

# The New Age Dawns

A149 Sunday Address 3rd June 1945 St Mary Abbot's Place, London Sunday 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*, September 1945, and carrying the June date.

*Context:* apart from the Thanksgiving service of 13 May, this was the first scheduled Sunday service after VE Day, and it is redolent of the national mood. It is interesting that despite the June date, White Eagle refers to the present as 'springtime'. Maybe that is just how it felt. He also refers to the Wesak Full Moon in May – in fact, this had only just occurred: the May full moon in 1945 was not until the 27th of the month, the Sunday previous to this.

*General Notes:* a fine address. White Eagle had long said that with the end of the War the new age would have clearly dawned, and this address speaks to that sense of expectation. It is not clear whether the verse from Isaiah was read on 13 May, or on this day, 3 June. Needless to say, the text is now about 'winning the peace' – as though there is no real rest in the struggle for the prevailing of the light. 'Keep on keeping on', White Eagle seems to be saying. The address contains useful mantras for the Christ Festival, as well as mentioning Wesak.

*References:* the phrase ending, 'from the unreal lead us to the real', popular with Theosophists, is in fact known as the Pavamana mantra, and comes from the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad. 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do', at the end of the address, is from Ecclesiastes 9 : 10.

*Historical note:* the general historical context is impossible to miss in this address. The San Francisco conference at the time of the full moon (actually, a rather longer period) was the conference that brought into being the United Nations – all the more a reason for the tone and matter of this address.

## White Eagle's Address:

Some of you have vision into the spiritual worlds which surround this earth. So you will see and know that the heavens are ringing with joy, are filled with multitudes of illumined spirits, disciples of the lord and king, the Light of the World, known to you as Christ. We would labour with you to quicken the understanding of the multitudes of the ever-present Christ, who must not be conceived as some vague, mythical character of the past but as a living, vital force working now more than ever for the salvation of the people.

Not long since you were celebrating a victory of the forces of light over the forces of darkness. A few words were read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light'. These are familiar to all churchgoers but the inner significance is often missed. 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.' With the defeat of the enemy's armed forces only a small part of the great work is accomplished. It is now your task first to understand and then to convey to men the need for tranquillity of life and spirit. We choose the word 'tranquillity' for it seems to convey far more than does the word 'peace'. Think – tranquillity of spirit in action in daily life! Then you will understand that for a man to be really tranquil he must be a man of goodwill. This is the vital message which the Christ is now sending forth: goodwill, goodwill to all. The tranquil man must be giving forth goodwill in the smallest detail in his life as well as in the greatest.

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We have spoken before, as we do again today, of the multitudes of heavenly beings which gather within the glory of Christ [and] which are working with Him to direct streams of light, streams of activity, to stimulate the minds of men. As yet there are few who understand love, and many who would draw love to themselves, would claim a personal love instead of directing universal love for all mankind from their heart.

You have suffered from years past from the evils of nationalism. Perhaps nationalism had its place in the past; but in the New Age nationalism must give place to internationalism. It must be the will in the heart of every true disciple of Christ to work for the good of the whole of humanity and not for any selfish interests. The great lords, the great hierarchies in the heavens labour devotedly to direct men's minds along this path of universal love expressed through service; for the good of the whole must now come before the good of the few.

At this springtime again we tell you that tremendous forces of light are being directed upon earth. On the inner planes ceremonies are held at which the great lords meet to plan for the organisation of the government of the people. They work silently and unknown behind the scenes of your earthly conferences to inspire the leaders of the Allied nations with the right thoughts, with selfless aspirations and endeavour. Because although there has been a victory by armed forces, there has yet been no victory of love, of selflessness, over selfishness and hatred. The powers of darkness can still influence the minds of their allies, those who cling to selfish interests as opposed to selfless. Do not forget the importance of each of you as individuals endeavouring to express in thought, word and deed the principles of Christianity. No, we do not mean 'Churchianity'. We mean the principles of the Christ who gave the Sermon on the Mount.

During the full moon in May a great festival and ceremony known as the Wesak Festival is held in the East. The great lord Buddha and his disciples gather on the higher planes and send forth streams of light and knowledge and wisdom. If we could put such a stream of force into words, its purpose and meaning would be: 'From death lead us to immortality; from darkness lead us to light; from the unreal lead us to the real'.

This, my brethren, is what the world has to learn in the New Age. This is what must pervade the world's daily life, its commerce, its spiritual aspirations and all its religions. Religions are now mere shells – just shells. Words are poured forth and the multitudes still walk in darkness. In the New Age mankind will no longer be satisfied with any church that dictates any policy which gives it power over the people. Indeed the individual will no longer want a church to interpret truth for him. He will permit no barrier to stand between him and his Lord. He will become his own priest, his own interpreter and as in the ancient days of the Lost Continents, mankind will regain the wisdom of the ages, understand the Ancient Wisdom and use its laws for his own government. He will apply these to his commerce and to every detail of his daily round and common task. Life will be founded upon spirit and the people live and worship in the spirit of brotherhood. Old and outworn creeds and dogmas will pass into nothingness and be forgotten. 'Churchianity' will crumble away. Even the form of governments to which man has clung for centuries will die out and it will be government for all, not for protecting the rights of a few – by a government under direction from the council

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chamber of the hierarchies. This method of guiding and inspiring the leaders of all the nations with the ideal of goodwill, with the idea of the good in the whole of mankind, is in course of preparation and will lead to a universal brotherhood of individuals and of nations.

Then the people will no longer fear death. The people will not even know death, because they will be quickened to life in the spirit. Death with all its morbid trappings will be a thing of the past. When men have finished their period of service they will withdraw from the physical body to a place for refreshment in the heavens, still retaining full consciousness of life in all its fullness both on earth and in the spiritual sphere. Death will overcome by the spiritual life. Death will be swallowed up in victory, in immortality; because when man learns to live by the true spirit, recognising in his fellow the same spirit as that within himself, he will know that there is no separation by death.

If you would hold sweet communion with those whom you love who have left the physical body, all you need is to raise your consciousness to the level of spiritual truth. You will then find that your loved one is by your side, is part of you, is nearer than breathing, closer than hands and feet. Indeed, your loved one is a part of the whole, a part of God. As you recognise and claim your sonship with God, even as Christ claimed His sonship, then you will know that death can never be in the light of truth, in the light of spirit.

These are jewels of truth, my brethren, that we offer, knowing that the same jewels are to be found in the scriptures of all ages and all religions; but unfortunately the scriptures have been buried by the materialism of a materialist age. Particularly can this truth be found in the gospels left by the last world teacher, Him whom we worship as Christ the Lord. His teachings seem so simple that they are ignored. The worldly-minded will say, 'But such teaching is impractical'. Yet the law of the Ancient Wisdom is the same yesterday, today, and for ever – and upon this mankind must build if he would enter into tranquillity, into the state of happiness which our Creator has ordained for men, irrespective of race, class or creed.

There lies before you in this coming month another great opportunity to serve your fellow man. We have already referred to the vast gathering during the time of the full moon in May when the Lord Buddha pours his light and blessing upon the earth. In June, this very month, at the full moon there will be another when this time of power of the Lord Christ will be directed to mankind. These great events are not haphazard happenings but the result of cosmic law. Not by any chance was the great conference at San Francisco held during the full moon. People are often unaware that they are directed, that their deliberations are influenced by unseen powers. So it is that the holding of the conference coincided with the great heavenly event of the Wesak Festival.

It is not always possible for the influence of the hierarchies to find an entrance into the minds of earthly people. Sometimes it is rejected and sometimes people are responsive not to the good but to darkness and ignorance. Then progress is held up - that is to say, the forces of light must stand aside whilst the plans of the forces of darkness come to fruition. So you will see the importance of each individual effort.

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Can we make it more clear? We mean *your* individual effort every moment of every hour, day, week, month and year of your life to put into operation the spirit of the living Christ. We see on the earth so much selfishness, which is encouraged not necessarily by wilfulness but by thoughtlessness. There is no need to analyse each individual action, because once the heart is truly attuned to the infinite Source, kindly and good action becomes spontaneous. This is the end to strive for: spontaneous goodwill, spontaneous thoughtfulness, spontaneous correctness, perfect balance in life; so that 'whatever thy hand findeth to do thou wilt do it with all thy might' – for God. As people endeavour to attune themselves to this infinite love, to this infinite spirit of good, the hierarchies use these people singly and in groups and through them radiate this spirit of goodwill. Nothing is so infectious as kindness. So, my brethren, during the full moon in June you should seek to open yourself as a channel of the Christ, the Lord God of this earth, to be used by Him for the greater good of all. It is for you to get your receiving instrument clearly attuned to Him so that your whole being will vibrate to His words: 'From death lead us to immortality; from darkness lead us to light; from the unreal lead us to the real'.

May the whole world become active in goodwill, in universal love, which is no sickly sentiment but a potent force able to raise mankind from darkness to light, from unreality to reality, and to the joy of the spirit.

Many details, earthly details, can be filled in by you, my brother, my sister. We give you the broad outline, the principles, the foundation upon which to build your New World. You can become one of the true servers of the Aquarian Age. What you commence today is vital material which can be used by you again and again and again in future incarnations, in future lives on different planes and different planets.

You are not alone in your work. Never forget this. You may not see, you may not always feel the Presences – it is not always well that you should – but you are never alone, for as you walk the earth you clasp the hand of your true brother, even Christ. You walk the path of life hand in hand with the companions of your spirit. So God blesses you ... blesses you ... blesses you.

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