

Resurrection

A005 Sunday Address 16th April 1933 Burstow Manor Easter Service

Text: typed from a recent retype of the original, headed 'An Address given by White Eagle at Burstow Manor on April 16th, 1933', possibly for *Stella Polaris*, although not located at time of writing. Since it is a re-type there may be errors and editings. There is also another version originally typed for this archive, which shares the first three paragraphs recorded here and then continues 'We intend to deal purely with the orthodox story of the Resurrection of the Great Master Jesus'. This text never returns to the version reproduced below, and is believed to be a 'marriage' of one teaching with another, also for the magazine. It is also possible that the one below is the 'marriage' but the sequence seems better in this version, and more in keeping with the simple chapel at Burstow, whereas the other is for a more intellectual audience. For the other teaching, see the heading 'The Resurrection and the Nature of Jesus', here '1933 or 34 unknown'.

Context: Easter Sunday, 1933; Burstow had been dedicated just three weeks earlier, on Saturday 25 March, and this is White Eagle's third address at Burstow in four weeks: 26 March, 9 April, and now this one. We have then no Sunday addresses from Burstow until the address, 'The New Age', on 1 April 1934. Either the intervening addresses have not survived, or policy changed and White Eagle spoke in London (addresses and talks are preserved) rather than in the country. A clue may lie in the fact that all intervening Sunday addresses are from Kenton Spiritualist Church: was GEC busy in Kenton (which she had helped to found some five years previously) while she left the running of Burstow to Mr & Mrs Stephens?

General notes: This is a talk about miracles as much as it is about Easter. White Eagle refers in this teaching to the 'ego'. Consistently in his teaching this term refers not to the psychological concept of the ego, but to the essential being – rather like the Sanskrit *atman*. This address is particularly helpful for an understanding of the actual process of resurrection which Jesus underwent.

References: the Easter story, referred to by White Eagle, is to be found in all four canonical gospels, and that of the baptism of Jesus is in John, Chapter 1. Other matters talked about include the Transfiguration, the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples (Pentecost) and the Ascension.

White Eagle's Address:

The spiritual universe is singing to you this morning; to those that have ears to hear, let them hear the glory of the message which is descending to the earth today.

Many of the world's men and women are sad, distracted with material care, and they cannot hear the voice of the angels; but many of you have advanced along life's pathway by sheer hard work and perseverance; you have come a long way along that path of evolution and trial and have arrived at that point when you can hear the voice of the unseen calling to you – 'Awake! awake, beloved, for this, the dawning of another day!'

O my children of earth, we, the brothers, come to you this morning with this message of love. Awake, beloved brethren, and hear for yourselves the joy which the heavenly hosts proclaim at the great day, the day of resurrection and awakening.

Now *is* a time of resurrection – resurrection from darkness and the cold of wintertime into a golden spring. How thankfully you greet the sun in your northern hemisphere as the days grow longer and brighter after the drear cold! This is an illustration of what takes place in the soul of man when he can attune himself to the warmth and the love and the light of the spiritual sun, and free himself from his enslavement by physical matter. We are not

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suggesting that the physical life is unimportant. The physical life on your earth is of the utmost importance. But man has been put into a physical body in order to learn to free himself from the bondage of matter and to fill the physical life with the beauty, happiness, wellbeing and health that God intends him to have. In other words, to attain mastery over physical matter. In time the spirit will overpower the whole earth and the golden age will come on earth.

The golden age! At this time of the year, in the springtime when the sun shines, bringing warmth and lightness and joy to the earth, nature bursts forth into golden flower, and green-gold leaf – a reflection of that lovely golden spiritual sunlight which radiates from the Christos. You have no conception of the beauty of that golden light radiating from the Lord Christ, which shines forth like a blazing star all over the earth.

Now we are going to say a strange thing to you. We would like you to think of your world, the earth planet, as a world in which there is a concentration of this golden light. To the materialist this will probably sound all nonsense, but even materialists are sometimes confronted with a miracle, although the earthly mind will not accept that the miracle has been brought about by the power of the spirit. Nevertheless, spirit continues to manifest in so many forms of beauty; and it is for man himself to look for the beauty in the world, not only in nature but in human nature – in every form on the earth, in life itself. This is what we mean when we tell you to think of your earth as being the centre of a concentration of golden light.

It is so easy to judge the actions of others – but, dear children, do try to refrain from judgment; for as you condemn others, so you condemn yourself. Strive to be tolerant and to give from your heart the gentle spirit of the master soul. Jesus the Christ is one such master soul, man made perfect, and this highly evolved and perfected soul incarnated in order to reveal to individual man what he could himself attain if he followed the simple, gentle, way of the Christ. Forgive, my children, forgive! Whatever is in your heart, however hard you may feel towards any soul, possibly with justification according to material standards, pray to forgive – as he taught in his simple prayer: ‘Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us’. Do you not realise that in forgiving others, you are releasing yourselves? As soon as you feel forgiveness in your own heart, you release yourself from the bondage of your karma. But so long as you sit in harsh judgment over your fellows, whether they be individual people or nations, so long as you continue to condemn, refusing to forgive, you bring that same condemnation and judgment upon yourself, for life is ruled by spiritual law.

And now, before we leave you after our short message, we want to take you to the garden – a heavenly garden, shall we call it? And in that heavenly garden is a tomb sealed by a stone. The stone, we suggest to you, is a symbol of the hard material mind of man; but the angel came and rolled away the stone which sealed the tomb where the body of Jesus Christ lay. And Jesus came forth, clothed in his heavenly body, so that even his disciples did not at first recognise him.

When your loved ones pass away from the physical body, if you could see them as they truly are in that beautiful heavenly body which they have built around themselves, you would hardly recognise them. This is one reason why we guide you to develop your own spiritual

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potentialities, so that you can see and hear with the eyes and ears of the spirit. Man has to learn while on earth how to develop that celestial body, which will give him clear vision and understanding to see through the darkness and mists of earthly confusion into the heaven world. By the heaven world, we mean not only an actual place, but also a state of consciousness, where you live in constant awareness of the glory of the heavenly life; so that when your friends slip away from the physical body, you will be able to see them and commune and communicate with them and they with you. You will be reunited with them in their world of spirit. Then there will be no more death: you will have attained to a state of spiritual being such as a master has attained to.

Can ordinary men and women recognise a master? No man can recognise a master until he himself has developed the qualities of a master spirit. But do understand that to every man and woman and child living in the physical body there will come a day of resurrection into the light. May that resurrection come to you in the springtime when the sun is shining, and then you will rejoice that you listened to the voice of the spirit, to your own inner voice.

This, my children, is what will save humanity: not the crucifixion of the master on a cross, but the crucifixion of the lower self and the release of the glorious son of God in man. Eastertide is not the celebration of death and physical crucifixion; it is the celebration of life and resurrection, an awakening from materiality into the beauty and wonder of the spiritual life – not after the death of the physical body but while you are still living on this beautiful earth – in this beautiful world which God, the first great cause of life, has created.

You are all interested in healing, and many of you would like to be healers. But you are all healers – every one of you can be an instrument of the golden light of the spirit, the true healing power, the Comforter.

Our Albigensi [sic] brethren, the Cathars, because of their love, because of their vision into that glorious figure of the Son of God, received into their hearts that mysterious gift known as the *consolamentum* – which is the divine magic of which we speak. Jesus himself was truly an instrument of that blazing light, and in due time you will learn how to use that inner magic for the healing of the sick and the healing of the nations.

And now in the stillness we ask you to use your creative power to create for yourselves the image of the Lord Christ. See him with his disciples and with all the animals around him. See how the animals look up to worship him! See the birds in their lovely plumage; the many-coloured butterflies, and all the little creatures of the lower orders of life. Look into the clear water and see the fish gliding through the water, and the birds skimming its surface. Try to hold the whole of creation in your picture, and see him [Jesus] as the centre of it all, with his gentle spirit, his loving smile, and feel his love enfolding you....

A pure life, a pure physical body, a pure mind, a loving heart – these will enable you to enter into the fuller consciousness of the world of spirit which lies about you. If you can do this, for you this day will surely have been a day of resurrection.

By the side of the Master there now stands another great being who brings to you as a symbol of this New Age life, a white rose ... the white rose of purity, fragrant and sweet. We leave

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you now, my children, to meditate upon the Master surrounded by all his creatures and holding before you the symbol of the Holy Grail. And in the silence we beg you to sip from the Holy Grail Cup.

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karma, spiritual law, earth as a centre of light, heaven as state of consciousness, crucifixion of the lower self, forgiveness, recognising a Master, master of the white rose.

