

# Springtide

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*Text:* a classic MB typescript, without markings except a correction to punctuation – a second or third carbon, in blue. We have corrected ‘phenomena’ in the original to the single, ‘phenomenon’ when White Eagle is talking of Spring.

*Context:* Sunday service two weeks before Easter, and only a fortnight after a long string of work for Minesta, with public messages given on 6, 13 and 20 March. The anthem is given as ‘I long for rest, O Holy Spirit of Peace’. It resists an internet search and may have been a homegrown composition – possibly by Mary Brameld. The reading is given as the Aquarian Gospel, 54 : 3 -30. This deals with Jesus’ training in Egypt, in this chapter in the Chamber of the Dead. Brother Faithful’s few words at the end tell us that the final hymn was ‘Dear Lord and Father of mankind’.

*General Notes:* there’s an interesting statement, at the beginning, about the need for absolute stillness in the mind of the medium for spirit to come through at the level White Eagle represents. White Eagle says that the process of stilling the medium’s mind goes on for some hours before he speaks. It gives us a reminder of Minesta’s most profound meditative experiences, which she once listed as the one with Zam Bhotiva and the one with the Indian guru who visited in 1936. If so, her mediumship may have been closer to meditative connection than we generally think. White Eagle is anxious his listeners should study how communication between worlds takes place: but with a view to their becoming larger than their ‘little’ selves and thus making the contact fearlessly, as Jesus did. He also makes the interesting statement, ‘there are a few, ages past, as there are still a few, at the present time, who have received, and who are still receiving communication through communion of spirit with spirit’. This seems to imply something very exceptional. As it continues, the teaching becomes very much a reminder of what springtide brings – not so much in terms of the joys of nature, but in the symbolic sense. Most of all, Spring is an opportunity to realise the insignificance of death against the reality of continuing, ever-renewing life. Lastly, he reminds his listeners of their pioneering role and how they can look forward to future lives not only on earth but throughout the planetary system.

*References:* ‘for those who love you within the veil’ is a veiled reference to the first line of the hymn, ‘For those we love within the veil’ (W. C. Piggott, 1931). For ‘The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me’, see John 14 : 30. ‘What I do, ye can do, ye must learn to do’ is not direct quotation, but undoubtedly renders ‘The things that I do shall he do also...’, which is John 14 : 12. ‘Doing unto others as you would be done unto’ is the Golden Rule; it is stated in Luke 6 : 31 and Matthew 7 : 12 but is almost axiomatic in English. The hymn, ‘Dear Lord and Father of mankind’ is a favourite from the works of J. G. Whittier, written in 1872.

## White Eagle’s Address:

Beloved, beloved children of earth, we speak not by ourselves but for your own loved ones within the veil. We would have you close your eyes, your senses, to the physical life just for a short time, and try and rise into a higher level of consciousness, to a higher level of spiritual life. And there you will see with your spiritual vision the beauty of a sphere of light. Now, we say *a* sphere, because it is only one sphere amongst countless spheres of active life.

When we come to speak to you from our world of spirit we have to have a placid still mind to use. We have to impress the mind and control the brain of a normal living human being. If the mind is very disturbed it is to us like a rough sea, and we have to use a certain method to calm that rough sea, if it happens to be rough. And usually this process from our side of life is quite a long one, because we commence for hours before we are going to speak to you. We commence to still the mind of the instrument that we are using.

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Now, there is so much for the earth people to discover about the psychic body, as well as the human mind. But the bridge is established between our world and your world. And we would suggest to you that you consider very earnestly the sensitivity which is necessary in a physical instrument before it is possible for us to use the brain and control the nervous system of an instrument. This process of preparation of human instruments is going on all the time. But so many, many people of earth shut their minds to it. We want you who have been privileged and blessed to learn from the world of spirit, what you are and what you are doing on the earth in incarnation, to continue to study and learn as much as you can about this process of communication between the world of spirit and physical matter.

Now, this science has been within man ever since he was created. But there are a few, ages past, as there are still a few, at the present time, who have received, and who are still receiving communication through communion of spirit with spirit. You are very blessed, dear brethren, to have had an experience of this communication, and to receive the help which you are all receiving from those who love you within the veil.

Now, when your critical faculty commences to work – it surely will – the lower mind will tempt you to fear death; it will tempt you to deny a continuation of life. [Then] remind yourselves that it is from the body and the lower mind that such thoughts come; the spirit within you has no such thoughts, for the spirit is of God, and it is eternal. And if your spirit is growing like a seed in the earth your spirit will push forward and upward into the sunshine.

Dear ones, the greatest enemy of man is fear. And perhaps the largest percentage of human beings fear death. Now this, as we have already explained to you, is due to the pull of the earth, the pull of the physical attraction, the earthly attraction; for the physical body right from its creation endeavours to crush the spirit. Did not the Great Master say: ‘The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me’, which meant that His spirit was so illumined and so powerful that the Prince of this world – the physical body, the physical life – had no power over Him.

Now, He also told His disciples that ‘What I do, ye can do, ye must learn to do’. And what He did was to overcome death. You are approaching one of the most beautiful seasons of the year in this northern hemisphere of the earth planet, the season of Spring – when flowers spring up suddenly, or so it appears: spring up suddenly from the cold dark earth; when the green buds suddenly pop through the black, dark brown branches on bush and tree, and almost in a flash it may seem to you that the earth is full of life. And with the coming of the Spring after the darkness – shall we call it the restfulness of Mother Earth – the life bursts forth and all your world is full of song. The birds sing, the angels sing, there is music in almost every heart. You have the manifestation of life come back. We won’t call it new life because this beautiful phenomenon happens again and again and again. Thank God for this wonderful demonstration of the rebirth of life.

And at this vernal equinox the greatest manifestation perhaps – yes, we think it is true to say, the greatest manifestation that has ever come on to the earth plane, the manifestation of Eastertide; the manifestation, the demonstration of what takes place when man is crucified. The Son of Man, the Son of God, was taken by the material mind; He was crucified. What a lesson, a demonstration to mankind of the great initiation of death! Now, it is not so easy for

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you who are in the flesh to fully accept, to realise what this great change means, what it really is. Now, we do not wish to be gloomy, far from it, we are bringing you a vision and a message of hope.

Now, in the past man had to live by hope and faith. When we speak of the past, we mean more or less the recent past – man has had to carry on his life hoping that there was something worthwhile at the end of it but not knowing for sure, having faith there was a God and that God would provide for the soul after the death of the physical body. Now, in the ages past – we are not speaking now of the immediate past – let us go back if you like to the days of Egypt three or four thousand years ago, but remember this truth to which we refer was known to the ancients long, long ago, far more than three or five, seven or ten thousand years ago, for as we said when man was created the seed of this knowledge – of this science, of this immortal truth – was planted in his heart; because the heart chakra, the heart centre, is the residence, the residing place of that jewel which is called life: spirit jewel – life – divine life.

Oh, the ancients, who were not so concerned with the material progress of life as you are today, they were awakened to this immortality and to this state of life, which we have always called the Great Hereafter. Even the so-called primitive people had this knowledge. They had not only faith, they had the power to see and to feel and to hear those whom they loved who had passed into this finer state of life. But as the progress of evolution of man proceeded, the mental body had to be developed, man had within him reasoning power, and this reasoning power had to be unfolded and the mental body had to grow and be developed. And in this present age there is such a rapid development of this reasoning state – this mental body. But it is only a passing phase. The mental body belongs to man because he has to have a vehicle through which he can think and in time comprehend the mysteries and the grandeur of the spiritual aspect of life.

Isn't it a wonderful thing! You look at man's body, you may study the body. A surgeon has great knowledge of the body and can carve it up very satisfactorily sometimes. But remember, my dear brethren, that if the body is a mysterious and wonderful vehicle for the spirit of man, there are also higher and higher spheres of life far, far beyond anything that you can comprehend whilst you are still incarnate in a body of flesh.

We would lift up your minds and hearts now, and ask you to use the Divine mind, the imagination. You will behold sphere upon sphere of ever more beautiful states of life. Why do you shrink from passing onwards towards this life of freedom and bliss – a life of increased opportunity which gives to man all that he has earned and a little more besides? Remember that God is the Giver of love and mercy. It is said that the Law – Divine Law – is absolutely just, but it is not without mercy and love. And if man has developed the quality of mercy and love towards his fellow men and fellow creatures he will meet that same mercy and love when he moves onward beyond this physical life.

The actual passing of the spirit is beautiful. You may see a distressed mind, apparently a distressed body, but do remember what we say: the love and the mercy of God and truly the passing onward is merciful and *beautiful*. Now, you have all experienced it many, many times. And deep within your being, in your heart, you know there is peace. And you know that all is good. All works together for good for those who love good and try to do good.

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Now, where does all this lead us? What does it mean, this truth which we are speaking of? How is it going to affect the earth plane and the teeming millions of souls now on earth? This knowledge of the crucifixion and the resurrection is going to be the saving grace of all humanity.

Now immediately, you will say but how can this be? There are so many races who have never heard of the man Jesus, nor the Christ. How can they be saved through the death, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ? We will tell you. It is more than this drama of the crucifixion and the resurrection. It is the knowledge of a life beyond death which is eventually going to be salvation of humanity. It must be so! And if you think it out to its logical conclusion you will recognise that it is so. As man receives this knowledge and the proof within his own being of spirit and immortality, he will also naturally become aware of the eternal law of cause and effect. He will learn from himself, and the truth which will be stimulated within him, that he does not live only one life in a physical body, he lives many lives in a physical body. He passes through the journey in matter as he is passing up a spiral. And he will learn that every thought, word and action rebounds upon himself. No man can injure another man without injuring himself. No man can speak ill of another without receiving that ill to himself. This is a law – divine law, which all men will come to recognise, and more than recognise, to obey, because he will not be able to disobey this profound law of life.

Now, man cannot learn all the wisdom of the ages in one short incarnation, because it is through the spirit working, using, living in matter that the spirit develops consciousness; develops consciousness of God and the great worlds that are around him.

Now, it may not be only on the earth planet that the future lives will come. But man *cannot* be released from this earth plane until he has passed through all the classes, all the examinations, all the tests which are set out on the examination paper of life. And if he fails his papers in one life he passes to the world of spirit, and there he sees and reviews and is able to digest his experiences whilst in the body. He comes back. He prepares himself for another try at his examination paper. And so it goes on.

Now, we are surely, surely giving you a true, a very simple picture of life and the purpose of life. And once again, we draw to your attention that grand drama of Eastertide; the apparent deadness and darkness of the earth, and then the bursting forth of the glorious life again from that darkness of earth. And as man passes onward as death comes to him it is just like the Springtime coming to him. And when man awakens after a brief sleep, sometimes a very brief sleep, but always a certain period of unconsciousness, he awakens to a world of Spring. Is this the reason why the great Master Jesus was crucified by matter – materially-minded men – in the Spring? Think of it, the wonderful lesson to all humanity.

Now, dear ones, remember what we so earnestly tell you, that you have been privileged to get this knowledge. You have reached a stage on the evolutionary path of life where you can receive knowledge, and more and more knowledge. And what is your duty? It is to put into practice the knowledge that you have received; put into practice the law of brotherhood, of love and compassion and mercy; and to quicken in your fellow men the *light* which is lying

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within them. You are all pioneers. You have work to do. The work is the work of the Spirit. We come back to this earth to stimulate the age-old truth, this ancient wisdom, because it is only through learning the ancient wisdom – it is only through man learning these divine laws of reincarnation and karma and brother and ‘doing unto others as you would be done unto’ that this earth plane is going to be saved. We use that simple word ‘saved’ because as conditions are with this rushing forward to mental knowledge and arrogant mentalities there must be pain and suffering and chaos. But all this can be turned into a paradise on earth. You are advancing towards what has always been known as the Golden Age, when man will live in peace and kindness and love. And all the world will blossom with the flowers of the spirit.

The Messengers from the world of Spirit have been working and working for a very long time to bring through this truth – to make the veil between our two states of life so much thinner, so much easier to lift. And only this truth will satisfy the truly enquiring mind of youth, and the enquiring mind of the true scientist, and give to the hungry hearts of the aspirants for knowledge a satisfying religion. This truth is the answer. It may be presented in different forms, but basically *man is spirit*. Man lives in a form – a physical form – in order to develop; and develop that Divine Spirit which is implanted in him. And the demonstration of the result of man living the life of the son of God, the daughter of God, is there in the life, in the story of Eastertide – the story of Eastertide and the life of that simple yet great Master, Jesus the Christ.

And we in Spirit, even from those in the Highest Spheres of the most perfect state of life right down the chain to simple souls who are close to you, working with you on earth, we all bless you and pray that you will indeed have a happy and blessed Eastertide lived not only at the physical plane level, but also in the glorious heights in the heavens. Hold on to it, children, hold on as though you are holding on to a balloon! Do not let it escape you. Hold on, let it lift you up into that higher consciousness of the true and eternal life.

He Who is all love is now in your midst, bringing to you those spiritual symbols of the heavenly bread – the food of the Gods; and the chalice of heavenly wine. Now, in this elevated consciousness of the Spirit, as little children take from Him a piece of the bread. Put it in your mouths – absorb it into your being. And as He offers you the chalice of heavenly wine, sip with your spirit body. Sip the wine and feel the glow and the power of the spirit of divine love flowing through you – strengthening your purpose, lifting you upwards, nearer, nearer to God.

Amen.Amen.Amen.

## Brother Faithful:

Next year in February or March this Lodge will have been in existence for twenty five years. And during those years there has been a community building up on the other side of the veil – most of those who have passed onwards from our midst – a community, or shall we say a White Eagle Family – many of whom may have been here tonight. And indeed I do think they come back to these White Eagle Services – souls with whom we have worked and worshipped and with whom we have a link, a strong link which death could not sever. And,

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therefore, waiting for us all – waiting for all who have worked and worshipped – are friends in the community – are members of the White Eagle Family – waiting to welcome and companion us in our need if we need. And that to me, at any rate, is a comforting thought.

And so, we come to our last hymn, no. 431: ‘Dear Lord and Father of mankind’.

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*spiritual contact, rebirth, heavenly garden, reunion, path of service, path of the soul, spiritual path, initiation, spiritual work, seasons, nature, life cycles, inner voice, spiritual unfoldment, enlightenment, illumination, communion, ascension*

