

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

A336 Sunday Address 18th December 1960 St Mary Abbots Place, London
Christmas Carol Service

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Context: according to the script, there were two readings: Luke 2 : 7-20 and an unspecified passage from THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERIES. 2 : 8 is 'And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field'. Unsurprisingly, an internal reference suggests that 'O come all ye faithful' was sung, and Brother Faithful at the end seems to introduce 'Hark the herald angels sing'. Otherwise the carols sung are not listed. There is a warm appreciation of this service in *Stella Polaris*, February-March 1961, p. 42, though only 'O come all ye faithful' is mentioned.

General Notes: although this is a short address, by the standards of a Christmas address it is relatively long. White Eagle is anxious to show his listeners that the nativity, factually true as a past event, is happening in the present when we engage with it: it is a cosmic ritual. The thanks White Eagle gives for gifts at the foot of the Christmas tree for children in need might imply that that tradition began in 1960, but in fact photographs show it having been the practice at least since 1938 (see picture in THE WHITE EAGLE LODGE STORY, p. 27). He also thanks the choir and its 'conductress', who would have been YGH. At the end there is reference to space not being a vacuum, something that would have surprised a 1960 audience but might not now, in view of discoveries around plasma.

References: 'tidings of great joy' is from verse 10 of the reading. 'He did not abhor the virgin's womb' borrows from the Christmas hymn, 'O come, all ye faithful'. The phrases beginning, 'Let there be light' are all from John 1 : 1-5, though not quite in sequence.

White Eagle's Address:

Dearly loved brethren of the earth plane of life, we speak to you from a world of spirit, and we would first describe to you – if the earthly language will allow us – we would describe to you the spiritual scene which is with us now. And if you have the clear vision, if you have clairvoyance, behold! You will see that all around us now are the angels, the heavenly messengers. Remember that these messengers came to earth at the time of the birth of Jesus. They come now to you to bring tidings of great joy.

And in the midst of this vast assembly of shining souls from the heaven world is a picture, the picture – but in form, understand – in the etheric form of the Mother, the Divine Mother. And by her side He Who was called Joseph. She cradles in her arms the Christ Babe. We are telling you the truth. We will not go into the details of how this Presence in human form comes, but we assure that this presence of a mystical truth is real. The story of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas is an age, age, age-old story. And in the spirit world the language, the language of the Spirit, takes the form of symbols. And this beautiful ancient story of the birth of Jesus Christ is a cosmic mystery. For in the beginning the second aspect of the Deity – the Logos – the Logos and the Sun drew together and formulated atoms and created the Mother which took form under the hand of the Creator. And this is the meaning, the mystical meaning of the immaculate conception, for the Sun took form. He did not abhor the Virgin's womb, the Virgin Mother. He entered into it and created form. He created life on the earth planet. This is the mystical, the profound mystical truth of the birth of the child; the birth of the Christ.

Now, dear ones, all spiritual truth is presented to humanity in a number of different ways, but in all religions you will find this same basic truth – the Creator bringing forth the child. You

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may ask if the story of the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem is a true story. We mention this because there are many people who have tried through the past age to destroy that beautiful true story. Yes, a true story, and one as we have already said which has reappeared through the ages in the birth of many Sun Gods who have appeared on earth at certain times in human history to unveil to humanity a little more about this profound mystical truth. Yes, the babe Jesus was born of the Virgin at the time of the Christ-Mass. Now what does the actual date matter? – that is irrelevant – it is the Christ-Mass which is the important truth. At this time when the angels draw close to the earth there is a stimulation, now more than ever, in the hearts of men. Do not be misled by the earthly mind, which always puts an erroneous explanation upon these inner truths. And man is every ready to criticise his fellows on earth and [who] attribute to him wrong motive, such as, ‘Oh, Christmas is a time of commercialism, so many people try to make financial gain out of Christmas’.

The great truth is that man, however unevolved, however ignorant, is feeling the stimulation of this outpouring of the Christ blessing upon earth at Christmas time, at the time of the Christ Mass. So we must all remember the different levels of understanding, different levels of comprehension which exist in mankind. And, of course, this applies to life, all life, for in the beginning there was darkness, until the words were spoken: ‘Let there be light, and there was light. And the light was with men’, which means that the light has always been in man, but it has been sleeping. Now as life evolves and develops – and you are seeing this development all round you, although it may appear to you to be chaotic – nevertheless it is a gradual permeation of the light in mankind. Never forget this, when you see chaos and change – remember [th]at the Word of God, the Holy Mystical Word which was Love drew together from the chaos in the Cosmos – it drew together matter and created form and created man; and in man was placed the seed of the Christ man. And this seed is now growing, growing quite rapidly at this time.

You dearly loved children of earth, all around you are the heavenly hosts, those who have passed out of the physical form into a higher form, and they are close to you now. This consciousness of the Christ life is growing so great in the human soul that there is so little difference between the world of spirit and the world physical. The veil between the two worlds is growing very thin, and it will come – it will come – this breakthrough from the spirit world to the physical world. And it is at such times as this, at the birth of the Christ – when all men’s thoughts are of goodwill and love and brotherhood – that this Great Christ-spirit is making itself felt on the earth; it must.

Amongst the angels who are now with you is your own nearest and dearest. When we tell you so repeatedly there is no death, we hear, ‘Oh, but we lose the form’ – but you do *not* lose the form. The form of your loved one still lives in a more perfect body, still is able to come close to you, especially during this magical, mystical time of the Christ Mass.

You have been already told that it is in the silence – in the innermost silence of the soul – that man becomes aware of the birth of the Christ child. In the silence, with the stars shining from above, and the angel choirs singing their song of love and peace [and] goodwill the child in everyone stirs. And the Divine Mother, Mary, who was the human instrument to bring forth the Great Initiate, Jesus, was a real woman prepared to become the Mother of He

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who came to this earth from higher spheres to be the channel for the great glorious Christ, the Son, the Second Aspect of the Trinity – Christ the Solar Logos and the Creator of this planet. And humanity manifested and shone with heavenly glory through the little Child born to Mary and Joseph.

You must feel, dear children, that you are holding the Christ Babe close to your heart now, for birth is a profound mystery. Even human birth is a profound mystery, a Holy mystery. And, therefore, my children, all must rise and worship the King, who takes on human form at Christmas time – at Christmas time. This knowledge, if you can touch the centre of the Star on Christmas morning in your meditations, you will indeed be filled with happiness. All sorrow will vanish, all care and weariness will vanish, for then in that profound silence you will hear the angels singing; for He is born in man. He brings love and goodwill and peace.

A joyous, blessed Christmas is what we from the Spirit World wish you all.

We thank you all for your Christmas gifts to the children and to those in need. Every one of these gifts will bring that little light and joy and happiness to a child. And God will bless you. And may we say thank you to the earthly choir and its conductress for the beautiful carols that we have all enjoyed. You may wonder how we in spirit can hear physical sound. Well, we assure you we can hear it when we want to! You may not have that choice – you have to hear it. But you see with us it is a question of switching on, like you switch on your magical box, and you both hear and see. Well, now we can do this from the spirit side of life. We can switch on when we want to and we can hear. So we will say to you as we know someone else once said to a very vast congregation – ‘now remember the angels are looking’. We say that, dear ones, with all love, great love – great love – and it is just a little joke.

We could go on talking to you for a long time, but we must not take any more time because you are no doubt tired and ready to go to your homes; but we wanted to finish our message on a very human note, and assure you of our reality. You see, all around you, you think is air and vacuum. Not a bit of it – when you know a little more you will know that there is plane upon plane interpenetrating life all around you. There is, we were going to say, no such thing as a vacuum: the surroundings, the atmosphere in which you live is crowded. But you will learn in due time how to switch on to the particular programme you want to hear in this great space around you. It is within your power, and this is what you are all developing.

And so on this note of promise and joy and blessing we withdraw from this physical instrument, but we shall still be very close to you. God bless you all, dear brethren, may the Christ Spirit be very close. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Brother Faithful:

Just a final word. I hope to greet some of you at the door and wish you a Happy Christmas, but if we miss some of you – A very Happy Christmas – and May God bless you *all*.

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