

# Renewal of Life

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*Text:* carbon copy of typescript probably by AMI, headed 'White Eagle's address at New Lands service on Easter Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 1965; manuscript notes around the heading indicate it was prepared for cassette distribution (to groups and Lodges) and that it was used in *Stella Polaris* in June/July 1965. The title 'Renewal of Life' is new to the present project.

*Context:* typescript gives no details of the rest of the service. In the address, which is relatively short, WE speaks of 'this little congregation'.

*General notes:* we begin with a very clear statement: 'Man is spirit. All life is spirit. The physical plane is spirit. Too much differentiation is made between life on earth and life in heaven.' White Eagle gives a meaning for Good Friday – the experience we have in any context of our inspiration being taken away from us. Not unusually, but with great clarity, White Eagle stresses the origin of the Easter festival in the eternal cycle bringing spring (and shares a memory of his own native American people celebrating it); but he uses the comparison to authenticate the festival, not to explain it away. Once again WE is positive about the world's present fears and torments – everything, he says, leads to good. A crucial message is the reminder that by our own opening to the voice in the silence we can, like the woman at the Resurrection, bring the Christ through into resurrected manifestation – and that to do this is to bring a gift to all humankind. The resurrection morn is an internal thing, White Eagle seems to be saying. As we go into the communion we seem to link with ancient sun-worship and with a hint that the origin of the symbol of the cross within the circle is the arisen Jesus standing before the sun with arms outstretched.

*References:* 'The letter killeth' is 2 Corinthians 3 : 6, while 'Man does not live by bread alone' is Matthew 4 : 4. For Mary (Magdalene) coming to the garden on resurrection morn, see John 20. White Eagle departs from scripture in talking of 'the other women' in this story. In setting out fundamental spiritual law White Eagle draws together 'Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God...' (Matthew 22 : 37-39) and praying for 'them that despitefully use' us (Matthew 5 : 44).

## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved ones of the earth life, we come to you this day with great joy and thanksgiving, and we recognise in this little congregation so many of our devoted brethren and servers – and to each one of you we have to convey the greetings of the spring, of the resurrection; greetings from the silent Brotherhood whom you know are here with you, although the vision may be a little dim. Nevertheless, you have other powers within you beyond the physical vision. You have the spiritual power of feeling, of sensing and the gift of imagination, although there are many who do not recognise the value of the gift of pure heavenly imagination in man's soul.

Now this is most valuable to man. Without imagination man cannot create anything. No matter what particular form he desires to build, he must first use his gift of imagination; and when he does, this something creeps into his building or his creation. This is life. Your Bible tells you that the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life; and on this special day, this Easter Day when all Christendom is giving thanks for the resurrection of the Lord Christ, the Son, we who speak to you from spirit life wish to emphasise the truth, the reality of spirit life. And by spirit life we do not only mean the life in a spirit world which you cannot see unless you use your spiritual imagination, but we refer to the life of spirit which is now manifesting itself in the resurrection of all nature.

Now in the world of spirit to which we are accustomed, the life is the life of the Sun, the Christ. And we come back to you to inspire in you all to look within physical form. Whatever

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the form may be, whether it is the form of man, or the form of art or literature, the form of learning or of the engine, material solid engine [sic], we want to explain that without spirit none of these forms could ever be created. Man is spirit. All life is spirit. The physical plane is spirit. There is so much differentiation made between life on earth and life in heaven and our message to you all on this glorious day is that you must learn to recognise the interpenetration of spirit, the unknown quantity in matter.

*Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God – of spirit.*

Now, my dear ones, you have passed through recently the day that you call Good Friday, the day of sorrow, of grief, the day of testing, because this is the meaning of the death, the apparent death of the Christ spirit, Christ the Son, who was roughly taken from his disciples and crucified, cruelly crucified, and so all Christendom grieves for so many hours during that period of soul suffering. But all of you – there is not one member of this congregation who has not passed through the crucifixion of the soul. You have had to face truth and oftentimes it has been very painful, but to those of you who have suffered either from disappointment or from the loss of a beloved companion, we want with all our love to explain to you that separation, although it may be so painful, brings to the soul the day of resurrection. Now when the resurrection of joy and happiness comes, then you are able to see the truth that had you not passed through your Good Friday you would not have had the vision nor the understanding to see and receive in full measure the glory of the resurrection, the resurrection morn.

Now this is an ancient festival, not confined to the Christian church, but a festival celebrated through ages and ages by men who were looking towards the coming of life, of the spring. Let us take for example the dark winters of the American Indian brethren. You know them, you loved some of them and you all know the history of the suffering of the Indian brethren, of your brethren in the dark winter when there was no food, very little food, and disease came and consequent suffering and trial. Then at the vernal equinox the sun came forth and the green shoots of the corn began to show on the brown earth, and men's hearts were lifted up in joy and thanksgiving because what they thought had gone came again in the springtime.

And these seasons, at the equinoxes and the solstices, bring to humanity what it needs to sustain both body and soul. Of course, clever people say that nature obeys a natural law and there is no intelligence, Divine Intelligence, behind the works of nature. *Divine Intelligence is the power of life*, the creative power of life. It is not merely automatic. It is a law, a law of Divine Intelligence. Never forget this; and if you can at all times remember this law of Divine Intelligence, Wisdom and Love, you will find peace of mind – because you will know that behind all the darkness of the earthly life, behind all the heartaches and pain and suffering, there is a power which is slowly turning the wheels of life and bringing forth goodness.

So many of you are disappointed today about the state of humanity and you wonder what it is all coming to. The Brotherhood of the spirit would like you to believe and know in your inner self that all is coming out for the good and the progress of life. If you live according to the law of God – that is, love the Lord Thy God and love thy neighbour as thyself and do good to those who use you spitefully or ignorantly – you will be assured that all things are working

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together for good, and eventually humanity on the physical plane will be reborn in spirit. There will be a spiritual mankind. Man will have learnt how to spiritualise his body, how to beautify his life on earth, and spirit and matter will be perfectly balanced. And then you will fully recognise and understand why you have been given the symbol of the six-pointed Star – because this is the symbol of the perfect balance between spirit and matter. This is the lesson which the Lord Christ has throughout the ages and through many world teachers given to man.

Man has to learn to live according to the law of brotherhood because – remember this – that man is a tiny atom in a vast universe. Man is a grain of sand and as a drop in the ocean. Man cannot separate himself from his brother man. All are living within the God power, and man has within himself the gift of the spirit which eventually will enable him to become conscious or realise that he has, within, the God consciousness of life and light and love.

Now when man can reach this level of awareness of his true nature, his true relationship to his Father–Mother God and the Christ the Son, he will then be free and within the silence and the activity of the creative power of life which man, from his heart if he is true, worships – but at present man worships blindly, but he longs to know God.

Now here all around you is a very large company of shining souls. You should be able to feel the presence of this silent Brotherhood, and down the ages the message from the silent Brotherhood has been given to man, through man, and it is the humble and simple man who catches the language of the silent Brotherhood. He hears within his soul the voice of the Brotherhood and he is directed by that Brotherhood, the Brotherhood of the Great White Light, which never directs man wrongly but always guides man to the resurrection morn.

You are not alone; you have your companions with you; very, very close to you. Learn, my dear brethren, to cultivate the silence within your own soul, and just as Mary and the women who came to the garden on the morn, you too will see the arisen form of the Lord. He will appear to you. Remember the place of women, women in life, the woman who has been the the Great Mother of life – and the woman, remember, is the symbol of the soul. And so the Master, the Christ, the spirit appeared to the woman. Christ comes to your soul; and through your soul, which is your personality, the Christ manifests to other men on earth. We want you to understand this, because you can play a valuable part in the spiritual unfoldment and progress of all mankind – and when it comes to your turn to face what is called death, remember the angels by your side.

There is *no* death, there *is* no death, there is only ignorance and darkness, because man clings to darkness and ignorance. But God in His wisdom leads all mankind onward and onward; and many times you have passed through the Royal Arch into the Temple of the living God. Many times you have slept and awakened. You have been resurrected to life in spirit, eternal life. There is no death, children, only the resurrection. And so let us give thanks deeply and truly for this awakening in ourselves to the resurrection morn you have had within yourselves. Only you can open the gates. Only you can roll away the stone of material thinking and emerge from your tomb of materialism. You have within you the power to rise into the joy and light of the spirit life on earth as well as in heaven.

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And now, dear ones, before we leave you, the Brotherhood of the Christ Star Circle who are assembled around you now at this moment are looking towards the central figure in the Temple of Light high on the hilltops. Not the cross on the hilltop which is so simple and which is so misunderstood, but on the hilltop the arisen Christ shining beyond the light of the physical sun. And this is the symbol which the ancients saw at Eastertide, when their Lord the Sun rose above the horizon and the Sun made the form of that golden cross. We are looking to this hilltop and there we see our Lord in the light, the arisen Christ, the arisen Christ, and it is in man himself to give the power, to give himself in service so that *all* men may see the arisen Christ ....

Hold in your heart this true meditation and receive from Him the bread of heaven and the wine of the spirit, for He feeds the countless souls on earth....

The blessing of this vast and glorious life force is now poured upon you, that you may be refreshed, and [that] you may rise as on wings of light into your true inheritance. All love we leave, all love ... and our grateful thanks to our dear and faithful workers in this Lodge of the New Age of the spirit.

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*God's plan, intuition, mother goddess, inner light, communion, life after death, rebirth, spiritual contact, spirit world, guidance, holy communion, ascension, Native Americans, harvest, thanksgiving, divine law, cycle of seasons, spring, symbolism*