

# This Easter Day!

A103 Sunday Address 5th April 1942 St Mary Abbots Place, London Easter

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*General Notes: a general discussion of the Easter message culminating in a review of the parable of the prodigal son. The phrase, 'I will arise!' (see References) is in many ways the keynote of this address.*

*References: 'Lo, I am with you always' and 'before Abraham was, I am' are Matthew 28 : 20 and John 8 : 58 respectively. 'Why seek ye the living among the dead?' is Luke 24 : 5. The Parable of the Prodigal is Luke 15 : 11-32. The words 'I will arise and go to my father' are non-biblical.*

## White Eagle's Address:

We hesitate to break the silence within your hearts, for you must have all felt the blessing descending from heaven.

It is Easter Day, the day on which the Christian celebrates the arising of Christ from death. Such an event as this is not confined to the earth plane alone. We would like to tell those who aspire to the heavens on such powerful days that a blessing of infinite power and glory enters their hearts. It is a sad thing to see humanity, particularly in the western world, dying; we do not mean what you would think. Listen, my brethren: all men encased in materialism, all men who live only the material life, are either dead or dying men. The only men who live are those who strive to follow a spiritual path. This is not attained by book learning or by lip service; it is not confined to the high and mighty in the land, nor to those of great education, nor yet to the lowly and humble. It is open to all. As soon as a man or woman, however humble, however mighty in the land, in simplicity and with a great yearning, looks up to the Creator, Father–Mother God, then the aspirant immediately becomes alive.

He is his own priest; she is her own priestess. Let us make this point clear to all. A man must aspire direct to God, without any intermediary. Nothing should interfere between the soul of man and its Creator, because scientifically there are two aspects to all created life: the Father, the Mother – the positive, the negative – and from the Father–Mother God is born the Son of God. Every man is born a son of God, but many do not know this yet.

This is the great sorrow of humanity. This is why the saints of all ages have loved humanity, because the saints have found the way home unto God. This is resurrection. They know that all men have been given this divine birthright, the birthright of the Son of God within them; and because the Saints have seen the glory of God they love their fellow men. They labour incessantly for man; they live not in the midst of men, but also in the heart of God.

We come from the invisible to speak this message to your hearts on this resurrection day. Forms and conditions of life decay, pass away, and a new life takes their place. Life is ever progressive, but the Spirit of God, the divine Spirit, lives on. This is your destiny. Think, *your*

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*destiny*. Then on this Easter Day raise your hearts in thanksgiving to God for His gift to you. You may suffer today because you dwell in a prisonhouse forged by material thought, material life, but as soon as you strive to find a way out – up, up through the heart and head to God – you will be free, no longer in bondage, even though you walk the earth. You will no longer fear separation, because there will be no separation; you will no longer fear death, because there will be no death – for you; and no harm can come nigh – to you.

A son of God, a child of God, you will look out upon the world with compassion and love; for you will recognise in all men and women, no matter what class, race or creed, a son of the divine. My brethren, if this Gospel can not only be preached on earth but lived, will not heaven descent into your midst?

Do you answer us, ‘Heaven is not for this world; it awaits us in the world hereafter?’ We reply, ‘Nay, my brother, it is the purpose of life that all men should realise Heaven. All men must pass through this grand initiation on earth’. The saints of the past and the present, the prospective saints now here before me, all meet face to face in the awakening on the resurrection morning. Oh, the story of the resurrection is not confined to Christianity alone! we assure you it is universal, a way of life for all men: this other resurrection from earthiness, from darkness and materialism, for all shall know the wonder of the resurrection.

When you sing in celebration of Easter Day, we suggest that in future you will think not only of the Master Jesus, but of Christ, the Son of God. Christ has manifest in many forms; for Christ is the universal light of Mankind. Christ is born within all men but lies sleeping as in a little manger in a stable – waiting to arise and claim His birthright.

We said that man must learn to go direct to God. Nothing should hinder man's approach to his Creator. Therefore in daily prayer and meditation there should be the direct stream of aspiration from the heart to God. We would remind you there are countless numbers of illumined souls, both in the physical body and out; but a guide, a teacher, a master, will never stand in the path between the soul and God. But always the teacher is near at hand ready to lend the help that the aspirant needs. Not one of you is alone, not one of you. All have a teacher, a master. Open your heart as a child in simplicity and in truth, so that the light begins to flash forth from you. The light will beam intermittently at first, but no light from the human heart is unseen. Watchers are always near and every little light can shine a long distance. Immediately you draw to yourself a teacher and your teacher receives wisdom from the one above him, and he in turn receives wisdom and love from above. You have heard us say, ‘No man is your enemy; all men are teachers and are also pupils’. You are both pupil and teacher, for you are able to impart light to those around you. At present the world is in dire need of light. We all recognise this. You are needed, all are needed, but all must recognise that of themselves they are nothing. Of yourselves you can do nothing; we of ourselves are nothing. We look for direction, for wisdom and love to the great Architect of the Universe and the light of God that can shine through all men.

Beloved hearers, brethren: We have here a manifestation of beauty in the flowers, in the sunlight, in the budding trees and singing birds. All life awakes this resurrection time. Our

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brethren of the past always celebrated the Spring Equinox, when life sprang afresh from the earth. It is an ancient festival borrowed or taken from the ancients by the Christian Church. We are striving to make it simple and clear that the Resurrection of Christ and the Son is not confined to a Christian festival, but is universal.

Jesus the Master, because He had attained Christhood and had passed a final initiation, often made reference to the *I am*. 'Lo, *I am* with you always'; 'before Abraham was *I am*' indicating the presence of the age-old Son of God within. It is the Son Who spoke in parables to His followers, who arose from the grave one Easter morn having passed through His final initiation. Then the angel questioned the woman: 'Why seek ye the living among the dead? Christ the Lord has risen!' There is no death in God's universe, no death of the spirit. Death is impossible.

May we conclude with a little parable – the Prodigal Son, a story which has caused confusion of thought among sincere and earnest seekers after truth? For many feel that an injustice was done to the elder son who had faithfully remained with his father while the profligate son took his birthright and went off into a far country. Why did he leave the safety and surety of his home? To seek experience, like all who seek illumination and final initiation into Christhood. For thousands of years the Son of God, who is also the Son of Man, wanders over the face of the earth, entering into incarnation after incarnation, seeking knowledge, seeking wisdom, seeking love, but he does not know that for which he yearns; actually he is seeking experience to bring home to him his true nature and his relationship with his Father God. You remember how the prodigal son wandered in a far country, reduced to starvation. He had spent all his substance on riotous living. Had he gained anything? Yes – the jewel of life. He had gained love, wisdom and truth. The voice in his breast spoke to him when at the very lowest ebb of life and revealed one vital truth: that his father loved him! The prodigal son knowing this, illumination, realisation flashed forth. 'I will arise', he said, 'and go to my Father and ask his forgiveness.' Having set his course nothing stood in his way. What happened? From afar the Father saw his son approaching.

Does that apply to us, to you? Yes. God sees us from afar. He comes or He sends messengers to greet us. Mark what we have said. No soul is alone. Everyone receives a messenger, a teacher; it only needs the soul of man to aspire. The prodigal came home; but first he said, 'I will arise from my slavedom, from my unhappiness, my misery, from my hunger; I will arise and return to my Father'. When he arrived there were great rejoicings and the killing of the fatted calf. This is how they rejoiced in certain countries. But what happened to the elder son, him who had remained with his father, who had apparently worked hard and had served faithfully and well? Surely he was very well satisfied with himself? But did not Jesus decry the Pharisee, the hypocrite and the self-righteous? It was always the sinner that Jesus looked to with love and compassion, knowing that the so-called sinner would gain an experience which would bring about awakening.

The path of repentance rather than that of self-satisfaction causes a soul to declare 'I will arise!' The law of cause and effect and the law of opportunity go hand in hand in man's life. Man sows, and he reaps what he sows; but he also has opportunities of growth, of

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development, that sonship with the inner consciousness which will at some time bring initiation into Christhood. The elder son who dares not seek experience does not grow, and is untouched by the divine fires of life.

God bless you on this Easter Day! We pray that God may bless the message which we have tried to breathe into your hearts, so that you may henceforth live with eyes open and a clear appreciation of divine truth, of the purpose of life, of your responsibilities to your brother man. May it bring to you added zest to live and to serve on every plane of your being, physical, mental, spiritual, so that you may claim your birthright, your brotherhood with all men, all life, to claim your sonship with the Father–Mother God, thus completing the perfect triangle of life. Christ has risen throughout the ages. Christ arises now – Christ alone will ever rise from death (materiality) to life – spirituality!

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