

# The Message of the New Year

A169 Sunday Address 5th January 1947 St Mary Abbots Place, London New Year Service

*The text of this address is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors*

*Text:* from *Angelus*, February 1947. An 'original' also exists, a carbon copy of an original script, with pencil underlinings only. In the typescript, the title 'The Message of the New Year' has been added in AMI's hand; she was probably the typist. This version has been quite heavily edited, including a resequencing of paragraphs, assuming the other to be original. We have corrected 'vortice' to 'vortex' in the penultimate paragraph; in the typescript original the sentence offers the plural, 'vortices'.

*Context:* a new year service, but no indication of any more detailed context. The original script mentions a reading from *Spiritual Unfoldment III* (old series), p. 30. It is quite a short address, but does not seem to have been cut (the length of the 'original' is virtually the same).

*General Notes:* the address is much about karma and dharma with some interesting comments on the creative power of thought. The very beautiful picture White Eagle gives of 'the sky on a clear night' speaks of all the stars having been born from one sun: we suspect he means one primordial mass of light-substance, the stars being the great outpouring that went forth at the time of the 'Big Bang' – but it is maybe wrong to impose a modern astronomy on what White Eagle said in 1947. There are some respects in which the original is clearer at this point, too, than the edited version. The address ends with an appeal for more workers and healers: White Eagle seems on more than one occasion to have found the New Year service a time to do this.

*References:* none

## White Eagle's Address:

Brethren, when the New Year comes it is the custom for you to wish each other happiness, health and success. Every heart feels that a fresh page is opening, with the past relegated to the background. You hope that in this new year your life will develop harmoniously and happily. But then hope springs eternal in the human heart because it is of the spirit, the true life within which cannot be slain. The death or passing away of the physical body cannot put out the light of life. The spirit, which is the Son of God, is eternal; because it is eternal it always speaks to the soul of man of hope, of happiness. Do you not realise, my brethren, that it is the spirit, the Son of God within, which ever urges you to look for better things? Do you not realise that it is the earthly or the mind of the lower self which causes unhappiness and despair? When moods of darkness prevail it is because the physical is more strongly in possession than the spirit of Christ. We know full well the heaviness of the earthly life, the weight of the physical body and that it needs continually to aspire. To aspire requires effort and faith, but upon this path your feet are set: the path which will raise man from earthiness, shadows and sorrow.

We in spirit come back to bring this message of hope and happiness. We stand here betwixt a state of light and joy and the drab physical matter. We are conscious of the latter: it is heavy; it is dark. We are also conscious of a beautiful heaven world, a spiritual life in which all who have won their battle over the lower self are now living. They have won this through aspiration. There is so much more for you to learn and understand about the invisible worlds. We cannot tell you everything. We only urge you to keep continually aspiring to truth, to

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love, to goodwill and to happiness. Thereby you will create for yourselves your own heaven – heaven in your soul and heaven in the world of spirit, the true home of your spirit.

We would remind you that life is governed by spiritual law – the law of Cause and Effect and also the Law of Opportunity. In the East the first is called Karma [and] the last Dharma. You do not fully comprehend what these two laws mean in daily life. You have been given the greatest gift of God, the gift of freewill. Many people feel because they have freewill they are their own masters, so can do as they like. It is true; self-will can rule a man or a woman, nevertheless the soul must be prepared to face the result. If it chooses the way of selfishness and unkindness it must be prepared to suffer the effects. Here is the crux of our good wishes for the new year. When we wish each other a *happy* new year, a healthful new year, a successful new year, our wishes carry the soul into the future. For the thoughts and actions sown today are reaped a long way hence. We are all involved in this New Year wish of happiness. There is no such thing as splendid isolation. Mankind is united. Whether the individual desires to or not, it cannot separate itself from the vast masses of life. Human life, animal life, vegetable life, mineral life, all are interwoven; and the law which will produce happiness, success, progress, healthfulness, harmony, is the law of the Son of God, the law of Love.

Dharma, which means the law of opportunity, goes hand in hand with the law of Karma, which is the law of Cause and Effect. Each time a cause is sown like a seed in life – in the individual, or the national or the international life – there is bound to be a following effect which can be wither happy or unhappy. In any cause it will bring opportunity. Do you not see this? The law of Karma also causes the law of Dharma or opportunity to operate. So, my friends, my brethren, bear this in mind in the fresh year which has now commenced. Whenever you meet sorrows and problems, or when you find joys and solutions, remember that the result of your karma is bringing an opportunity to acquire wisdom and thus step forward on the path to certain happiness.

Let everyone remember the importance of thought. Thought breeds action; action breeds habit; habit creates character; and character shapes your destiny. Each man and woman has it within their power to bring happiness in the new years which are ahead. Do you believe, do you realise, that this old planet Earth has once known what are called Golden Ages? This is a truth which will gradually become obvious to students. These past Golden Ages have brought to their particular cycle of humanity a supreme happiness, governed only by humanity's power to enjoy happiness. For God created you all for this purpose. Listen earnestly to our words. Supreme happiness is your birthright, your gift. Its seed is planted in your heart and is the small sun of your universe. From that spark of light within man in ages past great worlds have come. Look up into the sky on a clear night and see the millions of stars. Can you comprehend the grandeur of the Cosmos? Yet all those stars have been born from a sun, from a tiny spark in the beginning like the light which is the spark in you. It is beyond the finite brain to comprehend the grandeur of the universe, or to comprehend life outside physical matter. Yet all around you is a world of beauty composed of finer ethers than you know. Only through aspiration and the urge of your spirit towards its Creator will you ever glimpse the

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glory of the heaven worlds. Only when a man has commenced to penetrate those worlds does he enter into his birthright.

One more thing we would tell you which will affect your life here on earth. It is this; as you endeavour to let the divine light within expand and grow so that all your thoughts are positive good, all your aspirations are heavenward, you will set in motion vibrations of power. You will become yourself a vortex of spiritual light and power and you will command, even unconsciously, all good. Your life will then take on a new aspect. You will first begin to feel a quiet harmony within; then a certain confidence in God. Confidence in God is hope and knowing God is faith. To know God is to have faith that all things are working together for good in your life, that all things will work together for good in the world. The cycle of life is moving up in a spiral. Mankind is progressing, in spite of patches of darkness, which you call evil; mankind is going forward; a heavenly light is penetrating the minds, and the hearts of men and women are expanding, reaching out towards love, goodwill, righteousness.

My brethren, we can look upon the earth from an angle which you cannot. We can see into the hearts of the common people and what we see is beautiful. We see goodness. We may also see sorrow and sadness; but we know that in the sorrowful and sad hearts there is also the light of the Christ, which is crying out for love. This is where *you* can help. This is where you can set in motion the vibrations in yourself as well as in the outer world. Remember, God has endowed you with the qualities of His Son, the Christ. This is your birthright. You have power within to create your own heaven and to create your hell; to create heaven or to create hell for your brother man. Our new year message to you all is 'look to the spirit; let the spirit guide you in all your undertakings'. Be true to your innermost light and you will create heaven and know complete happiness on earth. Do not dismiss what we say with the excuse that it is no use one person making the effort. The only way to bring a golden age on earth is for *every* individual to be true to the light of the spirit of Christ.

Before we leave you we would speak of the work in the Lodge. We who are in the spirit – there are many with whom we work – need your help. We need you to work with us in brotherhood, in simple human service to establish centres of light which will attract souls which are searching for an answer to life's problems. We need workers in this Lodge; we need healers in this Lodge. We appeal to you now on this new year's day to come forward and help the work of the brotherhood of light in this place; and may you receive the blessing of true inward happiness which will radiate out into your lives as harmony and beauty, all that is good, holy, healthy.

The very happiest of new years to you all!

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