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Text: typescript by AMI, probably a first carbon. A handwritten note by YGH affirms 'lovely message' but that the recording quality was not good. The script is not from the 'tape recorder' set. In the first paragraph, the original script includes the words 'do not' between 'we' and 'think'. The words do not make sense and we have followed a MS correction which scrubs them out. AMI also struggled later on in the address to get it all down, and we have taken words from the printed version in the belief that in producing that version the tape recording was also consulted. Square brackets indicate that such a principle has been followed, but it has not been possible to mark up every reconstruction of the text.

Context: no details are given of the smaller components of the service.

General notes: there are some powerful things said in this address, comments around the meaning of Whitsun not found elsewhere in the teaching, and the communion builds on this to make an exceptionally strong contact, hence the title. The opening makes very real what White Eagle here calls the Great White Lodge, although this name may not be distinct from other ways in which he delineates the meeting place of the higher beings. He stresses the outpouring from spirit at the Whitsun time and indicates there is a particular strength to be found if the present generation of listeners will make themselves open to this. White Eagle begins to speak of the Comforter and initially associates it with the white dove of peace. As the talk unfolds it becomes clear that he wishes the Comforter to be understood as more than this. The larger meaning comes by White Eagle's invoking of the Christ Festival. The Comforter, he says, is something that will come to anyone who is ready and open to receive, and it is an inner knowing that is way beyond the earthly brain's understanding (and far more than the basic understanding of what peace is). Subtly, he ties human spiritual development with the opening up of space travel, by the simple fact that people are ready for such exploration. Some of the passage about this may have been imperfectly transcribed, because it is difficult to follow except in general drift. But White Eagle has a further prophecy, which is that space exploration will bring back further awareness to humanity of the psychic and etheric worlds. But only the man of simplicity will receive initially this certainty of immortal life. Finally, White Eagle turns to the message of Whitsun itself and speaks of the 'men in Jerusalem' who understood – we take this to mean the then disciples. He implies that 'speaking in tongues' was merely uttering revelations of spirit which those unready to receive could not understand. Finally, there is the remarkable communion, distinguished by a sense that the whole gathering of Initiates in spirit are present. At the end we return to the 'holy dove' image, but now with greatly enhanced understanding.

References: the story of the Whitsun appearance of Jesus to the disciples is told in Acts 2 : 1-31. However, the concept of the Comforter is from the 'Farewell Discourses' of Jesus in John's Gospel, particularly chapter 14. The image of the white dove, however, is particularly associated with the baptism of Jesus, and mentioned at Matthew 3 : 16. 'I and my Father are one' at John 10 : 30. 'Lo, I am with you always' is the last line of Matthew's Gospel, 28 : 20. The phrase 'Peace be with you' is generic, but particularly to be associated with the Resurrection appearances of Jesus in John 20 : 19-30, where the phrase comes three times.

Historical note: White Eagle links the opening up of space exploration to human spiritual development. The key developments at the period in question, following something of a gap since the orbits of the Earth in 1961 and 1962, were the Apollo 8 mission of 1968 which orbited the moon and gave the famous pictures of the Earth rising over the moon's surface, and the moon landing of Apollo 11 in 1969.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved Earth brethren, we come amongst you with divine love and we are very happy to be able to talk to you; and we are thankful that you are willing to listen to us – for our work in

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the spirit spheres of life is to assist our brethren on earth to receive, to receive that divine light and understanding of the purpose of their life. We come to bring to you this day a very particular message which we think every human soul is waiting to receive, although not everyone has yet reached a stage of consciousness to understand the import, the value of this simple message. But as you look out onto the world you must admit that humanity is in a state of confusion. Chaos reigns everywhere and men know not which way to turn to receive the help which they so sorely need. But it is such a simple message we bring – the same simple message which has been brought to mankind at the varying stages of its spiritual evolution by the messengers or the teachers from the Great White Lodge.

We mean by this that the Great White Lodge is the home of all those advanced souls who are drawn together by the common spirit of love and brotherhood and kindness. The Great White Lodge is the working centre of these initiates of the white light and this lodge is as real, indeed more real, than the little lodge we call the White Eagle Lodge here on the earth plane. We would have you now use your pure, godly, heavenly imagination and visualise this White Lodge in the spheres of spiritual life where there is such activity. You would be amazed, you earthly people, if you could comprehend the activity which is continually proceeding in this Great White Lodge, the activity which directs intelligent power to waiting and receptive men and women on earth.

Now this is the most important point of our message. You dear ones on earth are all capable of receiving into your heart and into your mind the knowledge which is being projected from the Halls of Wisdom in the spheres beyond and above the physical plane at this particular time, which is called Whitsuntide. The name is self-explanatory. It is the time when the Great White Light from heavenly places is sent down to the earth plane; and the people on Earth, whoever they are, if they have a trusting and loving heart and a yearning towards truth – God's truth – they will receive manifestations of this divine and spiritual power.

Now we are all familiar – you are all familiar and we in the Great White Lodge are familiar – with the happening on Earth in Jerusalem at the time of Pentecost. Now there is much confusion and a good deal of dogma preached in certain places about the meaning of Pentecost, but we assure you it is so simple for Jesus, who was one of the Christed ones, one who was able to be fully receptive to the blessing of the Christ presence, the Christ light in his own heart. He told his disciples that when he left his physical body he would send them a Comforter. They did not know what this Comforter would be, and they were all assembled in Jerusalem, which means a prepared place. It means – shall we put it in this way? – the temple of God, Jerusalem, the city of light. Now you are all a city of light in yourself when you pray in sincerity and truth and ask that you may worship God in spirit and in truth, and you remain still and silent, waiting to receive the manifestation of God's love in the form of the Comforter.

Now the Comforter is so often depicted as the white dove. Many of you here know that in your meditations, when your clear vision, your clairvoyance, is active, you see coming down in a great light the form of a white dove. So many people interpret this as meaning the dove of peace, and so it is, because the messenger brings into your heart a sense of peace. It brings to you that sense of at-one-meant with God, for as Jesus said to his disciples, 'The Father and I are one' – and this is the object of your pursuit of truth, my dear brethren. Truth comes to

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man when he has surrendered himself humbly to the incoming of that divine love, and simply trusts in this almighty power, this almighty presence, God.

And at Whitsun time, this is most potent because we are very close to the Christ Festival, the full moon in Gemini. It is coming up now, it is commencing to rise in the next week. The Christ Spirit is pouring down upon earth's humanity at this special Christ Festival. Now every one of you present, if you will take the time and trouble to attune yourselves daily – if it is only for five minutes on waking or at night before going to sleep – send out your thoughts to the divine spirit of love, and the Comforter will surely, surely, enter your heart and you will know the meaning of the world 'comforter', and you will know what the Comforter is. You will not get it from any other person, although your closest friend or relative, who may be in harmony with you, can help you to be receptive. But each individual must make their own effort and must know with that inner knowing that this Beloved, this divine Comforter is near, is waiting to come to you. It may come to you through a flash of illumination, a flash perhaps in the silence of your own heart, and you will know the truth about God and the great Almighty Spirit which is the ruler over all life, ruling over all manifestations of life both on Earth and beyond the Earth.

Now do remember this, and also remember that it is not by chance that men are now being given the power [and the intelligence] to explore outer space. Don't run away with the idea that these explorations into space are entirely due to man's own brain, because you will be very wrong if you think this. Man prepares his brain, he trains his brain, he trains his intellect for God's use. Never forget this, however intellectual you are, however clever you are. Remember that God has given you the brain, and if you will be humble and surrender your self, your little self to the greater Self, the Great White Spirit, it will use you, and these men whom you know so little, because you do not know your brother man while you are just touching the surface in his physical life. You do not know the real man, and your do not know that these men who have been selected to bridge the great distances in outer space, but we tell you that these men have been used by a greater Power than any one of them or you can understand.

You know this, that fifty years ago if you had been told that in ten or five decades [.....] would be penetrated and there would be men travelling into outer space and to the moon and to other planets, you would have laughed and scorned the prophet who made such a statement!

Now we make another prophecy for you. Knowledge will be brought back to the earth from outer space which will enable humanity to make tremendous advances, not only physically *but spiritually*. Your young people now are all trying to bridge the unknown and the unseen. The young on Earth at the present time are eager for knowledge of that world, which is so close to the physical world, which we call the etheric world, the psychic world and the spirit world. There is so much which is now breaking through the mists of human darkness and ignorance. And you will find that it will not be many years ahead when the whole – or the majority anyway – of human beings will know for certain that there is a world beyond death; and that within themselves lies the power to receive from loved ones who have passed on a message of reassurance. Conversation will be natural between the so-called dead and the living. *There is no death*, children: it is one vast, ever-unfolding life, and as we have already

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touched on the subject we will say again that knowledge will be brought back to this earth from outer space which will assist mankind to understand that there is life, *life*, *life*: invisible life and an Intelligence in that invisible life and a far greater knowledge than man has yet received in his small physical brain. And it is only the man of simplicity and humility, the one who is truly attuned to the divine life, who will receive quickly this certainty of the life eternal, life infinite, life immortal. This is what mankind is travelling towards and there will be many other planets discovered during the lifetime of many of you. It will certainly be in your consciousness whether you are in a physical body or an etheric body, but surely you will note that there will be set up remarkable interplanetary communications, and there will be great assistance brought to humanity by higher intelligences, by a humanity that has evolved far beyond the present earth's – humanity's – evolution.

Now this is what you have to look forward to and hold in your heart and mind, my children. This is the message which is coming to you now, this Whitsun, White Sunday, the Sunday of spiritual whiteness, when the Great White Light from the heavens is concentrating upon you now especially. What a wonderful message! – and it was demonstrated so simply by those men in Jerusalem but not understood by the crowds. Of course not: the crowds never understand these divine manifestations, but those men of Jerusalem were used; they were spokesmen and the message was being spoken in the language which every man and woman could understand. It appeared to some that these men were speaking in a foreign tongue, but they were only being the instrument of that infinite truth, and many on earth could not comprehend the language because they were not then ready to comprehend that message which was coming to them from spirit.

And now, beloved children, we ask you to unite in the one spirit of the Christ love. Try to feel it; feel the presence of these great Initiates from the White Lodge.... And above all, the Grand Master of that Great White Lodge in the heavens above: the Lord Christ or the Christos, as the Greeks call it. This, my children, is what you must feel and see if your inner vision or your highest imagination is real. It is not something which is wispy and [non-existent]. Imagination is the real thing. It is the spiritual aspect of what you have on your earth, which so coarse and unreal in comparison with what we have in the spirit world.

Now in your highest imagination, meditate now, and see that glorious presence of the Grand Master of the Lodge of universal brotherhood....

From the heaven above there now pours down upon you all this white Light, this heavenly Light.... And he who is present places before you the symbols of true communion with spirit: the heavenly bread, the truth of God which is now being [given] to you, and in symbol it is placed in your mouth for you to eat ... and the cup, the Holy Grail containing the wine of life, the divine essence of life. And he raises it to your lips and tells you to drink, and you sip this wine: and feel the power flow all through your being, and you know that you are at one in spirit with him. And at this communion you are at one with your loved ones in spirit ... you are united.... Think the best, the purest and the most lovely thoughts of your loved one in spirit – or on earth, if you like – and you will feel that at-one-ment.

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'Lo, I am with you always....' And the holy dove brings to you the peace, the peace of heaven. 'Peace be with you' are the words of the Masters and the Great Master. Peace be with you....

We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father and Great Mother, for this outpouring of love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

