

# Many Mansions

A318 Sunday Address 19th July 1959 New Lands, Liss Following address by Ivan Cooke in Sunday Service

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*Context:* headed, 'Message from White Eagle after Brother Faithful's address at New Lands service on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 1959. That White Eagle should give a short address after IC is truly unusual and certainly not advertised in advance; the relevant *Stella Polaris* simply advertises 'Service' for 19<sup>th</sup> July. The reason White Eagle unexpectedly spoke is not entirely clear. He mentions the presence of sister Judith, who was Irene Hume, the partner of Eunice Dixon. She died on 15 June 1958, thus just over a year before. It may well be that 'Dixie' as Eunice Dixon was known, was present in the congregation (see also the previous London address, 5 July 1959). Two young men now in spirit are also separately mentioned. A possible scenario is that Minesta was due to give the communion after Brother Faithful finished his talk, but that she or White Eagle himself were aware of Dixie and the relation of the young man in the congregation and wanted to give them reassurance. But the opening of the address does not feel like an 'add-on'; it feels like any other address. Conversely, the communion is just a little longer than usual, which just might imply that it was the main task Minesta expected to fulfil.

*General Notes:* White Eagle is right to point out, at the very beginning, that the so-called 'Farewell Discourse' in St John's Gospel implies a continuing existence for the soul, after death, although it could be stretched to fit with the doctrine of resurrection at the last trump. This short talk is very much about the presence of loved ones in spirit and otherwise just contains a reminder to make the most of the opportunity to grow in spirit that life offers – apart, of course, from the communion at the end.

*References:* The phrase 'shuffled off this mortal coil' is taken from the 'To be or not to be' soliloquy in Hamlet, Act IV scene i. This is the second time in 1959 that White Eagle quoted it. 'In my Father's house are many mansions' and 'I go to prepare a place for you' are both from John 14 : 2. For 'Judith', mentioned, see 'Context'. The 'Farewell Discourses' of Jesus are a name given to chapters 14 – 16 of St John's Gospel. The Transfiguration is described in Matthew 17 : 1-8, Mark 9 : 2-8 and Luke 9 : 28-36; also, quite significantly in a White Eagle context, in the Apocryphal text, *Acts of John* 90-91. 2 Peter 1 : 16-18 also refers back to it.

## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of earth, by the love of the Great White Spirit we are enabled to return to you to bear testimony to the truth of continued life after the soul has shuffled off the mortal coil. We speak to you for the White Brotherhood, for the ones who are known as adepts or Masters, in other words for those who have passed through great tribulation and have washed their garments pure. Now this is a lovely thought, dear ones, that we would bring to you this day that your loved ones have passed through their suffering, through great tribulation and they are now in shining light. Their clothing is their aura which is the love and happiness which shine from their spirit.

It has been said that there is practically no word in your Christian Bible about life continuing after death, but just think of the words of our beloved Jesus, through whom the Christ shone when He said, 'In my Father's house are many mansions' and 'I go to prepare a place for you'. He demonstrated by what is called the miracle of Transfiguration when he himself shone with a great light and his disciples saw the two initiates with him, Moses and Elijah. This was a revelation from the spiritual world to the disciples, the humble disciples who were seeking and yearning for truth.

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Now we know that there are a number of you here who have loved ones who have shed that coarser, pain-ridden physical body. And what has it done to them, this change of death? It has enabled them to spread their wings and fly or move more easily into worlds of infinite glory, and they come back to you now, your dear beloved friends and sister. We have here with us a number of them. Amongst them are dear Sister Judith who is shining with love. There is a brother here who has passed recently to our world who left on earth loved ones, especially a young woman. We think the relationship was niece, but oh the love and the reassurance from him that all is well and it is glorious, glorious in this new world of sunshine and peace! There is a young man who was taken away in the prime of young manhood who has here in this chapel one who is an affinity with his spirit – a beautiful love, a young love, a pure love, but a beautiful unity of spirit. We will not mention names but the one here knows of whom we speak and to whom we speak – to you who know, all love, protection and inspiration.

Now you are all working and unfolding your wings whilst you are on the physical plane of life, and as you live and as you think on earth so you will find yourself in exactly that state of growth, spiritual unfoldment, development, or if you refuse to follow the path to which God has led you, you will have regrets. In our world so often we hear the dear ones who are in our charge say to us, ‘Oh, White Eagle, why didn’t I follow the light that had been given to me? Why was I so foolish on earth?’ Now, there are always fresh opportunities: remember this, and do not be too harsh with yourselves. There is always the next time. Those who yearn and seek their beloved will find them.

Now He who is all love is in our midst and He raises you to worlds supernal, far above this dense physical plane. Let us follow Him through a shining pathway of light, passing most beautiful and perfect landscapes as we follow Him. We see the beauty of the flowers as we pass through the temple gardens. We move onward through a grove of trees and see at the end of this path a shining temple. Two noble pillars are at the entrance and we pass through the golden archway into a temple of light, and in this temple is a vast congregation, an infinite company of White Brethren, men and women and angels, planetary, solar angels. Let us pause here to absorb the beauty and the spiritual power....

And even as we wait in company with those we love, the presence of the Lord Christ appears. He stands before the communion table. His hands are raised in supplication to the Most High, and the bread and the wine which are before Him become alight. Just see the rays of glorious light which issue from these spiritual symbols. Take, eat the bread. Accept the karma of the earth, for you are given the wine of divine spirit to succour you as you journey onward to your reunion with God. May the memory of this holy and blessed communion fill your hearts and lives with joy and peace, for all is well. All is well, my children, all is well. Amen.

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