

A Christmas Talk

A154 Sunday Address 16th December 1945 St Mary Abbots Place, London
Christmas Carol 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, December 1946.

Context: although the address is undated, by 1946 there was a regular practice of putting the previous year's Christmas service into the Christmas issue a year later. Thus the conjectural dating of this address is reasonably secure. There is some confirmation in the phrase in the very last paragraph: 'this first Christmas of the new day....' – that is, the first since the post-war peace commenced.

General Notes: 'this first Christmas of the new day....', in the final paragraph, reminds us of the historical moment. There is no doubt that in some respects at least White Eagle saw the new age commencing with the cessation of hostilities in the June and September just past. A short address, very much to the 'family'.

References: there are general references to the Christmas story, in the various gospels.

White Eagle's Address:

Greetings, beloved; we come with joy to bring the age-old message. Once again we meet in this place upon which is projected a special concentration of light and love and power. Each one of you has responded to this light and to the angels. The evidence of your response lies in this Christmas tree laden with gifts for the children. This is your demonstration. We would help you all to respond in even greater measure to the light and the love of the angels of Christ.

My brethren, Christmas is no myth of past ages, but a story which lives anew every day, a story which must become more widely known in the world. For during past years the intellect of man has grown so dominant that the sweet myths and legends of old are dissected and thereby destroyed, so that they lose their power to help mankind. This story of Christmas is not confined to Christianity alone but is as old as the world. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be – the same beautiful tale of the light of the cosmic Christ – which is the life of mankind, which is the way and the truth and the life of mankind – comes into the hearts of men to inspire them with love and goodwill. More than this, the old message is opening the way to unfold your own inner spiritual power. This Christmas tree is an age-old symbol of the growth and development of the divine light of God within everybody. When mankind has learned to react to the influence of the angels song, man will grow in spiritual light and beauty, and inner powers of the spirit will rise up within his being until man becomes as the saints and the mystics of all ages; until he becomes what this lighted tree stands as a symbol of – the illumined man.

The illumination of the spirit will centre itself in the head centre. Man will develop that radiance of spirit which has been depicted by seers and artists. This halo of light around the Christ-man is represented by the fairy crowning this tree. The lights on the tree are symbols of the windows of the soul, the chakras, or centres of power in every illumined man and woman. The angels bring a message which we would broadcast through the world. Their first words are these: 'Praise to God in the highest'. Do you know, my brethren, that in the heavenly spheres are vast assemblies of radiant beings who sing such praises of their Creator

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Father and gentle Mother God. They would bring this same message to you, bidding you sing your praise of God, the Great White Spirit, the source of your life, the great Being to whom you owe your existence and all the joys of your spirit.

In the same manner the angels came to the shepherds long ago. There is much more in this than is generally known. The shepherds, you will remember, were on a hillside, which means they were raised in consciousness. Being thus raised they heard the voice of the angels; they heard the heavenly choirs. To them came the message that the Son, the Cosmic Christ, was born to earth.

You may not realise, but the same happening is taking place today; for to the shepherds, the initiates, those whose hearing is quickened and whose vision is clear, the angels still come, bringing the same message – ‘Peace to all; goodwill to all men. What the world has yet to realise is that this old, old story is a living reality; and that at Christmastide the heavenly hosts draw near in all their glory, together with the Grand Master of the Lodge above.

This is the Christmas message which we from the spirit world bring to all. Listen in the silence of your heart to the angel voices. Obey the voice of Christ their Master, and help mankind by your own actions and way of life to understand the truth of life. Help men to realise peace within their own souls that they may create peace on earth – not a peace which accepts the sufferings of others with indifference, but which strives continually to raise the weak and lowly to a level of brotherly goodwill and service.

Now, beloved brethren of this earth, may you feel the power of the angels’ message. May each and every one of you be filled with joy and happiness this first Christmas of the new day when goodwill, brotherhood, light and happiness shall dawn throughout all the world. May you live to bring this peace and joy into the hearts of others. We from the spirit world give you thanks. We are mindful of every loving gift which has been placed upon this tree. We thank you in the name of our Master, the Lord Christ; and may His blessing bring joy to you this Christmas. Amen. Amen.

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end of World War II, Christmas symbolism, gratitude