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*Text*: foolscap typescript; the impression of the type and the pencil note at the top in KIH's hand, 'Rough copy', indicate with near certainty that she was the typist. There are a few small corrections and indications to start a new paragraph, all of which have been followed here. There is no record of the address being printed.

*Context*: the very first sentence confirms this as a Whit Sunday address, and not unusually White Eagle uses the expression 'White Sunday'; also from the very start, he takes us into a recollection of the gathering of the disciples in Upper Room when they received the Holy Spirit. There is no record in the typescript of the hymns or reading, but there is a communion at the end.

General notes: this is an address in which White Eagle speaks in greater detail than usual about the nature of the festival of Whit Sunday. Despite the reminder of the disciples gathering, he is keen to stress the timelessness of the moment celebrated; nonetheless, a feature of this address is how he develops a rather intimate portrait of the teacher, Jesus the man. There is an important section on the way the life of Jesus spells out the initiations of every man and woman, and particularly in the context of the Resurrection, which is dealt with here in some detail. Another message from the address is our ability to link in consciousness with any of the great masters by a preparation within ourselves. There is a phrase soon after the beginning about the millions on earth 'who are not known'. The sense is 'not known by yourselves by name' not 'not known by God'.

References: 'where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them' is Matthew 18: 20. Numerous elements of the life of Jesus underlie this address, without being full references: the Farewell Discourses (John 14: 16), the whole story of the Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension, the person of Jesus – and, of course, the story of Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-31).

#### White Eagle's Address:

We meet with you to worship our Creator; and on this particular Sunday – White Sunday – people meet to worship the Lord Christ. Those who worship Jesus the Christ – and indeed, all people who are searching for God – make themselves ready on White Sunday to receive into their consciousness the power of the Holy Spirit. This has been happening through many, many centuries. We who speak in spirit and from the spirit life do not care to speak of time, or to bind ourselves by the limitation of time, because we are outside time as you know it; but we would confine ourselves by saying that the power of the Holy Spirit was being specially sought for by men on certain days.

Now you must get behind orthodox Christianity and realise that the message which came again to this earth through the Master Jesus and the Christ was an age-old message, one that had been given to humanity by God's messengers and avatars throughout time. We do not want to confine our thoughts to the orthodox Christian Church. We would reach out to the universal church of Christ, to the Cosmic Christ.

There are some people who prefer not to think of Jesus Christ as a Saviour of humanity. They do not like to think of the beautiful gentle personality as having any extraordinary power to save or to help his brethren on earth; but we would draw a picture for you of a human friend or dear one who has brought into your life happiness and beauty and love – love which has comforted your heart when sad, love which has been the means of bringing to you help, bringing to your soul as well as to your life help when you were unhappy or in distress. And that personality, whoever it was – mother, sister, wife, father, brother, husband, son or daughter – whoever the personality was, they were an instrument of God bringing to you

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something that you cannot clothe in words, something which has beautified and graced your life. All down the ages there have been these messengers of God sent to the earth to help His children. He has spoken through them to His children of earth.

Now it is very important that we get this message over to you. Some are already well versed in these truths, but there are others here tonight who are not so well aware of the need for a personality on this earth through whom God speaks – and remember that there are millions of people on this earth, some very simple and humble, who are not known. Nevertheless, they are still messengers. Through their lips, through their smile and through their action[s], God touches another one of His children on earth. We see then the great gift which was given to humanity in that gentle beautiful character of the Master Jesus, who was an instrument through whom flowed to earth the sun, the Christ. His life illustrated to humanity and to the world the Christ Spirit.

People, if they will study the gentle behaviour of Christ, study his words and his miracles, his service, continual service to humanity, will recognise the power of the white spirit, the light, the sweetness, the truth, the wisdom of the perfect Son of God. He came in a physical form, he used a physical form to reach people, and this is very interesting and very important. The whole life of Jesus was an example, not only an example of gentleness and love, but it was a blueprint, so to speak, of the perfect life, the life which every human soul has to live. We are not speaking of one short life in, perhaps, the present incarnation of man; we are speaking of the whole panorama of the soul's journey from the beginning right round the circle to the beginning again and so on. We are speaking of life as it was, and in the process of that life man comes down to earth to learn to discipline himself. Every man, whether he knows it or not at present, whether he will accept it or not, is a disciple of the Son of God, the Christ, the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings.

Now in the process of life man has to learn to discipline himself, and until he learns to consciously discipline himself God disciplines him, and so there is pain and suffering; but when you understand the life of Jesus and all the episodes in that life – the baptising, the crucifixion, the resurrection, the ascension – from the esoteric side, you will gain the great wealth of wisdom and knowledge which lies buried in the Gospel stories. Every one of these episodes marks an initiation of the human soul until we come right up to the resurrection.

There is still much controversy and misunderstanding about the resurrection. You see, humanity is accustomed to physical matter, and it clings to physical matter and doesn't understand anything beyond physical matter. Death of the physical body completely baffles man. But the awakened disciple of Christ searches for truth, and in this state it is quite usual for him to knock on the door of the spirit world to enquire if his particular loved one still lives without a physical body and, if it is possible, that one will be blessed by receiving a communication from the spirit of the loved one – not necessarily through a particular medium. Sometimes the message will come to the seeker in his own home. In a very special way, it will come right into the heart of the earnest seeker and, ever after, he will be able to say, I do not want evidence, I know; I know that the spirit of my dear one lives and is living now a more perfect life than ever it did when in a physical body.

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But it has been a bridge for humanity, a bridge across which God sends man to find for himself truth. The physical body is only a bridge for the spirit, the spirit which has come from the Great Spirit in order to grow and expand in consciousness and life, in order to grow from a tiny seed to the perfect man, the perfect son of God.

The physical body is important; it has a purpose, but more important than the physical body is the true man of God – you, the spirit. Within you all is that perfect, lovely gem, the seed of the divine life; and it is not only in you but in all your fellows throughout the world, irrespective of race or class or creed. In every human being is that divine seed of God life. Remember this.

What has all this to do with Whit Sunday? This festival of Whit Sunday is not confined to the orthodox church. It is a very ancient ceremony. The time of Pentecost is the time when men wait in silence for a sign, a sign of God's presence. Now, when Jesus went through his initiations he was crucified, but we cannot go into them all. Most of you here are aware of our words on these initiations. He was crucified and laid in the tomb and he arose, not only in spirit but still with a human form. People still question whether it was the actual body or whether it was the astral body that Jesus raised from the dead. It was the complete being, it was not one body only. It was all the bodies that were raised from death.

Jesus went among his friends and talked with them, but he knew they were still clinging to that form. He knew that his mission was to stimulate the individual spirit in man to an awareness of spiritual life, to an awareness of the universal spirit which is eternal life. It was known that whilst the disciples clung to the physical form they would not proceed any further along the path while that form was still with them. So it was that Jesus said to them, go to Jerusalem and there wait. These were almost his last words before his body made the ascension – that body which became so spiritualised by the Christ Spirit that it became increasingly difficult for the disciples and for earthly people to see it. It gradually faded from their vision. The physical body ascended into a higher sphere, a higher dimension, which man was incapable of reaching. But the form of the Master still existed, although it was outside physical vision. He told them to go to Jerusalem and to wait; and he told them that if there were only a few gathered together in his name – in other words, where there are a few earnest souls aspiring to spiritual heights, aspiring, not for themselves but to worship God – where these souls are gathered together 'there will I be in their midst', said Jesus.

What does this mean? He means that you, dear people on earth who are encased in a physical body, when you can lay aside all your thoughts of physical matter, when you can even lay aside those desires of intellect and this mind of reason – the earthly reasoning mind – and can soar in humility and simplicity in your divine worship nearer Jesus, [then] the Christ and other Masters with Him will come, because you are striking a certain key note in the higher ether and you attract to you what you are sending out. If you are sending out true sincere adoration for your Creator, adoration for the Christ and love to your brother man, if you can get behind all the limitations of the weakness of human nature and rise into your divine nature, you will most certainly feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and, maybe, there will come to you demonstrations of the presence, or of the form, of the Master. Like attracts like in spirit, and if you, whilst still on earth, having laid aside all the limitations of the physical human nature, approach the altar, the blazing golden altar or the throne of God, you will be

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*en rapport* with those who are gathered with Him and who are sometimes referred to as the Christ Circle. And it [is] not a question of the chosen few, but every soul who is earnest and true and who is prepared to sacrifice the lower self can reach that Circle and can participate in full consciousness in the blessing which flows from the heart, the divine heart ... all love, all love.

There is no other Festival that we know of that presents to man a purer presentation of truth, the truth which is the brotherhood of man, and beyond the brotherhood of man the brotherhood of all creation. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon you at Whitsuntide, if you can be responsive to it, will raise you beyond all earthly arguments, all earthly politics, and will take you right into the heart of truth – which tells you that all humanity is a great brotherhood, a brotherhood of the spirit. It was for this revelation that Jesus came in the body to be a messenger to you from his Father. He passed through all those initiations in the flesh. He was crucified in the body and demonstrated his spiritual glory over the flesh by raising the body from death to a life eternal. He ascended into heaven in the same body in which he had ministered to his people, except that his body became illumined with the heavenly glory and so was made gradually invisible to man.

Then he returned – not in form again but in the spiritual light, the divine fire. This was a manifestation to his disciples, as it is to you today. He comes to you when you feel this divine fire of love and adoration for your Creator, he comes to you when you are gathered together in your circles and your groups; and in your meditations he comes to you in all his glory, not for your physical eyes to see but for your spirit to comprehend. And you do not need any medium for this, you are your own medium. You are God's child filled with the spirit of His Son, the Lord Christ, and He has given you power and domination over the flesh and all material difficulties and conditions.

Rise, my brethren, rise in spirit above your trials. They are but lessons; rise above them and see your life in its true perspective and realise that all the experiences that seem so hard and disappointing are used to enable you to rise, to ascend as your Lord ascended into the heavens, and to overcome all limitations. If the world goes on, let it go on, but help it by the beautiful life, your Christ life, and your love to yourself, your body, your love to God and to all men, *all* men – and thus shall you realise the meaning of Whitsuntide.

There is a great company with you – shining ones – amongst them, those you personally love, all here. We are above the physical vibration, we are in the spirit, and in the spirit we see and know truth, God, Christ.

And now, in the silence, it is appropriate that every soul present, mentally, spiritually, takes communion. Remember the bread is the symbol of the body and the material life of man as well as the cosmic body of Christ, from which man has proceeded. And the wine, the juice of the grapes, the fruit, is the symbol of his spirit; and his spirit must be absorbed as well as the bread, which is his earthly life. You live your earthly life, but you are sustained by the bread of his cosmic body, and you are stimulated and raised in vibration as you absorb and drink into your spirit his spirit, symbolised by the wine.

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He is in your midst. Close your eyes to all physical and material objects. Let your vision, or your imagination, see his Heavenly Presence. He has blessed the symbols of communion. Take, eat the bread; sip the wine, that you may be strengthened and renewed....

The peace of His presence, His blessing, be with you and remain with you.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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