

Effort and Reward

A343 Sunday Address 1st October 1961 New Lands, Liss Harvest Festival
Thanksgiving Service & New Lands Sixteenth Anniversary

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Context: New Lands' actual sixteenth anniversary would have fallen on the Friday before this Sunday service, on 29 September. The script gives no hint of readings, hymns or any other part of the service.

General Notes: White Eagle begins with an acknowledgment that just attending the service is spiritual service; and he commends effort, particularly when it is in response to 'being whispered to by spirit'. The effort human beings make will affect not only their own lives but those of souls waiting to come into incarnation. Later parts of the address concern the Second Coming and how man himself will gradually become more etherealised in his being in order to be ready for this. He reminds us that we shall not be satisfied with 'heaven' until all beings reach it together, a reminder of the well-known Bodhisattva Principle. He speaks of the obedience required of his channel and the obedience required of us.

References: there is a recurring theme in this address about bearing good fruit. This is a theme of some of the parables of Jesus, but in particular of the saying at John 12 : 24: 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit'. 'You are His servants in making ready' is another phrase with distant associations to the words Jesus spoke to his disciples about their work. 'Love one another' occurs twice in the Gospel of John: at 13 : 34 and at 15 : 12.

White Eagle's Address:

We welcome you all, dear ones, to this service. We thank you for joining us, because it is a very important service although you do not realise it. It is a very important service which you give when you join us. We, who are living on a higher plane of life, are thankful that you join us because if it were not for you, our earthly helpers, we could not so effectively do the work which we have to do on your earth. Many times you make the effort to join us, either in your healing groups or services, in your Inner Brotherhood work, in your meditation groups. You make the effort to join with us in a spiritual effort, a spiritual service, so we have every reason to thank you.

No effort is lost. No effort to do good, to help humanity, to help all creatures – no effort is ever wasted. Your good effort is helping to bring forth fruit. Birth is sometimes painful. Birth is rarely accomplished without effort, and if the nature spirits and the angelic beings and the great Divine Mother herself did not concentrate upon the work of producing life-form on the physical plane of life, there would be chaos and creation would withdraw. Effort is always needed. We are saying this particularly because we know that there are some of you who are tired of effort; particularly when you get older, you lack the inspiration to make the effort to do things.

We suggest that you always obey that inner urge because you are being guided – inspired, if you like that word. You are being whispered to by those in a higher life who have you in their care; not only the physical you but the spiritual you. It is the work of the invisible Brotherhood – the White Brotherhood, the Brotherhood of the Great White Light, the Christ Light – to inspire mankind with good thought. It is their work to help forward the evolution,

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the spiritual evolution of man. Therefore they come to you individually. They know you. They know your karma. They know your potentialities and they come to help you on the path of light to make the effort to unfold those Christ qualities within you, to make the effort to unfold your spiritual vision. O my dear ones on earth, we assure you that there are worlds of infinite beauty, built of substances of finer ether, which few men at present understand, but it requires the spiritual effort of people like *you* to advance the development of science.

The day will come when the scientists will tell you of the truths which the Great White Brotherhood has been giving you for the past ages. What we give you today is an age-old truth. You know this, but in the rush and the turmoil of the physical life, all these spiritual aspirations are lost. You must not allow this to happen, dear ones. You must keep alive the true knowledge which you have received, not merely by words from us, but through your own inner development, your own spiritual growth.

You will be wondering what all this has to do with the Harvest Festival. It has everything, because *you* will see in due time the produce of your simple human effort to grow and to bear fruit. This is so important, not only for yourselves, but because *you* can be so much help to the community – and not only the community that you know, but to a community that you have not seen. We refer to the future of those souls who are waiting now to reincarnate into a better world and *you* are the servants of God and His servants, the Great White Brotherhood. You are His servants in making ready, in preparing for the New Age.

Many people know or they believe that He who is the greatest amongst men, He who came to the earth taking on a physical form, He who brought all love to the world, He has promised to come again. There is misconstruction of this profound spiritual truth. Remember that they who are in the hierarchies of heaven have humanity and the development of the dark star – earth – in their keeping. They are watching over, they are doing all they can to uplift mankind; and the first lesson which man has to learn – such a simple lesson – is love. ‘Love one another.’ Jesus gave this as his injunction when he was in a physical body nearly two thousand years ago, and still there is war amongst men. But here we would remind you that although there seems, and there is indeed, conflict, it is all in the process of reaching that higher level of understanding – so that by the time that Great Spirit, that Great Being, the Light of God, descends again in full power to the earth, the people on earth will be ready in their hearts to receive Him, for they will have learned the folly of war and cruelty in all its terrible forms. They will have been raised in consciousness to a world of love.

When the Second Coming happens, men and women (of course, when we say men, we mean humanity, mankind) will have reached a level of spiritual awareness and clear vision so that man will not only feel the Christ spirit within himself, within all action – the Christ spirit inspiring good thought – but he will be so purified physically that the physical body will be operating on a higher level. It will be, it will consist of a higher ether. The very physical atoms will be more spiritualised and mankind will respond to the mighty power and light which will descend upon the earth when that great, glorious Spirit comes.

‘Will there be a visitation, a descent of that Holy One?’, people ask. ‘Or is the Second Coming only the realisation by man in his own heart of this spiritual life and power?’ We say,

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because we know, that the Great One will come in form but not before the majority of men have raised their vibrations and spiritualised their bodies and their life so that He is able to come into their midst. This will be your harvest.

Passing from the physical body into the next life will be beautiful. It will have its gifts for you, but effort will still be required. You will awaken to a realisation of the beauty, of the glory of God's love manifesting all around you and this will not satisfy you. Your instant response will be, 'Oh, I would like everyone to know of this reality, this truth. How can I help? How can I serve Thee, O God?' And the answer will come, surely, surely come: 'Return, my son—daughter, to the earth plane, where they have great need of your help'. And so the opportunity will be given to you again to serve and to help in this process of evolution until all creatures will be raised up into the love, into the consciousness, that cosmic consciousness of the truth that life is love.

We could speak a long time on this subject, but there is so much for the soul to learn. Take it step by step. Do not rush forward. Take it quietly but remember our words. Keep on with your effort because you are like the seed which is bursting and sending forth its shoots – until one day there blooms that perfect flower, the flower of the spirit.

And now, before we leave you, we want to speak of the work in this sanctuary commenced under the guidance and inspiration of the Great White Brotherhood, those whom many of you call your Elder Brethren. This work, we know, has exacted great obedience, implicit obedience by those who were called in the beginning to establish this Lodge. All men will be – are – required. When they know more they will know that there is only one way to live, and this is by obedience to All-Good, to God. Life must be inspired, controlled and directed by God, and the White Brotherhood are His agents.

We express to you all, our friends, our helpers and the workers of many years, we express our thankfulness to you for your courage, your obedience, even when weary, near to dying. But you see you have not died. You have been raised up. You have been given the spirit to continue with your work, and we are thankful, oh so thankful, to our earthly brethren for their effort to keep the light burning. And when the younger members come along, the torch will be placed in their hand and they will go onward and onward and onward into a glorious future. There they will be ready to receive in full measure the blessing of the Holy Ones: the Holy Breath, which will breathe upon all men the sweetness of the Breath of eternal life. It is not only the help which you will give to men, to mankind, at all times, but it is your own steady unfoldment which will be taking place. O my dear ones, to see and know for yourselves the truth of the spirit life and the spiritual life, beyond the reach at present of earthly people: this will indeed be your crowning blessing!

And with these words we shall leave you, but He who is all love, the embodiment of the perfect Son of God, Jesus the Christ comes now into your midst. With your inner vision, with your power of imagery, see Him. Hear the music of His voice, 'I bring you the heavenly bread. Take and eat. Accept your karma, your daily life. Live it to the best of your ability. This is the command of God.'

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He holds up the wine, the crystal cup of the juice of the grapes, the symbol of His divine Love, the juice of the grapes, which is pressed out of man's soul in times of suffering and pain – but it is given back to you to sip the sweetest nectar, for it is the essence of the Christ Love which He brings to you. Sip, be filled with this Divine Power.

May you know that you have been touched by His spirit, and it is in this spirit of love that all those whom you love, who now live in the spirit life, are with you. You reach that level of life which brings you in touch with them and the higher etheric bridge is built between your soul and theirs.

All love is with you and all the blessings of the spirit. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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