

White Eagle's New Year Address

A185 Sunday Address 4th January 1948 St Mary Abbots Place, London New Year service

The text of this address is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors

Text: from *Angelus*, March 1948, where the heading confirms the date.

Context: there is no indication of any details of the service of which this address was part. White Eagle rather uses the context of the service to take us beyond and within, to ceremonies on the higher planes.

General Notes: in celebrating the New Year, White Eagle also here speaks of thankfulness as we say goodbye to the old and touches on an ancient or spirit world festival at the passing of the year. Once again in these post-War addresses White Eagle speaks of atomic power – clearly a keen subject for his listeners. He mentions the dangers not so much of nuclear power itself, but of the arrogance of the mind. Later, he goes into some detail about how beings can live in remote places on the earth such as the high Himalaya in bodies that they have had for centuries, because they are free from disease and death.

References: three quarters of the way through, the phrase ‘the light which is the life of men’ is an oblique reference to John 1 : 4. Shortly after, White Eagle refers to the three years of Jesus’ ministry, and then to the thirty-three years of his life – without entirely making clear how his reference is changing. ‘Be ye perfect, even as your Father’ is Matthew 5 : 48.

White Eagle’s Address:

We greet you with great love, and we bring the light of the spirit: may it bless you. Often you live as prisoners in a dark room, and we who look upon you from a different plane of life long to give you the light of understanding and of the spirit. We come to remind you that the power of the spirit is the light and the life which God has planted in the heart of every human soul. You are living so much in a state of darkness. We understand the difficulties of the material life because we too have lived in a body. Indeed, as we come into contact with this physical body through which we speak, we too can feel the limitations, the complexities and the difficulties of human life. So we approach with sympathy. Our message to you is this: that the purpose of your life is to enable you to develop the light which is the power and life, which enables you to rise above the darkness and break the bonds of the earth. You cannot enter into the fullness of your spiritual life until you have learned to bring forth light from your innermost.

You stand at the beginning of a New Year. As we come to you, beloved ones, we would bring the picture which remains with us so vividly: the memory of the ceremony in which all our people in days gone by participated – all of them. Not only the priest, but all of us entered the circle. Shall we call it a magic circle? Yes, because it *was* a magic circle. As we paced round the central altar our whole being became alive, quickened, stimulated by the blessing of the spiritual light; and we not only believed in the existence of that spiritual light, but learned how to receive and how to use it in our lives.

This is what people in your age are about to learn, and this is why each New Year which dawns from now on will be invested with great and grave importance. This is not merely a New Year as you people conceive it, mostly as something to endure, so that when the end of the year comes you say, ‘We are glad to see it go’, because that is not the kind of thought that

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we should entertain. The end of every year should be regarded with rejoicing, with thanksgiving for the opportunities and for the achievements which the year has brought. When the year, closes man should be able to go into the light with great thanksgiving, bowing to the Giver of Light and the Giver of Opportunities to the human soul, to develop the power of the light both within the soul and in the material life.

We return again to the scene when we perambulated around the central altar, which was to us the symbol of the sacred fire of the sun, not only the physical sun, but the Son of God: that great Spiritual Being which came from the heavens to bring life to the earth – for the sun gives warmth and generates life, and the spiritual sun also generates the life of the spirit in the heart of man. As we speak to you now we can see the blazing sun; we can feel its warmth, we are aware of light. This light is streaming down upon you all. Each one present may receive its stimulation, so that the whole body becomes a vehicle of light.

You see, my brethren, what is happening? You have come round to a new age – the age of Aquarius – but it is also an age for stimulation of the mind and quickening of the spirit and the spirit power of earth. Atomic power is no new thing, although there has been much excitement among scientists at the discovery. It has been known and used before by men in ages past; it has been used in certain form by the saints, teachers and masters of all time. The difference between yesterday and today is this: yesterday, this power was secret – it was only allowed to come into the possession of souls initiated by their own spiritual life, their own spiritual unfoldment. We look back through the past ages and we see the masses in the valley, but there were peaks, great souls, masters and initiates as some people call them. Whatever the term employed they were the souls of men and women who by the quality of their life in the body had been able to tap into the secrets of the universe.

In this age of Aquarius the mind of man is probing these secrets. Unless the heart and the spirit also rises in power and glory in humanity there will be an overbalance of the mind. The mind which discovers these secrets without a corresponding spiritual wisdom will use them unwisely and will eventually consume itself. This has ever been so, as you may learn from the history of the downfall of Atlantis and Lemuria and other great continents. The disappearance of these lands has been a puzzle to the student, but when you begin to realise the danger of learning and using cosmic secrets for material domination and power you will readily understand the importance of the New Year and of the subsequent New Years which will follow. We stress the importance of men and women realising their true nature – their spiritual nature – and that there can be no compromise with truth. It is no use saying, 'We are only human, therefore cannot do these things. All we can manage is to contend with daily life and earn sufficient bread to live'. A poor excuse. It does not matter who the person is, for he or she contains within the heart this secret of life, which is light, which is spiritual atomic energy. Whatever the term used, they all mean the same thing.

Brothers, as you stand upon the threshold of a New Year give yourselves again to the light, the light which is the life of men. This light has manifested through the great peaks of the human race down the ages and it culminated as we have said before with the birth and the life of Jesus the Christ. You know very little about that life or the ministry which is given as

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lasting about three short years. Of course that has an esoteric meaning. The thirty-three years represents a degree of spiritual attainment which came to its climax when the final initiation took place on the cross. We emphasise tonight the demonstration of the light through Jesus the Christ. His miracles, his healings have mystified and baffled the greatest minds yet were perfectly natural.

If you had your inner vision developed – there are many who are developing that vision now – if you had it fully opened and could see the physical body as it truly is, you would see shining through it another body, a body of light. This body of light is the point of contact, the bridge between the high spiritual planes and the earth. If you could hold up your hand and gaze at it with spiritual vision you would see that your hand is not solid. It seems solid to you because you are looking at it with physical sight; could you exercise this spiritual sight you would see your hand as transparent and, shining through the flesh, a radiant light. The whole physical body will in due time be transformed into a body of light.

Many of you will not believe this. You have come to look upon the body as a clod which is bound to die, and which will in due course disintegrate. You will be surprised and sceptical if we tell you that the ultimate end of man is not death but life eternal. In the present age, man does not know how to keep his body in the state of which God created it. In course of time it takes disease, because there is so much inharmony in life. There are people living today on earth – not amongst men but in the secret places or what you may call the etheric plane, a plane of a finer, quicker vibration than the physical – living in a state of life in which they still retain the perfected physical body which they have had for centuries. They have demonstrated the teaching of Christ their Lord – that light which is spirit. Man has the choice to develop this power or leave it undeveloped and neglected. So long as man is slothful and heedless, so long will wars continue and so long will disease and death be the human lot. When mankind has learned to respond to the direction of the heart, when he has learned to live in the light, when he has learned to live in the spirit and realises that in every one of his brothers and sisters is the same light and the same spiritual substance, then will dawn the great brotherhood of life.

This we emphasise tonight as a New Year message to all: that you may resolve from now onward to think in terms of light, to think in terms of love, to think in terms of life, to think of the spirit realms as encompassing you always. There is only a thin veil between you and the realms of spirit. Keep on, keep on, my brother, my sister. Do not be discouraged or disappointed when the outlook seems dark, the curtain so heavy between you and this radiant world. Pursue your way, seeking the demonstration of the light in your lives. Surrender all to the Great White Spirit. This does not mean that you will neglect the duties of life – far from it. It means that all life will become more perfect because the God which is the light within you comes to perfect life. ‘Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.’ This is the purpose of your life. This, my beloved children, is the way to heaven, not in some faraway place, but heaven here in yourself: heaven on earth and the heavenly life of the spirit which is to come. Only man of his own volition can delay or hasten its coming. This life is that promised by the Son of God, who has manifested in the flesh; and *you* my brother, *you* my sister, are a child of God. The power within is not arrogant mental power and mental

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dominion but the light is God. God is love and God is Omnipotent, all-powerful; God is Omniscient, All-wise; God is Omnipresent, ever present with you, Whatever you are called upon to face, whatever experience comes in this year, my child, accept it with gratitude, whether it be painful or pleasant; and know that from the experience will come a quickening light and power. Surrender all to your Father in heaven and you will know the meaning of happiness. Try it for yourselves. Feel the power, the light and the glory flooding your being, carrying you over rough places, giving you the power to heal the sick and feed the hungry.

Let the light shine in the New Year and all happiness will crown you. Live in the spirit and you live for the spirit of all mankind.

God blesses you, my dear ones; God blesses you with His love.

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