

The Christian Brotherhood

A401 Sunday Address 14th April 1968 New Lands, Liss Easter Service

Text: the style of the blue typescript from which this has been transcribed is different from that of AMI; it might be VJC and might also be a subsequent retype, except that it is not broken into paragraphs at all, which suggests original typing. It may be a typescript taken from a recording. There are quite a few uncompleted sentences in this text, and there is one (marked 'sic', at the end of the paragraph, 'We are well aware of the conflicting thoughts') where an actual omission seems likely.

Context: the typist gives no details outside of the address itself. It is notable that this is an Easter service from New Lands, setting a new pattern (possibly along with the pattern of an Easter retreat).

General notes: a relatively short address, which was often the case with New Lands addresses; it is also one that takes us beyond the conventional picture of Easter – it is, for instance, informative about the early Christian brotherhoods in which the manifestation of Jesus was still felt. In many ways this takes up from the anniversary address a month earlier, with references to the history of the brotherhood: its beginning under the example of Jesus, its spreading quietly round the world, its manifestation in the Americas (we take the teacher White Eagle refers to, to be Quetzalcoatl). There is further reference to John, best understood alongside the teaching on John in the previous address (2 March). White Eagle is keen to stress the universality of the Resurrection message: 'The Great White Spirit spreads his wings over the whole of the earth.' Yet if the address is unconventional, it plenty of times drives home the knowledge that there is no such thing as death, and it also refers to Mary Magdalene at the tomb, finding the body of Jesus gone. At the end the message of the resurrection returns, very clearly.

References: 'Except ye become as little children...', Matthew 18 : 3, is the King James rendering of White Eagle's 'Unless a man be simple as a little child....'. 'Suffer little children' is Matthew 19 : 14. For 'The heavenly Father and I are one', see John 10 : 30. 'Where have they lain my Master?' derives from John 20 : 13. 'As it was in the beginning' is the start of the very common doxology from the Prayer Book.

Historical note: 'beyond your present problems and earthly difficulties' may be meant to apply to listeners' individual karma, but the assassination of Martin Luther King had taken place just ten days before (4 April 1968) and it is reasonable to imagine a state of shock still pertaining. White Eagle later speaks of events on earth which are 'very distressing'. The 'arguments of the mortal mind' around the very existence of Jesus of Nazareth is a reminder that the debates around historicity were still raging; today, there is more consensus and other issues preoccupy historians.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved earthly brethren, we bring to you – from the spheres of Light – we bring peace and blessing. We would raise your thoughts above and beyond your present problems and earthly difficulties. We would raise you in thought into a world of truth and reality, into a world of infinite beauty and love. Too many people on your earth today are bound, are imprisoned in material thoughts. And that applies to practically everyone who lives in a physical body. You will answer, 'But we have responsibilities of physical life, and they weigh very heavily on us at times'. We understand this, my brethren, but we also understand that you can receive unexpected help from the higher spheres of life if you will only open your consciousness. Open your hearts to the source of your own being, to the source of the Creation of this beautiful world.

You may doubt our words when we speak of a beautiful world, but we would remind you that when man in humility and in simplicity of life makes himself ready to comprehend the profound laws of life, then he will begin to receive the help and the knowledge and the

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wisdom which will raise him above the conflicts and the despairs and the sickness and the separation from loved ones, all of which are the common foes of man.

You do not need to be meshed in materialism to do your work well. You do not need to have only a material mind to deal with material problems. And you certainly do not need to have a material mind to face sorrow, human sorrow and sickness when it afflicts you. Now, our message to the world of man is one of illumination on this particular Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, the Christ. Now we will not go into the arguments of the mortal mind, which puts forth an idea that there is doubt about the life of Jesus, the Christ, on your earth plane.

We are well aware of the conflicting thoughts, the conflicting presentations of past events, conflicting interpretations of the message of Jesus, the Christ; indeed, of all the scriptures throughout time. Man's mortal mind takes hold of the doubtful thoughts because it is the way of the earthly mind to doubt spiritual reality. And so by examining history and the mortal records of the lives of these great ones who have lived throughout the creation of this earth planet, who come to this earth from time to time to bring to humanity that immortal message [*sic*]. And the doubts and fear which men raise in your thoughts belong to the mind of earth manifesting through the brain of earth, the physical brain. And it is all that is physical which eventually changes its form, what you call 'dies' that these thoughts rise because this is an illustration of death [*sic*].

Men dwell on death. Even youth pushes death away from it and yet youth have to often pass through that change from one environment into another. And the physical body has to disintegrate because it has served its purpose and because the life which kept it animated and kept it living, that life has been withdrawn and lives in a world of freedom and opportunity, great harmony and beauty. We want you to remember these thoughts.

Now on this day all orthodox Christian churches are celebrating the resurrection of their Lord and Master. In spite of the doubts and fears, nevertheless this truth lives on; and we tell you, my brethren on earth, that this truth will always live on, because it is immortal. There will never be a time on your earth plane when that truth of immortal life will die. It cannot die. It is eternal. There have been many masters, many saviours who have come to the physical plane of life to bring humanity the same message. But at each advent of the world teacher or saviour, a Sun saviour, remember that each one came to a particular race at a particular time, presenting the eternal truth in a way that those particular people could understand. Now you have arrived at what you all know is the Aquarian Age, the age of spirit, and it is the age when the teachings of the great disciple, the beloved of Jesus, who is known as John the Beloved [will come to the fore]. His teachings, the teachings of the Gospel according to St John, will contain for future generations from now on – future generations will comprehend the inner meaning – the revelations of John.

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The two thousand years of the teachings of the early Christian Brotherhood have been spread abroad all over the earth and only a minority of human beings have been able to respond to the profound and beautiful truth of these simple teachings. Jesus said, 'Unless a man be simple as a little child, he can in no wise enter the kingdom'. This is the truth. Man must become humble. He must learn how to bow his head, which means he must learn to bow the

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head of arrogance. Intellect is often arrogant. Book learning can be very arrogant. When a man learns to be simple as a little child, remember [that] Jesus said, 'Suffer little children to come unto me'. And of course that is interpreted as meaning children in years in a particular incarnation, but we in spirit interpret that to mean the simple, the childlike. May we add here that great men are always simple and childlike, and if you think of some of your great men in your own time and age. Scientists are supposed to have very powerful minds. One who comes to our memory is Oliver Lodge; so great a man, yet so humble and simple. And he was neither too grand nor proud to acknowledge his humility and simplicity, for he found the truth of this life which is both beyond and within the physical life.

Now we want all the young people to think well on what we are saying today. We have referred to the early Christian teaching. We do not mean the Church of St Paul, the Paulian church which has followed its own particular path [and] has no doubt accomplished a certain amount of good. We refer to the simple Christian Brotherhood; those happy souls who in the early days received proof that the Master Jesus still lived, for He manifested to them. Remember this; they themselves had to be ready to open their inner vision. They had to become as little children and be ready to hear the voice of the Master. And you will notice that it was Mary, the woman, who apparently was the first to be at the grave, at the sepulchre, seeking the spirit, seeking her Lord, and she was grieved because his body had disappeared. 'Where have they lain my Master?' Children, the woman was the symbol of the soul. It is the soul, the etheric part of man, which is searching, which seeks the loved one. When death consumes the physical body, the soul seeks the spirit. There is a very simple demonstration here, but it contains a profound truth.

Those early Christians went all over the world. They formed their own small brotherhoods. Now we remember a life, many of you will not agree or will not understand what we are talking about. Nevertheless we will tell you. We remember our life in America. We lived with our brethren of the red skin. There we had records of this noble and glorious soul who came amongst us bringing to us all the message of the hereafter. None of my people believed that death was the end. All my people knew that they were going through the veil of matter, physical matter and leaving it behind. They were going through into that beautiful land that my people called the hereafter. That message was brought to us by our own Jesus, our own Lord.

It is a mistake, my children of earth, to think that the orthodox church in your country is the only church that has ever received a message from the Father, the heavenly Father. The Great White Spirit spreads His wings over the whole earth. Messengers are sent to the different races at different times as we have already told you. These early Christian Brotherhoods, all brotherhoods of the Great White Light – call them groups of the White Brethren if you like – it does not matter what you call them. They were groups of good God-like men and women who drew together to worship and to commune and to receive from the heaven world illumination, knowledge and understanding of the meaning of life and what could come to all mankind when it is ready to open its mind to this wonderful world of spirit.

And we are now thinking particularly, first of all of our own people who received this message of the hereafter and whose eyes were opened and whose spirit was released from the physical bondage so that they could go forth in full consciousness into that heaven world. We

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Speak of these things that we know, not only from your physical level of life, but of our world of spirit in which we now function. But we do not live idly. We live to convey to our brethren all over the world and everywhere this simple and true message that there is no death, that life is continual progress. There is no death but only an ever-expanding consciousness of the glory of God's creation and this we cannot describe to you. That would be impossible, but in every minutest form of life, God exists. There is no separation in spirit.

And with this growing consciousness in your heart and in your feelings, you become ever more raised up in the glory of that spiritual life – and in that life comes comprehension of all the problems of the stars, the solar system and solar systems; all the beauties of nature from the creatures of the air to the creatures of the earth; all the interesting and wonderful developments and evolution of the world of nature. Now man has within him power of God which will enable him to comprehend all these glories. Man must release himself from death, *death*. This physical life is death, or is imprisonment, but you are not bound to live in a closed cell. You can open the windows of your cell. You can let the walls of your cell disintegrate, and you can be free in the life of God.

The brotherhood of the Christian faith, the Great White Brotherhood, draws very close to you now. There are things that are happening on your earth which are very distressing. These things are happening because the spirit is working through matter to break up all the unwanted conditions. Those things which have outlived their life, they have to go. Mankind has to go forward, to go forward to freedom, into the age of spirit, for Spirit is all-powerful. Spirit is the great Healer, the great Comforter. There is no separation when man realises that he is part of the infinite Spirit. The heavenly Father and I are one. You remember the Brotherhood of the Albigenses in France, who had received this profound secret of life eternal? They faced torture. They faced death with shining faces, because they knew they could not die, nor could their spirits be imprisoned in a cave nor any material prison. These holy brethren (and as we tell you there are many groups all over the world, even to this very day, but they live secretly and quietly behind the noise and babble of the market place) – these quiet and holy men live their lives in service according to their knowledge, in service to their brother man. They do not fear death. There is no death. They know that the spirit rises free from the tomb of physical matter. This is the truth which mankind has to learn, and the sooner he learns it, the sooner will come a better state of life on your earth because no man, knowing these profound and eternal truths can live to himself alone. He knows. He *knows* and he is part of all other life. He knows that he is part of the Great White Spirit, and if he inflicts suffering on his fellow creatures or his fellow beings, he is inflicting it on himself.

This is our last word to you, dear earthly brethren. When the time comes, as it does to everyone in due course, for you to lay aside your physical body or even to see a loved one of yours withdraw from the physical body, don't concentrate your thoughts on that physical body. That physical body disintegrates and goes the way ordained for it by Mother Earth, by Mother Nature. But just above that still form you will see the gates will open or the veil of materialism of the earthly life will be drawn aside. You will see the spirit of your loved one freed to a world of heavenly beauty. You will see him or her overwhelmed with joy to meet loved ones who have long since passed away. Joy to see their hopes coming to them realised, for you will see that they meet in a heavenly garden, in heavenly scenery and in beauty indescribable by earthly language. And more than this, you will see upon their faces the

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heavenly happiness which fills their hearts when they find that there is no death. *There is no death.*

And this is what the Master Jesus demonstrated to all mankind. He rose again, but not only in spirit did he rise. But he had the power which he had attained by his life, his knowledge, to raise the physical body, the very atoms of the physical body into a perfectly whole vehicle. And this the records prove to you, for many people saw Jesus walking along the road. They saw him come into the closed and barred room. They saw him break the bread and invoke the blessing of his Heavenly Father on the food which he distributed to his disciples. You may take these stories as you like, but they were both physical demonstrations of a profound spiritual truth. And so, beloved children, may you all awake and rise on this glorious Easter Day, this Sun day, the day of the Sun, the day of thanksgiving. May you all rise into the consciousness of the eternal and heavenly life, perfectly whole, perfect health, no inhibitions, only of ignorance. This is your future resurrection and the life in God.

And the form of the Lord Jesus can now be seen through that gateway, through those curtains. Use your creative mind, the mind of your imagination. See his form in all its simple beauty, clothed in that white, that spotless white garment. He holds to you the symbols of the bread, the heavenly bread, the word of God, and the goblet of heavenly wine, the divine essence. He says, 'The bread of my heavenly Father, the essence of divine Spirit in the wine. Brethren, take and eat in your consciousness of this heavenly bread, and be sustained and filled spiritually. Sip the grape juice, the heavenly wine, the essence of life, the essence of my love and the Father-Mother God's love for you.'

And the heavenly choirs are singing the Gloria. Hear them with your spiritual hearing. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

We thank Thee. We thank Thee.

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