

White Eagle's Christmas Message

A233 Sunday Address 16th December 1951 St Mary Abbots Place, London
Christmas Carol Service

Text: another blue carbon typescript in the style of MB; again marked 'Draft', this one has no corrections by AMI. In the paragraph beginning 'This spirit life', the last sentence in the typescript reads 'The is the fundamental cosmic law of life' has been here amended to begin 'This'. It is also possible that a word has been omitted. Later, 'seet' in the typescript has been quietly amended to 'sweet', and 'ordinary' to 'ordinarily'. There is a possible corruption in the sentence beginning 'Your scientists' in the third paragraph. At the very end, the sense may be 'Be happy children', or it may be 'Be happy, children'. No printed version of this address is known.

Context: Christmas carol service with the by now well-established White Eagle choir. The reading is given in the typescript as Luke 2 : 3-20 – the nativity story, including Mary and Joseph being called to be taxed, and the visit of the shepherds. As is usual for Christmas addresses, this is a relatively short talk, because of the time taken up by the carol programme. We can only speculate on what carols were sung.

General Notes: although this is a Christmas address, and includes plenty of reference to the Christmas story, it is also a serious call away from materialism, and a message about the contact with spirit requiring total commitment. It is also about the new age. In this, it contains a charge to the congregation not to succumb to pessimistic thought the moment the service finishes. We understand that at the end of 1951 things did not necessarily feel that rosy, probably because of the Cold War, and the congregation obviously could have fallen into such a trap. The address ends on a very human note, however, with warm thanks to all involved in the preparation of the Lodge, the donation of gifts at the foot of the Christmas tree and the choir – not unusually, but here delivered in a particularly sincere way.

References: 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men' is what the angels sang at the Nativity – see Luke 2 : 14, which would already have been heard in the reading.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, we speak to you from the world of spirit. And it is our work, our mission to bring to you who are living in the fleshly body news from the world which lies beyond the grave. And also bring to you news concerning yourselves and what potentialities lie within your soul.

O beloved ones, we would bring to you first of all a vision of the Christ child, born onto your earth, because we want you to understand that this is not an illusion but a great reality; the reality in human life. This old, old story has been covered up by so much materialism and material thought that the essence, the truth and the beauty of that simple story has been lost. And man will not regain that lost story, the lost secret, through his mind alone. He will not discover the profound truth, nor the importance of this simple human story of the birth of the Christ child until he himself is willing to lay down all material thought. Lay down *all*, as the Master said, and follow him. And this means a putting aside of the temptation of the everyday mind which denies the existence of spirit. The everyday mind lives in matter and is solely concerned with materialism, but this must be laid aside. It must be put in its proper place and the spiritual life in man must be given an opportunity to grow, to develop. This can be done when you give due thought and worship to the Spirit of God the Father, God the Divine, the Holy Mother; the Holy Mother, the Giver of life – the Giver of the form in which the spirit comes to earth.

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This story of the birth of the Christ child did not commence with Christianity. It is as old as creation. It is the very heart of life. It is the beginning. It is a scientific truth. Your scientists will come to comprehend this spiritual truth as they pursue their investigations into physics, for they come of the spirit of the Sun, the Solar Logos, the spirit of the Sun, the physical sun which gives you life. But behind the physical sun is the power, the life. This is born in flesh, comes into human form that man may learn the way, the truth and the life. Man may learn to follow the light of the Sun, the Son, which is all love; the Son is the light and life. The Son came down into flesh, is continually coming down into flesh and man on earth has to learn to see this Son in physical form.

We give you again the message from our brotherhood in spirit. Peace and goodwill will come to man as man learns the secret, the lost secret of life.

All around you, although you may not see, we can assure you that enfolding, encircling this congregation is a multitude of spirit forms. They come at the command of God to bring to you through their humanity, through their human love, the power of their spirit. You are now being bathed in the Christ blessing; the golden light of the sphere of Christ.

When you know that there is no death – that those you love only cast aside the physical body, they rise up from it, they rise up and walk; they walk into this new happy life – when you realise this, when you have had this proved to you, then your consciousness commences to open, to expand. Seek the spiritual spheres and do not cling to the earthly state and to that state of life immediately following death, but look up into a higher sphere of life and there find the true communion of spirit. You will then begin to feel the power, the truth and the glory of the Christ spirit; the Christ spirit which already interpenetrates matter but is not seen by men and women who are blinded by materialism. You cannot see with your physical vision, but you can feel with your spirit, spirit life – and it is power. For this is the power which heals the sick, comforts the mourner and brings hope to the hopeless and joy to the sad. This is the spirit that all men must find, that all men will find. That is what they are seeking on earth. They will only find it when they recognise true values in life; the true values. Then they will behave as brothers and sisters irrespective of class, race or creed.

This spirit life is becoming a great power on your earth and it is just beginning to make itself felt. The veil in the temple between the outer courts and the Holy of Holies is being torn down. The common man and woman, the beloved ordinary man and woman, will be permitted to see into the Holy Shrine and see the Holy Family: God the Father, the Will, the Divine Will-principle; God the Mother, the Wisdom-principle; Christ the Son, the Love-principle which governs all life. This is the fundamental cosmic law of life.

Now, my children, will you at this time, this Christ-mass, lift up your hearts in simplicity and humility and recognise that old simple childhood story as one that contains cosmic truths. It is the very core of man's being and it is the secret which will release in man the sun, the glory of the sunlight – and then, the angels will be heard to sing; 'Peace on earth, goodwill to all men', because the angels will see the peace in the hearts of all men and the goodwill on earth towards all men.

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And now our last word, do not be pessimistic. Now you are all feeling the joy of the spirit. You are feeling the power here and you are recognising the beauty of the spirit. Now, do not be cast down, pessimistic, but hold on to this feeling that you are now experiencing. Follow that true spiritual urge and live according to the precepts of Christ's teaching. Yes, then there will rapidly come to this earth the great awakening; the change of heart which so many people talk about.

We tell you that from the tower, the watch tower in the spirit world, we can see the dawn coming to your earth – and many of you now can see the dawn of a new day. You will see that man's materialism is being overruled, is being overcome by the power of Christ's spirit, the spirit of goodwill, the spirit of wisdom; what you may call common sense. What is common sense? It is but the spirit of the Christ working in man's heart and mind and working man's reason to see the way of truth and goodwill. Yes, you will see, as we can see, the dawn of a new age, of a spiritual age, of the coming of spiritual values on your earth, the quickening of man's vision, [so] that he sees with his inner sight Christ coming in all the glory of the Son to the earth.

Just know, children of earth, that God is good. As you surrender your life, your mind, yourself, like a little child to your Father–Mother God, you will be enfolded in great love and wisdom; and conflict will cease in yourself as it will cease in the world. And you who are the pioneers of this new revelation of the power of Spirit in life, you will indeed know the meaning of peace, *peace*. For you will know that all is well. God is all loving and cares for you; and you must care for your brothers and sisters on earth and God will care for you, for it is the law. And you will enter into that sweet state, that spiritual state of consciousness where you will find happiness, contentment and great love – the love of God.

We wish you, we pray that you will all know the meaning of quiet inner happiness this Christmas. No one will be alone. No one need be alone if they will just lift up their heart to the spirit world and to the visitors from that world who come to bring you Christmas greetings.

To all our beloved brethren and friends who have contributed to the Christmas tree that the poor children may be given some little happiness at this season, we give thanks. We thank you from our side of life. We thank all who have given their time and energy to the decoration, the beautification of the Lodge, and we would thank the Choir.

Now, it is not quite fitting that we should clap hands ordinarily, but we hope that our choir and all those who have worked so hard to give this joy and pleasure to us in this service, we hope they will all hear the inner vibration of the clapping of our spirit hands. Now if you clap your physical hands you will make a great noise and shatter the spiritual forms that are built up, but clap hands in spirit and the choir will feel your gratitude and appreciation. Now, we think there has been a higher note reached in the carol service than ever before, and for this we thank the spirit of God and the angels and the Christ for working through human channels to create a blessed Christmas service.

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Dear ones, we shall visit you, and we hope that you will know it. Goodnight and God bless you. Be happy children; 'find that inner peace and happiness' is what we ask. Goodnight.

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