

White Eagle's Address on the Fifteenth Anniversary of the Lodge

A225 Sunday Address 4th March 1951 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service

Text: a blue-ink carbon copy of what is surely the original typing, probably by MB. As with the January 1951 address there are marks in the hand of AMI which seem to be actual corrections, and which have therefore been incorporated here. Any other marks have been ignored.

Context: although the actual anniversary fell on 22nd February, the practice of celebrating it at the service on the first Sunday in March (the date is confirmed by the typescript) had by 1951 become normal. The script lists the reading as comprising both the 122nd and 150th Psalms. Psalm 122 begins, 'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord', while Psalm 150 is the triumphant song of praise enlisting all the instruments one by one to make the celebration. Together, the two psalms only amount to 15 verses. Evidently, the choir also sang a setting of Psalm 23, which may have been the familiar setting known as 'Crimond': The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want'. White Eagle also refers to 'readings from the Old Testament about the building of the Temple' but he may mean on previous occasions rather than at this anniversary service, apart from the Psalm reference to 'the house of the Lord'.

General Notes: an important part of this message is about the re-embracing of what is 'dark' within ourselves. While it would be a false connection to identify this precisely with the Jungian 'shadow', the idea White Eagle offers is strangely similar. When, in the middle of the address, White Eagle refers to 'the building of the temple' it is important to remember that although he had predicted the building of a physical 'White Temple' as early as 1930 (see THE WHITE EAGLE LODGE STORY, p. 68), the present message was given more than twenty years before the opening of a Temple at New Lands. From his reference to the 'obscurity' of the words in readings about the building of the spirit temple we might guess that the readings in question were from Revelation – and presumably he is referring back to previous services.

There is an interesting discussion here about the foundation of the work, of the Great White Brotherhood behind it, and of the meaning of the words 'great' and 'white' in this context, but maybe the key point White Eagle wishes us to hear is 'So the Great White Brotherhood is only a question of degree'. In short, connection to the universal is open to all. There is a sense in the address of progressive dawning of the light across the whole human brotherhood.

This is an unusually long, and singularly important, defining, anniversary address – doubtless recognising that the fifteenth anniversary was a significant moment. The opening sentences are nonetheless touching and personal – but the defining phrase seems to be 'Be up and doing'.

References: the phrase 'Accept each rebuff' is attributed to 'the great poet' but has resisted identification. The great poet might be Shakespeare. Having thanked the choir for singing a setting of the twenty-third Psalm, White Eagle makes several references to it in the early paragraph beginning 'Now, every one of you present', e.g. 'beside the still waters and in green pastures'. The phrase 'Love, love one another' is so close to a reference to Christ's teaching that it must refer back to the great commandment in John 13 : 34. At the end are two verses from the Lord's Prayer.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, we speak not for ourselves, nor of ourselves. We are the mouthpiece of the group of brethren who are behind, who are in the invisible world of which you know only very little. But for all of them, for the group, we speak when we greet all of you with love and welcome to this Anniversary Service.

We touch the vibrations of so many old friends. We recognise you. We notice the quiet constant attachment that you have for the work of the White Eagle Lodge. And we notice also

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the love and desire in the hearts of all our new friends, as well as our old friends, to help forward this pioneering work. We thank you and we bless you, all of you, for your help; even the ones who think they do nothing, or maybe only a very little. They do not know what they do by their constant service and support of our work.

May we at this juncture thank our Choir for the beautiful rendering of that anthem? They must know that our favourite hymn is 'The King of Love my Shepherd is'. And we would base our anniversary talk upon those words.

Now, every one of you present must have cause to thank the King of Love for the manifold blessings of your life. It does not matter what experiences you have been through. It does not matter the road upon which you have walked. You must all be most deeply thankful to God for the beauty which has entered your souls as you have journeyed on the road of life. You know, dear ones, after a bitter experience, a hard experience through which your souls have been tested to the very utmost of your endurance, you come afterwards to thank God when you find yourselves beside the still waters and in green pastures.

Remember the Great Spirit of Love does not leave man without love and care. And every experience will bring to you, if you are patient, it will bring to you that inner peace and happiness with which no worldly gift can compare.

The ancient teachers, the sages, taught the people that what was called evil or Satan was really an aspect of the Deity, an aspect of God. Now, this is a truth which many of you find difficult to accept. But when you remember how beautiful is the happiness which comes to you after a period of trial and sorrow and pain, then you will realise that the darker aspects, or what is called Satan, the tempter, the 'evil' aspect of God when viewed in its right perspective, is an Angel of Light. You know the word Lucifer means light, and the name of Satan was taken from Lucifer. And Lucifer means light and the temptations of the devil really bring to man's heart light – because it is through these temptations, trials and hardships that light comes to man. Satan, of course, was taken from Saturn also. And the planet Saturn is the great tester. The ring of Saturn, the testing by Saturn in the earthly life is the 'ring pass me not', as the ancient sages taught their people. Saturn is the great tester; Saturn, old Father Time, the great revealer. It is through this influence upon the human life that the life learns, the intelligence in the life learns to recognise the wisdom and the love, the unflinching love of God, the Great White Spirit, the First Principle of life. We in time learn to unveil the mysteries. We learn to unveil the dark figure of Saturn, the dark figure of Satan, the tempter and tester. We see the truth that this tester is truly our initiator, our initiator into the heavenly mysteries. And we no longer see the dark shrouded figure but a figure of blazing light; an angelic figure with the beauty of heaven upon its countenance and with robes glistening with the glory of the heavenly life, with the glory which is reflected from the Throne of God; from the centre, from the beginning of all life, all light, all glory.

So, my dear ones, remember our anniversary words to you. It is the testing which is so vitally important and so necessary to you as individuals – and what comes to the individual must come to groups. Now, there comes always this tempting and the testing of groups, the testing of work. Now this means that the heart of the work, the heart of the Lodge grows stronger,

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beats stronger and radiates more light and love. So, in the words of the great poet, 'Accept each rebuff' and thank God for them knowing in your heart that any good work on the earth must stand the test. And, if it cannot stand the test of time, the test of disappointment, the test of keeping on keeping on faithfully on the appointed path, following the high ideals set before it, then such work must crumble and disintegrate. So long as the work can stand the test of human frailty and material rebuff then you can be sure that the power behind the work, the power of God and His ministering angels, will remain with that work. And if this is so, the power of God is in the heart of every member and every brother in this Lodge and you can be quite sure that all will go well, that all is well.

Now we have spoken to you on former occasions about the building of the Temple. We have had readings from the Old Testament about the building of the Temple, and to some these readings may seem very obscure; just words, words, words which mean nothing at all to them. But we would assure you, if you do not know already, and you possibly do, that the stories in the Old Testament of the Bible are based upon law, spiritual law, zodiacal law. When you have the key, which you surely will receive in your heart, as you pursue your way on the spiritual path in search of knowledge and wisdom and love, you will discover, you will unlock the door of the mysteries. And you will find in the Old Testament the most beautiful symbolism describing in symbol the building of the temple of man; the building of the great White Temple in the heavens.

You hear us frequently speak of the great White Temple in the heavens. You may wonder if it really exists, but we do assure you that these structures do exist and they are built of finer substance than you at present understand or know of. But as you pursue the path of spiritual unfoldment, which will give you the power to penetrate the higher dimensions of life, you will then be enabled to see for yourselves these beautiful structures in those higher dimensions. Do not be so foolish as to think that only the buildings that you see now, in your very dense heavy matter on earth, are the only buildings which exist in God's Universe. My dear brethren, we do assure you that within your own soul lies the power to get knowledge, to gain understanding of how to use your own gifts, which will enable you to live not in just three dimensions, but to advance, while still in your physical body – to advance into these higher dimensions of life. There you will enjoy the feast which God has spread for you upon the table – the table which is laid with the white cloth of ether, the pure white ether, and on that table are spread the fruits of the spiritual worlds, the spiritual life. You read these words in your Christian Bible, but you do not take the trouble to meditate upon them, to ponder and to analyse the inner meaning of these words. If you did, you would find the most profound and wonderful truth contained in the stories of the Old Testament based upon, as we have already said, the Zodiacal law, the Masonic law, the Hermetic law and the law of the inner Rosicrucian Brotherhoods.

Now, you are all attracted to reading interesting books, the occult books. Some of you read them, and you think 'how wonderful'! But you do not understand the meaning; You understand the words but you do not understand the spirit. Understanding of the spirit, my children, only comes to you through life, through human relationships, and through prayer and through worship of God – and through communion with the spirit, communion with nature. These are the things which bring to man understanding of the profundity of spiritual

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law and God's love. This is why we always tell you to be true to your inner light, to be true to the heart and to develop along the simple lines of the Christ's teaching. *Love, love one another*. You need not struggle and strive to understand profound words, profound teachings which are beyond you. We assure you that if you can find the heart of simplicity and true brotherhood amongst yourselves, and in the world, you are sure, most certainly sure to understand in due season these esoteric truths. And you will not only comprehend them with your mind but with divine intelligence which will come into your heart. You will understand instantly the inner meaning of the ancient myths and legends. You will understand at once the meaning of symbols which you see yourselves in your meditation, in your thoughts, in your hours of prayer. Remember the radiations of the Great White Spirit are always playing upon the soul of man, but it does need the soul of man to be true to the precepts, the precepts of God, the Christ teaching; the precepts of the Great White Spirit. Be true to these and you will absorb into your heart, into your intelligence, the radiations of the Universal Spirit of God, the Almighty Spirit of love, wisdom and power.

We were going to mention, to speak tonight – we will not keep you long, so do not feel tired and weary. But we do want to speak at this juncture of the coming into being of the Lodge. It was not brought into being by the will of any person or person. This Lodge was brought into being, was established under the guidance of the brethren behind your veil of materiality; the brethren who are sometimes referred to as the great White Brethren. They are white, they are great, but only by comparison. They would say: 'No man, no human soul is great, no human soul is white, and only God is great and good and white'. So the great White Brotherhood is only a question of degree. They would not consider themselves great nor white, but they are brethren behind your veil of materiality whose mission it is to help forward the evolution of humanity. These brethren have always been behind human development and human evolution. And particularly at the beginning of a New Age, the power of the White Light gains strength and concentrates on certain points on the earth plane where it is known that at such a point there will come into being a group of human beings who can be used as a channel for the radiation of that spiritual light and knowledge and power which is in that particular age due to come on to the earth plane, and this is the case – this was the case with the formation of the White Eagle Lodge; it has a pioneering work to do.

And we can explain to you now that a century before, a century ago – just on a century ago – there was another stream of light which came to this part of the world, to the British – Britain – and to the West. And this stream of light was to break through the darkness of the material curtain which had become very heavy between man and those higher worlds, those higher dimensions of life. And so there was introduced onto your earth plane what you now call modern Spiritualism – and it had its work to do. For modern Spiritualism came to the world at a time when faith was being shattered and broken, and man required something more than faith to convince him that God is spirit, and that all life is spirit, and that spirit can live beyond the physical body and apart from the physical body. And so this subject of modern Spiritualism was brought to the earth to break down that dark material curtain, giving people proof that there is a life beyond death of the physical body. Now, that particular truth and teaching has done a great work on your earth plane, but like all other aspects of truth it has its limitations and it was seen by the invisible that there must come a follow-on to the teaching, to the evolution, the new revelation of modern Spiritualism.

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And the follow-on to that new revelation is to bring knowledge to men and women living in a physical body – a knowledge of the heavenly mysteries, the inner mysteries of man's own being; in other words, to bring to the world a restatement of the Ancient Wisdom. Not only was this to come as an intellectual pursuit, but it was to come as a living power in men's lives. This is the work which *you* have all been drawn to, and you are only just on the threshold of this new work. But remember – brethren, members and friends – this is pioneering work. It is a struggling work albeit it has the power of the Spirit behind it, but it needs the co-operation of humans. It needs steadfastness, brotherhood and love and goodwill for it to prosper and to go forward into the world to bring to men the knowledge of a higher life, of a more beautiful life than they have yet glimpsed. It has to blaze the trail. And in future years all people will travel along this path of the Ancient Wisdom revitalised and re-illuminated by the love of the eternal Son of God, the Christ Light. And as the Christ Light becomes stronger and stronger in the individual, the darkness and unhappiness and the sickness and the sorrow in the human life will gradually be overcome because the power of the spirit will overcome it.

The spirit brings light and illumination to the human life, indeed to the life of the whole earth. Then, my children, in the years hence there will be born once again on this earth planet the Golden Age, because the spirit of the Christ, the spirit of the Son of God, will be in full possession of earth matter. And instead of earth matter being dark and dense and ugly it will be illumined by the spirit. It will be fine and rare, and the fruits of the earth will be more beautiful, and man's body will be of a finer texture and will be pure and radiant and man will know the fulness of his son-ship with the great White Spirit, with his Father God.

O my children, daily and hourly, whatever you are doing in material things, remember to worship the Lord thy God and remember that the Lord is thy Shepherd and you shall not want for any good thing. Your Father is a Father of love. We are speaking to you in this simple language, but at the same time we would impress this fact upon you, this truth, that spiritual science – that all life – is governed by spiritual science and what we tell you in words of simple love and philosophy we assure you is a truth which will be discovered in all scientific investigation and all scientific proof. The time will come when the scientist will not play with mud pies, finding facts today which he contradicts tomorrow. He will look up to the source of knowledge and truth. He will look into its innermost sanctuary, which is the keeper of scientific knowledge and truth, and will find not a few facts which do not hold water but will find a glorious revelation of the heavenly mysteries in physical matter. So we only touch briefly on the profundity which is in this work here. It is just at the beginning, it is at the starting post, it is just on the fringe of the great Golden Age which comes to the world.

So, my dear ones, be up and doing. Do not neglect the great opportunity which is now before you; the opportunity to gain knowledge and indeed, before gaining knowledge, the opportunity to help the great human family, the opportunity to bring into human consciousness the wonders and the glories of heaven. 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth. Thy *will* be done in earth as it is done in heaven'.

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And so may God, the great White Spirit, bless this work, bless every child in this Lodge. May this work grow and grow and grow, imperceptibly radiating light and truth and beauty and happiness in the whole wide world!

So mote it be! Amen.

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