

Reunion

A344 Sunday Address 12th November 1961 St Mary Abbots Place, London
Remembrance Sunday

Text: typescript by MB, quite a faint carbon. No markings. Where there is an asterisk in the text, a pause is presumed. MB missed a word at the end, and notes that an invocation and benediction by Minesta were separately recorded. The address appeared in *Stella Polaris*, October-November 1962, with the slightly longer title, 'Reunion and Communion'. A puzzling line in the middle of the address, 'Head the music of the spheres?' has been altered to 'Do you hear the music of the spheres?'

Context: the typescript identifies two hymns, 'For all the Saints' and 'For those we love within the veil' and Brother Faithful announces the final one, 'It came upon the midnight clear'. Additionally, there were no less than three anthems by the choir. Before the address, they offered 'As the rays of the Sun or a Star radiate afar', and later 'God shall wipe all tears'; the service seems to have closed with 'O Ever-Blessed One, we praise and adore Thee'. The text of the second anthem is from Revelation 21 : 4 (more recently, it has been set by Karl Jenkins) but the others are almost certainly White Eagle texts. It is likely therefore that they were composed by a member of the Lodge. The typist says particularly that the first of them, a prelude to the Prayer for Humanity, was 'beautifully rendered'. The reading is given as being from *The Return of Arthur Conan Doyle*, chapter III, 'The Sphere of Reunion': pp. 117, 118 and 121. White Eagle says of this, 'Every word is truth'. Unusually a communion with those who have gone on begins quite early on in the address and continues into the familiar communion with the Christ. It is extended and particularly fine.

General Notes: as a Remembrance address this has an unusual opening, mainly about overcoming materiality, but it then moves on to the experience of the soul awakening after death and, especially, after the Second Death. Like the previous address, from New Lands on 1 October, it raises the question of the Bodhisattva Principle: the impossibility of soul happiness in the beyond while others remain unreleased from the prison of flesh. Reference to those slain in war is at most circumspect, but White Eagle reminds us that the 'shining host' all around us is composed not of unknown beings but of those who have gone through tribulation and moved on, presumably through the Second Death. Following a theme of the previous address White Eagle also exhorts his congregation to effort. He also speaks at some length about the need to seek to give service rather than to demand good things for oneself. As noted in 'Context', the Communion is an extended one, both with those who passed on and with the Christ, and it is unusually beautiful. Although White Eagle returns to his talk after the communion there is another meditative moment where he describes the 'white seat' in the spirit world.

References: 'those who have passed through great tribulation' is a reference to Revelation 7 : 14. The 'rail of communion' references the architecture of high Anglicanism, where the high altar is kept away from the congregation by a rail or screen. 'What I do ye can do also' is a simple rendering of John 14 : 12.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren of the earth life, we come on this special occasion to try to bring you into communion with the world of Spirit. This seems at the present time to be the great need of mankind, for it is overwhelmed with materiality and the arrogance of the intellect. Men are beginning to feel all-powerful with the knowledge that they are gradually discovering about the secrets of nature. And the Council Chamber above the earth has sent forthwith a decree that man must be stimulated spiritually. He must be given deeper knowledge of his own being and the purpose of his life on earth.

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We would open your vision now, dear ones, to the hosts of Shining Ones who are all around you. This is a time of special power, a time of reunion, a communion with spirit. As we have already explained to you, those in the Great Council Chamber in Spirit are sending to the earth plane messengers, helpers, to enable man to see for himself the glory of those higher levels of life.

There are many people who do not appreciate the help which they can receive from those noble souls, for these are they who have passed through great tribulation, each according to his or her karma. They have come through the trials of the flesh and by effort and aspiration they have reached that high level of consciousness in which they realise that they are at one with their Creator. We have recorded to you on previous occasions the wonderful awakening of the soul in spirit, particularly after the second death, which means the shedding of all the lower conditions of an earthly and material life. The soul is freed from all the entanglements of earth – and at this time, after awakening from the second death or initiation, the first thing the soul is aware of is God, for love and wisdom and beauty and power is everywhere in the life of the soul who passes onward and through into that heavenly state of life.

Now some of you may say, and with some reason, ‘What is the use of living in that state of glory when there are people on earth so needing the ministrations of men?’ We must become aware of the needs of all other forms of life and above all the need of man himself. This, beloved brethren, is what they who have passed through great tribulation and who are cleansed and cured in the Light of God know. They know the need there is in the heart of all men everywhere – the need for God. If all men would, at this moment, be responsive to that great outpouring of Light which is now taking place on the earth there would be no more conflict, nor pain, nor suffering, and death would not exist as man sees it today – because he would, by being receptive to this spiritual power, this Divine Light, he would recreate his conditions on earth. We admit that it is very difficult for the individual to do this but, dear brethren, it is in the individual heart that the Lord Christ, the Great White Light, must come if there is to be established on earth and from earth to the highest spheres of life, harmony and love; the Kingdom of Heaven.

[Without this] it is little use for you to listen to this message of ours – and we are speaking for that heavenly host of which your own loved one is a part. We want you to thoroughly understand this: that the Shining Hosts who are around you are your own dear ones who have passed through the spheres which cleansed the soul from all memory of that last incarnation. They are there: radiant souls who, having seen the glory of the spirit life – which means the glory of the God life – pray for one thing, and this is to be able to help their fellow beings, particularly those they love most on earth.

You have listened to a reading about the ‘Sphere of Reunion’. Every word is truth. There is this level of consciousness where loved ones so easily meet and hold communion. And during this service, at this moment, we will lead you all to this place. But first of all, may we remind you that you must make an effort. This, of course, applies to all men everywhere. Man must make effort. The flower seeds and the bulbs have to make an effort to break their bonds and to grow upwards through the darkness of earth towards the light, and the same law applies to man. Man individually must make the effort to rise in spirit. He must aspire to that

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higher state of consciousness. He must be willing to learn. He must be receptive to that Light of God. This is cosmic law, divine law. Therefore, we ask you all to still your earthly mind. Don't let it jump about, thinking this, that and the other thing to do with your material life, the physical life. Shut it out. If you can't shut it out, concentrate on our words at the moment.

Now, we open the veil, draw aside the curtain of doubt and material thought, and we ask you to follow in your imagination now. Now we rise into the world of Spirit, into the Universal Temple of Brotherhood where there are hosts of spiritual beings, all of whom have travelled along the same path as you are now journeying upon. They are there in this vast Temple in the heavens, tier upon tier of shining souls, glistening with heavenly light. And amongst them [are] all those whom you love and the many who have given their lives in self-sacrifice: those who have gone forward believing they were helping their fellow beings. Their hearts made the sacrifice of their human incarnation. And they have gone forward very quickly – as soon as they passed through those darker lower astral spheres which cling to the earth, for these are they who are the Shining Ones of that heaven world.

And we now go towards them in spirit. In the higher mind we enter this vast universal temple. [Do you hear] the music of the spheres? And now the great golden Light, like the sun, gradually descends. He heads this vast concourse: the Cosmic Christ, the Son of God. His face is shining as the sun. His raiment glistens with the silver and golden Light. He comes closer and closer into the midst of this lovely gathering. He comes to bring you all love – always this message of spiritual communion, heavenly communion. And here in this vast Temple of countless souls we remain in silence – in remembrance.

We give thanks for life, for the companionship of those loved ones. We give thanks for this reunion and communion. And we remember * we remember the love, the goodness, the dearness of all these so close to you now, so close, telling you their joy.

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The Lord Christ now offers you, in this spirit temple the heavenly bread and the cup of heavenly wine. Accept from Him at the rail of communion this spiritual feast. The light of heaven pours down upon the assembly – and upon you, brother, sister. This is the true service of communion in the world of spirit. All festivals are held in our world of spirit, but the advantage that the spirit people have over the people of earth is that they are untrammelled by the limitations of the physical body and material life. But we come to bring you this message: that if you will make the effort to aspire towards spirit, to grow towards spiritual life, you will overcome the bondage of the physical body and the earthly mind. It requires *effort, effort, effort*. It means living daily with highest aspiration and imagination. This does not mean taking you so far into the clouds that you cannot see the need to sweep your floor. It means living consciously in spirit, with the spirit of God. Now this, you know, is the purpose of man's life on earth. Now if man will live in obedience to – in obedience to the Law of God, the Law of Spirit, he will gradually create in himself a man made perfect.

You know, the sad part of it is [that] on your earth today people are all the time looking for someone else to do something for them, to help them and make them better – whatever that

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‘better’ is; whether it is better spiritually or better physically or better materially. All mankind is clamouring for better things for himself – so he misses the magical, the secret, which is to give not to get; to give to life. And by his gifts – spiritual gifts; service, which is the greatest gift of all, the gift of service to life – that man instantly creates in his own body and life and state, he creates all good. Every part of the body reacts to the command of the Most High – not the Most High in a remote heaven, but the Most High in man’s own innermost heart. Let man not demand for himself. Let him not demand anything, but let him make the effort to grow and attain to the perfect life. No one can give – no government, no legislation, no earthly body – can give to you that perfect state. God has given you the key. He has given you the qualities. He has given you life, which is the opportunity to grow and evolve towards that life of perfection. Man made perfect in the spirit of God. Man made perfect; the son of God.

But you know, men deny the truth of the Christ spirit so often, so often, and so man suffers. Not consciously is he aware of his sins, but he is reminded in bodily suffering, mental suffering, conflict, inharmony. And you can trace this divine law through all nations, through all groups, all communities. Where there is inharmony there is a shutting out of this divine truth.

Jesus, a human Brother, the perfect instrument for the manifestation of that Christ spirit! There have been others and there are many lesser souls who are instruments – many here in this assembly – we are going more beyond these words, and we are going to say every one of you here is an instrument for the manifestation of the Christ Light.

This is our message. Do not be anxious about what other people say or do – but dig your own particular little patch on the earth plane and *keep on keeping on*. In time, the whole earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord. Christ is truly the Son of God, the Cosmic Christ; the Great White Light is the Son of the Father–Mother God. And that Son manifests through man in varying degrees until the human being becomes a God being. A man made perfect. ‘What I do, ye can do also’, said Jesus. By this spiritual contact Jesus gained the knowledge of command. He was able to command the lower life. He was able to demonstrate to His disciples, to the multitude and to the whole earth the gifts of the spirit; the gifts which God, the Father–Mother God, had bestowed upon His Son. Yes, dear son, His son, daughter [*sic*], all these lovely things you will become and you will enjoy, and you will be able to pass them on to your brethren of all time.

God, Universal Spirit – man, woman, son, daughter of that Eternal Power: live, brethren, in the consciousness of this magnificent truth. Do not try so much to set other people right as to become an obedient servant to the divine laws which were formed at the time of the Creation. Know that your life is governed by divine law, by spiritual law. And this is what man has to learn. It is a spiritual law which governs all life. And if man is disobedient to the spiritual law, chaos, sickness, death is the result. But with obedience to this divine law man liberates himself. He liberates himself to such an extent that he can at will rise in spirit and enter that sphere of reunion with loved ones.

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Just simply create by your highest and godlike imagination the most perfect garden in your mind: the most perfect flowers and trees and, sitting amidst the rolling landscape and there in the quiet, in the inner garden, you will find the white seat. This has a spiritual significance, the white seat. If you will, sit there in your highest imagination, communing and praying to your God, and with your highest imagination see and know that your dearest is with you by your side. Talk mentally, and you will receive proof that you all crave for, not from outside, but deep within your own inner being. You will know that life is eternal and that where there is love there cannot be any separation, for all souls are part of God. And it is God's law that all souls should meet in communion in spirit. Go halfway to meet them. They will not fail to meet you in God's garden. You see, this beauty infused into the physical mind and body and life of the individual must raise the level of all life. There will be one vast Brotherhood of Life. And to this end, we in spirit work without ceasing. In spite of disappointments and apparent failure, keep on keeping on.

My children, and especially we say this to our workers here tonight, to those who grow weary and fainthearted, we have given you the torch. Keep on keeping on radiating the Light, giving the Light, giving the truth and doing whatever little you can to help all life to realise this Divine [*word unrecorded*].

With this we leave you, and may the Great White Spirit be very close to you. God bless you.

Brother Faithful: Our closing hymn no.76, 'It came upon a Midnight clear'.

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