

# The Christine Church

A374 Sunday Address 6th June 1965 New Lands, Liss Whit Sunday service

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*Context:* 6 June 1965 was indeed Whit Sunday, and although it was the first Sunday of the month it probably marked the start of a retreat at New Lands, and White Eagle had spoken in London in the middle of May (see address of 16 May, which very much anticipates Whitsun and feels almost like a Whitsun address). A reference in the present address implies it was given in the afternoon; the regular New Lands time was 3.00 pm. Although there is no record of the reading/hymns and so on, we can somewhat reconstruct the service from internal hints. The service in London, just mentioned, had used a reading from the Aquarian Gospel chapter 182, which gives us the name, 'the Christine Church', although that name is in use throughout said Gospel, from chapter 65 onwards. It's likely the reading at New Lands was the same one, and White Eagle quotes the last verse of the reading as 'the Christine Church is man's own soul'. In chapter 182, verse 35 are the words, 'This Christine Church is but the kingdom of the Holy One within the soul, made manifest.' The London reading seems to have stopped at verse 34, but the chapter only continues to verse 40 so that an extension, maybe with a later start, does not seem unlikely.

A reference to the hymn, 'Breathe on me, breath of God' does not make it clear that the hymn was sung, but it seems very likely, and maybe just before the address, which was quite a frequent place for a very quiet hymn such as that.

*General notes:* when White Eagle says, at the beginning, 'the full moon in Gemini', he means 'the full moon when the sun is in Gemini'; and when, near the end, he refers to 'the White life' he means the life implied by the understanding of Whitsun. He also refers to a custom of 'the young' wearing white at Whitsun: this seems in fact to be those who were baptised at Whitsun, a popular time for the ceremony. White Eagle's further explanation of what wearing white means is informative.

The presence of the Comforter is referred to early in the address and remains like a guiding hand throughout. An underlying theme for the whole of this reading is the verse from the Aquarian Gospel, given in 'Context', a statement that the Christine church is an internal not an external matter. There is a call to action: 'You are going to be servants of the spirit, servants of God and servants of all creation'. White Eagle speaks powerfully of the difference between the early Christian Brotherhood, as he calls it, and the Church which has grown up since, and warns us that the latter, being of Mammon, will eventually be destroyed. True worship will live. The final section is an urging of each to constantly attune him or herself to the perfect life, so that each will become perfect.

When White Eagle says (final words), 'be Comforted for the rest of life' he surely meant, 'hold within yourself the power of the Comforter for the rest of life'.

*References:* the fundamental message of this address comes from John 14, the chapter of John in which Jesus promises the coming of the Comforter. There is also reference to Joel 2 : 28, about the young prophesying and the old dreaming, or rather to Acts 2 : 17, in the Pentecost story, where Joel is quoted. For underlying references to the Aquarian Gospel and a shortened quotation of 182 : 5 therein, see above, 'Context'. White Eagle also reminds us twice of the first line of the hymn 'Breathe on me, breath of God' (again, see 'Context'). Otherwise, the only direct reference is to the maxim of the masons, 'Just, perfect and true'. Distantly, there is a reference behind 'the fires of purification'. There are multiple such references in the Bible at least as far back as Deuteronomy, where God himself is a consuming fire (4 : 24, 9 : 3). The movement 'But who shall abide?' in Handel's *Messiah*, includes the words (Malachi 3 : 2) 'He is like a refiner's fire'; but the most likely one to have been accessible to White Eagle in his medium's mind was probably Revelation 20 : 14-15, which begins, 'And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.' 'God helps those who helps themselves' is, as White Eagle says, proverbial.

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## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, at this time of the year the great power of the Holy Spirit is made manifest to man. This does not mean that man cannot feel the power of the spirit at other times and on other days, but it means that at this particular time of the year there is an increase of the Christine power because of the power which the Gemini full moon brings to the earth. This is why there is to be felt a special, a strong outpouring of the Christ light, the Christ sun, and into every waiting heart, into every waiting soul which is prepared by aspiration and sincere prayer, there comes this light of the Christ, the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised his disciples – which means you and all of us who follow his wise and loving teachings – that he would send a Comforter. People are always asking the meaning of this promise. What did Jesus mean by promising to his disciples a Comforter. Let us remember that he is speaking to *you*. He is speaking to all those who are endeavouring to follow the Christian teaching.

Now, dear ones, we want you during this service to close your senses and especially that very active, dominant mind of the earth, close it down; close down the lower mental activities and seek through pure love and aspiration the Presence. 'Breathe on me, breath of God' – the Holy Breath which is so potent on Whit Sunday, White Sunday, the day when the young clothe themselves in white. And this is the usual interpretation of Whitsuntide. But there is more to it than this. The White Light clothes the pure and holy souls – and who are these whom we call the pure and holy souls, who wear their white garments on Whit Sunday? They are those who have learned how to open their consciousness to a higher world, to a spiritual world. Those who by sincere practice of brotherly love, those who endeavour to live in peace with their companions and to spread the gospel of peace and brotherhood. These are the white souls of Whitsuntide. 'Breathe on me, breath of God.'

Now this message is far more important to the earth people in this coming age of Aquarius than ever it was in the past. The Bible reading to which you have listened stated that the prophet Joel said that in the latter days the Breath, the Holy Breath, would be breathed upon all people, and that the young would have visions and would prophesy and the old ones would dream dreams. Now if you take the trouble to look around you, you will recognise that it is nowadays the young people who are ready to receive this inspiration. It is the young people who are getting the vision of the true life of the Christine Brotherhood, and it is the older people who are dreaming dreams of a future built upon the foundation of goodwill and brotherhood, because the older people can see in their dreams that the young people have reached a time on the path of their evolution when they will be able to respond to the influence and the words of the angel hosts who are drawing ever nearer to the earth plane. Moreover, as the higher mind of youth develops and it is trained scientifically to comprehend the laws of science, the laws of the Cosmos (so they will be divine laws) the youth of the world will consciously or unconsciously be responding to the influence and the guidance of the heavenly hosts. This means we have reached a time on the path of evolution where man is to be opened up psychically and spiritually to these glorious and powerful Christ influences.

Remember in our reading (which we chose specially for today), the closing words were 'And the Christine Church is man's own soul'. Now there has been misunderstanding and

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confusion in the past about the teachings of Jesus the Christ, the Christ teachings, and man took those simple and pure teachings, which were on brotherhood and love and which were intended to reveal to man that he is spirit: even though he lives on a physical plane and in a physical body he remains spirit and part of God; and that there is no death, that spirit cannot die, God cannot die. Man is spirit and part of God. Man's life is eternal, and as it proceeds through the various stages of evolution, it gets stronger and more powerful and more pure, because he is able as he develops to work and walk hand in hand with those beloved White Brethren who have found and have seen and talked with the Ancient Ones and who are recognised as Masters of life, Masters of physical and etheric matter.

Now the angels and your guides who come to you are those who have been through the fires of purification, as you yourselves are going through those fires now, and they are able to come close to you and comfort you and reassure you that all life is working out on a particular plan, a plan which is perhaps beyond your comprehension at present. But as you learn that within your own soul lies the power of the Christine church, you will be able to operate this power – powers of the higher mind and higher thought.

Now this is very serious – powers of the higher mind and higher thought – which means that as you train yourselves to think on things from a positive angle and acknowledge the fact that God is with you and is working through you, helping you every step of the way through His guardian angels whom He has given charge over you, you will have no further doubt that as you attuned yourselves to those wise and great and good and simple souls who guide you, all will work together in your life for good. But you have it in you; you have the power in yourselves to help yourselves by right thought, constructive thought, pure thought, higher thought. You can create good and you can help your brother man to create goodwill and good thought. The power of the spirit within man is the power for *all* good. Remember this.

Now this is the secret, my children, of perfect health and perfect harmony in your life. Even if you have earthly reason to doubt the wisdom and love of God, try with all your strength to develop confidence in God, confidence and faith, and remember the old saying, that 'God helps those who help themselves' – which is the same thing as we are saying to you this afternoon.

Now we were talking about the Christian teaching and what has been built up by [the] man who has worked on the Power Ray or the power of the soul. You have on your earth today a church which appears to be all-powerful because it has accumulated vast numbers of followers. It has accumulated vast wealth, and this wealth has been expended on works of art, magnificent buildings and much pomp and ceremony, and there is great power in that organisation. We want you to go back in thought to the simple teachings of the Master Jesus the Christ. He did not seek power of an earthly nature. He discarded all possessions. He lived in the utmost simplicity, and his followers of those days were exactly like their Master. They gave up all earthly power and pomp. They joined him to live in simplicity and to follow his simple teachings. He taught them the way of the spirit. He taught them to seek first the kingdom of God and all things would then be added unto them. That simple Christine church of those early days is still living, but it takes a little time and spiritual unfoldment for man to recognise and to understand what that simple Christine church is.

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We have listened to the words from the Christian Bible which say the Christine church is man's own soul. Now this is a very different thing from a vast, powerful organisation with many great buildings, and decorated with works of art. The Christine church you can enter, my children, in your innermost aspirations and meditations. You can withdraw from the world of pomp and circumstance, and you can simply go through the gates of heaven in your inner self into rare beauty in the spirit world, in the heaven world. And there, in that higher white ether, you can see form and beauty unknown on the earth plane. But more than this, you are not simply held by what you can see with the eyes of your soul, your soul eyes; you are caught up in the heavenly purity and love and peace. You find your companions in that heaven world, that spirit world; the companions of your spirit, those brethren or dear ones – possibly earthly relatives – with whom you are *en rapport*. You meet them in your higher consciousness, in that spiritual state of life, and there you find harmony and love and peace, and when you have realised the meaning of brotherhood, of service, then you are ready for action. And believe us, your service is needed; for every soul who can be drawn into the true Christine church or church of Christ, attuned and harmonised to that heavenly state of life, such souls are immediately brought into action and given work to do.

Do not think that to get into heaven means that you are going to sit and dream for the rest of time! It means you are going into action. You are going to be servants of the spirit, servants of God and servants of all creation. But you must, if you wish to enter into this higher consciousness, you must begin now and you must open your minds to the truth that life is spirit, that you are spirit; you have been given clothing of a physical nature to enable you to live on the physical plane and learn valuable but very simple lessons in the kindergarten school of life, which is the physical plane of life. Cling with all your strength to the crumbs of knowledge which has already been given to you about the spirit life, about the life eternal which continues onward and upward into ever more glorious levels of the God life.

Now we want to make very clear to you the truth about the early Christian Brotherhood and teaching, and the immense orthodox church which has grown up as well. Now this is an illustration of the pure simple Christine teaching of the Master nearly two thousand years ago and what man in his mistaken, powerful mind has accumulated and developed, evolved. We look from our side of life on these two streams or two rays of evolution, and we can see the lasting and eternal truth in that simply lived brotherly love, gentleness and peace and courage. This is the life of nearly fifty per cent, perhaps, or even more, of men and women living a simple, ordinary, sometimes hard life; but we can see in that a great light, a beautiful love. On the other hand, we see the world – Mammon, ruled by grandeur and material power, which of course must inevitably be destroyed because matter eventually crumbles and is disintegrated. But the spirit is living and it is eternal, and by following the simple path of spirit and the teachings of Jesus, man is creating and developing this eternal living power, the real Christian Church.

Do not think from what we have said that we in the spirit world do not recognise the need you have for material things and for the symbols, such as money, which bring to you these material things. There is need for material things whilst you are on the physical plane, but we are trying to show you that, as Jesus said, man must seek first the kingdom of heaven, the spiritual truth. He must find himself as *spirit* and be guided by spirit – and all his needs will be supplied, not according to his idea but according to his need, and what he has to do on the



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physical plane. If only we could convince you all, my dear, dear earthly brethren, some of you who are very, very close to us – if only we could convince you that God knows your need and every need is supplied! And as you endeavour to live the life according to the spiritual way, so all your needs dissolve. You are at one with your Father in Heaven, and as you now at this very moment keep still; will you keep very still and silent and pray, ‘Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with Thee eternally....’ Whatever the outward form of manifestation will in time become perfect. This is the teaching of the White Brotherhood – man to be made perfect, for within him lies the seed of perfection. Whatever the outward form of your work, remember to train yourselves to express the perfectness of Christ. Those of you who are Masons will appreciate and understand this formula, ‘just, perfect and true’. Live by the rules and the result is certain.

Now He who is all love, the Grand Master of the Great White Lodge – which means the Great White Lodge of all true souls who are endeavouring to live the White life – and He who is the Grand Master is now by your side; and in the stillness and the silence your soul will be fed by the bread of heaven and the wine of His divine love. Will you take this silent communion on the inner planes, now...?

Amen.

Above your heads is the symbol of the white bird, the white dove, and from this symbol there are rays of pure white light are pouring down upon this assembly ... the outpouring of the Whitsun blessing. Receive it into your souls and be Comforted for the rest of life.

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