

The Quality of Mercy

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Text: another MB typescript; this particular script has been marked up for, and later by, the tape recordist (Anthony Elliot (AE), to judge from the handwriting). The title has been chosen for the present project; when it was printed in *Stella Polaris*, June-July 1963, it had the title 'Joyous Kingdom'. A few cuts are indicated on the script, and AE seems to have made a few corrections after hearing the recording. He apparently thought that the word 'challenging' in the third paragraph should be 'changing', but we have preferred the typescript here. He has also inserted the word 'whole' in the paragraph beginning 'Now when man can do this', which does seem to be necessary. We have also allowed the insertion near the end of the phrase 'he can heal himself', and the change from 'loving' to 'living' in 'living, living God, living God' – from the recordist's note. There are a couple of other, very insignificant occasions when we have taken AE's corrections to be right. This address may not be the first to be regularly recorded but is the first to show evidence of this, and therefore is a landmark. It does not seem to have been printed.

Context: MB as usual tells us the music and the reading. Hymns were 'Thou whose almighty Word' at the start, 'Awake, awake to love and work' second, and at the end 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind'. In place of the third hymn, before White Eagle, Ylana Hayward and Elizabeth Brameld offered Bach's 'Sheep may safely graze' (Cantata no. 208) as a duet. MB says it was 'beautifully rendered'. The reading was Luke 10 : 18-37, an interesting selection. Following on from the mission of the seventy apostles, it begins with Jesus describing the fall of the rebel angels and continues with a religious scholar asking him what is needed in order to inherit eternal life. Jesus answers with the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. There were opening and closing prayers by Minesta, which MB tells us she recorded separately.

General Notes: early parts of the address relate to the parable of the Good Samaritan and what it teaches. White Eagle goes on to speak, very interestingly, of the great *delicacy* of the communication between his world and the earth world. He then goes on to speak of spiritual healing and why it is necessary when sickness is the result of karma. The answer, he shows, is to be found in the parable mentioned. There is a nice discussion about reincarnation, and White Eagle rather punctures the hopes of those with romantic ideas about past lives. What he seems to be saying is, 'Did you learn your lessons?' rather than 'Who were you?' There is an interesting answer to the question, 'I do all the things you say, White Eagle, and still I suffer'. White Eagle reminds us that the happiness we seek is progressive and contiguous to our spiritual evolution, but it does come slowly, not in some magical moment. The topic of mercy seems to have been significant to White Eagle in 1962, and here is one of the occasions he speaks of it most fully (hence the title chosen, a phrase from Shakespeare).

References: 'God has never left man without a witness', a favourite White Eagle comment, relates to Acts 14 : 17. 'Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind and thy neighbour as thyself. Upon these two hangs all the law.' He further said: "that not one jot or tittle should pass away until the law be fulfilled.": these two quotations are both from Matthew: 22 : 37 and 5 : 18 respectively. The story of Jesus and the rich young man is in Matthew (19 : 16-22). 'Who is my neighbour?' is Luke 10 : 29. White Eagle seems to invent an extra Beatitude, 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy'. This is utterly in keeping with the other Beatitudes, which come at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 but is not actually biblical. 'Man heal thyself. Man know thyself' is an interesting collation from more than one source. White Eagle very frequently quotes the famous text, 'Man know thyself' from over the portal of the oracle at Delphi. Here he pairs it with a phrase that echoes the words of Jesus in Luke 4 : 23, 'Physician, heal thyself'.

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Beloved children of earth, we bring to you from the heavenly spheres all love and light and peace. We bring you healing power.

Most earthly brethren are in need of spiritual food and comfort and healing because it is true that man suffers physically and mentally and emotionally from his own lack of confidence in the Supreme Spirit, God the Father.

In your modern days it is certainly a challenging thought which comes to man about the Source of his being and about the Presence of the All-pervading Spirit. In this age man interprets almost everything intellectually. It seems to many of you, as indeed it appears to us in the spirit life, that man's heart is shrinking, that the mind or brain has taken control and it is what the brain interprets that the man follows.

May we remind you that all the way down the ages God has always manifested to man. God has always manifested to man in his heart, not merely in his brain. And so, brethren of earth, we must open the heart. We must help you to unfold and develop the love in your innermost being.

Now the same truth which we are endeavouring to express to you now was given in all ages, in all places of the earth. It may have come through in what you consider today a very childlike form. The people needed the comfort and the help. They had so many things to disturb and alarm them, as indeed you do today. But as has been said in the Scriptures, 'God has never left man without a witness'. God has, through time, used his own particular way to reach the child; His child, Their child, Its Child – man. The same teaching which came to the ancient people – you call it today the Ancient Wisdom – is still being brought through as it was in the past. For all teachers or ministers who have been chosen, who have been called and chosen by God – not by man, but by God – have all had that contact with the superior state of life or what you know today as the heavenly state, the spiritual level of life, the spirit centres.

The brain tells you that man has a short time to live on earth, and at the end of his life he has finished. There is no proof to the mind or to the brain that there is a life apart from the physical body. Now you all know that within you lies the centre of truth. And [that] you interpret truth not only through your brain, but through your heart, through your realization of the power of love, which is the same as the power of God.

Now, Jesus the Adept, the Great One of the last Piscean Age, was the channel for a most beautiful outpouring of the Ancient Wisdom. His words were most simple and yet in those words He conveyed to man the most profound truth – all truth. Man does not yet know it. In order to understand the teachings or the manifestation of that love through Jesus it is necessary for man to comprehend two basic laws of life.

Do you remember Jesus spoke of the law? He said to those who were gathered round Him: 'Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind and thy neighbour as thyself. Upon these two hangs all the law.' He further said, 'that not one jot or tittle should pass away until the law be fulfilled.' He went on to speak a parable to those folk who were gathered round Him. It was ever the way with Jesus. He always spoke in

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parables, simple little stories, which all or most children have heard. How many grown men and women understand the profound truth in those parables? He spoke a parable when He was asked, 'Who is my neighbour?' He gave the parable of the Good Samaritan. We will not repeat that well-known parable, but draw your attention to it as an illustration and as an answer to questions which you all put to yourselves.

Now we know the thoughts at times of our brethren on earth because we work so closely with you, although you do not realise it. Remember that the contact with the spirit life and the spirit world is very delicate, oh so delicate. This is what the brain at present cannot grasp. This is what people cannot grasp; the delicacy between spirit and matter – our contact with you. Nevertheless we hold that contact with you because we can see the unity on that higher level of spirit and we are as one; a grand company on the level of spirit. Unfortunately when you get down on to the earth plane it is not so easy to get this communication through because of its very delicacy. There is so much confusion, so many crossed wires and so many difficult forces which break our contact with you. Nevertheless, we are able to know you and your thought. Many times you speak to us and you wonder – oh yes, you do – 'Does it go into thin air or do the Brothers hear?'

Now then, one question we have in mind about spiritual healing. All mankind needs spiritual healing and physical healing. Physical healing comes as the result of spiritual healing. The little thought crops up in the mind of some of our dear brethren here: 'Well, why try to give people spiritual healing if it is their karma? It must be their karma that they are ill. We must let the law of karma work out because it is only through the suffering of man that he learns the lessons he needs to learn.' Jesus answered this question for you very clearly in His parable of the Good Samaritan. Two men obviously were thinking as some people on earth think, 'Oh this is karma. He brought the reprehension on to himself. Leave him alone. It is not our affair.' But the law says, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself'. Would anyone like to be left wounded and suffering on the roadside? Would you like to be left unattended because it was the karma which you had brought on yourself? Of course you wouldn't. Subconsciously you would send out a prayer. 'O my God, help me. O dear God, send someone to help me.' This is the natural outcry of the child of God. As a child looks to its earthly parent so man looks to his Heavenly Parent. 'Send me help.' God sends man help in the form of a Good Samaritan. This is not breaking the law of karma. It is fulfilling the law of God, of love. *Love the Lord thy God and love thy neighbour as thyself.*

Now brethren, all these words are conveying to you and to all on earth the central and the basic law; the foundation of harmonious and healthy life. For when a man can live loving, loving, loving, he is fulfilling the law. As man fulfils the law he is overcoming all the confusion and difficulty of physical life on earth.

Now we mentioned, we referred, a little while ago to the two great laws. Apart from 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God and thy neighbour as thyself', there are two occult laws which man must recognise before he can understand, before he can comprehend the problems of his own life. These two great laws are first, reincarnation, and second, the law of karma.

Many people today like to dwell [on], even to study, all that has been written and all that is said about reincarnation. And of course, there are some quite peculiar things said and thought

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about reincarnation. We don't want to dwell on the errors that people so innocently make about who they were and what they were in the past. It does not matter very much. It is important to have a memory which comes to you in your heart, not through searching with your brain, but which comes through your spiritual experience or spiritual analysis of your daily life. You pick up, you get an impression. You get an intuition that you did so and so. It is all very well to feel that you were a grand person, that you were a king or a queen, or an Egyptian priest or a Pharaoh, or even an Indian Chief and all these grand people. It is very nice. It is very nice. Yes, that is who I was and I know I was in such and such a place!

Now all these thoughts have to be sorted out. What man can learn from knowledge, a true knowledge of all past reincarnation is the reason why he is surrounded by the conditions of his present day: the kind of things he has to meet, the people he has to deal with. It is not necessary that he met these people in a past incarnation, at least not in the particular personality that he knows today, but he came – we were going to say he came up against certain personalities and conditions in a past life. He has drawn them to himself by another law, the law of karma, as our Eastern brethren call it. Jesus spoke of it in a different way. He was referring to this law of sowing and reaping. What man does today is creating his condition of life in the future and it may not necessarily be a future incarnation. This is the law. Man has lived through the ages and he is slowly, oh so very slowly in many cases, awakening to his true self, his God-self. If the memory of past incarnation is awakened, then man can comprehend himself and what he is doing on earth today. He also learns from experience; from reviewing the past and the present, he learns the possibilities of the future. You see this law is waking up, it is stimulating in man a higher consciousness, his God-consciousness – and without this man continues to suffer and suffer in all manner of ways. Now what is the answer? You see the rich man asked Jesus, 'what is the answer? What am I to do to gain Eternal Life? – or spiritual life or, in other words, spiritual consciousness and awareness of the beauty of God's life? The answer came so simply and clearly: 'Thou shalt love God and thy neighbour. Thou shalt love thy Creator, the Great White Spirit. Thou shalt study thy Creator in all its form of manifestation in the heavens above and on earth beneath. Thou shalt study the beauty of the Lord thy Creator, God which is all good, good. Good is God.'

Now when man can do this, not with his brain alone but with his whole nature, his whole being, the being which spreads itself afar and which can and often does manifest on many planes of life. There man finds God and witnesses the outworking of the law of God. The law is love. What is the law of God? 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour.' And what does this imply? Goodwill to all men. Goodwill throughout the physical world.

Man must work for the coming of this kingdom on earth. And if the little voice within you says it will never come, it is all nonsense, remember that the little voice is the voice of ignorance, the voice of darkness, the voice of earth. Earth is full of darkness as well as *light*. But man has to bring forth the light out of the darkness.

May we just add a word about the law of karma? When the law of love is unfulfilled in man he is creating in himself a centre which attracts to himself ignorance and darkness, pain and suffering. If man fulfils the law and loves God and his fellow man, he draws to himself all healing, all peace. He is living in the Kingdom of Heaven within his self.

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Now in practice, you will say, 'But I do all these things – but I still have pain and I still have illness. What is wrong?' The answer is that this state of heavenliness must be gradually reached through spiritual evolution. It is a slow but certain progress towards that level, that state of God consciousness, which as you will readily recognise is a state of happiness and peace. Like the Good Samaritan, always do what you can to alleviate a man's pain and suffering. Never leave a man to suffer through his own karma. He will suffer quite enough. He needs the help. You need the help. He needs your help. You need your brother's help. You see when you get these two wheels at work in life, the giving and the receiving, the loving and the healing. You are certainly reaching that level of awareness of heaven: the kingdom of heaven.

O brethren, don't imagine you are going to cast off this physical body and immediately find that you can take your place on the right hand of the Father in Heaven! God Himself cannot do that for you except through yourself. God has implanted in you all freewill. How man rejoices in his freewill! 'I can do as I like. I will not be bound by anyone.' Man has free will to love, to serve tenderly and lovingly his brother man. Pray, dear children of earth: pray for understanding of the needs of others. Try and feel as they feel. Develop your imagination. Put yourself in their place and you will begin to develop that inner vision, that clairvoyance which you all desire. As we said before, clairvoyance is not seeing the future. It is not merely seeing the past. It is not seeing spirits on the astral plane. Clairvoyance is clear vision into truth. Truth may manifest in form, in many forms, but clear vision – clairvoyance – is a clear vision into the Perfect Life; a vision enabling you to see the outworking of Divine Law not only in yourself and in the lives of those around you, but Divine Law which is working with absolute justice and mercy throughout human life and throughout the whole wide world.

Mercy, a most important attribute. You see, as soon as man is merciful and kind, he is creating mercy all around him in his own life. Thou shalt be merciful. God is Mercy. The law must work out – but remember what we have said on former occasions. Karma can be transmuted. Now this is a point with which you may not agree. You say, 'If karma is a law, it must work out exactly'. Indeed, you are right; but it does work out exactly if the law of love operates in you – because love creates in you mercy. 'Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.' The Sermon on the Mount is just the law which Jesus gave to mankind. If you love, so you change all the conditions in your body, you change the conditions in the lives of those around you – and what could have been a very hard and bitter karma for you is changed. Because of your love you have transmuted your karma.

This is where the gift of freewill comes in. This is how man heals himself. 'Man, heal thyself. Man know thyself.' When man knows himself, he can heal himself; he does heal himself. Beloved Jesus was merciful. He had unfolded a great love for His fellows, for His brothers on earth. He healed them by His love. Those who were ready to receive into their souls that love, that *light*, they could not help being healed. Jesus helped them but they healed themselves and they didn't realise that they had healed themselves. So obedience to the command, the God-command of love – and life will be changed for you. The physical cells will be changed for you. The conditions in your life will change. You cannot help it because you are setting in motion a law which is bringing all things into harmony. Indeed, if you pursue this line of

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thought, particularly if you are of a scientific mind, you will readily understand how all things work together for good for he who loves good or God.

And this is really our last word to you because you will be getting so exhausted with listening. Leaving the physical body is a very small episode in the life – to you on earth it is the greatest thing, the great enemy. When you get over here to our side you will see how very little, it is a very small episode. You do not think very much of changing your clothes, taking off your outer garments. You think that is a perfectly normal thing for you to do. When you come to the spirit world you simply leave behind your earthly coat, your physical body – but you, the real man, is exactly the same as when in a physical body. The conditions around you will be similar because they are part of you. You, by your life, by your karma, you have created them.

Does that sound very shocking? But there is a compensation in being released from the limitations of time and space. You have a freedom of movement, a fuller realisation of spirit. In spirit life you have found truth at a certain level and [truth] always brings freedom. Truth never binds. Truth always releases and brings freedom and then the soul finds itself in a beautiful country. It finds that it can hear and see God everywhere. It can hear the harmonies of heavenly life. It can see the beautiful colours created by the exquisite heavenly light. It can see the love of God, the beauty of God, the wisdom of God in so many forms in spirit life. And the old question pops up in that brain, ‘Why should we come back? Why reincarnate back again into the darkness?’ Because you long, having seen so much, you long for perfection in yourself and you know – you are told but you know by your clairvoyance and your vision into the law that there is only one way. To return to work, to work for God and for mankind not by preaching, but by living, living God, living God – and thus fulfilling the law of God.

Peace we leave with you and all love, all love. Love all. There is no living thing which God has not created – but go, my children, step by step. You cannot rush the Gates of Heaven. You have to use the material which you have drawn round yourself. You have to manipulate and use the material which you have created in the past and you are creating now. But above all things do not condemn nor criticise your brother man. Remember he needs your love, your help.

Goodbye, God bless you. Oh, to every one of my dear ones here, God bless you, we say.

Take from the Lord the Heavenly Bread which now is formed on the golden plate of Communion. Spiritually take it upon your tongue and eat the Bread of that Higher Life. Verily your Lord holds to your lips the cup of Wine, Divine Essence, spiritual sustenance. Sip. Sip the Wine and in your higher consciousness realise that it is passing all through your being – the Wine of Divine Love.

And this temple is now filled with fire: heavenly fire which cleanses and heals, comforts and restores you. So mote it be – the truth.

Brother Faithful:

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We have been hearing about the very simple things, the gentler virtues of pity, mercy, restraint and loving kindness. Ordinary things you think and yet these are so profoundly, so inexorably, so unerringly, so forcefully true that, if put into effect, they could remove all friction, all harshness, all the noise and clamour and discord, all enmity and all the sickness of body and mind which lack of these virtues and qualities gives rise to.

It is rather strange that this little closing hymn by Whittier, the American poet, states in the first verse so clearly, so simply, so sweetly, these very things.

“Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Forgive our foolish ways.
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind
In purer lives Thy service find
In deeper reverence praise.”

We have the whole thing here!

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