

White Eagle's Anniversary Address

A144 Sunday Address 18th February 1945 St Mary Abbots Place, London Ninth Anniversary Service

The text of this address is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors

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Context: White Eagle is back speaking from the platform as is usual for February just two weeks after the previous address on the 4th. This time, the date of the address is given in *Angelus* so there can be no doubt. The abrupt beginning betrays a slight sense of White Eagle's opening greeting having been edited out, and maybe more.

General Notes: the words in the second paragraph about the planning of the Lodge in the Council Chamber in the heavens remind us of his words about the antiquity of the Lodge just a year before, at the eighth anniversary service (20 February 1944). Unlike the Lodge, the idea of a year, or years, of fire was very public in the Polaire Brotherhood, from which ours began, so that White Eagle's words here about the Council wishing to help humanity through those years of fire do not conflict, perhaps, with his so-called 'No War Prophecies'. Indeed, what White Eagle says here is quite useful in the context of understanding those prophecies.

The address contains an unusually strong insistence on not getting caught up in fear and makes it clear that those who do not fear are in communion with spirit, and those who do, with earth. White Eagle then speaks of the extraordinary expectation placed on the small band of brothers, linked by the Brotherhood grip. Quite clearly to have prevented the war would have been a superhuman effort.

References: the familiar words, 'Man know thyself' were over the entrance to the Oracle at Delphi. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is foretold in Genesis 18 : 20 and told in Genesis 19 : 1-11. 'As you sow, so shall you reap' is from Galatians 6 : 7; 'as you do unto others' is from Matthew 7 : 12 (the Sermon on the Mount), and 'as above, so below' is notionally the great principle of Hermes Trismegistus. The story of the Israelites being led to the land of milk and honey' is in Exodus (for the land of milk and honey, see e.g. 3 : 17) and that of doubting Thomas is from John 20 : 24-29. The latter story culminates with Jesus's words here quoted, 'Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed'. 'Do unto others as you would be done unto' is a rendering of Matthew 7 : 12, and 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart ... and thy neighbour as thyself', the Great Commandment, is Matthew 22 : 37-40.

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Faith is not mere belief, but an inner knowledge, an inner knowing of truth. This is the message which the White Eagle Lodge has been commanded to give – a message which teaches man not to rely solely upon his physical senses but to train his inner senses to respond to those invisible messengers who bring illumination to the world at this beginning of the Age of Aquarius, which is the age of spirit. Because faith is an inner knowledge, the purpose of all our teaching (which is flowing through from higher realms) is to help the man of earth to awaken – as from death – and become aware of the worlds invisible. This is the real meaning of 'Man, know thyself' – once know the worlds within yourself and you shall know God and the other worlds; for until man learns to commune with his inner self he will not comprehend the outer world about him.

Long ago a council was held in the heavens. Many of the activities on the earth originate in the heaven worlds. You can know about these things by attuning yourself to the inner

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worlds. You can even go to the council chamber in the heavens and hear for yourself the deliberations of the sages, the wise ones, the holy brethren who watch over the affairs of the earth. We would impress upon you that you do not walk alone. You are encircled by hosts of shining witnesses, shining brethren. Were it not so, you would not be here today assembled in this Lodge.

At this assembly of the sages held many years ago it was seen that humanity was likely to pass through certain Years of Fire. Before all hope of avoiding these years was abandoned, messengers were sent to warn the people of what was likely to come about. These messengers were not only spirit guides, not only spirit people; for all men of spiritual vision are used by the sages to point out the way of wisdom and happiness. Men do not always listen, for this was not only the time that messengers have warned mankind of what would befall unless they changed their ways. In the Bible are similar stories of God sending His messengers to the people of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah; had there been sufficient just men, those cities would have been saved. As it was the opportunity was given, but men turned a deaf ear.

On this occasion also the world would not listen. So the Years of Fire have had to come. Had man turned aside from his selfishness and materialism it might have escaped. As it was not so, preparation was made to help mankind during these years. We called together a small band of brethren, a handful of men and women able to stand fast in faith. We admit that their faith has been sorely tested and tried, even as the sages said. But these brethren were wanted to help mankind during the Years of Fire and if a brother gives himself in such service he runs the risk of being burnt – which means he will suffer in the testing of his faith.

We of the spirit world greet you on this anniversary of your being banded together to help mankind during the Years of Fire. Your work has been to heal the sick, to bind the wounds of the injured, to comfort the bereaved and to give courage and faith to those who fall by the wayside. My brethren and my friends, this is the purport of our message today. The Brotherhood in the Beyond greet you and grip your hands with the grip of brotherhood. We thank you for cooperating with us in this work.

Now, what of the future? We are celebrating our ninth anniversary. Nine years have passed since the establishment of this Lodge. The number nine is significant because it is the number of brotherhood and it also means expansion, so you will see the extension of this work of the White Brotherhood in the years ahead. You will see with us an even greater need for this work, for there much fear abroad amongst men and fear corrodes the soul.

Fear is man's greatest enemy because it robs him of healthy, poise and happiness. Fear robs him of his true nature. We mean by this that if man is consumed with fear thoughts he surrenders his divine nature in pursuit of protection of a material nature; he is no longer a true son of God. He is no longer the Christ, but joins those subject to the Number of the Beast. Our work must extend, my brethren; not by great noise and publicity, but by gentle

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loving service, by the expression of, by a continual presentation to the world of the gentle spirit of the Once whom we all love, the Master Jesus, the Christ. He came to bind the wounds of the broken-hearted, to heal the sick and to relieve men of their fears. The Christ manifested through the flesh of the Master Jesus. There is a today anticipation of a second coming. Christ will indeed come in all His glory and He will catch to His heart those who are ready to go to Him. Men once believed even the graves would open and give up their dead.

Since then man's intellect tells him that bodies that have disintegrated cannot really be caught up in the heavens. The interpretation has been at fault. It is true that Christ will come in all His glory; it is true that those who lie in the grave will arise, but of course its reference is to those who lie in the grave of materialism. They will arise and go to their Lord. Thereafter there will dawn a perfect age – the age of Aquarius, the age of the spirit upon the earth.

Why did the Father God create man to live upon the earth? Some will tell you, 'to suffer'. This again is a misinterpretation. The Triune God sent forth His sons and daughters so that they might enjoy physical life. The materialist thinks that he can garner the fruits of the earth only by being 'practical'. He finds ultimately that they are merely dust and ashes. Only those who have arisen from the grave and who recognise that they have spirit and all their brethren are spirit also can know true happiness. Only those who know the law of karma which says; as you sow you reap; as you do unto others so it shall be done unto you, will become loosened, relieved of the burden of what is called evil karma. Then man becomes free. He does not have to suffer any longer. He is free because the law makes him free. If you abide by an early law, it allows you to go free; but if you break your earthly law you are imprisoned. The sages of many ages have taught 'as above, so below, as below, so above'. Therefore the way to freedom is to understand spiritual law and abide by the law; then physical life has no longer power to cause you to suffer.

We must all remember the great fear which so many people have of death. We speak from memory of actual experience when we say to you that death is one of the great initiations. It is true – there is no death! only a release from bondage, a release from Egypt. The Bible tells of when the Israelites fled from the land of Egypt to go to the land of Canaan, an allegorical story representing the passing of the soul from this earth into a promised land flowing with milk and honey – the land of the spirit. We must broadcast the message that there is no death and that souls cannot be separated by death. Do not think of life as threescore years and ten, but as an eternal journeying, an eternal experience without weariness, but with ever-increasing joy. Life goes on and on. If the physical body is finished the spirit can still be as close to its beloved as ever. There need be no separation in spirit, no separation in death. Instead of depending upon the gifts of other people – those whom you call mediums – man himself will develop inner senses, open the seven windows of his soul and look into the land of light where dwells his nearest and dearest; he will hold communion on the inner planes, the inner planes within his heart. He will not cry for material proof as did Thomas when he said that he would not believe unless he put his fingers in the prints of

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the nails and thrust his head into the wounded side. The Master said: 'Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed' – and yet have that inner knowledge that there is no death.

We have to lead our brother gently along the road. Until he has developed his inner senses we must give him comfort and assurance. Greater even than this is help of a spiritual nature which will enable him to journey away from the land of bondage into the Promised Land.

This is our message which you also must give forth. We have to redouble our efforts to help our brother man. He must break his bonds. He must be the spirit knowing the law of life, which is to do unto others as you would be done unto. He and we must love the Lord our God with all our heart and all our soul and all our might and our neighbour as ourself. On these statements hangs all the law. This is the spiritual law of life.

We from the world of spirit thank you, everyone, for providing for us this earthly tabernacle, this earthly Lodge, that we may labour within it and through it, and thus send forth this simple message of truth and liberation and happiness to all mankind. Truth is ever simple. What mankind needs today is an exposition of the law which governs life, so simple that a child can understand. Thus man may find freedom from fear: fear of death, fear of want, fear of his brother man. The hearts and the minds of men and women must be reassured so that they believe. The law of the spirit is *love, love, love*.

On this note we leave you, with an outpouring of love and thankfulness to every one of you for your faithful, loving cooperation with this work – and together on one supreme note of truth we thank Thee all our God.

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