

The Transforming Power

A204 Sunday Address 8th May 1949 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sunday Service

The date of this address is conjectural (see below), while the text is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors

Text: from Angelus, April 1950

Context: there is extreme difficulty involved in dating this address. Published in April 1950, there is no obvious 'slot' for it earlier that year. There is a reference to the Nativity, but it does not feel to be, say, an Advent address (a Christmas 1949 address exists, from 18 December that year, but there is no address for 4 December). However, White Eagle seems rarely if ever to have spoken at Advent, either at the end of November or on the first Sunday in December, his address being saved for the Carol Service two weeks after, and we might reasonably expect this address to have more of an advent feeling about it if it were from December. Looking backwards through the list, the next month without a recorded address is May 1949, and this is the date we have chosen. The statement from White Eagle in the June address that he had just emphasised personal survival is not borne out by this address, but (see address of 5 June) this could look back as far as March.

Is there a clue in the reading? It seems to have been from Matthew chapter 6, and contained the verse beginning 'Wherefore if thine eye be single'. If we assume that reading was all consecutive verses of this chapter, it is most likely that it covered Christ's recommendations of renouncing the cares of the world: 'Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat'. It would then have gone on to the passage centred on 'Consider the lilies of the field'. This could have been a reading for any time of the year except Christmas, however. One clue as to date would be the statement, 'We said a little while ago it is not enough to have faith and believe', but like the personal survival comment, the moment White Eagle made the comment has yet to be found. On balance, we have chosen 8 May 1949 as the date, but it must be emphasised as perhaps the least certain choice of all the addresses so far. 1 May was the Sunday before a bank holiday and it is also possible that a service was held on the bank holiday weekend, or indeed that because of the bank holiday no service was held at all. Lastly, it might have been held somewhere away from St Mary Abbots Place, including New Lands, but it does seem to be part of a service.

General Notes: at the end White Eagle very cleanly separates himself from Christian orthodoxy, in his words about the picture

References: 'The Father and I are one. He doeth the works' is a collation of John 6 : 33 and John 14 : 10. 'Wherefore if thine eye be single' is Matthew 6 : 22. Towards the end a paragraph looks at Matthew 7 : 7: 'Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you'. When White Eagle mentions 'the four gospels' he of course implies Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, not any apocryphal gospels.

White Eagle's Address:

We bring you great love. We would speak of you concerning Jesus Christ and his message. For although this message has been available to all men for two thousand years, the importance of its revelation has yet to dawn upon mankind.

This is largely because people are apt to become so immersed in their material affairs that they shut themselves off from the generating station whence comes all life. They become over-concerned with earning bread and butter to support the body; over-concerned with clothing that body and transporting it from place to place – and this certainly takes much time and attention, we admit. But when a man at last awakens to the truth that his physical is only one of his several bodies, and not such

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a tremendously important part after all, he will then commence to develop other powers within his soul which will cause the body to lessen its demands upon that of man's time and attention. When this inner light, which you are accustomed to thinking of as the spirit, takes full possession of man's life, and of his body, material affairs will become much simpler. Through materiality earthly people make their lives over-complex, more difficult than they need. Being full of desire, they are determined that such desires shall be satisfied. They rush hither and thither in the outer world seeking for what they think to be satisfaction. Such people are dead to the reality of fuller life with which God, the Father–Mother, has endowed them.

We have often said to you that faith can be a great asset, and indeed is of the utmost importance to man during his mortal life. But faith is not enough; it is not enough to believe that there is a life beyond full of light, power and spirituality. Man must taste the glory of heaven for himself, while he is still man; and what is more, God has endowed you, my son–daughter, with powers within your own soul which you can rise above sickness, poverty and death-in-life.

Remember, my children, that poverty does not apply only to your material needs. There are many souls who live in the utmost poverty of mind, of soul. Poverty on the material plane has, for many centuries, been looked upon as a disgrace by those who are blessed with a sufficiency of goods, or with abundance. Let us always remember that poverty of the body and of the material life in comparison with poverty of the mind and of the soul and spirit is of little account.

This indicates that the time has come for a revaluation of life, which indeed has already begun. In consequence, as you look abroad both within your own country and throughout the world you are dismayed and fearful, for you wonder what this reorientation of life is going to bring, to you and to thousands like you.

So soon as they are old enough children are taught the story of the birth of Jesus. They are told how Jesus was born in a lowly place, in the company of lowly beasts. Can anything be more impressive than this revelation of the glory of that spirit of Christ, of its humility in coming down in such a form and living throughout those baby years dependent upon an earthly mother and father?

Unless you can comprehend the grandeur of this humility, you cannot understand his miracles; you cannot understand this demonstration of great love and light. For Jesus brought again to the world the Ancient Wisdom. Therefore, throughout the four gospels is to be found the most profound esoteric teaching, which, once accepted and put into practice will change the whole of life; will raise men and women up from spiritual destitution to become true sons and daughters of God.

You know, my children, it is a great mistake to think that life here is limited to three score years and ten, or possibly longer – or shorter. Or to think that all you have to do is to live out your life as best you can, being on the whole good and honest and kind to others; or that, this done, you will naturally pass on to a blessed and happy

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little heaven as a reward. This is a pretty picture, and comforting, we know. But while true, it is a static thought, in a sense a dead thought. For it is not enough to believe in the Lord Christ, and to live as best you can in difficult circumstances; or to believe that you will live on after you have left your physical body. Men and women of this age must awake and realise the greater powers of the spirit with which they have been endowed.

If you will look to the east, my children, you will find many saints and sages who have found this greater truth. These same brothers and sisters of yours have something which you in the west have not attained, for they possess a gentle light within them which can be demonstrated in their own lives. This is the supreme power of God and the love of Christ. Do not make the mistake of thinking that the western world is the only part of the globe that has knowledge of the Christian teaching. The western world has heard the words, but has yet to put into practice the power of the Living Word. Therefore, while the east has much to learn from the west, the west has much learn from the east. While you are seeing the changes taking place in the countries of the western world so you will see this penetration by the east into the west. This will bring about a fusion of spirit and matter. You people here listening to this message tonight will be pioneers in the western world for the spreading of this eternal truth.

We said a little while ago it is not enough to have faith and believe. It is not enough to live out your own lives complacently, and then to pass on. You must rather turn within and see the innermost sanctuary. You must find this living secret within yourself, even as your brothers in the east have already done. 'Words! words! words!' you will say. We agree, words can be dead things unless they are accompanied by experience. This experience, my children, is what you must seek. For no one stands between you and your God. No one stands between you and this Living Word, the power which, when generated within, will cause you to rise from the death in life in which you live in the flesh; which will enable you to reach into spheres of light, and will give you power to heal your brethren, and to comfort those who mourn. Why, your Master Jesus told you again and again of the existence of this power in the words: 'The Father and I are one. He doeth the works'. It is abundantly clear that the beloved Master, Jesus Christ, was the perfect channel for this infinite love. Everywhere he went he conveyed this love to the people. By power of love he healed the sick, he raised the dead to life, he changed the water into wine. Many so-called miracles he performed.

When such a knowledge as this comes to men's minds no longer do these seem miracles, but perfectly natural transformations or transmutations. However, the mind of man too often denies this power, and by so doing denies God, because the human mind is of the earth, earthly and dark. As you heard in our reading tonight, if the eye be single it is full of light – the whole body will be full of light. Now that the eye which is single is the eye situated behind the centre of the forehead, the pineal gland. This is the true eye, the eye of the spirit. When this eye is opened and it is charged with light, the whole body is full of light. When all men have that eye

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opened, the eye of the clear vision, then values on earth will completely change. Men will then become living souls; so will the conditions of their lives become more perfect until they grow wholly beautiful. Degradation, ugliness, poverty, will no longer exist. If a man chooses to live simply, possessing few earthly goods, he will no longer be considered a poor man, or a man living in poverty. He might well be looked upon as rich, if his eyes are opened to the glory of the heavens; and if he has developed within his being power to enable him to go into those higher worlds at will, and there to be hold communion with radiant beings.

My children, we beg you to take notice of what we say to you. This is more than living the good life in expectancy of reward beyond the grave. The Lord Jesus came down from realms of glory to bring to man the secret of life; the secret of happiness; the secret of health and of the wealth of heaven. See steadfastly and ye shall find this inner light and power. Pray to your Father in heaven. Go on your knees and ask as a little child, and you shall receive that for which you ask. Knock valiantly on the door of heaven, of your heavenly consciousness. Knock and keep on knocking. That door shall be opened and you will pass through the Royal Arch into the Temple of Initiation, to meet those heavenly mysteries which, when you understand and use them in your earthly life, will make you a partner with God and with His Son in the re-creation and the regeneration of the whole of humanity.

Within, my children, deep, deep within, beneath all ungoverned thought and emotion, within you will find the living Breath of spiritual life; the source of all healing and source of eternal life.

So may the glory of the heavens irradiate and bless you.

The search matches with either words and phrases, which appear in the text, or the following 'key' words and phrases, which are similar in meaning to those in the document:

ask and you shall receive, childlike, blending of East and West, simplicity in life, heaven on earth, Jesus and ancient wisdom, eye of spirit