

Resurrection from Within

A411 Sunday Address 6th April 1969 New Lands Easter Sunday

Text: a top copy on quarto paper, marked 'TR' (tape recorder copy). Typist unknown; it differs from AMI's usual style. At one point we suspect a transcription error. The typescript reads 'It will purify the flesh, not only the flesh of all physical matter' and it seems vital for sense that we correct this (as we have done) to 'not only the flesh but all physical matter'. A pencil note in the typescript, conceivably by the typist, makes just this correction. The address was printed in the April-May 1971 issue of *Stella Polaris* and given the title 'The Well-spring of Life'; the new title is original to the present project.

Context: no details are given on the typescript of any of the surrounding parts of the service – hymns, reading, etc., but the tradition of an Easter service at New Lands is by this time well established. White Eagle speaks of 'this glorious Easter Day' and doubtless it is glorious for being that of the Resurrection, but he probably means that there was brilliant spring sunshine too.

General notes: this is a remarkable teaching, not least for the quality of the communion at the end. We think the phrase at the outset about 'the disciples of the Lord Christ' is not to be taken literally, so much as meaning that those present in spirit are of that level of life. The description of the Christ and of Jesus, differentiating them, is not unique in the teaching but is put here with particular clarity. White Eagle says that the capacity for selfless love is unique to humanity, despite the obvious affection that certain animals show. He also speaks of the origins of Jesus among the Initiates. There are some words for White Eagle healers. Christ conquers all fear and hatred, and it is this that renders Christ the saviour – the Christ love within us. It is curious that White Eagle speaks at some length of death and of the vision of Jesus and then somewhat dismisses what he has said by insisting it is set out just to 'broaden your minds'. However, the point is that 'broadening your minds' is itself an injunction to the listeners: let your minds be as broad as can be, 'let your vista be infinite and eternal'. There is a lovely injunction, 'Talk to the spirit of your brother and draw out from him this shining light, this divine love'. Then the wonderful communion begins.

References: the 'angels who draw the unwilling bolt' is quite a favourite quotation of White Eagle's; the actual words are 'Life is the jailer, death the angel sent to draw the unwilling bolts and set us free' and the poet is James Russell Lowell (1819-91). The injunction, 'Love one another' is first found at John 13 : 34; that to 'Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart', etc., is Matthew 22 : 37.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved, beloved children of earth, we come with joy and love on this glorious Easter day to bring each one of you the blessing of the heavenly state of life. We want you to open your mind and your heart and your spirit to the close companionship of those radiant ones – shall we call them the disciples of the Lord Christ? They must be all disciples of the Lord Christ or they would not be so full of light.

We impress upon you all that this message of Eastertide and the resurrection of the Christ is the most important message that man has ever received. It is the salvation of humanity, when it comes to understand the occult meaning of this message; when it comes to realise that the true saviour of mankind is the love of the Son of God, the Christ.

Now we would like in as few words as we can to make quite clear to you what is the meaning of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the great Initiate, prepared through many lives to become the channel through whom the Christ Love could manifest. The meaning of Christ or the Christos *is* divine Love, and the Christ is the universal and infinite, eternal spirit which broods over the whole of mankind; the Christ Spirit which is the Light, which is the Son of the

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Father–Mother God, the Son which is all Love, all Love. And the seed of this Love lies within the heart of every man, and it is this seed of divine love which makes man just that [bit] different from the creatures of the animal kingdom and the other kingdoms of nature. Man has the capacity within his own heart to love selflessly. It is true that animals have a great affection for their masters and the human friends who are kind to them, but the animal has not the love, the divine love, because he hasn't the capacity to comprehend the meaning of divine love. But man has been given the ability, the gift, to love in a pure, a human, but also a heavenly and selfless manner. This love which man can feel for his fellow beings is his salvation, and it was this Christ spirit which was so clearly demonstrated to mankind in the resurrection of the spirit of Christ. Can you understand, dear brethren, that it was because the great Initiate or Master Jesus had attained to that level of pure, holy love that he was able to receive into his being that saving grace, that creative spirit of Christ?

Now Christ, the Son, is the creator of all life, and because of this it was that pure spirit of love which enabled the very atoms of the body, the physical body of Jesus, to be changed or transmuted from the death of the body to the life of the spirit. Now to give you a very simple demonstration of this. Most of you here have either received spiritual healing or you have been able to be a channel for healing to flow to others, and it is this healing power which is the Christ power or the Christ light, which can raise man from sickness to health. Therefore you will recognise the logic of the Christ spirit in Jesus being able to heal the wounds inflicted by the cruelty of men and heal the whole body and raise it into a higher sphere of life.

Now it was that very healing of the body of Jesus that caused him to be raised above the level or the deadness (shall we say?) of physical matter. Those of you who heal or have been healed know how the patient is filled with a joy and a light which they had not before; but until the whole being, the physical being is trained and disciplined by that divine love, the body is held down to the earthly atoms. Now this, my brethren, is the real meaning, the true meaning of the Resurrection, and the time will come (we have made this statement before), the time will come when all men will have earned the power to overcome death.

At the present time the body withers and dies and is laid aside, but the real man, the spirit, still lives; the spirit withdraws, or the physical body falls away from the spirit, but the real man lives on in a world of finer ether. It is true there is no death, only a change; a change of understanding. The spirit is quickened, and we would say that in ordinary man death is an initiation. It is a release. Will you think of death as an initiation and remember the words of that great poet in the west, in America, who said, 'Death is the angel sent to draw the unwilling bolts and set the victim free'? Now that is death as you understand it at your level of evolution, but we of the Brotherhood of ancient days and of the Great White Light come to tell you that all men will in due time evolve to that level of freedom and creative power that he will be able to use a physical body at will, leaving it lying sleeping when he wants to, and journey in spirit in his astral body to any other part of the earth planet if he has need to do so. But remember that no Master ever uses his power except in the service of God and the service of humanity.

We know that there are now with you a heavenly host, and we would have all our brethren raise their thoughts to that world of light that you call heaven, because it is the place from

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which the tiny spirit of man has come to dwell on earth – the spirit born in the physical body even as Jesus was born into the flesh by the prepared and chosen parents, for Jesus had this mighty mission, a message to all peoples, a message of peace and goodwill, and all his teaching was of the ancient brotherhood, for Jesus came from that centre of the Initiates who dwell in high places – in the mountains, you would say – but they dwell in a physical body when they want to, or they use a physical body when they want to, but only for the salvation, for the progress, the spiritual progress, or even the physical progress, of their human brethren.

Now, my children, we tell you to broaden your minds. Now this is our message to everyone here on this Easter Day, the day of Resurrection. We pray that all of you in the Brotherhood of the White Eagle Lodge and all our friends who visit us will take this message to heart. Broaden your minds and look out and look up. Let your vista be infinite and eternal. Man lives too much in the body, is too concerned with things of the body, but what he has to do is to demonstrate in his ordinary, everyday life this lovely, divine, spirit of the Christos. This will transmute the flesh. It will purify the flesh. It will purify the flesh, not only the flesh but all physical matter.

Now, my brethren, you may look forward to the time when those initiates of whom we have spoken, those who have been given the charge over humanity, the great Masters who are ageless; they have the power to help you, every one of you; and not one of you is omitted or overlooked. But we want you to understand that the magnet to draw their attention to you is here in your own heart – and that magnet is the gentle love and brotherly consideration which Jesus demonstrated to you all. And his supreme message was given to every living being in three simple words, ‘Love one another’. And before his crucifixion, he said to his disciples, when asked by them what they could do to enter the kingdom of heaven, he said, ‘Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind’. Love God first, and if you love God, you cannot help but love your neighbour, and you cannot help but love the animal brethren, and you will shudder and shrink from any act of cruelty to your animal brothers, and you will do all in your power, when you understand this great love, to replace all cruelty whether to man or beast or Mother Earth herself. This love, my dear brethren, is the saviour; this is the Christ which conquers all hatred and fear, even death of the body itself, and rises triumphant in the heaven, triumphant over all the darkness of ignorance and the bondage of earth.

We give you from the Brotherhood in the mountaintops of this Earth planet this message: most earnestly seek knowledge, not only knowledge of the earth, but knowledge of God and the spirit worlds around you. And remember to look not to the body alone, but to the spirit which is shining through the eyes of your brother man. Look for the spirit, talk to the spirit of your brother, and draw from him this shining light, this divine Love.

And now, dear ones, close your eyes; keep them closed and open your consciousness to the vast, heavenly company with you now, for these are they to whom you will in due time go and then you will know them as your friends, your brethren, and as the spokesman of this vast community.... There comes the Spirit, the shining, blazing Spirit of the Grand Master of all the Lodges of all time since this world began: the Son of God, even the Lord Christ, who draws close to you individually. And from him are shining the rays of the Star, for he is in the heart of that blazing Star. Look into it and see this glorious perfected man, the Son of God,

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And gently he places on your tongue the heavenly bread, the wafer of heavenly bread, and with your spiritual sense of taste, you will taste its sweetness; something you have never tasted from an earthly food. The symbol of the cosmic body of the Creator, of the Lord Christ, is in you, has been placed in you; and in this communion you taste it on your tongue with the spiritual taste. And he holds before you the Grail Cup, the Cup which is the symbol of the heart, which is filled with the divine essence, the divine love of the beloved Son. Sip this essence mentally and spiritually and feel the power of this divine love pass all through your body, all your bodies – mental, astral, celestial, physical. Your whole being is filled, filled, filled with this divine essence, this fire of life, this creative power, which will in time free you from all the bondage of the lower life.

Arise, brethren. Arise into the spiritual life, into the consciousness of Christ. And this does not mean that you will be unequipped for your everyday life, it means that you will have greater power over all conditions, over your physical body and your material life. You will become as a king; and this is the teaching of the great Masters of all the ages.

May the resurrection of your spirit become to you a living reality, and the blessing of God rest and abide upon you and in you for evermore....

Thank you, brethren, for listening to our words.

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