

Divine Magic

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Text: from a clear carbon copy of an original typescript (unknown typist); no editorial markings. There are no paragraph breaks in the typescript. A note in the hand of VJC indicates that the passage beginning 'Love is the fulfilling of the law' (first time quoted) and ending 'you are developing within you' was used in the book *PRAYER IN THE NEW AGE* (p. 11). The title is original to the present project and there is no known printed version of this address. The phrase 'the Unit' in the discussion mentioning *nirvana* is possibly a mistranscription for 'the Unity', what today we might call 'the Oneness'.

Context: Edinburgh, a Sunday: there is no indication of the form the service took, but a hymn, Edwin Hatch's 'Breathe on me, breath of God', is mentioned as one that had been sung, and late in the address there is a quotation of the first line of another, William Cowper's 'God moves in a mysterious way'. The phrase, 'Love is the fulfilling of the law' suggests to us that the reading was the same as had been heard in London a week previously (Romans 13 : 1-12); for more details on that reading see the address of 3 February; this address is well understood as following on from that. After the meeting in Glasgow on 6 February (q.v.) GEC and IC had travelled to Edinburgh, and on the 9th, the day before the present address, had conducted the marriage ceremony of Mary and Allan Hershey. Mary was later leader of the Los Angeles Daughter Lodge.

General notes: there is a powerful passage about saints and the like, a few phrases in which are unclear of meaning. It includes a reference to *nirvana*, though it should be stated that there are a number of different descriptions of *nirvana* in Eastern teaching. White Eagle does not in any case reject *nirvana* itself; he simply says it is not the abode of the saints, because of the active connection with earth that they retain. There is an account of the nature of the saints, which seems to follow on from the address White Eagle had given in London exactly a week before. It leads into the sentence, 'a great life is one that is lived in communion with God'. There is however a constant return to the theme of divine magic. The account of what time is like in the world of spirit is intriguing.

Towards the end, White Eagle speaks of the businessman who holds the capacity for God-centredness. It is worth comparing a passage used in the book *THE LIGHT BRINGER*, where White Eagle suggests that if we are seeking the Aquarian age disciple, we should look to the people of the commercial world.

References: White Eagle somewhat misquotes from the hymn, 'Breathe on me, breath of God'. The second phrase is not 'that I may glow with power divine' – he is taking this idea from the second half of the third verse, where the lines that would have been sung are 'Until this earthly part of me | Glows with Thy fire divine'. 'Love is the fulfilment of the law' is Romans 13 : 10. White Eagle also slightly misquotes, but probably deliberately, the 23rd Psalm: the proper rendering of verse 4 is, 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.' 'Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven' is Matthew 18 : 3. 'God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform' is the first line of a poem by William Cowper (1731-1800) often sung as a hymn. White Eagle is fond of the phrase 'God is omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent'. There is a common biblical recognition of these three attributes of God, but no actual biblical original.

White Eagle says of the law of karma, 'Christ called it the Law of Cause and Effect'. Although the sense of sowing and reaping is present in the Sermon on the Mount, the closest the Bible gets to what White Eagle says is St Paul in Galatians 6 : 7, which is the verse that includes 'Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap'.

Historical note: GEC had probably travelled to Edinburgh to conduct the wedding of Mary and Allan Hershey the previous day, Saturday 9 February (via Glasgow – see teaching of 6 February). They were unusually without YGH, who was about to give birth to JCH and AJH.

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White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of the earth life, we come to bring to you knowledge, understanding, love; above all, we would endeavour to bring you love. You have been singing a hymn invoking the power of God – ‘Breathe on me breath of God that I may glow with power divine’. These words are spoken and sung many times by the earth people, but unfortunately they are not understood. You may think that you understand these words when you call upon your God to bless you, but you do not realise that God has implanted within you the seed of His life and His life is the power of your life, not only on earth, but when your spirit is released from the flesh.

Beloved brethren, it does not matter what religion you touch [*sic*], either modern or ancient. You will find the same central truth. It is what we will describe as divine magic. You people on earth do not understand the meaning of magic, but some of you have cause to think about it because you have had a demonstration in your life of the power of divine magic.

Now we are going to talk to you, a little later on, more about this divine magic; but first of all we would impress a text upon you all, one which you have heard read tonight. Love is the fulfilling of the law – another phrase which you do not comprehend and do not put into operation. Love is the fulfilling of the law. You do not, on earth, understand the meaning of love. There is a great deal of talk about love, but we would guide you to find love, not in the noise and turmoil of the outer world, but in the deeps, the depths of your own inner being, and if you can find that power within your own heart, it will be expressed in your speech and actions and life spontaneously.

You will not think about it, but you will express love in kindness and gentleness, sympathy, helpfulness. You will not preach, you will just ‘do’, and in doing the will of thy Father–Mother God you will become a power, a radiant light which will touch other lives. The light will go from you, not through thought nor over-talking, but in the beauty of the Spirit of God which you are developing within you.

Now, my children, in past ages it was the custom for more evolved souls to withdraw from the world of men, from the outer world, and seek refuge in what were called the Mystery Schools or the Temples of old. Sometimes these aspirants to the Spirit of God retired into the mountains, into caves. They withdrew from the world and sought the source of truth. These men and women of more modern history, religious history of man, you call saints. Saints have always lived, but there have been saints of varying degrees; but saints have always lived on the earth – those men and women who had evolved to a certain degree where they felt the power and the presence of their Creator, and in that communion they had their consciousness expanded to the Infinite and the Eternal. In giving up themselves for the love of God, they lived for all. It was all for one and one for all. They became absorbed into cosmic consciousness.

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This does not mean that they were swallowed up in a life which is described as *nirvana* and interpreted on earth as being complete annihilation or absorption into the Whole. They were able to expand their consciousness into the Infinite, but they were also able to contract or return to the Unit in the sending out of this great love which they had found in their search for God. They became radiant lights on your earth. Have you ever thought what the world would be like if there had been no saints or God-teachers on this earth? Humanity would have been overcome by the power of what is described as darkness or matter. You owe much to the lives of saints, both past and present, and we present this thought to you.

Now you may say this is all very well for those men and women who desire to tread that path; [that] 'they are better than I am'; [that] 'they are more suited to a religious life or the life of a recluse, and what good do they do living such a life anyway?'. 'We are put here', you will say to White Eagle, 'we are put here to live a life of action, to enjoy life, to get the best that we possibly can out of it, and if an individual does this he or she is considered to have lived a very fine life, and in some cases a great life'. But a great life is one that is lived in communion with God. The soul grows in such a state and sends out into the world a great power which helps forward the spiritual evolution of the whole race. No man or woman can live to himself. He is continually radiating something. You are very conversant in these modern days with radiation, with the inventions of this scientific age, and you know that physically these rays can be projected from an instrument and can be registered by another sensitive instrument. This is a demonstration to man of the action of these invisible rays through the Ether. Man is to learn in this modern age that within himself, within his own soul, lies a power similar to this physical power; the only difference is that it is much more beautiful, and man is a much more sensitive instrument than any material instrument that can be constructed.

Now our work – you in the White Eagle Lodge here and those who come back to you from the Spirit World – is to help humanity to expand its potential spiritual power and love. But this power which we are seeking, divine magic, is a very two-sided sword, and we want to impress this upon you. This has been demonstrated in the past. There have been those people who have not been sufficiently evolved, spiritually; who have gained a little knowledge of these occult powers and who have used them unwisely, have used them selfishly and ignorantly. Now the time has come for man to comprehend this divine magic and this white magic. Now some people are frightened of the word 'magic', but do not be. Magic is just the operation of a law which is outside the realm of what is recognised as a natural law, but this divine magic is ever at work behind the scenes to man as he evolves spiritually. He is going to be made aware of this magical power which God has placed within his soul. The Lord Jesus, the Christ, demonstrated to the world, to his disciples, to the multitudes who followed him and to the whole of Christendom – he demonstrated this power of divine magic.

But humanity has to pass through in an orderly way the stages of physical and spiritual evolution. He cannot rush forward into the Temple, the Inner Temple of the Masters. He has to go step by step. And so there was an age past, an age which we still describe as an age when the mental body or mind of man was growing apace, and even now humanity has just

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stepped into a new age known to astrologers as the Aquarian Age. And in that new age you will see a very rapid advance of science; but alongside that, rapid development of the mental power of man and the scientific revelations which man will bring forth from physical matter. He will bring forth also the development of a higher power which we will call the Christ Power. If this were not so, if this was not the plan of the God whom we worship, humanity would destroy itself. But remember that God is wisdom and love, and although His ways are inscrutable, the man of God learns to accept the ways of God and the plan of God, first of all in his own individual life, and secondly under the plan and the evolution of the whole of the human race.

Now what is this power, this divine magic of which we are speaking? Is it something which man reaches out to contact? Is it outside himself, or is it within himself? It is both. Man is the life and the power and the magic himself, and we mean by this that man is a child of God and is endowed with all the powers of God, but before these powers can be used, man has to discipline himself, train himself, in the ways of the Christ life. Love is the law and the law is life. This means that as man lives according to the law of love, as he lives for God, with God and to love his fellow man, he is growing, accumulating, developing this magical power, this divine power, and it is not limited by time or space.

This is why Jesus was able to heal the sick wherever they were, but He selected His patients. He did not heal everyone according to the cry or the demand of the multitude. He used wisdom and love, and remember that love is not easy to recognise. Love does not mean giving an individual its own way; that is not love. Love is to act gently and kindly for the good of the soul. Love means to act according to the Will of God, and God's Will is wholly for the good of His children. Will you remember that? – because you, dear children on earth, become impatient. You want everything to happen as your little earth mind thinks it should. You become intolerant and hasty and you cannot understand why God allows this to happen and that to happen. Now the child of God does not question the inscrutable ways of God. The child of God accepts. God is omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent. The child of God becomes always conscious of an enfolding light and love – great waves of light which hold the soul in peace and confidence. The child of God who goes away into the mountains more quickly realises that divine magic within his heart and soul and within all nature. The child of God rests within the arms of God.

Now, my children, do not think that this means that you have to wait until you pass on to the spirit life to realise this profound and eternal truth. It does not. You are put here on the earth in a physical body to evolve spiritually. The spirit can evolve through matter. The greatest opportunities you will ever have for spiritual unfoldment are with you now, and one of the greatest heartaches that the soul has is when it comes to our side of life, and looks back upon its life of wasted opportunities. This realisation of the Christ life or God life must come in time to every individual living on earth.

You have no conception of time. You think of or count the time by hours and days and weeks and so on, but in the world of spirit time is not like that. Time is a matter of realisation, of

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true realisation of God and what God life means. On your Earth you will find God, and this is what you are meant to do. Should you have to go through uncomfortable states, you have to lose loved ones, you have to suffer pain and disappointment, particularly disappointment in people, but what you must do my children, is to hold fast to the love of God, believing with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind that God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, and will not forsake you. 'Yea though you walk through the valley of death I am with thee. Thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.'

You are told that before you can enter the Kingdom of Heaven you have to become as a little child, because man has to put aside his arrogant mind, that mind which thinks it knows everything. And when it realises that it knows nothing, then the spirit commences to shine.

Now my children, one last word to you. Understand this: that in the days gone by, centuries ago, even ages ago, men and women withdrew from their ordinary life and sought refuge in the quiet places: in the mountains sometimes, later in the monasteries – and the women in convents. Now today people have to learn that they cannot run away from their earthly responsibilities. They have to learn that the refuge that they must seek is in the realisation of the all-enfolding Presence, wherever they are – in the workshop, the factory, the school, the business life, the street. Wherever they are, at any moment they can withdraw into their innermost being and there find their God. We have known men, business men bent on commercial pursuits, but who were still men of God, and we have known them to walk down a very busy, noisy thoroughfare, but being so impressed with the love of God and the power of God that their vision has opened – and instead of seeing dull, drab buildings and grey skies, they have seen through the mists to the Kingdom of Heaven, to the world of Light. There they have seen a great company of White Brothers, the Christ Circle, Angel Companies. They saw and they were strengthened.

Now this is what man is going to do in the New Age. You probably will do it yourselves. You will become simple, and as you become simple in trust and faith and believe in God's magic and God's love, you will become great. The great soul is the one who has the greatness to know that only God exists, that all live in God and God lives in all – the magic of your life here on Earth, if you want to find magic, divine magic or white magic. You will find it when you put into operation the law of love, the law of brotherhood and love, when you have learned this truth that you cannot injure another soul by word or deed without it rebounding on yourself. To hurt a brother, to hurt another individual on this Earth is to stab yourself. This is the truth which every White Brother knows. You cannot injure anyone and not injure yourself ten times more.

This is the law. Call it what you like. Some people in the East call it the Law of Karma. Christ called it the Law of Cause and Effect. If you sow the seed – [the] cause – you are bound to reap the effect, and it does not necessarily come to you in some future incarnation. It sometimes happens within a few hours or days or weeks. This sounds very strong meat but, my dear ones, it is true; and above all this, we would tell you that God is a merciful God and a God of love, and even when his children break all the divine laws of life he still has mercy

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and his blessings are very great. You know that. You know that the love of God is great, and you know that you can sin and be ashamed, but you know that God is so gentle and loving that you are filled with beauty when you think of the love of God. You have all been touched. You know in times of sickness you can and you have been healed. You know that in times of bereavement if you look to God, there is a power, sweet and strong, which comes to you. There is no comparison with anything in life that compares with the love of God.

This, my children, is what all the Sons and Avatars and Teachers of all time, of all religions, have found: the beauty, the love, that divine magic, and it touches and heals you in soul and body. If something is taken away from you in your life that you wanted very much, you will find in a few years that there was wisdom in it, because there was something else that God wanted you to have. God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform.

Therefore, my children, all of you, surrender to the wisdom and the love of the Great White Spirit, the source of your life – the Spirit which is a strong and wise Father, a tender and loving Mother and a joyous and radiant and lovely Son – Sister, Brother; Christ the Light which beautifies and makes strong every human spirit.

God be with you. Let God in, my children, and be strengthened and comforted and healed. There is wisdom behind every happening in your life. Accept the Will of God, and you will triumph over all difficulties and be united with all you love and by whom you are loved.

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