

# Sun Worship

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## Invocation:

May our brothers here present ascend to the throne of Light, to the blazing throne of our Father–Mother God. And as we pray in spirit to the Great White Spirit our prayers are answered, and the blessing of the Most High falls like the sunlight upon the flowers, like the gentle rain which refreshes the barren earth. With the coming of the blessing of God we are refreshed in spirit, mind and in body, and we thank our Creator.

Amen.

Following our talk of a few weeks ago on Atlantis and Britain, we would continue with the subject of Sun worship, upon which we briefly touched. Since then we have listened to lectures from our brother (the Foster Forbes lectures at the Lodge) who has given a great deal of information gathered in the course of his research. He has told of centres in this mystic isle which are impregnated with occult power due to past ceremonials at these spots, which have since been focal points for drawing to earth the life-giving force from the Sun.

Do not think that Sun worship originated on the continent of Atlantis, and that it was from there and there only that the Ancient Wisdom came to Britain. As we have said, the continent of Atlantis is of recent origin in comparison with other past races and continents, of which nothing is known by living men today. Sun worship is the Ancient Wisdom, come down through aeons of time, always presenting the same truth, and upon which all religions are based, even Christianity itself. This fact may not be palatable to some, but this we cannot help; we must not deny nor reject truth because it is distasteful.

Long before Atlantis the symbol of the Sun, which is the circle with the dot in the centre, was in use and this symbol has been found, as some may know, in many parts of the earth, even on some of the remote islands in the Pacific. We mention Easter Island as one of a number. Great stones still standing on Easter Island bear this symbol of the circle with the dot in the centre, plainly indicative of the Sun worship which was practised on the continent of Mu. This is not all: the same symbol is discernible on stones in Britain, in France, in Mexico, Egypt, in the near and the Far East—in all these places, and throughout your Bible you will find the teaching of the Sun worship, but not recognised as such.

Do not think, for one moment, that we deny the life and work of the great Master Jesus, or that he actually lived (in spite of the differences of opinion of the present day). Jesus, our beloved, came again to the earth to help humanity to find the Light of Christ. The New Testament bears evidence of John as being the centre of the *soul* worship and Christ as that of the *spirit* worship. Do you understand? Your lecturer was speaking about the matriarchal and patriarchal centres, each as true symbols of the ancient Sun worship—John was the matriarchal, Christ the patriarchal. John, the soul; Christ, the spirit. John baptised with water, the symbol of the soul; Christ baptised with tongues of fire, symbol of the spirit, of the Sun, not merely of the physical sun which shines upon the earth, but the Son of God, the actual spirit of light permeating the sun—light and power and life of the heavenly Sun. Note then these two aspects: the soul which is drawing unto itself, which lives life after life in a physical form in order to absorb and draw to itself experiences and clothing of a spiritual

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nature, and the spirit within the soul which radiates forth life and fire, as the sun's rays are poured upon the earth to vivify and bring forth flowers and fruits of the earth. If you study and meditate deeply upon the four gospels you will find here the basis of the ancient Sun religion. This does not mean that the inner, or esoteric character of Christianity does not reveal to the initiated the true Christ Light, most certainly it does. There is a Sun worship on the exoteric plane of which there are many symbols left upon the earth, and there is a Sun worship of the esoteric plane, hidden within the teachings of Christ.

How are we to recognise, to understand, the true Christian Sun worship, as apart from what some scholars would describe as a 'pagan religion'? The true Christ Sun worship becomes known to the initiate when he is vivified by the power of the spirit in his own heart centre. A man\* may accumulate great knowledge and be a student of the past, nay even think that he holds proof that Sun worship was merely pagan. Nevertheless, when the time comes for him (as it comes to all men, sooner or later) to be initiated, or baptised by the tongue of fire, so that the Sun within himself becomes ablaze, he then knows without need for proof, that the one, the true and only religion for a child of God is the worship of the Sun. People ask of us, what do we mean by 'the Sun': do we refer to the S-U-N, the physical sun in the heavens or to the S-O-N, the Son, the child of God? What [does it] matter? The sun in the heavens is also the child of God, of the Father–Mother God. To understand more fully the student should meditate upon the simple teachings of Christ, and more: endeavour in thought and word and action to become himself a son, a focal point through which light and love can manifest.

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

Astrologers recognise the symbol of the dot within the circle representing the Sun; masons also will recognise this. Masonry\*, as we have said before, is also a basis upon which the mysteries have been built. Masonry is actually the basis of the Christian religion. We recognise the fact that certain students will say the reverse, but when traced to their origin, Christianity and masonry, in common with all other religions, will be found to be built upon ancient Sun worship. The ancients believed such worship was divisible into three parts—first, the rise of the sun, dawn, next noon when the sun was directly overhead, and lastly eventide when the sun set. It was thought that these three constituted the trinity—Father, Mother and Son. We speak from memory when we say that sun ritual took place at the rising of the sun, again at midday and again when the sun went to rest. Those familiar with masonic work will recognise the same three principles in the Lodge, both in simple masonry and in Royal Arch masonry. Much more could be said about this but not in a general meeting. You probably know the story of a certain Master who was set upon by ruffians who slew him. Here is symbolised the passing out, the obliteration of the sun by darkness. The sun was re-called to life at a certain time (some of you will understand this reference). Masonry and Christianity are charged with ancient Sun worship, but please understand that behind the exoteric teaching lies the esoteric which applies to the spirit within man and the light within his breast, waiting to rise, as gloriously and powerfully as the sun in the heavens manifests. This is the ultimate purpose, this is the ultimate of life, the growth of the Sun within the breast of man, until man becomes not only a perfect man, but even a God-man, and beyond that greater heights are there to climb.

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

We now realise something of the possibilities which lie within man, not only of power, dominion over all the kingdoms of nature, but dominion over his own nature and over the worlds beyond the physical plane, dominion over the universe. What a glorious panorama opens! Does it not all make us feel how precious time is? We should not lose one second in idleness or in idle chatter or in confused and chaotic thought, but use all life for growth. We grow not for ourselves, but because we are filled with joy at the prospect of service which lies before us. We henceforth must work and serve our fellow men, and radiate warmth and light upon this earth plane, so dark without the sun. How dull, how depressed men feel without the sun! How joyous and happy when the sun again pours forth its light; life then takes on a different complexion. Have you ever thought that you yourself are as a sun amongst the people with whom you mix, and that it is within your power to radiate sunshine and make happiness, [and also] within your power to withdraw the sun and rob your companions of joy. Can we not each resolve henceforth to be a sun-worshipper and a sunlight-giver?

In the Ancient Wisdom it was not the Sun alone that was deified but the signs of the zodiac and the planets as well. Shall we call these the companions of the Sun, the brothers of the Sun. The Sun worship embraced these signs and they were used in their proper season to bring through the necessary force and power to help forward the growth of the harvest. More, the signs of the zodiac were used to teach people the right conduct of life. Then there was no such thing as a haphazard marriage as exists today, for union between the sexes was a holy and godlike institution, ordained and ordered by God-men, God-teachers who instructed the humans in the holy laws of marriage for procreation, and these laws were not desecrated, they were obeyed. I am speaking now of races which existed even before Atlantean days, the original races of the earth, who learned from the God-men the true significance of the heavenly bodies, and the direction and guardianship and blessing of the Sun to the earth.

All structures which take the form of pyramids were once temples of Sun worship. Even in Britain the remains of these temples exist, centres of power and light. There are temples of the Light of the Sun in many remote places. These were also temples of initiation into the mysteries of Sun worship and Sun life and Sun glory. All forces met and worshipped, or gave themselves in service, to the Sun, all bowed down in worship and adoration, because the Sun was the giver of love; of such was the Temple of Sol-o-mon, the son of man. If you can rightly interpret the biblical story of the building of the Temple of Sol-o-mon, you will find the most pure and perfect teaching of the ancient Sun worship.

Q. Why was the sign of Taurus of such importance in the days of ancient Britain?

A. There are several explanations. Taurus, or the ox in some schools of thought, represented the physical body. The symbol of the bull found often in Britain would have been derived from Egypt. There were also Egyptian settlements in Britain, as well as Atlantean and the Egyptians, who attained the peak of their civilisation during the Taurean age, had the bull as

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the symbol of their worship. Thus the Egyptian bull has left its mark on Britain. We speak of a much later period than when the simple Sun worship was used.

Q.The God-men were presumably the Sons of the Morning, pioneers who took on incarnation (of a sort) for purposes of teaching?

A.They were beings from other worlds and we might describe them as Sun-men. I have the vision of glorious beings like Suns, radiating light, clothed in the raiment of the Sun, with gold about the head and raiment. These Sun-men once mingled with the earth men and gave the teaching which has survived in remote places, but the Sun-men, the God-men themselves, have withdrawn.

Q.Are none incarnated as Masters?

A.No one man or being is in complete incarnation at the present time, but there are certain channels through whom that same light is shining.

Q.Is it possible through meditation to feel physical warmth in the heart through contemplation of the Sun?

A.Most certainly. There is a direct link between the heart centre and the heart of the Sun of God, but again beloved, that is one of the sacred mysteries which we leave unspoken.

## Benediction:

Still your mind; be very silent, so that you may become aware of the baptism of the spirit. In love we would send forth the light of the Sun to the uttermost ends of the earth.

Father–Mother God, we lay our hearts before Thee and bow our heads in thanksgiving.

Amen.

Peace be upon earth and bring forth true brotherhood, as it was in the beginning, is now in the heavens and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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