

The White Brotherhood

A057 Sunday Address 19th April 1939 Edinburgh Wednesday meeting

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

Text: extracts given in *Angelus*, May 1939; there is another record of the talk which is an even briefer extract. It has been typed for this sequence and carries no date except 1939, with the title given as 'The Temple of the Body'. There are some variations, but it is difficult without knowing when the short extract was issued to assume a primacy of one over the other.

Context: evidently a special midweek meeting in Edinburgh. The July 1939 *Angelus* leads on the intended foundation of a White Eagle Lodge in Hanover St, Edinburgh; its opening was announced in *Angelus* for April 1940, although the opening service was scheduled for 6th October 1939 (September 1939 *Angelus*) and maybe postponed. The March 1939 *Angelus* gives the address of the Edinburgh group at 8 Rosebery Crescent, so that was probably where this service took place. Rosebery Crescent is in the West End, close to Haymarket Station.

General notes: although this seems to have been a public address, it feels that it is very much addressed to White Eagle brethren specifically. Nonetheless note the reference to 'speaking to the young people'. It may have been a service intended to bring people together for the sake of the new Lodge. *References:* the reference near the beginning to 'the Adam, the man of earth' is from a continuing iconography surrounding 'the old Adam' in which Jesus is 'the new Adam'.

(Being Extracts from an Address given on April 19th, by White Eagle to Members of the Edinburgh Group of the White Brotherhood and their friends.)

White Eagle's Address:

How do you make ready? What is the work of the Brotherhood in this beautiful city of Edinburgh? Oh, how privileged are you residents of Edinburgh, because here is a centre of particular spiritual power, which calls you to awaken and do your work as men and women of the New Age. In our little Brotherhood we are not perfect – we cannot expect perfection because the earth man is not yet ready. You must progress patiently, humbly; but you can work in simplicity. When you come into the brotherhood, my beloved brothers, you are beset with many difficulties and temptations; and you find little rough corners – and your brothers also feel rough corners. Oh we know, we know! But you see, coming into the Brotherhood means that you are ready to make every effort to overcome the Adam, the man of earth. We do not listen to the excuse 'We are only human, and so must have many shortcomings'. We recognise that man is divine and has divine attributes, divine aspirations. It is this divine man which we are striving to bring into operation in the Brotherhood.

This Brotherhood is just a beginning; it makes way for the greater brotherhood to eventually exist on the earth plane. Only through the purification and aspiration and endeavour of the individual brethren will the brotherhood of man eventually rule over all the earth; brotherhood, first of all in the domestic affairs of man, and then in the national and finally the international life. We learn in this Brotherhood to control the baser instincts; we strive through aspiration to contact the angelic forces, the Christ power; we work, putting self aside, for the good of others, for the good of humanity. We do not talk to others and try to teach them how to live their life – we get on with our own life, and strive to live it wisely and purely and kindly. What our brother does is not our affair, unless he falls, and then we stop

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instantly and pick him up and comfort him. We do not dictate to him how to live his own life, remember. We have sufficient to do to live our own lives in the Christ way.

The Masters of the Wisdom have sent through a certain injunction to the brothers, and this is to purify the temple of the living God – the physical body of man. As soon as man realises that his body is his Temple, he endeavours to treat his body with the same courtesy and gentleness as God Himself regards it. It behoves all of us, when we realise this mighty truth, that the body is indeed the Temple of the Spirit, to keep our bodies unsullied, to keep them pure.

I am speaking now to the young people – remember, my sons and daughters, that your body is the Temple of God. All the functions of the human body should be used to glorify and thank God for your creation. Your body is the instrument for God's work; through your body comes the power to create bodies for incoming egos. What a sacred work is given to you in the functions of your physical body! God will use the gifts which you give Him to glorify the earth. Through your physical body you will be able to work in partnership with God. According to your purity and love of God, you will be enabled to attract – to the physical body which you can create – those highly evolved souls who are waiting to come into incarnation, to be born into pure bodies that will give them every opportunity in the great work of bringing brotherhood upon earth.

And to our elder brothers. again we say: it is within your power to keep your body pure, to eat wisely, to eat pure food and not to eat too much. It is your duty to keep your body in health, not to allow it to be overstrained. Do not try to work too hard, and each day open the channel for the inflow of the Christ Spirit, that your body may be illumined by the Son of God. So will you meet your fellow men with a blessing issuing from your heart; your hands possess the power to heal, your words to comfort those who mourn, who are distressed; and your very aura carry with it the radiance, so that every soul you encounter may feel better for having come into touch with you.

We can all be like that. This is the work of the Brotherhood, to carry purity and holiness – but we beg you not to be sanctimonious! We do not want this! What we like to see is a glorious humanity – be human, be happy, but be pure. Be sincere, be true and real, and you will walk the path of life with Christ by your side and with angels round your head. You will be doing the work of the Master.

Have we time to impress upon you the crying need today of humanity internationally? First, the brothers must endeavour to be real and pure in themselves, channels through which this great Christ Light may shine. The purpose then of the groups of the White Brotherhood is that these individuals shall group together and become a great blaze of light. The Brotherhood group when in meditation is a channel for rays of the spiritual power which pour through the group and become like searchlights. They are directed to men in authority and can strengthen these men and help to dispel any darkness and evil gathered around them.

You are needed – oh, so needed! The effort of every individual on earth is valuable at the present time, to keep the balance on the side of good. Remember that there is a very strong pull of the so called evil or dark aspect of life. But the earth is plunging forward into the New

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Age of spirit, a very difficult period, when there could so easily be an overbalance, and the civilisations of the present day be plunged to destruction.

But we see such a wonderful response from the brethren of earth that we are confident that all will be well and civilisation will be saved from destruction. Any many more millions of souls will go through this cycle of life into the life eternal of God and Christ.

Peace we leave with you...

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