

True Brotherhood, Ancient Wisdom

A394 Sunday Address 17th September 1967 St Mary Abbots Place, London Harvest Festival Service

Text: MB typescript, a rather pale blue carbon. In the sixth paragraph, we have altered the typed word 'detractions' to 'distractions'. In the typescript also, the sentence in the middle of the address beginning 'Now we have just intercepted and put in that little note' ends with the word 'more' rather than 'note', but 'more' does not make sense. In the typescript used for checking a page is missing – and the unchecked page is marked herein with a || before and after. The typist, fortunately, had a complete copy at present missing. In the paragraph beginning 'When we look upon you', the typist has recorded White Eagle saying 'one one one'. She queried the second and third use, and may be implying that there was a different phrase, but one she missed.

Context: MB tells us that for harvest, 'the altar and various parts of the Lodge [were] very beautifully decorated' and that the Choir processed in ahead of Minesta and Brother Faithful. Internal reference in the address indicates that on reaching the altar steps White Eagle/Minesta paused and took in both the harvest produce and the Choir. The Choir sang an introit, 'I will magnify Thee, O God; I will praise Thy name for ever and ever'. The text is Psalm 145, or the first verses of it, and there is a setting by Handel; it is more likely, however, that the Choir sang it in the form of a chant. Which chant they used is unrecorded. Brother Faithful then introduced hymn no. 12 in *Songs of Praise*, Milton's famous words, 'Let us with a gladsome mind', probably to the tune 'Monkland'. Minesta's Invocation is recorded elsewhere, and Brother Faithful then read selected verses from Psalm 104, viz. 1 – 5, 10 – 15, 22 – 24 and 30 – 35. Hymn 14 followed it, 'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land', the words dating from 1782 and Matthias Claudius; the tune, 'Wir pflügen'. Then came the prayers, and unusually White Eagle seems to have spoken immediately after, with no third hymn or anthem; this might be an omission on the typist's part. There are two descriptive comments by the typist at the end of the address. After White Eagle finished, Brother Faithful gave a few words as usual and introduced hymn 300, 'God is working His purpose out', with words by A C Ainger. If there was a vesper it has not been recorded.

General notes: White Eagle's opening sentence surely picks up the word 'gladness' from the hymn; his description of the Lodge as 'this lodge of brotherhood of the spirit and the brotherhood on all planes' is attractive. As in the July address, he mentions solar systems beyond the present one and unusually, he seems to link the higher realms with outer space; probably, this is just a figure of speech, since he glosses 'outer space' as 'the cosmic realms of life'. He also comments that were there no harvest, 'humanity would have no existence in a physical body, a great loss'. 'A great loss' may seem an understatement, but the context demonstrates how real is the non-physical body for White Eagle. He goes on to say that there are other planets inhabited by human beings; it may be best to imagine he means that these planets are inhabited by souls like ours, rather than to imply that the physical bodies have developed in the same way. And he also makes clear that true knowledge of eternal life is always an experiential, never an intellectual, thing. When he speaks of the brotherhood in the beyond, similarly, he suggests it is wrong to seek it externally, or to imagine it has to be sought in special places: brotherhood begins in the heart. A substantial part of the address develops this theme of brotherhood, from different angles, with White Eagle's own brethren in his native American life proving to be an example. He speaks too of the great teachers who, over time, have been sent to humanity. At length he returns to the theme of harvest, and the harvest gifts; yet protesting that there is absolute connection between what he has said and the rituals of the harvest. A very beautiful communion ends the address, but after it comes a special exhortation to cast out fear.

References: see the note on 'gladness' under 'context'; the phrase 'ploughing, sowing and reaping the golden harvest' also takes up words from the hymn, 'We plough the fields and scatter'. The phrase 'Do unto others as you would be done unto' is the so-called Golden Rule; it may go back as far as the Middle Kingdom of ancient Egypt, and to the Sanskrit of the Mahabharata.

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White Eagle's Message:

Beloved, beloved earthly brethren, we come amongst you with such gladness to welcome you back to this lodge of brotherhood of the spirit and the brotherhood on all planes. And we direct your attention, as we always do, to the company of shining souls who are all around you now, bringing to you individually and collectively their loving blessing. For they rejoice to see the opening of your minds, the opening of your hearts to an ancient truth, an ancient wisdom – because it is now in this new age of Aquarius, the age of brotherhood and of the spirit, that the heavenly hosts are drawing close to humanity. And they rejoice when they see communities gathered together as you are tonight, waiting not only to receive the blessing of the Heavenly Father and the power of the spirit, the blessing of the wisdom which flows through to you from outer space, from the cosmic realms of life, for as you think about these things and open your minds to the inflow of the wisdom from those higher spheres surely it flows into your mind and it illumines your whole being.

Now spiritual action is often rather slow. This, many of you have discovered for yourselves. For you are given certain prophecies and you wonder why these prophecies, which are given to you from the spirit world, are not fulfilled. But they are always fulfilled as soon as man creates in himself and in his physical life the necessary conditions – which means that the man has learnt the lessons or the lesson which it is necessary for him to learn. He has learnt the lesson through patience and faith in the powers of the spirit, and in the love of the Great White Spirit.

You have met here tonight to give thanks for the harvest. It is a very grave thought to think of what would happen to man if there was no harvest to reap, no bread to eat, no fruit, nor vegetables for physical sustenance.

Have you ever thought of the wonderful miracle of the tiny seed which is planted in the earth? Sometimes it is a very, very small seed, and in due time with the ministration – now listen to this carefully – with the ministration of the great company of nature spirits and their angelic overseers who cause the rain to descend upon the earth, and who cause the soil to become fertile, so that the seed may grow, [and without this] humanity would have no existence in a physical body, a great loss.

We would remind you that the earth planet is not the only planet which is inhabited by humanity. There are many planets, planets which are inhabited by many. And there is great life in existence not only in your own solar system, but in the far solar systems. Now, we would like you to give thought to these profound eternal truths, because my brethren, it will help you to adjust yourselves to the glory of God and the power of the Infinite Spirit; and the love and the care which is taken to provide physical bodies, a physical home, and to provide the food, the nourishment for both body and soul which man needs.

Now, there is a school of thought – maybe you think yourself – that nature is simply a law, a natural law, which works throughout life, creating life, sustaining life, just an automatic law.

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But when you begin to touch the deeper issues of life you begin to wonder if there is something more besides an automatic law which directs life on. When you begin to withdraw your consciousness from all the distractions in the outer world, when you can disentangle your soul from the outer world and your mind from the material things of life which are so confusing and misleading, and from which you can never get an answer to the problems which arise on your physical plane of life – all the problems which are produced, shall we say, by governments, politics and intellectual pursuits – you get so confused and amazed as you seek a solution. You seek beyond the mind when you are guided by your own wish from the higher world, from the spirit world, and you turn your thoughts into the quiet places deep, deep beneath, beneath all intellectual thought. You seek the place of silence and stillness. And when you can touch this centre, which we are calling *love* – which indeed *is* love, is God – you then find this uprush of light in yourself, and you are caught up in this great love which is power and wisdom. And you know that at that moment, if only for a flash, you know that you are spirit, you are eternal, you cannot die. You can never die. And more than this, you are part of infinity and eternity, and can never be separated from those you love. You can never be separated from goodness, from truth.

Now, my brethren, may we remind you that the Brotherhood of the Spirit, which as many of you know has always been in existence as long as this earth planet has had life upon it. There has always been this spiritual or inner Brotherhood. This is what we come back from, the world of spirit, from the heaven world to tell you, our beloved brethren still encased in the flesh. When you begin to understand what the Brotherhood is, your whole being will be changed.

Now, there are many who would look beyond the silent quiet places for knowledge of this brotherhood of life. They look for it entirely the wrong way in the wrong place. We tell you that brotherhood, whether it is expressed physically or mentally, brotherhood commences in man's heart; brotherhood commences with man's knowledge of himself, of the spirit worlds and of the kingdom of nature, the kingdoms of the animal; all these things are bound up with man.

Man, in his simplicity, far down the ages, just received knowledge and teaching from those God-men, who were sent to the earth to convey to humanity certain cosmic laws. These cosmic laws were very simple. They embrace the whole of life and the brotherhood we are speaking of now. And this grand spiritual Brotherhood is behind mankind, watching over its progress and its development. And as we have already told you in the beginning, these messengers came to simple man and told him how to live – no, not preach at him, not give him what is known as religion, but just simple truths about tilling the soil, sowing the seed, reaping the fruits of the earth; teaching him how he himself was part of the Earth and was part of the growing things on the Earth. He himself had a common brotherhood with all creatures. He himself had a link, a brotherhood with the air and the water and the sun, the rain, the rushing rivers, the gentle rain, the great oceans and the seas were all associated with man himself. And if man could open his consciousness to this deep ancient truth and draw to himself those forces emanating from these elements, his physical body would be purified and strengthened, and his spirit, soul, ennobled. And by such training, such methods of training in

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daily life the man would feel in his own heart the brotherhood with his fellow man and his fellow creature.

Now, we speak now from experience which we remember from past lives in a physical body. And you know, my brethren, in one life as the Indian man, the red man, we lived in accord with the simple laws of brotherhood. Now we know, we recognise, that man confuses truth. We know that in every man there is the element of ignorance and fear [and] because man has fear he makes enemies. If man had love established in his heart and could at all times speak and act by the direction of his spirit, which is love, there would be no confusion. Now we have just intercepted and put in that little note because we caught certain thoughts from you from one or maybe two of you about the behaviour of Indians and other people and other nations which are referred to as 'savages.' This savage way of life, as you call it, but [it is] really, my brethren, not so bad as *your* savage way of life. Now, we would like you to think about that. You see, your way of life and the terrible things men do now, perhaps in a more refined way, is just as bad, if not worse, than the poor Indian who was attacked by enemies who ought to have known better. And the poor Indian had to defend himself. But the natural life of the Indian was one of kindness, brotherhood. They gave that, and they expected it in return, and it was when they did not receive treatment which was just and right then chaos crept in.

Now, in your world today that is exactly what is happening, chaos is creeping in so rapidly in many, many levels of life, and it causes you so much confusion.

Now, what we want to get back to, my brethren, is the basic law of life. Now, it is no good saying to White Eagle or to others who are with him that you cannot behave as a brother whilst other people do not do the same. Every soul who has received the blessing of the holy, pure and saving teaching of the Ancient Brotherhood can and must eventually live in accord with the cosmic law of *love*.

We speak of the Cosmic Christ. The Cosmic Christ is the Supreme Spirit of Love, which is *there*. It is all around you and it is within you. And man has to live by this law of love.

Now, from time immemorial, messengers have been sent out from the Great Temple above, the Great Lodge of the White Light. They have come to earth. They have given this self-same teaching which is continually being given to you from the world of spirit. Jesus gave you the same message, Saint John the Beloved gave the same message and is still giving it to you. Zoroaster gave the same message; the Lord Buddha gave the same message. There is only one basic truth: God, the Heavenly Father God; the Earthly Mother, the Mother love through Whom comes to every living creature the food and life. And then the Great Masters who have watched and still do watch over humanity – working, working, working, working selflessly with you and with all mankind to open the windows of your soul to help you to see truth, the logic of the message which is continually being given to you; the holy pure and saving teaching.

Now, we thought, we in the group who are with me – we are all together here – we all thought when we listened to the music which the Choir was rendering when we stood here at

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the foot of this little stairway watching, welcoming you all in. You do not see us, but we were here, and then we watched the procession of the White Eagle Choir and we were very grateful to them, and very pleased to hear their voices raised in praise to their Heavenly Father.

Now this, you may not perhaps think of these things, some of you may think, 'Oh, what is the good of all that ritualistic stuff?' May we remind you that all life is ritual, but you do not understand? Now this ritual of processing in, wearing a gown which cuts you off from the material world and the outside world, is all helping to create conditions in this service. It is raising the consciousness of humanity here to a higher level. It is preparing you to be || receptive to the influences and to the cosmic rays, to the heavenly rays, so that after a service like this, when you go forth into the world you feel you have received refreshment – which indeed you have. Whether you have taken it in with your mind or not, you have certainly taken it into your soul and into your heart. And if no message was given to you by word of mouth from the band of Brothers who are now present, you would receive the message into your heart, and over a length of time that impression from those higher worlds would uplift you, make you feel different, make life seem different to you.

Now, you will think we have wandered far from ploughing, sowing and reaping the golden harvest, but no, we have not, you know. For all that we have been saying to you tonight is to impress your souls and your minds with a simple heavenly truth. We have been sowing the seeds. By the way, when you get disheartened and disappointed, when you find you are confronted with a problem that you do not know how to solve, remember that such times are testing times. And it is really like the ploughing of the soil, and my goodness the plough goes very deep sometimes doesn't it? But it is turning over what is hard, what is unusable; it is breaking [it] up and turning [it] into a beautiful soft tilth in which these seeds of truth, of spirit, can be sown with confidence. And in due time you will reap the harvest, the golden harvest. There is no doubt at all of this, but first remember there has to be obedience to spiritual law. There has to be a preparation and a breaking up of hard soil, there has to be upliftment of the soul to || the heavens – opening to the golden light of Christ – so that the Son (Sun) enters your being, right into your heart, and stimulates the love which is implanted in you, causing you to become as the Sun, the Spiritual Son, the symbol of which is seen as the earthly physical Sun. Remember that your life is the exact symbol of the growing harvest.

Now we may be in a better position than you to assure you of the golden harvest which comes to every soul in due course. From our world, from the spirit world, we can look upon [your life] with a clearer vision than it is possible for you whilst you are imprisoned in materialism. And moreover, we are able to look round in the spirit world, and in the spirit world we see such a clear demonstration of the harvest which comes to man when he leaves his physical body.

Now all the fields are not the same. Even in your world there are different types of harvest. There is the golden grain. There are the fruits, beautiful fruits. There are those lovely buildings too: the most perfect laboratories, the most beautiful art galleries and temples of music. There are grand observatories and almost every possible convenience for the culture

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of man's soul in the spirit world. And these things come as the harvest of mankind in due time.

When we look upon you – we are not going to be much longer, we will not weary you – but we must say this. There has been quite a lot of interest taken on your earth at the present time about the temples of the ancient [world], such temples that are – that have been – erected in many parts of the world: but we refer particularly now to the grand temple – one one one of the grand temples in your own mystical and magical island of Britain. What do you call it – Stonehenge? A temple built by the Brotherhood, a temple of the Brotherhood from which the Masters, the great Masters and their disciples, their peoples, were able to study nature, study the heavens, and study these cosmic laws which we have been rather feebly telling you about. Now that is an example in stone for you to visit and to think on the things which we are telling you. These temples were places certainly of initiation, because the teachers came from far. These teachers came at that time from beyond the physical plane, from beyond the earth plane. We are not speaking merely of spirit; we are speaking of physical bodies.

These teachers came to teach their peoples in these temples, and for this reason we refer to them as temples of initiation – initiating the neophytes – into the messages of the heavens, which of course included the study of the planets and the stars and the skies. It was a very profound study, and one which all aspirants to the Brotherhood, the great Brotherhood of life, and to the spiritual consciousness all undertook. And so when you hear certain confusing conversations – because there are so many people who dismiss this Ancient Wisdom as mere rubbish – so long as man does that man is going to suffer on the physical plane. When man becomes wise enough to open his mind and become receptive to those rays of wisdom from the infinite life, the universal life, then man will put into operation these laws, the divine laws, the basic law of life, *love*. 'Do unto others as you would be done unto.' But more than that, give love and kindness and service to every creature. Do not kill and drink the blood and eat the flesh of your brother animal. The earth is full of the most beautiful food without slaying your animal brother and eating him. You would not – you would be horrified if I said, here is a knife; kill the man sitting next to you and take him home for your supper. You would think it a dreadful thing.

Now, you must excuse White Eagle saying these things, but there is someone behind me pushing it out, so we hope you will be wise and understand and ponder these truths.

Now before we leave you the Great Master, Who is all love, in the silence comes. And He stands in your midst, and He offers you the symbols of life, the golden bread provided for you by your heavenly Father and your earthly Mother, the bread of life. Take from His hand in the silence, place it on your tongue, taste the exquisite taste of this spiritual bread of life. He raises the cup of wine, the symbol of the spiritual essence of life. Take it from Him. Sip this wine; the spiritual essence will flow all through your being. 'It is my *love*,' he says, 'and my life dedicated to you, to give *you* life and food from the spirit world.'

Peace will enter your soul. You have nothing to fear. Cast out all fear – just trust in the love of your heavenly Father and Mother and the comradeship of the Great Masters. All will be well. And if you are right in your thoughts, if you are right, if you have good thought,

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God-thought, in you nothing can go wrong. This is why we say to you obey the law and have no fear for nothing can go wrong because life is governed by the spiritual law of sowing and reaping, *sowing and reaping*.

So be thankful, thankful.

O Great White Spirit, we Thy humble servants thank Thee for all Thy blessings, the greatest of all being love and the knowledge of the Brotherhood of Life. Goodnight. Goodnight. Goodnight.

[White Eagle raised a beautiful red rose, saying] ‘The beautiful red rose, the symbol, the symbol, my brethren. The beauty of the rose, a lovely flower. May it grow, may it blossom in every heart. Amen.

[Long pause during which White Eagle left us with a silent blessing.]

Brother Faithful:

While I was listening to the address, the thought struck me that there is not a vast difference between human beings and these fruits – this harvest offering here in front of the platform – because these fruits and vegetables and so forth are dependent upon the waters of the earth, upon the air, the sunlight, upon the natural forces of the earth, upon life and upon fertility in the earth. And so are we. We share their life, they share our life. And in this sense, in a very real sense, each one of us is a part of our harvest thanksgiving, our harvest offering. So there is a thought to take home with us. Our closing hymn is no. 300.

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