

Seeking The Master

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The text of this address is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors

Text: duplicated script in *Angelus*, May 1938. The final paragraph seems to have been a sort of postscript – White Eagle came back into control after he had actually ‘signed off’.

Context: Sunday service, with no indications about the rest of the service. 3rd April was two weeks before Easter in 1938.

General Notes: up to a point this address, about the Master, follows thematically the sequence that includes 6 February 1938, which is about the Holy City of Jerusalem. The passage beginning ‘I enter this Lodge in the spirit of service’ (first paragraph of the address) is a very familiar one used, in slightly edited form, in the printed books PRAYER IN THE NEW AGE and PRAYER, MINDFULNESS AND INNER CHANGE (p. 129).

References: Near the end, White Eagle slightly misquotes John 14 : 10 when he records ‘My Father in heaven, He doeth the works’: the original is ‘My Father that dwelleth in me...’ Immediately after, the correct quote is ‘I and my Father are one’, John 10 : 30. At the end, ‘Seek and ye shall find! Knock and the door shall be opened unto you!’ is Matthew 7 : 7-8.

White Eagle’s Address:

Peace be with us! We ask you to lay aside the claims of the earthly life, because at this service you have come to worship God and to forget for a brief space the physical life. You come to worship and to give service. I wonder if many think of this joy of service! This is a passing through we would have you register; to serve! You come here to serve, with the hierarchies of Angels and men passed onward into the great Beyond and also those still enslaved in the flesh. When you enter here, remember, “I enter this Lodge in the spirit of service”. You have come to serve. We also have come to serve. We need your service. You need the service of spirit beings and friends. And so we mingle to serve each other.

Remember, again, that there are hosts of healing angels here. They are directing their healing rays upon you. They can heal your body. They can heal your soul. But in order to receive this healing power, it is necessary for you to have the will and readiness to serve others. As you give, so shall you receive. If you can, take this keynote into your life tomorrow. I say ‘tomorrow’, because tomorrow begins the life of the everyday, the life of workshop and factory, warehouses and offices and schools, and the many varying phases of activity. Take into this world the will to serve. You do not work because you can get something by so doing; you work to serve. Many whom you contact, will feel do not deserve your service and love. Maybe they do not take it very kindly. But remember, they may be suffering. They may have sorrows of which you know not. Their soul may be troubled. Bear, then, sympathy towards these fellow brethren of yours. Many, as you travel the road of life, need your help. Your work, if you are to justify your creation, is to serve them.

This preliminary talk will be woven into our picture of the Master. For we speak to you tonight on ‘Seeking the Master’. We might have said ‘Seeking a Master’, bearing in mind that there are many Beings called Masters, many Wise Ones behind, serving all humanity. But we have chosen to say, ‘Seeking the Master’ in order to particularise, to stress your own

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Master. Do you know that every man has a Master? Perhaps you are seeking the Master; your particular Master.

The man on the outer plane will say, and with reason, 'But why talk about unknown Masters? We cannot contact them. You tell us there are those who have actually met Masters and have received teaching from them. But we know nothing of this. How can we know that They exist?' Well, the remedy is in man's own hands. He has the power to find his Master for himself and can, in due time, actually meet Him and converse with Him whilst still living in the physical body. Beloved, who amongst you does not long to meet the Master? How many feel that if only they had lived in the time of Jesus Christ and had the opportunity of those who lived with the Master Jesus, how much better they would be, how much greater their power for good! How much easier to follow Christ if we could but hear His voice! Many look forward to the Second Coming of the Master and think how changed everything will be when He reappears.

This is no new idea, the Second Coming. Do not think that the Age now coming, the Age of Aquarius, of Brotherhood, of peace on earth, is the first time that such a condition has prevailed. Life moves in cycles. There is nothing new in the whole of Creation. Life is rhythm, a breathing in and a breathing out, an inhalation and exhalation. What is today, was yesterday. What comes tomorrow also came yesterday. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end! Study that phrase. Meditate upon it and all manner of new thoughts will come, the veil grows more transparent and you will see the meaning of the future.

We seek the Master! Our Master! For this brief moment let us forget all else. My Master! Say it to yourself. Close your eyes and say, 'My Master'. Do you form a picture or do you find it easier to visualise some picture of Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Master? Never mind. Sufficient that you have a Master, and that you desire to know Him, to feel that you are immersed in His aura, that He knows you and understands every struggle of your life. He sympathises with every failure and looks kindly upon you and has sympathy with your limitations and your intense longing for a greater spiritual realisation. He knows you as no soul living on earth can know. He is part of you. Is this not a glorious thought, inspiring, comforting, strengthening? Does power flow into your breast as you think thus? Of course! You feel His power permeating your being. You feel its stimulation and your whole body begins to tingle and vibrate; vibrations caused by the thought of your Master.

In the Schools of Mysteries, both past and present, the injunction is always given to the neophyte, to the young candidate; 'Go to your Master. He will instruct you'. In the Temples of old, the pupils were trained by their Master. They sought their Master. The difference between now and then is that of old there were Temples especially built for the purpose of spiritual training. You see their remnants scattered over the lands of Egypt and India. If you have visited them you will be aware of the power which permeates the spot. You need not go to Egypt however, or to India, since in your own abbeys and monasteries you may feel the sacredness, the power, the peace and harmony which permeates these places. It was here that

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the young candidates, the young priests sojourned and learned the Wisdom of the Ages from their Masters.

The Master is the Initiator. The Initiator in the past was known as the Shepherd, hence the story of the shepherds watching over their sheep, when the angels appeared in the sky and said, 'Peace on earth, goodwill toward men. The Master has come'. The story has much significance. Has not the Master Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep'? – and continually taken as His symbol the Good Shepherd, saying I am the Good Shepherd; I feed my sheep'. The Master was known as the Shepherd. He fed His sheep, or the candidates for Initiation.

To prevent confusion as to who your Master is, let us explain that there is one Master-Mind, or one plane of conscious life which is known as 'The Master'. You will find no fundamental difference between the teachings of the Masters, but each bears the hallmark of His status. He will be complete master of Himself, of His emotions. He will have no fear. He will know no sickness. He will live to express the Father God in every act and word and thought. No Master will contradict another. Masters do not give different teachings. They do not vary. They speak always the same language; not the language of any one particular country, but the language of spirit, the language of love.

One truth may be expressed through many Masters. But, although they do not contradict the fundamentals, it may be that They bring through differing aspects or one particular aspect of the Deity, of the Godhead. One may express great power. He may be vibrating on the power aspect of God and may then be found as a ruler of men. I am not suggesting that the men in your Parliament are Masters! – but that the Power Ray is that on which Masters may work for the wellbeing and upliftment of humanity. On the other hand, a Master may vibrate to the Ray of Harmony, art and music. Yet another may vibrate on the Ray of Healing and, while possessing the other attributes of Master-ship, may be concentrating on healing humanity. If your interest lies there, then it is likely that your particular Master will be on the Healing Ray. The Master Buddha was vibrating on the Wisdom Ray entirely, and his pupils, or *chelas*, found Mastership through Wisdom, through contemplation, through withdrawing from the world and following the intuition or the wisdom of the stillness within. On the other hand, the Master Jesus was the prepared channel for the light of Love, another aspect of the Deity. The Christ which manifested through Jesus is the Son of God. Do you understand? The Love aspect of the Deity manifested through Jesus in full degree and found expression in action and service, thus supplanting the Power aspect known by the Hebrews as Jehovah. The word Jehovah itself is a Word of Power.

You will find your Master on the ray most harmonious to yourself. Leadership may be the ray upon which you are evolving and, through the power growing within you – not of domination over others, but the power to uplift and strengthen and inspire your brother – you will find your Master. If wisdom be your goal, the longing for wisdom and understanding, on this vibration you will meet. If, to you, Jesus Christ is the ideal, you will find Him through following in His footsteps and doing exactly as the Christ within inspires you to do. The very gentleness and meekness as portrayed in the four Gospels brings to you a picture of Christ. If you would meet Him face to face, strive in all ways to do and think as He would do and

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think. He would be gentle, loving and compassionate and have humility. 'My Father in heaven, He doeth the works, not I.' You must attune yourself to the God life and know that nothing in you is good except that which cometh from God. Do you feel this truth? 'My Father and I are one.' The Christ, speaking through Jesus of Nazareth, was bringing through part of God: the Christ or the Son-aspect of God.

You hope to meet your Master when you leave your physical body. Do not be too sure. Unless you can recognise Him whilst here, you may not do so in the astral body. You may meet, but you will not know Him. You may meet your Master tomorrow or even tonight, it is quite likely. But unless you have the ideal within your breast, you cannot recognise Him.

How will He appear? Listen! Your Master may speak to you through the lips of another, tonight or tomorrow. You must seek Him. He will not run after you and reveal Himself. Your Master will not say, "Lo, I am your Master. Follow Me!" No! It is for you to find Him and follow Him. It may take a long time, but you can certainly meet Him face to face in this day of life. He can also speak to you through some book. You may hear and see Him in some glorious sunset or great piece of music or in a lovely poem, in the message of a bed of flowers or in a pine tree. But the great thing to remember is this. You will find Him first in the secret chamber within your own heart. When you have found Him there you will know His Voice. He will reveal the way you should treat your brother man and how you should act in certain circumstances in your life. He says to you, 'Cast out fear. Be unafraid, be whole. Know no desire'. And again, 'Be sincere to this woman or this man'. If your Master's ideal in your heart makes you unwilling to stoop to the low and mean and the petty, particularly in the things unseen or unknown; if you can act always as though your Master is by your side and do what you feel would be His way, then you are nearing the meeting place and will meet Him face to face on earth. But you must know the Master within first. You must know Him within before you can hope to recognise Him manifested in a physical body. Yes! Masters are walking the streets of London City and you will find them, if you seek.

Life is good! Life is beautiful! Do not be jostled and hurried by fears. The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in common with the Master within. Do not fear war – for one thing it will not come to this country. But we do not say this as false bait to you. You must learn to know in your innermost being that there is nothing to fear. Be at peace, and seek, every moment of your life, the presentation of your Master. He may have already spoken to you, but you have not recognised Him. He may have spoken through some uninteresting man or woman. Masters do not blazon their qualities or advertise Themselves. Seek and ye shall find! Knock and the door shall be opened unto you!

And now, let us close the outer senses. Be still. Come, O Christ, the Light! Father in heaven, Thou art here. We rejoice in our creation and all the beauties of Thy life. We know now, union with Thee ... happiness. We are happy. We are love. May we grow in power and in likeness to Thee. Amen.

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And then, beloved, we shall know the Master of our Lodge, of our body, of yourselves. We shall recognise our brother Masters and shall work with Them as one grand company; the White Company of Heaven on earth.

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