

Bible Stories

A038 Sunday Address 3rd October 1937 Pembroke Hall, London Sunday Service

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Text: duplicated script as sent out at the time, taken from a bound collection, but actually included in *Angelus*, November 1937. The pages are numbered from 72-76 for the magazine and the address is followed in this script by a number of sayings of White Eagle's.

Context: a Sunday service; no other details obvious.

General Notes: White Eagle refers to singing, which may have been the hymns or some anthem rendered by the White Eagle Choir, or both. Note the reference also to your 'hymn of aspiration', although it is unclear which this was. The Spiritualist hymn, 'Open my eyes' is one possibility. It is intriguing (see the beginning) to think of White Eagle 'listening in' on a conversation – perhaps one in Minesta's own family, given the 'few hours ago' that it is supposed to have happened. White Eagle early mentions the story of Joseph and his brothers; he had in fact interpreted this just four weeks previously, on 5th September. Very many other such stories are mentioned in this address.

References: the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine is from St John 2 : 1-11. The story of Jesus sleeping in the boat and then stilling the storm is in Matthew 8 : 23-7 and Mark 4 : 35-41. 'He that hath ears to hear, let him hear' is Matthew 11 : 15, and also Revelation 2 : 29. The story in which Peter manages to walk on water is to be found in Matthew 14, 22-33. 'Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors' is from the Lord's Prayer. 'Seek and ye shall find' is Matthew 7 : 7. White Eagle possibly makes a glancing reference at the end to Madame Blavatsky's book title, 'The Secret Doctrine', but it may be more general.

Historical notes: although the news must have come through after this service, this was the day on which thousands of British fascists marched through the streets of Bermondsey, contained with difficulty by three thousand police.

White Eagle's Address:

May peace be in every heart. We have mingled with you during this service and during the singing you were all bathed in a glowing light of love and aspiration – rosy pink and beautiful blue. Your devotion, your thoughts went forth in colours such as you cannot know on earth. We pray that you will receive the blessing which your hymn of aspiration drew down to this service.

The subject of tonight's talk is 'Bible Stories'. I listened in a few hours ago to some who were speculating as to which Bible story we intended to enlarge on tonight. Well, in the Bible are so many stories that we found it difficult to choose. We are therefore going to speak on 'Bible Stories' in general, incorporating many old stories and new. Perhaps we may learn that the Bible is a book of wisdom, from Genesis to Revelation, and learn moreover that it contains the truth, the whole truth, for which you all are seeking.

Many on earth seek various channels of truth; some go so far as to feel their own particular channel contains the only and whole truth. But if we study the Bible with understanding and with spiritual perception, we shall find in those old stories all the truth we need. Whatever our avenue of approach to God, whether as a student of the ancient mysteries, through Christian Science, through Spiritualism, through Christianity or through Buddhism, we shall discover

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that the ancient wisdom is secreted in the Old Book. In fact, every avenue of truth opens to the earnest seeker who will mark, learn and inwardly digest the Biblical parables.

For example, the Fall of Man, the story of Adam and Eve, presents the mystical descent of the spirit into matter. We have already spoken many times on this subject. The first chapters of Genesis tell of the birth, the creation of this universe and the descent of the spirit into matter. Then we trace the journey of the soul of man through its many vicissitudes. In the stories of the Old Testament are to be found mystical truths concerning the awakening of the understanding, the slow and gradual development of the soul – not the spirit, we refer to the soul. Many stories tell of the awakening of the soul faculties, as in the story of Joseph with which we dealt some time ago, wherein is revealed the life of man from the beginning to the passing through the great portals of Initiation into the Temple in the heavens.

In the story of David we perceive the awakening of what the world called today ‘psychic faculties’. When we speak of psychic faculties, we refer to soul-awakening, soul-growth, to that penetration into the physical brain the understanding or the awareness of the invisible or of the psychic world. We must not confuse psychic faculties with spiritual faculties, although we shall later see that in the life of Everyman the soul faculties and the spiritual faculties, the spirit and the soul, become eventually merged. Hence the story of Jesus Christ, the Master, turning water into wine at the marriage feast; the water is symbolical of the soul, the psychic element in man. Water is fluidic, turbulent, very sensitive. At a certain stage on the path, the spirit of Christ, the divine spirit in man commences to assert, to express itself; the soul becomes illumined, enlightened by the spirit, and when this takes place we witness the marriage feast when the ‘water’ – the psychic element in man – is changed into the ‘wine’ of the spiritual element. Consecrated wine is used as a sacrament, because it feeds and stimulates and causes the divine spirit to grow. The spirit, we note, is not subject to emotional disturbances, nor to anger or fear. Spirit is still and calm.

In the story of David we learn that the boy, David, was becoming aware of the psychic world around him; his psychic faculties were being quickened. He did not understand, but knew he was being used by something outside himself. Set this beside the story of the prophet Samuel, of how his mother, being aware that her son was to be a channel for the unseen, dedicated him in his youth to the service of God. You will remember how Samuel heard clairaudiently the Voice calling; he went to the priest and related his story – three times the Voice called, ‘Samuel’. Later his ministry reveals that he was the world calls today a ‘medium’, a channel through which the unseen and the psychic forces could work. We would emphasise the episode wherein Samuel was ‘called up’, even after death had taken him. Perhaps on the astral plane he was used also as a medium, used for communicating the message to David. Those called media [*sic*] on earth are often thus used to make a link or a bridge between the two worlds.

Some people wonder why our brethren the American Indians manifest so frequently as guides or controls. The explanation is because they had developed on earth the necessary psychic qualities. They were natural media and in the astral world they chose to help humanity by remaining in contact with earth. Although these, our American brethren, appear to many

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inferior to the intelligence and culture of the white, nevertheless they have qualities of soul which our beloved white brethren have yet to develop.

We may trace through the Old Testament story after story of this soul quickening, of a psychic perception which is gradually brought through into the physical life and consciousness of man, until we come to the advent of the Master Jesus, the Christ. Jesus made himself a channel for the light of Christ, who is the Son, Christ who came to bring a new revelation – at least, to emphasise certain teaching. It is here we find so clearly the difference between soul and spirit. Jesus manifested at the beginning of what is known as the Piscean Age, the astrological sign of Pisces being symbolised by the fishes – the Water Age. Thus we find the Master Jesus calling His disciples from those occupied on the seas and rivers. We are told that Jesus consorted often with the fishermen, spent long periods on the seas, seeking to be alone, to rest, to draw near to God.

A deep symbolism lies here. Water is symbolic of the psychic element, of the soul of man. The soul or the psyche is subject to storms – that which shakes a man with passion, desire and fears. The soul is that part of man which is evolving or being created through the spirit's contact with the earth. As the divine spark descended and entered into the physical aspect of life, it knew that through such contact with the outer ring of manifestation, it would create and evolve an individual soul. It had also to suffer, through the turbulence of the soul qualities. Call the soul your psychic body, if you like – the psychic body lives in a world of desire and emotions. The soul body interpenetrates the nervous system of the physical body; and as a man thinks, so does his soul body transmit that thought to the physical body. Jesus taught by parables and miracles that God's purpose for man was ultimate control by the divine spirit working through and illuminating the soul, raising the physical or brain consciousness of man to the divine source of his life – God.

Jesus illustrated this. One day he was weary and took ship with the disciples, the latter being initiates drawn to the Master Jesus to learn. To his disciples Jesus taught occult and mystical truths, saying again and again, 'He that hath ears to hear, let him hear'.

When on the sea, Jesus the Master slept. The spirit of Christ had withdrawn from the physical and soul body of Jesus. What happened? A storm arose, the little boat was tossed hither and thither and the disciples were terrified for their souls were uncontrolled by the divine spirit. Their Master, Christ, had left them alone in their fear and trembling. Have you not personally experienced the like? Have you never been tossed on seas of soul-turbulence and racked with fear of the unknown future, when the storms of life have raged about you? Then is the soul body, the emotional body, turbulent with fear and anxiety. Then were the disciples sore afraid and called on the Master, 'Save us, or we perish!' Then indeed if the divine spirit, he who was the Son, had not returned, they would have perished.

Later, you remember, one of the disciples was seen walking on the sea. This was he who had, through his Master the Christ within his own heart, overcome the turbulence within the psyche or his own soul-body, and thus could walk upon the waters, rise above the turbulence of the soul and the emotions and astral desires of this weaker self.

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We begin to see in these Bible stories something far deeper than men have in the past understood. We begin to see deep occult truths taught in parable form to those who have ears to hear. In the teachings of Jesus you will find definite references to reincarnation, in spite of the controversy which exists regarding this ancient truth. He definitely referred to John the Baptist as Elias come again and, in his stories of the unjust steward and reference to debts which must be repaid is clearly indicating the law of karma.

Jesus ever emphasised one law, one way by which man could overcome or rise above karma and win forgiveness for these debts: through love, by love. You have the power to forgive the karma of your brother. 'Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.' Give love and you will break your link forged through ignorance in the past. Love will break and dissolve that link and transmute the soul from the spheres of the disquieted – whether incarnate or discarnate – to the spheres of heavenly light.

Read your Bible with a deeper understanding, read and ponder and meditate and you will be blessed with understanding, and discover, secreted in the old Book, one of the most beautiful doctrines: the Secret Doctrine of the Ancient Wisdom.

We do not advise overmuch reading; but you may take story by story in that dear old Book, meditate quietly upon each and ask for the solution. Seek and ye shall find; ask and ye shall receive; and as the candidate of old stood knocking at the door of the temple, seeking admittance and the light of the Spirit, so shall you also find understanding and peace of soul. The spirit will enter in and you will know then that nothing can happen by chance or accident. Learn to still the waters of the soul and drink from the communion cup, the wine of the Divine Spirit of Love and Wisdom and you shall be raised above torture and fear and sufferings of earth.

All is well, all is well.

Peace; 'Be still and know that I am God'.

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