

# The Spiritual Sun

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*Text:* the usual blue carbon typescript for this period, marked 'Draft'. Regrettably, the lower half of three pages has been cut off and this is the only known copy. There is no evidence that this was a redaction so much as that paper was needed for some other task. The pages were cut early on, as there is the MS draft of a letter by YGH on the versos of the sheets, which carefully avoids the cut pages. The cut parts are here marked with the word 'Lacuna'; they represent respectively half a page, two thirds of a page, and about a quarter of a page, so a substantial amount is missing. Another possibility is passages were cut out as potential sayings for the White Eagle Calendar. In order to avoid confusion with other harvest addresses, the title 'The Spiritual Sun' has been added for this project.

There is a phrase in the earlier part of the script, 'divine love, all unfailing love,' which we would suspect is a mis-transcription from the shorthand and might either read 'divine love, of unfailing love' or – which would be very typical White Eagle – 'divine love, all-enfolding love'.

*Context:* notes at the top of the typescript indicate that the reading was Psalm 104, 'almost in its entirety', while the choir seems to have offered, sung as an anthem, the hymn 'O Christ who holds the open gate' to the words of John Masefield and the music of Martin Shaw. It later became a frequent hymn for the London and New Lands congregations. Psalm 104 is a psalm of praise, of the greatness of God, and amounts in all to 35 verses, so if it was read in its entirety it was a longer reading than usual.

This is as stated a Harvest Festival, following on the one celebrated at Bournemouth a fortnight earlier. There is no indication that Sunday services were held at New Lands as early as this – at the least, no scripts survive – hence the assumption that this was given in London.

*General Notes:* White Eagle is quite clear that his topic is 'the spiritual sun' and sticks quite closely to his theme. There is an interesting assertion that although the sun cannot contain earth beings, it can host sun beings (which is presumably a parallel to what he would assert about Venusian beings). There is a strong sense throughout of the conflict between the materialistic and the spiritual perspectives. The theme of the sun is maintained throughout, yet it is still a classic harvest thanksgiving text.

*References:* 'the fields are white unto harvest, but the labourers are few' is Matthew 9 : 37. White Eagle adds, 'are they receiving bread or stones?', which contains a reference to Matthew 7 : 9.

## White Eagle's Address:

We bring greetings to all our friends, our brethren, on this joyous occasion.

And we thank our choristers for the beautiful music which is so uplifting which create(s) – helps to create – the spiritual power in our service. As the music was being rendered a great company of shining spirit forms could be seen in the light, the light of the sun, the spiritual sun.

You are beginning to learn just a little about the power of the spiritual sun, but you have very much more to learn, you people who live in the heaviness and darkness of physical matter. But if you persevere with your true mind, your higher mind, to seek humbly for the truth of life and for the light of God, you will become increasingly strong in your certainty, your conviction of this spiritual sun behind all life.

This is a fitting occasion for us to talk a little about this spiritual sun and its power in your lives, and its power to bring forth the fruits of the earth. Some people think that nature is

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automatic. It is not a divine and all loving wisdom which brings to mankind the fruits of the earth: they think it just an automatic action of nature. Nature is so remarkable in its action and it is this law, this natural law which brings forth life, which creates the beauty of the earth. But sometimes these brilliant thinkers on the earth plane are brought up suddenly with an experience in their life which is described as shattering. They do not comprehend the meaning of life or death, nor the intricate machinations of the human soul. They commence to think of probably of part [*sic*] of the service to find an explanation of the power, the undoubted power which keeps the stars on their course, lights the earth, warms the earth and creates the most exquisite beauty in nature, which is outside man's capacity to make. All these things come crowding into the human experience demonstrating for man not only power, the natural power, but an intelligence, a divine intelligence; something which is quite beyond the power of man. Then comes the experience of death and birth, and later on the experience of receiving impressions from a state of life beyond the physical.

Most of you here have arrived at this point of life's journey. You have seen a demonstration of power which is beyond natural power. You call it supernatural power, but you are quite certain, you are convinced that what is touching your life is beyond human power, and you feel a sense of comfort and peace. Even so, you are still in the dark and you are confused; but you hold fast to your inner knowing that there is a power at work behind all material things; a power which comprehends you, which understands your heart, your aspirations and your longing. Sometimes you are overcome, you are ashamed of yourself and your own behaviour and you receive a mighty demonstration of what we will describe as divine love, all unfailing love, which you are certain is present in your life, guiding you over the rough places – and given time and your patience, the crooked places are gradually ironed out and love comes to you, not necessarily the love of man or woman or child, but a love in your own heart which assures you of the harvest which is bound to come. It has given you faith, your own human experience has given you faith in a promise made to you, not only in your Christian Scriptures, but in all the scriptures throughout time; the promise of a spiritual harvest.

[*Lacuna*]

.....it is, there is food for all. God has blessed this earth most bountifully. But we must recognise this fact that, owing to the ignorance and the greed of many earthly people, not all living on the earth receive all they should receive, or might receive of the earth's bounty, irrespective of the truth that this bounty of the earth is given to man by One who[m] many reject. We speak of the Son of God, the cosmic Christ, that which is the spiritual light and life of man. The Son behind the physical sun is what gives life, not only spiritual life, but all the bounties of the earth – and yet mankind dares to ignore the great gift. This is because you are in a materialistic age. You speak of centuries past as the dark ages. Every material age is a dark age. Remember this: materialism is darkness, but spiritual truth brings light, and spiritual truth is the light of the cosmic Christ; the spiritual Sun. It comes from the heavens, if you will, certainly from the Sun. How much do the earth people know about the Sun? Do they know that it is inhabited? Your scientists would shake their heads at such a statement. We do not say the Sun is inhabited with earth beings but it is inhabited by sun beings, who have reached that supreme state of consciousness where they know the Father and they know that they and the Father are united.

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We tell you these things but you cannot accept our words yet. The simple Nazarene, Jesus the Christ as he is called in your Christian world, spoke so often of 'the Father and I'. 'The Father and I are One', he said on many occasions, for it was the Christ the Great One, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Lord of the sun sphere, who was directing his supreme ray of life and light through the prepared channel, the human channel, the Master Jesus. You know these things but you do not take them to your heart, dear children. You do not, in times of anguish, doubt and fear, you do not open your heart to that divine Son of God, waiting on Him, knowing that as the fruits of the earth are brought forth into bountiful manifestation, so the fruits of your own spiritual self can be brought forth in your daily life and you can live with plenty, with all you need. You can be fed as Jesus fed the five thousand. You will be amazed at what we say to you, but we speak truth...

*[Lacuna]*

We come, my children, dear brethren of earth, we are coming to you, the earth people, and we are so close to you that we are with you in your experiences and all that you enjoy and all that you may suffer. But you may not see us and you may not hear us, but it makes no difference. We are close. The hosts of heaven are close to the earth. The hosts of heaven have a little more wisdom than the materially minded on your earth. You are coming to a day when this spiritual harvest is being reaped. A spiritual harvest may be rich and rare and beautiful, bringing great happiness to the individual or to the race. The harvest may be very poor because it has lacked the sun, the warmth. It has lacked the proper attention which the soul needs. God calls to His children on earth for co-operation. You must co-operate with God. You must co-operate with the great invisible army of the Nature Kingdom if you would bring forth a rich and rare harvest. And this also applies to the spiritual harvest which man hopes to reap.

This spiritual harvest of which we speak is brought forth in a peculiar way sometimes on your earth. Instead of man reaping harmony and beauty and plenty for all his needs, he reaps thistles and weeds and all manner of dark ignorant things, but it is a harvest because he has sown the seed, material seeds, and he reaps a very material harvest. He reaps it in pain and suffering and war. And you say, 'Why does this happen? Why does God permit it? Why do the innocent suffer for the guilty?' The innocent do not suffer for the guilty, although it looks as though they do. You do not see deep enough, my brethren. If you could see into those lives of those who appear to be innocent, not only the present incarnation but a long way back, you will see that those who are involved in suffering have themselves been involved in the past, with the suffering of others in the past. We mean to say this is a very sobering thought, and we look with hope – with hopeful anticipation – to the spreading on your earth of this spiritual teaching, this spiritual law: the law of sowing and reaping, of cause and effect.

When humanity receives this knowledge soberly and humbly and understands that the actions of one day bring forth the harvest of the next – we are not speaking of twenty-four hours in a day, we are speaking of periods of time – but as we are speaking of karma, remember, my children, you do not have necessarily to wait for another incarnation to reap the seeds which you sow. So often you sow seeds this year or this week or this day, and reap the harvest very

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much quicker than you expect to. On the other hand, remember that there is an opportunity for all humanity to reap the harvest of intense happiness. Not a selfish happiness: we do not mean that you will get all you want in your own little placid way. We do not mean that, we mean a rich harvest because you have found the truth of God's love, and because you have learnt to love with that love in your heart for life. You have learnt to throw aside all the doubts and fears. You have learnt to come into conscious realisation of the law of divine love. You have learnt to surrender yourself to this law. You have learnt to live in it, causing it to flow in your life. This, in itself, brings into your heart a beauty, a peace, a peace beyond all earthly knowledge or understanding. You know what we mean.

Do a piece of work well, whatever your work is – your sewing, writing or working figures, whatever your work is – do it well. Do it as for God and you feel in your heart that satisfaction and that indescribable joy and peace. And then you say, I did not do it myself, I could not have done it myself. I was helped to do it. There was a power which helped me to do this work perfectly. There was a power which urged me to say a word of love and understanding, sympathy and kindness to my brother man. It was the power of God which used me, not of myself. I can do nothing, all the good is God's work. Try that and your harvest will be rich and rare and beautiful.

Now a last word, remember the Lord Christ saying 'the fields are white unto harvest, but the labourers are few'. The world at the present time – humanity – is crying out for bread, for spiritual bread. Are they receiving bread or stones? You may not go to the street corner to preach the gospel of divine love. You may not have very much opportunity to become a labourer in a certain sense, but every one of you are labourers in the field of life which is fat unto harvest. And there are many thousands, millions, millions of people who are searching, crying for spiritual bread. What is the bread of life? It is the word of God. It is this divine spiritual light which is now flowing freely on to the earth and into the lives of human....

*[Lacuna. The extant text ceases at this point.]*

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*natural world, power of nature, spiritual contact, spiritual unfoldment, enlightenment, illumination, thanksgiving, service*