

# On Eagle's Wings

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You can do so much to help the angelic ones in their work of raising the vibrations of earth. The angels of light draw close to those who humbly and truly seek to serve the Great Spirit.

(Little Book of Angels – White Eagle)

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## THE PRINCIPLES OF THE WHITE EAGLE LODGE

The White Eagle Lodge Teaches:

That God, the Eternal Spirit, is both Father and Mother.

That the Son - the Cosmic Christ - is also the light which shines in the human heart. By reason of this Divine Sonship, all are brothers and sisters in spirit, a brotherhood which embraces all life, visible and invisible, including the angelic kingdom.

The expression of these principles in daily life, through service.

The awareness of the invisible world, which bridges separation and death and reveals the eternal unity of life.

That life is governed by Five Cosmic Laws:

Reincarnation  
Cause and Effect  
Opportunity  
Correspondences  
Compensation

*(Equilibrium & Balance)*

The ultimate goal of mankind is that the inner light should become so strong and radiant that even the cells of the physical body are transmuted into finer substances which can overcome mortality. This is known as the Christing of Man, or in the words of the Ancient Brotherhood, the blooming of the Rose upon the Cross of Matter.

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## MEDITATION

Once again at Christmas the angels draw nigh to earth, for there is a great conflict, a conflict between the higher and lower mind of man, between the God-desire and the lower self. Now there is a time coming when those who respond to the Light of Christ, to the guiding Voice, will find that only in this power will they find peace and security. God is Man's security. God is omnipotent. If you would be safeguarded from all your enemies, place your hand in God's and trust his love. Neither sickness, sorrow nor separation can touch you if you are at-one with God's spirit, for then the angel reaches to you and the world becomes your sanctuary. May you feel conscious as never before, during this Christmas meditation, of the inflow of the Christ love. Never fear—God will never fail you.

From White Eagle's Christmas Message, *Angelus* 1936



## MISSION STATEMENT

"The White Eagle Lodge embraces in its teaching many a school of thought; it would follow and advocate all paths which lead to Truth. Thus the White Eagle Lodge holds to no creed save unity with all, no other aim save Brotherhood. The name is designed not for the enhancement of any one individual, incarnate or discarnate, but as representative of a school or aspect of thought which might be symbolized by the White Eagle – the bird of vision, of soaring wings and sunlit skies. In this connection it may be well to recall that the symbol of an eagle has always represented the mystical aspect of Christianity as embodied in the Gospel of St. John.

If it be loyal to itself, the Lodge should seek to be a mystical Church of the Spirit, its mission to send forth such truth as has been entrusted to it; to hold nothing to itself, but ever seek to give; to place service before numbers, power, or popularity in a world where service is desperately needed. Such a Church is fulfilling itself if some who are lonely can find in it companionship and affection; if some who have lost faith can find a stable resting place again; and the sick in mind or body can gain from its healing, the health of soul and body they lack . . ."

# Light On the Path

by Jane Sorbi



Our very dear Family,

This comes to you as always with our love. We are indeed born in interesting times! Yet in amongst all of the chaotic aspects of our earthly world there is a great and golden thread of strength; a thread which unites the hearts and minds of those who are able to think a little more deeply and catch a glimpse of the wisdom held within the greater vision.

**Good will.** This is the season we read and hear those words over and over. Good will amongst men (and women!). This is the means of drawing to our planet a way of achieving peaceful co-existence; cultivating a spirit of Goodwill and weaving it into the very fabric of life. It is within the grasp of every one of us; taking time to think before we speak and to generate from the heart a great flood of good will towards earth's humanity; not just our own family and our own nation, but the great family of humanity who populate our earth. The essence of good will towards everyone and everything can shine out from each of us; *it can light up a whole area of the earth.*

We are drawing towards the most recent celebration of the birth of the Light, the Christ, the gift of love personified through the incarnation of the Master Jesus. The birth was heralded by Angels, glorious forms of beauty and light drawn to the aid, blessing and inspiration of all created life. **The work of the Angels is concerned with the evolution and with the building of form in every kingdom of life and the growth of consciousness within that form.** What a glorious alliance has been given to us in our journey! Ideally and consciously the angelic and the human work together in harmony to move forward our evolution. We are two branches of the same family.

The Angelic or Devic stream of evolution differs from our own in that it operates from a place of profound dispassion. It is not drawn into the emotional quagmire of human ups and downs but moves and has its being in a steady stream of beauty and in deeply loving response. The angels never fail to respond – remember to invite them in!

Some months ago I was listening to a talk about the economic chaos in the world. It was said that because of global interpenetration of our financial markets, *the only solution was for the world leaders to come together and work together within a global unit.* I wondered if the

speaker realized exactly what he had said! What greater way could be found to draw the nations together than by shared global 'crisis'. A means has been shown for us to unite and find a way to come together in global co-operation through an economic pathway. So instead of bewailing the global woes, let us envision the pathway to resolution, but first must come the spiritual vision.

You do not like what you see happening in the world, but it all indicates a process of elimination, the gradual birth of a new age, a new world, a new life, where brotherhood and goodwill will predominate and as a result the whole vibration of the earth will change. The key to this transformation, this glory, is the Light, the Christ light. - White Eagle

You may be familiar with the words from the poet William Cowper where he writes, "*God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform, he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm...*" The ways of apparent worldly chaos present the ideal vehicle to be used as a means to unite us all. The ideals which will eventually flower come so often from very practical and earthy roots.

And so to this season of Goodwill – or God-will. May we all find strength to stand up for the simple truths which we absolutely *know* in our hearts to be true - and find every opportunity to put them into practice. One person 'standing up' for principles of truth, expressing goodwill by example or in speech, can *indeed* light up a whole area of the earth.

We will be thinking of you all with so much love at this time of celebration, whether Al-Hijra (the Islamic New Year in December), the Jewish celebration of Hanukkah – or at noon on Christ-Mass morning here in the Temple. In whatever outer form we worship and celebrate, we remember that it is within that brilliant universal heart of Light that we come together.

With great warmth, blessing and love, from all of the family here in Texas,

Jane



(Mother of the White Eagle Work in the Americas)

We could not close without mentioning one of those lighted souls, that of Grace Cooke's (Minesta's) daughter Ylana Hayward. Her earthly journey came to a close on September 7<sup>th</sup>, at age 95. Her life was far from easy, yet her determination lit by her courage and absolute focus upon the work at hand gave so much to the continued growth of work of the White Eagle Lodge. Her physical presence will be so deeply missed by many, but her strength and power of love through us all, will continue to radiate out and illumine our work together. **Thank you, our very dear Ylana.**



## GRANDMOTHER'S CORNER

by Jean LeFevre

My Dear Family,

Sadly, Christmas seems to concentrate on the exoteric rather than the esoteric and inner meaning. We all have our own concept about Angels. I have always liked the way Geoffrey Hodson depicted the Angels, especially in his book *The Kingdom of the Gods*. Having lived much of my life in strange places, I much prefer the concept of *Devas*. As I understand, Deva means Shining One, and this is exactly how I perceive them.

They appear to be of pure Light, glorious in color, enfolding in love and gentleness. They are also part of all that is ... trees, flowers, rainbows.

I admit to having a problem with Angels depicted as very pregnant ladies with a halo! I find it rather *too* human. Fat little cherubs do not do anything for me, either! Perhaps that is the whole idea ... how *we* perceive them. My Angels are very gentle, their touch is like a gentle breath of air and their love is all-enfolding. I know I am safe with them, and death itself is but an enfolding aura of pure love.



Rose Angel by Geoffrey Hodson

As some of you are aware, I spent several years as a volunteer chaplain working with men on Death Row. I cannot say I actually saw the 'Angel of Death' but there was a sense of help being there for all who were willing to accept it. (My special field is Eschatology: Life, Death, Heaven and Hell.) This usually took human rather than angelic form, and often someone known to that person.

However we perceive Angels - and Christmas, may this be a time of pure vision. A time of Hope, Love and Abundant Blessings. With all the power of Christ within our hearts ... LET THE LIGHT SHINE, and may God bless us all.

Please give a thought for our animal brethren. It is often a challenging time for many of them.

Much love to you all. You will be in my thoughts, and in my heart.

Jean



## ANIMAL HEALING

by Nancy Dorsey



One of the joys of Christmas time is the nativity, a mental image of the holy family, surrounded by animals, wise men, shepherds and angels. One can almost hear the al-leluia chorus. White Eagle calls this 'the very seedstuff of brotherhood and worship', this image of the perfect extended family gathering in humble surroundings.

The same magic of a place with tranquility and harmony, complete with angels, animals and humans, exists in the Garden of Reunion. A place we can reach through meditation or in sleep, by reaching up in love through the heart of the golden sun. Through the sun (and the Son), we come to a place where love rules and the shackles of the earth are released for at time. Here we may meet those who have passed on or are otherwise separated from us physically, but where love ties us together.

In the Garden of Reunion you may meet loved ones, or receive guidance or healing. Here the lion and the lamb may be curled up together. All things are possible, because it is held within the heart of God.

The nativity has many layers of symbology which can be used to embellish the tale with greater depth and meaning...not that those who are simple in heart need the trimmings. By simple in heart, I mean centered in love.

Hope, humility and faith fill me when I contemplate our Creator's gift of both nativity and Garden. The heart of these worlds is the love that pervades every part and every being there. We can catch glimpses of these when we look at newborns of any kind, into the eyes of those we love, or feel a warm little body snuggled up next to us with perhaps a deep vibrating purr.

"Christ was born in a stable, so the Christian teaching says. Christ *is* born in the humblest home—always. Some teachers have said that He was born in a cave—in a cave of man's heart. The third degree of masonry symbolizes the birth of Christ ... the birth in the cave. The mortal body, the personal, outer self, must first be slain, and lie in the tomb, that tomb which is the width, and the height and the breadth of man. Thus Christ is born in the 'cave' or 'tomb'. The Cross again symbolizes mortal man with arms opened in surrender, head raised to heaven, giving *utterly, completely.*" White Eagle.

May you share in the Joy and Love that abound in this season and pour forth from our Creator.

THE WHITE EAGLE LODGE  
OF THE AMERICAS  
TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial standing of the White Eagle Lodge of the Americas for this year has been blessed with the receipt of a bequest from the estate of a beloved member in the United States who passed into the light late last year. The Board of Directors at its meeting in April decided to use about half of the bequest this year as income for the Operating Budget and hold the rest in the Reserve and Maintenance Funds which serve as the organization's savings accounts. Total income for the first half of the year including the Operating half of the bequest was \$135,250 while the Center's operating expenses were \$130,600 leaving a small surplus of \$4,650 at June 30. Since nearly all the Operating portion of the bequest was used in the first half of the year, the Center will have to rely wholly on its usual sources of income to cover expenses in the last half of the year if it is to avoid drawing on the Reserve Fund. These income sources include all donations and net income from the sale of books, from retreats, fund-raisers and memberships, along with our Annual Appeal. Nearly all of these sources were less in the first half of this year compared to the first half of last year. Most nonprofit organizations have seen reduced income in the current economy which causes people to be less able to be philanthropic.

We are very grateful to our staff Bookkeeper, Anne Bassett, who has been doing the Center's accounting for nearly fifteen years. Anne is one of the dedicated and competent staff members with whom the Center is blessed.

Kathy Evans, Treasurer

A WARM WINTER WELCOME  
TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

*Ruth Cowrie, Dorothy Levene, Erika Ervin, Bonnie Yaple, Karen Inkpen, Heidi De Simone, JoeAnn Brown, Pauline Faulk, Lynette Balducci, Bruce Brickman and Alma Villarreal*



**Tootle Dora** (The Wish List Fairy)

...has a wish:

The Center is in need of a 'general purpose' vehicle, as our old minivan has finally gone to that great garage in the sky. If anyone could help us out we would be very grateful.

Star Center Fund Report 2011

The Star Center Fund was established at Fidelity Charitable gift fund Jan., 2009 with a \$5,000 donation. The fund is invested in Fidelity Mutual Funds. The fund is to be used for the support and maintenance of Saint John's Retreat Center. The fund is to be long lasting with only 5% of the fund given to the SJRC yearly. The fund will grow over time and provide a lasting source of help for the Center. There are three trustees for the fund: Carol Jeter, Tom Bonwell and Jim Baltzell.

**GOOD NEWS!** The fund now has \$32,000. Since inception 13 people have generously donated to the fund. The fund has also generated \$4,043 in interest.

\$2,043 dollars have been donated to Saint John's Retreat Center from the Star Center Fund. This has happened in just two and a half years. It would seem that there has been considerable unseen help for which we are thankful!

The fund accepts any donation including legacies and memorials. Fidelity prefers donations of \$1,000 or more however they will accept any donation. Donations are tax deductible.

If you would like to make a long-lasting donation to the Star Center Fund or designate the fund in your will contact *Marcia* at Saint John's Retreat Center or email *Jim Baltzell* at [jwinston65@yahoo.com](mailto:jwinston65@yahoo.com).

WISDOM SCHOOL

A steady flowering of the White Eagle work has brought with it the birth of an (Ancient) Wisdom School for the 21st century. Areas of the Wisdom School already developed – Healing, Meditation and Astrology – offer training in a variety of forms, including structured courses.

Newer areas of the Wisdom School – Creative Arts, Spiritual Science and Ancient Wisdom – offer general activities which broaden the horizons and can bring an added dimension of richness and wonder. The aim of the Wisdom School as it develops is two-fold: to offer richer opportunities for personal growth and service to those involved in the White Eagle work, and at the same time, to share esoteric teaching in an accessible, engaging way with the general public.

Underpinning the Wisdom School is the philosophy that we learn best and grow best in a setting which deeply acknowledges the beauty and the capacity of each individual human heart, and is free from judgment. The underlying aspiration of the Wisdom School is to help create a culture where the expression of spiritual potential is a natural part of society.

A new offering as part of the Wisdom School at Saint John's will be a *Sacred Geometry workshop and retreat* led by Lyn Edwards, co-leader of the White Eagle work in Australia. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this remarkable retreat next March.

## The Power of Love

Earth's humanity has always looked to the sun. Every race has left on record its worship of the sun. The ancients knew that the source of all life was the sun, and even beyond the physical life they knew that the sun was a spiritual manifestation of the one universal Principle from which all life came. The First Principle is love and love is light. Where there is love, there is light, there is radiance. Where there is no love there is darkness and heaviness. The brothers of the light are the brothers of the sun, and the brothers of the sun are brothers of love. All brothers of the light work together as one great master-soul, and this even whilst each individual is separate; even as grains of sand are separate yet together form the seashore – or as drops of water can make an ocean. They serve the Grand Architect of the universe as one body, one spirit.

The earth may be in a state of darkness, but the light is coming, even as it came in the ancient days; and pioneers of this great coming are needed. The call has been sent forth to the souls of men and women who have reached a certain stage on their path of evolution; the call to them is to leave all material claims and follow the Master, follow the Son of God. You will say, 'But we have heard all this before, White Eagle.'

But beloved brethren, the message is not clear even yet. More help is coming from the spheres of light so that people will awaken to the power of love, and the scientific implication of this power, for love has power over matter. People are inclined to think that love is synonymous with weakness, but there they are mistaken. Love in the human soul is the greatest power in matter. Love in the human life is magical and can right all wrongs. We are telling you, my brethren, of a power which can transform your life and the life of the whole of humanity. Try it! Demonstrate the power of love for one morning in your home, your shop, your office, wherever your work takes you. Demonstrate – not by telling everyone that you love them, that is not the way – but holding a steady thought of their God-qualities, by always seeing the good in every condition, striving always for beauty of speech or action or thought. Try it for one half day. Forego the claims of your lower self; hold fast to the source of your inspiration, which is neither your mind nor soul, but your shining spirit, source of all happiness, of all harmony and beauty and light.

In this Lodge may there spread the radiance of Love. Do not let the arrogant earthly mind enter into it. Preserve here, by the grace of God, the spirit of brotherly love, the spirit of kindness and humility; the spirit of comradeship. Set aside a time each day for quiet – either wandering in the green places, the woods or the country lanes, or, if this is not possible, by going into the green and sunlit countryside within your own heart. Seek the place of eternal silence, and in that silence you will receive your food; the bread and the wine of life.

## FROM MEDICINE MAN TO MYSTIC

### The Spiritual Expressions of Dr. Edward Bach's Twelve Soul Types

For each of us, our own karmic agenda centers on transmuted debt, taking it in, taking it on, and inhaling it. It means signing up for the "soul job at which we are meant to labor in this incarnation." Dr. Edward Bach (1886-1936) known for his discovery of the 38 Bach Flower Remedies, was regarded by some as a scientific genius, but he was also a mystic and a visionary, deeply in touch with his own Soul's agenda. For Bach, Soul agenda included specific lessons that were imbedded in his theory of twelve basic soul-types. Moreover, the evolution of the Soul's lesson for each of these types corresponded to the emotional and vibrational patterns of his initial twelve remedies which he identified as the Twelve Great Remedies.

In the early stages of his work with the Remedies, Bach paints a picture for us suggesting that each of us is bound to one of these twelve soul-types and its lesson of what he called characteristic 'hindrances (weaknesses) and virtues (strengths)'. Once incarnated, our challenge is to work toward the 'virtue' (strength) of our type and as we progress along this path of "growth" or evolution, it is our further "job" to teach the virtuous or positive qualities of our type to the world.

This process is not an easy one as many are currently experiencing; it is a journey that can bring us days, months and for some people, years, when it seems that the totality of our Soul mission is just the job of self-healing. Nevertheless, this personal journey can take us to a deeper, often painful, but potentially higher level of understanding.

In addition to his first twelve remedies Dr. Bach also left us with an additional twenty-six remedies, plus Rescue Remedy. As coping tools, the negative and positive energetic or vibrational patterns of the Remedies shift self-perceptions of our internal and external environment so that we may 'see more clearly' and thus advance in our 'soul-job'. And on our journey we come to realize that Dr. Bach continues to reach out to us in compassion, standing at our backs as we face the challenges of our difficult experiences in the world.

Gaye Mack

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# Healing Focus



Dear Friends,

As we prepare for the Christmas season and its special Blessings, we draw ever closer to the Angelic realm. It is perhaps good to consider that the most important work of the White Eagle Lodge is the offering of healing to those who are sick in mind, body, and soul. As we gradually move toward the full blossoming of the Aquarian Age, when humanity will have learned once again to live in harmony and balance with Divine Law, there will no longer be dis-ease. When we are in quiet accord with God and His Creation, we are at ease. All is well.

White Eagle told a group of his healers that they are the bridges over which the angels are able to reach their patients. Bridges to patients . . . what a beautiful thought! Angels are very tranquil and gentle, so they cannot use us as a bridge unless we too match their vibration—tranquil and gentle. This is where the power of disciplined thought is fundamental to the sacrament of healing. We must remember that it is a sacrament. A true healer is dedicated and fully aware that they are merely a bridge for the angels to contact their patients. It is the angels carrying the Light who do the work. And they too are bridges, agents for the great Healer, the Master Jesus, who is then an agent for the Lord Christ.

That said, the human healers have their vital part to play to be gentle . . . to be quiet . . . to step aside, so that the **angels can touch and restore**, using the healers' hands and receptive minds. By the power of loving intent, we must learn to still our minds, to silence any outward worries, grievances, and fears. Then with a serene mind, visualize the pure colors coming through the Rays specifically given for each human or animal patient. We must learn to see the vibrant colors, see them very clearly and simply in order for **the angels to apply them**.

We would like to share a few of our special healing reports that show how the Angels of Healing have indeed touched our patients' lives:

S.A. has gone through a challenging health issue and is dealing with it on many levels. She wrote: "I am deeply, deeply grateful for all of those working on my behalf, both seen and unseen."

S.B. wrote: "My situation is similar to my last update. I have spoken with my husband and we both agree that continuing to be on your healing list is something that gives

us so much comfort and strength. **The feeling of being embraced by your warmth and light helps us.**"

The healing staff frequently gets letters of this sort that clearly show how the person is aware of all the embracing love of the angels and the Great Healer.

S.C. told us recently: "There is improvement and it is good to feel my being held in prayer, thought, love and blessings. Knowing that I am not alone is monumental. I would very much appreciate the (continued healing)."

One more report to share:

"I appreciate more than I can say all the healing help that I am receiving to continue with my 'work'. My gratitude to you, to the human healers working with the healing angels and, of course, to the Great Healer, with so much love."

In closing, I share a few words from White Eagle's teachings: "... contact in the silence, in the stillness; contact - with the heart - the truth, the heart, that is demonstrated for you in the symbol of the Christ Star. Christ is not a person, Christ is Love, overpowering Love; Christ is a quality, a quality of consciousness which can come to man."

So in our healing work . . . our meditations . . . our life, the great power of thought is all-important. We must ever strive to discipline it, control it, and purify it. We can help ourselves by starting every day with one of the most beautiful of the Lodge prayers which will be a great help - our

**White Eagle Lodge Invocation:**

*May the Light of Christ, shining in my heart,  
stand guard over my thoughts,  
And guide my speech and actions into ways of service;  
May the Light of Christ shine from my heart  
To heal the sick in mind and body,  
to comfort the bereaved, to sustain the weary;  
May the Light of Christ illumine my understanding,  
and the understanding of all;  
Bringing true vision, and awareness of the eternal life;  
and of the Christ within all.*

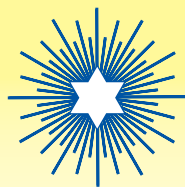
As always, our loving gratitude goes out to all of our dear White Eagle Healers who help with this work. Have a Blessed and Happy Christ-mass from your White Eagle Healing team.

With love until next time, ... Denise



Please do let us know if you are interested in any aspect of the healing work by writing to:

[denise@whiteaglelodge.org](mailto:denise@whiteaglelodge.org)



# Companioned by Angels

White Eagle's Inner Teaching©

May 14, 1963

## *Invocation:*

*Beloved brethren, we come to raise your consciousness from the confused turmoil and clamor of the physical life up into the heavenly consciousness of God and God's angels.*

Remember that the key which unlocks the door to these heavenly mysteries lies not in your mind but in your heart. Truth is simple and because it is so simple it is hidden from those who have great knowledge and powerful intellects, or those who play with words; but it is revealed to the loving heart.

The greatest mind is ever the humble mind, and you will find this virtue apparent in all the elder and wise brethren. Humility is indeed the most important virtue if the soul is to attain to any degree of understanding and experience of God. Through experiencing human life with all its pain and joy the soul is quickened and so able to see the truth of life – which means of course it is able to recognize its relationship to the Eternal Spirit.

**You are living in an age when the rate of man's spiritual unfoldment is being speeded up;** the suffering of wars has hastened the process, and as a result, mankind, through the mind and through the development of science, is searching for truth. Remember always that there are several different levels of consciousness in mankind. All people are not at the same stage; when you look out into the world, even at your own friends and acquaintances you can recognize what appears on the surface to be instances of grave injustice. Some people seem to be blessed with many joys both material and spiritual, while others apparently equally deserving are deprived of opportunities. So man is forced to accept the truth that on the surface at any rate, injustice and inequality exist. There is only one answer to this problem of seeming injustice and inequality, and this is that all men and women are at different stages on a long journey, a journey which necessitates their constant return to life in physical conditions; because only in this state does the soul learn by experiencing the many limitations of a physical life.

Men and women return to conditions in the physical world which they have previously created for themselves. This will immediately cause questions to arise, such as, 'Why should I come back to such a state of life?' 'Why cannot I remember my past life?' 'Why should I have to suffer when I do not know why I am suffering?' 'How is it that I seem to be weak and unable to discipline or control myself and order my life better?' 'Why is it that my neighbor is strong and can do all the things which I want to and cannot?'

These are the questions which so quickly arise in the lower mind as soon as the angel – **now listen carefully – as soon as the angel comes to teach and awaken the soul to spiritual truth.** Later on we are going to speak about these angelic visitors, and the ministry of angels.

Now, patience is needed in this gradual journey towards unfoldment. Patience is needed as the soul treads the path. You cannot jump over obstacles, as many people try to do. The ancient mystery teaching says that no candidate for initiation must try to rush forward. It is an instinct of the lower self to want to get to the destination quickly, to rush forward. As soon as people awaken and consciously tread the spiritual path, their desire is to know more and more. The soul becomes greedy, avid for knowledge. Now this must be curbed. There must be self-discipline and development of tranquility of soul. **Tranquility of soul is of the utmost importance because only in its tranquil moments is the soul receptive to the ministry of angels. Many, many times the guardian angel draws close to the soul entrusted to its care, but when that soul is so concerned with the world and with itself it cannot receive the guidance. So you see the value of the development of the quiet mind, the steady soul.**

There is a great deal for men and women to overcome. For instance, as you progress on the spiritual path, you are also increasing your sensitivity; the nervous system becomes very sensitive. It is like walking a razor edge because on the one hand you need to develop this sensitivity because this quality enables you to receive heavenly guidance and comfort and help in your daily life; but at the same time you also have to develop the inner power of God, which brings tranquility. **This power of God is love. The soul who has developed true love also acquires wisdom. The soul developing tranquility achieves the quality of God's peace.** When the soul can touch that degree of tranquility which brings humility, then its eyes are opened and it sees far beyond the limitations of the ordinary physical mind.

So, to comprehend spiritual truth and divine law, you must strive to follow the guidance of your inner light; you must not only obey the voice of God within but must trust that voice; and even if you sometimes feel restive under

the experiences which come to you, you must keep faith. One needs faith in and obedience to the voice of God within, and one needs to have faith in that divine guiding light which is working through all people. When you have achieved these virtues, you no longer question with your earthly mind the wisdom of God's laws. You are able then to surrender to the love of God, to accept, accept, accept.

Now one of the greatest helps to man on his journey in search of God (and this is the purpose of his life) is meditation. Books will not get you there, although they can point the way; words will not get you there. You have to take the journey yourself. You have to experience for yourself those higher states of consciousness, the reality of the inner world. This can begin for you in the practice of meditation. With your first contact with the universal life, through meditation, something happens to you which has never happened before.

Many of you, in your early experiences of meditation, have been disappointed and felt that you were getting nowhere; you saw nothing; you heard nothing; it just seemed as though you were sitting in darkness – but not quite, because occasionally you might have seen or imagined a color; or you might have imagined something but you could not trust yourself and you said, 'Oh, I don't think it was true; it was in my mind.' But what you have to remember, is that spiritual truth and awareness is the greatest gift of God to man, and so this gift has to be patiently sought. If it were easy to find that state of indescribable joy, why all the world would be there too. Here is a thought for you: in your state of meditation, of tranquility, you are alone ... with God ...

We are talking like this because there are so many people today searching for truth, longing to know if there be a God at all, or if there is really any life beyond this troubled earth. We are simply endeavoring to give mankind this simple truth, and point the way to God. But you must tread the path yourself and this means not only effort in weekly or possibly daily meditation, although this is of vital importance; it also means effort in living your daily life – and this is not easy. We know the problems of physical life because we have ourselves lived it, and this is perhaps the reason why we are permitted to speak to you this way.

Now we have spoken to you of the ministry of angels and how you can best open your awareness of their guidance. **An angel is a messenger from heavenly spheres. Angels are God's messengers sent to help man through spiritual experiences. Certain grave and important events in man's life are always attended by angels.** We are permitted to speak to you in this way because we ourselves have lived in a physical body. We retain memories of that life, we retain memories of the suffering, the difficulties and heartaches which the physical life brings, and

so we are able to help you. **But guardian angels, heavenly visitors, are not functioning at the same level or in the same way as human beings function, even though they come into close contact with the earth people.**

Some of you have unusual things happen to you, and you say, 'What an extraordinary thing! By chance I went somewhere ... 'or, 'By chance I picked up a book ..' or, 'By chance someone spoke to me ...' and these simple happenings have brought an enormous change into your life. **We suggest that each one of you has not only a human companion or guide in spirit, but also a guardian angel who comes from heavenly states of life, from supernal states, and has you in his/her care.**

You of course have been given free will. **Every time you respond to a higher, to a good, to a spiritual impulse, you are helped by your guardian angel.** No effort that you make to reach high, to respond to that higher influence, is ever wasted; but remember that in the degree the soul responds to heavenly influences and is thereby advanced on the path, it will be also beset with human problems, human relationships press upon it. Men and women can either respond to those human relationships guided by the higher spiritual impulse, or by the instincts of the lower self. That pure light from heaven can help you to be kind, tolerant, patient and faithful, and all the qualities that the soul needs to grow and become in time the perfect child of God, but it must be by your own decision, your own free will.

**We want you to recognize these two aspects – the angelic guidance, the angelic help; and the human guidance, the human help – with man as the principal actor, because it lies with him or her whether to accept or reject such help. The guardian angel is the helper of the soul when it desires to be helped, by guiding it, by strengthening it.**

**We would like to add that the guardian angel is always present at the time of birth, as well as the form, the influence – if you like that word better – of Divine Mother ... Always the guardian angel caring for that soul coming into incarnation, and the Divine Mother's love helping that physical birth.**

When you listen to beautiful music, you are perhaps unaware of what is being created. You love harmony; you enjoy music and rhythm with your mind – it does something to your being. But few people understand the real influence of music. **When you listen to music that you enjoy, remember that the music is drawing angels of music who have a work to do with the evolution of man.** Also angels are drawn close when ritual (ceremony) is exactly performed. A great power is wielded by the angels of ritual; the angels are called by that ritual, and bring with

them a heavenly power. We are speaking of course of pure and white ritual.

**At a marriage ceremony, when there is true spiritual aspiration and correct and spiritual ritual is performed (which of course takes place in the soul as well as on the outer plane) again angels draw near.**

Lastly the moment comes when man has to 'die', as you call it. But of course man never dies; the spirit and the soul which clothes it is gently withdrawn and passes upward through the head; and the physical body is left like an empty shell. **In the heavenly state angels are waiting to receive the new born soul. The angel of death is present at every passing no matter how it happens. That soul is caught up by the angel and is gently borne into the spirit. Usually that soul is in the form of a babe.** The passing from the physical state to the next state is exactly the same as birth into this physical life; the soul appears to become like a little babe. **The little form is built up above the physical body and is enfolded in the love of the angel of death; it is wrapped in the loving robe of the angel of death and borne away to its new state of life, where other angels wait to minister to it and gradually awaken it to a state of awareness of its new life.**

We would like you to understand that all life is held in God's love, and preparation is made for all the important events in man's life. We would have you think of the Great White Spirit as One Who ever loves you. Remember, children, that God, your Father-Mother-God, will never forsake you, never, never forsake you. Jesus said, "Even the very hairs of your head are numbered," and "Not a sparrow falls to the ground without your Father in heaven ...". You are held closely in His love. **His ministering angels will help you. Ask, seek and you will receive in full measure spiritual and physical blessings. Now this is Divine Law.**

We leave you the spirit of tranquility, of inner peace and a feeling of deep thankfulness that God *is*; and that you are safe in Divine Love; for has not He given His angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways?

God bless you, God bless you, every one.

**Culinary Creations  
by Dave**

(all published dishes are served at the Center)

### **Winter Butternut Squash and Parsnip Soup** (Serves 4-6)

Combine the following chopped veggies and 4 vegetable bouillon cubes in 8 cups water:  
1 large onion, 1 lb. butternut squash - cubed, 1 lb. of parsnips and 4 stalks of celery.  
Boil until tender, then puree. Return to pan, salt and pepper to taste, and simmer 30 minutes.  
Add water as needed.  
Serve with a salad and crusty bread for a simply wonderful winter meal. Happy Holidays!

## Angels and Colours

As a child I played outside my local church. Three steep, stone steps fronting St. Francis of Assisi were the ideal place to play "colours." We named each step a colour. A leader called random colours, then players jumped from one step to another. Jumping from ground to top was challenging for a five year old, so one day I went earlier to practice before my friends arrived.

The practice went well at first, then one huge leap from ground to top and I lost balance, falling backwards. Out of nowhere, strong, sturdy hands pushed 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.

The angel I envisaged was in flowing pastel robes, white wings reaching heavenwards, hands stretched in perpetual readiness. Her picture hung in the school I attended in an old house run by nuns who talked about cherubim and seraphim. In the picture she protects two children, so I had mentally adopted her as special carer for me and my newborn brother. I was sure this beautiful angel had pushed me to safety.

Over the years, I heard many stories of angels intervening in crises. My mother felt urged to move away from the piano she was playing--just before the ceiling collapsed on it. My uncle heard a forceful "No!" stopping him and preventing a fatal accident. Some might attribute these saving moments to guides, but White Eagle tells us our guardian angel ensures we follow our karmic life-map, so it seems reasonable that this angel steps in when we drift off-route.

My angel's image has changed over time. No longer robed in modest Victorian garments, but more a great being of light, whose vast multi-coloured aura projects like wings in all directions, this dear angel who "adopted" me when I decided to reincarnate, will be with me until my transition back into spirit. I find it heartening that my first conscious encounter with this wondrous being should be while playing "colours."

Leslie Belcourt





Simon Says . . .

by Simon Bentley  
Principal of the White Eagle School of Astrology



## WINGED MESSENGER

Angels are part and parcel of the Christmas story and it is hard to imagine it without them. Above all, it is they who brought to humanity the message that the world was to change through the birth of Jesus, the Christ. They feature both at the beginning of the story, when Gabriel appeared to Mary, and at its climax, when the heavenly host announced the holy birth to the shepherds.

For most of us, angels may not play quite such a dramatic part in our lives, but as we are now fast learning, they do play an important part and we are being encouraged to get to know them. I was once asked by a client how one's guardian angel would show in a horoscope; I have to confess that such a question caught me on the back foot, but mature reflection on the matter soon led to the conclusion that it must have something to do with Mercury. After all, Mercury is the winged messenger, with the role of communicating the Will of God to humanity. Surprising as it may seem, it is a planet that is not well understood. You might say that this is because it deals so much in abstractions – thoughts, ideas and so on. The mind and the powers of communication are not 'things'; they belong on a higher level and are the links between the Divine and humanity; so indeed are the angels themselves.

If we would get to know our guardian angels, or indeed any others, Mercury's placing in our horoscopes will give us some idea how this might be effected. The first point we need to note is that a well-placed, harmonious Mercury will not necessarily ensure that angelic communication is easily established consciously – in this instance it may be so much taken for granted that the soul concerned doesn't even realize that they are 'walking hand in hand with angels', even if they are consciously walking the Path. If Mercury is not so easily placed, the soul has to make more of an effort, and that will inevitably mean a conscious effort, to become aware of a connection that is in fact always there. We are able, I suspect, to be much more aware of angels when they lead us to points of challenge and what one of our number so aptly terms 'opportunities for growth'! They are not wishy-washy beings who come to comfort us; they may comfort us, but it is not by emotion. They do this by assuring us that all is held within the Path and the Plan and that ultimately nothing can go wrong, and by fulfilling that Plan – they can do no other, not possessing the freewill that leads us humans astray!

It is through the planet Mercury that we receive divine promptings, whether these come through angelic means or

directly. This is not to say that other planets do not play their part, but Mercury is paramount. So, what should I say to a client who wants to be more attuned to the angelic world? I should look at Mercury in their horoscope and by noting its 'condition' in the chart help them to respond to it more effectively. For example, Mercury in Aries or linked with Mars, or Mercury in Gemini or Sagittarius, tend to denote a very quick and eager mind. It is not usually much good expecting such people to find angels by retreating into a silent inner world – they are much more likely to find them in the midst of their active thoughts in some way, in inspiration and the enthusiasm that accompanies it. True inspiration is always a communication from the Divine, and often it will be carried to the soul by angelic means, whether we realize it or not.

Mercury in Taurus or Libra, on the other hand, is much more likely to find that contact through beauty, especially natural beauty, which opens the soul and raises its level of sensitivity. Mercury in Capricorn, or linked with Saturn, finds it more through order and structure, and therefore ritual is a particularly effective means for them to become angelically aware. Mercury in the water signs (Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces) will tend to find awareness through the feelings, though sometimes these positions are sensitive enough to denote a psychic gift. In Leo, it comes through open-heartedness and the faith that accompanies it; in Aquarius through intuition and sometimes through scientific and intellectual means.

Mercury in Virgo, in my experience, is the position that most 'encourages' angelic awareness, although there are probably also plenty of people with that position who wouldn't know what an angel was if they tripped over one! Astrologers will know, of course, that this is not only one of the signs that Mercury rules (the other is Gemini), but that Mercury is also 'exalted' in Virgo, i.e. it tends to manifest its best and most refined side. Virgo is about 'mind over matter' and the quest for the perfection of the soul – Mercury is about using the power of thought to achieve this. Mercury in Virgo is also about using the mind in service, and this attitude naturally encourages angelic communication.

The angels' purpose in life is always to serve the Divine, to forward the Plan. Any of us can align ourselves to this, whatever sign, house or aspects Mercury may have in our horoscopes. They always speak to us in some way – we just have to remember to listen!

# NEWS, NEWS, NEWS



## GROUP NEWS by Denise Badmington

The White Eagle work is continuing to flourish and 2011 has certainly been a productive year for the Groups in the Americas. Amongst the highlights are the six new White Eagle groups in Kennewick, WA, led by Ron; Carlsbad, CA led by Lynn; Binbrook, Ontario, Canada led by Sue; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada led by Pam; Avon, IN *and* Vandalia, OH led by Sherry; Oakville, Ontario, Canada, led by Florraine. In addition, Diane is the new leader of our group in Allentown, PA.

Due to the “busy-ness” of life we have had some of our existing groups discontinue this year. We send our love and gratitude to our Copake, New York Group Leader, Nancy Lee; one of our Eden Prairie, Minnesota Group Leaders Katherine, and our Cincinnati, Ohio Group Leader Jay Busemeyer. Many blessings and our love to Nancy Lee, Katherine, and Jay for all their years of loving service.

Two of our dear White Eagle Group Leaders have passed into the world of Light. Our beloved Edith Spenser (Sedona, AZ) and Edna Cowan (Perkasie, PA). We know they will be continuing their support at an Inner level.

We continue to enjoy sharing among our groups, both in our Newsletter and our electronic Group Leaders Newsletter. We need your help! Please send me group news and photos – what’s happening in your area – anything you think another Group Leader may wish to know. (Techie note: please send photos as “jpg” files. Thanks.)

*Denise*



At left is a photo of the San Luis Obispo, California WE Group. From left to right are Vicki Ann, Jennifer, Kathy and Eartha. We meet weekly and in addition to Absent Healing we just finished the General Course of Study and are now starting the In Depth Study Course.









The photo at right is from Carlsbad, California where Lynn (reading the White Eagle healing ceremony in her lap) is joined by three of the yogis at the studio where she practices, Monique, Tricia and Marion. They gather Thursdays at noon for a half-hour of the ceremony and meditation before class (hence the yoga clothes!) The studio owner, a former Self-Realization Fellowship monk, is very supportive and enthusiastic about our work.



# Retreat & Workshop Schedule

2011 Retreat Prices Include Lodging\* and Meals  
Commuter Daily Rate \$90 (US) inclusive

**2012**

- ☐ **Blessing of Mother Earth**   
Retreat Cost: \$ 120 (US)  
Lodging\* & 3 Meals/day: \$ 130 (US)
  
- ☐ **The Inner Light Series**   
presented by Jane Sorbi  
Retreat Cost: \$ 300 (US)  
Lodging\* & 3 Meals/day: \$ 325 (US)
  
- ☐ **God Has Fur!**   
presented by Stephanie Sorrell & Hanne Jahr  
Retreat Cost: \$ 300 (US)  
Lodging\* & 3 Meals/day: \$ 325 (US)
  
- ☐ **Sacred Geometry / Harmony of Creation**   
presented by Lyn Edwards, Australasia  
Retreat Cost: \$ 240 (US)  
Lodging\* & 3 Meals/day: \$ 260 (US)
  
- ☐ **The Light Bringer**   
presented by Jane Sorbi and Staff  
Retreat Cost: \$ 300 (US)  
Lodging\* & 3 Meals/day: \$ 325 (US)
  
- ☐ **Group Leaders Workshop and Retreat**   
All inclusive cost: \$ 325 (US)
  
- ☐ **SAVE THIS DATE:**   
Healing the Earth Mother Retreat and  
20th Anniversary Celebration of the Temple Opening. 

\* Shared occupancy. (Add \$10 per night to guarantee Private Room, if available.)



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# New Membership & Renewal

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## **Current Membership and Suggested Supporter rates:**

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**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## RECENT RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS

### Healing Through The Ancestors Retreat

Astra Ferro travelled all the way from England to present this most interesting and absorbing retreat. One retreatant writes, "I just love the way Astra delivered this material. The progression from the single soul through to the group soul and its various aspects was beautiful. She offered information in an elegant way. I would highly recommend this retreat to all."



Attendees, pictured left to right: Aaron, Ramona, Beth, Astra, Marlene, Sandra, Cassie and Paul.

### Sense of Direction Retreat

Simon's retreats are always anticipated with great eagerness. Here are some comments from the Sense of Direction Retreat recently completed at the Center. "Simon's retreats are always excellent - in a retreat with both knowledgeable astrologers and those of us who are neophytes, he embraces both, allowing those new to astrology to understand. He is just brilliant in his life work, and his enthusiasm comes through in his teaching. Attending a retreat at Saint John's is special in many ways and a great gift." Another retreatant wrote, "I liked the way the information was



presented in a relaxed, informal way. It was easy to ask questions and get clarification. Simon's love of the subject matter is both infectious and inspiring." Attendees, pictured left to right: Sherry, Annie, Nancy, Simon, Addie, Peg, Sara and Sandra (Carol not shown).

# Ylana Hayward

## Spiritual Grandmother

August 20<sup>th</sup> 1916 – September 7<sup>th</sup> 2011



Our dear Ylana Hayward, aged 95, passed into the Light in the early hours of September 7<sup>th</sup>. Ylana was the daughter of Grace Cooke, Minesta, who founded the work of the White Eagle Lodge along with her husband Ivan Cooke in the 1930s.

Ylana graced the earth with extraordinary tenacity, absolute focus and dedication to the work. Her life was far from easy, yet through all things there remained that 'twinkle' in her eyes. She entered the inner work of the Lodge in May of 1934. In the early days one of her roles was to record in shorthand the teachings of White Eagle; a huge responsibility and one she took on in deep awareness of the treasures of wisdom which she transcribed.

We honor your life of service, dear Ylana, and all you have given so vibrantly over so many years... with deep affection from your Americas family.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Ylana Hayward will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the Temple at New Lands, Hampshire, England, the Center for the work world-wide. Jane Sorbi, Mother of the Lodge in The Americas, will represent our White Eagle family here in the Americas.

## Upcoming Retreats in 2012

### **Blessing of Mother Earth Jan 4 – 6, 2012**

Retreat Cost: \$ 120 (US) Room/Meals: \$ 130 (US)

This workshop involves a coming together on 12th night to bless and give back to Mother Earth. Using the Three Kings Biodynamic preparation we join together in a simple Ceremony of Blessing for Mother Earth. Each one who attends is asked to bring a blessing of their own to be shared during the Ceremony.

### **The Inner Light Feb 2 – 7, 2012**

Retreat Cost: \$ 300 (US) Room/Meals: \$ 325 (US)

presented by Jane Sorbi

The first in an ongoing series of retreats with a direct study of the Inner Teachings of White Eagle. Retreat subjects will include meditation, ceremony and contemplation of the inner wisdom.

### **God Has Fur! Feb 24 – 29, 2012**

Retreat Cost: \$ 300 (US) Room/Meals: \$ 325 (US)

presented by Stephanie Sorrell & Hanne Jahr

We will explore animals, their evolution, our relationship and responsibility for them. We will look at animals as both teacher and healer, and explore the 'therapeutic alliance' between animal and human.

### **Sacred Geometry Mar 8 – 12, 2012**

Retreat Cost: \$ 240 (US) Room/Meals: \$ 260 (US)

presented by Lyn Edwards, Temple Mother, Australasia

Each petal of the Seed of Life is linked to one of the 7 Rays of Creation and forms part of our makeup and being. Meditation on each Ray is the cornerstone of the retreat and will assist us to work in harmony with these great creative Rays in our everyday life.

### **The Light Bringer Apr 5 – 10, 2012**

Retreat Cost: \$ 300 (US) Room/Meals: \$ 325 (US)

presented by Jane Sorbi and Staff

We will explore an understanding of the New World Teacher – one of those illumined souls who are expected to raise consciousness to a considerably higher experience of the Light.

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## THE “WISDOM” SIGNS:

### The Moon’s Nodes and Eclipse Cycles

The Lodge teaches that Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius and Pisces are the “Wisdom” signs (also called “Mutable”). Gemini seeks experiences and to communicate about these; Virgo emphasises purity, “discrimination” and discernment; Sagittarius relates to justice, adventure, philosophy and the higher mind; and Pisces has the difficult task of discerning spiritual truth amongst snares and illusions. They all relate to learning to apply wisdom on Earth.

The Wisdom signs Gemini and Sagittarius are strongly energised by a series of nine eclipses stirring up their energies from Dec. 2010 to mid-2013. Solar and Lunar eclipses are intricately related to the position of the Earth as well, all making a perfect celestial line-up, intensifying the usual Full or New Moons. These mark a major influx of energies in that area of the zodiac (mainly if they link to birth planets in our charts). For those interested in “Karmic Astrology” the Moon’s “nodes” are often stressed, these are mathematical points crucial for calculating eclipse positions, and are also in these signs during 2011 to Aug. 2012. In my observation unresolved issues can be triggered from the last time there were eclipses in the same area – so approx. every 9 or 18 years.

While eclipses are traditionally seen as mainly relevant to politics, they fall in sensitive parts of the 4 July 1776 chart of the United States (and the 1914 chart of the Federal Reserve). The USA has Sagittarius rising, opposed by Mars and Uranus in Gemini; connecting to the “Fed” which has Venus, Mercury and Saturn in those signs. This suggests a significant influx of energies into areas of the US chart affecting self image, drive for success, and partners or foes (Mars), and radical new ideas, I.T. fields (Uranus), and hospitals and education. Obviously these will be strongly triggered over the next two years.

Gemini is ruled by Mercury, a planet of communication, dexterity thinking, and medicine (so teachers, doctors, and writers); and Sagittarius is ruled by Jupiter, linked to religion, moral law, and advanced learning. The Angels of both planets and signs work with the Angels of WISDOM, emphasising the need for clear thinking and speech, getting one’s facts right, and concentrating on essentials, all vital in an election year.

Non political areas are affected too. Several eclipses fell in Aquarius at the birth of the White Eagle work, as the “Wise Ones” instructed the formation of the “White Brotherhood” in 1934.

The Lodge also teaches that the Trinity is of **LOVE**, **WISDOM** and **POWER**. These principles need to be balanced. **POWER** (especially compulsion) seems the easiest to understand in life. **LOVE** is often clear for those blessed with a loving family and friends. **WISDOM** is vital

to keep Love manifesting in its best most pure vibration, to be life enhancing, not smothering “love”, or foolish sentimentality. Yet what is Wisdom? It is not so easily grasped, it obviously includes “Truth” and knowledge, but these could become “Law” and without Love, be cold. The balance in the heart is what Grace Cooke wrote about: “*Know thyself*” and “*learn the intricacies of human nature. Use common sense.*” And “*love without knowledge is not enough; for if you are only sending out love you can fall into a complacent dreamy state; but with the opening of the higher or head centres you can work with knowledge.*” [New Mediumship, 60, 78]

It is easy to talk about wisdom in theory, but **applying** it and **living** it throughout our **whole** lives can be the most clouded of things. To cultivate the path of wisdom is as difficult as catching a darting fish just out of reach. We might always prove, **over time**, to have been mistaken! We have to constantly reassess things through experience. Wisdom is not in some glib philosophy, simplistic one-liner statements, or self-help books. In OUR life it will differ from neat “recipes.” Nor be naïve and too trusting of new friends and ideas. Find in meditation a still centre of PEACE and Pray to be guided by the Light, to the most wise and loving path forwards.

Mercury can easily be scattered into zillions of shimmering interests and distractions, not focusing on anything much. Jupiter can get carried away and puffed up. But when controlled by cultivating PEACE, their influences work on the Higher Mind and help learn true wisdom, not just learning of facts.

The teachings in the White Eagle books are full of sage advice about wisdom and how to live a pure life, e.g. White Eagle warned about mass opinion and the negative power of gossip: “*The crowd ... acclaim anyone [of] material power ... but so rarely can they discern real merit and real spiritual greatness. They substitute fame and publicity.*” [Living Word, 97, 104].

The eclipses can mark the end of a phase and new start. So during the 2012 election campaigns we need wisdom and truth to discern the “false prophets” who offer the easy way, but lead into the dead-ends of money, ego, and status. Few of us have the clear intuition to know if someone, or an idea, is bad for us. This is a hard road, remember: “*by their fruits shall ye know them.*” Sadly, to wait and test the “fruit” takes time, and can be a bitter lesson, but patiently sifting through life’s experiences, is the only way to be sure.

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