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Beloved, we have chosen for this talk a profound and beautiful subject, a delicate task indeed, but we will do our best with a subject so transcendentally lovely that it is impossible for us to bring it down into earthly language. And so, perforce, you receive only a partial glimpse of the light of He Who is known as the Bearer of the Christ Light. Children of earth pray to God, and sometimes God seems very near, but when the human mind thinks in terms of form, of the magnificence and glory of God the Father, it entirely fails to comprehend.

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.'* In God you have three aspects, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost. You have written in your scriptures 'God said, let there be light'. Light then was the first creation, the first created thing of God—the first-born, the Son of God. God created light; therefore, when you hear the words 'Christ, the first-born, the only begotten Son', these refer to the Light created from the Being of God. Is that quite clear?

[*John 1:1; the next quotation is Genesis 1:3. This paragraph is unusual in alluding to the conventional Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Ghost; White Eagle most commonly describes it as a Trinity of Father, Mother and Son or Power, Love and Wisdom]

The histories of religion tell of gods whom we will describe as racial gods—gods of this or that particular race—and we might instance the god of power, called Jehovah.

You who are acquainted with occultism will readily understand what we mean. Jehovah was a racial god, but then in the past all religions worshipped a god of power—and rightly, for in the process of evolution the self must develop before there can follow selfless devotion or universal brotherhood. Therefore past development lay along the lines of self, and while each civilisation worshipped its own racial god, all looked for another who was to come. Egyptians, Chaldeans, Hindus, Chinese—all awaited the promised one. They knew their worship was incomplete as yet, and especially were the Jews aware of the looked-for Messiah, he who was to come.

The process of spiritual evolution is long indeed, and throughout is this grand soul-process, the raising of the soul of man towards the Father. The ancient religions with their racial instincts were all fighting for their own, for their separate existence, unaware, ignoring, the universal brotherhood of which we dream.

It is the Light Bearer, the Son, who brings the light of Christ which is destined to replace old and selfish racial instincts by the perfect love and peace of brotherhood.

Many confuse Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the Master, with the Bearer of the Christ Light. Let us get it clear. The Light is the first-born of the Father. Christ is the highest initiate from the Sun: Christ is the Bearer of the Light, Christ the firstborn of the Father. It is impossible to portray such a being in the semblance of upright form as man, for he is as far removed from physical man as the speck of sand on the seashore is from the mountain. This glorious radiant being passes your comprehension, this being of light whose aura permeates more than the

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earth, whose vibrations reach to the innermost of every living man, who is the light in all being in this planet.

Can you comprehend such a being, who found expression once in Jesus Christ? A simple but what more beautiful representation can you have? But the Bearer of the Christ Light is the greater being known as Christ, accompanied by countless angels who, at his command, work his will in the heart of humanity. It is not possible for the Bearer of the Christ Light to descend and to be born in the ordinary human way. The Bearer of the Christ Light has no vehicle to draw him into incarnation on this earth plane, and so one was prepared through many an incarnation, not only on earth, but even before humanity—as you understand it.

Jesus, the great initiate, knew through many an incarnation where lay his destiny. He was born on earth, but he had been long prepared as a vehicle through which the Bearer of the Christ Light could work, could find expression—not only through his mission of three years, which is but a small part of the baptism which came to the earth plane through the vehicle of the Nazarene. For with the coming of the Bearer of the Christ Light functioning through Jesus of Nazareth came a tremendous baptism of humanity, and from that time dates the change from the old racial spirit towards the new spirit of love and peace and brotherhood.

For as we have already told you, when the Light was released, as it were, from the vehicle of Jesus of Nazareth at the time of the crucifixion, the way was opened for all men to enter the path of initiation.

The symbolism of the rending of the veil in the Temple meant that the Holy of Holies which hitherto had been kept away from the common people* was now open to all; that darkness which then fell on the earth was not darkness as you understand it, but that the shadowed earth became dark compared with the glory of the Christ Light.

[*i.e., those who were not of the priestly class.]

When the ministry of the Christ was over, so far as the physical vehicle of the Nazarene was concerned, he, the Nazarene, withdrew, but worked for long after the crucifixion amongst the small groups or brotherhoods, reaching and giving to them the secret teachings. Of such groups many of you have heard, such as the Knights of the Holy Grail, the Knights of the Round Table and the like, who, receiving the Light, became in turn bearers of the Christ Light.

'Those who are ready to be saved....'—words which in the present day are cast aside—become vivid in the light of the teaching of reincarnation and karma. In truth one must work out one's karma, but when the soul sees and comprehends the Christ Light, he himself becomes a bearer, by that mystical contact which he makes in his own soul with the love of Christ.

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Each day Christ may be crucified afresh ... the light, the love, the second aspect of the one you know as the Deity, the only begotten Son of the Father. The Christ Light is an initiate of the Sun: Jesus the Nazarene was the earthly vehicle, the Lord and Saviour of this world.

Q.It is said that the drops of blood which fell from Jesus were the supreme baptism of the earth?

A.Yes. With the crucifixion of the physical vehicle of Jesus there was the release of the vital body of the Christ which penetrated and baptised the whole of the earth. The vital spiritual centres of Jesus were pierced and the blood released—the brow, the hands and feet—all vital centres; the piercing of the side, from which flowed both blood and water. The blood thus changed into water symbolised the old racial spirit transmuted to the pure spirit of the Christ Light.

Q.Did not the blood being changed into water symbolise the personal love changed into the universal?

A.Of course, beloved. Trace the sayings of the Master: through all his teaching he emphasised that his coming would bring not that possessive personal love of the individual, but the universal love for the whole. In the process there is bound to be confusion and suffering. Do not think that impersonal love is cold, for it is the most beautiful enfolding and healing and compassionate love of all—even as Christ revealed.

Q.When Jesus said 'I come not to bring peace but the sword',* does that not mean the cutting away of personal desires?

[*Matthew 10:34: I came not to bring peace, but a sword.]

A.Exactly. From the personal to the universal, from the racial to the universal. You begin to feel brotherhood, not only with all men, but with all nature, all creation. 'Who is my brother?'—did he not say that? 'Who is my sister, my mother?' 'He that doeth the will of him that sent me.'

Q. Was the piercing of the side identical with the piercing of the heart?

A.Not quite. The symbolism of the piercing of the heart was something even greater, more mystical than the piercing of the side. I will put it this way—it is the next step.

Q.As the ages roll on, will others like Jesus be born as bearers of the Christ Light, or will it be universal?

A.As far as we can see it will be universal. That was the purpose of the coming of the Christ. There will be those whom we will call the peaks of the human race who will radiate to a greater degree than their lesser brethren the Christ Light; even now there are those whom we call our elder brethren who bear the Christ Light and radiate it, but their mission can never be

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the same as that of Jesus Christ who gave himself for the universal baptism and redemption—not redemption in the old fashioned way, but salvation, embracing, up-raising.

O.Then does Jesus Christ stand alone?

A.Yes, according to White Eagle's school of teaching.

Q.Did the knowledge of his mission gradually grow upon Jesus, or was it with him always?

A.Many of you have periods of illumination when you know things. There is a part of you which knows always, and a part too busily concerned with everyday things to remember. But as time goes on these flashes of illumination and truth become much stronger and more insistent, until your consciousness expands and you know. So also with Jesus, only in a much greater degree.

Think of the great purpose of life, the grandeur of all about you, the glory which you may touch, then indeed the trivialities which seem to make life so difficult just take wings and fly away—for life is grand and glorious. A wonderful destiny is awaiting each one of you.

In this meeting comes the blessing and outpouring of the power of love, the quickening of the Christ Light. Many messengers draw near, recharged with the Christ Light—they pour it, they give it to you—to you.... Oh, we do beg of you not to cast aside the beauty and the glory of the truth of the Christian Mysteries! They need not be ministered by any officiant, but come softly to the altar of your own temple of silence.

Benediction:

O Great Eternal Spirit, Father God, Christ the Son and the Holy Ghost, bless these Thy children, and cause them to understand the beauty of life; give unto them vision to see, to hear and to love. So may peace come to the earth, and goodwill amongst men.

Amen.

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