

# Life since the Beginning

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*Text:* carbon copy of MB typescript. A few later markings but nothing contemporary with its typing. There is a word missing in the second paragraph, possibly as a typo. The version printed in *Stella Polaris*, October-November 1970, under the title 'Heavenly Life' is heavily revised and somewhat shortened.

*Context:* MB begins with some scene setting: 'The altar looked exquisite with beautiful golden roses and red poppies on the Cross' (doubtless the wooden Iona cross carved by IC); and later, 'Procession of White Eagle's Choir in white robes to beautiful music from Brother David'. Brother Faithful announced the first hymn, 'For all the saints' (*Songs of Praise* no. 202) and then came Minesta's Invocation, separately recorded. The Choir sang 'The Lord's my Shepherd', doubtless to the tune Crimond. Brother Faithful then read from an article in *Stella Polaris*, in 1952. This is headed 'The Light Victorious' and begins on p. 277 of the October-November issue. For more detail see 'References'. The next hymn was no. 273, 'Let all mortal flesh keep silence', undoubtedly to the tune Picardy, and after the prayers the Choir returned with 'If ye love me, keep my commandments', doubtless the setting by Thomas Tallis. After the address, Brother David, Philip Jones the organist, played 'exquisite music' and Brother Faithful's words, which followed, are reproduced here. Then came 'Jerusalem', hymn 446, and Minesta's Benediction, again recorded elsewhere. The service ended with the Lodge Vesper.

Younger people seem to have been present, maybe the Eaglets group.

*General notes:* White Eagle is clear from the beginning that his subject is eternal life: 'eternal life as you live it now'. In short this is a question of consciousness. But other things are vital for eternal life, such as what we today would call *ahimsa*, non-violence. White Eagle does not use the word, but his analysis makes plain that something much more than the sixth Commandment is necessary. 'You cannot hurt another living creature if you have found love in your heart.' In keeping with the idea of raising consciousness, White Eagle then has his listeners imagine themselves in the Temple in the heavens. It is the temple of the White Brotherhood in all its vastness – 'the vast brotherhood of the illumined souls'. Living well is going to bring human beings into a raised state, 'health of the body, peace of mind and a quiet enjoyment of living. You are born to live in happiness.' Love in the life produces miracles.

This is an unusual Remembrance address both in the opening paragraphs and as it concludes, where it focuses on the great being known as Ar-thor, who had been invoked by Hugh Dowding (see 'Context') in the reading earlier. But White Eagle's point is to demonstrate true spiritual strength, with which there is no need at all for arms or police. Thus the work of the Brother is to awaken light in the heart of another. There is a very useful account of how and why Britain is to be regarded as a special place, without implying that the British people are better than any other. White Eagle has a lot to say about the distinction between the immortal Ar-thor and the historical British king who fought in the early centuries CE. This brings up mention of the 'great continent of Hyperborea, where mankind was first brought into being'. It was a place of great beauty and Ar-thor was its ruler. Britain was part of such a land, and the light remains in Britain in a unique degree.

The communion invokes not only loved ones who are seemingly lost, but also the Great Christos, the embodiment of the Light'. There is a final urging of those present to 'take up the burden of your life'.

*References:* 'Thou shalt not kill' is the sixth of the Ten Commandments, Exodus 20 : 13. 'Father, forgive them' is Luke 23 : 34. 'This precious stone set in the silver sea' is from John of Gaunt's famous dying speech in Act II scene I of Shakespeare's *Richard II*. In the middle of the address White Eagle makes reference to words by Hugh Dowding, shared in the reading – for the reference, see 'Context'. Dowding's words, quoted in an article that was doubtless by Brother Faithful himself, makes it clear that the two beings he felt defending Britain after Dunkirk and in the battle in the air were St George and Arthur.

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## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved brethren, we in the world of spirit bring you great love, great love. We come back to talk to you in this manner through a physical body to help you, to help you to open your vision and your understanding to the purpose of your life and the power of the infinite and eternal Love.

We want you to remember that as you are sitting here joining with us in the service, you are only a handful of human beings functioning through a fleshly [.....]. But this body is only your instrument for the time being, for the allotted span of your life. And it is only through your physical life that you can learn, that you can achieve discipline and be trained to enter the next stage of your life. You cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven until you yourselves open the latch and open the gates wide. Yes, man has so much freewill, but remember that it is you, my brother, my sister, you as an individual, who has been given the power to open the door into the infinite and eternal life.

Now when we were asked what we were going to speak to you about tonight, we replied *eternal life, the eternal life*. And here we wish to get it very clear to you that we do not think of eternal life as something far distant, which man hopes at some time to achieve. We mean eternal life as you live it now.

Now this is the great trouble of all peoples: the clinging to material conditions, to outworn conditions, You will cling to physical things and material values. And whilst you do this, we are going to say you are lost, because you are just floundering in darkness; and your mind can never satisfy the yearning of your heart. And as you travel through life, and perhaps come to a time when your flesh is tired and weak, you will look for something stronger, something more beautiful than what you have known all your life. And remember this, young people. Do not think of yourselves, 'Oh, I am only young, I have plenty of time. Today I have to think about the next stage of life.' Remember, my children, that your life is in God's hands, and you could have the life in your body withdrawn this very night. So do not think you have got plenty of time. It is here and now.

And this realisation of an eternal life, everyone can have and live in, within the consciousness that you are spirit, because you *are* spirit. You are a spirit, and you live in your Creator; the Source from which you, as an individual ego, was breathed forth into conscious life on the earth plane.

Now you are here tonight to remember countless men and women – aye, and children – whose lives were cut short by brutal war. Now we all learn in time that war is brutal. We are sorry to say this. But man comes in time to recognise the brutality of killing. In spite of the fact that in your Scriptures it so clearly states, 'Thou shalt not kill', man does not think that this means warfare, nor even the killing of animals, or any conscious life on the physical plane. He thinks it simply means that man in his private life should not slay his brother by his side. The old story of Cain and Abel, which you all know, if you are familiar with the Hebrew

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scriptures. But 'thou shalt not kill' is a far wider and far more reaching [*sic*] truth than the individual slaying the brother by his side. But let us consider what happens in warfare. Man is slaying his brother for what he thinks is a good cause.

Now the White Brotherhood in the spirit world are coming so close to you now, endeavouring to impress upon your minds the truth, the *truth* in those words, 'Thou shalt not kill'. Ponder on these words, dear ones, as you sit here communing with spirit and celebrating this reunion with all spirit, with all those who have left you, and who have been released from their flesh to move, to live and move and serve in a higher state of life. Now, man when he comes first to our world of spirit, learns very quickly that service to God, love to God, love to his companions around him, and love to his friends on the physical plane, the friends he has left behind. The first thing that he learns is to love. But he can only love when he himself finds love, finds it within his own heart. You cannot hurt another living creature if you have found love in your heart. Remember that little message, dear ones, will you?

Now, all around us at this precise moment, if you will close your physical eyes and open your – open the door into the etheric world, into the soul world. Use your creative power, called your imagination and see, *see* around you the Temple in which you are now gathered. It is not a small material hall. It is not a little small material hall, it is a vast temple in the heavens. And tier upon tier you will see the shining White Brotherhood?' Now so many people ask what do you mean by the White Brotherhood? Who are the White Brothers?' Well, maybe you yourself could be a White Brother. Remember this. And when we say 'brother' we are uniting the sexes, because in heaven we are not concerned with the difference in sex, all are *souls*. And you who are sitting here maybe are shining in your hearts. And you have all the aspirations towards God and brotherhood and service; and overcoming all cruelty on the Earth, overcoming all injustice, overcoming all the wars, all disease, all cruelty to the very Earth itself, to the animals and the birds and the fishes. Remember that you are spirit, and all these creatures are part of spirit. And when you become attuned to this basic truth, this eternal truth, you become a White Brother. But remember that there are degrees of understanding, degrees of wisdom and knowledge in the great army of the White Brotherhood. You may be just a beginner, but you can still be – indeed, we would go so far as to say, you are all potential White Brothers. But not all people on Earth have attained that understanding of the meaning of a White Brother.

Here we are in this heavenly temple. You can feel, you can *feel* the presence of the Great Master of love, not merely of the orthodox religion which you call Christianity, but the Master who is the Light and the first-begotten of the Father–Mother; the *Light*, the *Love* without which no one on earth could be born. This is the teaching of the Great White Brotherhood.

Now, when we speak of the Brotherhood, as we told you, we do not mean a little section which seems to be claimed by small groups throughout the world; we mean the vast brotherhood of the illumined souls who have achieved that consciousness of God's love, God's wisdom, God's beauty. And these are they who can and will come closer and ever closer to humanity, not to relieve humanity of its responsibilities, but to inspire humanity with

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right thought, God thought, so that mankind feels the urge to serve and to love. We hope we have made this point quite clear.

At the present time on your earth there is conflict, so much darkness, which is purely ignorance. For as Jesus, the great Master, said when his disciples were complaining about the behaviour of the so-called enemies, 'God, forgive them, for they know not what they do'. Now when a man has reached that level of understanding he does not commit murder. He does not commit cruelty, or all the vices known to men on earth.

Now, my dear children, this truth is the only way which is going to bring to you health of the body, peace of mind and a quiet enjoyment of living. You are born to live in happiness. You are born to progress along a path of light. You are born to receive strength from those radiant beings in the heights, who will come to every soul who cries out from its heart for love, for help. Mark these words, my children, not one soul will be, or is ever, overlooked. But remember that there are certain laws that have to be fulfilled in you. If you put into operation yourself the one supreme law of love, you will find miracles happening. Now you do not put into operation the law of love in order to have miracles happen to you; but, my children, you can run to the uttermost ends of the earth, but you cannot escape the law. We do not mean the physical law, the earthly law. We mean the law of God. What you have earned in yourself, what you have earned by your thoughts, your words and your way of life, you receive. It is as simple as that; you cannot escape. If you have obeyed the law of health and law of love, you are healthy, or happy. Health means happiness. Health means wholeness. You are in God. You are in the eternal light.

There was a reference in the reading to the ancient king, Ar-thor (Arthur), and our brother Hugh Dowding mentioned in his comments on those words previously read. He mentioned that he was fully conscious of two Great Beings. Now this is a remarkable thing for a great, shall we call him, soldier, crusader. But there are other soldiers, maybe in this very Lodge now, who could stand up and testify to all present that they too had received evidence and conviction of the heavenly hosts helping them in times of distress.

Now, we want to make very clear in what we have said about war, because in the (we were going to say in the dark ages, and we think they were the dark ages of war) in the dark ages this humanity was caught up in a certain system and way of life. Men became soldiers and sailors and airmen because at that time it was the way for them. But it does not make the very fact of war right because brave men go forth to fight a battle in which the situation has been created by the wrongdoing of men on earth. If men live in the right way, with the right thought and act according to the law of brotherhood and love, there would never be any need for arms. Many of you will say, 'We must have arms. We must have the police force.' Yes, we agree that this is true. Whilst there is ignorance on the earth plane there must be law and order maintained to protect the innocent. But what we are trying to get over to you is this, that your work and our work of the White Brotherhood is to bring knowledge, and [to] speak of the knowledge and the wisdom which comes to you in those silent moments of prayer and aspiration. See the right way and follow it in spite of the darkness and ignorance which abounds. But you see, by sending out the right thoughts, speaking the right words, feeling the



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right feeling of love and brotherhood to all creatures, you are helping to awaken in the heart of your brother man the light, the understanding of God's love.

And with regard to that great king, Ar-thor, we want to say this to you tonight, because it will clear your minds of doubts. And you will be wondering why Britain should be better than any other country in the world. We do not think that Britain or British people are necessarily any different to people in other parts of the world, except for one unassailable truth which you know no one can deny because they are not in a position to deny it. And this is, that this isle of Britain, which one of our [...] Brethren called 'the jewel set in the crystal sea'; this isle is particularly endowed with *the power of the light*.

Now King Arthur, who has been established as a great mortal king. And in your history, you will read that there are so many places which King Arthur visited. Now, may we try to clarify this truth. There certainly was an historical King Arthur who achieved a great deal for the British people. But when we are referring to the great heavenly being, who is called Ar-thor, we are thinking of a very ancient king that lived and served humanity in the far-off days when humanity was young. He was a Great Being. He was established in a continent which is now forgotten, and nothing is known about it. But *you* know, because we have referred to it before. Hyperborea in the north, in the northern hemisphere, that great continent of Hyperborea, where mankind was first brought into being. Now, that was a centre of the Great White Brotherhood. And as time changed things on the face of the earth, and human beings were born and lived and died – and created havoc and created beauty, some of them did: these two sets of souls, as there are now on the earth plane.

Now, just think this great Ar-thor, a great master and king of the Hyperborean regions. And later on that influence, that wisdom came to this land, which was not then as you know it today. It was not just a little island planted in the sea. It was part of another great land. Now Arthor came and there were these gatherings of the White Brotherhood in a physical life, manifesting physically. And they established certain centres of power in this part of the world – put it like that. Now because of the Light, we are going to say the light was born in this mystic isle. It is in the very land of Britain. And this true light can be resuscitated and used by the White Brothers for the cleansing, purification and the education of earthly people.

Now you will hear more about this in future days, more about these Centres of power and spiritual truth which exist. And the most powerful ones are very quiet. They are like volcanoes, but they are not active at present. We are talking about spiritual light, not physical fire. Please understand that.

Now King Ar-thor was the Great Being who came to this land, who has watched over the progress of the peoples, not only of Britain, but of all peoples. But Britain is a focal point. And this is why your friend was so conscious of that Great Being when he had to make decisions, and direct for a short time the activities of the men who were flying in the air.

Now brethren, to close our Service of Remembrance, let us be still and silent, and become conscious of the heavenly hosts now with you. Send your love to your own loved one in spirit, who is so close you, *love*. Remember there is no death but life just goes on. Life is

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eternal, but not a wearying life, Eternal Joy in the consciousness of all that is good and lovely and true. This is your life. And your loved one is by your side. Your heavenly guide is now by your side. The heavenly companion is with you when you are with him. Be united to those in spirit. Even your pet animals; you need to think of them with love and tenderness, and they are immediately united with you always.

And if they are working in their spirit life it makes no difference. They immediately get your thought, and they send you their thought. They are with you. In order for this to be established in you as an eternal truth you must endeavour to live according to divine law. Do your best. God is wise, all-loving. God gives you in His great wisdom and according to divine law he gives you all that you earn.

And the Great Christos, the embodiment of the Light, the Perfect one, is in your midst now. From him you receive the true holy communion. Amen. Amen. Amen.

My brethren, take up, take up the burden of your life – if it is a burden – and go forward with thanksgiving to God for all the blessings which you have received. We give thanks to God for the companionship and the help of those beloved ones who have left us for a while, and who are now serving in the Great White Army of God in the World of Light.

Peace is with you. Peace. Peace.

### Brother Faithful:

We are closing this service with 'Jerusalem' by William Blake. And it was William Blake who also wrote,

'A robin redbreast in a cage  
Puts all heaven in a rage.'

Perhaps he had in mind the human robins down here who have to work in a cage perhaps of greed for power or money, or intellectualism – that is one of the most wretched cages of all – or sickness or sadness. The robin redbreast in a cage. And surely it is the proper work of this Lodge and of all the White Eagle followers and all White Brethren to set free as many of these poor robins as we possibly can. And then all heaven will, of course, rejoice.

So, Jerusalem, hymn no. 446.

*The search matches with either words and phrases, which appear in the text, or the following 'key' words and phrases, which are similar in meaning to those in the document:*

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