

## Karma and the Summer Time

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(Wesak)

*Text:* a top copy, in blue, of the usual MB typescript. YGH has written 'Used SP Aug/Sept 1961' on the front, otherwise the copy is unmarked. However, the August 1961 *Stella Polaris* does not contain this address; it must have been moved to make way for something else.

*Context:* we learn, internally, that the service celebrated the festival of the Lord Buddha, Wesak, which falls at the time of the Cancer Full Moon; it also looks ahead to the Christ Festival (Gemini Moon) a month later. The typescript tells us that the reading was Aquarian Gospel, 114 : 26-51. This text follows on teaching about natural disasters, and is mainly about the law of karma. Brother Faithful's note at the end, longer than usual and once more reproduced, tells us that the final hymn was no. 564 in *Songs of Praise*, 'Lord of all being, throned afar', with words by the American poet, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr (1809-94). White Eagle also refers to one of the prayers heard in the service, and given by 'our daughter', which spoke of each being wrapped around by white wings. A reference in the address suggests that London was enjoying warm, sunny weather.

*General Notes:* an unusual amount of this address is on one subject, that of karma. When White Eagle speaks of 'the orthodox church', he of course means mainstream, organised religion, not the Eastern Orthodox Church. White Eagle speaks, *inter alia*, of the value of the life lived in seclusion (the monk and the hermit): their active, simple inner life balancing those for whom life is primarily external and busy. At the end he reminds us that spirit growth in each individual raises the consciousness of all humanity.

This must be one of the earliest, if not the earliest, Sunday address to mention Wesak. White Eagle speaks of Wesak as not just the birthday of Buddha, but 'a much greater ceremony or festival' indeed. Lastly, he assures us that 'by sending out good thoughts ... you are assisting in the work of the hierarchies in the heavens'.

*References:* 'He gives his angels charge over you' is Psalm 91 : 11; 'Underneath are the everlasting arms' is Deuteronomy 33 : 27. 'Judge not that be not judged' is Matthew 7 : 7. The first of the White Eagle books, to which Brother Faithful refers at the end, was the book called ILLUMINATION.

### White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of the earth plane, we come from the realms of spirit to tell you of the joys of the spirit life, which each one of you must inherit either sooner or later. But as we come on to this level, this physical level, and the mental level of the physical body, we long to present to your vision the true story of man's creation and his slow – very slow – spiritual as well as physical evolution through the ages. But this, of course, is far too long a story to be encompassed in a brief talk with you.

When we speak to you of spiritual things of the spirit world and the spiritual life, do not think that we are totally unaware of the difficulties and problems of your earthly journey. It may seem to you at times that we try to carry you too far into that higher state of consciousness; and you may feel that it is all so useless for you whilst you are imprisoned in flesh and bound by your karma – that is, the effect of your life, your thoughts of either a few days or weeks or months or years or past ages.

Remember that karma does not necessarily come from Atlantean days nor Egyptian days! It may come to you today from yesterday. Now, this is the mistake that many people make. It may be a comfort to them to think that what they are enduring today is a result of deeds

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which they did so long ago that they have completely forgotten them. In a sense it absolves them from a certain amount of responsibility, or so they feel.

But let us get this truth clear in our minds: the law of karma, the law of cause and effect, is at work every minute of life whilst you are in a physical body. Now it is quite worthwhile taking note of this. And you may notice many things round you in the physical life which cause you to be puzzled and dissatisfied with your lot. You may see that other people are happy, healthy, living harmonious lives. You may say to yourself, 'Why does everything they touch turn to gold?' We don't mean material gold, we mean gold in its highest sense. We mean that everything which comes into the life of some people seems to go right. It seems to bring a state of harmony and beauty and a comfortable state of living. Nevertheless, when you are in a position to see a life through the lens of truth you will see the reason why some people have a life of harmony and happiness, and others have a life of conflict and trial. Now, there are many reasons for these discrepancies.

One reason is that the soul with the difficulties in his life may, if the condition is scrutinised through – as we have said – through the lens of truth, may be receiving opportunities. You see, karma is not only a paying off of mistakes, karma is also opportunity. Karma comes in the form of testing, testing the soul, strengthening the soul; in fact, hastening the journey of the soul through matter. On the other hand, a life that appears to be so happy and satisfactory from every point of view may not be making the progress in this present life that others are making. We do not say that all happy people are static on the spiritual path. Oh dear, no! But we are suggesting a possibility that the souls that seem to have everything their way may be marking time, waiting. Perhaps in a past life things have been very hard. Now, let it be a consolation to you if things are a little bit tough – now let it be a consolation that in all probability if you face up to your tests and the opportunities to learn wisdom you will find in your next life recompense for this. You may be rewarded with a life of harmony and beauty and crowned with love. But remember that people who seem to have a very happy time may be putting into practice divine law. They may have learnt the needed wisdom through past experience. They may accept their karma in the right spirit, and wisely apply divine law in every detail in life. Remember this.

We have said on previous occasions that karma can be transmuted. Many people have questioned this statement, believing that the law demanded exact 'eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth': if a cause was sown the individual would of necessity have to reap the effect. And you remember the words of Jesus when He spoke of God's mercy. God is merciful. God offers man freewill to enable him to transmute karma. Now, by this is meant man can, when sufficiently wise, he can apply the divine law to life, and in so doing the rough places on life's journey are smoothed for him. That again is the law! It is God's mercy, God's blessing upon the children who love. It is the result of law again.

We come back to talk to you about this law of love, God's love for all creation. But that love is very broad and high and *deep*. It is not a superficial emotion. It is a deep, *deep*, wise love which applies a wise law of cause and effect. Now we have learnt, and no doubt you have learnt or are learning, that the life of God and the love of God is within every soul. It is not exclusive to the chosen few. Every soul has within it the seed of this divine love. There are

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many books. There are many teachers. We also come back to you from a spirit state of life to point the way. We are just pointers on the road, signposts directing you along the best path. But quite apart from all the teachers of all the ages and all the worlds that are spoken, only the soul can turn within and find his true self. There he can find Christ within and through meditation and contemplation and life, practical life – experience in the physical body – experience on the mental plane and experience on the heavenly plane – all these experiences when rightly absorbed and applied to the soul of man, they all enable him to open up his God-powers. So though your life may be simple and ordinary and wearisome and monotonous, [and] whether your life is very busy and entangled with a lot of earthly things, nevertheless remember – it may comfort you – there is this process going on all the time, the power, the spiritual power which is being applied to every individual life to help the soul awaken and find within itself the light of truth; the light which fills a man with happiness, which creates all round him beauty.

Think, dear brethren, for a moment of the wise and saintly souls who have lived on your earth, many of them known by name to many people. There are the saints known to your orthodox church, many of them true noble souls. There are those whom you call hermits or masters who, having withdrawn from the entanglements of the physical life, lead an inner life. And in that inner life there is tremendous activity. Many people say what is the good of a hermit's life or a monk's life? Well, such a life truly lived in love and in service is invaluable to the world. You must have those people who are active on the inner planes to help the brethren who are in action on the outer plane. And it is as well for you see all these aspects of life; the good there is in the inner life and the good there is in the active life – the life of action on the physical plane. There are inaccuracies, we know. There appear to be very great inequalities on your earth plane. But remember that the law is at work, though you will say to us, 'If the law is at work, why should we make any effort to help the world, help ourselves or help other people?'

My dear brethren, in a short time from now at the full moon on the eleventh day of this month there will be held on the inner planes a most beautiful ceremony. You will know it by the name of the Wesak ceremony, Buddhists claim to celebrate the birth of Buddha at that time. So it would appear that this idea of Wesak festival has been built up – has grown up round the personality of the Lord Buddha; but that personality may have been used to stress a much greater ceremony or festival than the celebration of the birth of our great Brother. It is a ceremony which is held from the lowest level on the earth right up through the planes to the highest level. There is a gathering of all the quickened and awakening and awakened souls; and the gathering of the initiates and the hierarchies of heaven. And this vast assembly is attuned to perfection like a million, million lights in the heavens.

And from this great light in the highest plane there is directed down through the planes power, which is wisdom and love. And this is done to touch the souls of men on earth who are imprisoned, and who are struggling with the physical conditions in order that they may awaken to the true life and light which is above. This power permeates the consciousness of every soul on earth, in the lower astral planes, the lower mental planes; indeed through all life. It is just like the bursting [forth] of the summer warmth and sunshine. You have the

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demonstration with you now, the coming of the lovely sun, the sun's warmth and comfort. Behind that sun is the spiritual sun.

We were so pleased when our Daughter uttered the prayer tonight, and she told you that all around you were these white wings, spiritual white wings. Now, if you remember this in your difficulties and your everyday life – when those conditions and circumstances drag you down and make you so sad and fill you with fear and anxiety – remember the words uttered here tonight: [that] the great white wings of the vast company of angelic beings are enfolded around you, and that God is all love and all wisdom. And He gives His angels charge over you. Try, my dear ones, to respond to the heavenly things of life, and when your earthly mind can get so busy trying to deny you the right to those spiritual, those beautiful truths of life, make an effort to put aside the thoughts of fear.

Accept, accept what is happening as having a wise purpose. Don't rush hither and thither. Keep still, keep quiet and calm even though the waves dash round you. Deep within you is a centre of stillness and calm. It is the reservoir of spirit life, the reservoir of power and strength. Hold on to it. Be still and know that God is both within you and around you; and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Now what good is this knowledge to you? All the good when you apply that knowledge to your life, your problems. But let all remember that this process of growth is taking place, and if you will allow yourselves to grow in consciousness – that is, to grow conscious of this invisible life and power that is within you and around you – you are giving service to the whole of humanity. Yes, and to all nature, to all aspects of life; because man is endowed with creative power. He is endowed with not only a brain, but a higher mind. And through that higher mind he may contact divine intelligence, and transmit that divine intelligence through to his physical brain, and then apply it to physical matter. Now think of that, because it is a very important thought. And by sending out from your heart and with all sincerity, by sending out thoughts of goodness, brotherhood and compassion and understanding for others, by sending out good thoughts and God thoughts and tolerant thoughts, you are assisting in the work of the hierarchies in the Heavens.

What a wonderful, wonderful opportunity is yours! Life is worthwhile living. And on your earth plane you can do so much to increase the light, the beauty and the harmony of the earth. And you can do so much to help mankind to comprehend the beauty, the truth and the wisdom of brotherly love.

To conclude this talk, we would take you onward for another month to that second grand festival in the Heavens which is known to many as the Christ Festival. Now there is no competition between the Lord Buddha and the Lord Christ, Jesus the Christ, as he is known in the Christian world. But these two great souls who have come back to this earth plane to assist humanity in its spiritual evolution, they stand together. They work together and each aspect of their work synchronises. They work almost as one.

Now, on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of next month at full moon which in this hemisphere – this northern hemisphere – comes the full moon at about 9 o'clock a.m. If you can find time in your busy

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lives to attune your thoughts, to just send a thought to that vast company in the heavens; if you can, just in your imagination – if you like to use that ill-used word, an abused word – if you can, [then] imagine those heavenly beings, that vast heavenly host all joining in one mighty outpouring of love and *know* that you are receiving this love into your own being, stimulating your spirit, stimulating and advancing your spiritual evolution. And more than this, you are helping on this earth plane in the sending forth of an invisible power and light which will in so many, many ways affect the mentality and spirituality of countless, countless people.

Above all do not be intolerant, no matter what conditions on earth appear to you to be unjust and wrong. We do not say, ‘do not see right from wrong’ – but be tolerant in your judgment, dear ones, because as we said at the beginning of this talk, *you cannot judge*. You do not know the reason why certain actions are taken by leaders of men on your earth. You don’t know what lies behind these decisions and these actions. And as He, the Great One, said, ‘Judge not that ye be not judged’. For as you judge others so you judge yourselves. As you accuse others so will you be accused by your true higher self.

O beloved, with this message we leave you, praying every one present will strive to be responsive to the spiritual influences and to divine Truth. Do not let your lower mind, or your lower self or your physical body, drag you away from your true course; a spiritual course which leads the spirit forward and upward to the heart of God, to the eternal Light, the eternal Life. O dear ones, believe what we say!

And God bless you. God keep you always in his love. Amen. Amen. Amen.

### Brother Faithful:

About thirty years ago White Eagle gave seven or eight lectures in London which were subsequently published as the first of the White Eagle books. They were lectures on simple themes very simply expressed. And it so happened that I gave a copy to a friend of mine who was rather interested. And when he had read it he said, ‘Yes, it is a very profound book’. And that rather surprised me, because it was far simpler than any one of our later books. And it rather surprised me. And I said, why profound? And he said, ‘Because it made me think! It woke up something inside me, so I think it was profound’. And then he went to the war and was killed. Perhaps that book was not altogether wasted.

Now, the lecture tonight was very simple, very clear, very easy to follow. And yet, if it awakens something inside us so that we may remember and try to practise what we have heard, then it was a profound lecture and, to us, profoundly true.

Our closing hymn [is] No. 564, ‘Lord of all being, throned afar’.

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compassion, guides, devas, wisdom*

