

White Eagle's Anniversary

A214 Sunday Address 5th March 1950 St Mary Abbots Place, London 14th
Anniversary service

The text of this address is as issued in the magazine Angelus after it was given, apart from correction of errors

Text: from *Angelus*, March 1951, where it carries the date '5th March, 1950'

Context: in 1949 the anniversary of the Lodge was celebrated for the first time on the first Sunday in March rather than the Sunday closest to the actual date, 22nd February. This service a year later continues that practice. There is no clue as to the readings or music, but there is a benediction at the end.

General Notes: there is a nice description, at the beginning, of how earthly service appears to those in spirit. In general, this address is a moving appeal for the recognition and establishment of spiritual values and prioritising them over the earthly, coupled with a request for an ever-burning lamp. There are optimistic views of scientists coming to recognise spiritual things, which may be thought premature; however, the whole question of consciousness forms a very major debate among scientists at the moment. There is a very beautiful description of Christ as the Sun, the spiritual Sun, and of the so-called 'Christ sphere'.

References: the commandment, 'Love one another', from John 13 : 34 (and John 15 : 12), is one White Eagle constantly reiterates. White Eagle makes an oblique reference to Proverbs 19 : 18, 'Where there is no vision the people perish'. 'Through a glass darkly' is from the familiar passage of St Paul in 1 Corinthians 13 (actually verse 12).

White Eagle's Address:

The company of angels and White Brethren present on this anniversary bring to you an increased light and the blessing of their love. They joy in the service which has been given so faithfully and so sincerely to great numbers of people. You workers see only a minor portion of the work which is being done in your community. For here you labour; you send out your healing power; you endeavour to comfort the sorrowing and the bereaved; you strive to open the vision of those who dwell in darkness, and so are unable to see the wisdom of God's ways with His children on earth. All the while you see as in a glass darkly. Those of us who live in a higher world than the physical can see the effects of your loving service to mankind more clearly. We are also mindful of the fact, dear children, that were you not cooperating with the world of spirit, were you not opening your hearts to our presence and guidance, we should be very limited in our power to help you and humanity. This is indeed of the outer world; for if the earthly mind closes itself to all spiritual influences and to the power of God working behind the veil, that power of God would be reduced; as when men and women refuse to believe in or refuse to draw close to that invisible sacred influence.

For some people continually allow their earthly mind to sway their daily life, and so do not receive the subtle and sweet influence of the spiritual life. They close their hearts against love and have neither faith nor belief in the world of spirit, nor in their Creator. But in time a wiser common sense sometimes knocks on the door of that closed mind and proves, or at least interests, its owner in a more fundamental basis of life.

Science also is beginning to fall into step with spiritual law, the result being that science is beginning to discover a something which we will call the 'unknown quantity' in life.

White Eagle's Anniversary

A214 Sunday Address 5th March 1950 St Mary Abbots Place, London 14th
Anniversary service

Somewhat farther along the road the seeking scientist will come to a gate which will lead him into a more spiritual universe. Even when this happens there will be men and women who are unable to follow, or to believe what science has discovered, because comprehension of the invisible life depends upon the degree of evolution of their spirit; or upon the development of the heart centre within their being.

The Lord Jesus Christ ever taught his followers the way of truth, by emphasising the absolute necessity for man to *love* his brother man. 'Love one another' was his commandment.

In this connection we want to draw your attention to a vital truth. Any religious organisation or indeed any group which comes together to worship God and to serve mankind must maintain within its centre an ever-burning light. Already certain groups and societies on your earth, we believe, have adopted this symbol – which is, of course, only a material representation of an invisible truth. The true light is that of love. When this light goes out in any community, in any church, the people enter into darkness. When people are plunged into darkness they become confused – so chaos reigns and their work slowly but surely disintegrates. You can see this truth demonstrated throughout all human life. When the light goes out, chaos, discord, war arises – it does not matter whether in a family or in a church, or in any other assembly of people or in a nation or in a world – once the illumination goes, where there is no spiritual vision the people must perish. Thus it becomes more important than any work or activity on the outer plane for the light within the society, group or community to be kept burning brightly.

This light, as you all know, is the Sun of life, and the Sun of life is love. The Lord Jesus taught his followers to love. He spoke both as the Son of God and also as the Light of God, the Sun of life. Without the sun above there would be no physical life on earth. Behind the physical sun is a spiritual sun – its counterpart, but infinitely brighter and more glorious. This invisible sun contains the essence of the light and life of humanity. The Christ spirit, the cosmic Christ, is another word for the invisible force, that light behind the sun. When your heart centre is developed by love and kindness towards your fellow creatures, it commences to grow and to expand, and can be seen by those possessing a clear vision as a light like a sun in the centre of your breast. This light within can only be developed by loving service and sincerity, purity and goodness to your fellows; only by your human contacts, your human relationships and your constant devotion to the Infinite Spirit. Love God and the light within brightens and expands. By this light, miracles are wrought, healings are performed; the beauty of life is revealed. Development of this sun within your own being enables you to develop what is loosely called clairvoyance, clear vision. Clear vision means an inward knowing. When you have clear vision or clairvoyance you know the truth, the love in your brother man. You comprehend the soul-need of your brother or sister. If you have not the inner light developed, you remain deaf and blind to your brother's need and unresponsive to the truth in your brother's heart. Clear vision, true vision is this inward knowing, inward recognition of truth not only in humanity, but in the teachings of all the scriptures. You see clearly. You go right to the mark. You are direct in all your dealings, but you are also aware of any hurt which your brother might feel, so are careful and tender in thought and speech and action.

White Eagle's Anniversary

A214 Sunday Address 5th March 1950 St Mary Abbots Place, London 14th
Anniversary service

Beloved children, we come back again to our original theme. In any work such as this, love in the heart of the Lodge is far more important than crowds of people coming in at the door – far more important than any more tangible results of your work; because if you concentrate upon the right relationship one to the other, you are bound to concentrate the light and the power in this Lodge; which light and power goes forth and is unlimited in its action, in its service to mankind.

It is usual for men and women to go to a place of worship in order to get something. Of this they are unconscious. They think they go to worship God. This they mean to do. Another motive is that they may obtain some benefit, that they may receive something for themselves. We would say to you that your motive for coming to a place of worship like this must be to serve God and humanity. Some people do not go to church. They say they can worship God far better away on the hilltop or in the country. It is true; as a unit they can in the silence and beauty of nature receive contact with and realise the infinite power of God. But if they would only come into a church and meet their brother man they are contacting a greater light. For a church should be like concentrating a hundred, a thousand, ten thousand lighted candles into one place and sending out a great ray as does the sun. The sun above is peopled by lords of great light, such as you cannot comprehend, for they have bodies of light, of fire, forms of great beauty. Some of you are able to receive light and power from this Christ circle in the heavens. Others, cloaked and hooded by earthliness, cannot see through the surrounding darkness. Work consistently and persistently to obey the law of light, which is love, and you will increase your sun within your breast. Then rays of light will penetrate your darkness and you will see through into the world of light. The veil of the temple which was torn down at the crucifixion of Jesus will be torn down for you and you will see the blazing light of heaven. The reason why the world appeared to be enveloped in darkness when Jesus was crucified was because there was such a great light released in the heavens that people on earth by contrast thought they were in darkness.

So, beloved ones, on this your fourteenth Anniversary the heavenly light descends upon you and you are blessed, recharged with power and with spiritual truth. You go forth into the outer world to your various forms of service. Take with you an increase of power to help mankind, and still greater help can be given through you when you continually contact that heavenly company, composed of beings who have passed through great tribulation and who have suffered even as you suffer, but who have worked through suffering into the world of infinite glory, infinite light. They too have learnt that secret, which is love, which is harmony, which is truth.

Seek ye this light and the truth and you shall be free from limitation and darkness. Also hold fast to your centre and truth here in the Lodge. When you come to a service, come to serve. Maybe many of you do not realise the importance of your continual presence here, of your constant support to those brothers who keep the Lodge open and continue the work. Were it not for this centre maybe you yourself would not have found the comfort, joy companionship and healing which has come as the result of your relationship with this Lodge, and with those

White Eagle's Anniversary

A214 Sunday Address 5th March 1950 St Mary Abbots Place, London 14th
Anniversary service

who worship and serve here. Will you please all remember this; and remember how dearly the world of spirit loves you and looks to you for the continuance, the progress of its work?

So, as we leave you, we pray that your vision may be opened; that you may see the glorious company shining ones, those whom you love, who live and work in a world of light. The blessing of this heavenly company is now with you; and beyond this company shines the eternal Light of God, Source of All.

* * *

O God, may these our beloved children receive into their hearts Thy blessing. May they have increased understanding of Thy love, that will enable them to live their daily life to the glory of Thy Holiness, Thy Holy Name. May Thy peace be felt by them now and remain with them henceforth. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The search matches with either words and phrases, which appear in the text, or the following 'key' words and phrases, which are similar in meaning to those in the document:

science, spiritual values, spiritual sun, relationships of members, the importance of gathering, magnifying the light, vital truth, eternal light