

# Arisen!

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*Text:* unique copy in longhand by KIH on foolscap sheets. One correction has been included here in square brackets, the word 'believing' in the third paragraph, which seems necessary for the sense. A pencil addition at an inked asterisk, appears to be in the writer's own hand and has been included: the words 'to assist him to' in the paragraph beginning 'The angels and brethren'; likewise, the words 'was a' before 'wonderful demonstration' in the same paragraph. Corrections in ink in her hand have been incorporated without comment. IC has made substantial editing marks (ignored here) and YGH has added, 'Used April-May 1966'.

*Context:* there is no indication on the manuscript of any details of the service beyond the address, but there is a substantial communion. The words in the third paragraph, 'you have heard the story of the resurrection of Jesus' and the reference to John might imply that the reading was from John 20, but we learn later that it was the same story but from the Aquarian Gospel. This would be Chapter 173. There is a quotation of the hymn title, 'Life is good, for God contrives it', conceivably an indication that that hymn was sung – it would have been a regular Easter choice.

*General Notes:* more than ever, this powerful address is about leaving the earthly consciousness and exploring the heavenly, with Easter as metaphor as well as fact. That this is a particularly deep Easter message may have been made possible by the particular attentiveness of the New Lands congregation, which was likely tiny but may well have included a retreat group of committed brethren, there for the week. There is an interesting discussion about spiritual substance near the beginning, in particular 'the transmutation of physical matter into spiritual matter' at the resurrection. There is an interesting addition here to White Eagle's more frequently expressed words on the subject, 'We tell you that life is one continuous stream' – apparently, implying a stream right the way through all the planes of life, not just through earthly death. Further complexity comes from the statement that the truth of the entombment is to be found in the human body – indeed, that divine truth is all the time enacted in the physical body as well as in spirit. It leads to a remarkable communion, from which we take the inference at the end that 'Christ is risen' relates to the kindling of the divine fire in the heart of each of us.

Another theme is going on beside this. White Eagle speaks of the Resurrection story being transmitted 'from the sphere of St John in the heavens' (possibly, in the form of the Aquarian Gospel); later, he tells us that it was the presence of the 'silent Brotherhood' that enabled Jesus to transmute his physical body into the higher body seen at the Resurrection and after. A reference to those who 'watched' the tomb would imply that this is a brotherhood of angels as well as of human beings. Such statements are way in advance of what White Eagle generally has to say on the subject of the Resurrection, and lead into an assurance that his brotherhood in this life – those present to hear the address – continue to be protected by the Brotherhood in spirit, and are in some way the successors of the apostolic brotherhood, by inference.

There is also a lovely embrace of his 'family' by White Eagle: 'You, my dear ones, my brother and my sister, you are part of me'.

*References:* 'Life is good, for God contrives it' is the first line of a hymn by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936). 'Many are called, but few are chosen' is Matthew 22 : 14.

## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children, we speak through the flesh, but we want you to realise that this service is a service of the spirit. Forget your bodies, forget that you are chained to physical life, because we come back to help mankind to free itself from the heaviness, the confusion and the illusion of the physical body. It is true that man is functioning through the physical body for a purpose, but during this new age of Aquarius, which is the age of spirit, humanity will come to a fuller comprehension of what life is.

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For many centuries past, most of humanity has only been conscious in a physical body, has only been conscious of a material world, because the spirit and the soul of man has to be evolved gradually to a higher consciousness of its own being, and because in the past humanity had only developed to a level where it could function in and understand only physical matter. Therefore, life was birth and death, continuing through the ages: birth and death. In the past, death was accepted by man as a normal procedure. Man did not bother very much about death. It was just part of the routine of life; but as man has evolved in spiritual consciousness, he has learnt from his own innermost senses that there may be a continuing of life. And now, in this age of Aquarius, man will learn to unfold those spiritual senses, which will teach him from experience that all men are of the same spirit, all men are breathed forth from the divine life, and all are brethren in spirit. But every soul has to manifest through many ethers or substances right down to the physical level. Man manifests on earth in human form, but man is not that physical form, that flesh, that mass of bone and muscle and blood, and all that composes the physical part of man.

Now this is a most important truth for man to get. In the Bible, in the word that came through from the sphere of St John in the heavens, you have heard the story of the resurrection of Jesus. This is very important for you to think about. Many people are beginning to recognise that life continues after death, but not so many people recognise or understand that the physical body is so related to spiritual substance that it can, by the spirit, be transmuted from that lower vibration which is called physical life, to that higher vibration which you understand as the spirit world. Even amongst the peoples [believing] in a spirit world and spirit life there is still confusion and scepticism about the transmutation of physical matter into spiritual matter. Some may think that it is a breaking of natural law for the physical body to continue to live in a higher ether. Not so. We tell you that life is one continuous stream. There is no death. You may know that, but there is no death of *anything*, only a change of form, a changing rate of vibration of matter. Do not think you can die, or that anything dies. What a waste of God's creation!

Jesus, the Great Initiate, he who was chosen as the vehicle for the manifestation of the Christos, Jesus, had been prepared for so long before he came to the Earth; he was prepared to be the channel for the manifestation of the life of the Son of God. This wonderful truth. We repeat what we have said on former occasions: the life of Jesus the Christ was the most wonderful manifestation that has taken place on the Earth planet.

Let us recall the words which we have heard read from the Aquarian Gospel. The body of Jesus was taken and laid in the tomb. Many stories, false as well as true, have been told about the burial, the entombing of Jesus. We believe that there are a number of supposed tombs on earth. There is so much confusion amongst the different religious sects, but there is only one truth and man has to find this for himself. Truth lies within man's own being.

We can put it another way. The truth about the tomb of Jesus is illustrated in the spirit or truth which is entombed in man's own physical body. We do not say that this is the only entombing of the Son of God, but it is one illustration of truth, for within you and within all mankind lies the divine spirit, the sun, the light, the saviour, the redeemer of every man. In the story of the entombing of the outer covering, or physical form, of Jesus there is a wonderful esoteric

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truth, but it was what we would describe as 'earthed' for humanity in this entombment of the body which was removed from the cross.

Was there such a person as Jesus and was he really crucified and buried in a material tomb? To all of these questions we answer, 'Yes', 'Yes', 'Yes'! In other words, as above, so below. Divine truth is being enacted all the time on the physical plane and in man himself, in all the events of man's life. When you have the key, you will read divine truth. Remember that divine truth is the kernel. It is very sweet, it is beautiful, but the outer shell of that kernel is often rough and crude, sometimes very hard – a hard nut to crack, but truth is the same yesterday, today and forever for the children of earth. When you find truth, all time and space will be eliminated, for truth lies in the eternal *Now*, in you and in your brother man. Truth is to be found everywhere when you penetrate beneath the rough surface of material and physical life.

The body was laid in the tomb, and the earthly friends were broken-hearted. They were grieved beyond measure; but where was Jesus? Jesus was not in that tomb. He had released himself from prison. He was active in another sphere of life; he was active visiting the souls on the astral plane, which were bound by their own follies, sin, ignorance. All sin and all ignorance binds the soul. It is only love and light which lets the soul free, and Jesus ministered to those in prison.

You will remember, dear children of Earth, that the story speaks of those shining figures who were guarding the tomb. This is a very interesting point, because while Jesus was working, his physical body was being guarded and protected by the silent Brotherhood. You don't know very much yet about the silent Brotherhood, but you will learn more as you penetrate the mists of ignorance, the mists which hide the world of spirit, the life of spirit, from mortal mind and mortal life and mortal understanding.

The Silent Ones also watch over you; they are guarding you. Remember this. Even though it seems to you [that] you have made mistakes or a particular mistake. No! Remember that your path is set. You walk that path guided and loved and helped by the Silent Ones, whom you cannot see and you may not hear, but you will learn to see them and to hear them. Then you will know that all through life you are accompanied by your silent Brethren. What a comforting thought this is! Man doesn't walk alone, and man doesn't live by bread alone: man lives by the love for God, by the truth which God has bestowed upon him, but which he does not always comprehend.

And the silent Brotherhood gave to Jesus the particular rays, the particular spiritual force which he needed at that crucial time, when he was to transmute that physical form onto a higher level. Have you ever thought or wondered what happened to the body of Jesus? No one on this earth knows. It just vanished. There are many stories put about by his enemies – that his body was stolen by night – but it was impossible to steal that body, which was sealed within that earthly tomb.

The angels and brethren who came to assist this initiate in his final initiation, to assist him to take with him his form, the form which could be seen by his disciples and all those people who were seeking truth, and who were opening their consciousness to the divine, and perhaps

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advanced teaching which Jesus had been giving them during his three years' ministry. It was a wonderful demonstration of the rising of the soul and body from death.

You know, you must know, that there are advanced souls, initiates, who still retain a physical body. They will not come to you, they will not come amongst earthly men and say, 'Behold me, a Master! I have passed through death and still live!' Oh no! Why do they not come and manifest to you? We will tell you why. Because they would rob you of some soul experience which will bring to you indescribable joy. It is like the unfoldment of the bud of the rose: when the sunlight and warmth pours upon it, that bud opens quite quickly.

You, my dear ones, my brother and my sister, you are part of me. We are part of each other, for we are all of the same spirit – different form, different individuality, different personality, but all of the one spirit.

When the light of understanding, the light of spirit, falls upon the soul of man, that soul unfolds like a rose. We speak of things that we have seen and events of which we know. We assure you that you are only on the fringe of the most beautiful discovery, the most glorious life: a life which will be lived on all planes – not only on the physical and then death snuffs you out, but on the different planes of spirit, ever-unfolding, seeing things in more beautiful form.

We preach a gospel of life glorious, life ever-unfolding and progressing into lovely and more lovely states. Perhaps you can't believe all this, but we draw aside the veil and describe to you the truth of eternal life.

No holy man, no God-man judges his brother man. No man dare judge another. The White Brethren only come to love you, to pour the oil of wisdom on the wounds which earthly life inflicts.

Behold the resurrection manifesting all around you in nature, the Holy Breath manifesting in bursting bud, opening flower and singing birds. 'Life is good, for God contrives it.'

Never fear the tomb, my dear earthly brethren. Rest in the arms of the loving Father–Mother, for the resurrection is surely there. There is no death, only ever-progressing life.

God blesses you and the arisen brethren are with us. We see, and you must see, with your inner creative vision that man ignorantly calls imagination. It is God-given: use it, use it! But at the same time hold the hand of your angel teacher. With your imagination of heaven and heavenly beings and heavenly places, imagine the vast temple in which we now stand. And upon the altar in the centre of this temple of light and universal brotherhood, see upon the altar the Holy Grail, the cup, the heart-shaped cup, which is the symbol. It has two handles. It is held by the giver and it is taken by the other handle by the receiver. It is set upon the altar here in our midst.

In that Holy Grail cup is the wine of life, the divine essence which is life. It is spirit, and from that cup you will see the light rising until it becomes the divine fire, the fire in your heart ... and the light from heaven streams down upon that lighted heart....

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It is your heart, my brother, my sister, which is burning with divine fire – which is love towards God, towards the Greater, love for the Christ. All the saints, all down the ages, have sought this truth.

Many are called, but few are chosen for this holy rite, because they are not ready. May you acquit yourselves well in your present incarnation and never stifle that burning fire, that holy fire of love in the holy cup, the receptacle, your heart chakra.

He raises his hands before you in blessing.... In the silence, receive ... consciously receive this holy blessing.... You feel this love, oh, such wondrous love ... for you.

Rejoice, for Christ has risen!

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