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Text: taken from *Stella Polaris*, August 1956, where the date is given, as well as a title added. The word 'bands' in the fourth paragraph might be a mistranscription, but it makes reasonable sense. No typescript is known, and the printed text may be cut as well as edited, to judge from its predecessor (6 May), for which we have both typescript and a printed version.

Context: given the topic of Jesus, which is so strong in this talk, it might be thought that this address was given at the time of the Christ Full Moon (the moon with the Sun in Gemini) but in fact that did not fall until the 23rd of the month. Whitsun was on May 20th. White Eagle does, however, speak of Wesak, and an outpouring of the sun in June, linking it also to the planet Venus for the year in question, and then speaking of the power of the next full moon, which would be the Christ Festival. General Notes: after introductory comments, which refer more than once to Spiritualism, White Eagle very firmly raises the topic of the nature and work of Jesus the Christ (and the distinction between 'Jesus' and 'the Christ'). There is a useful section of loving the self, and what that means. White Eagle also emphasises the role of love in spiritual unfoldment: 'Without love you cannot get perfectly true spiritual contact and communion'. Note the mention (see 'Context') of the June solar outpouring and the Wesak festival – the festival of the Lord Buddha. There are many titles that might have been given to this rather beautiful address, but the recognition of the love that comes from the higher world is the underlying theme, hence the appropriateness of the one chosen.

References: 'A new commandment I give you, that ye love one another' is John 13: 34, while 'Love is the fulfilling of the law' is Romans 13: 10. The parable of the lost sheep is in Matthew (18: 12-14) and Luke (15: 3-7). A soft answer turneth away wrath' is Proverbs 15: 1, while 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills' is Psalm 121: 1.

Historical note: not long after this service, GEC was to fall ill, and there would be no White Eagle addresses for a short while – apparently until the Harvest Service on 7 October, q.v. A 'Chain of Fellowship' article in the August *Stella Polaris* signed 'J.H.' (presumably Joan Hodgson) says she had been ill for a few weeks before the magazine went to press. Nonetheless her own 'Chain' in the October issue announces her return to health and describes a visit to Lordat, Ariége, the place of her encounter with the deep influence of St John in 1931 (for an account of this twenty-fifth anniversary visit, which took place late in July, see Colum Hayward's article, 'A Visit to the Ariége in 1931' in THE CATHAR VIEW, ed. Dave Patrick; Polair Publishing, London, 2012). There was no July address, and none for September is known.

White Eagle's Address:

We bring to you all love from our world of light. And it is not only in the words we shall utter that we bring to you the message of the higher worlds, but we hope to impress your souls and your spirits with the power from the world of light and love.

After passing through what we can only describe as the intermediary stage after the death of the body, the first thing of which man's spirit becomes conscious is an overwhelming feeling of love.

This is truly the awakening of every soul, but not immediately after death – for all depends upon the life and the degree of spiritual evolution of the individual. But always after passing through a process of cleansing of earthliness, and the growth in the individual of a sense of humility, does the soul awaken to a world of beauty and love.

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Now we come back in bands from the world of Love to bring to your consciousness the feeling of divine love. May all present receive this blessing!

Many of you here wish to develop your inner sense of spiritual companionship, to develop a soul-sense, develop so that you may contact the spirit world for yourselves.

We know that many people on earth scoff at this idea, but only because they are yet unawakened. We must leave them until they are ready. But for those who are ready, and who wish to make contact for themselves with the world of spirit and with the brethren who come back to help humanity, then the real way to develop that sense of spiritual life, and to meet spirit beings, is to fill the heart with love.

Many people fail to get what they call 'proof' of a spirit world and of spirit return. This is because they are looking for proof at a wrong level, from the lower mental, and even the material level. On the other hand, people are apt to approach this truth from a purely intellectual angle. They want 'scientific' proof of life after death. There is a big snag here. So many people think that science is going to do everything for them personally, and for the world at large. Science has its place, undoubtedly, regarding the use of matter and as regards physics, but communion and communication with our world have most definitely the one foundation of love.

Nearly two thousand years ago one of the Great White Brotherhood came into incarnation with a mission above all others, as a teacher and revealer of the love we speak about; the love upon which man's whole life is to be built. Through Jesus flowed the heavenly Light, the sun, the supreme light of the heavens. In your world you know that Light by the name of Christ; and that this Light came through the prepared channel, and son of God, Jesus. You know this Great One as Jesus Christ.

Today, many people who call themselves Spiritualists reject the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Our special purpose, tonight, is to clear the mists from your minds about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Christ is that Light which has manifested in degree through other teachers. The mission of Jesus was to bring to humanity the teaching of love, because all human development and development of the earth itself is based upon that common denominator, Love. His message was very simple: 'Love One Another'. 'Love is the fulfilling of the law.' Love in man's heart is his saving grace. It is not the man Jesus Christ as a human being who saves the world; and yet on the other hand, He is a Saviour, because through Him came this message; and His was an example of divine love demonstrated in human life.

The world is only beginning to recognise this truth, but not perhaps in the form that we put it tonight. Nevertheless, under the forms of goodwill, brotherly talks and co-operation, humanity is beginning to recognize that love is the basis upon which a new world can be founded.

Jesus brought this message not only in regard to man's material life, but for the development of his spirit – for the masses today, and in the past, have little or indeed any knowledge of

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spirit consciousness. Yet this consciousness is implanted in every living being. You all have it – even if it be a spark almost smothered by the mind and by materialism. The lower mind is man's great enemy. What man has to do, is first to live by the laws of love; by trying always to feel love, and to express goodwill. There is so much in the individual and collective life which instantly provokes annoyance, resentment, or anger – emotions of all kinds which can disturb and even smother that divine spark. The only way, a narrow and yet beautiful way when man determines to set his feet firmly on the path, is the daily practice of love: love towards one's own life and the lives of others.

You may think it strange when we say 'love yourself'. But we do not mean a selfish love. We mean exerting a gentle kindness to your body, to yourself. Do not resent yourself, nor yet the things which happen in your life. Do not resent your karma, as so many do. All people come up against the tremendous law of karma. You will not accept the truth that what you sow you must presently reap — which is a perfectly natural law. So, when you commence to reap your karma do not resent it. But think — what lesson have I to learn from it? Accept, accept, accept and be patient. Attune yourselves on every possible occasion to the spirit-consciousness within you. In other words, be calm, be still; and know that God is working out a wise and loving purpose. Cling tenaciously to the truth that God is love.

Now this is no easy path, because your earthly mind will continually inform you why God cannot be loving, when there is so much pain inflicted upon humanity, when apparently undeserving and innocent people suffer for the guilty. Then you are failing to see the other side of the picture!

We remind you once again that even in cases of catastrophe, and when terrible problems arise in human life – when loved ones are snatched from each other – when there are all kinds of afflictions, remember that God is merciful, as well as just, and that you can see only one side of the picture. For you do not know the compensations on the other side. You do not know, because you have not traced that wonderful love which comes to souls called upon to go through the depths of the shadow. It is though those very experiences that those souls find and feel the loving Father. How true is that parable of the Master going forth in search of a lost sheep, which He took on his shoulder, and brought safely home!

So when you look upon man's sufferings, remember in your heart the compensation of love, and the mercy of God, Who sends His ministering angels to every soul when in pain and suffering, even though brought on by its own ignorance and sin. Those souls are compensated, loved and cared for.

Be patient and have faith in that All-wise, All-loving Divine Intelligence, which is working throughout all human life to bring about the evolution of this God-consciousness, this Christ-consciousness in man.

Another purpose of this message of love which the Master Jesus brought, and which we are trying to voice tonight, is that love is necessary for the unfoldment of the psychic powers. Without love you cannot get perfectly true spiritual contact and communion.

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Jesus Christ belonged to the Piscean age, the age of the emotions, when humanity was developing and growing emotionally. Now we come to the Aquarian age, when the emotions are being worked upon, but at a higher level, and this means the development of a sixth sense in man, which some people call intuition, meaning a sense or awareness of other worlds beyond the physical. Before you can make contact with higher worlds you have to develop a sense which can respond to their vibrations – let us say that you have to adjust your own radio-set to the required wavelength! Your personality is the radio set, which can be attuned to different levels of life or consciousness. It must in fact be attuned to the basic law which governs your receiving set – the basic law of love!

Christ, through Jesus the Initiate, brought the message to your world. Love is the saviour. In earthly language, Jesus Christ is the Saviour. Yes, it is the Divine Love and Intelligence behind the Christ-consciousness which is the Saviour of the World. But also each man has to learn to be his own saviour by developing a consciousness of Christ in his daily life.

Those, we have noticed, who get true clear-cut communications from the world of spirit are those who are open to love. It is said that these people can be deceived. Our answer is that no true love is over-credulous. We would far rather see a credulous all-loving mother than a hard-bitten sceptic.

The real, the true proof of those higher worlds lies in the heart of man; and this is why Jesus taught love, because love develops the heart centre.

The symbol of man's heart centre is the astrological symbol of the Sun. Each year in June a great power is concentrated upon the earth plane. During this particular June the planet Venus, from which comes an influence of love and beauty, comes very close.

Have you noticed that colour is becoming very much more predominant in people's homes? People also array themselves in more beautiful colours. This is an effect of the influence of Venus. You will see harmony and co-operation coming, a settling of difficulties amongst the nations, due to a growing spirit of brotherhood and understanding of each other's problems and needs. In all these ways you will see the influence of the planet Venus on your earth.

At the time of full moon in June, there is a great gathering in the heavens. You have already passed through the great Buddhic Festival, the Wesak Festival. The June Festival is yet more powerful, and will have a greater influence, particularly on the West. Take notice of what we tell you. Do you know what is being prepared and will come into manifestation, not only throughout all nations, but throughout all the planets in the heavens? It will take time, but Brotherhood is the ultimate goal; and then because of brotherhood, interplanetary communication.

You cannot live without the sun. You cannot live without your heart beating. The centre of your universe is the heartbeat of all life, and the sun represents love. This is the core of all spiritual evolution.

The earth has so much to learn. You can be its helpers if you like; that is, if you can speak, think, and act love in every phase, every aspect – love towards animals, the growing things

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upon the earth, and even love towards relatives with whom you have to live and may not be in harmony. We do not mean you must love qualities in them which are unlovable, but recognize in them this spirit of Christ. Strive to bring it out. 'A soft answer turneth away wrath.' So does a gentle, a loving thought, and a wise word. In this fashion you can assist in the evolution of your planet, in this wonderful psychic and spiritual development of the whole of mankind. But it can only come about through individual effort.

'I will lift mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.' Your true help, my children, comes from these peaks of spiritual development. We mean the elder brethren and the saints, sages and the seers, who have all given of their experience and their vision of truth. Do not keep your nose to the grindstone! Look up at the angel by your side, reach out and clasp the hand of the one who is your special guide and teacher and helper. Be undaunted as you climb towards those mountain peaks. And remember, as you advance, to extend a hand to those who are coming after.

Love is the foundation. Love is the key. Love is the goal of that new age of blessedness, brotherhood, beauty and love which surely, surely follows after the days of preparation and struggle. You will get there. Look up and strive, and all the Angels in Heaven will be with you. God bless you, every one!

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