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Text: typescript probably by AMI. No contemporary markings except one in AMI's hand querying whether an 'of' should be an 'on' (we have here followed the 'on' reading – the phrase is 'voice on earth' in the third paragraph. In the paragraph beginning 'Jesus demonstrated this' the typist seems to have missed a phrase, here marked by [...]. The address was used in the February/March 1967 Stella Polaris as the Easter Address, where it had the title 'Eternal Life'. In the copy used to check this address, a page was missing. Therefore from 'the power needed to enable you to' in the fifth paragraph to 'that we live on after death' in the sixth Is unchecked. At the end we have corrected 'yet the experiences' to 'let the experiences'.

Context: Easter service at New Lands, but no reference to hymns or readings. An internal reference would rather suggest that one hymn was 'Let us rejoice, the fight is won'. White Eagle also says that the reading preceding the address was 'very beautiful and tender'. That would certainly apply to John 20: 1-17, which was a common Easter reading in WE services and seems to be referred to in the third paragraph. The fourth paragraph may glance at the other incident with Mary in John 18: 25-27, where Jesus links the beloved disciple with Mary. There is a communion at the end.

General notes: interestingly White Eagle begins by speaking of a sixth sense, which he normally would call intuition, but it is clear that here he means the ability to hear guidance from the higher world. He says humanity will access this, and another, seventh, sense in time to come. There is a good account of the temporary nature of mediumistic communication and how humanity must move forward on the basis of the something heard within the self. There is a real sense that becoming aware of the spirit life, and the oneness of all life, is a path of joy. This sense of joy extends beautifully into the closing communion, which is as ecstatic as any example in White Eagle's teaching. 'So live each day, my child, in happiness.'

References: the early part of this address relies on John 20, and possibly to John 19 as well – see above, 'Context'. At the end, 'keep right on' contains a slanting, almost comic, reference to the popular song, 'Keep right on to the end of the road'.

White Eagle's Address:

Beloved children of earth, we come to bring you this day the greatest, loveliest message which the world has ever heard. Unfortunately mankind was not ready in past ages for this particular presentation of truth about life.

Now before we say any more, we would ask you all to try to realise that we speak to you from the world of spirit. We speak since we have passed onward from the physical life, and this in itself is a demonstration to you of the continuation of life. You have just listened to a very beautiful and tender reading. We ask you to use your imagination and to come out of all time (backward or forward, whichever you will) – to come with us into a state of consciousness where there is no limitation and where it is eternal, eternal life. This is what man cannot yet understand because he is so held down and imprisoned by his five earthly senses. He limits everything to these; what he can see and smell and taste and touch and hear with his physical body. He has yet to learn that there is a sixth sense within him and this is not the only remaining sense. We mean by this that with the evolution of the human spirit, man will unfold even another sense, but that this beyond the present time.

But come with us, children of earth, to that garden where the blessed and loved Jesus the Christ was laid. His physical body was laid there in the tomb. All the people were sorrowing; these people who loved Him and who had been healed by Him and who had heard His voice on earth. Now imagine yourselves there. Be a silent witness to that happening when Mary, the

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woman, sought her Lord, her spiritual Lord and loved one. Listen to the voice calling, 'Mary! Mary! Mary! The work is interpreted sometimes as sorrow and bitterness, but out of sorrow always joy cometh, so 'Mary' has a twofold meaning. Mary, of course, is the Great Mother.

Beloved children, open your hearts to the spiritual meaning of the word 'Mother'. Think of the true Mother whose love has succoured so many people on earth. All mankind is seeking the love of a mother and Mary the woman, being also Mary the soul, gives the woman as the soul aspect of life, and it was to the soul that Jesus spoke, awakening the soul to the truth, to the reality that He was not dead and that there is no death. The one whom you think has died still lives. Now we want to bring this message to every heart in this service on this Easter Day. The Lord Jesus (or God's voice if you prefer that better) is calling to your spirit, stimulating your soul or that aspect of your being known as the soul which can reach out to that spirit life. The soul is more sensitive than the body, the physical body. It is responsive by knowing the wish or the response of man to God, to the Eternal Spirit. The development of the gifts of your soul, of every soul, is necessary. It is essential before those who dwell in that spirit world can make themselves known to you. So many times we have noticed that the dear people on earth think that they have to depend upon a third person who is known as a sensitive or a medium, one who is a bridge between the world of spirit and earth. This is only a temporary measure so that we in spirit can cross the bridge and speak to you in a form which you can understand.

But this lesson of the Resurrection morn is for every living soul. This message is telling you that there is no death and that within you, within your soul, are the qualities needed, the power needed to enable you to receive, receive, my children, your own message from your loved ones. But sometimes self-pity keeps you closed down. You are unable to hear the call from your loved one in spirit. We say to you this – that if you are aspiring, if you will pray in truth and in spirit all the time, always in your life, if your life is a prayer, then you cannot but receive from spirit, from the world of spirit, the comfort, the help, the gentle healing and the blessing which you so sorely need. O children, the message is so simple but so exact! It is just. It is perfect. It is true. Life is eternal. Life goes on and man can never, never die. Moreover, your own loved ones, whom you think have gone, come very, very close to you. They impress you. They speak to you – and you will say, 'Oh, I don't know. It was my imagination.' Imagination is the key! It is the door into the higher world.

After His life of service Jesus continued, but moreover we want to explain to you that his spirit, being pure and of God – a most important point – his spirit being pure and of God was able to perform on physical matter what had never been done: a miracle, a miracle. Now there are many of you, we have no doubt, who will say, 'Oh yes, we know that we live on after death. We have had proof of this, but we do not believe that the actual body of Jesus survived death.' Now the very story of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Jesus was more than a symbol of life after death. It was an actual happening, in that He demonstrated by the purity of His life, the holiness and the joy which he expressed in his life, he demonstrated that in living such a life he gained the power over that life. You have just sung in your hymn that the last fight has been made and overcome. Death has been defeated. The last enemy has been defeated, overcome.

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Jesus demonstrated this by His resurrection in a human form. Do you remember Thomas, doubting Thomas? We know that nearly all mankind doubt this truth. They hope for a life eternal, but they doubt if it is possible [... probable omission of a word or phrase] when Jesus proved that by living the life of God the soul gains command of physical atoms and physical life. Life on earth is not meant to destroy men, but to give them life, fresh life, more glorious life. Now the body was so transmuted; the very atoms of that physical body were purified and transmuted from the matter of earth to the higher ethers, but He was still visible and still audible to those around Him. We can assure you that there is no truth at all in the fairy tale that His enemies took His body away and hid it. Jesus rose in all his joy and thanksgiving to his Father–Mother God. He rose in his physical form. We say this without any equivocation. Jesus demonstrated to all men the truth that life never ceases – and particularly man's life, because man has within him the divine spark which, through many incarnations, is gradually growing, expanding and penetrating all the physical atoms.

We do not know, we cannot say that any one person has the power, has attained this power yet – to transmute these physical atoms to a higher ether, but we can say that this *is* the future development. This is in the evolution of life upon earth. Will you please humbly think of these truths? Will you, when you enter your meditations, seek that state in spirit life where you become aware of this holy and pure state of life? Holiness, holy, holy, holy, wholeness, healthfulness, joyousness of the state where you feel you are at one with all life. You are in life and all life is part of you – and you are part of the Grand Whole. You are part of the Great Spirit which permeates all matter. Then you will know truth and you will never lose it. You will know that you leave behind in the course of your evolution, you lay aside, the physical atoms which you have been unable to transmute – but you are still the same, and when you awaken after you have cast aside these physical atoms, you will only feel lighter and happier and say, 'What a wonderful place this is! How light I fee!!' And you will be enveloped in love. This is death as we see it in the world of spirit. Death as you see it is a corpse, cold and inanimate. You think that is your loved one; that is maybe your Lord. Oh no! No! Your Lord, your loved one, has risen in all his or her joy and glory in the higher spirit world.

And now, dear brethren, before we leave you after this Easter message, we would try to help you to see and experience this higher consciousness, this resurrection from the physical and the depressing, heavy state of life on the physical plane. Now those who have eyes to see and those who are as yet blind, use your imagination – for here, standing facing you, with His back to the altar, is the presence of the arisen Jesus the Christ in pure spotless white robes with an aura of sunlight, an aura of gold around His head, with a face which expresses the wisdom of the ages and the love and the strength of his Mother and Father God. See him. See him with hands upraised! He is leading your spirit, your consciousness, into the world of spirit which is all beautiful, which is perfect in form and perfect in colour and vibration. Oh, feel this lovely spirit world to which he is taking you now! Arise, brethren! Arise, brethren, and follow the Star, the Star! And we come in spirit to bring you on this anniversary of that glorious resurrection morn the truth of the story enacted for all men by him, the Son, the Lord God. Take from Him the proffered heavenly bread. Live in spirit. Take it in your imagination and put it in your mouth. Taste it with your spiritual taste.

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He holds the chalice filled with the divine essence; his love, his life, the life of the spirit everywhere; *His* life which he has given to *you*. Sip, sip this life, this wine of life – and be imbued with this truth, and rise in spirit – for you too have tasted the resurrection of the spirit.

You see him when you hear, 'Peace we give you, the blessing of heavenly peace'. Do not be deceived by the false values of the earth. The life of spirit is your inheritance, and never, never, never will you die.

Leave behind, as you journey along life's pathway, leave the unwanted. Let the experiences that you have gain wisdom, but you, yourself, go onward, onward. So live each day, my children, in happiness. Take each day and each event with thankfulness and keep right on – not to the end of the road but into fuller and fuller and happier life.

We leave you with this message – and thank God.

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