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*Text*: three copies are in the Lodge archives, all in the by now familiar format recognisable as by MB. One is marked 'Draft' and has many editorial markings in pencil in YGH's hand. In the two copies not marked 'draft', these amendments have been incorporated. It is the clean, final script that has been typed. It should be noted that the words White Eagle actually spoke are better preserved by the 'Draft' copy; however, the amendments are only minor pieces of editorial tidying, the largest being the removal of a repeated phrase, so it seems useful to show, alongside the unedited scripts, one that is prepared by YGH as 'final'. Her amendments were not made to prepare it for publication, simply to create a 'good' copy of the talk. The address does not seem to have been printed at any time. There is no title on the typescript other than 'White Eagle's address ... Remembrance Sunday'; the title 'Love one another' has been created for the present project.

*Context*: November is the one month when the service at which White Eagle spoke was on the second Sunday of the month, and this year is no exception. The typist does not on this occasion mention an anthem, and refers to the reading simply as 'from the Christian Mysteries. Words spoken by White Eagle nearly twenty years ago'. The 'twenty years ago' somewhat suggests that an element of prophecy in White Eagle's words was seen by the typist, but there is no further indication what this was.

*General Notes*: seven years after the end of World War II, White Eagle 'changes the game' from the conventional Remembrance service in one of the churches, by thinking not just of those who died 'in service to their brother man' but those who cannot come to terms with their loss, indeed all the bereaved. In his remark about the one 'newly arrived' on the other side of life we may hear the comment of Arthur Conan Doyle, who was so helped by a concentration of light sent him by the Polaire Brethren – see ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE'S BOOK OF THE BEYOND, pp. •••• There is a very helpful set of words which, spoken by those on earth, White Eagle says, would really assist those newly arrived 'beyond'. He also addresses fear of the future. The whole address is an appeal for love among all people. White Eagle actually sums up his message: 'Love life. Love God. Seek to love your brother man. Do not give lip service, but action. Bring brotherhood into daily action in your own life and then there will certainly be no more war.' But it is also a really strong assertion that peace will only come when human hearts have found peace, and can radiate it. The first three paragraphs, although they begin discursively, are a kind of invocation; there is no communion at the end, but a time of silence instead, and it is preceded by a most profound and beautiful meditation or vision of the light on the mountaintops.

*References*: White Eagle repeats, yet again, his familiar line about those who have passed through great tribulation and whose garments are whiter than snow. Again, the first part alludes to Revelation 7 : 14 and the second either to the Gospel account of the Transfiguration or to Psalm 51 : 7. The phrase about the one who does not love his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen is not actually ascribed to Jesus in the Bible but to John, in his first Epistle (1 John 4 : 20). 'Resist ye not evil, but overcome evil with good' is Romans 12 : 21 - again, it is properly not Jesus speaking, but St Paul. We suspect White Eagle would speak of a 'ray of Jesus' which includes a substantial number of sayings which the Bible does not put into his mouth. White Eagle speaks of a time when death will have 'lost its sting' – this is an allusion to 1 Corinthians 15 : 55.

#### White Eagle's Address:

In many parts of the world services are being held in remembrance of a great sorrow which humanity underwent and is still undergoing. In these services reference is being made to those who laid down their lives in service to their brother man. In many hearts there is sorrow

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and regret. A deep pain and bitter pain for loss which can never be healed; a loss of companions, of very dear ones, very loved ones. There are many who cry out in their agony: 'There is no God, for God would not inflict this terrible pain upon us. There is no God or compassion. There is nothing beyond this dreary world of pain – and so let us make the most of our days, for they are numbered. Let us be merry and forget.' But there are others who do not think like this. They have to some extent awakened, and their spirit tells them that this earthly life cannot be the end, that there must be something beyond death, but they are still unable to say what lies beyond the grave. They live sorrowing and in fear of what the future holds for them. We think of all these sad suffering people today. We pray that there may go forth from this little gathering a light of the spirit which will reach the dark places of the earth and which will touch the hearts of mothers, sisters and wives and brothers who grieve for their dear ones. Oh, let us pray and let us send forth with all our strength the LIGHT ... the LIGHT of CHRIST....

Let us hold in our thoughts the glory of the spirit life; the glory of the Christ Presence. Let us hold fast to this truth, never wavering. It is so easy for you on earth to waver about this truth. You may even have had proof of an afterlife, but you pass through weak moments when you fear the future.

Dear children of earth, we who speak to you from spirit speak not from the intellect but from the great Heart of Love. We speak to you as spirit. We speak to you, dear children of earth, with all the love of Christ when we tell you that there is no death and that only a very thin veil divides you from those who have passed. They are still alive, just the same as when you knew them, only so much happier. You cannot see them. Though they have lost the physical body, they have a body which is quite as real and as solid as your physical body is to you. But they have seen and learnt in their spirit life that God is indeed a God of Love. They have one great hope for you and for the people that have been left on the earth plane, that their friends and families may be awakened to the realisation of the life of the spirit whilst here in a physical body.

Some people think that nothing can be done to help a soul after death. O dear ones, we would open your eyes to some of the beautiful things which we are continually seeing in our world of spirit when a beam of light, like a searchlight, comes to the newly-arrived on our side. They may be feeling a little strange and then there comes a beam of light, a warm golden ray of light. They are drawn very close to the spirit of a loved one and they know that their loved one is thinking of them with joy. Their loved one is saying to them: 'We know that you are alive and that you are happy. It is making us happy to know that you are happy. Go forward with your work, beloved, in your spirit life. We know that you have work to do.'

By such thoughts as these the earth people can do so much for their loved ones who have shed the physical body. We know that in the darkness it is very difficult for you not to be sorrowful and not to mourn at a loss of a loved one. But you must learn to become ever more aware of the life of that loved one in the spirit. You must not think of him or her as being separated from you, but your thoughts can reach them. The happier your thoughts are, the more loving and more contented, the happier your loved one will be.

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You may ask what happens if you are very miserable, mourning your loved one. Does he feel your unhappiness? Maybe, for a little while, he may be aware of your sorrow, but God is merciful and loving. And God draws a veil between him and the one on earth who is selfishly grieving so that he, in spirit, is protected from the selfish thoughts and the selfish grief. You could not grieve, dear children of earth, if you knew that your dear one was away in a beautiful country, in very lovely conditions. You could only rejoice. So, if you would help forward the spiritual evolution of your world, you will for ever more think thoughts of selflessness and goodwill and love for others.

Do not think because we say these things to you tonight that we are not intensely understanding of your grief, but grief cannot help anyone. Love, goodwill and the joyous spirit can be a blessing, not only to yourself but to the whole world.

Surrounding you at this very moment is a vast company of illumined souls of men and women who have passed to our side of life. They are drawn to you in this service because they know that here they can hold communion with you. They can get through to you. They can touch you and you know that they are with you. Behind the human company, the simple ones whom you love, there are greater souls, the leaders of humanity; men and women who have lived lives of loving service and personal sacrifice. Why have they done this for you? Because they have entered into communion with the great Christ Spirit and have learnt that life must be lived in love for their fellow creatures. Life must be lived in tune with the Infinite; in tune with God.

Human life must be, in every detail, an expression of the spirit of Christ within. Some people can rise to great deeds of self-sacrifice. It all happens in a moment. The world thinks of such a soul with great admiration. Such people are canonized by the Church. They earn the name of saint, and so they are saints because in their daily life they have lived in constant contact, in full consciousness with God and the great company of heaven. They have been canonized. They have been called saint. These are they who have passed through great tribulation and whose raiment is whiter than snow.

If your eyes were opened and you could see this company, oh, you would be so happy, so overwhelmed with the power and the light and the glory of their presence!

We thank God for such souls and, in doing so, we remember the millions of simple souls on your earth who may not be so far advanced as these greater saints but who nevertheless are saintlike in their simple human way. Oh, if all the world could look upon their brother man in this way and could see in the hearts of men that sweet human love! If only they could understand that deep in every living soul is the potential saint! The great ones in the heavens have that vision. They can see as the Master Jesus Christ demonstrated to you. He could see right into the heart and into the karma of those people whom He met and talked with. In so many instances, He was able to take upon Himself a certain karma which gave the soul of the one who had sinned an opportunity to wipe out that sin and to progress on the path of light.

O dear ones, your crying need is for vision; vision of the world of spirit and vision of the spirit within your own world. You need vision to see, as Jesus Christ saw, the truth in the

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hearts of your fellows – the truth behind the beauties of nature as well as the truth in the dumb animals with their pathetic trust in you, in man. For they look to their masters for companionship, for love, and the animal kingdom is so helped forward in its evolution by the love of mankind, even as all nature is helped forward in its evolution by the love of man. And man has to be helped forward in *his* evolution by his love for his brother man, for as man loves his brother man, so he is in communion with Christ and the Father–Mother.

What did Jesus say? If a man does not love his brother man whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

This, beloved children, is the message which we in the spirit life bring to you. Love life. Love God. Seek to love your brother man. Do not give lip service, but action. Bring brotherhood into daily action in your own life and then there will certainly be no more war.

Today man has a great desire for peace. He does not like the unpleasantness or the suffering of war. He says that he seeks peace! The only way that mankind will ever have peace is when man is peaceful in himself – when every man refuses to think ill of his brother man, refuses to speak ill of his brother man. Peace will not come by attacking anything which is not to man's liking. 'Resist not evil', said Jesus. 'Overcome evil with good.' Goodwill in man's heart, peace in man's heart, love in the heart for life and all God's creation; this will bring peace on earth.

If you think you have a formidable enemy, you can only protect yourself from that enemy by the power of love. Put into operation the law of Christ, God's law. Help your fellow man to put into operation this law of love, and you will very soon see the cessation of antagonism and war; the cessation of all misunderstanding. You will see, growing up as the green grass grows after a fire has parched the earth, the green grass and the corn coming up from the barren earth, the light of the love of God springing up in men's hearts. Everywhere human life will become sweet and true. There will be harmony in the homes, harmony in the public life, harmony through all the kingdoms of life and, above all, the blessed vision of the world of spirit ever before man. Then death will indeed have lost its sting and there will be no victim at the grave.

O dear ones, see the vision of the mountains capped with golden light. Upon the mountainside is the cross of light, the symbol of man's attainment to spiritual realisation; the overcoming of the lower nature and an opening of the vision of the Christ nature. Behind the cross, behind the mountains there rises the golden star, the blazing star of the cosmic Christ.

Beloved children, at this moment let all be silent in memory of all loved ones. Humbly give thanks to the Creator for the vision glorious which is now opening before your vision; giving thanks for this at-one-ment of spirit, this brotherhood of spirit, of the power of Christ which will enable every one of you to go forth rejoicing and thanking the Infinite Spirit for every blessing which is sent to man. Amen.

O Lord, we thank Thee.

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