

Serenity and Health – The Way Lies Open

A403 Sunday Address 2nd June 1968 New Lands, Liss Whit Sunday

Text: black carbon, possibly by a typist other than AMI; it is unparagraphed and has been marked in ink with paragraphs. Other MS markings indicated that it was used on a cassette and in *Stella Polaris*, June-July 1994, as well as several times as a reading in services. YGH notes 'Some used in WAY OF THE SUN' and also that it is 'Very good, lovely'. There are plenty of indications of cuts that have been made when it has been used. A marginal reference, typed in the style of VC, as is the whole address, indicates that it was given at New Lands.

Context: Whitsun fell relatively late in 1968, when Easter Sunday was on 14 April. White Eagle looks ahead in this address to the Christ Full Moon, the full moon with the Sun in Gemini. This fell just over a week after Whit Sunday, on 10 June.

General notes: White Eagle begins by stressing that the bridge to Spirit is built by ourselves on earth. He deals almost immediately with human suffering, his cue being the disciples gathering after the loss of their Master. Bitterness, hate and selfishness, he says, simply cut the link with Spirit. White Eagle refers to Jerusalem, not as the place the disciples went to, but as a state of consciousness they were instructed to go to: in effect, the Upper Room. This is the moment he introduces the concept of the Comforter, referred to in John 14. There is a technique for dealing with suffering, he says, in effect: if you rise to the Upper Room, the Comforter comes naturally. 'Love much, give love and your soul is filled with love, and this is your Comforter' is an echo of another saying of White Eagle's: 'Say little, love much, give all'. In short, the way out of bitterness is simply to love, regardless of what the object of our love may be. 'The time when the disciples were gathered together' is referred to interestingly as a memory, not as a thought. 'Whitsun', says White Eagle, 'is a particular time of brotherhood' – because of the accord of the disciples. Nonetheless, White Eagle says, it is simply one reference to this time, when brotherhood was in itself 'the religion of the ancient ones'. He links it also with the ceremonies in which the Great Mother was invoked. Then he contrasts those times with the present: people then were not devoted to increasing their wealth, but with strengthening life. It is now that White Eagle comes to fighting for one's rights. The trouble is, he says, that this does not heal the wound. Divine magic is the power of brotherhood, a much subtler force for good than standing up for one's rights. Finally, White Eagle moves to the subject of the Christ Festival, which would have fallen about a week later, on 10 June. This brings him – and us – to Stonehenge and the ancient festival there. As he begins the communion, White Eagle implores his listeners just to 'see all peoples drawn together in harmony'. The communion assures us that there really has been, during it, a descent of the Holy Spirit.

References: all the talk of the Comforter depends on John 14, where the concept is introduced as 'the spirit of truth'. 'Great tribulation' is a phrase from Revelation, 7 : 14.

Historical note: White Eagle speaks of it being unnecessary to stand up for one's own rights. 1968 was a climactic year, when people were protesting their rights and those of others, all round the world. It was the year of the 'Prague Spring' with Alexander Dubček seeming to steer Czechoslovakia away from the communist bloc. The so-called My Lai massacre in March added enormously to the questions over America's involvement in Vietnam. Martin Luther King was assassinated in April, and Bobby Kennedy just days after this address was given. It was the year of student protests, many of them anti-war, and Civil Rights marches. White Eagle also speaks of two sides fighting for supremacy in Britain. It was the Heath/Wilson era, when politics were particularly bitter.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, we speak to you from spirit. You build the etheric bridge, and we cross the bridge from the world of light, from the heavenly state of life to come and speak to you, to bring you a message of hope, illumination, a message of love and peace. This is always the message which angels bring to Earth: 'Peace on earth, goodwill towards all men'; a very simple message with which you are all so familiar, and a large percentage of humanity is familiar with this particular message – from God, they say.

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It comes, of course, from the cosmic light and power, the source of all life; and when man takes the trouble to withdraw from the world of conflict, the world of matter – where there is so much human suffering – and when he can withdraw his consciousness from this world of physical matter, and go into the silence of his soul, it is then that he can receive the message from pure spirit.

Now this day is a most important time for all Christian people: the day of Pentecost. It is the day upon which the demonstration was made to that early Christian brotherhood of the messengers from the heaven world, from the world of light, from the world of God. Remember that the disciples of the beloved Master Jesus were all very sad. They had lost their Master. They had lost the contact with God, with the spiritual life which had given them strength, buoyed them up and given them the greatest happiness in themselves that life had ever given them. And they saw their Master torn away by ruthless and ignorant men. They had seen their Master, their beloved Jesus Christ, crucified and reviled, cruelly treated. And they were broken-hearted and lonely. I want you to remember this.

Remember the illustration given to you, the illustration of the power of the spirit to break through the darkness of sorrow, break through that gloom and that cloud which hung over them, and you too at times. We know, dear, dear brethren, we know, perhaps more than you, just how sorrowful you can be when a loved one is taken from your side, either by death of the physical body or by misunderstanding. You know when bitter thoughts creep in, when the human emotions are very stirred up, so that you can only feel the bitterness of your own disappointment and grief; and everything around you looks black, and all life seems to be fading away from you because you are cut off from the source of spiritual comfort. Love, love, love is God, and when you have no love in your heart because you are bitter through grief, or disappointment, or misunderstanding, you do not know which way to turn or what to do. Life is black. Now this story in the New Testament is to illustrate to men on earth this vital truth: that hatred and selfishness can cut the link between you and your source of happiness, your source of health and well-being, your source of love and peace of mind.

And the disciples were feeling completely isolated. They had been told to go to Jerusalem. What is Jerusalem? Dear brethren, Jerusalem is a state of consciousness. It is a city, we know, but it is also a name. Jerusalem means city of light, city of peace, a place of love. They were told to go to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of their Comforter. The Comforter will come if you will rise in consciousness to that upper room, which means higher level of life. In your thoughts, go up to that upper room and patiently wait, humbly wait in communion with God, and then will come the outpouring of the spirit, the Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth. When the spirit of truth comes into man's soul, into man's heart, he is comforted. This is the Comforter.

Man rejects the Comforter and will not be comforted and cannot be comforted whilst he is dwelling only on his own desires. Man has to give to God, give love if you would receive love. If you would get love, my children, love others. Love much, give love, and the very act of giving love, yes even to a soul called 'enemy', give love, and your heart, your soul, is filled with love, and this is your Comforter. It is truth, love is the truth, and the way to all truth, all wisdom – yes, we are going to say all knowledge – is this same path. It is the path of love.

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Now dear ones, let us go back in thought, in memory, to that time when the disciples were all gathered together as a brotherhood. Now we think, and we would pass it on to you for your consideration, that Whitsun is a particular time of brotherhood. The brethren met together in one accord. Now you have heard us say this before, but we will repeat it. This episode in the Christian church is only one episode. Remember that this state of feeling, this gathering together of men and women in one spirit, in one accord, was the religion of the ancient ones, the God men, the men who had passed through great tribulation in the past – the same as Jesus passed through. These God men came to this earth plane, to this earth planet even, to help young humanity to find the way of truth, to find the way to God. And the way they taught these groups of young souls was to gather them together at certain natural times, like the solstices or the equinoxes, because at these times there is a very special and particular power which descends on the earth.

They gather them together at the time of the full moon – and this was before Christianity, as it is known today, was established on the earth. We are speaking of times far remote, [but] when humanity was humanity the same as it is today. Men and women had the same feelings, the same needs as you have in your day of life. And these groups were taught how to raise their consciousness to God, and how to receive in that transcendental state of being the inflow of the cosmic love, the Cosmic Love, which is the Christ Love.

So it is no new thing for humanity to meet together in a group or in a brotherhood. It has been done all through the ages in all nations and all races. They followed the same pattern. They drew together for their special ceremonies of the elements, of the wind and the rain, and of sowing of crops, of worshipping the Great Mother, the giver of their sustenance, worshipping the Great Mother Spirit, because without the Mother Spirit the race on earth would cease. Therefore, they learnt in their own particular, possibly simple, way, the place of motherhood in life. Not only human motherhood, but the motherhood of all creatures, the motherhood of life, was worshipped, and thanks was given to the Great Earthly Mother for the grain and the fruits of the Earth, which fed and sustained. Today, very little is thought about giving thanks to the Great Mother of life, and we would impress this upon you: the help it would be to you if you could pause every day of your life to remember the gifts of the Great Mother. Mother Earth, the mother of all physical form: we thank thee, divine and earthly mother.

The early brotherhoods learnt the value of understanding these cosmic laws and cosmic powers. They were not devoted to increasing their wealth of material goods, they were concerned with strengthening life and their consciousness of the source of their life. We want you to remember Whitsun time as a time of renewed brotherhood of life. These early Christian brothers met together, and the disciples were only following a pattern which they had learnt from their forefather: this pattern of meeting together for quiet communion and worship of God, giver of all life, worship of the Great Mother, the giver of all life's sustenance, the worship of the sun and the moon – for the moon played such a big part in their lives, in the sowing of their seeds and the reaping of their crops. You see, all nature was for the men of those remote days – it was their pattern, their picture of God.

And man today will have to learn, to come into harmony with all natural law and spiritual law, the spiritual law which is simply the law of love, the law of giving love. You cannot give love, as we have already told you, unless you feel the love. As you give love you naturally feel love. To give love, you must feel love in your own heart. So whatever the conflict,

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whatever the problem in your life, be patient; give love, give thanks, give forth the spirit of Christ the Son, and you will find the magic will work. Now humanity is not very quick to recognise the workings of divine magic. Mankind is so involved with living a material life, so involved in all the worries and anxieties of the physical life, that it does not have the time to withdraw from it and attune itself to that lovely, beautiful, cosmic love, which would put all things right on your earth. And you see, what the material men say is, 'Well, why should I do that, when he is doing wrong?' They cannot see that he is doing wrong as well as the other man, and so long as this stage of conflict and self-opinion rules on Earth, there is bound to be confusion and suffering, because there is so much pulling away from God.

Now men think they must fight for their rights. Oh yes, it is the worldly thing to do – to stand up for your rights, to fight for the right. Jesus did not teach you this. The beloved masters, the elder brethren, the great masters of all time and all ages, all taught the same fundamental truth: be still, be good, and let God. Now this means not that you do nothing to heal a wound, or to heal the wounds of your fellow men. Oh no, but it means by practising the law of brotherhood you are setting in motion on the earth the power of divine magic. And this magic is far more powerful than what is called Black Magic. Divine magic is the power of the Brotherhood, the power of the Star, the power of the Christ Love. If only and when only man learns this lesson, all the crooked places will be made straight. Let me remind you again, it is not a negative thing that you are being told to do. It is a very positive state of mind, that is the very best you can do to help the whole world.

This is the message of Whitsuntide, for the brethren drew together in one accord, in love. They raised their consciousness, or their thoughts or their prayers, to the heavenly life, to the light ... and they waited, and the light poured down into their hearts. And they were filled, filled with the joy of life. The Brotherhood, the Great White Brotherhood: all the souls of men and women who have consciously received this outpouring from the Sun of God, from the Great White Light.

May I remind you in our last little message today, that you are approaching on your earth plane a special time of power, of the full moon. The full moon in Gemini, the time of the festival of the Christ. This is what the ancient brothers gathered together to receive. They gathered on their plains in vast numbers, going through their rituals, performing their ceremonies, working up in themselves the power to receive the blessing of the Great White Light. This was the Christ Festival or the Sun Festival and it commences to work up at the time of White Sunday, shall we call it? – or what you call Whitsuntide.

Now can you see the picture, my dears, of all these ancient ones? Think of Stonehenge, for that was one of the grand temples in your own little magic isle of Britain. And there at Stonehenge countless people met, thousands and thousands of people met, and they formed, through their ceremonies and through their contact and their work with the great planetary angels of the solar system, they built this vast receptacle, this vast etheric cup. Shall we call it the holy grail, into which could be seen pouring these great rays of the sunlight, the cosmic rays of the Christ life? This was the baptism of the Christ festival.

We pause here for you to feel this power now, to use your creative power of imagination and see for yourselves the vast company of the White Brotherhood assembled in the ancient roofless temple of great stones built high on the plain, awaiting the breaking of the dawn.

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Hear the music of the stones, hear the music of the spheres playing in harmony with the vibrations of the stones of physical matter. O my children, try and enter this grand triumphant ceremonial of the Christ festival. And see it overflowing, over the world, not only your own land, not only this magic isle of Britian, which is even now in conflict striving for one supremacy over another. But see all peoples drawn together in harmony, in love, working to serve – that is all – just living to give service to life, to fellow beings, fellow creatures, to nature; and above all to the Creator.

And he who is all love, Grand Master of all brotherhoods, of all churches, all religions; the Grand Master, the Lord Christ, clothes himself as a physical being, a human being like ourselves. He comes down, he comes down here, now. His presence is with you in glorious sunlight and truth and wisdom, [and] brings you the simple symbols of the bread, the golden grain produced by the Great Mother Earth, your bread. Remember there is a heavenly replica of that bread which he offers you to eat. ‘Take, eat, my child.’ He holds up the cup of wine, the juice of the grapes. ‘My spirit.’ The pressing of the grapes, symbol of human pain and anguish, produces the sweet spirit of the Christ, the sweet spirit which is the wine, the holy essence. Sip from this cup with thankfulness.

And the eternal and infinite blessing of the Most High pours upon you and fills your heart and soul with light, with joy, comfort and peace ... and peace. For in Thee, O Lord, may all thy children know that they live and have their being, and only in thee, in the consciousness of thy life, will they find the true and lasting comfort and the strength and the courage of life.

We leave this body of physical matter, but leave with you our words and the memory of the vast company of shining souls who have been present with you on this memorable occasion of the Whitsuntide, and the descent upon you of the Holy Spirit – of a great outpouring from the heart of the Christ Sun upon the earth and upon earth’s humanity. You on Earth who are ready to receive can be filled, filled, filled with the light of the Christ Son, which means the Christ love will fill your whole being. If you open yourself and say in your heart, quite simply, ‘Here am I, Lord; use me according to Thy will; use me as thy servant according to thy wisdom and Thy will to bring peace on earth and to alleviate the suffering of mankind, to help raise men up’, then that light can shine through you.

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