

Awakening

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Text: pale blue typescript, possibly not AMI as there are none of her distinguishing features, e.g. no heading. In YGH's hand, 'White Eagle's Address at New Lands Easter 1970'. There are many marginal notes indicating other occasions the teaching was read, but among them, also in YGH's hand, is a note, 'not used in SP'. The title, 'Awakening', has been created for this project.

Context: no indications at all of the hymns sung or the readings given.

General notes: This address is very much about the blessings that come from spirit, encouraging human beings to use their spiritual understanding to help them rise, constantly. There are beautiful evocations of spring flowers and the like. There is a subtle suggestion that love of all life and the quality of brotherhood are one and the same, but that really to expand the spiritual consciousness means that human beings have to 'die materially' – i.e. die to the pull of the material world. The phrase 'man must cling to the past' means 'man insists on clinging to the past', not 'it's necessary for man to cling to the past'. There is an exhortation to look inwards and find the Christ within. The Aquarian age will bring a new religion, doubtless based on links with spirit. The young have the vision, and need the tolerance of the older generation. White Eagle prescribes a morning routine, awakening to the elements on both planes of life. Thus both humanity and the planet rise in consciousness. Finally, there is a beautiful meditation and an evocation within it of 'the healer and the teacher' – by which (in context) White Eagle possibly means Quetzlcoatl, the so-called Christ of the Indians. The picture of the Christ within the communion is very special.

References: White Eagle asks, 'What is truth?'. It is a famous quotation from Bacon's *Essays*, but it's unlikely that White Eagle intended his hearers to feel this. 'O life that maketh all things new' is the first line of a hymn from 1874 by Samuel Longfellow, but based on Revelation 21 : 5. There is an allusion to Philippians 4 : 8: 'Whatsoever things are true ... think on these things'. The painting of Jesus knocking on the door but with the handle of the door on the side of the seeker is Holman Hunt's 'The Light of the World', created in 1853-4. 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard' is 1 Corinthians 2 : 9. 'I and my Father are one' is John 10 : 30; the calls to peace of spirit at the end are reminiscent of Jesus's resurrection appearances in John 20 : 19, 21 and 26.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, we are happy to welcome you to this service, and we speak to you not from the physical level of life, but from truly spiritual spheres, and we would raise your vision and your feelings to our plane of spirit, for it is only there that man can truly be blessed, understanding the blessing which is being poured out upon him [*sic*].

You cannot make or hold communion with the infinite and eternal spirit in your mind alone, because the mind of man is the destroyer of spiritual truths. Man's mind is craving for satisfaction. It cries out for proof, proof of a material nature, but he will never find material proof of spiritual truths. He can only find truth within his own heart. What is truth? What is true to one man is false to another. Nevertheless, every man has the capacity within his soul and his spirit to receive proof of the truths of eternal life.

And at this very special service of the springtime, Eastertime, man is able to see the demonstration of a life which truly makes all things new, for after the cold and the dark of the winter there comes a little warmth, the little flickering sunlight, which touches all forms of life, all creation: not only the nature kingdom, but the human kingdom and the animal kingdom and the angelic kingdom. All these spheres or planes of life are kissed by this reawakening of life; by the Great White Light, as our Indian brethren called it. And what joy

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it brings to every man! – in different ways, and according to his level of comprehension of life, man receives that gentle awakening, that kiss of life in the springtime.

No matter where man lives, whether he is in the northern or the southern hemisphere, there is always this repetition of the kiss or the touch of the Son of God, because it is the Sun which brings fresh life to all form on earth. So we have cause to rejoice! You may like to know that in the spirit world, from which we now come to you on earth, we too have a very special enactment of this same miracle of the spring; and when you are freed from the bondage of your earthly life, you will enjoy all the seasons exactly as you have experienced them on earth, only greatly enhanced in their beauty – because with the evolution of man's spirit and his development of that inner vision, he is able to comprehend and appreciate more than ever the simple pure beauty in God's life, in God's form, all forms of life. And at this time man commences to understand what brotherhood of the spirit means. But you do not need to leave your physical body by the gateway of death to understand the meaning of brotherhood and of communion, one with another, in spirit.

As you seek the inner world, as you have the courage to look deep within yourself and see the Master there, you will be quickened in spirit. Now man does not necessarily have to die in order to see, but he has to die materially. By this we mean that he has to give up all material desires and claims, but whether man realises it or not, he is bound down to earth by materiality. It does not mean that a man has to take no responsibilities for his life on earth. On the contrary, man assumes a noble responsibility when he is living on earth in a physical body and in a material life; a noble responsibility to surrender himself to the will of God and to give himself in simplicity and purity of spirit to his Creator.

Now, you are on the verge, on the cusp, of a new age of Aquarius – the age of spirit which will surely usher in a new religion. Now the old Piscean age has passed but, as always happens, man must cling to the past instead of moving forward into the new day and a new age, where much knowledge and wisdom and happiness awaits him. Now as we have said to you before, dear children of earth, let the old go. Let the past bury its dead, and look to the life of God, of the spirit which maketh all things new.

You are already seeing this demonstration of the light coming on to the earth plane. It is manifesting in so many ways, particularly in the young – not only the children of your time, but the children in spirit. We mean by this the young souls. Now you who are a little older, be tolerant and remember that youth, not only the youth in the physical body, but the youth in knowledge and understanding, and [recognise] there is in man that [which] is always urging him to satisfy the self; this is the pull of the physical plane. It is exactly similar to the law of gravity which pulls matter down to earth. Man has that equivalent within himself which is like the law of gravity, which holds him to the earth, but man's spirit is stronger than the law of gravity, and spirit can aspire to God, his Creator, and to all those things which are pure and lovely. Think on these things, particularly on this joyous, holy day.

Now if you are seeking truths and you desire to know for certain if there is a life beyond death or if there are companions of your spirit around you, if there are angelic ones who are guarding and guiding mankind on earth, then you must remember this simple truth. And it was once portrayed by an artist on your earth when he painted the picture of Jesus standing at

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the door. The handle was not on his side, it was on the other side. Now remember this, you must each one of you turn that handle and let the door fling wide open and enter then into that true world, the world of reality. For this physical world isn't reality. It is transient. It decays. It passes away; it changes its form; but the world of spirit does not crumble and pass away. It is eternal. It is infinite.

And so may your daily practice be meditating in the morning on the source of life, the Great White Spirit and His creation, the Power which lies in the Sun, in Water and Rain, in the Winds and in Mother Earth. You are related to all these elements. They are part of you; you are part of them – and there is that sympathetic cord between you. And in the future man will learn to unfold all these gifts of his soul and his spirit and, as a matter of course, he will commune with the unseen, for they will no longer be unseen to him. They will be visible, the angels and the nature spirits and those whom he loves who have vacated their physical body. They are still there but at a higher level of consciousness. They must be, because they could not endure the darkness and the materiality of the world as it is today.

Don't you see what is going to happen, my children? As mankind unfolds these powers, he will be raising the vibrations; and as he raises his own vibrations by making himself more sensitive to life beyond the dark veil of materiality, so he will be raising the whole planet. Man thinks he knows a great deal about the solar system, he thinks he knows something about the moon and other planets but, at present, he knows nothing. But he thinks he knows, he thinks he knows but when he has developed these higher powers, this sensitivity to the God radiance, he will then know how ignorant he was when he was a child.

Oh, it is beautiful, eye has not seen nor ear heard the beauties, the glories which the Lord thy God has created for you. And on this Easter Day we would pray to our Father God that every one of you here in this little service may become conscious of the presence of the Great Master, Jesus Christ, the Great Healer. He is not limited to the Christian era. He is a universal being, a great Master. His powers are limitless and [yet] he cannot interfere with man's own development. As we have already said, it is for you to use your powers of creation, the creative power which lies within your soul.

If we take you in imagination to the infinite and eternal garden in the spirit, you will see the most perfect garden, orderly but natural too, and you will see pockets of coloured flowers. You will inhale the sweet perfume of all the blooms, down on the earth [from] the little rock plants to the flowering bushes and the flowering trees ablaze of gentle colour. And you will hear the music which the vibrations of this colour create because colour is music and music is colour. You will be in a world, some people would say of fantasy, but we would say of reality. This is your true home.

Now we take you in imagination – which is in spirit – to that silent pool: a rectangular pool, round which are seated the great masters, masters of all time. The masters, who have lived through many incarnations, have lived as many races of men, not only white, but in all the colours of humanity are there, represented by the great masters. We would like to tell you this, children. There is one whom many revere and love, who is an Indian master. He lived amongst his people many, many thousands of years ago but he is and he was not, even in those far off days, an ignorant savage. He walked the way of the Indians. He has walked the

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way of all races. He is always loved and known as the Healer and the Teacher. And this healing ray from this beloved and great master still flows through him and in a lesser degree through his disciples.

Now in your meditation, if you can remember this, and think of the great healing master, and feel in your heart his gentle presence, you will feel the purity of his spirit. And also you will feel his love for humanity, for he and his brethren of the Great White Lodge are quite human. Can you imagine a noble man who is entirely human and companionable to you, even on the physical plane, but pure and lovely and kind and human and humorous? This is the master you love.

And now, my children, before this altar, here he comes. Now we are going to leave you in quiet meditation and stillness for a brief while, that you may see for yourselves this simple form of the arisen Christ, for he has arisen for you now on this Easter Day. Your arisen Christ [is] here before you. In the midst of you, at our left hand, here he is – standing in simple white raiment, deep blue-violet eyes with a golden halo round His head and a great love streaming from His heart to you. You must feel it. You must create it. You must open the door yourself in your mind's eye and in your heart and know that you have touched the hem of his garment.

And before him is the table, the communion table spread with the white cloth; and upon the table is the light, the cup and the holy grail. He bids you in your spirit to come forward towards him. Receive from him the symbols of the bread and the wine. 'The bread is my cosmic body; the wine is my spirit, the divine essence of life.' And the human consciousness expands, and we know that we are part of the whole of eternity, part of his spirit. And remember the words he is saying now in the silence, 'The Father and I are One'. There is no death, only life eternal moving from one level of life to another, but never, never death. For he demonstrated to you in his own physical manifestation that all can rise into heavenly life, heavenly life. No matter what the body is doing, you, your spirit, you can arise into a heavenly life. And the brothers say to you all, 'Peace be with you, brethren; peace be with you now and for evermore'.

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