

Towards Unity

A099 Sunday Address 1st February 1942 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service

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Context: the regular service for the first Sunday in the month. One of the hymns was evidently 'Blest are the pure in heart', based on the opening of the Beatitudes, by John Keble (1792-1866);

General Notes: there are some interesting thoughts on telepathic communication in this address, which lead on to pointers that will lead us to full union in spirit. However, the final part of the address describes Spiritualism, Theosophy and Christian Science and the clues that they give us 'towards unity'. White Eagle comments that both the last two were initiated by women: those women are H. P. Blavatsky (1831-91) and Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910), although the role of Annie Besant (d. 1930) in Theosophy was the defining one for Minesta.

References: for 'Blessed are the pure in heart' see 'Context'. White Eagle quotes the verse through to 'for they shall see God' in the middle of the teaching; the text is Matthew 5 : 1. 'Except ye become as a little child' is Mathew 18 : 3. 'I and my Father are One' is John 10 : 30.

White Eagle's Address:

We will preface our talk with the words of your hymn, 'Blessed are the pure in heart'. Truly a man or woman need not possess great knowledge or book learning, nor be a king or a leader, in order to be a vessel through which the divine light can pour. Did not Jesus say, 'Except ye become as a little child, ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of Heaven'?

Your own experience tells you that harmony, humility, kindness towards life and people, a tranquillity of spirit, brings to you a state of mind when all the world looks rosy. You lose care, you have neither worry nor anxiety. As soon as purity of spirit, purity of heart, is yours as soon as your heart is loving to all men, you experience a sense of union, not only with men but with spiritual forces; and although you may not be able to express in thought, let alone words, that harmony of spirit, nevertheless you are sure that you commune with invisible worlds, with (we were going to say) inaudible harmonies and music.

Such an exquisite state of being comes and goes perhaps in a flash, leaving you rather depressed; because when spiritual or heavenly bliss is reached, there is bound to be the reaction; but do not be despondent. This reaction has its place in your spiritual evolution. It is this rhythm of life, the swing of the pendulum, the rise and fall which makes the harmony of God and it is your work, our work, to interpret this universal rhythm.

We would understand that what part we should play in this spiritual plan of the evolution of God in man, this manifestation of the God-Spirit in matter. Separation comes to us all in varying degrees and ways. This sense of separation in man brings to him the sorrows and bitterness of earth life. He feels separated from loved ones, separated from light, from understanding, separated from that heavenly life from which man has come; because, remember, within every man is that knowledge of a high estate, of a place of harmony and truth and beauty which he has lost. Because man vaguely and unconsciously recognises this separation from his true state, his true home, he suffers; and this mental suffering brings

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about material suffering. So if we wish to overcome our sufferings, to help others, we must overcome this sense of separation so constantly with us.

I was asked a little while ago how to transmit thoughts to someone a long distance away. This very question indicates that the questioner was allowing a bogey to stand between him and his loved one: the bogey being distance. We are constantly telling you that in Spirit there is no time, in Spirit there is no separation by distance; therefore Spirit has overcome time and space. Shall we put this in another way, and say that Spirit has been taught how to overcome this illusion? For instance, supposing I wish to send a message to my brother, say in a body in the Himalayas, I would not think of the space which separates us. I would instead think of my brother as being here by my side, and I would talk to my brother as if he were present. I would not make any effort to project my thought over some great distance, thereby creating a barrier. There is no distance in Spirit, no separation; and if you wish to send a telepathic communication to anyone, whether in a physical body, or in a sphere which you call 'removed' from the earth, you should realise that that friend, whether incarnate or discarnate, is *here by your side*. There is no sense of separateness in Spirit. These spiritual laws are understood and used by those whom we will describe as the advanced, the vanguard of present humanity.

By the way, we often asked if there are women Masters on the spiritual plane. Sex makes no difference; there are both men and women Masters. But this opens a wide subject, because it is necessary to understand the place of sex in the divine plan. These are men and women advanced beyond the average, beyond the masses, even beyond people who are spiritually enlightened, but still on the probationary path.

The Brotherhood has a work for humanity. It leads mankind to a state of spiritual enlightenment. Look back over the world's history and you will see certain teachers stand out as peaks. According to the needs of the race into which the teacher incarnated, illumination was given. You, of course will immediately think of the Master Jesus, the Christ, but there were others long before His day. Supreme above all such teachers is the one Light Whom you call Christ. Christ is universal. Christ is cosmic, Christ shines through all true, pure religion and Christ is within the heart of every man. *'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God'*; but the Son dwells in the pure in heart and, as Jesus said, 'I and My Father are one'. No separation exists between the Son and the Father—Mother God; no separation in the perfect Trinity of which you are part.

The men and women who have realised this mystery and who now have withdrawn from physical contact with man are working behind the veil to direct operations on the outer plane. Many here are acquainted with the guidance which comes from the astral plane and from the spiritual world. Many of you, in simple and sweet faith, look to your friends in the Spirit world for help. When the contact is true and your heart is pure, you always receive that guidance and that help. It will never fail. The key is purity of heart, purity of motive, selflessness of purpose. You have many demonstrations of the loving guidance of your friends in the beyond. Humanity, as a whole, has had and is now having proof of the care of

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the Elder Brethren, although large numbers on earth will not admit such guidance. Their brain is the stumbling-block; they demand proof and often that which they consider proof is something which satisfies the material mind only. We do not blame any man or woman for this demand, but such proof calls for payment such as purity of heart and mind and motive. When that payment is made proof is obtained.

Our Brotherhood beyond the mountains works ceaselessly to bring spiritual illumination to the younger brethren. In the past century in your Western world three institutions have helped mankind to overcome the barriers of time and space.

We will take them at random. One movement is called Modern Spiritualism, and was set in motion by the Masters to overcome the barrier of separation after physical death. Such a barrier prevented mankind from realising the unity of life and modern Spiritualism has done and is doing a valiant work, breaking down the obstinacy of materialism, opening man's mind to the realisation of continual life after physical death. If you study the history of modern Spiritualism you will discover that the leaders of this movement were largely women. Women have to take an important place in the New Age.

Another great movement instituted by the Masters is Theosophy. Modern Theosophy gives to mankind a certain portion of ancient Wisdom. I choose the words carefully. One of the great truths which Theosophy has introduced to the western world is reincarnation, which teaches man that there is no separation between life now, life in the past, life in the future. It reveals to mankind a continual wheel of rebirths. A space of three score years and ten is nothing, merely a flash in the pan. Reincarnation teaches the continuity of life, the unity of life. The law of karma goes hand in hand with the teaching of reincarnation. It clearly demonstrates to mankind the unity of all creatures, of all men and women.

The law of karma is both individual, national and international and is the law of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Karma clearly shows that man cannot live to himself: his every thought and action has an effect upon his brother man and upon himself. He cannot inflict any suffering whatsoever upon his brother man without receiving just payment; the exact amount of suffering which he inflicts upon another he himself must undergo. So these two main points in modern Theosophy at least teach man the union of all life, and overcome the barrier of separation.

The third great movement is that called Christian Science. Christian Science demonstrates the power of thought. It teaches man that the divine thought, the thought of the pure in heart, can manifest on the physical plane in radiant health and well-being. It demonstrates the unity of life. If you think constructively, if you bring the power of God into your thought, you receive the love of God in your life.

Both modern Theosophy and Christian Science were instituted by women – an indication of the importance of the part which women will play in the New Age. In other words, there will be a readjustment, a bringing into harmony of the two aspects of life called male and female

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or the positive and negative. For many centuries the scales have been heavily weighted, but in the future they will be evenly balanced. There is much leeway to make up, so you must expect to see women take a leading part in the affairs of the world. We wait to see women in your country shoulder not only their material but their spiritual responsibilities towards life and towards their fellow men. You will see this and a gradual readjustment of the spiritual harmonies of life on earth. So much more could be said on this subject, but you would grow weary, owing to your sense of time and space! We respect your sense of time, of course, but in the Brotherhood beyond the veil long periods are spent in a state of timelessness.

Before we leave we would say one thing: if you will strive for understanding, for at-one-ment with life, strive with pure hearts to overcome the barriers of prejudice, to realise love and brotherhood and goodwill amongst men, you take a big step forward towards your own happiness and the happiness of all men. Above all, let us cultivate goodwill, comradeship, a sense of humour, an understanding of the little eccentricities of men and women. Let us learn to love these funny little ways, for they are very sweet. God be with you, and may the peace of Heaven dwell in your heart.

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