

The Life which shall Be

A325 Sunday Address 6th March 1960 St Mary Abbots Place, London Twenty-fourth Anniversary Service

Text: top copy of an MB typescript, in blue as usual. No MS markings.

Context: regular timing for the anniversary service, between that of Pembroke Hall (22 February) and St Mary Abbots Place (22 March). The anthem is given as 'Not unto us, O Lord, but to Thy Name be the glory, God'. This is a setting of Psalm 115. The best-known version is by T. A. Walmisley (1814-56) but the words of his setting are not exactly as quoted by the typist. The readings were, first, Psalm 138 (I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee') and, second, John 1 : 1-16 ('In the beginning was the Word'). Brother Faithful's brief words at the end, preserved here, tell us that the final hymn was 'Jerusalem' ('And did those feet in ancient time').

There is a short communion.

General Notes: the address has a fine opening which calls into the mind not only the dedicated service that has been seen in the White Eagle Lodge up to this point, but also the incredible duration of the plan which brought it into being. Then, suddenly, he is talking about nuclear weapons and their use or non-use. He describes a time of testing, which may have climaxed two years later with the Cuban missile crisis. White Eagle eloquently promotes a gospel of no harm to any living being, in the course of which he speaks movingly of how this harmlessly operates in the spirit world. He earnestly enjoins his listeners to follow the path of light. The address closes with a communion which unusually invokes the solar messengers from space. In the phrase, 'preaching bogey bogey' a bogey is an imagined villain.

References: White Eagle rather misses the phrasing of his first quotation, which is John 1 : 4-5. It should read: 'In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.' 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow' is the opening line of a familiar doxology. There is a half-submerged quotation of another hymn, A. C. Ainger's 'God is working his purpose out'. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life' is John 14 : 6. White Eagle also somewhat misquotes, near the end, John of Gaunt's famous speech about Britain in Shakespeare's *Richard II*: 'This precious stone set in the silver sea'.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved, beloved brethren of the earth plane, we speak to you from the world of spirit, from the invisible state of life, which is at present almost unknown to the men of earth. Nevertheless this Lodge now is filled with the invisible heavenly host, who come to join you in praise and thanksgiving to the Most High for the work which has been accomplished in this Lodge, and for the work which lies in the future. For the present time you have only just commenced, and there is a very grand work to be done on earth; not convincing or persuading people to come on a path that they are unready to tread, but to send out into the ether the spiritual *light* and power. And this will so demonstrate to humanity the power of the spirit, the power of the Christ spirit to work in human life [and] to direct man's activities so that his fellow beings will recognise something beautiful and true.

When this Lodge was first formed, even before any of you here knew that this had happened, the Command went forth from the Most High Supreme Divine Intelligence that humanity had arrived at a point on the path of life when it was ready; moreover would need the comfort, the healing, the direction which it was ready to receive.

In the reading you will have noticed the words: 'And life was light, the life was the light. And the light shone in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not'. The light is shining

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behind the visible forms of life. Light is interpenetrating all forms of life, but man knows it not. There are a few like yourselves who are beginning to awaken to this spiritual light and life; and this power is beginning to manifest in your own life. We want you to think about this, and not take too much for granted. There is a tendency with man to be very complacent, and to take all that is so freely given without a thought of thankfulness. But this must be remedied, for a thankful heart is a happy heart. And we want you here tonight to ponder on these things, and to remember all the happiness which has been brought to you through the knowledge of the invisible life around you. Remember that of himself man is nothing and can accomplish very little. But unconsciously – so often unconsciously, sometimes consciously – a man receives into his being what he calls an inspiration, or it may be called a brainwave; and man in his conceit thinks that all he does or all that he accomplishes is by his own effort. Now, we would remind our dear brothers that it is not by man's effort alone that great things are done, great gifts manifested. Remember the word 'gift' – a gift from whom? Where comes your gifts of expression, music, art, literature, drama, whatever you have? Where comes the power which enables your psychic body to produce the effect? It may not have occurred to you that you are all channels, you are all instruments, and through you will flow ideas, creative ideas, powers which are needed for the evolution of humanity; powers which are needed for the gradual growth, upliftment, betterment of people. 'Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.'

Now, this work here was in the plan; and you will be amused, and doubt the truth of what we say when we say thousands of years, thousands of years ago! God, the Great Spirit behind all matter, does not hurry! The Spirit of the Light slowly pursues its policy of helping the embryo seed of the soul to gradually grow and grow into the Perfect One. This, dear, dear ones of earth, is an inspiring ideal for you all to hold. Whoever you are, whatever you are, whether you are young in years or old in years matters not, you are a child of God. And God is working His purpose out in and through you. But remember that with the knowledge which has been placed before you, the knowledge of a spirit world, the knowledge of Beings who are coming to this planet from outer space – this knowledge is the greatest opportunity which man has yet had in his earthly life. Opportunity to co-operate with these Higher Intelligences as the Light, call it what you will, but it is the Divine Spark of life within you; and it is part of the Cosmic Christ – known and worshipped throughout the ages as the Sun, because the ancients in a cruder way than yours recognised that the Sun gave them life and light. Without the light of the Sun upon this planet, life could not develop and continue. The ancients worshipped not only the Sun, as many people say: they worshipped the life behind the light of the Sun. They recognised the Light as the Creator, the Developer, the Power behind everything.

Now, you have received through the work which has been done in the past by true and faithful Brethren of the Great White Lodge and the Great White Light, you have received the priceless gift and blessing which is knowledge, wisdom. And there is a lot more to come. But man will have to acknowledge soon the Source of all these spiritual truths. The majority of humanity shuts out all thought of a spiritual world, and spiritual beings. There is no recognition today in the world of spiritual power or spiritual gifts. It is the intellect alone which is set up as the authority. Man says, 'I will not believe, I will not be hoodwinked! Unless I can handle and see with my physical eyes and handle with my hands these things

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which you call spiritual, I will not accept what you say'. And by this attitude of mind he closes down the door between the higher realms of life and himself. The time, as we have already said, comes soon – and it will come by the way of scientific discovery; but there will be need for something more in man before he will be able to comprehend the fuller implication of scientific discovery.

Now, man at the present time is going through a great test. Will he permit the latest scientific discoveries to be used for the destruction of mankind (and himself included), or will he call a halt? Now, this is the test, and we do assure you it is a mighty test, which is so soon to come to mankind. And it has to recognise not through fear, which is a mistake, not through fear of what he himself is going to suffer. He has got to recognise through his love for his fellow beings the wrong and shame of using atomic power for the destruction of life.

Now, beloved brethren, in ancient days, as many of you know, Atlantis, the civilisation of Atlantis, arrived at a similar state of life. Indeed, many of the activities of the power – much of the power which was harnessed in those days was even greater than man has yet discovered in your present Age. There were those on Atlantis who were also awakened to the Light. And these souls were guided and protected from the catastrophe because the light had to endure on the physical plane. But in this Age you will see, and probably are already seeing there is a something – a power – which is turning men's minds away from destruction; towards producing power which can be the greatest blessing to man in the future Age.

Now, we are not preaching bogey bogey to you. We are bringing you this message to inspire you with fresh endeavour. Endeavour to first of all put your own house in order; build your own temple of Light; your own individual physical temple of light. Now, to do this, dear ones, you must observe Divine Law. You must obey the ancient commandments. Man has grown a long way away from the first true light which came to the simple souls on earth who would not slay animals for food. Now it is considered necessary to eat the flesh of brother animal and bird; but it was not so in the far-off days when the ancients worshipped the Great Mother Earth – the Divine Mother – the producer of life, and when they held all life as sacred. And they lived on the herbs of the earth. Man, set yourself right in the eyes of God and build a Temple of Light! Your own body first, and then build on the etheric plane and on the physical plane a fitting temple to which mankind can come and touch the holiness and the sweetness of that truly spiritual life, which the angels and those who dwell in the spirit world live. You must create the conditions, the perfect conditions on your earth, the manifestation of this true light of life called, in other words, the Christ life. It is no good just talking about it, it has to come from the heart. It has to be the life of every man, woman and child, and this will be the salvation of the world.

This is what the Master meant when He said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'. The spirit of brotherly love, refraining from any action which is going to be harmful to another soul, which is going to inflict suffering and pain on lesser life like the animals, or fish in the sea, or birds in the air. O my children, in the spirit world there is only love for these creatures, the fellowship, the brotherhood, the communion between all life. Even the flowers can speak and the trees can play their music; and the brooks can create the music which delights the ears of all the inhabitants of the spirit world. We are speaking truth to you. This is the life

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which shall be upon your earth plane. But it is commencing with the individual who will put himself on one side to express at all times and in every possible way his love and consideration for the life which is all around him. This is the way that the Kingdom of Heaven will be established on the earth.

Now, make no mistake. Do not say that it cannot come, it is impossible – because we say to you with God all things are possible. And this life of Christ is the saving grace of all humanity. Only will wars cease when man has recognised his duty to his brother man, and more than his duty, when he has learned to love his brother man; and if necessary to give him the help which he needs, the light which he needs to guide him into paths of peace and joy infinite.

We cannot but beg you to take note of this Anniversary talk. Remember the opportunity which is in your hands to build a temple of light; and to serve in this Lodge and all Groups and Daughter Lodges through the county, and the world. Let there be unison in the Light.

One of the Elder Brethren, one of the greatest minds that you have known in this beautiful Isle – this crystal Isle, this jewel set in a crystal sea, in this Isle – will rise, the Light of the Age. For the people of Britain will be of one mind because they will have seen the Eternal Light of the Spirit. And you, as children and younger brethren, must be enthusiastic in your work for spreading the light, radiating the light, and in your daily life by your constructive thought and right living send forth the light as it is now being continually sent forth from this Lodge. For in the higher ether this Lodge is a lighthouse, a glasshouse if you like, and it is broadcasting continually rays and rays and rays of light to lighten the darkness of the earth.

Oh, remember what this knowledge means to you in your own life! Leave no stone unturned, we beg you, to help forward this work of the New Age, so that there shall be no destruction, no war, but eternal progress into a golden age.

The form of the Christ spirit stands in your midst, an immense Form. Round him are the messengers, solar messengers, those who come in the higher bodies from outer space, those who dwell and work in the spheres surrounding this earth – many of whom have lived in earth bodies as you are now living – they are here. Space is not a vacuum, it is filled with teeming life. These Beings of the higher worlds now concentrate upon you – showering upon you a mighty spiritual power.

He Who is all love holds aloft a flaming torch, and you receive from Him the light to your own small torch which you hold up to Him. This is the true holy communion between your soul and the Great Soul of the Cosmic Christ. For in Him you live, and without Him you die. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No Man cometh unto the Father but by Me.'

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Brother Faithful:

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We have been listening to the words of a soldier of the Light, faithful and enduring in service over many years, a soldier of the Light. So, we fittingly conclude this Service, I think, with 'Jerusalem'. Amen.

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