

## May the Light fill the World

A261 Sunday Address 7th March 1954 St Mary Abbots Place, London Eighteenth Anniversary of the White Eagle Lodge

*Text:* typescript with the appearance of being a retype; editing of the original script may therefore have taken place. The date '7.3.54' is given at the top, otherwise this is just headed 'White Eagle's eighteen<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service'. No markings.

*Context:* a reference in the text confirms that the address was given in London, and the typescript also alludes to one of the hymns, 'God is working his purpose out' – a popular choice for an anniversary service. The words are from 1894, by the poet A. C. Ainger, and it was normally sung to the tune 'Benson' by Millicent Kingham. White Eagle speaks of it being 'many years' since the Lodge was founded, but it was only eighteen; the years of war, and the change of premises in 1941, doubtless added to the sense of longevity. The first line of the Lord's Prayer appears at the end, seeming to imply that the prayer happened after the address. If this was so, it was unusual.

*General notes:* in speaking of the numbers present, White Eagle seems to imply that there were individuals in the physical congregation who had been there since the foundation of the Lodge; he certainly implies that there were such people present in their higher bodies. There is an important passage about the 'years of fire' and why the Brotherhood seeks to help humankind.

Given the quality of this address, it is surprising that there is no record of it being used in print. There is a nice section about not judging – frequently stated by White Eagle, but well put. Much of the address is about the quality of what comes from spirit, and there are many usable sayings and quotations in this teaching. One example is, 'This is not an organised religion. This is a Lodge.' Another: 'Politics may have their place, but they are very confused. It is like putting the roof on the house before the foundation is there, when people think that through politics they are going to change the world.' There is a very powerful looking forward to a time when wars will cease and death will be no more, and another strong reminder to look beneath the coverings and see the good in people.

*References:* the final lines of the hymn are not quite as White Eagle says, but actually 'When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea'. The reference to 'sending the spirit of truth' takes us to John 14 : 16-17, 26. 'Thy will be done, not mine' is a reference to Jesus's words in Gethsemane, Luke 22 : 42.

### White Eagle's Address:

Beloved friends and brethren, we come to speak to you tonight with much joy in our hearts and thankfulness; we are the spokesmen for others who are behind us. We speak to you from the level of spirit life. We speak from Spirit to every one of you individually. We rejoice with you in this happy gathering, but you can only see half the gathering. Not [even] a half – you can only see a very small section of the multitude. Remember this. Now leave the entanglements of your earthly mind. Do not allow your reasoning mind of earth to interfere or cut you away from reunion with the company of shining souls who have gathered here on this occasion of the anniversary to bring to you more than their love, to bring to you the light of their life which is now in the world of great beauty, perfection, harmony and beauty.

You kill truth, my children, when you say: 'I wonder if the spirit world is real. I wish I knew for certain'. Now those who wish to know for certain the reality of the spirit world must have love in their hearts, love for God and their fellow creatures. They must surrender to God, and we were impressed by hearing you sing that lovely hymn – 'God is working His purpose out'

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and the words of that hymn finish, are completed by, these words: ‘May the light and the spirit of God, the light of God, cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.’ May the light of God, the light of Christ, fill the whole world! – and this is what we, in the spirit world, are working for; because, when the light of Christ, the Son of God, is quickened in every soul so that the whole world becomes spiritualised, there will be no more war, there will be no more death. Understand this. We are speaking very earnestly to you when we say there will be no more death. Death – man’s great enemy, for as man advances towards the end of his life, he either consciously or subconsciously fears death, the unknown. But when a man has learnt to live in the spirit, that man is in constant communion as well as communication with spirit and spirits. He has become so familiar with the Kingdom of God and with the spirit world and with the power of the spirit world, and with the love of God, that he is in the spirit all the time. He has overcome his mortal self; he has become immortal and he knows that nothing can take from him the treasure, the pearl of great price, the truth, the Comforter – for Jesus told you, Jesus told all His followers, that He would send the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, even the Spirit of Truth, which the world cannot give you; neither can it rob you of it: the Spirit, the Truth, the Comforter that is within every soul, but man must live to find that truth within himself.

Now, beloved ones, this is our work and your work. It is many years ago, comparatively speaking, since this Lodge was opened to humanity and there are certain very dearly loved members and brothers in this congregation tonight, who stood by us on that first occasion of the birthday of this Lodge. We do not mention names. You know, my dears, who you are – and your loved ones who have since left this Lodge for our Lodge above are with us now, and they together with ourselves send you their dear love. They are grateful that they were able to give a helping hand in the establishment of this home, this lodge of the spirit, and to those of you present who have in mind certain familiar figures which you knew in this Lodge in those early years, they would convey to you through us their love and tell you that they are still working with you for the enrichment of the world.

You may be a small congregation comparatively speaking, but not really so, because, as we have already mentioned, there is a host of shining spirits who are joining you tonight in this thanksgiving for the establishment of this home of light – and they and we will help you all. We shall stand by to give you, as you are ready to receive it, the spiritual knowledge. We shall speak to those who are ready to listen the message from the Christ Circle in the heavens. People on earth think that they must concentrate their whole attention upon earthly things. They say, ‘We are living on earth and there is plenty of time to think about the next world when we get there’, but they forget that their next world will be what they make it whilst they are living on earth. And as your knowledge of the next world increases and as your knowledge of your own potentialities increases, so you will be in a better position to understand and to comprehend the beauty of the life to which you will pass. But if you do not prepare yourselves by study and culture (and by culture we mean the culture of spiritual powers which God has given you) you will find yourself in a state of confusion; and [if you are prepared] you will be able truly to evaluate life, you will be able to re-evaluate life and appreciate the value of spirit. Your spiritual values will change, and you will look back and

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say, 'Oh, if only my spiritual values had been different when I was on the earth I should be able to enjoy to a much fuller degree the glory which I know surrounds us but which I cannot see.' That is the position.

Now the world, or humanity, is not so bad from our point of view as you may think, for when you arrive in the spirit world you will see beneath all sham, you will see the real heart of man and his motives; and when you can do this, you will be able to feel all pity and understanding. You will not judge your brother man. You will understand he is trying to do his best, limited and hampered so often by his karma, and you will feel full of understanding and love.

Now, my dear ones, when you surrender yourselves to God and the love of God, to the Christ Spirit, you will feel that deep love and compassion of Christ, and life will not be so hard for you; it will not be so difficult because you will have vision and understanding of your brother man. Now this is what Jesus the Christ came to the earth to show men. He came to show you all what love can be. The Master Jesus was a messenger sent to the world by God – but humanity is too busy to listen, or it thinks it knows so much better than God what it can do, what is best for it to do. But unfortunately, being young in spirit and under-developed, humanity gets rather mixed up with its values and it thinks that the earthly mind and the earthly way of doing things is far better than God's way. But, my dear children, you must all know that in your life, try as you will, you cannot make things go the way you want them to go. You have problems and difficulties and anxieties, and until you say: 'Well, it is God's will, not my will,' you will have no peace. But as soon as you say, 'Thy will be done, not mine,' you surrender to God, and your earthly life is adjusted to those spiritual forces. When you are calm and at peace the spiritual life flows through you; it glorifies you and your life becomes beautiful, and in that very beauty you are a server of humanity. You cannot serve humanity better than to be an instrument for the forces of the Light. You do not depend upon this person or that person for opportunities to serve; you have only to be yourself. You have only to surrender to God, obey His will and accept His way and you are immediately a server; you are helping the world, for there is no limit to the rays of light. They pour through you, and they extend over the whole earth. But God needs man. Remember that. God needs man through whom He can manifest.

Dear ones, when this Lodge was first established eighteen, eighteen, eighteen, years past [sic; White Eagle must have added emphasis with his voice], it was with one object. Those greater and wiser ones in the world of spirit were given their work to do, and by their influence and guidance certain people were chosen, drawn together in a small group. Now this did not commence eighteen years ago although it sounds as though it did (but it was eighteen years ago that it was finally established on the earth), but many thousands of years before that. You will think we are exaggerating if we say thousands of years ago, but the work was foreseen from the distant past. It has been gradually, gradually coming into manifestation. It is not a light thing, not at all a passing thing. It is a ray of light which was planned to help humanity during a crisis and to prepare humanity for the coming of the new age or, as some would say, for the second coming of the Christ Spirit.

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Now you look over your world and see many religions doing good work, and you may question why this particular Lodge should have been necessary when there are so many big organised religions all over the earth. This is not an organised religion. This is a lodge. A lodge is a place of rest, a home, to which people can come and find peace and refreshment of their spirit. It was seen that the world was approaching a period of distress, nothing less, a period of distress. There was a hope that those years of fire could be averted. In our world and in high places there was a hope that the years of fire could be averted, but if humanity was determined to tread a certain path, then it would need help; it would need comfort; and it was determined, decided, that a brotherhood should be formed, not to work on the outer plane in a material world but to work on the inner plane, on the plane of spirit, to work in the silence but with understanding, with knowledge, with certain knowledge and this brotherhood should take the pattern of ancient brotherhoods of the dim distant past. And so this collection of people was drawn together and a brotherhood was formed to work to project the light of spirit on to the earth plane, and that little brotherhood on the earth was strengthened and reinforced by the brotherhood in the world of Spirit. God has never left man without a witness of His love, and this little brotherhood was to work on earth to help humanity through the years of fire, through the years of distress, and then to prepare man for the coming age of spiritual brotherhood, the age of Aquarius.

Do not be mistaken, do not be led away by your earthly mind, dear ones. We assure you that there are those advanced souls in the world of spirit who are constantly watching over humanity; who are planning and working and directing people on earth to work for the upliftment of mankind. There are wonderful souls in the Christ Circle who have the power to help you, not only collectively but individually, and you have the power within yourselves to receive their help. You can be used according to your capacity if you will surrender to the Great White Spirit, to the Eternal Spirit of God. But we say, there is one important thing which every man and woman who would be a server must do, and this is continually strive to keep his contact with God. He must not be overwhelmed by materialism, by the materialism of the world, the masses. He must keep his vision fixed upon God and remember that spiritual values are the opposite to earthly values.

Now in any lodge, in any lodge on your earth, the strength of that lodge lies in the hands of the brothers serving in that lodge, in their loyalty, their love for God and their brothers with whom they work, and we say to you all, to members and friends alike, that in this Lodge there must be that true spirit of Christ. There must be vision of the spirit life, the values in the Lodge must be spiritual and not material. People are coming in from the outside world; they want to find something different in a lodge like this from the outside world; they want to find love and harmony and truth. If this spirit is lacking in the worshippers and the brothers and the servers, the work loses its power. You must work from the centre, the centre of truth, sincerity, love if you are going to serve the world. The power lies in the heart – not here, not in the earthly mind [White Eagle must have made a gesture to the head at this point] – in the heart, my brothers, in the heart. God fills the waiting heart; God heals the waiting heart.

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May the heart be open to God and God's truth, for this is the way and the only way to develop those spiritual gifts, those gifts of clear vision and clear hearing and the healing touch. When these gifts are developed they can never fade away; they are with you for ever, for you, the spirit, the child of God, you have within you all the spiritual powers of the Lord; but your life on earth has to teach you how to develop those divine powers, and until you have learned how to develop those divine powers and you have developed them, you will return to earth again and again and again. This is the path of man: the development of the Christ nature, the Christ soul. When you have your feet firmly on the path of light which will lead you to your goal, you will naturally, imperceptibly, be developing those inner qualities and powers. Life will become real to you, however quiet and secluded your life. You will realise that you are growing, growing, growing in the qualities of the Christ spirit – and this is the most important thing in any man's life. This is the spirit which is going to bring the light over the whole earth. Politics may have their place, but they are very confused. It is like putting the roof on the house before the foundation is there, when people think that through politics they are going to change the world. It is in the heart that the change must come – and when the heart has changed, all life will change; and when the light has been developed in the human heart, the second coming of the Lord Christ will be with you – that spirit which will change everything, which will change the whole of human life.

Now your dear ones in the spirit world, who are so close to you now, they have seen the vision glorious and they know – and they will all bring you the same message which we are bringing you tonight. And this is why the Lodge has been established and [why] the work of this Lodge is not to proselytise anyone or to convince anyone. The Lodge stands as a Star to radiate love and truth and brotherhood, brotherhood of the spirit here in the Lodge, that the brotherhood of all men may grow outside in the world. The religion of the future will be the religion of the spirit, the religion of brotherhood to all creatures, and man will learn to glorify his Creator on earth and to raise the vibrations of this earth until the earth planet no longer is dark but a glorious star in the heavens.

May God be with you all this night. May God bless your work in your lodges and in this Lodge in this capital city. May the spirit be maintained: gentle, kind, loving, pure and one-pointed – and also universal.

Amen.

Beloved ones, from the inner plane, in your spirit, will you enter the silence for two minutes and in that silence create in your inner self the form of the Lord, of the Son, the Christ, and receive from Him the bread and the wine of His Cosmic body that you may mingle with it and be at one with this Cosmic Christ Spirit....

Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven, etc.

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