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The Wisdom of White Wing: Volume 2
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Three Stars (out of Five)

Donald McQueen, who served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and is a retired Canadian Federal Government worker, compiled this three-volume work on the channeled teachings of an entity called "White Wing," from papers that had been entrusted to him by a dying friend, Harry Drake. The messages were given during gatherings of the "Circle of Light," a group of which Drake was an original member. The meetings began in London, England, in 1927 and ended in 1955 on Vancouver Island, Canada.

The messages of White Wing are directed to Light Workers in these times of change, says McQueen, who believes that they were given to him to hold as a sacred charge until the time was right for their publication. The first volume in the series tells of the life of White Wing; the second contains prayers and White Wing's answers to questions asked by the group in London, mostly about human incarnation on Earth and life in the Etheric Realm; the third volume deals with sacraments, the Temple, and what is described as "the Journey to the Pyramid." It is the second volume that is the subject of this review.

The teachings of White Wing offer insights into the spiritual realm that are, to a great degree, in agreement with the world's great religious traditions, but often go beyond them to cast a whole new light on accepted interpretations. The divine nature of mankind is strongly affirmed, as is the need to awaken to one's blessings and responsibilities.

There is wisdom, beauty, and comfort in these channeled messages, together with a good dose of humor. White Wing's teaching on the keeping of the Sabbath, for example, offers guidance that would serve one well in trying to determine one's necessary duties: if one is convinced, not just in the ordinary mind, but deep down in one's heart, that it is incumbent upon him to keep the law, then one had best keep it, White Wing advises. But if such considerations can be made from within the great silence, "where the great revealing light is of all truth," one

would find such things insignificant. Instead, White Wing says, “to love the will of God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy strength and body, and thy neighbor as thyself … is far, far more important.” White Wing’s affirmation that “occult secrets and initiations are no longer necessary,” as the “Kingdom of Heaven is open by love,” first for God, and then for all creatures, echoes the words of Jesus and other masters as recorded in various world scriptures.

Readers will be moved and encouraged by the teachings and ecstatic prayers of White Wing and may find their understanding of the mysteries of the ages deepened. However, the book’s cover design, with its rather amateur drawing of White Wing in full Indian headdress, does little to enhance the serious and passionate nature of his messages to Light Workers. Additionally, as this is channeled material, it is understandable that McQueen was reluctant to make changes, but frequent typos and inconsistent word usage mar the manuscript. Correcting errors of this type would do nothing to detract from the spiritual teachings, and would make the reader’s journey through this otherwise enlightening volume much more pleasant.

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