

White Eagle's Address at the Tenth Anniversary Service

A157 Sunday Address 24th February 1946 St Mary Abbots Place, London Lodge
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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, April 1946.

Context: many more years after the event, it is probably difficult for us today to recognise what a milestone this tenth anniversary must have felt for all regular attenders at the Lodge. An editorial item in the February *Angelus*, when the anniversary service actually took place and a special Anniversary Letter by Minesta in the same issue, perhaps better indicate how special it was. There is no indication of the prayers, readings and hymns.

General Notes: White Eagle speaks of the Lodge coming about through long, long preparation and the main focus of this address is what White Eagle calls the Star Circle, in the heavens. It is notable that in *THE SHINING PRESENCE* (p. 36) Grace Cooke remarked that what she found at Lordat in 1931 had been in preparation since the time of the Cathars seven hundred years earlier. White Eagle may also have in mind the remarkable story of David Burn-Callander on a Pacific Isle, a story told in Minesta's book, *PLUMED SERPENT* (p. 98, where David Burn-Callander is 'Mr Y'). Later, he refers to the dawning age, which we now enjoy seventy or so years later, as a 'golden age'. That may surprise readers. However, we suspect that the quality of an age is not something to judge at the time; it is history that will judge the quality of the age in which we live, and the means of measuring it may not even be available to us yet. In this address White Eagle speaks of the 'small work which has been accomplished' – small in comparison to what is yet to be achieved – and yet also speaks in some detail of what he refers to here as the Star Circle, at the same time offering other names for it. When White Eagle refers to the *Illuminati* he means the truly Illumined Ones of all time. They bear no relation to those who are today vilified by conspiracy theorists – as indeed White Eagle demonstrates by how he describes them.

References: the Golden Rule, to which White Eagle refers, is proverbial, but is generally identified with Matthew 7 : 12. 'Be ye perfect, even as your Father' is Matthew 5 : 48. 'If I be lifted up from the earth' is John 12 : 32. 'The veil of the temple' being torn asunder is Matthew 27 : 51, while the phrase 'wars and rumours of wars' is also from Matthew (24 : 6).

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, we speak to you on this occasion with abounding love and deep thankfulness. We are a company, a brotherhood. There is hardly a sweeter word than 'brotherhood' and we wish to unite all in a vast brotherhood of light and truth and happiness. In this connection we would remind you there is a great company of invisible brethren present with us.

Since this Lodge was first established ten years ago you have passed through many vicissitudes, dangers and experiences both sad and joyous. Yet when the full understanding of the light comes no man grieves for things which have to be because they are in God's plan for the development, for the evolution of the human spirit and of the human race.

Today we specially remember a number of dear and loyal brothers who have left you to join us in the world of spirit. These brothers and sisters are present, now clothed in the white robes of the spirit. We want all to remember this who have lost their children, parents, brother, sister or very dear friends; we would say that you are not separated for they too are

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here. For this is a joyous occasion for us all – for you who are still guardians of spiritual knowledge and truth on earth and we who come to minister through this earthly Lodge and also through you individually.

This Lodge did not come into being suddenly, but was the result of long preparation. It was planned in the council chamber of the Star Circle above the earth. Many men were drawn in course of time to this centre, this focal point. Some were brought over the seas; others from distant parts of the country. Many souls were drawn from different spheres and planes of consciousness in the spirit world. Souls of men of ancient races, men of many nationalities were assembled here for one particular purpose, this purpose being to make a focal point in this city and in this mystic isle of Britain through which the power of the Christ Circle could minister to the souls of the men, women and children – souls which were to pass through an unprecedented suffering, to endure the years of fire.

But we must remember that such years of fire were purifying in their effect. This purification is now in process in the hearts of all peoples as a preparation for a glorious age which is to come – which might be called ‘the Golden Age’. But the preparation (which has only just begun) depends for this development and its success upon you and upon everyone who afterwards reads our words. A vast opportunity is opening before you all to become as focal points to servers of what is called the Star Circle, the Christ Circle, or the Great White Brotherhood – all terms mean the same.

We rejoice, brethren, upon this day of thanksgiving. With all our hearts we give thanks to God and to our elder brethren, to those illumined ones who have laboured unceasingly with the purest love in their hearts for all mankind. Through the devotion and love of these beloved brethren we and you have been succoured and strengthened in the small work which has been accomplished. Thankfulness, my brethren, shines like a jewel in the heart of man; for to be thankful in the heart is like opening the gate of heaven. A thankful heart cannot fail to enter the kingdom of happiness. We have never failed to find such a deep thankfulness in the heart of those whom you call Master. They never allow any one incident of service and loving graciousness on the part of another to pass unnoticed nor unblest. But these things must be in the heart and not merely upon the lips.

It is the law; and so beloved brethren, we come amongst you on this Anniversary day thankful to you, thankful to those behind and above us; and you in turn meet us and them with the light of thankfulness shining from your hearts. Attributes such as this, of love, gratitude and kindness, will bring the blessing of Christ and will help your brother man to become quickened in spirit, and so to function not only on the material plane but on the spiritual, so that he acts and speaks and thinks under the direction of the Christ light.

This is the sole purpose of the Star Circle. Those radiant ones behind and above us seek channels through whom they can spread the light of Christ on earth. What is the light of Christ? We call it the Golden Rule ... the rule of love – the doing unto others as you would like to be done unto. Not many understand the full implication of this Golden Rule, which must govern every detail of life. This means that perfection is set as the ideal – perfection in

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thought, in speech, in action. You will perhaps think that this is too high an ideal, that it is all very well for those who have escaped the prison house of flesh to talk about perfection. Nevertheless, perfection is the goal of all life. The beloved Master Jesus the Christ said, 'Be ye perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect'.

My brethren, try to picture the assembly of all the White Brothers, the Star Circle, in the heavens. They are around you, come to serve you, to free you from imprisonment. They come to help you to behold the kingdom of heaven and to enter in. Rejoice with them for your creation. Down through the ages groups of men and women called the Illuminati have lived in communion with the angels and the brethren of the Great White Lodge. Such men and women have been drawn from all races, from those with dark skins, yellow skins, red and white skins, and from all grades of society. They only recognise one truth and that truth is God within them. They live under the direction of their inner light; they have always a ready ear for the guidance and ministration of those who come to them from the spirit world; for those White Brethren on earth walk hand in hand with the White Brethren in the spirit world and their lives are interpenetrated by the spiritual power of the White Brethren in the Star Circle in the spirit world.

This Lodge was brought into being by the brethren in the White Lodge above. You beloved earthly brethren have been presented with a great and beautiful of spiritual power and love. Through you the angels and the White Brothers work to spread this light, which is the teaching of the Golden Rule. It is true that masters, teachers, saviours of all time have given out the same teaching because it is a jewel of great price. But when it comes under material organisation, the power of the true spirit recedes. This is why so many organised religions become as an empty shell and their people so enveloped in materialism that they are deaf and blind to the true spirit. This is why religions gradually pass lose their power. But remember the true light of Christ, of love and gentleness, of humility and justice, is the same yesterday, today and for ever. It can never die. It is always with men. It is only that man himself does not recognise nor allow it to express itself through his mind and speech and action.

The power of love will eventually conquer all darkness. It has conquered darkness before – because, my brethren, were it not so, life on earth would not be in existence today. More than this, the power of love is drawing all mankind to itself. Did not Christ say, 'If I be lifted up, I will lift all men'. This is the power of love. It has brought you safely to this present day. It is working as leaven in the bread and before many years have passed you will see for yourselves what the power of Christ can and will do in the world.

One more thought we have to give you. In this new age the power of the intuition or the feminine aspect, the woman aspect of life, will take a very prominent part. It is the intuition or the feminine aspect which must bring the perfect balance. If the power complex which manifests through the physical mind and brain is allowed to go unbridled, then there is a very sad outlook for mankind. But it is decreed that the woman aspect, the wisdom within the heart, will prevail. It will be assisted to arise in the heart by the spirit ministers. Many who have laid down their lives in the years of fire have joined the Great White Army and they come back to help mankind to develop this intuitive faculty, this inner light, which will guide

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them into the ways of brotherhood and peace. Then there will be no inequality; there will be understanding and love amongst the nations and amongst individuals. There will be a unification of all peoples; free trade between all; there will be one supreme government for the world and the human family will live together in a happy, peaceful community. The heavy veil of materialism which now hangs between the world and the spiritual life will be torn down. This is the rending of the veil in the holy temple of Christ. This is the meaning of the words, 'The veil of the temple shall be torn asunder'. For man is the temple of God, his form created in the image and likeness of God. That veil in the temple is of darkness, selfishness and materialism and hides from man his inner holy of holies. When the veil has been torn down every man will be his own priest, guided by the light of God in his heart. There will be no more wars or rumours of wars, but one glad, joyous company of White Brethren whose hearts beat in unison as brothers; the Christ the King of all mankind will reign supreme over the earth and all peoples shall call Him blessed.

We rejoice, O gracious Spirit, that we Thy humble children have been given a glimpse into the heavenly worlds. May we henceforth live to be guided by Thy light with our hearts and by Thy ministering angels from the Star Circle; and may the light of the spirit spread and spread throughout all the world. Unto Thee be all honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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