

WHITE EAGLE & SILVER BIRCH: REFLECTIONS ON JESUS

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White Eagle and Silver Birch brought their perspectives from the Spirit World and their personal connection with Jesus and his mission. The first concept is how these guides identify two separate aspects within the one person - Jesus the man and Christ which is the power of spirit. The second concept has to do with the significance of the crucifixion.

White Eagle gave us interesting insights, "Nearly two thousand years ago one of the Great White Brotherhood came into incarnation with a mission above all others, as a teacher and revealer of the love we speak about: the love upon which man's whole life is to be built. Through Jesus flowed the heavenly light, the Sun, the supreme light of the heavens. In your world you know that light by the

name of Christ; and as this light came through the prepared channel, Jesus, you know this great one as Jesus Christ.”

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In their teachings White Eagle and Silver Birch made a distinction between Jesus, the great Master, and the Christ that greater light. This light is not limited to one human being. Other teachers in their own way have reflected this Christ light but to a lesser degree. White Eagle explained that for Jesus there had been other incarnations leading up to the great incarnation. In this incarnation, the spirit of Christ would come through Jesus of Nazareth in greater degree than it had ever manifested through any other master or teacher. This was the culmination of the Christ power which was and is to flood the earth and all mankind.

The second concept had to do with the significance of the crucifixion. White Eagle had often spoken of the supreme mission that Jesus had and of the baptism that he brought to the earth.

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White Eagle suggested that we view Jesus and other great masters as a human. "Do not think of the Masters as beings apart from ordinary people like yourselves, but think of them as your elder brethren, as souls who have learnt the required lessons, who have attained a high degree of mastery first over themselves and then over the physical conditions of life."

For those who have a close affiliation with Jesus, White Eagle gives the assurance, "...with his passing into our world the mission of Jesus did not end. He is still at work, inspiring those who continue to see and meet him so that those who are ready would play their part in helping the infinite, creative power of the Great Spirit flow through an increasing number of channels everywhere."

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Church lecture below

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Over the past few months, the Sunday lectures have focused on mediums who served as channels for guides who brought teachings from the higher realms of the Spirit World. I thought that Easter would be an opportunity to share some of the reflections of two guides that channeled their wisdom through Spiritualist mediums.

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Tonight, I will focus on the channelled material related to Jesus. Both guides spoke reverently about this great teacher and healer. Silver Birch once revealed that he attended meetings at which Jesus was present. Silver Birch said, “It has been my privilege many times with colleagues in my world to be present at conferences, congresses, meetings, call them whatever you like. At these, the Nazarene refers to many of the plans the Hierarchy devised to ensure that the power of the spirit should remain in your world.”

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Our concepts of Jesus are shaped by orthodox Christianity – Sunday school lessons, reading from the scriptures and listening to sermons. Tonight, I will present expanded views about Jesus from White Eagle and Silver Birch who bring their perspectives from the Spirit World and their personal connection with Jesus and his mission.

The first concept that I will present is how these guides identify two separate aspects within the one person - Jesus the man and Christ which is the power of spirit. I will begin by sharing some background on Jesus.

White Eagle gives us interesting insights “Nearly two thousand years ago one of the Great White Brotherhood came into incarnation with a mission above all others, as a teacher and revealer of the love we speak about: the love upon which man’s whole life is to be built. Through Jesus flowed the heavenly light, the Sun, the supreme light of the heavens. In your world you know that light by the name of Christ; and as this light came through the prepared channel, Jesus, you know this great one as Jesus Christ.”

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It is interesting to think about how a human is prepared for this mission. According to White Eagle, Jesus was trained in the Brotherhood of the Essenes, who taught the unfoldment of the inner light. Jesus served the community in simple ways, tilling the soil, weaving, doing carpentry and all manner of handcraft. These brethren were people of great love and gentleness.

White Eagle states the following, “From this community the Master Jesus came. He was trained in early days by wise men, although little or nothing is told in your Bible of his early years, except of his going to the Temple, where he talked to the men of learning. They were astonished at his wisdom, because he spoke as one who had come from a far land, as one having acquired great knowledge and great wisdom.

As was the custom, he would have worked with his hands, as did all the brothers. He was not a carpenter quite as you understand it, but worked with wood and stone. He was prepared both spiritually and physically to be the physical vehicle through which the glory of Christ would come.”

In a writing entitled *The Enigma of Religion* someone asked this question of Silver Birch. “Some mediums speak of a Cosmic Christ. Others see Christ as an individual spirit. Are they two different aspects for the same existence?”

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As you can see in their teachings White Eagle and Silver Birch make a distinction between Jesus, the great Master, and the Christ that greater light. This light is not limited to one human being. Other teachers in their own way have reflected this Christ light but

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The second concept that I will share with you has to do with the significance of the crucifixion. This will undoubtedly give you a different perspective about Easter. White Eagle has often spoken of the supreme mission that Jesus had and of the baptism that he brought to the earth.

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Let us consider the two concepts presented by White Eagle and Silver Birch, firstly the delineation of the two aspects of Jesus the Christ, and secondly Easter as the baptizing of the whole world with the Christ light.

Christians refer to Jesus as a saviour. White Eagle says the following. "Christ, through Jesus the initiate, brought this message to your world. Love is the saviour. In earthly language it has been said, Jesus Christ is the saviour. Yes, but it is the divine love and intelligence behind the Christ-consciousness which is the saviour of the world. But also each man has to learn to be his own saviour by developing a consciousness of Christ in his daily life.

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For both Silver Birch and White Eagle, Jesus is very real figure known to them as one of the radiant beings who guides their missions. From time to time, Silver Birch would leave the earth plane to spend a short time in the higher spheres so that he could feel once again that vitalizing power of the spirit and have his own spirit rejuvenated.

Silver Birch referred to the Nazarene before leaving to attend another spirit-world conference. He spoke “of the joys that belong to greater spheres and the radiant beings who are behind this great work of ours, the teachers and leaders of many nations who through centuries of progress and unfoldment, have now earned the right to direct us all”

“More than all these things” he added, “I wish that you could see and hear the Nazarene and feel that great love as he encourages us in our missions, as he expresses his knowledge of all that has been done and urges us to go forward with new strength, with new hope, with new vision and with new purpose. He is not the Nazarene of the Churches – exalted into a deified place, but a great spirit who strives still to serve through many instruments.”

White Eagle says, “Today Jesus appears to be very remote to most people; they think only of the figure of the historical Jesus of long ago. Only a few understand how near in the human presence of this universal teacher, that he still heals and raises men into the consciousness of his heavenly Father.

We would raise you up so that you can conceive of his presence. Can you imagine the Christ Temple of the heavens? Can you conceive of the perfectness of this life? Into this Temple, to the great circle of white-clothed brethren comes he whom you know as Jesus, the carpenter’s son. His is simple, so pure of spirit. He radiates purity and simplicity of life.”

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