

## To Him Who Loves God

A150 Sunday Address 1st July 1945 St Mary Abbot's Place, London Sunday Service

*The date of this address is conjectural (see below), while the text is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors*

*Text:* from *Angelus* November 1945, with the date given in a footnote at the end.

*Context:* this address follows 'The Tree of Life' in the sequence in which they were printed in *Angelus* but a reference to the Christ Festival as having just passed and having been mentioned in the previous address implies that it follows 'The New Age Dawns', the address which bears the date 3rd June 1945. The footnote from *Angelus* confirms this.

A reading from the Sermon on the Mount is referred to (it is unlikely that it was the whole Sermon, despite the phrase White Eagle uses). Possibly, it focussed on the Beatitudes, which are here quoted. It's reasonable to assume, therefore, that the reading was from the beginning of Matthew chapter 5, although we cannot know at what verse it ended.

*General Notes:* although it is not the main subject of this address, it contains one of the best descriptions of what White Eagle means in his teaching by 'conscience' (see the paragraph near the end beginning 'When the soul has seen'). Rather unusually, here White Eagle calls this the seventh sense, reserving the sixth sense as 'the awareness of astral matter'.

*References:* 'thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart', etc., is from Matthew 22 : 36-40. 'Not one jot or tittle' is from Matthew 5 : 18 (and thus potential from the evening's reading). 'As you sow, so shall you reap' is Galatians 6 : 7, and behind this is the phrase Blessed are the pure in heart', which is one of the Beatitudes, Matthew 5 : 8. 'Where there is no vision the people perish' is Proverbs 29 : 18.

*Historical note:* the footnote refers to the peace which came in August 1945. The surrender of Japan was announced by Emperor Hirohito on 15 August 1945 although not formally signed until 2 September, with the atomic bombs being dropped on Hiroshima on 6 August and on Nagasaki on 9 August. Today, the association of such events with the release of the Christ power is a little harder to contemplate, but when the footnote was written awareness among readers of *Angelus* of the effects of the atomic bombs will have been limited. They will, in the main, have only been utterly relieved to find the war finished, fully.

### White Eagle's Address:

It gives us deep joy to come into your midst, for we see before us many old and faithful brethren, friends and companions. The last is a lovely word, which we use very frequently in the spirit world, for there is nothing more blessed than to recognise a true companion of one's spirit in those who have been walking the same path as ourselves in our search for the light of the spirit. You know, beloved ones, this is the real meaning of brotherhood. The brotherhood of man is inspired by the spirit of Christ, or the light of the spirit of God in man; and when this light has been uncovered and waxes strong within, each brother will recognise the same true spirit in his brother. Thus it is with all the brotherhood of life. The brotherhood of man is established throughout all the planes, from the physical right up to the heights of heaven. Brethren, old and young – we meet you, we greet you, heart to heart, and we rejoice with you as we all move together along the same path, seeking divine understanding of the laws of life!

We have listened to a reading of the Sermon on the Mount. In this, the Lord Christ through the Master Jesus presented once again to the world the Ancient Wisdom, or the foundation of truth upon which the life of man should be built. Until it is thus built, upon the foundation of

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truth (which is the Ancient Wisdom), it must crumble. There is only one way for man to construct a better world. That is, as we have said so often, upon recognition of spiritual law. The Lord Christ said quite definitely that upon those two commandments – ‘Love the Lord thy God’ – love the spirit of truth, be pure in heart, let your motives be inspired by the spirit of God, of love, of brotherhood – ‘love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and thy neighbour as thyself’, hung all the law. He said also, not one jot or tittle shall pass away until this law be fulfilled. What does this mean but the law of Karma, the law of cause and effect, the law of ‘As thou sowest thou shalt reap’? The law which cannot be evaded. It does not matter what a man believes; that is of no account. It is what a man has in his heart, it is as a man lives that is important.

We shall see later how this law works out immediately following the passing of the spirit from the physical body. One commandment which we have heard read from the Sermon on the Mount we would like to see written in letters of gold: ‘Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God’. If worldly men and women, or better, if materially minded men and women, or better still, kindly and well-meaning men and women, could understand the meaning of these words they would be much helped. ‘The pure in heart’: who and what are they? Are they those considered by their fellows to be holy, good men, religious men? Who are they? Let us try and learn.

Centuries ago (and also today) there were men and women who withdrew from the world to seek sanctuary. They hoped that through living a life of solitude, a life uncontaminated by the material world, they would become pure and holy and thus be able to see God. There are some souls whose calling it is to serve the world of spirit on the inner planes – which means to withdraw into their inner sanctuary and there work mentally and spiritually. Such souls are pure in heart because they are earnest, because they are selfless. Many thousands of such souls in the past have earned the name of ‘saint’, not because of their withdrawal from association from men, but because they have learned the secret of the spiritual life and to surrender themselves. In a word, they have learned the true meaning of purity of heart. Their vision has been opened. They have seen God, they have seen truth.

All down the ages, my brethren, there have lived noble and great souls, men and women who were known as mystics. The world of today does not know how much it owes to their vision. But remember that a mystic is not necessarily someone apart from the world of action. A mystic is a soul who has gained an inner perception, and therefore can see truth. ‘Where there is no vision the people perish.’ This applies not only today but through all the ages. God has from time to time raised up His sons and daughters and given these blessed ones a vision of Himself because they were pure in heart and selfless. They knew not a personal but an impersonal love, a love which offered itself without thought of self on the altar of human service. It does not matter much what form such a life of service takes – whether it is spent in the commercial world or in government, in religious organisations, in brotherhoods, in the arts and sciences; it does not matter what form of service the man or woman chooses. The motive behind is the all-important thing. If this motive is pure service to his brother man, then that person beholds the vision of truth, of God. Then that person is pure in heart because he has one point of view to – to help mankind.

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How is he going to help? By trying to influence someone and make him believe what he believes is the only possible truth? No: that is not the way; the way is to help his brother to help himself – whoever he is, whatever he is. That is the pure motive: to help one's brother to grow in character, to grow spiritually and to attain to spiritual understanding and human happiness.

When the soul passes away from the physical body, the first thing that happens is that it finds itself in very similar conditions to those in which it lived on earth. Nothing is changed very much. The dominating thoughts of the individual are represented in his surroundings immediately after death. For this reason it takes the newly-arrived soul some time to find out that it has lost its body. Sometimes, of course, the soul is so awakened on earth that it knows it is going to pass over and expects to find itself in a beautiful heaven. Sometimes when the individual has learned the secret of being pure in heart, being selfless, being kind (that is the key, my brethren, the golden key: be *kind*), when the soul has found out how to be universally and spontaneously kind, then the soul will awaken to a world of beauty and kindness in the spirit life. But a large percentage of people find themselves after death in a condition of life very similar to that which they left, and there they remain for as long as they are ignorant of spiritual law and life – for a few minutes, or hours, or days, weeks, months, years or centuries. If they are ready to learn they begin to notice things in their surroundings which make them wonder. There is always a guide near at hand to whom they can appeal, who will answer their questions. Through the answers they begin to realise they are no longer in a physical body. They learn that they have passed away from earth, and as soon as they know this, then immediately they come before their judge.

Some people dread to think about a Judgment Day and of him who will be their judge; but the truth is that each man will be his own judge, because the life in which he now finds himself will so adjust itself that the soul begins to see itself revealed as it really is. Thus it judges itself. The judge within the heart gives judgment. Following this the soul may go through a period of what the Roman Catholic Church calls 'purgatory'. If the soul had been guilty of cruelty, unkindness or other vices – not so much of the body as of the soul – then it has to see them revealed in itself. Thus it is the soul is cleansed. It looks at itself in the well of truth and sees its reflection: sees a very clear picture of itself from which there is no escaping. This, my brethren, is the law of which the Lord Christ spoke and which there is no evading.

When the soul has seen all its mistakes and passed through its process of purification, it has an opportunity to give service on the planes of spirit. Then it passes to rest and quiet and in that state it reviews all its past – not its one life but many lives – and it knows what it needs to perfect itself. Then the soul cries, 'If only I could have another chance', and the good Lord says, 'My son-daughter, you shall have your chance!' – and the chastened soul makes ready to return. When it becomes clothed again in matter, when it is surrounded by all the difficulties of the physical life again, the memory of the higher experience recedes, but there always remains in the soul an inward knowing and intuition. Some people call it the sixth sense. We prefer to call it the seventh. The sixth sense is the awareness of astral matter, but the seventh is an awareness of the higher state of life; and is what man calls 'conscience'.

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That conscience tries (and very often succeeds) in making the soul tread the path that it really wants to tread. The lower nature will sometimes pull the soul off its true path but the still small voice, deeply buried in the heart, speaks – and if the soul will always obey the voice of conscience it becomes pure in heart; and the pure in heart see God.

My brethren, a last word: last time we were speaking in this Lodge, we referred to the great festival of the Lord Christ which was taking place in the month of June, the time when the moon was full. At that time the Lord Christ and all the powers of Christ gathered and concentrated upon the earth and upon the world of men. There was a mighty outpouring of light, of love, of inspiration and guidance to men and women, and in many cases they were able to respond to this might blessing. All the great Christ Circle in the heavens turned their attention to and came upon the earth and mingled with men. Verily, verily, angels were walking and talking with men and women. The light in the hearts of the people was strengthened. The conscience of the people was stirred and quickened. This is what happens, my brethren. God does not leave His children to struggle in the darkness alone. From time to time He sends light and help, healing, inspiration and guidance. The Christ spirit at the moment endeavours to raise all men to the heights of the Christ light and the Christ life. Look in the future for the result of this particular outpouring of spiritual light upon mankind and if you yourself have the light strong within you, you will see, you will recognise the spirit make itself manifest through your fellow men. The whole of life must eventually respond to this Christ ray so that the motives of all people grow pure, selfless and so that all live for one and each one individual lives for the whole.\*

Do not say that we are speaking of a Utopia which will never be realised in your life, because you will speak falsely. This life of brotherhood, this life which will bring happiness into the lives of all, will be known as the Golden Age, and will come into being when all the world sees the light because it has responded to the voice of conscience. When the voice of conscience speaks in the hearts of the people there will come purity of motive, purity of heart, and man will live within the kingdom heaven here on earth. It is no use looking for the kingdom of heaven on earth. It is no use looking for the kingdom of heaven until it has been established in man's heart on earth. Then and then only will he know the meaning of heaven.

Our love, all our love to every one of you.

*\* (It is worth noting that this address was given on the 1st July and that the peace which came in August may be the first and immediate outcome of this great release of Christ power during the month of June. Others will follow).*

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