

No War Prophecies

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Invocation:

Almighty and eternal Spirit, our Father–Mother God, we pray that all present may be receptive to the flood of light which floweth from Thy heart of peace. In Thy great mercy catch up these children to Thy heart, so that within the light and power of the true spiritual life they may be sustained and know truth, and thus become radiating centres of peace, love and joy. We pray that the beauty and presence of the spirit of Christ, the Lord God of earth's humanity, may manifest to our waiting hearts.

Amen.

This sanctuary is filled with radiant forms, angelic and human. We pray that every soul present will be aware of their companionship. Raise your consciousness above the fears and turmoil of the earth and it is like ascending from a fog into peace and beauty, like quitting a wilderness grown barren and ugly and stunted, and following a path into a beautiful garden fragrant with flowers and the song of birds and running water, beautified by sunlight, by colour of flowers and trees. In such a garden God speaks to man*. God does not speak—at least His voice cannot be heard—in the market place. The market place means the material earth. God's voice is heard in the peace and tranquillity of the garden of the spirit.

*[*For editorial policy around gender, see the introduction.]*

This garden has grown familiar to us and probably also to you, but not necessarily in a garden only can the voice of God be heard. We ourselves have a favourite retreat set by the side of a great, blue, still lake, surrounded by mountains, often crowned by rose and gold at dawn, or sometimes shrouded in a soft white mist. We often rest here beneath tall and graceful pines, inhaling the freshness and fragrance of the air of heaven. In these conditions we commune with God.

You also need to retire to a similar place within your own consciousness, and then you will become aware of the eternal presence of God. At such times when you hold communion the voice of truth speaks. You know then that God is wise, you see the grandeur of His plan, you know that all is working out for good. This message we bring this night. Some have been puzzled over words of ours concerning the great confusion existing on earth. We would once more assure you that when you enter the garden of truth, the garden of the spirit in your true home on those higher spheres, you know that all is well.

Humanity has freewill choice—never forget this—opportunity there has often been for the settlement of human problems and difficulties by way of brotherhood. But for lack of confidence in brotherhood, peace would have prevailed, but humanity has freewill choice. The opportunity presents itself every day to take the higher way (which is always the most difficult way for the materially-minded), but if mankind cannot thus respond; if a man, if a nation, if a world rejects such opportunity, then it has to learn its lesson by taking the other path, the path of suffering and difficulty. But these two paths lie close together and can cross again at any moment. Humanity can respond nobly and spiritually to the voice of God, but humanity has not yet sufficient confidence in God's voice (although at the present time it is

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making a valiant effort); there is not sufficient good thought, or God-thought, in the world, and this, brethren, is the reason why we have been told by the hierarchies to stress without ceasing a message of peace and goodwill, to urge men continually forward on the constructive path. This we shall continue to do. This should be your way also, my brethren, you who, having once seen the Light, must keep yourselves positive, knowing that brotherhood and goodwill is the only possible way for humanity, and eventually will be established on earth.

Our friends and brothers have been bewildered. Why do we persist in sending forth the positive, constructive thought heralding the coming of peace? Because 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God'*. Before the coming of the world the thought of God created that which was created, and the 'word', the thought of peace and goodwill which the angels and the teachers continually send through to the earth plane, comes so insistently because the teachers, the planetary lords, are endeavouring to sound the creative 'Word' of peace and brotherhood. We see no other condition on earth but peace. Men live as in a dark house, truly blackened out, and cannot see that which lies close, much less the prospect to come. Lift up the blinds of your soul; that is attune yourselves in your daily thoughts and aspirations, so that the windows of your soul, the seven centres of the soul, may become quickened, so that the soul can look forth with a clear, unhampered vision and see all around the process of birth, of construction, of growth.

*[*John 1 : 1]*

This struggle for brotherhood was bound to come. A new order must arise, because we are in the age (or advancing into) the age of Aquarius; it is written in the heavens, the stars have foretold it. Many say that the stars have foretold incorrectly. No, beloved, the stars do not lie. They are messengers of cosmic truth; they do not make mistakes, but man with insufficient knowledge rushes in and strives to interpret the meaning of the stars from his own spiritual level, and so there appear to be mistakes or predictions not fulfilled. If you read esoterically the message in the heavens, you will read the whole not a part only. That is what many do to our messages; you take a few words out of the context and you say 'White Eagle said so-and-so', but if you studied the whole picture and read carefully, you would get a different interpretation.

In the message of the stars, read esoterically, you will see the opportunities which God meant man to take. The heavenly influences were offering opportunities, and there was a possibility that humanity could and would take the right-hand path, but humanity was not strong enough, so it had to follow for a little while, for a few steps, the left-hand path. But God, in His love, brings the left-hand path back again until it meets the right-hand path once more, and again comes opportunity for reconstruction and peace. But no, the thought, the will, is not yet strong enough, there is still selfishness and brutality in men's hearts and so another lesson must be learnt and mankind endure and suffer in the learning, but again the two paths will meet.

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It is said that the innocent suffer for the guilty. It appears so, but no: a law, an outworking of karma is at work, and those who apparently suffer without cause are actually passing through a condition which they themselves have created in their souls at some time, somewhere. They may not necessarily have any conscious memory of it, but as a result of purging and suffering that soul is cleansed; for the pure and perfect wedding garment must be donned before the soul can enter into the true beauties and mysteries in God's heaven.

We want you to know these things. We want you to get a wider vision of the present condition of the earth. When we say that we can see a possibility of peace coming, we mean it, and we *do* see it. We would lead you on in hope, in joy. Cannot you see, beloved, that we endeavour to lead you onwards so that you follow the right-hand path of Light. You must ally yourselves with the forces of God and the good and leave that which is of the left-hand side alone. Hold in your heart a consistent thought of God's love, in spite of all bodily suffering know that God is working out a plan far wiser and grander than any that man could conceive. Cannot you have confidence in your Creator and trust His love?

These truths of the spirit are not modern. They were created before your universe was born. They are eternal, cosmic truths and were taught by the angels and the God-men and great lords, millions of years ago. The same fundamental truths exist today: 'As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.' These are not our own ideas but are fundamental truths of the Ancient Wisdom, enshrined in all ancient religions. In the Christian Bible you have a re-statement. The Old Testament is a book of deep occult law. If you study and meditate upon it, you will read in it profound occult and mystical truth; you will begin to understand that the teachings of Moses were the Ancient Wisdom, brought from Atlantis and established in Egypt. Moses was an Egyptian initiate of high degree. In the story of the building of the tabernacle you have symbolised the greater and the lesser mysteries; that is to say there is presented there the mysteries of the heavens and the universe, and also the lesser mysteries of man's body and soul and spirit. You will find in the Bible the symbolism of the zodiac; you will notice the signs of the zodiac introduced even in the building of the tabernacle by Moses. The wilderness wherein his people wandered is that wilderness of the world, the material life, and where you also are wandering. Do you remember the murmurings there were? The people were kept wandering in the wilderness because they were not ready to enter the Promised Land. The murmurings are still heard today. People want to penetrate the mysteries, to know what is going on, to know what their teacher is doing on the mountain top. And whilst he is there receiving the laws of God, receiving truth and guidance for them, the children run off and build a golden calf and fall down and worship Mammon, because they have not yet the vision of God. Yet they cry out all the time for more knowledge; they would force the inner mysteries. They would rush up the mountain and hear what God is saying, but they are not prepared, they have not donned the wedding garment. We are told how the raiment of Moses shone as he came down from the mountain because, in that high state of illumination, he was radiant with the glorious light of God. We can catch a vision of God only as a great light which brings to our souls assurance, courage, tranquillity, love and assurance that all is well.

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In the building of the tabernacle you will find references to the signs of the zodiac. You will find references to Capricorn in the curtains made of goat's hair, to the sign of Scorpio [in] the White Eagle, to the sign of Leo which was the sign of Judah, and so on and so on. We shall have to go more deeply into these matters. Tonight we briefly explain that the wisdom of the heavens was represented in the building of that tabernacle and later in the building of the temple. The altar was built in the centre, we learn, whereon sweet incense was burnt so that the perfume ascended to heaven. For this we may substitute the throat centre, the larynx, from which should ascend sweet words, sweet incense to heaven: prayer and aspiration.

What of the burnt offerings? An ox was taken, we are told, and slain before the altar; it has been thought for many years that this sacrifice actually took place, but behind this symbolism is something quite different. The ox or bull represents the earthly sign, Taurus—the body. The bodily self must be laid upon the altar and sacrificed before the candidate for the mysteries could advance. It is exactly the same today. The earthiness of man is represented by the bull or Taurus; this has to be laid aside, sacrificed, before the soul can advance. We can read many wonderful truths in the Bible. The Old Testament is a book worth studying and meditating upon, particularly when you have knowledge of astrology and of masonry, because the symbolism of both is enshrined in the words of the Old Testament.

The truth given to the Hebrews was given again to the Greeks, to the Christians and is being given again to the brotherhoods of the new age. All truth is the same, and deals with the lesser mysteries which are the inner knowledge of man's being and the way of man's spiritual unfoldment, and the greater mysteries which concern the signs and wonders of the heaven. These things are coming back. The shell is being broken. It is a very uncomfortable process to have the outer shell shattered but is what is happening. If you can see the happenings of today in this light you will be unperturbed and indeed, joyful. With the destruction of that which is not wanted will be the coming to fruition of the seed, the kernel of life. 'As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.' Humanity marches forward, sometimes kicking and struggling, but still goes forward into the great understanding of God's love and His perfect ideal or thought for man. Man advances towards the perfect man, even the Son of God.

Q. Do you, when prognosticating in individual cases, follow the same lines as you have outlined tonight?

A. We have one purpose in our work on earth and that is to help our brother man to learn his lessons. We bring to individuals the light as it has been revealed to us. We endeavour to inspire every individual, so that man sees through lighted windows, not darkened ones which take all hope away. In every case there is always the possibility of reaching upward to the right-hand path, just as man may fall through self-will or a lower instinct, failing to respond to the light which is coming towards him. We endeavour to help men to achieve that object, to follow the light and constructive power. If we took all hope away and said 'No, I see nothing before you but darkness, you will surely fail' we should be guilty of a great sin*. Remember, that whilst we say 'Yes, all will be well', all *could be* well. There is always that possibility if the soul can respond sufficiently to the help which is always given.

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*[*White Eagle's use of the term 'sin' here is characteristic of the context of the 1930s in which this teaching was given and does not imply condemnation. White Eagle does not judge human behaviour and feelings.]*

Q.Then it is the man or woman who falsifies a prophecy?

A.I do not like the word 'falsify'. I would rather say that prophecies fail because the individual is unable to respond to his opportunities. Life is full of opportunities.

Q.Then it is not really possible to prophesy accurately astrologically, from the natal chart?

A.Have you not noticed that when there are what you call good aspects in a map, there is always some little bad aspect lurking there which may trip you up? You never get perfectly clear 'good aspects'. There you have the whole picture.

Q.You mean that it is difficult to tell whether the individual will respond to the good or the bad aspects?

A.Exactly, that is where freewill comes in.

Q.Are not big things such as marriage and the birth of children definitely shown in a map?

A.There are certain fundamentals, the girders of the structure are put in for you, but the lily-work is yours. But I would not like to say that every horoscope that indicates marriage necessarily means that there will be a physical marriage. Many of the astrological implications can refer to spiritual experiences. Experiences indicated in a map do not necessarily work out on the physical but on the soul, or celestial plane. Unless the astrologer is highly advanced and can see the past incarnations of the native and can read the aura and what is written in the causal body, I think it would be impossible to decide.

Q.Is it possible to miss opportunities?

A.I think one can miss them, but usually through self-will. I doubt if one loses an opportunity through ignorance. I think that God and the angels working under the direction of the Lords of Karma make opportunities fairly clear. You could lose it by wilfully turning your back—'I won't do that because it means sacrifice'. If the spirit is always on the alert and always ready to do that which it recognises as service to humanity, then all is well. Opportunities are made quite clear, but they can be missed through selfishness.

Q.Is it possible for anyone to make a major mistake—to take the wrong turning, to choose the wrong path instead of the right?

A.That is a wide question, which needs careful answering. I do not think in a major event affecting the whole incarnation the soul can make a mistake. A deep intuition will urge the soul to take a certain path, and even if it appears to be wrong to all onlookers, the soul unconsciously knows that it has to tread that path, for karma is directing the soul. I think this

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would rank as one of the major pillars in the construction of the temple and the soul could not go wrong. It is in little things that more play is given.

Q.It is possible that the soul may think it has taken the wrong path because it brings him a great deal of trouble?

A.The outer mind might decide that a mistake had been made, but the higher mind would know better. We are not so concerned with the outer mind, as with the progress of the soul. The outer mind may decide that even with spirit guidance there has been a mistake made, but the outer mind does not understand all the spiritual laws lying behind the life of man; it pulls in a different direction. In the case of any important event there is a strong intuition at work, but the outer mind will argue and say ‘my common sense tells me it is wrong, not wise’, and yet something urges the soul onward. Sometimes trifling events—a careless word, the missing of a train, the picking up of a book—will change a whole life. You will say ‘If it had not been for this trivial thing the whole course of my life would have been different!’, but the trivial thing has happened. The angels and the Lords of Karma have been watching closely. ‘For He has given His angels charge over thee ... lest thou dash thy foot against a stone’.*

[*Psalms 91 : 11-12]

I leave you with a thought. I do not want you to say ‘White Eagle said peace is coming tomorrow’, but I say that peace is likely to come at any moment. From our side we see big and sudden events, almost cataclysmic. Keep the thought in your mind that any day may bring the cessation of hostilities. Any day the bubble may burst.

Benediction:

Put your hand into the hand of God and go forth into life trusting God and His eternal wisdom and His love and His justice. Let us pray that the peace of the eternal Spirit of Peace may rest and abide in our souls henceforth and for evermore.

Amen.

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