

## *Opportunity*

### **From the White Eagle teachings:**

‘All gifts whether they are material or spiritual come to you by the Will of God, or by the law of karma. And remember that karma is the name, the Eastern name given to the opportunity for learning lessons—wise spiritual lessons.

‘The law of karma is exact, just, perfect and true, but remember that God is a God of mercy as well as justice and God has a way, through His ministers of light, of smoothing the rough corners. God’s love blesses and helps you. There is the law of dharma as well as that of karma, the law of opportunity, the law of love. We emphasise that side as well as the other, so that the heart of man can rejoice in the unfailing love and care of the great Father-Mother of all humanity.’

‘One of the most important lessons that you have to learn on earth is to discern between the worth of physical things as against the worth of spiritual things. It is far better for a person to lose all worldly things and thereby receive divine illumination than it is for him or her to cling to earthly things, and have the discomfort—we will call it discomfort—of that true analysis the self when he or she passes into the inner world.’

‘When a soul is born on to earth its past karma decides, and the soul itself has a certain measure of choice as to the type of life it wishes to have. But every life carries its sorrow and its penalty.

‘We mean that each one is placed in certain conditions in physical life, with opportunities, circumstances, arising all through his life, which will give opportunity to serve the Great Law. Freewill lies in your response to the godly qualities, to brotherhood; in your loving acceptance of the conditions you have been given, and in doing your best. That soul may—and invariably does—fail in some ways; no school child can get through all lessons perfectly, some are bound to be indifferently executed. So it is with human life. The powers of love watch with love and compassion the struggles of people on earth. They do not say “That man is wrong!” and lash out with a harsh whip of judgment, but rather say “Good brother; you have done your best; we are sorry that you have to suffer.” Compassion and love is poured upon the person, and understanding of all the conditions and circumstances which have caused them to act in that way.

‘This is why we say to you, as we have done so many times before—“Judge not”. We dare not judge—we dare not judge.

‘Remember this, that the soul who has chosen the Light of God, the soul who is longing with all its strength to live in truth, in love and in mercy and service to its

fellow creatures has chosen the riches of heaven, and this whether they be poor from the physical material aspect makes little difference to them. They find happiness. They find happiness in the sweetness of God's natural gifts on the earth. And also such a soul becomes strengthened and further illumined in the service of its Creator. All this is building up the most perfect heaven for the soul —this desire to turn from the darkness of materiality to the light and glory of spirituality is creating within the individual heart a very beautiful home or state.

‘Humanity has free-will choice. The opportunity presents itself every day, to take the higher way (which is always the most difficult way for the materially-minded); but if humanity cannot thus respond; if a person, if a nation, if a world rejects such opportunity, then it has to learn its lesson by taking the other path, the path of suffering and difficulty. But these two paths lie close together, and can cross again at any moment. Humanity can respond nobly and spiritually to the voice of God. But humanity has not yet sufficient confidence in God’s voice (although at the present time it is making a valiant effort). But there is not sufficient good thought, or God-thought, in the world, and this is the reason why we have been told to stress without ceasing a message of peace and goodwill, to urge people continually forward on the constructive path. This we shall continue to do. This should be your way also, you who have seen the Light— keep yourselves positive, knowing that brotherhood and goodwill is the only possible way for humanity, and eventually will be established on earth.’

‘There is no such thing as failure, for what the world calls failure is in the eyes of God an opportunity for the soul of the beloved child, which can only bring him or her to success.’