

With Charity to All

A218 Sunday Address 2nd July 1950 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service

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Context: selection of the date of this address derives only from its having been printed, as was customary, in what would have been the next available issue of Angelus, and the normal practice of White Eagle speaking on the first Monday of the month. White Eagle speaks of music in the service, 'has given us an opportunity to explain certain things about the psychic or the soul world' but frustratingly there is no indication what this music was. Since he mentions the power of the voice, we assume it was either a choir item or a vocal solo.

General Notes: White Eagle contrasts the seeming darkness of earth with how it might be once the light of spirit, shining through it, is recognised. There is a paragraph of great beauty about the work of the nature spirits (in which White Eagle coins the word 'cloudlands', presumably to match 'landscape' and 'seascape'). White Eagle later contrasts the esoteric religion he teaches with the exoteric religion 'given to the masses'. As always he does not mean to be dismissive with the word 'masses' (which was common parlance when the address was given), just to separate the minority from the majority. White Eagle gives rather a severe-sounding account in this address of the way in which we pass from this life and awake – he says – to much the same conditions in the next life. It is worth noting that White Eagle has said a great many things about the experiences of the soul upon awakening in the higher world, and most of them are much more gentle and reassuring than this. What he seems to mean is that there is a beautiful awakening to be had by any soul who has awakened love within, but the soul who is cut off from this love has to find it, and the earth is the best place to do so.

References: the phrase 'Love ye one another' is attributed both to Jesus and St Paul. In fact, it is in St John's Gospel primarily where this 'new commandment' is given (see John 13 : 34). The other phrases, apparently attributed to Paul, are not exact quotations although within the spirit of Paul's teaching until, 'Behold I show you a mystery' which is 1 Corinthians 15 : 51. The phrase 'a humble and a contrite heart' is a familiar phrase in the Christian tradition: it is rooted in similar words at Psalm 51 : 17. For the liberation of St Peter from his chains, see Acts, chapter 12. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life' is from John 14 : 6.

White Eagle's Address:

May the blessing of the Great White Spirit be upon you all.

We come with thankfulness and love to speak with you. We are always so happy to be able to transmit our message, because we long to raise the consciousness of men and women who are living hopeless, sad lives, to realms of sunshine and beauty. We long to open your eyes to the glories of the spiritual life which is so very close to you.

The music we have heard tonight has given us an opportunity to explain certain things about the psychic or the soul world. The voice is a powerful instrument of which the spirit can make use to reach the spirit in man – either a melodious speaking voice or a harmonious singing voice, and indeed all music of a pure and harmonious nature raises the vibrations of man to a higher level. When man's consciousness is thus raised the vision of the soul opens,

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and it is enabled to see the etheric and psychic life which operates behind all forms of physical matter.

You children of earth are blind at present! The veil of the temple will be torn down in due time; and you will see into the Holy of Holies; into that spiritual vibration which permeates life. A lifespan on earth will not then prove to be the dull, dark, heavy journey that most people find it at the present time. It will be a life full of happiness, beauty and wisdom, when man by his own aspiration and effort finds himself able to gaze into the world of spirit – which world is the source of all your power and life while in your physical body.

We look around the world as it appears today, and we see behind the outer shell the promise of an infinite beauty in the soul of man. And not only here, but also in the nature kingdom. We see the little nature spirits at work among the flowers. We see the work of the sylphs, the great air spirits, building beauty in the cloudlands and in the sunset and the sunrise. We see the great devas working on the waters, harnessing the power and majesty of the lakes and seas. We see the fire spirits, under the command of the great fire devas, bringing down the warmth and the fire of the sun and planets to renew life and beauty upon the earth.

We see also the striving soul of man. It does not matter what level a soul has reached on the spiritual evolutionary path, for that soul contains the spark of the spirit of God. For every soul, no matter what its condition, longs for God. True it is that the soul may be hidden beneath many layers of darkness; but the spirit, which is stimulating the soul and causing it to develop, is always with every man, woman and child, longing for that bright day when it will reach perfection – for the whole object, the goal of all life, is to attain to this perfecting of the soul.

The Lord Jesus Christ represents the perfect man. He came to demonstrate perfection of human life to all mankind. The Master Jesus, together with the other Master whom you call Paul, founded what you know today as Christianity. Both taught the fundamental truth of man's being, which is man's perfect relationship one to the other. In a word, they taught love. Christianity is based upon this foundation. True, the wonderful doctrine of Jesus has yet to be put into practice. Men are still quarrelling one with another and with the conditions which rule their lives, for they do not understand that man himself possesses power to change his life, no matter what its material conditions. Man does not realise this power. The early Christian religion taught man how to use this power. But Christianity, like many religions of the past, has lost its pristine truth. While Christians accept the teaching with their minds they fail to live according to the law of Christ. For this reason, Christianity declines in power, and the masses in the outer world, and even the people of your own mystic isle, have lost the spirit of Christ their Lord. They speak the Word, they read the Word, they listen to the Word; but they do not live the Word. So there is no life.

As it is today, so it has ever been in civilisations of the past. In every religion there has always been the exoteric or the outer aspect – a simplified religion given to the masses. Every religion has told the masses to live according to the law of God. Instead these masses have become too immersed in following the desires of the body, or in following intellectual pursuits without a corresponding spiritual aspiration, without prayer and devotion to the Source of their being. So they have been unable to take the next step. This outer religion

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should first teach man to love his fellow man, to love all creatures, and so to live in accordance with the law of the Great White Spirit. Only when man has passed this initial test is he initiated into the inner mysteries, the inner school of his particular religion.

When reviewing the past, notice that all the religions – the Chaldean, the Egyptian, the Greek, and the Roman, all comparatively modern – try to realise the truth that we are telling you now; that the masses were taught how to *live* their religion. In each case, unfortunately, the bodily nature proved so strong and the desires of the earth so great that the masses were unable to break the bondage of materialism. What happened? Only a small number of people in any of these religions proved able to follow the esoteric path; able to have their consciousness raised above the physical plane, so that they could see behind the veil into the Holy of Holies within themselves; and also into the Holy of Holies in the temple of the Universe.

Yes, beloved brethren, this is the truth. Mankind must first pursue the path of love and brotherhood by living in true relationship to his brother man, recognising that his brother man has needs identical with his own. We hesitate to use the word ‘rights’, but man has need of physical comforts, intellectual opportunities, opportunities for education. Man also needs perfect health. Such needs are his divine right. But his fellows, often by being greedy and selfish, rob him of the harmonious and right conditions of life which would provide the opportunities for education, for growth of soul, for harmony in his surroundings.

As we were saying, the great religions of the past became corrupt, first because their followers in the outer courts refused to listen to and would not practice the holy life. Then the priesthood within became corrupt with love of power. As a result, civilisation concentrated itself upon the material plane to such an extent that the spiritual power drained away, the result being that civilisation declined and was eventually overthrown. This present age is being given yet another opportunity.

The Master Jesus and his disciple, Paul, both gave this same teaching to the world, by saying, ‘Love ye one another’. ‘Worship God your Creator.’ ‘Seek the Spirit’, and ‘Behold, I show you a mystery’. In these words, Paul was endeavouring to reveal to his listeners the mystery of the spirit which lies behind all physical matter. This same mystery, my children, is what you are going to find. Before then, however, the life of the true Christian must be followed. Here we emphasise the word *purity*, because it is so vital; pure life, pure thought, pure devotion, pure love – not the travesty which is called love today but pure love. The man who thinks of his brother’s need before his own, who lives thoughtfully, kindly and lovingly, is following the Christian life as exemplified by the Master Jesus and Paul his disciple. Only when man learns to follow this simple path of pure living, pure thinking, pure loving, does he become qualified for initiation into deeper mysteries of the spirit.

The two great lessons which man has to learn in the early stages of his spiritual journey through matter are the lesson which power teaches and the lesson which love teaches. Power which concentrates upon personal aggrandisement and selfish ends will prove destructive. Man has to learn to wield the power of love, not that of selfishness. Man must never ride roughshod over his brother and so gain domination. He has to learn that love within his heart gives him all power over physical matter. This task Jesus not only demonstrated but also

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accomplished. He demonstrated that within him was a mighty power, exceeding the power of any other man in his community. He demonstrated by this power of love that the dead could be raised to life; that the desperately sick could be healed of their infirmities; and that the blind could be made to see. He demonstrated also the way that every true Christian, every aspirant to spiritual initiation into the heavenly mysteries, must follow. This way is self-crucifixion; the overcoming of selfishness in physical matter. We say in physical matter because we mean that it is the pull of physical matter, the pull of the earth which causes man's selfishness. Man in his true nature is a son of God. Man in his true nature is a Christ-man.

When he has journeyed through matter and overcome the lower self, then he will be born again and reach his true spiritual stature. He will then be man perfected. He will have attained to that stage on the path leading back to his heavenly Father where he will be free from limitations and bondage. We do not mean free only from a physical body. We do not mean this will come to you after your release from the clay. No, after mortal death you will find yourself in exactly the same soul condition in which you are now. If you are in a state of unhappiness, turmoil, greed or selfishness when you are released, you will still be inhabiting that soul-body which you have built around you here. If on the other hand your life here is one of loving kindness, of purity, of thoughtfulness for your brother, you will retain those qualities when you leave your body. You will also find all your friends waiting in the world of spirit equally loving and kind. They will be to you exactly as you have been to them. For a time you will enter into a state of complete happiness, and presently you will climb higher into a celestial state of light and loveliness, into God-consciousness. Once there you will see for yourself the difference existing between yourself and the perfect man, the Christ. Then you will cry: 'Why may I not stay there with him?' Because, my brother, my sister, you have not developed your consciousness to his level. At this you say: 'How can I develop my consciousness so that I reach his level?' Only by returning, my child, to the earth to go through further training, to have another opportunity to fortify your soul with the soul-substance of purity, love, wisdom and beauty.

The Master Jesus demonstrated to you and to all the world what this divine power of love within could do. He allowed himself to be crucified to demonstrate to all the world what man must be prepared to endure – the crucifixion of the lower self. The real Jesus knew that he was part of his Father in heaven, and as such could not be touched by pain and crucifixion. This is what every one of you will someday learn – that nothing that the earth can do can injure the real you. The world cannot hurt you if you are living in the consciousness of the God which is in your heart, which is in your spirit. Jesus passed through the long road of crucifixion and resurrection. He demonstrated again to those waiting at his sepulchre that death could not claim him, death could not hold him.

Remember that it was the woman at the tomb who saw the Master first. This woman stands forth as the symbol of the soul. It was the soul or the woman who saw him; because Christ arose in the woman, raised her spirit above matter so she saw into the etheric world. This same etheric world is waiting for you all when you have succeeded in raising your consciousness. Don't run away with the idea that this world represents the *all* of life. You live as in a dark cell, but you need not. You can strive and you can aspire and raise yourself to a

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higher sphere. Remember, also that there are teachers, guides and elder brethren who will come on an instant when you seek their help. Just a thought and they are with you, by your side. A humble and a contrite heart is their entrance. The Master can enter any heart when in a state of humility and contrition. Then the veil of the temple is torn down; then the Christ rises in you and the spirit of Christ calls to his Father in heaven. Then there is no barrier between the Son and the Father. Then there is no veil between the Son and the Holy of Holies. We speak to you individually – to everyone, beloved children – because these glories that we speak of are waiting. The power which is the God-power, the power of love, is within you. In the degree that you endeavour to love your brother man so you are creating and building in you the perfect man, the Christ-man, free from bondage, free from chains, in the same manner that Peter's chains fell from his wrists and his feet and he walked out of his prison under the guidance of the angel, a free man. So may you, my beloved, escape from your material prison guided by the loving wisdom of your own dear guide, your own teacher.

The Christ spoke through Jesus to give this message, which can set you free from the bondage of the earth; can lift you up to be with him in the heaven world of golden glory; so that you may sit in his presence and breathe that glorious heavenly air which is the breath and his life. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' Let man take up his cross, accept the conditions and follow the teaching – once live the life and you shall be made as kings!

Great love be with you. The Brotherhood are with you, now.

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