

Resurrection Morn

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Text: from MB's typescript; it was also printed in *Stella Polaris* two months after it was given (i.e. in June 1957) – whence the title (albeit one that implies the address having been actually at Easter, when it was not).

Context: despite its title and content, this address was given two weeks before Easter, which in 1957 did not fall until April 21. MB mentions the flowers: 'On the Altar exquisite Spring flowers, red tulips, yellow daffodils and white narcissus and on the Cross, red roses'. She tells us that the reading was from chapter 172 of the Aquarian Gospel, which deals with the Resurrection; and that the anthem was a setting of Psalm 121, which she gives as 'Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains'. Her phrasing would suggest that this was the chorus from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, rather than a straight setting of the Psalm, which was also in the choir's repertoire at some point. White Eagle refers to the words as a hymn, but it seems much more likely that it was a choir item. He says it was 'before we rose to our feet', which was one of the standard places for an anthem in the service. There is a short but rather beautiful communion.

General Notes: the address is unusual in being an anticipation of Easter, given even before Palm Sunday. A feature is the early focus on Divine Mother. Later, White Eagle focuses very much on the story told by the reading from the Aquarian Gospel (see 'References') of the tomb emanating light. Two themes emerge. One is that of rising, the other finding illumination amid the darkness. If there is an overriding message, it is 'go forth with comfort in your hearts and fresh courage. Look up to the mountains, to that higher life'. But as we come to the end, the focus is on the Ascension and how Jesus will return in the same way as he left at the moment of ascension – that is directly rising into (descending from) heaven obscured by a cloud (see 'References'). The implication seems to be that in his returning to earth, the descent from heaven will be in some way tangible. In a beautiful short communion at the end, White Eagle has more than usual to say about the wine.

References: White Eagle mentions having recently talked about 'the language of the spirit'. One of his definitive talks on the subject was given right at the beginning of his ministry, on 31 May 1934, but as he mentioned this talk in the previous address, on 3 March, it is likely that all he means is 'the last time we spoke from this platform'. The alternative is that he might be referring to an Inner Teaching from early 1957, of which there were two. 'The Imperishable Light' was given on 12 March, but does not seem to be the one; and 'Within you is the Key', given on 15 January, which is largely about thought power, and could reasonably be connected. However, the assertion that the language of the spirit is one of symbols goes right the way back to the 1934 talk – no wonder he says 'some of you' after 'you will remember'.

'Let us arise and go hence' is John 14 : 31; Jesus is not recorded as saying 'I will arise', a phrase more associated with song lyrics like 'I will arise and go to Jesus'. The incident covered by the reading, which describes the reaction of Roman soldiers to a light coming from the tomb after Jesus was placed inside it, is unique to the Aquarian Gospel, Chapter 172, verses 1-14, which was tonight's reading. 'The works that I do shall he do also, and greater works...' is John 14 : 12. White Eagle asks us to remember Jesus saying, 'I will come again'. This is not a literal quote, but is the message of the Farewell Discourses (John chapters 14-16), although he speaks rather of the coming, in his stead, of the Comforter. In the communion at the end, White Eagle conflates the words of Jesus at the Last Supper with the saying, 'I am the true Vine' (John 15 : 1). The phrase, 'and the truth shall make you free' is from John 8 : 32. 'The light which lighteth every man' alludes to John 1 : 9. 'What I do, he shall do also' is a rendering of John 14 : 12. There is general reference to the story of the Ascension, but some of what White Eagle says harks back to the story of the Transfiguration and possibly even to the account of Jesus taking John to an outcrop way above the Crucifixion, related in *Acts of John*, of which White Eagle had already showed awareness (see the address of 9 April 1950). The passage may also owe something to the Aquarian Gospel. For the Ascension story, see Luke 24 : 50 and Acts 1 (where Jesus' return 'in the same way you have seen him go into heaven' is foretold).

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White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren of the earth plane, we come from spirit to talk to you about those things which we know are true.

We recognise the great need there is on your earth during this time and age for the mortal mind to be satisfied. We know the eagerness of the young mind to know truth. We know the longing of the older mind for reassurance of the truth of immortal life.

At this time, this season of the year, many of you feel an uprising of joy. You delight in the beauty of nature. This is not only a mental appreciation of the beauties of the earth as the young life rises in the sap and breaks forth into bud and flower. It is also the harmony that rises from your spirit, the harmony that you feel with this uprush of life and this rebirth of nature. You are feeling the power of the Great Mother; the Great Mother which manifests at all times through new life.

The Divine Mother draws even closer to humanity during these times of birth, of the bringing forth the fresh life. We would like you to remember this when you walk in your gardens and in the countryside. Remember that behind all this beautiful manifestation is the Divine Mother or, if you prefer, the Source, the Holy Breath. The Holy Breath which breathes into physical form the Divine Life.

We were speaking to a group in this Lodge very recently about the language of the spirit. As you will remember, some of you, that we said that the language of the spirit is in symbology. All the way through the Scriptures of all time and all ages, the same inner truth, the same message, has been given to humanity. But it has been given in symbols which were comprehensible to humanity or to a race at the particular level of spiritual evolution of that race. Symbols have always been used to convey to humanity the inner truth of eternal or spiritual life. It is important for you to remember this as you listen to what we have to say this night.

You were singing a hymn before we rose to our feet: 'Lift thine eyes to the Hills from whence cometh your help'. On your mortal plane you know that if you visit the mountain country and you find yourself surrounded by mountain peaks, you feel yourselves drawn upward. You feel the desire to worship the Creator of such grandeur and beauty. The hills have that power. They draw the spirit of man upward.

And if mankind seeks spiritual truth and understanding it must look upward. It must rise in consciousness. It must leave behind it the earth and earthly claims. It must rise. It must rise into the world of Light. The imprisoned splendour which is within the soul of man must be released. It must be resurrected. It must arise.

It was an expression frequently used by the Master Jesus, 'I will arise'. 'Let us arise and go hence.' 'I Am the resurrection and the Life.' This means that the 'I Am' or the Christ spirit within the heart of man, the I AM, the Christ spirit, the divine spark of light, is the

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resurrection and is the life. And this we would have you remember— whoever you are, whether you are here for the first time or if you are old members or brothers of this Lodge, the truth lies in the resurrection of the divine spark within yourself.

We inspired the reading tonight because you are very close to the festival, the festival of your Church, your orthodox Christian Church, Eastertide. Now remember, dear ones, that all that was enacted in the story of the birth, the ministry, the life, the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Master Jesus, although it is true, it is also a symbolic story of the experience of every soul in that life enacted on the earth plane. For the blessing of mankind is to be the road to spiritual experience of every soul. We want you to remember this.

We take especially the object lesson of the resurrection after the crucifixion. Now the life of man on your earth plane is always a period of pain and suffering at some time, and in this suffering there is the crucifixion or the death of the body – the death of all that man holds dear is the common experience of humanity. But what humanity does not yet see is the beauty; the light which is imprisoned in the tomb. The tomb wherein lies the physical body or the physical life. Humanity is entombed in materiality. Humanity is held down and bound hand and foot in a material or a physical existence. But this is an experience which every soul must have because it is yearning for something greater, more beautiful. Every individual is longing for knowledge, longing for something better, longing for happiness. Many souls are bowed down in despair and resignation.

But we come to you from the world of Light. Yes, we know we live in a world of freedom and beauty because we have broken the bonds of the physical and material life. And remember that you too will pass along the way which will lead you maybe to the tomb, but within the tomb is a great light which you at present cannot see. But, if you are true to yourself and to your intuition, if you are true to the spirit and to spiritual things, you will see with your own eyes, your own vision, the light in the tomb.

In your reading tonight you heard the words describing the light which the soldiers who were sent to guard the tomb, the light which the soldiers saw issuing from that dark prison. You heard the words describing the guard, the earthly guard, which was set to watch that earthly tomb. The story went on to tell you that the silent Brotherhood came. They were clothed in white and from them issued a beautiful light. Even the earthly soldiers saw them and their Commander ordered them to take the Brothers of the Light, but they were quite unable to touch them. The earthly soldiers had no power over the silent Brotherhood; the Brotherhood of the Great White Light. They had that power to help their Brother who was imprisoned in the tomb. He arose by the power of the Light and the strength which came to Him by the thought-power, the soul-power, the spiritual power of the silent White Brethren. And he magically laid aside his grave clothes and He came forth from the tomb. He was free. He was free to go into the world of Spirit and minister to those souls who were captive. In other words, they were still earthbound.

There are many souls who remain earthbound. They are not necessarily unhappy, but they are bound to the earth by their own desires and the limitations which they have imposed upon themselves in their earthly life. It is very important, dear ones, that you understand this. If you allow your conditions of earthly life to bind your soul, you are going to be bound to earth

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when you no longer have a physical body. To those who are bound on earth they shall be bound when they leave earth until they have understood the truth about life. Life is eternal. But life in man is the spirit. The spirit is truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Now, man has to recognise that he is a branch of the Vine. He is part of his Creator. He must always look up to those higher planes of consciousness. He must go direct in spirit to the Creator, to his Father–Mother God. And he can only do this when the divine spark stirs within him, when the life of the Christ spirit commences to grow through love, human love at first. Love your enemies – at least, at the very least, do not injure them. Love your brethren. Love all. By loving this divine spirit, this Christ spirit rises and grows in you and it causes you to be illumined by its light. This light you take with you through the grave. This light is the divine fire. It is the light which lights every man into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now Jesus demonstrated this light in the tomb. And the mortal people saw the light, and the silent Brotherhood came to Him as they come to you. Dear earth people, we tell you the truth. They mingle with each one of you in this congregation, our silent brethren, brethren of the Great White Light. They come to you individually to help you. And when you are ready to be helped, when you can humble yourselves as little children and look up to the light, you will receive the guidance and the help that your soul needs. And as that help comes to you spiritually, it will give you the wisdom and the power to arrange your life on the earth plane. This is it. This is it. This is the truth. God the Father is the Power, the Force. The Divine Mother is the wisdom which embraces the divine spark and Christ is the Son which takes birth through the physical life of man. The Son is born and the Son is part of the Divine Mother and Father-God.

So, dearly loved ones, go forth with comfort in your hearts and fresh courage. Look up to the mountains, to that higher life. The demonstration will come to you, might well come to you, and you will be set free from bondage. And when your physical body has served its purpose you will not go forth one in the mists of doubt and fear [*sic*]. You will be reborn into a world of light. There will be no blindfold on your eyes. You will see the beauty of the heavenly world. You will be resurrected. For, as Jesus said, ‘What I do, ye shall do also, and even greater things than these shall ye do’. This also symbolises what is to come, not only in the spirit life but on the earth life.

Here we would like to appeal to our sisters, as well as our brothers, to the women of the earth. For through the woman the Divine Mother can work. The Wisdom of the Divine Mother can work through the wisdom of women. And in the new age of Aquarius, the women will be called upon to play a great part: their influence, their wisdom, their guidance – just quietly and gently. If only women would be living examples of the holiness, the dignity and the wisdom of the Divine Mother, men of earth would be guided by this and would follow. Oh yes! This is what must come. Remember that it was a woman that was first at the tomb of Jesus. The women of the Aquarian Age will be first at the tomb of materiality. There will come forth the death of materialism, which women will witness. There will come forth this new birth, this new life, this new light; the life of Christ.

How will He come again? Remember your reading. The people at that tomb witnessed the transformation of the physical body. Jesus stood forth in all His glory; the Light shone

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through Him. The woman saw Him and spoke to Him. This is going to happen again on the earth. The women are going to see the Christ spirit resurrected. Remember also that Jesus later ascended into Heaven. This is not only symbolism, this is true. It was an actual fact that the body was transmuted into a body of light. And he takes His disciples on to the hilltop. He raised their consciousness on to a higher level. They saw Him rise and go up into Heaven. He was enfolded in a veil or a cloud. Remember what He said: 'I shall come again'. You have it in your Gospels that He will come in the same manner and form in which He left the earth.

We have no hesitation in giving you this message. But remember this, mankind has to become spiritualised. He has to have his spiritual vision. He has to have his values correct. He must not be earthbound or he will be blindfolded. He has to be free. He can only free himself by allowing the Christ spirit to grow within him, and then the day will come when that Christ spirit will live and be recognised in all men. All men will be ready to see the coming, through the veil, of the Lord. There are some ready, who are already to see these wonders, but all men will see this manifestation of the Divine, of the Holy Son.

Before we leave you there is a manifestation here in your midst. If you will only be still for a few moments and remember that you cannot hold your contact except in silence. He comes. He breaks the Bread of Life. Take and eat it in spirit, this Holy Bread. By your side, close to you, He stands and offers you the Wine, the juice of the grape. 'I Am the true Vine. Take from me the juice of the fruit. Drink and remember me.'

This is the communion of the spirit, true spirit communion, this level of conscious life. There is no separation with your loved ones; there is no death. But you cannot prove this with your mind alone. You must have the help of the Holy Cup of Wine which is symbolised by your own heart full of love.

The Great White Spirit blesses you and we thank Thee, Oh God, for Thy blessing.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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