

# God's Proof – Not Man's

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*Text:* MB typescript, a rather pale blue carbon. There was laughter when White Eagle spoke of 'getting about a bit, and listening' and MB missed a word, but suggests the word might have been 'rude'. We have made a tiny correction, for grammar, in the reference to 'doubting Thomases'. The title of the address goes back to its publication in *Stella Polaris* in June-July 1968 (actually in a shortened and very heavily edited version).

*Context:* the typescript tells us that the first hymn was 'Love divine, all loves excelling', no. 573 in *Songs of Praise* – the familiar hymn written by Charles Wesley and published in 1747, probably here sung to John Stainer's tune, 'Love divine'. Minesta then gave an invocation, recorded elsewhere, and Brother Faithful read from the book *HEALING*, from the chapter headed 'The Mind in the Heart' (he read the last two paragraphs of p. 36 and the first of p. 37). Then came the hymn 'Angels and ministers, spirits of grace' (no. 238), written by Percy Dearmer but not normally sung to his own tune in the Lodge. Brother Faithful commented approvingly and led the prayers, after which the choir 'exquisitely rendered' the hymn anthem 'By cool Siloam's shady rill', probably to the tune 'Belmont'. In the address itself, there is (unusually) no communion as such, although there is a quiet invocation of the higher worlds. Brother Faithful's remarks after the address are preserved here and led to the announcement of the final hymn, which was 'Saviour, again to Thy dear name we raise' (53).

Minesta's benediction, at the end, was once again recorded elsewhere.

At the end, White Eagle thanks the musicians who have contributed.

*General notes:* much of the earlier part of this address is about the power of thought: first, on the other side of life, in creating our surroundings and the form in which we present ourselves to others, and then on this side of life, as a demonstration of creative power – which, incidentally, gives the key to the proof of spirit. Yet White Eagle goes on to say, 'Life is consciousness', so the creative power will inevitably be consciousness, too. And following on from this, however much people ask, 'Why does God permit wars and the like?' the answer is that man himself has to learn how to move beyond them. The help that man gets is from angel messengers, who are still to be felt at the lasting spiritual centres of the world. There is a section on the law of cause and effect, and a recurrent theme of seeing things in life from more than the one perspective of earth. There is a fear that keeps people from the truth of the heart, a fear of self-deceit. In the final section, White Eagle addresses the classic questions about the world in the future – overpopulation, starvation, and so on – and reminds us of the Law of Balance. He insists 'man must do his best ... God sees to the rest'.

*References:* 'God is not mocked' is Galatians 6 : 7; 'except ye become as little children' is Matthew 18 : 3. The scientist Sir Oliver Lodge (1851-1940) was widely known for his interest in Spiritualism. 'What about the starving millions?' was one of humanity's existential worries in the 1960s and 1970s, one that has tended since to segue into worries about climate change.

## White Eagle's Address:

We speak from the spirit to our beloved brethren living in the physical body on Earth, and we bring to you all a message of peace and goodwill. And as we speak to you, all around and enfolding this congregation is a host of radiant spirit people. We want you to feel their presence, and to feel in your hearts this message which we are permitted to transmit to you through a physical organism.

Now this may seem very strange to some of our friends who may be visiting the Lodge for the first time, but to all our members and brethren it will not be strange, because they are quite accustomed to hearing what the Brotherhood of the Great White Light have to say to the people on the earthly plane of life. And incidentally, we would like to correct an impression

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which may exist in the minds of some people here that all spirits are very holy and are clothed in white robes – therefore they give to the uninitiated and practical man a very peculiar feeling as though they are surrounded by ghostly figures.

May we correct this impression at once and explain to you that a spirit returns to the physical condition in exactly the way he wishes to present himself? It is like every man and woman living in a physical body who may desire to visit a friend. The friend may be in very exalted circumstances, or in very humble conditions of life; therefore the man who is visiting his friends would through the courtesy in his own heart towards those friends, he would clothe himself suitably – that is to say, if he was visiting the exalted personality he would clothe himself in grand clothing, but if he was visiting his chum, we will say a very old friend, he would think of himself as he would dress when he was on earth – if he was going to a picnic, we will say, or going to a very simple convivial gathering. Now what a man thinks in the spirit life he is; he presents himself as he thinks. And here we would like to say to everyone present that thought is a power far greater than people usually recognise.

Now when you come to the spirit life it is very surprising to find that exactly what you think you surround yourselves with. We mean by this that if your thoughts are simple and pure and good and kind you would find yourself in a condition that was kindly and harmonious and beautiful. If you had thoughts of nature and the beauties of nature, and all your heart and concentration was upon the beauties of nature – a lovely garden, beautiful scenery, mountains, lakes, rivers, whatever type of scenery you most loved and therefore thought about – that scenery would be instantly created. You would find yourself in such a condition. If you loved a garden and were particularly fond of roses or lilies or any special flower, if you thought about such a garden in spirit it would be there. Now instantly thought creates, the power of thought manipulates the ether; the higher ethers are moulded very rapidly, instantly, by the power of thought.

Power of thought – we heard a whisper on your earth plane, because we get about, and we listen – not in any [... word lost] way, understand, but we listen in to little groups of people talking, and we know some of the remarks which are made about the spirit life and spirit people and this great truth. That is why we are picking up from memory these little things we have heard and endeavouring to answer the questions.

Now there has been a demand by certain people on your earth plane, and indeed by young people particularly, and to them we are addressing these remarks. 'What we want is scientific proof, we want more science in this subject of survival after death.' Now my young friends, when you have eyes to see and minds and hearts to understand, you will recognise the scientific truths in their simple guise. And one of the most powerful scientific truths which the earth people have before them is the proof of the power of thought.

Now this has rarely been touched upon. Very little is known about what is called telepathy, but much more will be known in the near future. Now the power of telepathy is the power of transmitting thought and receiving thought in the physical life. Now in the spirit world thought is the language – thought and love, loving thought, good thought, God-thought, is the language by which people communicate with one another.

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On the earth plane, we find that the mind is very critical and rampant; but the mind, when it is directed and trained by the pure spirit of the Christos – call it what you like, the Son of God, the Child of God within the man – then that thought becomes beautiful. It can be expressed in very lovely words and language.

Now you will know that there has been in your public life – you will know that there has been a great deal of confusion, confusion of thought and ideas, conflict, much conflict on the earth plane. And some of you wonder why this is allowed to happen. We notice that so many Earth people say, 'Why does God allow this to happen? Why does God allow wars to happen? Why does God – if there is a God – allow suffering and starvation and cruelty on the earth plane? Why does not God stop it all?'

Well, the answer is very simple. God has given man free will up to a point, *up to a point*, but certainly man has within himself a voice – what do you call it? Do you call it conscience? We would call it consciousness, a consciousness of the source of his life. In other words, a consciousness of the Infinite and Eternal Spirit, the Divine Intelligence which is behind - his life, creating life. But in creating that life, that Divine Intelligence knows that the life is born as a tiny seed of consciousness. Now life is consciousness. Now that life-seed in every man, woman and child, in all mankind – that consciousness has to grow and experience all the levels of life (if you understand what we mean by this). And it is only through the experiences of life that that seed or consciousness within the man develops and grows, until it becomes a fully God-conscious being.

Now it is just simply this, the very simple explanation [as] to why God does not stop the suffering and the wars and the conflicts and all the disagreeable things on your earth. *Man himself has to stop these things*. And when he has grown in God-consciousness, to that illimitable state of love and wisdom, then all the conflicts and apparent inequalities and sufferings on the earth plane will be eliminated by man himself. The Creator does not interfere, except to help.

Now, then, this is the crux, my children, my dear friends and brethren on the earth plane – this is the crux. Whilst that Divine Intelligence looks upon His creation (or shall we say their creation, the Heavenly Father and the Earthly Mother, because the Earthly Mother brings forth form), the Heavenly Father blesses the form with His consciousness. All the instincts of the Son of God, the beauty of human and divine life are all contained in little man. And in order to assist man in this development, God has never left him without a witness, which means throughout the ages God has sent his messengers to the earth plane.

Now, what do we mean by 'messengers'? Messengers mean[s] angel visitors. Now you have plenty of evidence, if you take the trouble to study the religions of all time, if you take the trouble to visit the natural, the ancient centres where even now people recognise that these angel visitors have been. They have visited these centres in order to help mankind to understand its own power, its own potentialities. The angel messengers through the ages, and some of these instances are recorded in your holy books as you call them, your Scriptures. Many of these wonderful visitations are unrecorded in books, but they have made their impression upon the very Earth itself.

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Now you have heard us say this before, that if you visit any of these known holy places where it is known that saints have lived, saints have had their vision opened to see the angelic visitor – oh, the records are crowded with evidence of these heavenly visitors. And why, oh why, do your earthly people still say that God cannot exist? You have only to look around you and see the manifestation of God through man, the manifestation of God throughout nature, and even in what you call cataclysms. You say, 'Why are people killed by earthquakes and volcanoes?' Now we have a very clear explanation of this. But you people of earth, you only can see one side of the picture. When you look out upon your immediate surroundings and you see human suffering, you say, 'Why, oh why, does God allow it?'. Do, *do* remember that you are only seeing one side of the picture. And exactly the same, when you have to witness the passing away of the spirit of a loved one, or indeed anyone, you see the body apparently contorted with pain, or you may see the body just very peaceful, falling asleep. But the body is the reminder to you that death is a catastrophe, is a reminder to you of something which appears to be very cruel and wrong. You have not the answer, mankind has not the answer yet for these problems. But may just suggest to you that the Creator of life who manifests so wonderfully, lovingly and kindly in human life to countless people, has a wise purpose in a Divine Law or Cosmic Law which is working all through life. We were going to be rather perhaps facetious, and we were going to say, well, we will say what the old-fashioned text says, 'God is not mocked'. God is Infinite, Divine Intelligence and Wisdom. There is a purpose at work all through life, a law, *a law*. And the law is Cause and Effect. And the purpose of life is the learning – man has to learn of the Cosmic Law which operates, and that law is immutable. And if man breaks that law he is bound to come up against a sharp instrument. But remember also, my dear, dear brethren, the mercy of God, that divine mercy which comforts, heals and blesses the human heart. But humanity too often is resentful, and while resentment fills the heart there can be no entrance of divine love nor wisdom.

Now when the loved one passes away, you feel bereaved and perhaps resentful that one you loved has been removed from your life. But if you could see the other side of the picture, and see that loved one cared for in a more beautiful state of life than on earth; if you could see the joy and the happiness and the thankfulness in those souls when they are awakened to the life in the spirit world, you would never grieve. You could only say, how good is God!

And now these things that we are telling you, these truths have been known all down the ages. But there is always a certain percentage of 'doubting Thomases' – a certain percentage of people who are so active purely on the earthly mental plane that they are just like little cocoons and nothing from outside themselves can penetrate.

Now it is only when man can open up as a little child in simplicity, in love towards beauty and God – if you like that word – but this infinite power – it is only when the heart opens up [that] the light can find an entrance. And the heart mind – the mind in the heart, the divine intelligence which functions through man's feelings and controlled emotions; when man allows his heart mind to open up, then the vision of truth unfolds, and he is able to see and comprehend much more than he could possibly understand with the mind of earth, the material mind. The hard intellect of man is like a stone, like a piece of granite, and it is very fixed and can only see one way – and that way is its own way of materialism. And to that man, everything on Earth is purely of a material nature. And there is nothing for that man beyond what he can touch and see and hear and smell. That is all. He cannot penetrate the



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granite of his material mind, and he loses the beauty, the joy, the happiness, the glory of that vast infinite ocean of beauty and wisdom and love.

Remember that the way of truth is through the heart. And the great Master Jesus told his followers this. And he said so simply, 'Except ye become as a little child ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom'. You cannot – you *cannot* – because you are up against a hard, flint-like wall.

Now, many people – [we are] not going to keep you much longer – now many people are so afraid of being deceived, even deceiving themselves. They are afraid of being influenced, and they will say, 'The wish is the father to the thought. I hoped, I wanted, I wanted to get proof of an afterlife; but all these things which have been shown to me may not be true, I may have been deceived.'

Now, in every one of you are these two aspects – the spirit, the pure spirit or the Son of God, the *light* of truth; and on the other hand there is the mind of the man of earth. And the man of earth continually fights to hold himself down to what he calls 'hard facts'. 'Give us hard facts, give us scientific proof, then we shall believe!' But what a foolish man! Man is not created in this way. Man is created by God, by the Infinite and Eternal Spirit. Man has within himself the power and the gifts to find truth if he will follow the path outlined, indicated, to him by all teachers, all the great minds, if you like (but we prefer to say the Great Masters) who from time immemorial have lived on earth to help mankind to find himself, to find the truth of his own being.

Now this, my dear ones, is where you will get your proof of the existence of God, and the surety of survival after the death of the physical body.

Now quite apart from this survival of man, you just think of some of the fine people who have lived on this earth plane. Do you logically think that that beautiful soul and great intelligence and that power to guide and lead and help others is snuffed out like a candle? Logically it cannot happen, because that life within him, that character which has done so much to help humanity, must still continue to help humanity. Shall we call these Great Ones as Sir Oliver Lodge called them, 'the peaks of the human race'? And it is only the little unintelligent foolish man who denies the existence of the infinite and beneficent Creator, and who denies the truth of survival after death.

If you get your conviction of the survival beyond death you will proceed along the path and recognise [that] if man survives death he is part of that infinite Spirit, that great and eternal Spirit who permeates the whole of life, who permeates the solar systems and systems beyond. In this, my dear ones, we live and move and have our being – in that glorious love and harmony and beauty and intelligence, so that we can in due time come into that golden world, into a golden age.

And the brothers who are all around now say to every one of you, 'Peace, brother; peace, sister'. Live each day in the consciousness of your destiny, in the consciousness of God, and angels will come to help you along your appointed path. What you have to do is to serve life,

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give to life, serve your fellow beings, assist nature in the growth and production of all that man needs for his sustenance.

And as we are speaking to you, we get so many thoughts are coming up from you. We told you that thoughts are the most powerful channels in life. Yes, someone is saying to me, 'Well, what about the starving millions? What is going to happen in the future when the planet is so overcrowded with life? What is going to happen? How is man going to live?' Your Heavenly Father knows the need of all mankind. And one thing is absolutely certain. The Law of Balance must right all problems. Man must do his best. God sees to the rest. The law, the cosmic law, which is the only law, will take over and guide and bring you at the right time perfect balance in life upon this planet.

And now we will leave you with our great love. And thank you, thank you for listening to us. Thank you for allowing us to speak and give you this spirit message: and thank our musicians for their contribution to the harmony and the happiness of this service of worship.

May God be with you on your homeward journey and lighten your path tomorrow, comfort you and reassure you that all is well.

Good night.

### Brother Faithful:

Once or twice while I was listening to the address my thoughts strayed back to the very beginning of this Lodge, when the family had some idea of calling it a church, and White Eagle insisted it should be called a Lodge, because he said that the Lodge was a place where the weary, those wearied by life, could find rest, and those overburdened by life could find courage, and those made sick by the way of life could find healing. And that was around thirty-five years ago – half a lifetime – because I know and I hope you are all resolved to work into your eighties and nineties!

And since then, thousands and thousands of people have come within these walls and been healed within these walls, tens of thousands to be accurate. Some of these healings, and some of those changed hearts have been almost miraculous. But the lives have changed, the direction changed their life, changed their purpose.

And this work has never been arrested: not by six years of war, not by being bombed, not by political squeezes and freezes. It has been purposeful throughout. It does not want public acknowledgment or publicity or advertisement. But it has just kept on and and kept on and spread far and wide, very quietly and very purposefully. And is it too much to assume that this is an illustration, a demonstration of the quiet and purposeful working of God's Plan in the heart of humanity and in the lives of humanity?

So, we come to our closing hymn....

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