

# White unto Harvest

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*Text:* blue carbon of one of MB's typescripts. The address was printed in the August–September 1959 *Stella Polaris*, whence the title, 'White unto Harvest'. Both sides of the back sheet of paper are covered in YGH's handwriting, and appear to be attempts at an advertising blurb for a new White Eagle book.

*Context:* the typist lists two anthems separately, with the readings in between them, which would suggest that the first – which she gives as 'The Heavens declare Thy Glory' but was probably 'The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God' from Haydn's *Creation* – was sung as an Introit, the second as a quiet anthem prior to White Eagle's address. The latter was Bach's 'Sheep may safely graze'. This was written as a soprano aria in a secular cantata of 1713 ('the Hunting Cantata'), and though it is often played as a piano or organ solo, a choir arrangement does exist, adding three parts below the soprano. Brother Faithful tells us at the end that the final hymn was 'God is working his purpose out' – words of A C Ainger, dating from 1894. It is difficult to imagine this powerful hymn being sung quietly or while remaining seated, as Brother Faithful asked.

The readings are given as 'Selected verses from 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Mark's Gospel and the 82<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the Aquarian Gospel'. The former contains the parable of the sower, while the latter describes how after meeting the woman at the well in Samaria Jesus speaks to the multitude who then gather. His opening words, relevant to harvest, are given in 'References', below. White Eagle had spoken of the parable of the sower at the New Lands harvest service a week previously. There is a communion. A remark of White Eagle's would imply that there had been a very rainy start to the autumn.

*General Notes:* White Eagle nicely introduces his listeners as the children of Mother Earth. More than usually, this is a harvest address built on a particular phrase of Jesus's – that the fields are ripe unto harvest, but the labourers are few. He stresses that the ability to see into the spirit realm is an actual gift to each human being, from God, although somewhat lost. 'You are labourers in the fields' is another overriding message. Much is said about the seed, as well as the harvest, and White Eagle offers a very beautiful quotation from the Aquarian Gospel, again given in 'References', although what he offers is about 'human obstacles' and the full quotation is about the artificial separation that exists between human beings. White Eagle says, definitively, that 'No man is different from his brother man. There is no difference in colour, class or creed.' There is teaching about the restoration of balance between the masculine and the feminine, and White Eagle reiterates, 'God wants to see his children living in a Garden of Eden, even on the physical plane'. He very strongly insists that it is only because humanity broke the law of love and killed animals for food that men and women are plagued by war, and he predicts that in fifty years there will be 'very, very few animals slain for food'. Sixty-four years on this prophecy has not quite been realised, but there are at least signs that it may come about, to ensure there is enough food for all. When White Eagle talks about 'historic remnants' suggestive of Divine Mother worship, we think he means the great monuments of antiquity, earth monuments, carvings and stones. He speaks of one in the congregation who has 'set in motion a great spiritual power'. It is unclear who this might have been. The prophesy following immediately after, about life being found on other planets, is perhaps a little further away from being realised.

*References:* the key words which led to Chapter 82 of the Aquarian Gospel being read were probably: 6 When Jesus saw them come he said to those who followed him, You need not say, It is four months before the harvest time; 7 Behold, the harvest time is now. Lift up your eyes and look; the fields are golden with the ripened grain. 8 Lo, many sowers have gone forth to sow the seeds of life; the seed has grown; the plants have strengthened in the summer sun; the grain has ripened, and the master calls for men to reap. 'A breath of love will sweep away all the obstacles of material life' is verse 22 of the chapter of the Aquarian Gospel: in full, 'The lines that separate the sons of men are made of straw, and just a single breath of love would blow them all away. The paragraph beginning 'Now when the sower goes forth' alludes both to the parable of the sower in

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Mark and the text quoted. White Eagle also speaks of someone in the congregation having 'set in motion in your world a great spiritual power'. It's unclear who he might have been referring to – perhaps some highly influential but little known person, unless it was Muriel, Lady Dowding, who was a very good friend and a founder of the organisation known as Beauty without cruelty.

## White Eagle's Address:

We come from the world of spirit to speak with you, to sow a few seeds in anticipation of a beautiful harvest. All around us we are aware of the gifts of Mother Earth and her children, for you have brought these gifts and the Great Mother Earth has produced them for you to give.

Firstly we would raise your thoughts and your souls to a world of spirit above this dark physical plane of life upon which you normally live. But we would emphasise, dear brethren of earth, that you also live in a world of spirit – but man's eyes are not often open to the beauties, the richness of that world which is all around him. And here with you on this festive occasion are so many illumined souls of men and women. Some of them are your own personal guides. For every soul on the earth plane has a guardian angel and a guide, but man does not make himself receptive, not consciously receptive, to the love and the wisdom and the guidance which can be his. Tonight they are very close to you. The veil between our worlds is thin and, by the power of love, devotion and prayer, you can so easily penetrate that veil. And you can see with your inner vision; with the eyes of your celestial body you can see the beautiful world in spirit. This beautiful world is the creation of God.

What do we mean by God? We mean the Great White Spirit which is truth, which is love, which is goodness. The Spirit which is not only around you and manifesting through the glories of the spirit land, but also manifesting through the earth plane, through physical matter, and above all through humankind – through you, dear brother and sister.

This sweet love and wisdom is here with you, but it is so frequently buried deep, deep within the many shells or coverings which man has collected round himself. But the seed lies buried deep within, and this is what you and we have to explain to our younger brethren. We have to help them through love and wisdom to understand the purpose of their incarnation – and that, deep within the soul, is the seed atom, the atom which is a part of the great permeating Spirit. And it has been planted in the heart of man, and it is a gift which we have all received from our Creator.

We want you here tonight not only to listen to words. We want you to reach out your auras, your soul feelers, and touch those worlds of truth and eternal life, so that you may receive strength, food – spiritual food – which you need for your service to life, the whole of life: not only life on the physical plane, life in all those other planes which your soul when it expands will touch.

You heard tonight that the harvest is ripe. You do not have to wait for the future to come to you. The future is here, now. It is all with you. What you are now is what you will be

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tomorrow. You are told that the fields are ripe unto harvest, but the labourers are few. Are you a labourer? Will you become a labourer and labour in the fields, in the spiritual fields, to gather the harvest; your harvest? And whatever you receive in the form of a golden harvest of spiritual happiness and wellbeing, you will share with all those around you. No man can reap a spiritual harvest without sharing it, without taking his gifts to his brother man.

God has provided you with a golden spiritual harvest. We have already explained to you that all around you are worlds of spiritual beauty, and you may enter those worlds if you will. But you have to labour. Remember, man is a labourer in the field of the harvest. You cannot gather in a harvest without effort, without work. No, there must be effort, but effort of the right kind.

This, dear brethren, is a lesson which all must learn on the earth plane. Man, in his physical body, becomes over-eager. He wants to crash the gates of heaven. He wants to rush forward and take before he is ready to appreciate, to understand those spiritual treasures that his mind tells him may be there but which he has to slowly advance towards. The seed, the spiritual seed, is planted in every soul. The seed atom rests in the heart, the chakra of the heart. It is the jewel shining within the lotus. And that seed is a precious gift that man has received. He has yet to learn how precious is that gift of the seed of eternal life and unfoldment: the seed which gives man entrance onto a path of eternal progress, not only through this physical world but in the glorious spirit worlds which are beyond – and not only beyond this physical planet, this earth planet, but going, travelling, in rivers of light to other planets and worlds and systems. Man has no conception of the glory of the life which awaits him. Those of you who find life a little dreary and irksome and uncomfortable – perhaps with too much work pressing on you – perhaps with very limited scope for your aspirations and the work that you would like to do, will you remember that your feet are upon a path of eternal progression? And that within you is a seed which is taking root in the eternal scheme of life?

It is growing slowly, very very slowly, but it is growing in everyone. No man is different from his brother man. There is no difference in colour, class or creed. All men are the creatures of God. This should help man to approach his brother man with confidence and with love in his heart. As your reading said, ‘A breath of love will sweep away all the obstacles of material life’.

Now when the sower goes forth to sow his seed, he has to leave his seed alone with God. The seed cannot be disturbed. We are talking about the human sower, the human farmer, when we say the sower who has sown his seed in the earth. He has to resign his seed to Mother Earth, to the Great Mother. He cannot disturb it and pull it up to see if it is sprouting. He has to leave it, in confidence that a miracle will take place. And when seeds are sown, bulbs are sown, surely a miracle takes place. In due season man is fed by the corn and the fruits and the berries of the earth, fed so abundantly with this pure and lovely food.

Man is not always content with the product of the Great Mother, the Divine Mother working through matter. He has to slay his brother to eat. He has to shed the blood of a brother animal to satisfy his appetite; the appetite of the flesh, of the lower nature. But man has done this for

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thousands of years and, since he took his brother animal for food, he created a condition on the earth plane of conflict and war.

You dear, dear brethren, you question why there are such terrible weapons of war now being created on your earth, and you wonder why God permits it. We know the questions which rise in your minds so frequently. The answer to this one is [that] God does not want war, nor destruction. God wants to see his children living in a Garden of Eden, even on the physical plane. He wants to see them living together as brothers. He has given them the fruits of the garden to sustain him [*sic*], to sustain his physical life, and it is because man, for thousands of years, has broken the law of love, slain his brother animal for food, that war exists; and these terrible weapons of destruction have been created by man's mind. And whether you like it or not, it is true. His lust, passions, fear for one [*sic*], fear and desire to gain supremacy over brother man – you see, one thing leads to another – and when the spiritual law is broken there must be suffering and chaos. Think it over, dear brethren, for we assure you, we assure you that in the days that are coming – and not so very far distant if the labourers are in the harvest fields to gather in the harvest – there will be established on your earth an entirely new regime, a new life. And we predict that in fifty years from now there will be very few animals slain for food. Mankind will have seen a more glorious vision of life as it should be lived in those higher spheres, yes – and amongst the brethren of other planets in your solar system.

Now you may discredit these worlds which are being spoken of, but you will live to recognise the truth. In the beginning, as far as we can call it the beginning – shall we say in ancient days, because there could not be a beginning without an end – and as we know there is no ending we know there can be no beginning. But it is an impossible thing for you, with a finite mind, to comprehend the infinite, so what you cannot comprehend, do not reject. Just leave it until you have the power and the vision to understand. But there was a time in ancient days when the creatures and mankind on the earth worshipped the produce of the earth, and through their worship of this recurring life, they began to worship the Great Mother, the Great Mother-God. Now your religious histories and – remember – historic remnants teach man today that the Great Mother, who produced life in all its forms, was worshipped as God, the Creator.

The Mother produced life, recurring life, and Mother Earth gave evidence and proof to humanity that life came from her. Hence we have that worship, that matriarchal worship, and later on there was introduced patriarchal worship. The minds of men become dominant and the Great Mother receded. But it is coming back, this partnership, this perfect duality Father–Mother God. And you are seeing, even in your ordinary worldly life today, you are seeing this rise of womanhood. The balance is being restored on the earth plane. There is coming the recognition of the need for these two aspects of life; the father and the mother. Womanhood is going to be restored, not as a superior, but as a partner. It is the perfect balance with the father which is what the world has lacked for centuries.

We say here to our dear sisters in this congregation, remember the dignity of the calling and of your sex, and rise as ministering angels to assist in the upliftment of mankind to become –you to become – labourers in the harvest fields.

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You see the vision which we are striving to unfold before you all? But do not force evolution, but be ready when the spirit urges, when the spirit calls, to rise up and do your part now, women. And we are saying this tonight because there is someone here in this congregation who, through obeying the voice and the urge of pure spirit, has set in motion in your world a great spiritual power. Now spiritual power does not always present itself to you as a spiritual power. You cannot always see how good power works through ordinary life, through ordinary men and women. This is what this one, who is here tonight, has done. We have to say to them from the Great Brotherhood in Spirit, we recognise, we thank you. And millions of people will thank you, although they know you not, and maybe will never know you. You see the mother influence can be the power behind the throne, for good.

Sisters, never forget your sacred obligation – and those of you who find life so tiresome, things won't work quickly enough for you – will you remember not to keep on pulling up the roots and having a look to see how things are getting on? Be patient. Do what the farmer has to do. He has to have confidence in the powers that be, confidence in the earth, confidence that the Sun will shine and the rain will come – which reminds us to say to you, [that] you have had, you think, too much rain. Remember this, what would you do if you had no rain? But, of course, man is never satisfied. He wants it exactly right; not too hot, not too cold, not too wet, not too dry. He wants it all his own way. But what does he do himself to produce that perfect balance? That is the question.

And you see, when man can learn to balance within himself, and brings about balance between the sexes and between the spiritual life and the physical life; when he creates the right and perfect conditions from his own soul – then he will have it exactly as he wants it.

Now you may think that we are facetious, but we do assure you that this is what happens in those higher spheres of life. And this is what happens on some of the more advanced planets because humanity there have learnt the lessons that are necessary to enable him to put into operation the law, the divine law of equilibrium – and this produces the perfect life.

When we said that the fields are white unto harvest, and you can be harvesters now, do you see what we mean? Spiritual life is there for you to garner. It does not matter what the man next door does, or the man in the other country does. But this lesson has yet to be learnt – it matters what *you* do in your thoughts and actions.

Dear brethren, we have spoken direct[ly] to you because you are grown men and women and you are ready to hear truth. But we hand this message to you with all love, *all love*. We are spokesman for the White Brotherhood – who are watching and helping the advancement of man's evolution, advancement towards a perfect life, which will be happiness.

We thank all you dear friends for bringing your gifts to this Harvest Festival, the material gifts to help forward the work of bringing about a rich spiritual harvest for humanity.

And we also thank you for your spiritual gifts. By spiritual gifts we mean the gift of loving service, kindness one to the other, harmony in this Lodge, comfort to those who are sad, and healing to the sick.

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For all these spiritual gifts in the spiritual harvest, we thank you all.

Now as we leave this physical body, as we withdraw to our own place in the Eternal Life, we have to bring to you the vision of the Lord Christ. Here in your midst see Him as you will, but we see Him as a perfect man, perfect features, very tall in stature, blue eyes, golden radiance, white robe. Oh, but the aura is so brilliant!

He is bringing the symbols of the wheat and the grapes. The Bread of life; take it, accept it, eat it. It means accept your daily karma. This is eating the Bread because it is feeding your soul, teaching you the great lessons of truth. He offers the grapes. We see them being crushed in the wine press. The juice falls into the Cup, the Grail Cup. It is the symbol of your heart. The Wine, the divine essence of life, is given to you to give you strength and sustenance. It enables you to have a perfect healthy life, not only here on this plane, but all through the path of Light across to Eternity.

Peace be with you all. Good go with you. Amen. Amen. Amen.

### Brother Faithful:

Remaining seated and quietly, we will sing our closing hymn no. 300 – ‘God is working His purpose out’.

*The search matches with either words and phrases, which appear in the text, or the following ‘key’ words and phrases, which are similar in meaning to those in the document:*

*intuition, communion, inner eyes, spiritual vision, heaven world, spirit world, service, seasons, path of the soul, spiritual path, initiation, patience, vegetarianism, vegetarian diet, vegan, fighting, violence, peace, equality, gender inequality, women’s rights, feminism, Divine Mother, mother goddess, sisterhood*