infinity. We who speak from spirit can assure you that you come from a heavenly state down into this mortal state with a definite purpose.

Some souls return in order to help mankind. Some descend trailing clouds of glory, and when encased in the flesh their radiance becomes so dimmed that you cannot recognise, you cannot judge the inner self of your companion. What is referred to as the higher self of man is a far greater and more glorious being than anyone can possibly conceive. We have noticed the effect upon some of you during your meditation when you have had a vision of your higher self. Yet possibly it is good for you not to know too much, because it is important that man should learn deep humility whilst in the flesh. But it will be helpful to remind yourselves that you come from a far greater and more beautiful self than the one you know. All the souls of men are building this greater self, which is sometimes called the temple in the heavens. A true masonic school can teach you how to shape your life physically, mentally emotionally and spiritually, so that each incarnation forms a perfect cube or stone which is placed in the temple above. You are building your temple by your conduct on earth.

You will be wondering what all this has to do with peace. We are endeavouring to convey to you that within yourself lies power to create, or to build an edifice both on earth and in the heavens.

What does the rod of Jesse mean? Jesse means one full of grace, one full of light. The physical body is a replica of the soul body. In the soul body is a pillar of light and from this pillar grow flowers. Some of you are acquainted with this knowledge, and know that every psychic centre of your soul body is shaped like a flower, which is attached to the pillar of light in your soul body; development of soul depends upon the uprising and the shining of this light. The rod of Jesse is the rod which rises from the heart and opens into the flower. Sometimes the rose is given as a symbol of this flower, and this particular flower (which grows from the heart centre) is the flower of the Christ life, the Christ spirit. The great ones, the saints and the seers of all ages have caused this flower to bloom. As this flower grows it causes the soul to leave the land of Egypt and to rise in consciousness to the mountaintop.

Think of the mountains, the peace and power and glory of the shining hills. Blessed is he who walks upon the mountains. This happens when you are attuning yourselves to a higher level, where you become united with the brethren, guides and teachers on that plane of world of life. In company with them you rise. When on the mountain your vision is widened. This is what is needed in the world today – vision from the mountains of the spirit. Where there is no vision the people perish. Awake, O children, and rise out of the land of Egypt into the mountains. Then will you see the way to tread. Then will you see the lion and the lamb lie down together. Then you will see the beauty and the power of peace on earth. It would seem impossible that wild animals should mingle with those which are tame. But the wildness of the animal arises from fear. Self-defence causes them to become wild. God has given man dominion over the animal; but only through man's own entry into the world of peace will the animal kingdom follow after; and then peace will spread throughout the animal world. Nature will then cease to be red in tooth and claw. Man has been given dominion over the world. Man has been given power within his own being. He is the instrument which can wield this power of love over all men.

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The Master Jesus, who was used by the Lord Christ, demonstrated how the power of love can perform miracles. All his parables and his miracles, so called, were to demonstrate to mankind what this light within his own being could accomplish. Nearly two thousand years ago the Master Jesus withdrew from mortal sight. The western world has been endeavouring to follow its Teacher, its Saviour ever since. We come to bring good tidings. Mankind has progressed a long way since then. When you feel depressed and inclined to think that man has not improved much, remember what we say. Use your reason, look back for only half a century, and you will see that progress has been made. People may no longer, perhaps, appear to be what is called 'religious'. People refrain from becoming attached to organised religion, but are beginning to search for, beginning to reach out into a world beyond the physical. Their hearts are being quickened by the light of Christ, and they are endeavouring to establish on the lowest, the physical, or material plane – to institute the kingdom of Christ.

This effort is crude at present, but a beginning. Man is beginning to think of the welfare of his fellow man. He is not quite so callous regarding the sufferings of others as in former days. As we advance into this new age of Aquarius, which is the age of the mind, there will be increased development of mind, it is true, but also additional help given to mankind from the shining ones in the heavens. The Lord will pour forth His spirit upon earth. With development of mind and the new inventions which are coming will come an increase of the spirit of brotherhood and love, which will direct man's wise use of these discoveries. These gifts which God has given will be used to bring peace and goodwill amongst men. Blessed is he who walks upon the mountain of vision, and brings glad tidings of peace, goodwill and love.

Do not tune in to dark spheres. Do not allow the Assyrians to overcome you. Be strong in spirit. Be an ambassador for peace. Let your heart be opened in full power and glory, and peace shall be established on earth; and the lion and the lamb shall lie down together and all life will sing the praises of its creator.

Peace is with you. Let it shine from your forehead, a jewel of perfection.

*Reading selected from 11th and 52nd Chapters of Isaiah

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