

# Resurrection

A005 Sunday Address 16th April 1933 Burstow Manor Easter Service

*Text:* a certain amount of forensic science has been required in authenticating this address. Originally, an address was uploaded to the database for 16 April which has subsequently been discovered as recurring in 1971 and printed in the April-May *Stella Polaris*. Fortunately, there was also an 'alternative' script of the 16 April 1933 date and that is the one now reproduced here. For the other one, removed in July 2026, see 11 April 1971; it is characterised by the fourth paragraph beginning 'Now is the Resurrection morn'. This substitution is in some measure speculative, but it is the best fit with what has come down to us.

*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? The frequency of teachings in this first month would seem to imply that she was initially resident at Burstow.

*General notes:* this is a simple but profound clarification of the Easter message, which contains an interesting statement which may be unique in White Eagle's teaching, namely that Jesus in incarnation presented the third aspect of the Trinity, namely Love (White Eagle's Trinity is traditionally Wisdom, Power and Love rather than 'the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost'). In the process, there is a very definite correction of Spiritualist teaching about Jesus. White Eagle also mentions the role of John the Baptist, to whom he does not often refer. There is a reference to the Second Death, which causes White Eagle to mention *Thy Kingdom Come*, published in 1933/34, perhaps still going through the press at this Easter date. White Eagle makes the point clearly that 'he ascended into heaven' is not an upward movement of the body but an awakening on a higher plane of consciousness. He finally insists – maybe uniquely in this teaching – 'He withdrew from the multitudes but he was not dead and he lived for many years after that, on your earth plane, in seclusion in what you call a monastery – still in touch but not of the people, for He was able to direct His rays of power and love to humanity. He directed the formation of the first early Christian Church.' This accords with a number of 'alternative' traditions and up to a point with the Aquarian Gospel. It has been asserted that Jesus' later abode was in India.

*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. 'Into Thy hands I commit my spirit' is Psalm 31 : 5 and it is repeated in the liturgy, also as a refrain to Psalm 31. For 'I am not spirit. I am flesh and blood' and the substance of the paragraph in which this occurs, see Luke 24 : 39. The story of the Resurrection is from John 20, and that of the Ascension, from Acts 1. For the marriage at Cana story, see John 2, and for the feeding of the five thousand, John 6 and elsewhere.

## 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!'.

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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.

You have records of prophets and teachers who have come to the earth with their message of brotherhood, teaching the people the way of life. Spiritualists look over the list of great teachers and say, 'Yes, Jesus of Nazareth was a great teacher, the same as the others, and other teachers were open to the light of Christ. Jesus of Nazareth was only one of many.'

I correct that statement. Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the Initiate, who has been prepared through many incarnations, even before this world was, is one who is above the others. He had become perfected, for he had passed all the tests required of him and he had reached that point of spiritual supremacy where he was able to be chosen as the channel for the coming onto the earth plane of that aspect of the Deity which is Love. In order to demonstrate that aspect, the third aspect of the Deity, Love, was personified in one whom you know as Jesus the Christ.

I want to make it quite clear that Jesus of Nazareth was an Initiate, a prepared channel. Jesus the Christ was the personification of Love, the third aspect of the Deity, and the Christ, at the time of the baptism of Jesus descended to the flesh and worked through the Initiate, Jesus.

Your Bible speaks of the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth on the banks of the River Jordan. We of the Brotherhood speak to you of the baptism of Jesus as taking place in the great Halls of Initiation – a baptism by water and the Holy Spirit. And from those Halls of Initiation one whose voice was heard crying in the wilderness was sent forth to prepare the way for the coming of the Master Jesus, the Christ. John the Baptist, known in other lives by other names, is always the forerunner of the Great White Light. Christ as you know Him is the Lord of this Earth plane and He is more than a teacher as the other teachers were.

And so they took Him and crucified Him.

You have a twofold story; as in all religions there is the esoteric as well as the exoteric side. In the life of Jesus of Nazareth, and later in Jesus the Christ, you can trace the life of everyman. Every man at some time of his life – and I do not speak of life in limited terms, I speak of the whole cycle of life from the going forth of the ego from God until the return and the reunion with his Father – is crucified. If he is not crucified on this lower plane of physical matter, he is crucified on the next plane of matter, which is merely a little finer than this one, in that you, with your earthly eyes, cannot see it. But the suffering can be as intense, *more* intense, in that astral body than in the physical body.

And so we repeat that at some time in every man's life there is crucifixion of the lower self; and you will find it described in the book which is now going forth to the world as the Second Death (*Thy Kingdom Come*, subsequently re-issued as *The Return of Arthur Conon Doyle*). Always the crucifixion of the lower man: the crucifixion of self and the rendering up to God of all. 'Into Thy hands, O Father God, I commit my spirit', the words which the Master cried.

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O my children, the symbolism in that story of Calvary is too beautiful for words to describe; but search for yourselves and find the beauty in that story.

And He was taken from the cross, and His bones were not broken. His side was pierced with a sword; that is all. And those who loved Him took Him down from the cross. They laid Him with care and with great love in the Sepulchre, it was sealed and they went away. The next morning they hurried to the garden for they had much to do. The first to arrive at the garden was Mary, who loved Him. She was sore afraid because she found the stone rolled away and the body of her Master had gone! But there were two shining angel forms guarding the place.

You may have been told that according to psychic phenomena the explanation is perfectly simple. 'Jesus did not rise in the physical body. He presented Himself to the vision of Mary, and later to His disciples, as an arisen spirit or an etheric form.'

It is not so. Your Bible tells you that Jesus himself said, 'I am not spirit. I am flesh and blood'. Now He said that with special purpose. Psychical researchers will answer in this way. "The materialised form *does* have bones; it *does* have flesh and blood!"

We know that many experiments have been made and much has been discovered from psychic experiments, but I definitely maintain that the materialised forms which are produced in a séance room are indeed *not* the same as the body of Jesus which rose from the grave and walked abroad. Jesus, in His Mastership, had acquired the power of triumphing over death. He performed miracles. He changed water into wine – perfectly simple to the Mastermind who knows how to do it. He fed five thousand with loaves and fishes – perfectly simple to the Mastermind who knows how to do it. He raised the sick, He cast out demons and, finally, He raised a body from death.

You have many instances of that recorded in your Bible. Other explanations are given, I know, but the true explanation is this: the Master, the Christ, could command the universal creative forces and no man understands this until he is in touch with the Cosmic Consciousness and then these things become simple to him.

When the body was placed in the Sepulchre it rested, asleep. It was not dead. The powers by which Jesus had been able to resuscitate others were set working by His own consciousness. He drew to his body the universal power of healing and life and He became whole.

That same power was used to build your Great Pyramid and place stones in other great temples – some today will be discovered lying at the bed of the Atlantic Ocean and others in Egypt and Tibet. The same power carried the stones and laid them in position; that universal power of God.

Jesus the Christ, knowing these things, called all the power into being and the stone rolled away from the Sepulchre. There is *nothing* which can stay the power of God.

And Jesus the Christ walked forth. His physical body had certainly undergone a change. It had become etherealised, of a finer texture. He had quickened and heightened the vibrations of his body.

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Your psychical researchers cannot explain what happened to the body of Christ. Where was the physical body?

No, it was the physical body of Christ which had risen from the dead and which went forth to demonstrate to his disciples that those who know God's power can triumph over death. Truly, truly I say – *There is no death!* Death is a contradiction of the law. I tell you that when mankind has evolved to that degree of spiritual understanding where he mingles his life with God, the physical will not wither and die. The physical will be transmuted to a higher plane of consciousness.

Death is not! Death is sin and sin is death!

You say it is natural for things to grow and then to wither and die. No, it is transmutation which takes place, not death. The children of God will become so perfect and in such harmony with the laws of being, that the physical body will become finer and finer, and more beautiful, and simply be raised from the physical plane of consciousness onto the higher plane, and so on; so that transmutation will be so fine that the lower atoms will just fall away. The same takes place in the astral worlds and on the mental planes until man arrives at the celestial plane, which is the plane of God-consciousness, or the Cosmic Consciousness of Being.

Jesus went forth with His disciples. He had demonstrated to them his power over matter, over life and over death. Then He took His disciples up into the mountains and, as He sat talking to them, He told them that they must wait until the Holy Spirit came to them, until they too were baptised with the Holy Spirit. That is another aspect of the Deity, the Holy Spirit, which gives power and wisdom to men.

And as He stood talking to them, He raised His hands to bless them and He was enveloped in a cloud. Again, He was able to create, by His blending of consciousness with God's love. He created a cloud around Himself or rather around the disciples so they could not see him. He withdrew from their vision. He ascended into Heaven, it is true, but not up in the sky. Heaven is a state of consciousness; a condition of harmony, of perfectness.

And Jesus withdrew into Heaven.

But He went His way. He withdrew from the multitudes but he was not dead and he lived for many years after that, on your earth plane, in seclusion in what you call a monastery – still in touch but not *of* the people, for He was able to direct His rays of power and love to humanity. He directed the formation of the first early Christian Church. Today Masters are directing your work here on this plane in a similar way.

Get away from all sense of limitation; limitation of personality and the physical body. There is no death; all is one great life. You must get the idea of wholeness, of non-separation. Chaos reigns when separation creeps in. God is in all, and with all. Jesus became at one with all – with God. His triumph over death was the greatest manifestation of God's Love and Power through His Son, The Christ.

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What He did, all His children will do.

God bless you all, dear ones, every one of you.

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