

St Michael and all the Angels

A296 Sunday Address 29th September 1957 New Lands, Liss Service for Harvest and St Michael and All Angels

Text: from *Stella Polaris*, August-September 1958. No typescript has been found. The title has been given for this project: in *Stella Polaris*, the address was simply entitled 'Harvest'.

Context: the address is printed, as stated, in the August *Stella Polaris* and cannot be linked with certainty to 1957. However it is clear that it was given on the exact day of the festival of St Michael and All Angels, which would limit the years it could have been given – and one of them is 1957. Since it would be normal to print the previous year's festival message in the magazine, the ascription to 1957 feels reasonably safe. There is a longer note on this above the 8 September address; it would seem that that one was the London address, and this one was given at New Lands. It would have been given on the twelfth anniversary of the opening of New Lands, and exactly on the feast of St Michael and All Angels; it was also the Harvest service for New Lands. It's conceivable that 'Breathe on me, breath of God' was one of the hymns, only because White Eagle quotes it in the address. No communion is reproduced in the *Stella Polaris* version.

General Notes: the coincidence of the harvest festival and the festival of St Michael gives this address a double thrust. The angels are very much brought in at the beginning. Amid statements about early worship that are frequent in White Eagle addresses, there is a categorical statement that early peoples viewed the Creator as Mother, not as Father (although in the Invocation White Eagle described the Creator as 'our Father and Mother'). There is teaching about angels, and White Eagle reminds us, of the beings in the higher world, 'You must try to *feel* as well as to see the very real presence of these Powers'. There is a nice passage on the angels of music and the angels who assist at death. As for St Michael, White Eagle says, 'Always when a fresh influx of Light, Divine Love and Divine Wisdom is coming to men, St Michael is near, and is to be seen by those who have developed sensitivity, who are gifted with vision'. a reference to the wartime sight of angels in the sky (which probably refers to a famous incident in 1915, at the Battle of Mons). The teaching about angels, which continues a little later in the address, is as beautiful an account as anything in the subject in White Eagle. The ending of the address is surprisingly strident: 'Have no fear'; 'Fight to follow the inner light' – and a powerful prediction about the feeding of the earth.

The final paragraph is striking: 'Fight, my children, fight to follow that inner light'. It is a rallying cry to pioneers!

References: there is a hidden reference near the beginning to the anthem sometimes sung by the Lodge choir in London, 'Thou hast a work for me to do; O Lord, show it to me!'. The words are by then Dean of St Paul's W R Matthews and the music by R W Robson. However, it cannot have been sung on this occasion as the New Lands choir only formed to sing at the opening of the Temple some seventeen years later. 'Except ye become as a little child' is a rendering of Matthew 18 : 3; 'Not my will, O Lord, but Thine' is Luke 22 : 42. 'Breathe on me, breath of God' is the first line of the well-known hymn by Edwin Hatch, written in 1878; its mention might be a clue that it was one of the hymns sung in the service. 'Except ye become as a little child' in Matthew 18 : 3.

White Eagle's Address:

Invocation:

We open our hearts to the Source of all good gifts, our Creator, our Father and Mother, and the Light which is the Christ in the hearts of all mankind. We give thanks, O God, for the rich blessings of life, and in this little service open ourselves to the great rays of spiritual power. We thank Thee for this knowledge of the spiritual, of the eternal, and of the angelic life; and of those spiritual Beings who are so close to us every day – who are watching over and

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helping us. O God, we pray for deeper faith and clearer understanding of these companions of our souls; and we offer ourselves once again in Thy service, praying that we may be worthy to do the work which Thou hast for us to do. May there go forth from this service a beautiful light, a strength, peace and a healing power that all who come within its radiance may be blessed and inspired; and may the presence of our Lord the Son, Christ, be realised in our midst now and throughout this service. Amen.

To bring love and light is our object. We do not come to convince you of the life beyond the physical life. Instead, our purpose is to help you all to get your own contact with the worlds invisible. In the present age you are all familiar with your radio instruments, by which you can tune in and receive sound and pictures from all over the earth. You take this wonderful phenomenon more or less for granted, but it is a demonstration of invisible rays in the ether. If a material box of tricks can receive these rays, how much more can a sensitive human instrument become attuned to rays invisible! For the human instrument has within itself a receiving station consisting of a mind and a heart, and the latter can feel the emotion of love by reaching upward to something higher than itself.

Long, long ago the people looked round and actually saw what it was that they were feeling in their hearts. In other words, they felt convinced that they owed everything to a power outside themselves. They recognised in the continual sowing and reaping of the harvest, the sequence of the seasons, the birth of their young, an assurance that their own lives would continue after death. Because of this their minds became convinced of a Creator above and beyond themselves, so they were overjoyed and filled with gratitude for the blessings which this invisible power gave to them with such fullness.

In those early days men recognised the Creator as a mother, because they saw the human mother producing, or reproducing her young offspring, and saw nature herself reproducing her animal and plant life everywhere. They looked up to the heavens and saw a representation of the same invisible power in the stars and the sun. They knew that without the sun their life could not continue because their crops would not grow or ripen. So, the ancients worshipped the Mother and her Son, *the Sun*. This same idea of worship has continued down through the ages, though there are and have always been stubborn minds who would not accept a loving God, but who declared that every manifestation of life was due to a purely automatic action of nature. But then, what is nature but the great Mother?

You must try to *feel* as well as to see the very real presence of these powers, which can manifest as Divine Love, Divine Intelligence, and Divine Wisdom. Guardian angels are with all mankind. Many strange and often inexplicable things happen which perplex man's earthly mind. These miracles come to demonstrate to humanity an invisible power, an invisible presence, or a company of shining ones. Why, not so many years ago a great host of heavenly beings appeared in the sky. They came to bring inspiration and courage and reassurance to men who were desperate in their fear of being overcome by a terrible foe. Through the ages there have been similar demonstrations of an angelic host at times of crisis. Maybe the human instrument was ready to respond to the invisible worlds at that moment because it was in an extremity of despair. Thus, they were seen by man.

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We must remember that the mind has to balance the heart, although in sore trouble you will find that the heart and the emotions in a natural person will usually overcome the intellect. That is why when you are in some extremity of pain or perplexity, a demonstration comes of a power that is beyond your mind to comprehend but not beyond your heart to realise; for when once the heart raises itself in aspiration and says, 'O God, help me!'; when once man has humbled himself to call his Creator, when he falls upon his knees in true humility and cries, 'Not my will, O Lord, but Thy will be done!' the answer is sure.

This experience comes to every living soul in course of time. True, many souls resent any such idea as that of a Supreme Power. They think that their own mind is a sufficient guide and instructor. They will presently learn through human pain suffering to reach beyond the earthly mind and intellect right into the heart of the Creator. This heart will be revealed to them in the form of a great and glorious light. How often does your Christian Bible tell you of the heavenly light within which the angelic forms can be seen? Perhaps the greatest demonstration of this was at the Transfiguration of the Master Jesus. When the disciples in their extremity were calling for their Master, they saw him with his heavenly companions arrayed in blazing light.

Many of you here are surely already aware of the reality of this eternal light. For although it is natural to look upwards, nevertheless, the light is everywhere – all around you, deep in the earth and up in the heavens. You are yourself *in* the heart and centre of this invisible light, which can be your protection, and also the source of your health. You may stop its inflow; you may prevent yourselves realising its presence through an over-arrogant mind. Or you may open your heart as a little child does. Then you will know that you are in the heart of this creative light. What better name have we for it than the Sun, the Son of God, the Christ, the light of the Christ? In this you live and move and have your being.

'Breathe on me, Breath of God!' Learn to breathe in the light, but remember that you are sensitive human instruments – although many of you are still closed down, having switched off your set, and are living unaware of the glory around you. Even if you cannot penetrate very far into the spheres of light, the humble heart is still the key to unlock the gates. 'Except ye become as a little child ye cannot enter the kingdom.' Great men are Godlike men – and we mean *Godlike* men; not those who profess and serve God with lip-language, but those who have a true Star of Christ in their hearts and are receiving and sending forth light in daily lives of service to others.

Today in the heavens we are celebrating the Festival of St Michael and All Angels. Many people still know nothing about the angelic life. We would enlarge upon this. Angels are not men, but belong to a form of evolution above humanity. Their work is to care for this planet. They also care for humanity. Other forms of angelic life care for life on other planets. Your own particular angelic beings are watching over and tending you on this St Michael's Day, because humanity as a whole is reaching a time in its evolution when great changes will come. Angels of heaven are therefore drawing very close and are breaking through the barriers of darkness and unbelief. We want you all to become familiar with this companionship, and believe that angels can help you in many, many ways. You take too much for granted. Think, brethren, think of all the invisible power and action which must be going

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on behind your everyday life. Why, not a child is born to man which is unattended by the company of the Divine Mother and her angelic band at the time of birth.

No words can describe the angels which come when there is beautiful music to be heard. They are taking the substance, the colour and the form which is being created by the sounds, and weaving this into indescribably lovely forms. Whenever a soul is leaving its body the Angel of Death is there with that soul, and lesser angels carry the soul tenderly upwards into the spheres of light. The shell left behind is not your loved one, who has risen on angels' wings into a world of beauty.

All people are guided throughout their days on earth by their angelic guardian. He who is worshipped as St Michael is the great angel set above them all, a being of magnificent glory and light. It is his mission to work with all angelic beings, as a supreme leader and director of angelic life in the invisible worlds. Because there are changes coming men will presently find that St Michael will appear in all his majesty.

Always when a fresh influx of Light, Divine Love and Divine Wisdom is coming to men, St Michael is near, and is to be seen by those who have developed sensitivity, who are gifted with vision. When the earth people prove to be more receptive to his wisdom and love, they in time will be given the vision glorious of what life might be on the earth, and what life indeed will *become* when man has united his heart to the heart of the Universe.

So, my children, have no fear. Attune yourselves to this invisible company of angels, and you will find their power manifests in your daily life. Why, earth has not commenced to produce even the quality of food of which it is capable! There will then be no more slaying of animals in order to sustain man. Instead, Mother Earth will yield the richest and the most luscious fruits and vegetables to nourish his body and feed his etheric and soul bodies; and the spiritual bread and the wine will come from heaven, the heavenly food, to nurture his spirit! This is the future, if men will live and work with angels – men now look to the light and live rightly in accordance with the divine law of brotherhood – a universal brotherhood of love and service, in which man seeks not for himself but to glorify his Creator.

God bless you, every one! Fight, my children, fight to follow that inner light. You will have to conquer, because your earth mind is the slayer, always the slayer, but the heart gives life and light and eternal life.

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