

The Beauteous Lily

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Text: from a carbon typescript. P. 2 has been cut and reassembled but nothing seems to be missing. There is no heading; the title, 'The Beauteous Lily', derives from its printing in *Stella Polaris*, August 1955, although the first paragraph makes the choice of title an obvious choice from the outset.

Context: the opening words indicate that a choir was present and, presumably, an anthem sung. There is a communion, here described as 'the two minutes' silence' – but not the silence of Remembrance, but just the regular communion silence.

General Notes: the image of the lily (the word 'beauteous' is nowhere actually used by White Eagle in this address) is an extended one, through all the first section of the address – nearly half of it. White Eagle then begins a discussion, 'What is the will of God?' after a powerful statement, 'There is nothing of a physical or a material nature that can bind the soul who has found freedom through surrender to the will of God'. He makes it clear that the will of God is that we should learn to love one another, and there is an interesting statement, ten years after the end of the Second World War, about how much good has come about even because of war. Good, says White Eagle, always comes out of evil. To the question, 'What are we coming to?', White Eagle answers, 'You are coming to God in God's way'.

References: 'As a man soweth, so shall he reap' is a rendering of Galatians 6 : 7. 'Love one another' is John 13 : 34 . 'Love the Lord thy God' is Matthew 22 : 37. 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve' is Jesus' response to Satan's temptations in Luke's version (4 : 8). The story of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem is also in Luke (19 : 41-44), while the story of the raising of Lazarus is uniquely in John 11. In the communion there is, naturally, generalised reference to the story of the Last Supper and the injunction, 'Take this in remembrance of me', which is actually to be found in 1 Corinthians 11:24-25.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved ones of the earthly life, we bring you all love, all love, from our world of light. We thank you for your singing, for the music of the choir, and we should like you to know the effect of your music in the invisible world. That is the invisible world to you, but not to us. The music creates a vibration of harmony and when the music is coming from the heart with earnestness, with simple prayer, we see the soul of the congregation and we see your thoughts and your aspirations build up in the form of a lily. Can you picture this beautiful flower, which is formed by the substance of your aspirations and devotions to your Creator and to those whom you know and love who come to minister to you from the spirit world? We would like you to remember this, for this is our vision: a congregation of souls who are incarnate, who are in physical bodies, yourselves, and you meet to worship in an ordinary physical, material building, and you may be distracted by outer noises, noises in the outer world, but in your hearts lies peace and devotion to the Great White Spirit. And this is a power, a power far beyond any earthly power, and it controls the earthly disturbances.

If you are all attuned in devotion to the Great White Spirit and the golden, spiritual Son, the Cosmic Christ, you are full of power and your senses register only that sweet blessing which comes to you as the result of your devotion. And all around the earthly congregation is to be seen a heavenly gathering, tier upon tier of shining spirit forms. These are they who come to help you with their love, their strength; and crowning the whole vision in this lily, a perfect white lily – and it is a very interesting vision, because the lily does not rest in space; it has a

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stem and it has roots, and we follow the stem and the roots down, down, down beneath the earthly congregation, down into the earth, to the darkness of the earth, and we see that it is the earth and the earthly conditions which have caused that lily to grow and to open out to the Sun, the glorious spiritual Sun which is of God.

Now this is a true vision, a true picturisation of the life, your life. You think of yourselves as individuals living in a very distressing world, enduring great discomfort and pain, perhaps sorrow, loneliness, but you do not realise that you are very precious to God – that you are not what you seem to yourself, to yourselves, or to those around you. You are something quite unique; you are a soul, a living soul, created out of a finer substance than your physical body. Your soul is created from a finer ether, and it is because the physical life is so harsh and dense and dark that the majority of people are unable to penetrate the veil and see life as God sees it – and as many spirits, your spirit companions, see it. Some people have fears that their loved ones in the spirit life will see them as they think they are – dark, hopeless failures, living a selfish and not very beautiful life. You are all much more conscious of your earthly state than you are of your heavenly state, but the guides of your spirit, your teachers in the spirit world, do not look upon the so-called sins of the flesh; they look upon the growth and the beauty of the real man or woman, the growth and expansion of the soul.

And how does this growth of the soul take place? Well, of course, through the reactions, through your reactions to the conditions of your daily life. In other words, this beautiful, heavenly soul is the lily which is growing from the root, which is in the mud which is in the darkness of earth. We come, dear brethren, not to condemn nor blame you, but to lift you up and give you a vision of things as they really are. God is merciful as well as just and the laws which he has ordained for humanity are good laws and wise laws – and it is true, as dear Jesus said to you: ‘As a man soweth, so he shall reap’. This is the law. But there is also another aspect of the law: ‘love the Lord thy God’; love thy Creator; love the Great White Spirit in your life; let God come first, even if you hold God secret, sacred in your heart – which means to say you do not go to the housetops proclaiming your own particular belief, but you hold that belief in your heart and you let your actions speak for you. You let your daily thoughts and aspirations grow into that lovely soul lily. Will you remember that this is how we see you and not as [the] depraved wretch that you think you are?

It is not good to think of yourself either as something very grand and beautiful and noble or to think of yourself as a miserable wretch. You are not miserable wretches; you are not miserable sinners; you are dear, beloved children of God, our brethren, and we love you. And we are sorry to see you suffer as you do, but we know that you suffer in the process of development. No man can suffer, truly and deeply suffer in his soul, without making spiritual progress, but it is up to you to make the effort. No-one can do this for you. God and His angels can help you when you make the effort, but it must come from you. The aspiration, the love for God and the desire to do good and to live as God wills you to live. If you want to pray truly, we would say to you, pray that you may grow to will the will of God and nothing else. ‘I do not want things my way; I want them *Thy* way, dear Father–Mother God, for Thou art all wisdom and love’. Now as soon as the soul can pray truly in this manner, that soul

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enters into freedom. There is nothing of a physical or a material nature that can bind the soul who has found freedom through surrender to the will of God.

And what is the will of God? That thou shalt live in harmony with brother man. That thou shalt live to serve mankind and not the self; and until humanity learns this great lesson of the community, of communal living, there will be difficulties and strife and inharmony on your earth. Now, it is not a question of saying: 'You do what I tell you; you do what I think you should do'. It is a question of 'I must do the will of my Father; I must pray to will the will of my Father, to do the will of my Father–Mother God'.

It is a mistake, brethren, to want to get rid of the physical body and to escape rebirth. Now there are many, many people on the earth who denounce what they call the teaching or the theory of reincarnation. Well, of course, it does not matter at all what anyone says about a cosmic truth. It still goes on, you know. It is like life and death. Nothing can stop life or death from following its ordained pattern, and there are those people who long to get away from this physical life, and they say: 'Oh, if only I could die; if only I could get through the rounds of birth and death and never come back any more to this physical life, how pleased I should be!'. We see the earth life as something most wonderful, and we say to you in all sincerity and earnestness, live thankfully, live in your physical bodies joyfully, live to experience God's life, for this is the grandest opportunity in the great journey of the ego from the starting off from the heart of God, when it leaves God as a babe without the consciousness of itself or of God and it descends through experience, through incarnation after incarnation. So, you see, when you have passed through many incarnations, you may be quite at the lowest point of the arc of your journey, though you certainly know a great deal more than you did when you were a simple spark of life without consciousness of yourself or of God.

Now think of a tiny babe that is born in the flesh on your earth. You say, 'innocent little soul'. Everything is done for that helpless child. Compare the soul, the soul of man, with that child, for when it leaves the bosom, the heart of the Creator, it is pure and simple as a child and knows nothing of itself nor its parents, and it is entirely dependent upon the source of its birth for everything, but as it descends and comes right down into the hard, crude school of a material life, it is a long, long way from its starting point. But if it will respond to the help which is – if it will respond to the help which is given to it from the spheres of light, from the Christ Circle and the wise peaks of humanity, it will be uplifted and strengthened, and it will turn away from the dark cave of materialism and turn its face upward, towards its upward journey, the returning arc which leads it home in full God-consciousness and full God-power. Remember to think of the many souls on the earth who are imprisoned, enslaved in the mire and the mud though they could be free and they could be happy and they could make their fellow creatures happy.

Let us remember that the earth life is a great opportunity which God gives to His children to gain experience. Yes, it is true that the soul passes through beautiful experiences after death, but there is no state of life that provides finer opportunities for development and growth of the soul than the physical life, than the incarnation on earth. And this is why we say that all and every effort should be made to preserve life and to extract from life the honey of the

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flower which God has caused to be created on earth. In other words, your life, your experience and your destiny in every incarnation, your destiny is to absorb God-consciousness.

Do you know what we mean, 'to absorb the love of God'? And how does man and woman absorb the love of life and the love of God? In a very simple way, by loving one another. Such a simple message, but so bandied about that it is a poor, broken flower. 'Love one another', said your Lord, your Teacher and your Creator. It is such a simple thing! – but no, man must struggle for himself, and he says: 'If we do not look after ourselves, no-one will look after us', forgetting the law. But he cannot know the law, the cosmic law, which is *love*. Love is power; love is the greatest power in the world, and we suggest to you all tonight that whatever the conditions on your earth, whatever the political conditions which are causing you strife and inconvenience and sorrow at heart, remember that love is the law. Let us all, everyone, both sides of a dispute, remember this, for the law says: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve'.

Now every one of you here tonight, we beg you to dismiss from your minds all despair and inharmony and self-pity and fill your hearts and minds with divine love, seeing the law, the law which says, 'as you sow, so shall you reap'. Now when difficulties come to your earth – wholesale difficulties like war, political disagreement – and when the poor, who do not understand what you say, strike against their work and will not work, remember this: that they are learning a valuable lesson. You are all learning a valuable lesson. You were all horror-struck, we are all horror-struck when there is slaughter and pain, when there is war and terrible devastation, we are all sad and sorrowful; even dear Jesus wept over the strife in Jerusalem, which is the perfect city, the glorious city, the golden city; he wept over Jerusalem, and the angel hosts weep over man's suffering and the turmoil and inharmony which is caused through man's lack of understanding and lack of love for his brother man. But everyone on earth and in your country, as well as in the world at the present time, those who know this truth, can do more than they can ever realise by standing firm in their love for humanity and for all who suffer. Look back upon this suffering caused by war. But you are beginning to have your eyes opened now and you are having to admit that the world's humanity has made very great progress, human progress, as a result of war, and we say to you with all our hearts, because we know it is true: 'Good shall come out of evil. Light cometh out of darkness!' Light is in the heart of the dark cave and it will rise and come forth. Lazarus was asleep in the dark cave and Jesus said: "Lazarus, come forth" – and Lazarus left his grave clothes, materiality, foolishness, mistakes. He left them all and he came forth to the light of his Lord and he was a changed man.

Now these things you shall see, great progress; the outcome of darkness and evil is light and goodness and progress. Look for it, but you yourselves, every one of you, must play your part. You do not understand the power of thought nor the power of prayer. O dear ones, do not be miserable; do not get down into the dumps: 'all is lost, what are we coming to?' You are coming to God in God's way – and the Golden Age shall rise and all men shall turn their faces towards the golden Sun, the Christ of the Cosmos, the Solar Logos. And their hearts shall be filled with joy, and their feet shall be full of dancing, and their voices shall be raised

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in thanksgiving and praise for the glory of their life, which is the gift of their Creator, the Great White Eternal Spirit.

And now in your hearts, in the two minutes' silence, receive from the form of the Lord Christ, who comes to you secretly, you as an individual, and He offers you the bread of life, causing you to know that you are part of a great whole. You are part of life and you cannot be separated from your Creator. The bread of life He gives you. Take it and eat it in humility and prayer. He holds before your lips the cup of wine, His spirit, divine love, power and peace. Drink, drink in secret and 'remember me' and your Father, who sees you in secret, will reward you and all men of good faith with the crown of personal life and happiness.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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