

Temple of Truth and Light

A418 Sunday Address 18th January 1970 New Lands, Liss New Year reopening service

Text: a photostat-type copy of a typescript marked 'Only Copy!'. The heading, 'White Eagle's address Sunday 18th Jan 1970 – New Lands' is in YGH's handwriting. The title, 'Temple of Truth and Light' was given it on publication just after the address was given, in the April-May 1970 *Stella Polaris*. We have altered 'the humanity will be vegetarians to 'that humanity will be vegetarians' later in the address.

Context: as is usual with New Lands addresses of the period, there is no reference to any part of the service but the address, and nowhere in the address does White Eagle give any hints either. This is quite an intimate talk, and a novelty to be having the new year reopening service at New Lands. White Eagle estimates that most of his congregation were members of the Brotherhood of the Lodge. The move of the new year service to New Lands was doubtless done in the light of the Temple being built, and an increased focus in the country, but it would also have been a relief to Minesta not to have to travel so frequently to London. There is no communion in the typescript.

General notes: the opening of this address in an exhortation to live in the light at all times, and offers a vision of a planet which is itself full of light, not the famous 'dark planet'. It's a reminder that the more we grow in spirit, the greater are our responsibilities. Karma gives us the opportunity to create our own future. White Eagle evidently feels he gets carried away with all this, for halfway through he greets everyone all over again, acknowledging that life contains a great deal of hard work – he looks to problems at the time both in London and at New Lands as examples of this. But the 1970s are going to be much better for everyone than the 1960s, which were 'a time of trial' in which a lot that was not wanted in the future was disposed of. White Eagle is quite light-hearted in this address as well as positive about the future – not least in an approaching time of universal vegetarianism. There is a nice passage about autumn (surprisingly, for a new year address). It is also a metaphor for an earthly death which does not really exist except as renewal.

References: 'Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him' is the full King James version of 1 Corinthians 2 : 9, quoted early in the address. 'Count your blessings' is non-Biblical, but closely akin to a number of the Psalms and verses in St Paul. There is a hymn by Johnson Oatman, from 1897, with 'Count your blessings' as the first words of the chorus. For 'God is with man' compare 'the tabernacle of God is with men', Revelation 21 : 3.

Historical note: White Eagle refers to the vision of earth from afar seen by the astronauts. With this address we are just a year after the mission of Apollo 8, which sent back pictures of the Earth appearing to rise over the moon, the pictures known as 'Earthrise'. The date was Christmas Eve, 1968. White Eagle speaks of difficult times both in the London Lodge and at New Lands. It is just possible that one of the issues in London was an outbreak of dry rot; at New Lands, it could have been problems with fundraising for the Temple, but more likely the change of architect that took place, given that White Eagle speaks of the etheric form being ready in spirit, without any confirmation that that form was yet in people's minds on earth. White Eagle also makes one of his more famous prophecies about everyone becoming vegetarian by necessity in the next decade. This has obviously not happened, but it is worth remembering that he made the prophecy long before scientists estimated that only a massive reduction in meat consumption would allow the whole population of Earth to be fed, which has brought veganism into the mainstream. The 'sacred sign of worship over the heart' is probably the simple laying of the right hand on the heart.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, we come to greet you with all love from the world of light; and as we come into the physical conditions we become aware of the confusion in the brain and the mortal mind of all peoples, and we want to convey to you in our New Year message love and hope

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and trust in the heavenly Father – because we know that we are speaking truth when we guide you to look upward into the Light and to follow the Star, which is the heavenly symbol of the light and the truth and the new age into which humanity is now advancing. But first, before we speak of the future, let us consider the present. Let us endeavour to become aware within ourselves, each one of us (because although we have no physical body usually, we are using one now and therefore we are on your level with you and we feel with you and we think with you and we understand your problems). Now on this level let us all open our hearts through love, through love, through the Great White Spirit in whom we all live and have our being. The tabernacle of God is with man and we, whilst in the physical body, can be filled with that divine Light, that supreme Light, that divine Life.

Think what this means, brethren, and at the beginning of a new year which has so many fresh opportunities for mankind, and for man individually, let us hold our hand in the sacred sign of worship over the heart and pray that we may become ever more conscious of the truth which is [that] God is within us, and we are within God, the eternal and infinite and glorious Spirit. This is life, my brethren. God is life; life eternal, and this is our message that we want you to all understand, because when this idea is fixed in your heart, you will find a miraculous change in your happiness – in yourself, in your life – and as each individual endeavours to find and express that God life, the whole earth will be raised, and the whole earth will become light.

Now we are speaking to you of a fact. May we remind you that when your astronauts went out into outer space and viewed your planet from afar, it became for them a planet of light and beauty. Now this is fact. This planet, although it is referred to as the dark planet, is we assure you a world in which the light is alive, is living, and according to the people on this planet this light will increase and increase until the whole planet will become so full of light and so beautiful, that to other younger planets coming along the path of evolution this earth planet will be invisible.

Now there are invisible worlds in outer space, but as man himself develops his spiritual propensities, his spiritual gifts and his spiritual life, he will be able to see these wonders. In your Christian Bible it tells you that ‘Eye hath not seen or heard the glories which are prepared for you’, and in this New Year message we want to place on record this prophecy: that in future days, and this particular decade into which you have now stepped has a very big part to play in this spiritual development of humanity, and you people here particularly, we say, have your own small or great – who is to judge. Nevertheless, you all have your own particular part to play in bringing to this world a greater light. Because as you yourself manifest and express God in everyday life, as you think God (and you can only do this in the innermost sanctuary of your heart), as you think God, so you are radiating God, so you are communicating God to the community in which you serve. Man has grave responsibilities, and the farther you have travelled along the path of spiritual evolution, your responsibilities are increased. But do remember that as the responsibilities are increased the wisdom to deal with these responsibilities is also increased.

God is with man, and you are the instruments of that divine and infinite spirit. It is a habit, you know, with people, to look on the gloomy side of life. Everything is dark to some people.

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To others everything is light. We know, my dear ones, that life in the physical body can be very wearying. We know the frustrations and disappointments that can bring darkness into your life, and it is very hard for some of you to endure these frustrations and the weariness of the flesh and sometimes the fears which come to the human mind, all the result of the pull of the earthly life.

We do not want you to think it is all very well for old White Eagle with wings with which he can fly away right into the Sun – but so can you, dear ones. And don't forget this. It is a matter of continual living within the God life. Instantly, when the tempter comes (we are giving you the old-fashioned teaching in a new way); when the tempter comes, put on your wings and fly away into the heavens and don't be bound down by the miseries and the darkness of ignorance.

Now before you, before every one of you, is a pathway, a path of light, which if you follow that light, that pathway, cannot fail to take you right into the world of light, into the golden world; and do you know that this, my children, brings to you, this awareness, this consciousness, brings to you strength? Your whole being becomes strong in the Light, strong in the Lord. You are not cast down, because you are with God, the Supreme Being, the Being who has created you and created all the beauties that bless your life.

You know the old, old hymn which used to say, and still does, 'Count your blessings' – and it is surprising how they mount up. Now this is preaching, perhaps, in a very old-fashioned way, but we want to refer you once again to your Christian Bible, because we are sure that that Christian Bible contains the jewels, the heavenly jewels, the most beautiful truth. But remember this, without the key you cannot unlock the door of the treasure house, and you can only find that key to the treasures which are in your scriptures by following the life, by endeavouring to put your best foot forward always, and give yourself to Him, to the Great White Spirit. But this does not mean neglecting your own responsibilities and work, remember this. God helps him who helps himself, and you must all do your best with your own affairs and your own body, and always let your life be guided by the Divine Law, which you are learning now and which you have been learning for a long time, and that law will become automatic to you. You will apply that divine law to your life and to all your problems. You will see then how beautifully God has planned by the law.

Now you will say, 'But White Eagle, the law is karma' Yes, but karma, remember, is opportunity, as well as paying off debts – which really means that you yourself create your own conditions. You won't like this! We are sorry, but it is true. You create your own conditions, and you have to learn to live with them; and by living with them you overcome them, and this really is the law of karma, because it affects your spirit. The everyday life and the problems that you have to live with are your teachers. They are teaching you how to live in a better way.

Karma is overcoming the weakness in your own nature. And it is giving you that strength, that wisdom which is of God, and is training you in the most perfect way for your work in God's heaven. Now don't think, my children, that heaven is only up there. Heaven is here. Heaven is everywhere around you, but you have to learn to recognise it, and to create it as

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well in yourself. Now we won't lecture or preach to you any more. We only wanted to give you a little message to open the blinkers a little bit, to help you see into that golden world which is your life.

And now for more practical details. It is so good to welcome you all, and to feel our loving and happy family here. Now, you have an opportunity before you to work. Some people think that work is a very horrid word, but what would you do without work? You would feel very unhappy and discontented and bored. Bored – whatever you mean by that, but we have picked that word up in your modern world – but you would feel like that. Things would have no beauty in them, no enjoyment, no uplift, and you don't want that! You want work, interesting work, which is going to open your consciousness. This is what work does, so when it is a little bit heavy and you have got more than you can deal with, remember to do one thing at a time. We are speaking of our own family now. One thing at a time, and leave the rest – because that is not your job. What you cannot get through you must hand it back, hand it back to God, and he will work it out for you. You will be surprised!

Now you will all have a good laugh. We want to be very human with you today and assure you that the next decade is going to be very much better than the one you have just passed through, which was a time of trial. Now remember this, children, that when there has been a time of trial it is also a time of elimination. It is eliminating those things which are in your way, which are frustrating and holding you back in your spiritual progress. They have to be eliminated before you can get on with things, and the little troubles that you have had and have at the moment in the London Lodge, do not regard them as troubles. They had to be brought to your notice to clear the way for something very much better which is on the way in, and the troubles that you have had here at New Lands, the problems and the very hard work and the difficulties, they all were meant to eliminate, to clear away ignorance and foolishness, and give you the wisdom and the power to create something very beautiful.

Now, all of you here are in this, and we know that our dear brethren, because nearly all of you here belong to our White Brotherhood, and you will see how wonderfully the plan is working out to create here this beautiful temple of God. Now there has been a little fear, and we have watched, we have watched and we have listened. We know the little problems and the fears that have beset you, but they are all going to fade away like morning mist when the sun comes out. The exact building is in the etheric world, and it is gradually materialising and it will be a beautiful temple, not too large, not too small, but it will be a centre of brightly burning flames of spiritual light and truth and those flames will rise to great heights, and they will spread far across the world, so we gave you encouragement, and we urge you forward to be receptive, for our brethren in spirit are extremely active. They will come round and they will drop a seed in one mind and another mind, and all these seeds will be planted and tended, we hope; and as a result there will be a beautiful harvest, a golden harvest.

Children, dear beloved brethren, have no fear for the future, because it is bright and promising: and one thing that we want to tell you all, which will cause you chatter a little bit afterwards, I expect, the time is coming when you won't be able to eat any of your brother animals. You won't be able to because they just won't be here for you to eat, and you will see how this is working out, and there are those of you present in this service, who have felt this

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coming new day of vegetarian food and who have been working hard to, shall we say, spread the gospel afar. We used to say in the years ago we do not force our people to become vegetarians if they didn't want to. No, no, do just as you like, but God has his plan, and you will find that before many years, and certainly in the next decade, that humanity will be vegetarians because there won't be anything else for them to eat but pure grain and fruit of the earth in many, many various forms. And so man will naturally become vegetarian, and this is all in the process of this spiritual evolution of mankind, and you see with this pure diet which man will come to like and enjoy there will be a lessening of the passions of the physical body. There will be naturally an opening vision of that glorious world of God, the world of love and beauty.

Do not fear death. We are always telling you this, my children. Do not think that life is coming to an end. Life goes on and on, ever evolving, ever unfolding, but do remember that decay which you see, particularly in the autumn before the winter rest comes, all this decay is very beautiful. Decaying things are beautiful because with the falling of the leaves, remember the life which is pushing those leaves off, and nature's decay is also nature's rebirth, and with the decay of all physical things God makes life new. All things are recreated and made new, and in order to have new things you must push the old things away. All the old things have to withdraw, and gradually they have to be absorbed into the new, so the decay is the growth of the new. This applies to man, to humanity, as well as nature: this wonderful growth.

Do try and think in this way, and when you lose loved ones, remember that their physical form has dissolved into something new, and it is not an unhappy state, it is a glorious state. We would remove the bogey of death from the mind of our dear beloved brethren on earth, because the life of God in the heavens makes all things new, and you will see on earth's plane wonderful developments. And a great interest will be taken in occult things and psychic things, but this is where you come in with your work, to help keep the balance, because as you know occult power can be very dangerous and unpleasant if it is not kept in its right place and used rightly and wisely.

Remember those two aspects of life which you call good and evil. You don't understand them yet, you only know that there are evil things which you do not like, but remember this, that there are these two forces always at work, and although occult science and psychic science and spiritual science is a truth which will be established in the next decade firmly on earth, there needs [to be] the balance of the pure love and wisdom to hold in check or control the power which could destroy so many people and could overcome beauty. To our young people particularly we say, hold fast, dear children, to the vision of beauty, purity, natural things, natural goodness, God's sweet life, which is pure and intended to become ever more beautiful and give to the children of earth deeper and truer and more beautiful happiness.

So beloved, we know that the good and the happiness lies in you and in your new decade. God be with you. God bless you, and in a simple way put your hand into the hand of God in truth, and you will have a very happy, *happy* New Year, for whatever comes will be leading you onward, onward and upward into the golden world.

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Goodbye – I was going to say goodbye – *au revoir* and all our love from the spirit world from you own dear ones, from all the teachers and the helpers in the Great White Brotherhood, and from our Master's blessings of love.

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