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Invocation:

Eternal Spirit, source of all life, we would open our hearts to light, to truth, to wisdom and to love. We pray that all present may be raised in consciousness above the mind of earth into the mind of heaven. May the veil of materialism be drawn aside this night for all these beloved ones. May their vibrations quicken towards the light. May they be filled, O Father-Mother God, and thus receive the blessing of Thy holy love.

Amen.

Beloved children, those present at our last talk on reincarnation will remember that we spoke about soul vibrations, and how you are developing sensitivity towards those soul vibrations, and that through your receptivity to these you are developing the soul-memory. As you know, the reaction of the material thinker towards the subject of reincarnation has been, 'Why cannot we remember our past lives?' But if you pause to think of the difficulty with which the adult remembers details of his childhood, or even of life a few years ago, you will readily recognise how impossible it would seem to recall happenings of even a century and perhaps of many thousands of years ago with the physical brain; seeing that this same brain has never received the impress of happenings of past lives. Not in the brain but in your soul such memories are stored. In order to open up a clear picture of the past it is necessary through meditation and inward contemplation to touch the soul vibrations. Something of this has impressed itself upon your feelings which although possibly not very defined may be very true. You may 'feel' that you once lived say in Egypt or in ancient Greece. These countries seem familiar to you. People will say, 'Oh, but this may so easily be due to imagination.' We will not stop on this occasion to define imagination but we will say this—that such feelings about places and people are likely to be correct. It is not what you think, not what you would like to be, but what you *feel* within your soul which has actually been.

As you proceed on the path of this inner unfoldment you will become more sensitive to the vibrations of the past experiences stored away in your soul. Those vibrations create pictures in [the] mind or soul of scenes of your past. In the halls of learning in the spirit world it is the usual procedure to throw upon an etheric screen scenes of past events culled either from the life of some particular pupil or—should it be for a class or group—from scenes in the world's history—scenes unrecorded on earth except to those who have an inner knowledge—records which are left impressed on the ethers of the earth.

We hope that we have been able to give you a clear picture of what we mean by these akashic records, as they are called. Only when the soul has awakened is it able to read them. They are perfectly true. You cannot deny them. There may be many deficiencies in your records on stone or parchment, but no deficiency exists in the akashic records. Take your Bible as an example of the former: there is no perfect record even there of the spiritual truth and of the mysteries which have come down from the very beginning of time. The wording of the mysteries has been changed and misinterpreted, but a pupil or shall we say an initiate will be able to read beneath the words and to recognise the spiritual meaning in the teachings. The Bible is a most wonderful book once you have the key, but without the key you cannot know its worth.

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On many occasions we have briefly referred to the Ancient Wisdom of which reincarnation is a part. When we speak of the eternal things we cannot touch any point and say, 'This is the beginning,' because in the Ancient Wisdom there is no beginning. The wisdom of eternity has always been. It just is, like God the Creator. It is impossible for you to comprehend eternity with a finite mind. Only when you can escape from the bondage of your personal self and touch the spheres which are called cosmic can you comprehend. So while it is incorrect for us to say 'In the beginning,' yet for you we must use these words in order to give a point from which you can work. At the same time we would suggest that you endeavour in meditation to comprehend life as a circle. Always then has there been a centre of light, a central point of truth. From this central point all life has proceeded. Behind all life as you know it on the physical plane is a centre like to a blazing sphere of light or sun. The ancients worshipped that centre of life as God, knowing in their souls that that light was only visible to man* as sunlight, but knowing that behind the sun was an even greater power and light and that to this invisible light (invisible to mortal sight) they owed their very existence. Understand then with your heart, with your feeling, that behind the visible light of the sun is something else—a force, a power which holds you in a state of activity. To that power you owe your life. Everything in your world comes to you through that invisible power which is the source of your spirit. This is what the ancients worshipped.

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

Let us go far back in time when functioning behind the scenes of material life were groups of men and women formed in brotherhoods in many parts of the earth. These were known as brothers of the ancient cross within the circle, or as brothers of the rosy cross. They were also known as brothers of the white cross—brothers of the rosy cross, of the white cross, or of the star. They were also known as the illuminati. Always they function in the same way, sending their influence, their knowledge, onto the outer plane of life to guide and inspire men of true science and learning. There are also within the human soul two aspects, two types of vibration—the good and what is called evil, the positive and the negative, and men and women have on occasion responded more to the negative or the dark forces than to the white* and the good forces. Those behind the scenes work untiringly to hold a sufficient balance to keep the world steady on its right course. You have heard us speak of the lesson of equilibrium which has to be learned by the soul. The importance, then, of your own response to the positive or the light vibrations is very great, particularly today, because the world has reached a critical stage in its evolution. This is why a greater effort than ever is being made by the illuminati, the brethren of the white light, to help mankind.

[‘White’ refers to light, not to colour of skin.]*

We worshipped the sun. This was worship of the source of all being. That same worship of the sun has come down through the ages as a religion of many peoples. As we have already said, many different names are given to the one central truth and there are many paths that lead back to the same central truth, but the first principle is exactly the same whichever path the soul takes—the first principle of response to the vibrations of the white light and the

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subsequent control or balance of those vibrations which are called negative. These are what you are building into your soul today, now. They are creating your karma in your next life and the next life and so on. You are either rising up in the scale or you are deteriorating. If the latter, when the time comes for you to rise again you will not find it easy. This has happened many times to many souls. You people count time by the path of the sun and the hours, days, weeks, years, and so on, but you have no conception at all of the nature of time. When you get into the realms of spirit, time does not exist because life is consciousness, not measured in time.

When you think of your everyday life you think of the one incarnation. When you review it you have cause for serious thought. How far have you progressed spiritually, you ask yourself? This you do not know. When you are able to see back, to touch that higher soul-consciousness, you will see how many, many times you have returned to the earth, and what a long time it has taken for your soul to gain sufficient good vibrations to control your emotions and your mental flights—to say nothing of your physical habits. Again and again the soul returns to work out its karma, pay off its debts. Sometimes it slips back, sometimes moves a little way forward, but it is a long journey. Now you will cry, 'What a terrible prospect, White Eagle!' No, not at all, because everything in this present and future incarnations depends upon your effort to respond to the white light, to the influence of the brethren behind the veil, to the impetus for good. It is possible for a soul so to work towards the light in one incarnation that it passes through the portals of initiation into the state of freedom or liberation from rebirth.

Yes, the brethren of the sun are behind you. Every opportunity that presents itself in this incarnation is the result of your past efforts. You have earned your opportunities for spiritual development and acquisition of spiritual knowledge and wisdom. You will earn in this incarnation fresh opportunities which will present themselves in your next. Here we would like to encourage some of you who feel that your efforts have been of no avail. There is so much you want to do but you are limited, you are unable to progress. Nevertheless you are building into your soul today those vibrations which will create for you in your next incarnation much better and easier conditions in which you are able to work and serve mankind. This is why we say so often that no effort is wasted. Every effort is leading you somewhere, even though you do not see the result in this incarnation. Be sure, my friend, that life goes on and on. Sometimes it is a question of withdrawing for a period for a rest and for refreshment in the world of spirit, then at the appointed time you feel ready to proceed again just as players do when they come out from the pavilion to bat—come out for another innings. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is here and he says, 'My friends, keep a straight bat and bowl straight'. There is the whole thing in simple language. You withdraw, you come over here for refreshment and then you sally forth again to play another innings on the field. This is the whole truth of reincarnation.

Many souls are grieved at the thought of leaving their loved ones when they return to the earth. Many on earth are grieved at the thought of loved ones on the other side going forward without you. Perhaps when you come to the spirit world you will find your friends already reincarnated? Well, it does not happen like that. You all move forward in groups. This is

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what we were going to tell you when we spoke of those ancient days. Then you were part of the brotherhood. Possibly many here in this Lodge were formerly together in the temple of the white light in Atlantis where the worship of the great sun Ra was the religion of people and of the temples. You moved up the evolutionary path together in groups and in families. Later you reincarnated in Egypt many times, because in those days Egypt was the great centre of light and learning after Atlantis was destroyed owing to the inequality of the white and black forces. Those good brethren who were left knew that destruction was coming, so took the light and established it in the ancient land of Khem, which is now called Egypt. That teaching of the brethren who settled in Egypt is to be found in your Bible but all in allegory. Until you have the key you will not recognise or understand it in your Bible, but there it is. The teaching of Atlantis thus became that of the Egyptians and many became Israelites. (By the way, the name 'Israelites' is another name for brethren of the sun, brethren of the light.) From the Israelites the Messiah is said to have been born, but, my brethren, all is a restatement of the ancient wisdom, the ancient sun-worship, because the Messiah was the same Son of God whom we in the days of Atlantis worshipped as Osiris. We called him Osiris then; today you call him Christ, but it was to that race, those people whom you call the Israelites, that the sun was reborn for the western world—shall we say for a world which had become heathen, having lost the sacred word, lost the sacred mystery of life. That world has not yet recognised nor has it absorbed into its soul the vibrations of light and truth which the Christ brought back again to the earth.

My dear ones, do not reject the truth or wisdom of reincarnation because you are fearful of being separated from those you love, for in love there is no separation. You cannot be separated from any soul that is part of your soul, cannot be separated from your brethren who move along the path of evolution with you, for you are as necessary to them as they to you. You reincarnate in families; you are drawn together either by the ties of darkness or light, either by what you call hatred or love. The whole purpose of spiritual evolution is for love to reign supreme and for all negative vibrations to be eventually absorbed into the positive good, which is all love, all wisdom, all power.

- Q. Might not life be likened to a sea or ocean which seems eternal, and we to waves or to the tides which ebb and flow but are always part of the ocean?
- A. Yes, that is a very good simile. Life is always there but it does not always manifest in the same conditions or through the same form of matter. You only know physical matter but there are other forms of life and other planets. Life always is. When you are on the crest of the wave you cannot see what is in the trough. That is true in human experience but we are also thinking in terms of progress. We are thinking that life goes on and on up the spiral. It is impossible for the finite mind to conceive life in all its fullness, impossible to conceive infinity or eternity. Do not think in terms of life and death because there is no death. Do not think because a door closes that another does not open. You pass from one condition of life to another. In your material problems never be anxious. Oh how many times are we to tell you! When one door closes another instantly opens. The trouble is that you like to have too many doors.

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You are not patient. You have to learn confidence in the eternal love and precision of the light. When a condition finishes never try to hold on to it. Always move forward.

- Q. When you go into the spirit world can you see all your lives, so that you know how far you have progressed?
- A. We must be very careful. When you get to the spirit world you go through a school. You enter the kindergarten, and then you rise up through the planes. As you rise up you shed a little of your earthiness, just as the physical body formerly fell away. You rise in spiritual understanding until you are shown the whole picture. You see yourself as you really are. 'Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face.'* In other words, the soul looks upon the glory of God and sees itself in comparison. It knows then there is only one thing it wants and that is to be able to get nearer to God and to be purified and perfected, to become man made perfect in the image of God, even as Christ who is the Son of God. When the soul has reached that stage there are guides, teachers and helpers ready. 'You require to learn certain lessons, my brother,' the voice says, 'This life will bring you into contact with this or that soul, with whom you have contracted a karmic debt'. There are alternative paths shown also. The soul can choose which path it takes. There are many, many opportunities that the soul has of working out its salvation. You find it difficult to believe that your troubles, as you call them, are of your own making? Your nose is too close to the picture. Nevertheless the pattern of your life you have made yourself by your past actions and because of your spiritual aspiration. So you get two pulls—that of your past karma which is what one might call the negative and also of your spiritual aspiration, that pull of your soul to God, but over all these conditions, love is the ruler. We hope this has answered your question.

[*1 Corinthians 13 : 12]

- Q. When you say we reincarnate in the same families do you mean we have the same parents, the same children?
- A. Not exactly, but you are drawn together in the same family. You are sometimes brother and sister, husband and wife, or father and son and so on. According to the karma you have made you will find love and happiness or enmity and discord; this discord has to be moulded into love. Do not expect to get instant results when trying to give love. We know how difficult it is. Nevertheless love is the great unifier. Your work in this incarnation is to create love in your heart and a sense of sympathy and kindness even to those with whom you find relationships difficult.
- Q. Does this also apply to one's friends?
- A. Most certainly. Every life is most accurately and perfectly planned according to the vibrations which the soul has built into it in the past. There is the most perfect organisation. Although there are millions and millions of souls at present incarnate,

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with every one of these children there is the perfect working out of the divine plan and pattern. Do you feel the presence of the brethren of the sun, the illumined ones? So many times have we met together, you and we, not only in those days of Atlantis in the temples there but also as Indians [native Americans]. The Indians were the children of the Atlanteans. We used to go to the hilltops and watch the rising sun together; we used to bow down and worship the setting sun. We would not be here in the White Eagle Lodge were we not impelled by ties and links of the past. This is what we mean by the drawing together of groups and families again and again and again. What beautiful provision by our Father-Mother God! We come back life after life until we are all welded together and absorbed into the eternal sun, not to lose our individuality but for each one of us to expand in consciousness and become as the sons of God.

Benediction:

O Great White Spirit, we worship Thee, we worship Thee. We would serve Thee. We pray that Thy blessing may rest in the hearts of each one of us present, both incarnate and discarnate. We call to Thee and we thank Thee for our creation, for our preservation and for all the joys of life's experiences. May Thy peace, the peace of eternal life, dwell forevermore within us.

Amen.

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