

THE WHITE EAGLE LODGE

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DRUMBEAT



*Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Glory to the New Born King*

Sue's Letter

Greetings to our White Eagle Family & Friends,

Many of us can't believe that we have come to the end of another year but here we are. Once again there are so many events that play out on our global stage. We are learning our lessons as individuals, communities and nations. Since the pandemic, our intentions have been centered on thankfulness, kindness and gratefulness. As spiritual beings, we are mindful of these moral experiences and become aware of the Christ Light within all.



During our daily zoom meetings, we come together within our beautiful 6-pointed Christ Star and then we say our Lodge Invocation. It's a wonderful way to start your day and prompts us to hold fast to these words but not by the letter of each word but by the spirit of brotherhood which is invoked.

All of us who take part in these meetings really encourage others to participate as we share in the experience of our service to humanity. There is no doubting that even through the medium of technology, we are creating and sustaining the holy trinity of wisdom, love and power. We currently have 135 people who take part in our daily zoom meetings.

‘To project the light of the Star; first turn to the shining Presence within your own innermost; be still there, and feel love growing in your heart, love for God and love for all humankind. Gradually you will **become** the Star. Then, conceive the Star on the mental plane, visualize it; see its blazing immensity with rays reaching beyond the limitation of time and space. Steadfastly hold this picture so that the whole of the earth is covered by the Star.’ *White Eagle*

Our Queen of Canada, Queen Elizabeth II was laid to rest in early September. She was truly a great soul who passed from the earth. There is profound gratitude for her life of dedicated service. Margaret Rees' has compiled a beautiful article about the Queen on page 4.

In Lesley Tarrant Belcourt's article, Colours, she shares an amazing recollection of an angel that appeared in her life and that most importantly saved her from a serious injury. There are angels all around us. In the article, Hand in Hand with Angels, page 10, we are reminded that we are never alone.

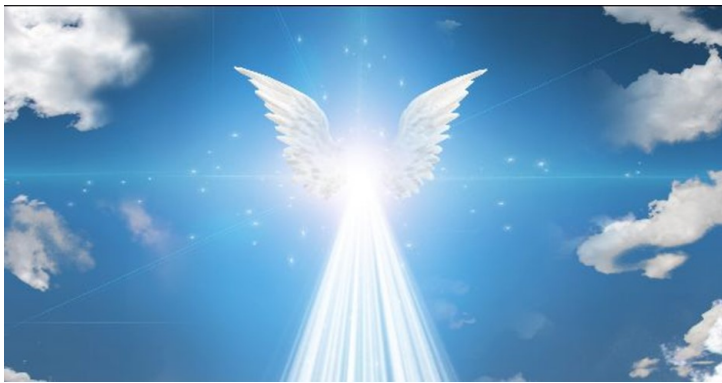
‘As you love others and as you help yourselves, so the help of angels comes to you, raising you up until your lives glow with joy and all becomes light. Never forget the angel by your side. Hold the hand of love and true humility in your work. Angel servers are always close. All they need is the co-operation of human love.’ *Hand in Hand with Angels, page 10 in this Drumbeat*

As Ann Force has mentioned in her B.C. Greetings, we had two celebrations in our lodge. The St John's Retreat Centre in Texas held their 30th anniversary of the opening of the temple of the Golden Rose. During the same time, the new temple at New Lands celebrated their official opening.

Now as we come together in the hushed silence of winter, let us believe in the spirit of the Christ-mas. Let us release our Star quality and light the flame in every human soul. May Peace reign over the earth.

From all of your Canadian White Eagle family, we wish you a joyous Christ-mas and all blessings for the New Year.

Sue, Leader, Star Centre for Canada



In the spirit world is much rejoicing at Christmas. We want you to understand that your own loved ones can then come very close to you. Your Christmas will not depend on where you are but on what you are—and what you have of the Christmas spirit in your own heart. This can bring you into very close touch with the highest spirit world, where they well know how to worship and to celebrate. Angels are indeed singing in the heavens:

‘Let there be peace on earth and goodwill.’

THE QUEEN

By Margaret Rees



Like people all over the world, we members of the Star Centre in Canada were rocked by the ending of an era with Queen Elizabeth's death. Even the oldest of us were born after her and have memories of her going back to earliest childhood. We have been recognising her power and influence through our lives. Some of us have gathered our thoughts and feelings and put our minds and hearts to the task of writing about three sentences as a brief response to the late Queen's life, influence and death.

Three of us who shared our responses gave personal overviews of the Queen's reign. Ann Force said: *I will remember Her Majesty with great love and gratitude. Such a wonderful example of brotherhood in action played out before our eyes. The Queen was a part of my life for as long as I can remember. I shall miss her.* Sue Lawrence: *I have always lived with the Queen. Her picture in classrooms and hallways, starting in kindergarten, and singing "God Save the Queen" daily, followed me through school. As so many said during the week of grieving before the funeral, she was always there. She was steady through her life and ruled with great wisdom. For some reason I always liked her. I think I felt she was like a grandmother to me: a Divine Mother taking care of Canada.* And Anne Doubleday's thoughts: *My family and I have had the greatest of admiration for Queen Elizabeth II, from her youth, through the War, to becoming Queen of many countries. As a mother, grandmother and great grandmother she was dearly loved not only by her family, but by the people of the countries she visited during her reign. She had strength and fortitude we shall not see again. We shall miss her greatly. Rest in peace, Your Majesty. You have earned a long rest.*

Others shared memories of specific occasions in or parts of the Queen's life, as did Helen Millar: *When I was growing up the Queen's dad, King George, was still on the throne. I also received articles from my cousins in England about Lilibet and Margaret Rose, and their playhouse in the garden at Windsor Castle and their dogs; the things that were part of everyday life for the girls.* My recollection is from a bit later in Princess Elizabeth's life: *When the*

Princess married Philip in 1947 we had the day off school and listened to the wedding ceremony on the wireless, as we called it then. My mother had tears in her eyes as she whispered, "They speak the same words as I did." Her awe and reverence touched me then, and now.

Daphne Boxall and Lesley Tarrant Belcourt wrote about occasions when they were in the Queen's company. Daphne's experience: *In November 1964 I was selected to serve as Honour Guard to the Queen outside the door leading into Westminster Abbey. As Her Majesty walked past us she smiled, and I was awed by the light shining in her beautiful bright blue eyes. Also it struck me how small she was in stature, but how great her presence was.*

Lesley: *My family travelled often to Windsor – 30 minutes by train from NW London. Princess Elizabeth sometimes drove through town wearing a fashionable head scarf. At her Coronation on the newly invented TV in 1952, I saw her wear the Crown in attendance. In 1984 Herb and I attended a dinner in Win-nipeg, fortunate that our table faced the high table where the Queen sat with PM Brian Mulroney. Later, at a service in All Saints' Anglican Cathedral in Edmonton, we were present when Princess Margaret and the Queen attended.*



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And last, but might just as well be first, Pat Harrison's thoughts are about the Queen's special relationship with Canada: *Queen Elizabeth said, "I treasure my place in the life of Canada, and my bond with Canadians everywhere." She said that of the country she visited more than any other country outside Britain. The Queen called Canada her second home.*

So, we put together our patchwork quilt of thoughts and feelings that rise after the Queen's transition into the Light. Much has been said and written in the world around us, and I'd like to follow Ann and suggest that in the Lodge we may see the Queen as a fellow lightbearer as she so steadily and consistently shed warm and comforting light on the many paths she crossed. Her heart was in her work, and she was sustained by her beliefs. Her responsibility was huge, and her response was always commensurate. May we follow, in our much smaller role, the Queen's example!

‘In this mystic Isle of Britain, the rays of the Sun will shine and crown not only that gracious young woman the Queen, but *all* humanity she was destined to be the Queen and a channel for a great influence and light someday to dawn upon the earth. Not by chance does your monarch happen to be a woman – for, in this new age of Aquarius, you will find that woman will rise and take her rightful place: beside man, her partner. This will restore balance to the earth.’

White Eagle



CATHIE COWARD THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR FILE PHOTO
 Queen Elizabeth stop to chat with veterans of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders in 2002.



KEVIN FRAYER THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE PHOTO
 The Queen talks with Lincoln Alexander at a ceremony in Hamilton in 2002.

The photos above were in our local newspaper during the Queen’s visit in 2002.

Below, the Queen’s Coronation.



Colours

By Lesley Tarrant Belcourt



Shortly after WW11 ended, my Roman Catholic grandfather died a few days before my 5th birthday.

As a mark of respect my family—parents, grandparents and aunts—sent me to a school run by nuns of the Order of St. Clare, a short tube train journey from where we all lived together.

The school in a large old house surrounded by a high walled garden was filled with horse chestnut trees. But more impressive was a picture inside the house of two children about to walk through dark woods. Close behind them was a woman in a simple blue and pink gown, her hands gently touching their shoulders. Sister Margaret told me this was their guardian angel.

This angel did not have wings, as I would have expected. Instead, huge rays of multi-coloured Light, were streaming from her, reaching into the sky behind her, looking *like* wings. There was something gentle yet powerful about her.

On weekends when there was no school, my friends and I liked to walk to the Anglican church to play a game we called “colours.” St. Francis’ of Assisi church was on the corner, a few doors away from my house, and had four huge stone steps leading to its heavy wooden front doors. The game was to choose a leader who would be a “caller” and stand facing away from the church. The rest of us quietly named each step a colour. As the leader called a colour the rest of us had to jump onto the appropriate step. Of course, the most difficult part was if the top step was called right after the lowest one. It was mostly impossible to make that jump. So, one early Saturday morning before the others arrived, I decided to practice jumping from step to step. The practice went well at first, until I attempted to make that huge leap from ground to top step. I lost my balance and felt myself falling backwards.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, I felt strong, sturdy hands pushing me upright, and I landed safely on the top step. Relieved, I turned to thank whoever was behind me, but there was no one. The road beyond the church path was quiet and empty. No passersby. Just memory of firm hands pushing.

I had no doubt my guardian angel had helped me.

Over the following years, I heard stories from others about how a miraculous intervention had got them out of crises. And I experienced others myself, later. It is comforting to know that this dear angel who "adopted" me when I incarnated will be with me until my transition back into spirit, will be guiding me along the path I have chosen, making sure I follow my "life plan" until it is the right time for me to leave.



A Carol Service Address A168

White Eagles Address given December 22, 1946

We speak from the world of spirit. We bring you greetings, love and blessing. At this season you are all thinking of Christmas preparations. We see from our spiritual life this Christmas tree laden with gifts for the children as an expression of your kindness and of the Christmas spirit. You are all wishing each other a happy Christmas. We would like you also to remember the invisible worlds and the mystic Presence which is upon the earth at this season. It is true that the Christ spirit is born anew in human hearts but also true that invisible hosts drew near to the earth at Christmas. You have been listening to the carols telling of the presence of angels, but you do not always stop to think of the mighty forces which these angels bring. Remember the angelic hosts. When you give a Christmas party you ask all your friends. When they arrive at your house you throw wide the door in welcome. Many times spirit visitors and angels pay their visits, but instead of opening you close the door of your soul and bar it. Invisible friends cannot gain admittance. Will you remember at Christmas to fling wide the door to angelic visitors who come today exactly as they came to the shepherds of long ago?

Christmas is a festival as old as the world. We could tell you of ceremonies which have taken place throughout the ages in temples and in woodland groves of all races; we could tell you about sun worship and also of the lighting of little lights in the temples. Maybe you have not thought of the origin of the custom. It comes from antiquity. The little lights on your tree signify the light of the Sun, of the Christ, in the human heart. Christmas time is a season for illumination. What is this light which lights the human heart? It is kindness, love. If you love, your whole being radiates light.

We would draw your attention to the story of the star in the heavens which guided the Wise Men to the birthplace of Christ. Remember, my children when you look at a star it is actually a sun full of life. Not quite the same sort of life that exists on the earth but a life which has gradually come to a state of perfection through the light of the supreme Son of God. At Christmas you think of the Son of God as a child, as a babe; He is all that – He is simple and loving and pure and innocent; but He is also a great Sun in the heavens which gives life to all creatures. The Son of God is both human and divine, is simple and lowly and gentle as little babe and infinitely great powerful and life-giving. The stars in the heavens are actually vast suns, centres of spiritual power and life, and this is what the earth will eventually become – yet another centre of life and power and light.

Our closing words this night would tell you that that light is love; and that Christ-mass is the season for lighting the little lights in the human heart. *Let the light shine!* Let the light of the Christ love, the Christ spirit, shine forth from you and you cannot fail to share in that happiness that you are all wishing each other. Give out the light of love and you will give out happiness; if you give you cannot fail to be happy. We do not only wish you, but we *know* that you will have a happy Christmas. Look to the invisible, to the spirit, and on Christmas morning may you all respond to the mystical blessing which will fall upon the earth. You will hear the song of the angels; you will be conscious of the presence of all those whom you love. Remember that in spirit there is no separation. Spirit is the source of life; spirit is the Christ. Open your doors wide to your heavenly visitors and be recharged by the spirit of the Son of God, by the life of the Christ, the power, the glory and the peace.

Behold the vast invisible company! Remember the world is full of people all very much the same as you. You are all hoping for better days. You can give those about you better days, for the Christ has given you the Christmas gift of goodwill. May the brotherhood of all men bless the earth. Peace on earth...peace...goodwill. You won't forget your invisible visitors on Christmas Day, will you? We shall be there. We shall be there.

A very blessed and happy Christmas to every one of you. The New Year holds great blessing for all humankind. Goodbye.

Hand in Hand with Angels

Beloved brethren, we bring all love from the world of spirit. Never think of the spirit world as removed from you. It is all around and within you, and will always guide you into the path of light.

We bring dear love to you all, and the assurance that you are not alone, that whoever and whatever you are, you are loved and helped. As you love others and as you help yourselves, so the help of angels comes to you, raising you up until your lives glow with joy and all becomes light. Never forget the angel by your side. Hold the hand of love and true humility in your work. Angel servers are always close. All they need is the co-operation of human love.

Remember this. They are great rays of power and strength, enfolding and protecting. From them emanate the God-forces. They mingle with those who have been incarnated in a human body. They work hand in hand with men and women. You can develop your awareness and your fitness to be a clear and true channel of those Angelic forces by communing with God each day, even if only for a short time. Just send your thanks to your Creator, and in the consciousness behind your active human brain dwell in the knowledge that the Angels are with you, the heavenly Hosts.

Strive to be simply good—simply kind and pure in thought, speech and action. Thank God for your life and its blessings; for the beauties of the sunrise and sunsets, the beauties of the clouds and the skies. Enjoy the gentle rain without resentment at getting wet. Turn your face to the raindrops and thank God the Brother Water comes to give you life. Brother Air comes to give life. For in all these elements are the angels, and when man understands this he becomes at one with the angels, he works hand in hand with the angels.

If you will be steadfast on the path in which your feet have been guided—by brethren before you on that path—you will find the treasure of life, a never-ending stream of help and healing and happiness. We, your brothers and guides, are on the road by your side. Not one of you stands alone. You have only to ask in simple trust, and you shall receive; whatever your need, it shall be supplied. Each one of you has your own guide by your side, one who never leaves you. Your guide knows your innermost need and will comfort you and lead you into green pastures and beside still waters.

Some of you are faced with problems that seem to be insurmountable, and you may think that we in spirit know nothing of your own human need and your difficulties. You do not realize how close we are, or that sometimes when you are out of your body, in your sleep, you come to us and confide your weakness, your worry, your sorrow. Your brethren over here understand and are waiting to help you. Do you know that many of these friends are around you now, acting as silent helpers, silent watchers, ever on the lookout for opportunities to serve and to help, to guide and to inspire you?

We who come from the inner world are well aware of the practical details of human life. You may think that being spirit we are quite remote from the activities and the pains and the fears and the sufferings of our brothers and sisters on earth, but here you would be very much mistaken. The Brotherhood of the White Light is closely concerned with the evolution, happiness, and wellbeing of all humanity. We have passed through many incarnations and have the means of recalling these human experiences when necessary. Therefore we can feel with you; we can understand your frustrations, your limitations and your anxieties and fears. We are part of you; we are one of you; we are with all of you.

Seeking Serenity pp36-39

Deep Peace

Of the running wave to you

Deep Peace

Of the flowing air to you

Deep Peace

Of the quiet earth to you

Deep Peace

Of the shining stars to you

Deep Peace

Of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars

Pour their healing light on you

Deep Peace to you

Deep Peace, Lyrics by Bill Douglas



ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

THE ANGELS OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS A066

The world at the present time is chaotic, and you, my brethren, who have striven, and still strive with all your strength to realise the spiritual values in life, come at times against obstacles. At such times you cannot see clearly, for a dark curtain falls between you and spiritual realities.

We have listened to a reading from the Revelation of John—the revelations of a beloved elder Brother who brought to this world mystical truth—and the interpretation of such mysteries yet remains unknown to the religionist. If you students can penetrate behind the Word, and find the spirit, the truth behind Revelation, you will realise that now, at the present time, this world draws near to such a time of revelation. The prophecies of our elder Brother are now about to be fulfilled, not according to the letter, but to the spirit. Although the Book of Revelation has had many interpretations we suggest to your minds that you interpret in the light of your spirit ... in the light of the spirit of God. For not according to the letter, not by world conflagration, disaster, destruction, revolution on a vast scale, are these prophecies to be fulfilled, but in humanity's unfolding consciousness, humanity's own unfolding of God within its soul.

The 'Woman clothed with the sun' who was driven from earth, and who took refuge in a hidden place, is symbolical of the very Mysteries of which St. John wrote. The Woman fled before the onslaught of the Beast, we learn, and have to realise that the 'Woman' symbolized the Secret of Ages ... the Ancient Wisdom ... Those, of whom John was one, who were to **give** this truth to their younger brethren, were already in process of being driven away by the 'Dragon' of materialism (the 'Beast' of Revelation). These mysteries of life still wait to be unfolded. Did mankind but know, the very happenings now causing so much disturbance in your physical life, as well as in your spiritual life, are the very 'sounds' ... the prelude heralding the coming to mankind of this revelation of spiritual truth. Mankind has to learn the lesson through experience and through suffering ... the experience of both sorrow and joy, and we watch with *longing* ... with longing vision and with longing heart, the process of birth which is taking place on earth today.

The Master Jesus gave to the Christian Church certain simple teachings, to enable humankind to learn the preliminary lessons ... the necessary lessons ... of approach to the portal of initiation into the hidden Mysteries. Two thousand years have passed since our beloved Elder Brother brought this message, and there are still countries at war—which rather indicates that the elementary Christianity has yet to be learnt! The existence of wars show that there must necessarily arise in the earthly minds, in humanity's intellect, many reasons to justify war. It is a matter for everyone to decide for him/herself. We would not interfere with the freewill of any person. But we give you to think, to meditate, upon this simple truth: we have learned from the Christian Scriptures that no one can serve two masters: he cannot serve both God and Mammon. This is the test which confronts every aspirant at the present time, every aspirant to initiation into the Mysteries of the heavenly life.

You have all heard of angels, and in a nebulous way believe that there can be such beings; you have read about angels in the Bible, in many occult works, and accept the fact that angels exist. You may also know that before humanity was sent forth upon this path of earthly experience angels dwelt upon the earth ... advanced Beings came to this planet to assist earth's humanity in its establishment upon earth. You may also be aware of Angels of Light and Angels of the Shadows, Principalities and Powers both of Good and Evil. Let us restate the last sentence, saying 'Angels in the light, Angels in the shadows, Angels serving the light and Angels serving the darkness.'

We have to realise that the Angels of Light (or 'Good') stand for the forces of construction; those of the Shadows (or 'Evil') the necessary forces of destruction—necessary, because they are ever at work pruning away those aspects of individual and national life and thought which have outgrown their usefulness. Therefore do not think of the Light and Dark Angels as adversaries constantly at war, but rather as the one being the complement of the other. Do not underestimate the power of these beings, either, for both aspects of angelic life are continually at work, through generation after generation, cycle after cycle of earth's humanity to assist the growth and to destroy that which is unworthy in humanity. There are two aspects in one's life, and you may choose which one you take: one aspect will bring you into harmony with cosmic laws; the other will throw you into disharmony. The one who has attained the vision of the heavenly mysteries works in harmony, always in harmony. The one who is still in a state of darkness, works against the cosmic laws. Consequently the latter surrounds oneself, through incarnation after incarnation, with suffering. As soon as one learns to work in harmony, to live in harmony in the life, in other words, to give oneself confidently to God—then one attains happiness. The angels of light work with one, and together, oneself and angel are able to assist in the unfolding of the God principle in the rest of humanity. The one who is responsive to the dark angels, although unconscious of the process set in motion by his actions, is caught up in a law of evolution which, whilst causing him to suffer, is also causing one eventually to learn the lessons of life through suffering.

Can the dark angels, those angelic forces, perhaps not yet fully aware of the light and the power and the wisdom of the Most High, can these angels triumph over the angels in the light, and thus cause the destruction of humanity? Our answer is 'No'. The dark angels can go so far, and no further, because then they are caught up in definite cosmic law which causes them to be absorbed or rendered powerless in this law.

Those who do evil, or so-called evil, are themselves the instruments of a certain force at work: a force which is working ultimately to bring through greater consciousness of the God-life in man. The dark angels cannot destroy the God in anyone. But their own deeds can cause them to fall as a star from heaven; as a star torn from the firmament they will surely fall, because they are in a state of darkness, and lack the power to keep their position in life.

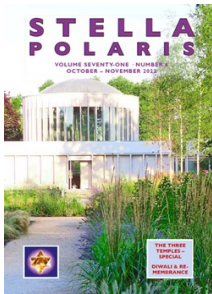
Peace be unto you ... Behold, a great light shines above you. The light will encompass the earth. *Excerpts from A066 Sunday Address, 3 Dec 1939*

30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of the OPENING of the TEMPLE of the GOLDEN ROSE in TEXAS

In October the St John Retreat Center held a joyous reunion in celebration of the 30th Anniversary. Members, friends and brothers came from Canada and the States to join in the service. Elizabeth taught her Qigong exercises out by the pool each morning. Alvah gave a wonderful talk about the 'Land' which everyone identifies with. There was a beautiful service on Sunday marking the occasion and on Monday afternoon, Patty, from Canada, was initiated as an Inner Brother. It was wonderful to catch up with all. Thank you Jane and Denise and all the staff for a great retreat.



The Canadian Group: Sue, Patty, Daphne and Helen



Stella Polaris 2023
The Journal of the White Eagle Lodge

Always included are inspiring and uplifting messages by White Eagle. In addition, there are pages of questions and answers, meditations for the month, and articles by leaders of the Lodge. Those interested in astrology will find articles designed to help the reader work with the cosmic influences of the moment. Poems, articles by readers, reviews, photos and information about activities of the White Eagle work throughout the world are also found in the magazine.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM BEAUTIFUL BRITISH COLUMBIA



Here in B.C. we continue to work on the first and third Sundays of the month and we are also all participating to the best of our abilities in the Zoom groups which have been a wonderful medium for joining us all together. It is a great way to support and link with each other and at the same time send light out into the world in these very unstable times.

We all feel the great energy shifts and changes taking so many different forms and creating so many opportunities. The ending of an era in the loss of our Queen and the outpouring of so much love and light at her passing giving rise to new beginnings. Our lodge has two important events happening simultaneously. The dedication of the new temple at Newlands in Britain and the celebration of the 30th anniversary of our Temple of the Golden Rose in Texas for the Americas. Surely there must be an important astrological link for all this to be happening at this time in this year 2022.

As we look towards the all-important Christmas Festival, we bring into focus the energy of Divine Mother and her great love for all humanity and all life represented in bringing forth the birth of the Christ Light.

White Eagle says: “From the Mother all love, all life, all beauty and wisdom proceed. In your meditation, try to see her enthroned in the ‘stable’ or cave. In beauty and simplicity she awaits the birth of the Christ Child. See the exquisite light all around her, the pulsating heavenly light ... And now do you see ... she cradles this wonderful child in her arms. Now the cave is ablaze with light. There is no limit to the dimensions of the cave: it is infinite, it is infinity filled with hosts of shining ones. We hear heavenly music, a hymn of praise and thanksgiving for the birth of the Christ Child.”

All humanity awaits this birth. This is the sole purpose and object of the life of humanity, for man is created in God’s own image. All are destined to be the parents of this wonderful spirit of the Christ ...

All materiality which now clouds the beauty and holiness of Christmas will fade away, and the sweet simplicity of the Christ birth will be established in every human heart. This is the gift which God has given to all His children – the power to bring the Christ spirit to earth. *‘Christmas Time –Birth of the Christ Child’ Stella Polaris, Dec 1976-Jan 1977*

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful light filled year to come.

With Love and Blessings, Ann Force and all in B.C.

So, if you are too tired to speak, sit next to me,
because I, too, am fluent in silence.

R. Arnold



We want to link you to the Christmas Festival in the spirit world. Leave behind the earth and all its limitations and come into the Star temple. Look through the Golden Arch into the inner chamber of blazing light. See there a tree, the Christ-tree, which is the symbol of the Christ life, the Perfect life. The tree is ablaze with light. It is surrounded by children of all ages. The greatest soul is the simplest and the most childlike. It is only when all arrogance and all fear has departed, and you give yourself simply and completely to God, that the birth of the Christ child takes place.

The Joy of Trees, White Eagle Calendar 2015

DAY OF DEDICATION OF THE NEW TEMPLE IN ENGLAND

On October 23rd, the Mother Lodge celebrated the opening of the new Temple in England.

Our thoughts and so many warm wishes are with everyone who attended this day of dedication.

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The Gentle Brother

by *White Eagle*



The rose is the symbol of love; and the love is Light, the Lost Word. Jesus came to the earth as a Messenger from the sphere of love after many, many lives of preparation for his supreme mission. He became the physical instrument for the great outpouring of the Light of the Christ-Spirit, all-love, the saviour of humanity.

The lesson of love and brotherhood, through the learning of which humanity is saved, is so simple, yet perhaps the most difficult of all to learn.

The Christ comes again and again to the earth plane. At particular times of the year the glorious personality and presence of the Son of God overshadows earth's humanity, but there are few indeed on earth who respond to that lovely Presence. So many are ignorant; they do not understand and cannot feel the beauty of that tranquil, loving and powerful glory. We will call His life the *life of glory*. It is the life God has planned for all humanity. But alas, so few are prepared to put first in their lives the love of God and the love of His Son, the Christ.

Always look for the power of the light of the Son of God working in the hearts of earthy people. In your own heart know that your own life is being ordered by a divine love; that by this spirit of the Son of God, your life is being made perfect.

Take no notice of the materialistic mind that thinks it knows. Look beyond the world of matter to the worlds of the finer ethers: see the vast company in the heavens, the peoples of other worlds, *the peoples of more advanced creation*. Live and have your being in the consciousness of the glory of the all-enveloping, inter-penetrating spirit of your Creator.

The familiar story of the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem, in the stable with only animals for companions, is a beautiful symbol of the birth of the Light, or the Christ-Child, in a human heart when that heart is reduced to lowliness and humility through sorrow, and through spiritual and often through material need. When thus reduced the soul is called to take shelter in a stable or cave. That cave symbolizes the heart of humanity wherein the Christ-light comes to birth. When all arrogance and fear have departed, and humankind gives the self trustingly to God, the birth of the Child takes place.

When you are suffering the pangs of this birth, and you feel lonely and dissatisfied and tempted to question the love of God; when the sore questions, 'Why?' 'Why?' 'Why?' remain unanswered; try to remember that there *is* a solid reason for everything that happens in your life, and accept with patience and humility all that is sent. For the pain, the disappointment and loneliness come to help you bring to birth and full stature the beautiful spirit of the Son of God in your heart, which will bless you beyond all your dreams.

Broccoli Cheddar Soup

Ingredients

4 tbsp butter

1/2 medium onion, chopped

2-3 cloves garlic, minced

4 tbsp flour

2 cups low-sodium vegetable stock

1 tsp kosher salt

1/2 tsp pepper

3 cups broccoli cut into small pieces

1 large carrot, finely chopped

2 cups milk or half & half

2 cups grated cheddar

Instructions

Melt butter in a large pot over med-high heat. Add the onion & cook 3-4 minutes or until softened & light gold. Add the garlic & saute for another minute.

Add flour & whisk for 1-2 minutes or until the flour begins to turn golden. Pour in the vegetable broth, broccoli, carrots & seasoning. Bring to a boil then reduce heat to low & simmer for 15 minutes or until the broccoli & carrots are cooked through. Stir in half & half & cheddar cheese & simmer for another minute.

Enjoy!

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IN PERSON RETREATS:

Blessing of Mother Earth January 5th – 6th, 2023

Retreat Cost + Accommodation & Meal Rate = \$125.00
(includes overnight stay and all meals)

Birthing to a Higher State of Consciousness

Presented by Jane Sorbi
Friday, March 31st, 4:00pm – Tuesday, April 4th, 12:30pm, 2023

Retreat Cost + Accommodation & Meal Rate = \$625.00
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Spiritual Science VII The Journey Home – Transformation from Physical Death into the Afterlife

Presented by Jane Sorbi

February 8th, 15th, 22, March 1st, 2023

COST: \$235.00

TIME: CST: noon - 2:00pm

PST : 10 am – 12:00 pm

MST: 11 am – 1:00 pm

EST: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

(Plan to log-on to Zoom 10 minutes prior to start the course)



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