

The Building of Solomon's Temple

A238 Sunday Address 23rd March 1952 St Mary Abbots Place, London Sixteenth Anniversary Service

Text: blue carbon typescript by MB, marked draft' and for the first time listing not only the readings but the anthem. There are a number of markings, pre-publication; it was printed in *Stella Polaris* in the August of the year it was given, but in a slightly reduced version. The typescript gives the title simply as 'White Eagle's Anniversary Address'; it has been changed to 'The Building of Solomon's Temple' for the current project in order to distinguish it from other anniversary addresses. For the sake of sense, the conjunction 'and' has been removed here from the sentence 'And they taught the people the meaning of the building of the temple and in the life lived', in the paragraph beginning 'Now, in the ages past'.

Context: sixteenth anniversary of the Lodge. According to the typescript, the readings were Chronicles 22 : 1-19 and Psalm 118 : 19-23. White Eagle himself explains that the first reading is about the building of the Temple of Solomon. The Psalm begins with the words 'Open for me the gates of the righteous' and includes the well-known phrase, 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone' (verse 22), which White Eagle quotes near the end of the address. The choir rendered the anthem, 'Thou hast a work for me to do. O Lord, show it to me', to words by W. R. Matthews and (almost certainly) music by R. Walker Robson. The anthem dates from 1936. The thanks to the little Sister who helped the Choir prepare may have been due to YGH, or to another person, unknown.

General Notes: after thanks, there is a lovely embrace of those present in the words 'This is the core of our work with you, this family spirit. We would have you all regard the Lodge as a home'. That same spirit continues a little later, in the paragraph, 'Brotherhood, remember, is of the spirit. Brotherhood is a harmonising of thought and work and ideals. And this is the foundation of the building of the temple.' Later we learn of the significance of gold in building. This is an immensely powerful address.

References: it scarcely need be said that the story of the building of the Temple is centred in the chapter from the Book of Chronicles from which the reading was taken. 'Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God' is Mark 12 : 30 and Matthew 22 : 37-40. The anthem title is somewhat misquoted by White Eagle around two thirds of the way through the address. The familiar injunction of Jesus, 'Love one another', is from John 13 : 34. For 'the cornerstone which the builders rejected' see above, 'Context'.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren of the earth life, we come to rejoice with you on this anniversary of the establishment of the work of this Lodge upon the earth plane.

We pause, because we see the great encircling host of spirit people who are here on this occasion.

We, from the spirit life, would like to thank every soul connected with this work for their co-operation, for all the help that they have given to us, because without your help and your willingness to work with us we should be unable to work so effectively with you upon the earth plane.

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At this moment, we would like to thank our Choir for the beautiful rendering of the anthem and thank our little Sister who has so kindly helped the Choir to prepare for this anniversary service.

You see, dear children, we speak to you as a large family. This is the core of our work with you, this family spirit. We would have you all regard the Lodge as a home, a place of lodgement, a place where brethren gather together in spirit to work for the common cause of brotherhood and the enlightenment and the beautification of life on the earth plane.

We have listened to a reading guided by the spirit brethren. A reading which gives to you a description of the building of the temple of SOL-O-MON – Solomon, the temple of Solomon. Now we have chosen this reading because it is applicable to the work upon which you are all engaged. We would like, on this anniversary, to explain to you, if we can, exactly what you are all doing in this spiritual service on earth. You are building a temple of Solomon. You are building it collectively, but most of all you are building it individually. We want to help you to comprehend this important fact which is now taking place in your life.

Now many of you here understand that the work here was established on the earth not by the will of man but by the Will of the Spirit. Such a work as this is not established in a day. It takes a long time in preparation before a commencement can be made on the actual structure. You may be surprised, or not, when we tell you that many of the workers in this Lodge and the friends of this Lodge have been preparing themselves for the work for a long time, as you count time. In past incarnations this work was being done. You come back to this present life and, as if by magic, the magic of the Great White Light, you are drawn together from all parts of the earth, and you are linked up from slender threads, similar to the threads of a spider's web. You are linked, not only to the souls incarnate, but also to the great company who are discarnate. By these gossamer threads you are all linked in one grand company of brotherhood.

Brotherhood, remember, is of the spirit. Brotherhood is a harmonising of thought and work and ideals. This is the foundation of the building of the temple.

Now, in the story of the building of Solomon's Temple, we would explain to you that the word 'Solomon', esoterically interpreted, means the Son of the Great White Spirit: the Son, the Sun, AUM; the universal majesty of the Creator. Sol is the sun, the son of God, if you like; the spiritual sun. It is the power. It is the spiritual power behind the building of life, the building of the temple, any temple on earth, but it applies most of all to a spiritual structure and even more so does it apply to the individual life – the structure, the building of man's own temple. This does not mean only the temple in the heavens which you call the soul, but it means the temple of the physical body; because as the sun, the spiritual sun or, if you like to call it, the Christ spirit, is playing upon and through that physical temple, through that physical life, so the body becomes perfected under the influence and the direction of the great spiritual sun, or the Cosmic Christ; the Son of the Great AUM.

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Now in the ages past the building of the sun temple was much more understood than it is in your more material life today. For, in the ages past, there were those souls who had evolved to a much greater degree of spirituality. There were those souls who were coming down the cycle of life to help the younger souls who were coming up. Consequently the life on earth in ages past was of a much more ethereal nature – a much more spiritual nature – because it was under the direction of what you understand as the Great White Brotherhood – initiates – adepts of spiritual life. And they taught the people the meaning of the building of the temple in the life lived. On the continent of Atlantis, the spiritual temple was erected and the Great Sun God or the Son of God was worshipped – and the magic, the white magic, the pure white magic of that Son of God was practised by the people. Consequently the life on earth in those days was very much more beautiful and harmonious than it is in your more material age. In those days the pure metal, gold, was brought into the decorative schemes. The gold was not commercialised as it is in your day. It was a pure metal, the sun metal, and it had no other value than the value placed on it by the Initiates. It was, to all intents and purposes, a spiritual substance. It was used in great quantities to decorate and beautify the Sun Temples, because it was the metal of the sun.

Now, unfortunately, owing to the greed and the ignorance of man on the earth plane, that beautiful metal of gold has been brought down into the dust of the earth. We mean by this that gold, instead of being used as a symbol of worship and adoration to the Creator, is used by man for very unworthy objects. And we would say in passing that, as a soul evolves on the path of spiritual evolution, one of the most important lessons that has to be learnt is the right use of gold – so that gold is once again a blessing to humanity instead of a curse that man has made it because of the low nature, the nature of the earth which is greedy and which desires possessions for itself. But when the spirit of Christ comes again fully through man, he will not desire selfish possession, but will desire only to give and give and give freely from his heart, knowing that that is the way of life. That is the law of God. And as man gives freely, only thinking of the good of others, so he will receive freely – because he cannot give freely without that giving returning in the circle of love, which is the law of life.

Man has to learn this upon the earth, but he is learning. He is learning the painful way. Some may be learning the joyous way. Remember that man chooses the way of pain and suffering because he gives way to the earth nature. But, if he can follow the teachings of the Lord Christ, which are simply: 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and soul and mind, and thy brother as thyself', then man, when he obeys this law, is putting into operation a great spiritual law and will bring to himself the fulfilment of the sun life.

In the story of the building of the temple you will have noticed reference was made to the workers who were building the temple. And there were some who brought the iron; and iron, of course, is the symbol of very material things. Iron is seen in meditation, for instance; a door of iron or an iron gate. It always means there is a little barrier of the material nature in the man that has to be opened before he can proceed into the world of light, truth and beauty.

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But these workers in the Temple, they all brought certain materials for its building. In this story we see the contribution which the great family here can make to the building of the temple, and it is not only material things. It is not only iron which is needed. The qualities of the character – quality of the soul – are needed in the workers, to enable the building of the Temple of the Sun, of the Great White Light, to proceed; the qualities spiritual, qualities human – qualities which you must all bring, if you wish this Temple of the Sun to continue in its building on earth. It is a great work. You have been listening to an anthem; ‘God has work for me to do, show me that work’. O my children, we come back to you from our world of spirit, and we use this human instrument to speak to you to help you to understand the work which God has for you to do.

Now this work is a life of simple kindness, true thought, purity of life and motive. It is so simple. And, in the words of the Lord and Master Jesus Christ, ‘Love one another’. We know that these things may seem to you to be platitudes, but only because man does not take sufficient notice of these simple truths, striving to order his life, or her life, so that he is living truth, so that his life is hitting the mark, the central point within the circle. That central point within the circle is the innermost within man's being. It is his conscience, the symbol of the sun: the ancient symbol of the sun, not your modern symbol. The ancient symbol is the dot within the circle. Many of you know it as the astrological sign [of] the Sun. There you have it, the sign given to you by the Initiates, the Adepts, the Masters – call them what you will – but teachers of the human race who have manifested through a human being. According to the needs of humanity they have manifested and talked to the people in a language which they could understand in their own particular race and time. God has never left man without a witness. Always, always He has sent a messenger to the earth to help man to understand the purpose of his life on earth.

And as man seeks beneath the intellect and seeks deep within the human heart, striving to understand the needs of brother man and the heart of his brother, so man will find the truth; so he will find the Son of God. Seek not outwardly only, but inwardly seek the pointer. Do remember this, my children: that there is a mind on earth which is arrogant. There is the mind of the gentle spirit which is humble and loving. For it is the mind of Christ, the Son. That is a most important point for you to remember. Humility and love, and you are on the mark; arrogance and pride, and you are very far away from the mark. ‘The cornerstone which the builders rejected’: that is the Christ spirit and the Christ life. And the builders of matter, the builders of earthly things, rejected the corner stone. How can the Temple stand if the cornerstone is rejected? In this Lodge we remind all friends and brothers of this truth. Do not reject the cornerstone in your building. Let the spirit of Christ be built into it and it will stand secure. It will send out those rays of the Sun, the spiritual sun, which it is intended to do.

We were speaking at the beginning of our talk, and we come right back again to the beginning. We were speaking of the inception of this Lodge, of its birth, so that it could be seen and it could become a material, earthly temple. And this Lodge was brought into being not by the will of man, but by the Will of God, and by the brethren behind the veil of matter.

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And so long as all who are concerned with this work keep themselves attuned to that brotherhood behind the scenes of earthly activity, they can be sure that the work will continue to be good and it will continue to help humanity.

And from behind the scenes come countless workers, unseen and unknown to many of you, but the company of the ancient ones and of White Brothers. Some are known to you, others are not. They are all with you, and they will help you in your work; wherever you, whoever you, if you are attuned to the Brotherhood of the Christ light you will be used as a channel on your earth plane for the building of a sun temple.

Each one of you, each one here is the temple of the living Christ. Be ye holy, healthy. Be ye perfect according to your understanding of life. Strive upward, dear brethren. Do not look back, look forward into the Sun – and never doubt the power of the Christ light, the power of the Christ spirit and of the great company of the Christ circle, to help you. For we are all so happy and thankful when we see a brother or sister good and true, who can be a channel for the light of the Sun to shine through the mists and darkness of the earthly life.

Oh we pray to the Father, Mother and Son for the blessing to be upon the work here on earth so that the spiritual evolution of humanity may proceed without setback – that man may come into the full glory of the happiness of life which is God's birthright to every one of His children, whatever their class, colour or creed. May God hear our prayer and our deep thankfulness for the help we can both give and receive in our spiritual evolution.

God be with you *all, dear* brothers and sisters. Goodnight.

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