

Angels and Ministers

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Text: black carbon of typescript by MB, marked 'TR' (tape recorder copy). There are more occasions than usual where a word has had to be inserted in brackets for sense in this address, which may be a comment about White Eagle's fluency or the typist's ability to catch every word. Towards the end, we have retained the typist's word 'illimitable' for the way in which Jesus taught the principle of love, while recognising that it might very well have been 'inimitable'. The resulting cliché would not add much; neither, however, does 'illimitable' seem to mean a great deal. MB also failed to get some words where laughter drowned out White Eagle's voice. She also includes the word 'angelology' near the end as what she thought she heard, although it does not feel to be either accurate or on balance a word White Eagle would have used. The title has been chosen for this project, borrowing from the hymn, 'Angels and ministers, spirits of grace'.

Context: This is a powerful and memorable address for harvest, though harvest is a topic only glancingly mentioned – mostly, the address is about angels, although the proximity to the festival of St Michael and All Angels is a fair justification for this. Brother Faithful introduced the first hymn, 'Now thank we all our God' (no. 350 in *Songs of Praise*) as being 'on this special occasion'. As well as the Harvest Festival it would have been the reopening service after the summer break and the twenty-fourth anniversary of New Lands. Minesta then gave the invocation, separately recorded as usual, after which the Choir sang a setting of 'Praise ye the Lord Who made all beauty'. It included a solo and may thus have been more than a rendering of the familiar hymn by Steuart Wilson, written in 1928. It was 'beautifully rendered', says MB. Brother Faithful read from *Spiritual Unfoldment 2*, first summarising the content as being about fairies and angels, then reminding the congregation that all wisdom is contained in the words of Jesus, 'Love one another'. The familiar hymn, 'We plough the fields' (no. 14) came next. After the prayers, the Choir offered another anthem, 'O taste and see', doubtless in the setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams (this time MB says it was 'very beautiful'). At the end of the address, Brother David (Philip Jones) gave an 'exquisite' organ solo before Brother Faithful gave his few remarks, recorded here, introducing the final hymn, no. 300, 'God is working his purpose out'. Minesta gave a benediction, separately recorded, but said what an enormous power she had felt during the service (see end).

General notes: right at the beginning, White Eagle speaks of the 'memory which It brings'; it is not clear if 'It' is the Great White Spirit, or the coming into the human realm to give teaching. The typist thought the former, for she actually typed 'IT' (although two subsequent 'its' were left uncapitalised – we have not sought to rationalise the confusion). White Eagle commences by addressing the human need for understanding of life, but announces that he will do so with a consideration of angels and nature spirits (building, we assume, on the teaching read out from *Spiritual Unfoldment 2*). There follows a very interesting account of his native American life, addressing criticisms of the Indians, and then going back to what he calls 'far-off days'. These may relate not to North America, but because he mentions the valley called Willomee, to life in the Andean civilisation he sometimes calls Mayan but which seems to long pre-date what is known of Mayan civilisation. The word he chooses for the Indians is 'noble'. Describing angels, he says that the popular depiction of wings relates rather to rays of light from their heads. Typically, they are air devas. Then he speaks of mountain devas and their power, also of the devas of the lakes and rivers, and finally of the power of fire. What is nature?, he asks – something behind all form, an etheric power directed by spirit. Angels are manifestations of nature in form, although White Eagle offers a statement which may be confusing beside other quotation of his teaching, which is that the angels who extend right up into the Christ Star Circle can be of human origin, but beyond all rebirth. In his own culture, there was a Christ known as Quetzlcoatl; interestingly, he speaks of another being 'who was the reverse of the light' (maybe a unique reference in his teaching, and somewhat Gnostic?). We come back to 'Love one another'. Love all things. And so we come to the Communion, with a little urging of his listeners to do some constructive imaging themselves that they may see him. He gives final words from 'the ancient

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brotherhood', which are simply 'Peace be with you', and it is intriguing, because those are the words Jesus uses in the Gospel of John on each of the three times that he reappears to the disciples immediately after the Crucifixion. He repeated 'Peace be with you' at the end of the previous address, too (6 July).

References: the reference at the beginning to 'a few knockings' is to the story of the Hydesville Rappings, heard in New York in 1848, and often regarded as the beginning of Spiritualism. The injunction, 'Love one another' is the one from John 13 : 34, while 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God ... and thy neighbour with all thy strength' is a not quite accurate version of Mark 13 : 30-1. It should of course be 'thy neighbour as thyself'. It just might be a transcription error, but the 'strength' comes from the earlier verse.

White Eagle's Message:

Beloved brethren of the physical life, we come amongst you with thankfulness. Thankfulness that the Great White Spirit makes it possible for us to speak once again through a physical body to our brethren on earth; to the Great White Spirit for the memory which It gives of the past; and the vision that it gives to man into the future. The understanding it gives to man of the application of the Great Law, Spiritual Law in his everyday life.

Now this, my children, is what all men are seeking, understanding: the knowledge of life. And so we can truly thank God for the revelation which is now coming, coming very quickly from the heavenly spheres of life. It commenced with a few knockings on the physical matter. And then it began to flow like a little stream through the minds of men and women. And now it is beginning to flow freely from all types and at all levels of man's consciousness. And we suggest to you all tonight that you consider this revelation of the Divine Law, or the Cosmic Law of Life, which is the only truth which is going to comfort, to heal and bring peace and happiness to humanity.

Now, because you are very close to a Christian orthodox Festival called the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, we propose to say a few words to you on this subject of angels, and the little people, the fairy folk – because the angels and the fairy folk are the workers behind the scenes through nature, building form, creating colour and beauty on the earth. And under the guidance and the power of the Great Mother, the Divine Mother, [they] produce the grain and the fruit and all the foods without which man would find life very dull, to say the least. You would find life very dull without the forms of flowers and trees, without the perfumes of the flowers and the delicious fruits, which you can taste. All these, nature's gifts, are produced with the help and with the work of the nature forces. And so we talk tonight on this thanksgiving for the harvest of the earth – we talk to you about the forces behind the form of the matter, the physical matter.

And we would direct your thoughts most seriously to what is taking place in the invisible worlds. Most of you here are convinced of life after death, and the power to communicate with loved ones at a higher level, that is from your spirit to their spirit. There is this harmony, attunement; you are *en rapport* with one whom you love. So you know in the heaven world if you raise your consciousness to that level you can hold sweet communion. But, unfortunately, so many people think that they are deluding themselves when they think they are holding

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communion with the unseen. How proud is man to think that he will not be deluded of a truth which is beautiful and eternal.

When we were living in an Indian body, a Red Indian body, we learnt many truths about nature. Now today people say, 'Oh, but the Red Indians were deluded. They were savages. The Red Indian, he was not intelligent. He had not any brain.' Well, maybe, maybe, but nevertheless the Red Indians had a philosophy of life which was true brotherhood.

Now, thoughts are coming up to us – your thoughts of some of you. 'Oh, but the Red Indian was a savage. And he did very cruel things. His habits were not nice at all.' And we would reply to that, in fact the habits of the pale faces are not very nice either. But the point is this, that our brethren of those far-off days were truly important, and they were noble. And it was not until the paleface attacked them that they had to protect themselves and their families. This is only by the way. We are only answering a question which we caught from the congregation.

We would take you, my children, back to those days when we were so happy in our valley, which we Indians called Willomee, the valley of peace and brotherhood. Now, the point we want to make to you now is this. Our teachers, who were noble and wise people, they understood natural law. Now, it was long before this particular period we speak of now that our brethren of far-off days – time is so difficult to understand – but in the beginning, the law was given from heaven to the great initiates: the Law of Life. And people were taught in those far-off days of the value of all the elements.

Now, we told you this before; man cannot live on the physical plane without air, or water, or sun, or earth. All these elements are welded into man's physical body. All these elements have an etheric counterpart. Now, we Indians were taught how to draw the etheric substance and the power from the elements of air and water and the earth and the wind, and all the natural elements of life. And we were shown how these could enhance the health of the physical body. Now, what we would like to convey to you all tonight is this, that you are being presented once again with this divine truth. And it is for you to study and think and meditate upon what we give you from the world of spirit. And all these forces are under the control and direction of the great angels. You call them air devas.

Now, we believe there are some people on your earth who say that it is only the ignorant and the superstitious who believe in angels. But may we remind you that in your own world of art, mediaeval art, you will find angels depicted, great winged beings, depicted by the painters of those days – not today so much, because something is interfering with the flow into the mind and soul of many people. But it will pass, the phase will pass. What we want you to understand is that an angel is not a human being, but is a great force, a power. And because it is a great power it is concentrated in a form which man when his eyes are opened can understand. So the form is that of a very illumined and great being like a man, a human face, for instance. And these angelic forces are emitting great streams of light from the head. They are rays of *light*. There go from the shoulders great streams of *light*. So if you see any angelic beings, which is not very likely, but if you do, you will know that what appear to be wings are forces and streams of light.

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Now, the Indians were taught to revere these great beings. And to say that they do not exist shows very great ignorance on the part of those who say such things. They are the angels of the eternal and have always been, and always will.

Now, if you are fond of the mountains, you know as you climb the mountain you can sense or feel an atmosphere, a great power. You do not know why this is. But we assure you that you will be responding to the deva of the mountain. The same with the water. How fascinating do you find water, flowing water in the great river, tumbling water in the waterfalls? Even the great lakes appear to you as being so peaceful and calm. Who amongst you does not want to plunge into water when you see it? We would like you to know that very often one of the first urges of the soul of the man or woman who passes away from the physical body and enters the spirit world [is that] when they are taken to a great blue lake they plunge into it, because water is so purifying and so cleansing.

And then there is the Sun, the power of fire. Fire is a cleanser and a consumer. A consumer of all that is finished and unwanted. And at the same time the Sun, the rays of the Sun, give life, create life. Water creates life. Without water there could be no life on this earth planet. Without air there could be no life on this planet. Without the warmth and fire of the Sun to cause the germination of life there could be no life. And so, my children, we thank God for the elements and for the power, the food, the sustenance which all of us when in a physical body receive from the invisible substance which is working through the physical elements.

You have just sung a hymn, 'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, | But it is fed and watered by God's Almighty Hand'. Now, your materialist will say: 'Oh, but this is all natural law. It is nature which produces the food.' What is nature? Can you tell me what nature is? What is nature? It is something which is behind all form, all physical form. It is etheric power which brings to fruition the physical grain and the fruits of the earth. And all this etheric life is controlled, is directed, by the Great White Spirit, those two aspects of life you call Father God and Mother God, the Parents of Life. This, as we told you before, is the meaning of the 'first-born Son' of the Father-Mother God. If you would have health, if you would have all you need, *all you need* – not necessarily all you want, but all you need for the harmonious and beautiful and joyous life – [then] learn to meditate upon these God-given forces.

We have told you that the angel is manifestation in a form, a certain form, of great nature powers. But the word 'angel' means, of course, a heavenly messenger. And there is much confusion between the angel of the nature forces and the one who is the heavenly guide and conveyor of truth in human manner to humanity. Can you get this quite clear in your mind?

Reference has been made from this rostrum to the Christ Circle. There are angels in the Christ Circle. And in this sense the angels are illumined human souls – those who have passed beyond all rebirth, who are free in the heavens to work in co-operation with all the heavenly forces. But man in his physical life, when he is awakened to this divine truth of spirit and spirit life, he is helped [and] guided by the angels of the Christ Circle. The Christ Circle means Circle of Light, of *Light* and *Truth*.

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Now, to answer one more question [and] then we shall have to leave you. One more question which we feel sure has come into the minds of some of you. Now, all these natural forces which we, in the Indian days, were taught to respect and to use according to our capacity, we learnt that there are the two aspects. And you will know this. There are the angels, the fairies and the nature spirits of the Great White Light – of all that is good and true and beautiful. And they were called angels to help man, to sustain man, to bring to man happiness and joy. We see – you may see – the Great Quetzlcoatl, who was the Great Master, the Great Illumined One who was the Plumed Serpent of those days, who was wise and good and loving.

There was another Being by another name who was the reverse of the Light. But you see humanity as the freewill, the choice. Humanity can be in himself light. Man can be all love and kindness, or try to be; or he can be the reverse.

Now, when man strives to live according to the pattern of the Great Teacher – for you, we will say Jesus the Christ, then he receives increased light and joy and healing. He is then calling upon all these forces of the Light, these angelic beings. And he is receiving into his body and soul the blessing of their ministration. But if he deliberately turns away from that Christ Spirit, and he deliberately follows the path of cruelty, ignorance, greed, selfishness, then he is drawing to himself the attention of those negative nature spirits which can do a great deal of harm to his body and his soul.

Now, the simple truth is what Jesus taught in His own illimitable way, ‘Love one another’. Love, love all things, *love all things*, which means animals, whatever they are. Have compassion and love for all created things, and you will be in that stream of light which can bring only good, good health. Do you know that in the ancient days men and women lived in a physical body much longer than they do today, nearly twice as long as you expect to live, and even longer than this. They lived for centuries. No, this is perfectly true, because they understood the law, the Divine Law of how to live in harmony. That is why they lived to a great age. And the answer is coming up: “We do not want to live to a great age!” -----
[Laughter and movement drowned the next few words].

But do not be lazy. You must grasp your opportunity. ‘Dear Father God, use me in Thy service for the creation of better conditions on this earth planet.’ Be used, my children, you do not want to be lazy and go to sleep before it is time! Keep yourself strong and healthy and in the light, and serve your fellow creatures and worship God!

Now Jesus said – he repeated this so many, many times – the Divine Law – on this Law hangs all truth. ‘Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God – the *Light* – with all thy heart and soul and mind; and thy neighbour’ – all the nature kingdom, the animal kingdom, the human kingdom, the spirit kingdom, *all life* – ‘thy neighbour with all thy strength’. It is so simple. It is so simple. But on this day of thanksgiving we present this message to you with all sincerity and beg you to think about it and put into operation this ancient, *ancient* law of the angelology and the Law of Christ.

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Now, as we leave you, dear ones, there comes into our midst the form of the Lord Christ. Now imagine him yourself. Imagine, imagine that beautiful form, so wise, so powerful, so gloriously light, so gentle, so loving. The symbols of grapes, of the corn as he stands there before the etheric communion table, which is spread with the cloth of the white ether, upon which is laid the symbol of the grapes and the corn. The grapes change into that chalice cup, the Grail Cup, if you like. The corn changes into many small pieces of bread – the bread and the wine. And he speaks to you in your heart, ‘Come, brethren, eat the heavenly bread. It is a symbol of my cosmic body – of which everything on your earth is made. And the grapes, the symbol of love.’

‘The grapes are crushed in your human life. All the pain and the suffering and the endurance of your life crushes the grapes into wine, which is the symbol of my spirit; of *love* for you.’ ‘Sip the wine, feel the love of God the Father–Mother and Son. Feel it in your heart and rejoice. Rejoice in thankfulness for the bread and the wine, both physically and spiritually; which has been his gift to you, my children. In the words of the ancient brotherhood we leave you with ‘Peace be with you. Peace be with you’. The Lord knows your heart. The Lord forgives and loves. Go thou and do likewise.

Brother Faithful:

Somebody up in Yorkshire said to me about ten days ago, and surprised me: ‘Do you know’, she said, ‘White Eagle people look very young, don’t they?’ I said, not taking much notice – ‘Oh do they?’ Well, I don’t look at them very much. And from this platform tonight I have had my opportunity. And you do indeed all look very young. People, some we have known for forty years, they look extremely young. And people who are thought to be of advanced age, they look jolly, jolly good. And do you know actually I began to ask myself, why is it? Is there something in these walls, something in this atmosphere, some power from the platform? People have seen angels here. Is it in the books? Because people who never come seem to keep on going a jolly long time. If they get an illness they fight through it. How and why is it? Ought we all to be much better than we are? And are we limited – as we have been told by our friend – you know the word – because of laziness – and if we put forward more effort so that we see these things for ourselves, should we live to a good old age, and be a blessing to the world? It is a proposition, a very good proposition which White Eagle has been putting to us tonight.

All the people in the White Eagle Lodge, they do look young!

And so we come to our last hymn, no. 300.

Minesta:

I felt the tremendous power. And the angels are here. And they are thanking you all for your contribution.

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