

The Higher Consciousness

A430 Sunday Address 30th May 1971 New Lands Whit Sunday service

Text: a good dark carbon on foolscap paper, although it would appear that the top copy was on quarto paper as the bottom of the sheet is not used. No typed heading – a side note with the location and date added later, and in YGH's hand, all capitals, reads 'An Address given by White Eagle on Whit Sunday 1971.' Extensive editing marks in the text, also in her hand, suggest it was prepared for *Stella Polaris*, where it was indeed published, in the June 1972 edition, with the heading 'Arise – into the World of Light'. The title 'The Higher Consciousness' is new for this project. YGH seems to have struggled with this address, for if we assume the basic typescript to be original, there is a mass of emendation on it altering the whole sequence of the address, and yet the emendations do not coincide with the printed version. The typist may have been AMI, but it is not a match with her familiar style.

Context: Whitsun indeed fell on 30 May in 1971, and the Christ Moon, which White Eagle mentions later in the teaching, fell on 9 June. As usual with a New Lands address no information about the rest of the service is given. There is an indication the reading was related to the Whitsun story, but actually about 'the messengers from heaven coming and demonstrating to the people of Earth that they could receive communication from the spirit world'. This is not quite the sense of Acts 2, which is our usual source for the Whitsun story. It sounds more like the Aquarian Gospel, but chapters 181-2 of that document yield no better source for the particular thought. It is clear though that either Acts or the Aquarian Gospel was the reading for the day; maybe White Eagle is implying a further meaning behind Acts 2.

General notes: a longer-than-usual for New Lands, and rather deep, teaching. The first direction the address takes is towards the Comforter, as appropriate for Whitsun, and the gift to the disciples of the Holy Spirit. White Eagle almost seems to compare his own mission to Lodge brethren with bringing the Comforter to earth. There are helpful words about the youthful need of the soul for selfishness. But there is a moment for each soul rather like Resurrection or Ascension, when it awakens. In this awakening the brethren of the Lodge are pioneers, leading humanity towards the new Jerusalem. White Eagle makes the Promised Land a symbol for spiritual awakening. Meditation is a great tool to use, but so are the simple precepts of Jesus. In a key passage, White Eagle speaks of a 'new religion' to come, and likens the destination of humanity to the New Jerusalem of Revelation. There is a substantial section about the 'luminosity' of everything in the higher world – to which every soul will attain after death. Finally, there is a section awakening the congregation into readiness for the extraordinary power of the Christ love which pours into the human world at the time of the full moon in Gemini, the Christ moon. Unexpectedly, there is a plea for kindness to animals at the end. There is a detailed and lovely communion.

References: for 'the Comforter', see John 14, and for the 'new Jerusalem' see Revelation, especially chapter 21. The phrase 'land of milk and honey' is used continually for the Promised Land in the Old Testament – there are up to a hundred such references there. Injunctions of Jesus such as 'Do good to those who despitefully use you' are to be found in the Sermon on the Mount, and its beginning, the Beatitudes: see Matthew 5. For the special message about the disciples at Pentecost see 'Context', above.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren of the earth life, we speak to you from spirit, from our world of spirit, and would bring to you a message of inspiration and joy. We would gather you together as a brotherhood of life – because, my children, we in the spirit, we of the company of the White Brotherhood in the heavens, come with love to help you; to help you to unfold that inner power of your own spirit which is, in truth, the Comforter. It is the spirit of truth which God has placed in the heart of every man, and our sole purpose in leaving our heaven world to come into your midst is to bring you light, to bring you comfort and knowledge of the world

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of the spirit, which is so very close to the Earth. But, my children, in order for man to touch the world of spirit and to realise its glory, its love, man must lay aside all the lower thoughts of the earth. Man in a physical body is held down by all the attributes of earthiness, and he is surrounded by materialism, by the weakness of the human nature.

The human nature is naturally one of selfishness. Every man instinctively works and thinks for himself. Now this is not a bad thing; nothing is bad, really, my children, when you understand that man is the creation of God, the Great White Spirit; and these instincts of the body have their purpose. They have had their purpose particularly in the early days of man's incarnation; but the time has now come for man to throw off the graveclothes of earth, just as the insects, the little dragonfly, the little grub, emerges from the lower form of life and spreads its beautiful wings in the sunshine – and rises from its earth environment and bondage into a world of beauty and sunlight. And it is exactly what man does when he is ready.

As we were saying to you, when humanity has reached a certain point on the path of spiritual evolution, then he will be given the opportunity to free himself from the bondage of materialism. When we speak of materialism, we do not mean the responsibilities of the earthly life, because all men, all people, have a duty to that life on the physical plane, or they would not be in a physical body. Nevertheless, there is a time when man becomes quickened by the power of the spirit, deep, deep within his own consciousness; and when that time comes, it is like the time of resurrection and ascension. These mystical truths are enfolded, are clothed, in certain symbols and in the life of Jesus the Christ. In all his life you will see – when you have inner vision and understanding – you will see all the steps which every soul must take on the path of spiritual evolution.

And at the present time for you in this world, this physical world, this physical truth, you are being given help from the heaven world, the help which everyone needs, to rise, to be alive, having passed through the conflict of the physical life. Because, my children, you will all agree with us that in the physical world life is not easy. We know this, but we are in a position to tell you, to reassure you, that as you move forward, keeping your vision upon the higher world and upon the Great White Spirit, the Lord God, the Lord Christ, your Creator, you will loosen these bonds of earth which bind you to Earth; and as you unfold these spiritual potentialities by your own aspiration and determination, so you will free yourselves from the limitations of Earth. We mean by this that you will be able to touch that higher level of consciousness in which you will see the beauty, the loveliness of spirit existence, of spirit life.

We come to you today, on this very special occasion, to bring you this message of reassurance and hope. You see, my children, it is no miracle which is going to happen to you – but on the other hand, it *is* a miracle; because it is something which will take place in the soul of man, in the soul of every man, this unfoldment of spiritual potentialities. And by this method God has led his children through the wilderness, and will lead you on to the Promised Land, Children of Earth.

We can speak with authority of that Promised Land, because we come from it, and we bring to you tidings of your own loved ones who have passed away from the conflict of the physical life and have been led into that promised land. But do understand that man has had

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already a long journey in his life – much longer than you know today in your present physical body. The spirit of man was born of God, was born as a babe, a child; and the spirit of man has been growing as a babe grows, and for this particular age upon which you have entered, the age of Aquarius, all men are entering the age of brotherhood of the spirit. You are pioneers at the present time, you people here in this Lodge; you are pioneers of that new age of the spirit, for the old is crumbling and passing away, and there comes to mankind a new age, which means a new religion; and the new religion is the result, is born of the teachings of the Lord Jesus, the Christ. If you study his Gospels, the four Gospels, and especially the Gospel of John the Beloved, you will read in the words a description of man's own unfoldment of divine intelligence, of divine gifts.

You will read the description of a new Jerusalem. What is the new Jerusalem? What is meant by the new Jerusalem? It means a state of spiritualisation, a state of happiness and joy, which is the result of effort, of man's effort, whilst in the lower stages of his development. Effort and growth, aspiration, and all these things are summed up in the one word, living for your fellow men and your fellow creatures. On this White Sunday (you call it Whit Sunday), an anniversary of the day when the Lord Jesus the Christ promised his disciples that he would come and help them, and he proved his words on that day of Pentecost when the company of the White Brotherhood in spirit came to the men in Jerusalem and spoke to their companions about this world of spirit to which they had ascended. And today, my children, my dear, dear brethren, the company of the White Brotherhood comes to you again on this wonderful day to communicate with you and to explain to you that the universe is a very wonderful and beautiful place, and that man's place in the universe is eternal.

Now this should not make you feel weary. If you are a little tired in your physical body, think of the spirit and the immensity of the world of spirit, the glory, the beauty of the world of spirit, and you will feel light and gay and happy, and your heart will feel full of worship. Aye, my children, even if your body is tired and sick, the spirit will overcome the flesh. The spirit will overcome the flesh, and this is what is happening to you today. You may have had to suffer physically, mentally or emotionally, but that divine spirit which God has placed in you is, with the help of the White Brotherhood in spirit and the great masters of all time, is rising and overcoming the darkness of the conflict on the earth plane. Never give up, my dear ones, never give up. Always keep on keeping on, aspiring towards that Promised Land.

Now the Promised Land is a state of consciousness which you will eventually reach. The promised land, you are told in your Christian Bible, is a land flowing with milk and honey. These were the words used in those days – but it means, of course, flowing with all the sustenance that you need for both your physical and your spiritual life. And you see, when you practise this gift of meditation and communion with the Great Ones, the heavenly Ones, you will have your vision cleared. All the mists of earth will pass away, and you will understand the meaning of the teaching of Jesus. He said, 'Do as I tell you: act from the spirit of truth, which is love'. Do good to those who spitefully use you. Ignore all that is evil and ignorant, and only see, even in the ignorant see – cultivate your own inner vision and see the little light which is there in the soul of your brother man; and do what you can by your own actions and your own love to comfort that little light, to protect it and to help it to grow into a blazing Star of light.

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This is the philosophy of the Ancient Ones. This is the philosophy of the new age of the brotherhood of spirit. And whereas in the past age of Pisces man lived, was taught to live, by faith and by trust in God, his emotions were stimulated and appealed to, but not always his mind balanced his emotions. But in this day of Aquarius it is the developed and the trained mind of man, the higher mind, the mind, we were going to say, of God, which will be the instrument of that pure spirit of the Son of God, the Christ Spirit. And as we were saying to you, when you have learned through meditation, prayer and aspiration to hold that inner communion with that heaven world, you will be able to see the luminosity of that world, the beauty of it. Oh, how can we describe it to you, when you haven't the eyes to see it? But we can only hint [at] these things to you.

When you see into the world beyond, into our world of spirit, you will see that all forms are luminous. They all look as though they have their own light within them, so that nature, the very trees, instead of looking just solid, they will look as though they have a light inside them. And all nature looks like this, and all the people look like this. This is how you tell the difference, when you are seeing with clear vision or clairvoyance; this is how you tell the difference between a thought form, an etheric form, and the true spirit. The true spirit is illumined, it is radiating light. There is no doubt, then, when you see that luminosity radiating from the form of the White Brother, you will know that you are seeing with pure clairvoyance, pure and clear vision; and the world of spirit is beautiful – and to this world every created thing in time passes.

You will *all* live in that world of light, of luminosity, and to put it into the words of a very simple man who passed on into our world of spirit: he wanted to comfort his wife, and to tell his wife about the new life he was in, and she said to him, 'Well, what is it like? What is your body like? What are your clothes like?' And his reply was, 'My dear, my body is all light and I am clothed with light'.

Now, you imagine what that means; imagine seeing the company of brethren in the spirit, seeing your own beloved parents or family in the spirit – and you will see them illumined, all light, looking so happy and so beautiful, because they have been removed from the mists and the darkness and heaviness of physical matter? And a question pops up in someone's mind, 'How do you know this, what proof have you?' My dear ones, your own physical scientists, your physicists are already discovering the truth that we are telling you today, and it won't be so very long in your world when this revelation of the spirit world will become natural and common knowledge. But you and we are the pioneers and the helpers behind the scenes of Earth, to bring through into full consciousness in man's higher mind the truth of life, of spirit. This is coming, we assure you.

And what you heard, in reading of the Whit Sunday, of Whitsuntide, about the messengers from heaven coming and demonstrating to the people of Earth that they could receive communication from the spirit world, is coming now.

And now our last words to you, which are the gravest of all, and we want you to pay great attention to what we are saying to you now. You are approaching that time, in a very few days, when the moon will become full; and at the time of the full moon the Christ Spirit becomes full of power. You on earth who are ready to receive can be filled, filled, filled with

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the power of the Lord Christ, which means the Christ love will fill your whole being. If you open yourself and say, 'Here am I, Lord. Come, come, use me according to Thy will, to overcome the darkness of earth. Use me as Thy servant according to Thy wisdom and Thy will to bring peace on earth, to alleviate the suffering of mankind, to raise men up, both in body and soul and spirit.' And to give to man the understanding of respect for his fellow creatures, his desire for justice and brotherhood amongst men. You don't need to struggle for yourselves for these gifts, dear brethren of Earth; you only have to follow the example and the teaching of the Great Master, Lord Jesus Christ, who came to mankind in humility, following his craft.

Now you must all follow your own craft in humility, and work out exactly, with precision, your actions, your speech, and become as perfect a craftsman as your Lord Jesus Christ. Then the whole world, my children, will become illumined, will become alight with the power and the joy and the happiness of the spirit! The brotherhood of man will be established. Kindness to animals and all living things will be established. There will be co-operation between man and all the kingdoms of the earth – the animal kingdom, the nature kingdom and the human kingdom. All nature will unite and become harmonious in the light of God, its Creator.

And the Lord Christ in human form is now before you, is in your midst. Lay aside all doubts and criticism, and as he told you, become simple and humble as a little child, and see Him before you. Such a beautiful figure, face shining with love, offering you the symbols of bread and wine, the bread being the symbol of Christ's cosmic body, the symbol really of all creation, of which you are a part. Take the bread, put it on your tongue, silently absorb this gift of the spirit. And he holds to your lips the Grail cup of wine, the symbol of his spirit – of his love, the Cosmic love. Sip, beloved child, sip the wine, the divine essence, which brings you to life, spiritual life, life eternal. And as the moon waxes in the heavens, so this light and love will increase, and you will be raised up from darkness and death to life, to the glory of life in your higher consciousness, in the God consciousness within you, and towards which all men are striving.

And may the peace of the Great White Spirit bless you and remain in your heart for evermore, beloved brethren, beloved brethren of the Earth.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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