

Loving the Lord thy God

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Context: Sunday service; there is no indication of the reading or the hymns.

General Notes: White Eagle begins by reference to the Lord's Prayer, and interestingly calls it 'that profound occult prayer'. This leads him into discussion of how we find and love God. Later, White Eagle refers to the Transfiguration, and what it meant to the disciples. It needs to be pointed out that the biblical account of the Transfiguration has just John, James and Peter with Jesus, not all of the disciples. There is a striking statement about the life after death, in which White Eagle notes that man 'is in exactly the same condition of consciousness immediately after death as he was before death. If man longs for the heavenly world he has to work for it.'. He then offers a very clear account of what comes to the soul after death.

References: the Lord's Prayer is to be found at Matthew 6 : 9-13, and the verse beginning 'Thy kingdom come' is verse 10. 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart', and so on, is Matthew 22 : 37-39 (compare also Deuteronomy 6 : 5 and Mark 12 : 30). The story of the Transfiguration is variously told in Matthew 17 : 1-8, Mark 9 : 2-8, Luke 9 : 28-36), but not in John – although it is sometimes argued that there is a reference to it in John 1 : 14. 'As you seek, you shall find' is an allusion to Mathew 7 : 7. 'A little child shall lead them' is from Isaiah 11 ; 6, but 'Except ye become as a little child' is Matthew 18 : 3. 'I am the way, the truth and the life' is John 14 : 6.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of earth, we speak to you from the world of spirit, where God reveals himself to us through love. All is love in the world of pure spirit, and we come back to the physical plane to bring the message of love and to bring a spiritual power which will invoke in your hearts a similar power – which will enable you to feel for yourselves the life of the spirit, the enfolding spiritual universe.

Religion can never be just a code of ethics. Religion comes right into the heart. The mind, the intelligence alone, cannot comfort and bring to the human soul that realisation of God and of a life eternal. It is only in the heart that man will realise, will feel, will become aware, will receive that conviction of a spiritual life, a spiritual universe and a continuation of the life after death. Moreover, our Creator has planted within the heart of every man, woman and child a part of Himself; a part of His own life. He has planted in the human heart the light, the life, the seed. Just as He has planted upon the physical earth seeds of corn to feed the physical body of man, so He has planted in the human heart the seed of a future life, a Christ life, a life which will ultimately be perfect.

Did not the Son of God, speaking through the Master Jesus, tell the Christian world – tell all the world – how to pray? One phrase in that profound occult prayer is, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'. This is the ultimate destiny of the earth, of life, the life of man, when he shall know the kingdom of God and shall enter into it. The kingdom of God shall be established on earth for man. Indeed, we might truthfully say to you that that kingdom of God has come on earth for those who have found Him in spirit – for those

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illuminated souls who may be called the White Brotherhood, but are called by many names according to the understanding of the individual. This is the destiny of man; that he should know God his Creator and that he should live in obedience to the spiritual law of the Creator – which is to love the Lord God with all the heart and the soul and the mind of the man and to love his fellow creature as himself.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God and thy neighbour as thyself – thy neighbour who lives with thee upon the earth. Thy neighbour may not necessarily be a human being. Thy neighbour may be an animal, a flower, a tree, even the very earth itself. This is the first law of life: to love the Lord thy God, to seek God. Where is man to seek God? Within his heart, within his spirit, which resides in the heart chakra. It is only when man opens his consciousness to the presence of the holy spirit within him that he will uncover the secrets of the spiritual universe. Already man is uncovering the secrets of the physical universe. Let him be aware that he does not, like a child, touch the electric points in his ignorance, for if he does he will destroy himself, the physical part of himself.

We are speaking particularly on the subject of religion tonight because there seems to be a confusion of thought on the earth plane about religion and the need for religion. There are many aspects of religion, but there is only one foundation for it – and this is the spirit within man and that spirit's relationship with its Creator. Upon that truth all religion from the beginning of life to the present day has been built. That is the foundation. We admit that religions through the ages have become corrupt, but it has not been through the spirit. It has been through the mind, the intellect and the physical desires of man. Man has allowed himself to come in like a serpent creeping into the Garden of Eden. Man has permitted his earthly nature to creep in and destroy the beautiful religion which had been established in the beginning.

Remember there is this pull between heaven and earth, and those two opposites – good and evil, white and black – have to become reconciled. Man has to learn the meaning of darkness and ignorance and see it in its true perspective. And man can only learn this necessary lesson through the experiences in the physical body. He learns through love, through pain, through joy, through sorrow. He learns through his own feelings, his own experiences. He learns that good or God is beautiful. God is true. God is lovely. God is loving, God is kind. God is noble. God is all love. He learns that by the way of goodness, by following the light, the spiritual light. He feels, he sees, he comprehends the glory of his Creator. He learns by pain and suffering to resist the dark ways of life. He learns to gain control over his physical body and his physical nature, his human nature. He learns to illumine his human nature with that divine light which is love, the love of Christ. Now this is the destiny of man. This is the true religion. It is very simple. It has no creed or dogma. Man learns to have pity for those who suffer.

Ignorance or so-called evil is unevolved good. It is unevolved physical or earthly matter which has not yet received into its creation the light of God, the illumination of God. The reason that Jesus became the body, the vehicle, the channel for the Christ Light, was to

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demonstrate to mankind the power of the living Christ manifesting through the physical body; and he said quite clearly, 'What I do ye can do also'. This is the destiny, the goal of mankind. This is the basis of the Christian religion and the basis of all religions from the beginning of time.

Now there is one problem which occurs to many people, and it is this; there is no reference in the four Gospels to a life after death or to communication between those two states of life. We think this is wrong. The four Gospels and the teachings of the Master Jesus are full of the life of the spirit. The whole of the teachings of Jesus are directed to the spirit of man. Before Jesus was crucified, before his body was crucified, there came to the disciples a glorious vision, an illumination. Jesus took them away from the crowds. They went onto a hill, to a raised state of consciousness, where they were not solely of the earth. They were raised to a higher plane of life and vision. Their vision was opened, otherwise they could not have seen the transfiguration. They could not have seen the companions of Jesus, the two great initiates of past days who came to Jesus at a time when he needed their strength, their courage and their assurance. They came as messengers from our world of spirit, and the disciples in the spiritual body, being attuned to the spiritual world, were able to see with their inner vision not only those two glorious initiates, but the heavenly glory, the power of God, the light of God, which shone through Jesus – illustrating to the disciples the power and glory of God, of the Great White Spirit. This is what earthly people long for. They are seeking for conviction of a life which is beyond the physical plane. There is a little too much emphasis upon the life in spirit and the life on earth. Man has to learn to open his inner powers so that he is always attuned to the spiritual universe, always attuned to the worlds of harmony and light and truth. This is the source of man's strength, of man's wisdom and his life.

Man does not become an angel when death takes away his physical body. He is in exactly the same condition of consciousness immediately after death as he was before death. If man longs for the heavenly world, he has to work for it. He has to work for it by his daily relationships, by his attitude to life on earth, by his willingness to help his neighbour, by his self-discipline of thought and life. He has to earn this glorious spiritual life which is waiting for him. We do not tell you of a harsh law. We tell you of a merciful, loving law.

When a man leaves the spiritual body and comes to our world he may find himself a little confused, but very quickly he becomes attuned. Someone comes to take him to the home he has prepared for himself during his earthly life. If the man is depraved and has no desire for beautiful true things, then he cannot find them. He passes into a world which is inhabited by souls exactly like himself. You know it is like earth. People think they are living with people who are very unkind but they are like themselves and they don't realise it. This law of cause and effect runs through all earthly life; but what you find on earth, you find in heaven.

Take the poor soul who seems to be living in a state of earthly poverty. If that soul is wealthy spiritually, if it has a love of God and a thankful heart, that soul is not impoverished. It lives in a world which other earthly people do not know. In other words, heaven is within yourself. As you seek, you shall find. As you seek for God you shall find God. As you seek for divine

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love, you shall find it. As you long for harmony, even though you are in the midst of crowds, you will find it. If you long for contact with the Master, even though you be in the market place, you will see his face across the heads of the people. When the soul passes from the physical life, if it truly seeks God and the heaven world, the soul finds that heaven world.

There is so much for all to learn. Religion is necessary to every soul, whether they will admit it or not. The religion which man needs is the religion which helps him to find that state of life which is beautiful, which is heavenly, and which enables him to find his home, his true home.

Man's true home is God. 'A little child shall lead them', said Jesus. 'Except ye become as a little child, ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven.' So this means that man has to become very simple. He has to cast aside all complexities and become very simple, even to fall down upon his knees in prayer with hands joined in supplication. 'O Lord, do with me as Thou wilt. I am nothing without Thee. I know nothing outside Thee.' Simplicity is the way. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life', and Jesus was completely simple. Jesus was humble, simple, meek. I am the way; simple meek and lowly, stretching forth the hand towards God, the Creator. Do not be afraid to be simple. Do not be afraid to look within. Do not be afraid to have the vision beautiful of the heavens and the angels for only the simple and the pure in heart shall find God. I AM the way, and in Him you will find the answer to every problem of your life.

Oh, if you people on earth were outside time as we are, we could go on talking and talking and holding communion together. We have only uncovered a very small corner of a vast stage of life, but perhaps enough to enable you to lift the veil for yourselves and get the answer for yourselves. No one can paint the beauty of our spirit world. We cannot tell you of reunited spirits, of the wonderful reunion with loved ones. All these things wait until man has found the Christ within him. Of course you cannot believe with your mind. The mind, the intelligence is arrogant, but the heart knows truth, for truth lives eternally in the heart.

Peace, peace, peace be with you. May the Good Lord bring to you all understanding of the glories that lie before you as you tread the evolutionary path home to God.

There are hosts, hosts of Shining Ones all around.

Open your inner vision and see the heavenly hosts.

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