

The Kingdom of Heaven

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Context: a Sunday service; the phrase towards the end 'start this very night controlling your thoughts' seems to imply that the service took place in the evening. Confirming this, *Angelus* in September the same year contained an announcement that in wartime conditions the Sunday service time would move from 6.30 pm to 3.00 pm.

General notes: after connected talks about St John (May 7th) and the Holy Ghost (June 4th), White Eagle begins a new theme. The end contains a very strong exhortation to overcome war by a positive projection.

References: the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden is in the book of Genesis; the parable of the Prodigal Son is in Luke 15 : 11-32. The phrase at the end, 'Well done, good and faithful servant' is a rendering of Matthew 25 : 21 (the parable of the Talents).

White Eagle's Address:

We understand, dear brethren, how difficult it is for you, living in the midst of turmoil and materialism, to appreciate the truth of the life of the spirit, or to realise your true home. Do not look upon heaven as a place to which you will journey for the first time perhaps after the death of your physical body. Cultivate here and now the idea that heaven, the world invisible, is your true home. There is that within your breast which intuitively longs for heaven, which receives spiritual inspiration. Your spirit contacts and knows truth. Truth lies within your breast, and by your intuition is speaking to you when you enter into those quiet periods, or perhaps after you have passed through some great emotional stress; perhaps after a sorrow which has shaken your soul to its foundation; then may you pass upward to the mountaintop, leaving the clamour and the noise of earth behind you, even as did the Master Jesus when He ascended the mountain and called His disciples unto Him. When they were set, he opened His mouth and taught them the inner truths of life.

You too may at some time hear the still small voice of the spirit, or of your Master, which speaks first in the quiet sanctuary of the heart, calling you to withdraw from the crude materialism of everyday life. The Master calls you to the mountain side. This voice comes in various ways; you, my brother, you, my sister, may hear if you are ready to listen. This voice calls you nearer to your true home. Yes, the earth is not home but rather a place man visits in order to be educated, much as you journey over the ocean to visit strange lands, both for pleasure and education, or maybe to give service to the community in some form or another. Even on the outer plane, man, whether he realises it or not, lives to give service, either in the commercial life, in the arts or the sciences, or in the sowing and reaping of food. Whatever his occupation, he is contributing service to humanity. And so, in the course of life's experience and service, you may journey to another land, to work or to gain experience.

Your journey to earth is but another journey to a foreign land. Therefore do not anticipate taking a journey to heaven in some future, thinking it your first visit, but reverse the picture and think as we have suggested, that you have journeyed from heaven down to earth for

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education or service. So then, it comes to this: that every man or woman is here either in the capacity of a server or a pupil – or perhaps both.

Thus will be revealed a new aspect of life on earth. Within every man is the capacity to become aware of the worlds invisible, intangible, because this is the truth of his being. The heavenly worlds, the higher worlds, are man's true haven – and he is at home, or shall we say more at home, therein than in his house of clay. Every man and woman can be touched and awakened to those higher worlds, some in small degree, others in greater. But in the course of growth, all men will become aware, even while living in the house of clay, of that heavenly world which is their true home. Man will learn to open the windows of this house of clay and see the glorious panorama; he will be able to see the companions of former times walking in the fields Elysian.

But everyone present knows this already. If you will lay aside, or keep in abeyance, that unworthy and oft-times foolish earth mind, and allow the inner voice to speak, you know that you belong elsewhere than to this earth.

Why has man left his high estate? Why do not the majority of mankind realise that man belongs to the God-world, to the heavenly life? Because, dear ones, when the intellect (or the mind of this house of clay) analyses and dissects the teaching of the Bible, it cannot accept the words it reads at their face value. 'It is an affront on man's intelligence!' man says today. Then Science comes along and makes a clean sweep of all the ancient teachings in our Bible. But Science is at present only scratching the surface. It has not yet ploughed the fields deep enough; it has not yet delved and burrowed into the depths. And in this scratching it has pulled up and cast aside the growing corn which might have been the bread of heaven, or the truth of the spirit.

Few people in these enlightened days believe in the Story of the Garden of Eden. But mankind may retrace its steps to belief in that ancient myth.

Man, at one time, dwelt in a home of peace and plenty, of joy and happiness. But man then was an innocent child of God, and had no knowledge of what lay outside Eden. Once, however, he had tasted of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, he knew there were many things to learn. By his own choice he tasted that fruit of Knowledge, and was sent forth as a result from the Garden. What does this mean? It means that because man had tasted of Knowledge, his eyes were opened and he could live no longer in a state which had ceased to be his heaven. The spirit of man knew that he must journey to foreign lands to gain experience and more knowledge, and to use the knowledge which he had already learned. And we are told that he was driven out of heaven. Man left the home of God, his Father, and journeyed forth (rather as the parable of the Prodigal Son tells us) – journeyed forth into the outer world, to earn not only the bread to feed his body, but the bread to feed his mind, his soul, his spirit. Man has been on this journey ever since, gaining experience and learning through joy and sorrow, pain and suffering, to grow wise.

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When Adam and Eve left the Garden of Eden, an Angel with a flaming sword guarded the gate, and they could not return. Man cannot pass through that gate into the heavenly places until he has learned the password and for our astrological students, we suggest that the Angels on guard are the Angels of the planet Saturn, the recording Angels. No man can pass those flaming swords until he has learned to speak or to sound in the ether the password.

The password is composed of certain letters; these letters man is learning to pronounce, or to sound, as he learns the necessary lessons in life. Every lesson which becomes perfectly learnt is a 'letter' of this password, a 'letter' not spoken by the lips, but lived in the life. The law of Karma is a perfect law and no man can hope to escape it. Does this sound a hard doctrine? It is a doctrine full of love and wisdom. A soul must journey forth to strange lands again and again, many, many times, in order to perfect lessons, which will bring to him, eventually, the password which when sounded in the ether will cause those flaming swords to be withdrawn and the gates of heaven to fly open.

Since man left his heavenly home, God has never left him without a teacher; every man, in every country and nation, has been a pupil to his own particular Teacher. Man always has been given a teacher. Throughout the ages, at different intervals, great Teachers have appeared to give wisdom to the people, even to the coming of Jesus Christ – Jesus, the Master, Christ the Saviour, through Whose teaching come to humanity the revelation of loving service. Here is one of the letters comprising that lost and sacred Word – 'loving service', even as the Christ, the Lord, poured through Jesus of Nazareth, the service of healing, the service of teaching, the service of loving His fellow men.

Healing seems to us of the utmost importance for all who would progress on the path. If any or all of you realise that you possess this healing power within, then make use of it; because as the healing power is given forth, it causes stimulation of the light which will flow through the soul body, the mental bodies and the physical body. When there is a hold-up of this spiritual essence, we detect what men describe as 'disease'. When there is perfect and free and harmonious circulation of this spiritual life force, then here is perfect health, and the life forces can stream forth from the hands and throat and heart and head of a healer, not only helping his own development, but striking a chord in the soul of a sick brother or sister and bringing into that soul harmony and health. Sickness is the result of broken law; you may break the law in your present incarnation and suffer quickly – which man generally does when he breaks a physical law. But when you break a mental or a spiritual law, the reaction may not be so rapid but you will surely have to suffer. The many ills, the trifling diseases, trials and pains, are the result of inharmonious thoughts and ungoverned emotions sent forth perhaps in a previous life or even in the present one. You cannot always overcome karma. But you may, by a great effort of love and aspiration, transmute that karma, as Jesus Christ demonstrated in His healing of the sick, giving of sight to the blind, and the healing of the lame.

But remember always that you are able to control, in this day of life, what you are now giving to life. We do not threaten. Far from it, dear ones: but [we] would only help you to realise the importance of kindly, constructive, great and loving thought. For disease originates in the

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thought body, and finally manifests in various forms in the physical body. If you would have perfect bodies in a future incarnation, whether that incarnation be on earth or elsewhere, remember that you are now giving forth the substance, the matter which will be used for the creation of these bodies – physical, mental, etheric – all the bodies which will be yours in some future day. If you would have perfect health and be a perfect instrument for the light of God, then start this very night controlling your thoughts. See that nothing unworthy flows from your mind. It will not be easy at first, but continue to press forward with your task, endeavouring to be joyous and happy and to give happiness to all around you.

In closing, we remind you that you have a special mission, a greater test at present than perhaps ever before. Turn aside, by your positive, constructive thought, the suggestion of war. Many times from this platform we have asked you to be constructive in your thoughts for peace. It is not that we say war is evil, and must not be. The karma of nations oftentimes produces war. We admit that. But at this present time there is a tremendous struggle, the balance between the old and new is on the turn, and upon you, children of the light, who have listened often to those who come from the heavenly places, upon you is a great responsibility. When fear thoughts creep in and, in spite of all you have been told, you do wonder if there might come war, cast these thoughts away from you immediately, and say; ‘We are working to bring peace on earth and goodwill amongst men’. Do not dwell on the negative side.

If we say to you that the war clouds will pass away, do we rob you of your karma? No, I think not. But do your part also. Until man is prepared in his own heart, he cannot enter, return again, to that home in the heavens, because it lies, not in any geographical position in the Universe, but within his own soul. Man is the universe, the universe is within, man’s universe is within. There is no such thing as distance nor time. Learn, then, to enter the heaven within. And the Angels with the flaming swords will bow their heads and welcome you into the home which is rightly yours, to which you will return and be received by the love of your Father God, and hear; ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the harvest of thy labours’.

Peace be unto you all. Peace.

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