

Vision

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Context: it's not clear why White Eagle's message was given on the second Sunday of the month rather than the first. MB gives extra details as usual: the first hymn was 'Immortal, invisible, God only wise' (no. 535 in *Songs of Praise*). Minesta's Invocation was elsewhere recorded, and the reading was Aquarian Gospel 138 : 42 (part)-47 and 139 : 1-24. It deals with the healing of the man born blind, and with Jesus' account to him of the Son of God – and then of the sheepfold. Then came the hymn, 'Come now, all people, keep high mirth' (no. 475). After the prayers came 'O Brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother' (307), in great contrast to the second hymn. Brother Faithful's words following the address are retained, and the final hymn was an unusual one, 'Father most holy, merciful and tender' (186). Minesta's Benediction was elsewhere recorded and the Lodge Vesper was sung at the end. Brother Faithful's words at the end seem rather particularly apt this time (and all the more so in 2024!): 'all the forces of materialism seem to conspire to prevent us to use our imagination; they want to do our thinking, the press, the telly, the radio and the Church, all having to do our thinking. And if they do, what an uninteresting world it is. And if they don't, we think for ourselves.'

General notes: White Eagle stresses at the outset the difficulty of 'coming through' and the need for absolute silence; he is articulate too about the company that are with him. Afterwards, he makes a particularly strong appeal for the concept of an internal rather than an external God. Yet at the same time he defends the role of personalities, for they 'are the figures used by the Great White Light, or the divine spirit, to illustrate to mankind what man himself. And they also allow us to see that the path towards mastery or sainthood is one open to everyone. From there we move to the topic of vision. White Eagle tells us how risky it is to generalise about conditions which souls experience when they pass over: everyone has their own path to follow. How he describes the love which greets the loving soul on the other side is very reminiscent of some of the things that Arthur Conan Doyle experienced, according to the message received through GEC. Later White Eagle gives a rather beautiful account of how those beyond the veil have the specific task, through the earthly experience they have had, of helping humanity move forward. There is also a wonderful account of what WE would elsewhere call 'the Christ Star Circle'. All in all, YGH's comment on the cover sheet, 'Top Class', is not out of place!

References: 'He that has ears to hear, let him hear' is Mark 4 : 9. Instead of the familiar verse from Proverbs, 'Where there is no vision, the people perish', White Eagle prefers a version of his own, 'Where there is no vision, where there is no imagination, man is cut off from spiritual realisation'. White Eagle refers back to the reading, from the Aquarian Gospel, in which 'the man who is speaking' is the one healed who had been blind since birth.

White Eagle's Address

Beloved brethren of the earth life, we come to speak with you with infinite love in our hearts. We are using a physical instrument, but remember we are using the vocal organs and the brain to bring through to you a spiritual message from the higher spheres of life. And this is a delicate operation, and we remind you that any noise or any disturbance can instantly break the contact, because it is a very delicate contact which we in spirit are making; although it is a complete contact.

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We do not speak for one, we are not speaking from the individual only; those who have eyes to see the vision of a spirit world filled with shining souls will be able to see quite clearly – with clear vision, with clairvoyance – the company of White Brethren, who are with us all.

As we have already said we are using a physical instrument to speak to men of earth. But it is not only the word which we bring to you, it is the power of the spirit. And this power is now being put through to you all. And you all are being enveloped in a pure white light, a white ether. And as the Master said – the Master Jesus said, ‘Those who have ears to hear, let them hear’. Those of you who can respond to the influence of the power of the spirit – you will know the truth which is being spoken.

Now, on your earth today it may appear that there are many diverse opinions, many claims from many people, all people wanting to be answered, for they question, they question many discordant activities which are taking place all over the world. And the young people, as well as the older groups, are questioning, questioning about religion; seeking to know and to be convinced of the reality of God, a Divine Intelligent Being. Is there a divine being? The answer – there is a divine Intelligence and Life in which all men live.

Now the search for God in days gone by has been through a narrow channel – shall we call it the channel of orthodoxy or religion? – a channel which led men to worship a person. And in the older times these earthly people were led to worship an anthropomorphic being. But we would remind you that man looks to man – or to a being in the form of man – for his God, because in his more limited state of understanding, of intelligence, he knows no being higher than the highest man – the character of a fine gentle man (quite forgetting the part that woman plays in life).

However, let us proceed to explain to you, and show you, if you do not already know, and you may well do so – show you the manifestation of a divine power, an intelligence, which has manifested through man, and which always will manifest through man. Sometimes a mistake is made to discard personalities, but personalities are the figures used by the Great White Light, or the divine Spirit to illustrate to mankind what man himself – when we speak of man we naturally include woman – what man can become himself. And man being incarnate, using a body of flesh, learns through the experiences of the earthly life how he may eventually master his physical conditions; how he can master his own body, and slowly but surely evolve towards that state of life which is known as sainthood or mastership.

Now, this state of being is not limited to a chosen few. It is open, it is a path which all men may take, and eventually reach the goal of complete illumination, complete reunion with the Cosmic Christ Spirit. But this does not mean that man has to lose his own individuality. Every man is a divine spark of the infinite. Every man has the opportunity, every man has within his own being the divine power to evolve, to expand, and to become at one with God. The mistake perhaps that man makes whilst on earth is to separate himself from God. In his ignorance he thinks of himself as a separate entity, which of course he is, and he perhaps thinks of God as that anthropomorphic being enthroned in a heaven world. And he may pray to that being with all his heart and soul and mind. He may feel a long, long way away from that being, particularly when he is so immersed in the harshness of the material world [that] it seems impossible for him to find his God; because all around him he witnesses the

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selfishness, the cruelties of his fellow men and women. He has to suffer bitter injustice, cruelty, and he feels that there is no God, no being who cares what happens to him.

As we have already said, dear, dear, beloved brethren of Earth, the very first thing for man to cultivate is vision. Now vision calls for imagination. Where there is no vision, where there is no imagination, man is cut off from spiritual realisation. It is through vision, through imagination – the highest spiritual imagination – that the door into higher ethers opens. You must have the gift of vision or imagination, which can be cultivated, but it must start, not in the mind of earth, nor in the brain, but it must start in the heart, in that centre of love, Divine Intelligence. It must start in the *heart*.

We have often told you that to try to meditate, and to rise into the higher levels of spirit life, do not use that earthly mind, that eager reasoning mind which immediately destroys all spiritual truth. Do not think that we decry the use of reason. Man has been blessed with the gift of reasoning power because he needs it in his everyday earthly life. Man must reason wisely. Man must seek for truth. And the reason of the brain power is brought into activity to help man to discern and discriminate in earthly and material things. But in spiritual realms the reason is – we will not say disappears – no, we do not mean that – we mean that what you call reason only applies to the earthly mind and the brain operations. But in the realms of spirit when the soul is fully illumined the Divine Intelligence takes over, and the man knows that what the inner voice, or the voice of God says to him does not call for his reasoning power, because he finds that what is said to him is completely reasonable. We are trying to explain to you that intuition, or the voice of God, is never unreasonable, because it is in harmony, it is at one with truth. But what you can do, say on a higher level, cannot necessarily be done in your everyday life. Your brain has to be used, and your power of reason has to be used.

Now, you see by this that on the path of spiritual unfoldment you are walking on a razor edge. You will say, ‘On one hand you tell us we must use our reason; on the other hand you tell us that we don’t need to use our reason’. Now let us get this absolutely clear to you. On the material plane, dealing with material problems, you must reason, and you must be reasonable. When you are functioning on that higher plane of spirit, reason is replaced by spiritual awareness, by intuition, by the unfailing reception into your soul of God’s Word. And you will have noticed that in the reading tonight, the man says quite clearly, the one who is speaking says quite clearly, that God spoke to him and told him the truth. In your orthodox Christian Bible you will read a number of occasions when the individual has said, ‘The Lord spoke to me’, or sometimes, ‘the angel of God spoke to me’. It is that voice, that inner voice which speaks to man on that higher level upon which his spirit is functioning.

When a man first arrives on our side of life he sometimes for a little while is very confused, particularly if he has had no previous knowledge of the spirit world. He is very confused. And then you may have been told that he has to pass through all the memories of his earthly life, and in these memories he suffers very great anguish. Do not dwell on such statements. Every man passes along his own particular way. It is not true to make a sweeping statement saying, that every man must suffer intense agony either at his passing, or immediately afterwards. We assure you that this is not necessarily so. There is a process of learning, and of purification, it is true, but we remind you that the Infinite Spirit is all love. And if the soul of

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man is ready to give love, to respond with love to all the experiences of his life, he receives love; he finds love when he awakens in the spirit world after death. Make no mistake about this. And the most powerful lesson which man learns when he is fully awakened to his state of life in spirit is the lesson of love. And he sees love or God in every form around him. He becomes aware of love and truth. He becomes aware of love, wisdom and power. Now, this is at that level of life when he has dropped – when he has forsaken – all material concepts and entanglements.

Now, when man enters that condition of life in spirit where he sees only love everywhere, love and beauty and justice and truth, then he realises that he has found God. He realises that he is living and being in that creative power which is love, all love.

Now on earth the way to find God truly – we do not mean the anthropomorphic being, we mean the Infinite Spirit, all love, which permeates every form of creation from the minutest to the greatest – we all live and have our being in that Cosmic Life. And this is why man cannot injure his brother man without injuring himself. Man realises when he has reached his goal that he is a part of that infinite, that Great White Spirit as our Indian brethren call IT. The Great White Spirit is in everything and every single creature. It is the life force, it is the creative power in every living thing. And we go so far as to say that that living power, that creative power is in the inanimate as well as the animate. In other words, man lives surrounded, enfolded, by God. But man is blind and deaf and dumb.

Man has to endeavour at least to find this truth. And he can only do it by opening himself, opening his heart, first of all, in compassion and love. And this is where his imagination plays such a vital part – imagine the sufferings of others, feel the sufferings of others. Do not think that we are advocating you to become miserable, but recognise truth and understand that what you call evil or darkness is unevolved life and in course of time, and particularly with the help of brother man, that unevolved life will gradually develop and become beautiful spirit. Ignorance – you say, ‘Oh, there is so much evil in the world and the people who practise this evil are not ignorant. They know what they are doing’. Now, we would not agree with you. Man does not commit sin if he understands. Even Jesus said when he was about to forsake the physical body, ‘Father, forgive them for they know not what they do’. He saw truth. He knew that people would not practise evil if they understood, if they had a vision of a purer way of life. It is all ignorance and selfishness. And the only way that this state can be overcome is for men to band together as brothers – a Brotherhood of the Spirit.

This is the value of modern Spiritualism. This was introduced over a century ago to help man to awaken to the truth that he was a living spirit, that man survives death. When this is in the consciousness of men – when that consciousness is awakened – and it can be awakened by certain demonstrations from our side of life, but that is only the beginning – and as so many demonstrations have already been given, and are still being given, not merely of a psychic character, but of a spiritual nature – and these demonstrations will increase in their spiritual power as the new age of Aquarius advances – these demonstrations will prove to man that not only is he spirit, and his physical body is only an outer covering, but it will prove to him that his Creator is spirit too, and that he, man, is the infinitesimal spark of that Infinite Life.

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And as we reach this point, dear, dear earthly brethren, we ask you now to use that heavenly spiritual imagination and come with us into the world of spirit in your higher mind, leaving behind the activity of the lower or earthly mind. Let us soar into that heaven world and see this vast assembly of shining souls. These are they who have passed the self-same road as you yourselves are now travelling. They live and work in a higher life. Their activities, their journeys, their movements are not limited by earthly time and space; but there they are obeying the divine law of love and service to their fellow creatures. You people on earth little know how much you are helped by these illumined brethren. They love you, they understand your need and your problems. There they are in groups and communities obeying the will of Divine Love.

And in their midst we can see, and we will describe to you and hope that you too will see that golden disc, the Sun (Son) the blazing Spiritual Son (Sun) and Power, the Creator, from Whom all life is derived. Now, will you look into that Sun. We see a great mass of illumined souls. We feel the harmony of the spheres of spiritual life. And in that Sun, that golden light, there appears to our vision the form of a perfect man. Man made perfect through the Christ Light and Love. And this form of the Cosmic Christ can come very near to you, is coming very close to you now, bringing the symbols of the bread of life, the heavenly bread, offering it to you to eat.

And the goblet of wine, the pressed grapes – the pain and the endurance of your earthly bodies – the grapes of the vine of life pressed, pressed and created into that divine Essence, which is Love, all love. And He, the Man made Perfect, the Son–Daughter of God – the Perfect Being – offers the lowliest child of earth these gifts of heavenly bread, the food of heaven, the spiritual truth, the knowledge, the wisdom, and also the divine Essence of love. Sip, sip and feel the *power* flowing through you. This is the divine Power which cometh to man only from the Light. And this is the power which heals all sickness, comforts every sorrowing heart. We cannot put it into words, we give it to you – we give it to you in spirit and in love.

And all your loved ones live in this beautiful heaven world. They commune with you in your heart. You have to understand that the material life is beneath you when you reach those levels of spiritual consciousness. This is where your discernment and discrimination must come in. With these gifts you yourself, as man or woman, feel inspired to live your life on earth in confidence that God watches over all; and He is working out His (or its) purpose. And out of apparent chaos, darkness and evil is coming *order, harmony, light, goodness*. And all the world of life will be singing in joy, in joy. So mote it be.

May you join with your spirit friends to help establish on your earth plane this vast brotherhood, conscious brotherhood in spirit, the brotherhood of the spirit – the great white carpet of brotherhood over the earth.

The blessing of the Great White Spirit is upon you for evermore.

Amen.

Brother Faithful:

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‘The great white carpet of brotherhood’ over all the earth. That is the ideal, and only to be brought about by the exercise of our spiritual imagination. Today all the forces of materialism seem to conspire to prevent us to use our imagination, they want to do our thinking, the press, the television, the radio and the Church all having to do our thinking. And if they do, what an uninteresting world it is! And if they don’t, we think for ourselves. We think for ourselves and use our spiritual imagination, and we see possibilities at every turn.

So we come to our closing hymn, a lovely hymn, no. 186: ‘Father most holy, merciful and tender’.

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