

The Spiritual Pilgrimage

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Invocation:

We would pray for purification through the inflow of God's love. May we send forth from the centre of our being, as one brotherhood, rays of love and wisdom towards humanity and all living creatures. And, as we radiate God's love, may we be caught up in the power of the spiritual worlds, and may our vision clear, and the wisdom of the ages be unfolded before us. Thus may we meet for God's work, to serve Him and His creation.

Amen.

As we enter into this fuller consciousness we lose the narrowness of personal desire; we begin to see that there is one path only for man* to tread, and this, the path of service to the whole community. There are many aspects of this universal service to which man can turn his hand. And this, brethren of ours, is the sole purpose of our continual talks, that we may in some degree help you individually to comprehend to greater profit the purpose of your creation, the purpose of your life on earth.

*[*For editorial policy around gender, see the introduction.]*

During the past months we have briefly dealt with certain subjects, chosen with a view to opening up gradually the clearer vision for the work. We cannot interfere with your freewill. We know that this is not the way. Each one present must find his own particular method of service. We only display upon the easel one picture after another, depicting in very simple language the mysteries of races long past, but not studying each individual picture of past mysteries in which probably you yourselves have shared. We hope thus to assist the awakening of the inner consciousness to the memories of the past, so that you may become more aware of your true self.

We closed last session with the mystery teaching of the beloved John; herein we endeavoured to point out, to summarise, the universal mystery teachings which have persisted from the beginning. There are many untouched; many teachings, myths, ancient stories, yet to come. But throughout this Revelation we find the one eternal truth—the creation of man, his descent from higher planes of spiritual life, his journey down, down, down, becoming increasingly clothed with the density of matter until, in his lowest aspects of life, he is as a jewel deep within a casket. The casket is fast locked; the poor jewel within is neglected, forgotten—the jewel which is the real self. The schools of religious training have offered a key which unlocks that casket. Beloved, in the Revelation of John there is to be found a complete story of the universal mysteries and the progress of the soul from the beginning to the end, from Alpha to Omega.

In your own country what might be described as the British mysteries follow the same story. If you study the myths of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, you may discover the Knights of the universe, they who gathered at the universal board. The table symbolises the complete circle, whereon they looked to the centre to the light. Is it not similar to the Masonic* mysteries, the point within the circle from which no master mason can err? These British mysteries are to be found buried in the sacred precincts of the ancient abbey of

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Glastonbury. The link between Glastonbury and the mysteries is very clear and strong and, as with other races, the messenger came always from over the seas (again a mystical truth). Here also the messenger from the East sailed to the mystic isle of the West, bringing the story of the sacred heart, the inner mystery described as the Quest for the Holy Grail.

*[*White Eagle refers to masonry as a form of universal truth or teaching, with no specific reference to the freemasonry of today]*

These same truths are enshrined in your great literature, in noble art, for through the writer, the artist and the musician the rays shine; through scientist and through doctor, through all gifted souls who give forth true wisdom, knowledge, beauty, wellbeing. We see the mysteries as a symmetrical and beautiful coloured-glass window, and we see the sunlight shining through the gems of colour; one may glint through on purple hue, one may shine through the golden glass, another through the blue, the green and the red; all the seven colours of your limited spectrum are there, and the light of the ages shines through to humanity. I believe this very air, this atmosphere, this ether, is charged with sound waves, with vibrations of certain harmonies inspired by a master musician, speaking to humanity in tones of music, of that wonderful mystery, the Quest for the Holy Grail.

And what now? How does all this affect the present day of life? Such stories of a long past are interesting and entertaining, but have they any relation to one's own particular need here and now? Yes. All of you here assembled are not listening to our poor words by chance, by accident, by coincidence, but under the wise guidance and direction of your master. You have reached the point where you are awakened or are awakening to the consciousness of the universal purpose of life.

Those centres in your etheric body referred to in St John's Revelation, the seven lights, the seven candles in your composition, are being stirred, stimulated, and through these centres in your etheric body—which are related to the nervous system—you are becoming responsive to the Master's vibration. The first master you become attuned to is your own higher self, that jewel which sends, through your nervous system to your brain-consciousness, etheric waves; as you have listened tonight to music, so you are learning to respond to the master-voice, the Master, which may be described as the Son of God. Every impulse which comes to you and which you register in your physical brain, an impulse to learn good, better still, to *do* good, comes from the centre within, the master within, and as you have put your feet upon the path of spiritual work, so you will also receive external help, help from those only too eager to respond, the great Brotherhood in the Light, the Wise Ones, who have trodden the self-same path as yours. They know every inch of the road, every curve, every danger point. They will guide you, and if you care to listen to them as to an instructor, you cannot go wrong. Those of you who would learn to drive a motor car place yourselves under the instruction of a capable and competent driver. You do not question his ability; he knows the pitfalls and dangers. Why then do you doubt the wisdom of the Wise Ones, those far beyond us younger brethren on earth? We can find no words to convey the greatness, the beauty, the tenderness and the loveliness of these most competent teachers, their beauty of nature and their power to control all the lower forces. Could you but see the work on which they are now engaged, their

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bringing forth so much good fruit, you would never doubt their ability to help you to steer your motor car—or your physical life—along the road which frees one from the lower self, from sorrows and ills of physical life, to the road which climbs the mountain, to where you will behold the vision glorious.

One word before we close: much is talked about initiations. We mean by initiation a definite expansion of consciousness, a definite reception by the soul, by the etheric centres, a definite response of a spiritual quality, a realisation of a life superior to anything yet attained. Many souls at this present time are qualifying for the first initiation. Some may have already passed through a first initiation but not in this day of life, and so have no memory of that experience. But those qualified to look at your etheric body, at those centres of power or psychic force, can see unmistakably whether you have taken an initiation in the past. When you have passed the first initiation, the experience is plainly visible in the centre which has been vivified. Many men and women have no knowledge in this day of life of occult things, and yet they have passed through an initiation. There may be many reasons why all knowledge, all memory of their past experience is kept out of their physical consciousness. Never question this, if it should come to you. Do not bother about why: work on the path which you see open before you, considering only one thing—your service to humanity. You may be called into this particular centre to serve; you may be sent forth on quite a different path but always a path of service. There are many avenues open. Because your friend does not see eye to eye with you, nor walk your path, it does not mean that he or she is not about his Father's business. Get unity of thought and the universal outlook, recognising good in all its aspects. The man who is working in his own particular sphere on the material plane, so long as he works selflessly—that is the point, not working selfishly for his own ends, but to assist humanity somehow—that man is on the path of light. That is the crux of the whole thing—selfless service, brotherly love and the universal outlook.

Our final word: first of all, make a daily effort to respond to the finer vibrations which will stimulate the centres of sensitive reception. Use your will and your love, sending forth love to humanity, concentrating with a will in your heart on this meditation for the good of the whole of humanity. No time is wasted in your work upon the purifying of the subtler vehicles, but do not become too introspective. You must balance this work on the ego with service—practical service to humanity, practical service—*be* and *do*, and you will come before the Great Ones, and as the old-fashioned teachers would say, face to face before the Throne of the Almighty, the Most High, the great Father–Mother, the Light of the ages.

Q.White Eagle, would you take the crisis that the world is going through now as an initiation of the whole world?

A.Yes, most certainly. That which takes place in the individual takes place also in nations and even in whole planets; that which occurs in the microcosm occurs also in macrocosm; every aspect of life shows this to be so. Your own principal steps of growth are duplicated in every form of life, in entire nations and in a whole world.

Q.Have the crises of different civilisations always led the world onward in the past?

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A. There is one definite purpose in life and that is progress; what appears to be retrogression is only a form of ultimate progress. But you must not lose sight of the fact that humanity is progressing on the spiral; the experience of yesterday may be the experience of tomorrow, but on a higher vibration.

Benediction:

Our beloved brethren, we ask that you will unite with us in prayer, in worship to our one Father–Mother God, and to His Son, the perfect Christ, and with all the radiant ones who are working with us, with all forms of life, for the ultimate salvation of God’s great family. Deep within we worship the great spirit of light, wisdom and power. May the light of His countenance shine upon our path; may we allow ourselves to be guided by the gentleness and the loveliness of Christ, His Son. May we walk in the path of humility and quietness, knowing that all things are working together for good, for God, under His supreme control, and in His love and wisdom we need have no fear, no fear. All is well.

Amen.

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