

Be Comforted, be at Peace

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Text: blue carbon of an MB typescript. The address was printed in *Stella Polaris* the next month (August-September 1957) and it is from that version that the title, 'Be comforted, be at peace', is taken. It is possible that in the sentence, 'they follow one another in perfect rotation, precise, and the equinoxes – the precision of ages and lives' the word 'precision' should read 'precession'.

Context: Sunday service on the usual first Monday of the month; probably the last in London before the August holidays. The typist gives the reading, John 15 : 1-12 ('I am the true vine....'), and says that the anthem was 'O Worship the Lord'. This is probably a version for choir of the hymn, 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness'; to judge from the first words of the address, it immediately preceded White Eagle's address.

General Notes: the address begins with reference to the importance of worship, and then continues with teaching about the power of thought, one of its major themes. The title comes from a short postscript or *envoi*. White Eagle speaks of a coming new age of brotherhood, and his listeners' role in that, although also of the threat of destruction if man fails the test. There seems to be a hint of a remembered life on earth, perhaps White Eagle's Mayan one, in the phrase 'a life where this brotherly love prevailed'.

References: 'They have taken away my Lord' is from the story of the Resurrection, John 20 : 13. 'Thou shalt worship the Lord Thy God with all thy heart' is Matthew 22 : 37. White Eagle speaks of the woman in distress who called on Jesus from afar – there may be such a reference in the Bible but the closest comes in the story of the raising of Lazarus in John, chapter 11, where Lazarus is sick and the women call upon Jesus from some distance. The silence, in which the imperative comes to Jesus to set off for Bethany, is a feature there. Alternatively, and maybe more likely, this is a story from the Aquarian Gospel. 'Whatsoever a man soweth....' is not actually a phrase of Jesus's, but from St Paul (Galatians 6 : 7-8). 'Hide not thy light under a bushel' is from the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5 : 15. The man carrying the watering pot is Mark 14 : 13. 'The good, the true and the beautiful' is a Christianised Platonic phrase. White Eagle says he used to tell his followers the word 'politics' should be pronounced 'polutics'.

White Eagle's Address:

Bless you, dear children. You have put into our mouths – because there is more than one in the band behind this physical instrument – but White Eagle will speak for the band of White Brethren who come to you this night to urge you to worship the Lord and cease to worship Mammon. Now that may be rather a shock to you, but we suggest that you meditate upon our opening words. Worship the Lord thy God first and foremost in your lives. We say this, dear children, because there is so much worshipping of materialism and material science in this present age.

And what humanity is hungering for, searching for, is truth. Humanity longs to know its Creator. Every man, every woman and child is seeking unconsciously for this Supreme Being, their Creator. And they do not know where to find Him. It brings to mind the words which were spoken by the woman at the tomb, 'They have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they have laid Him'. This is still the cry, particularly in this age or at the beginning of a new age. 'Where is our Lord? Where is our Master? They have taken Him away and we do not know where they have laid Him.' They have buried Him in the tomb of materialism and the lower self. What the world needs today is a revival of a spiritual ideal. The world is hungering for its Creator, its God, its spiritual source of life.

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The reading [was] chosen again by the spirit, but the mind was unconscious of the workings of the Spirit. The Spirit chose the reading, 'I Am the true vine'. If the fruit is separated from the vine it withers. If man separates himself from his true Vine which is God and the Son of God, the Christ, the Creator of humanity: if there is this separation man – the soul of man – must wither.

Dear ones, follow with all simplicity and devotion the way of worship. Worship not Mammon, not the material difficulties and problems of the world. If only man would worship God, all problems would be absorbed by God. We would like to say at this point to you, my dear ones, who have problems in your lives, lay them on one side and worship the Lord thy God with all thy heart and soul and mind and love thy neighbour as thyself – and all the problems and cares of mortal life will be dissolved for you, because they will have no part in you, no place in your heart. There will only remain in you the love of your Creator, the vision of your Creator, the life of your Creator in you which can deal in a masterly way with the problems of material life.

If you have your inner vision opened you will have seen, during the singing by the choir, a host of angelic forms with their heavenly instruments, creating a grand paean of praise to the Lord our God.

You have the word of the blessed Master Jesus Christ when he gave the story of the woman who was sick and called Him from a distance. He was talking to His disciples and suddenly he went quiet for a few moments. Then he said, 'A soul in distress is calling for help'. He proceeded to give help to that woman. We want you to understand that Jesus was demonstrating to you and all his followers an occult law. We want you to recognise this law. Man is spirit. Man's spirit can be active on the etheric planes of life. The spirit of man can work through that power. Thought power is one of the greatest powers in life. Remember this. If you can train yourselves to control your thoughts and direct your thoughts positively for good to uplift the mass thought of the people, or to send healing thought or comforting thoughts or uplifting thoughts to anyone you know who is in need, you will indeed be doing the Master's work.

Remember that this power works both ways. It works constructively and also destructively. This is what people do not recognise. They forget that the power of thought is continuously at work on your earth plane. And so much destructive thought is holding back the progress of mankind. You know when the day comes when humanity has a little more knowledge of these occult truths, man will be very careful in his thinking. He will guard his thoughts. What would the effect on man be if he knew that every one of his thoughts were being registered on a physical machine? – and that his thoughts were not secret as he thought they were. He would have rather a shock, and he would want to hide his thoughts from his fellow man. Now, that time is coming when men's thoughts will be known to each other. Of course, you will say, 'That will make a difference. We shall be more careful than what we think'. But you have been given knowledge. You know that thought power is one of the greatest powers at work on the earth. It is man's thoughts which are continually being externalised or materialised.

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Man is beginning to get frightened already when he hears of the materialisation of man's thoughts in weapons of cruelty and terrible destruction. Everything which is manufactured and brought into an objective form on your physical plane is first conceived in man's brain, man's thought. God has given man freewill. He is not restricted. He is not restricted. Why? Because in the Infinite Wisdom of God and the Sages, who are the servers for God, man has to learn through his own experience.

We tell you this and that. And you listen to what we say very politely, for which we are grateful. Thank you for your kind attendance here, listening to our words. But you go away and forget. Of course, we know that. We know that this is why we have to keep on repeating them again and again. God knows this too. He knows that man needs to experience pain and suffering. He has to learn by pain that, if he breaks the law of life, which law is love, he must at some time feel pain through the breaking of that divine law. No one can escape; no one. What a man sows, he will surely reap.

The younger sons and daughters on this physical plane are not interested in the kind of message which is being given to you in this Lodge. They are following their orthodox path to the best of their ability. They are not ready or they do not wish to be ready to gain more knowledge of occult law. You would not be here tonight if you did not long for knowledge and for peace. You want knowledge and peace. When man has gained knowledge, he will find that inner peace, knowledge of occult law, we say. Jesus said, 'As a man soweth, so he will surely reap'. But you see there are many who listen to those words and say, 'Oh well, the reaping is a long time yet. We won't bother about the harvest. We will just forget it.' But don't be misled by such thoughts. You do not necessarily wait for a future incarnation to reap the seeds which you sow. You may reap a harvest of the seeds you sow today very quickly, perhaps in a few days' time, or a few months' time. You are continually doing it. Instead of gathering happiness and joy and all the beauties of the heavenly life, you are gathering thorns, thistles, weeds that sting and hurt you.

No, beloved ones, the simple truth is, *Worship the Lord thy God*: all that is good and true and beautiful. Love one another. How do men love one another? Not by watching them suffer but by helping them, binding up their wounds, seeing that they have justice in their daily lives. So we lay aside all politics. We, in a joke, used to say to our little ones a few years ago that 'politics' should be called 'polutics'. We lay aside all politics when we come into the Kingdom of God. There are no such things. There is only divine law. A law which is just, perfect and true. Mankind should see that this law operates through society so that all men are given justice, the opportunity to learn and to live according to Divine Law.

You realise, most of you in this Service, we are on the cusp of the new age of Aquarius. This is the time when there will be a great outpouring of the Spirit. The symbol of the sign of Aquarius is the man carrying the water pot: *aqua* – water. The man is carrying the pitcher of water, the living water, the waters of the spirit of brotherhood. And man is to pour forth these living waters of the spirit of brotherhood upon his brother man.

Now this is the age, and you are at the beginning of this new age of the spirit of brotherhood. You may say that things do not look very brotherly in the world at the moment. But you have knowledge: all of you have knowledge, and it is not given to you to fritter away any more

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than the substance of your life is given to you to fritter away. It is given to you because you have sought it and you have earned the right to receive it. And now, it remains for you to use it and use it wisely. The way to use your knowledge is by the power of thought and the expression of your spirit in daily life; a spirit of brotherly love. Even in your own daily life – with thought for each other and the need – the needs – of each other.

We come, we come, the messenger – we, the Group, as one messenger from the Heavens – to tell you the simple truth; because we do not speak from an earthly mind. We speak from the spirit levels, and we speak from experience garnered down the ages. We look back, as you may sometimes look back, into a life of great beauty and joy, loveliness; a life where this brotherly love prevailed. Do you recognise the messengers which have come to this earth through the past ages? Remember that there are twelve great ages for man. And these ages come; they follow one another in perfect rotation, precise, and the equinoxes – the precision of ages and lives [*sic*]. And you have been participating in past lives; and you may question, ‘Why am I here now if I have lived in past ages? Surely, I should be on my way to other parts of the Universe?’ Remember that your brethren, your brothers and sisters have need of you. You come back clothed in darkest matter to have within you exactly that same shining spirit which you had [in] ages past. You are here as messengers and helpers to humanity. This does not mean you are grand, [that you] are great people. You are just simple sons and daughters of the Living God as we are; just simple sons and daughters of the living God. And we all have our work to do and our light to shine in the darkness of matter and in the depths of materialism.

Now, our closing remarks: what must come, what is coming on your earth – and this is where your work is so needed – there is coming a grand spiritual revival. *It must come*. But it can’t come unless the sons and daughters of God will work for it, this spiritual burst of light over the whole earth. The Light must overcome the darkness of matter. And remember, dear ones, that every tiny candle flame adds its quota to the blazing light of the spiritual revival on your earth.

Now for mankind or the disciples, the followers of the teaching of the Master, if they do not put into operation this divine law in their lives, there is sadly only one way; and that is the increase, the ever-increase of darkness and finally destruction of matter. But we do remind you that there is tremendous help, spiritual help, heavenly help waiting to come to mankind. Man has only to look up and to use his intuition, that inner voice, and to worship the living God and the glorious spiritual powers of love, and the darkness is overcome. It has got to be put into operation, this law of brotherhood, of brotherly love and kindness and constructive thought.

As we are speaking to you behold the messengers of all ages all around you. Why do they come to you? Because they see you as servers of the human race. They know that you are ready and will be used to spread the truth of the life beyond matter; life in the etheric worlds, life in the thought world, power in the thought world and, above all, power and life in the celestial world. You believe in these things; hide not your light under a bushel. Let the light shine. Dear brethren, let the Light shine from the hilltops and proclaim when you can the love, the eternal, divine love and the rulership of love, the rulership of justice, truth and goodwill upon earth.

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There is now in our midst the Shining Presence, the Grand Master of the Christ Circle. The Golden One is pouring upon you all heavenly rays. Gently His voice is speaking, 'Eat My Bread and drink of My Cup, for I AM the true Life and come to bring you eternal life and happiness.'

Amen.

Be comforted. Be comforted, dear ones. There is eternal life for all souls who love God, which is life. And where there is love there can be no separation. Death cannot separate you. Your loved one in your heart is by your side. There is no death. Be comforted and at peace.

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