

Concerning Nature Spirits

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Invocation:

O Divine Spirit, Thou Who art our Father–Mother God, we come into the radiance of Thy Love, praying for wisdom and understanding of the great mysteries of life. We pray that each soul present both incarnate and discarnate may be touched by the wisdom, the love and the power of Thy Holy Angels. May each one in this gathering use the blessing which comes to them to give service to humanity and the great cause of evolution.

Amen.

We greet you all, beloved ones; we bring the harmony and the love of the heavenly spheres. We speak on the nature spirits and that vast company of spiritual beings which are non-human. Only of recent years have thinking people recognised the existence of spirit life, of the possibility of human life continuing after death, and it is strange to some to be told of a vast sphere of life interpenetrating this earth life which is guiding and working and helping onward the great plan of spiritual evolution. This power behind all physical manifestation commences from the very lowest point of physical life and is linked chain by chain upward through the spheres to the very highest. Not only is this unseen life working through the physical manifestations of earth, but it is also linked to other planets. There is no such thing in all creation as splendid isolation, no separation between any form of life, but all blended in one harmonious whole. What appears to be error, evil, destructive, has behind it the great power, wisdom and love outworking through the whole plan, bringing good out of apparent evil, guiding and linking up every form of life. This is a grand thought.

One sees the physical manifestation of flowers, one inhales the perfume and says, ‘How beautiful!’ But what lies behind? It is a manifestation of God’s love, you say. Of course—all life is a manifestation of God’s love, but there must be a process for such manifestation to pass through, there must be a great army, working out His will.

We commence with the four elements, through which are represented the four common species of nature spirits. The earth nature spirits are known by many names; we will call them gnomes. The air spirits we will call sylphs. The fire spirits we will call salamanders, and the water spirits we will call undines. Contained in these four groups are countless numbers and variations of nature spirits at work. They seldom have intercourse with man.

Before we describe the work of these little spirits, we want to differentiate between nature spirits of the four elements and those which are called elementals—which are created by thought, from elemental essence. There are many elementals—some of you may have seen them, for they are moulded and created by thought. In passing may we stress the importance of pure thought; people little think what they create by impure and violent thought. Often people say that they have had undesirable spirits near them, and it is difficult for me to explain that such were but creations of their own thought power.

The spirits known as fairies—the little fairy spirits at work in your gardens, take no notice of humans, but respond to love. A human being can win the love of these little fairy spirits so busily working behind the scenes with the spiritual life essence of the flowers, the plants and

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the trees. These take varying forms, but are usually like little humans. This reminds one of the fairy stories, beloved of children, and reveals the underlying truth behind such stories. Fairies may be little winged beings, varying much in size according to their particular growth and the work they do. Thus they may be tiny indeed, or of considerable size and can be seen by the clairvoyant in any garden, in the woods, in the water, and sometimes on the domestic hearth—I speak now of the little fire spirits, or salamanders.

Fairies can be mischievous, but a great deal will depend upon the human who attracts them. If you give forth love, if you believe in these little people, they will love and serve you.

Tonight I would present the beautiful side of the nature kingdom. While admitting that there are creatures who serve a different purpose, they do not come within our category tonight. We would mention here that when the fairy's particular work or function is complete, for a time the fairy will be absorbed again into the sea of spirit life; fairies do not follow the form of growth of the human.

To pass to the higher grades, leaving fairies and nature spirits, we come to the angelic beings, of which there are many grades, helping onward the plan of evolution. Again we refer you to the pictures and legends of angels. [You] hear of angels visiting the wise men and prophets of old, but do not always realise that angels are ever working amongst the human family. Some schools of thought may disagree with this, but since you have asked for our knowledge on nature spirits and the angelic beings, we give you what has been our blessing to contact.

Angelic beings belong to the three higher aspects of non-human life. In the first place we have the four elements, earth, air, fire and water; in the second, the three other rays about which you know little; nor is it permissible to reveal much, but we can give you an outline.

On the three higher aspects work the angelic ones. There are the angels of ceremonial—they come to assist in the building up of power at great ceremonies; they wield wonderfully the finer powers, building up and bringing through beauty to humanity from the creative spheres of life.

Some may have actually seen the angels of ceremonial distributing power to the waiting souls of men. Then there are the angels of healing. Do not run away with the idea that in your contacts with the unseen you touch only discarnate human souls. In this particular work upon which we and you are engaged at the present period of the earth's evolution, the world attracts the great hierarchies of angels. In your healing, the power is passed through, the cosmic rays of light and colour are directed upon the patient. The distribution, direction and infusion of these invisible rays of healing power is interesting indeed. The healer thinks that he is used by his guide, he feels the power of certain rays through his hand—feels something, he knows not what it is. Were his eyes open, he would see the angels of healing, would see the leader of the group directing the healing rays.

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Exactly the same takes place in the Harmony Prayer Circle.* Think of healing angels, because only the angels have the inner knowledge which the human mind is unable to grasp and use.

*[*White Eagle is referring to distant healing practices within the Spiritualist Movement.]*

In a healing group, angels of healing gather; as each name of a patient who needs healing is mentioned, a link is made with the patient by an angel. This work is of the utmost importance. By opening the channel and building up the necessary vibrations of thought, you are greatly assisting not only the individual patients but the whole evolution of humanity.

We must speak of the angel of life, the angel always present at a birth. May I direct your mind to the talk we gave last week, and explain that the angels of life are linked with the great Mother?

And then the angel of death. You who only see the physical part think that death is terrible. To you death may appear accidental sometimes, but not to the Great Ones, the Lords of Karma, who know exactly when death draws near, and make their preparations. The angel of death is not the repellent figure imagined, nor a gruesome spectre. Draw aside the veil of the angel of death, and you will see a face of ineffable beauty and love. When death comes, the angel assists in the withdrawal or shall we say the 'birth' of the young spirit into the new life, even as the earth people prepare for the physical birth of a babe. The angel of death assists in the separation of the spiritual body from the physical, and bears the soul away.

This is but an inadequate description of the passing of the spirit; if only people on earth could raise their thoughts to the higher aspects, and realise the great beauty and the love which plans the progress and growth of the spirit of man, then indeed the work of the angelic ones would be greatly helped, as would the work of the older brethren who strive to bring light and love and joy into the hearts of their younger brethren.

Concerning the angels of music, we are not able to reveal much—please understand that. But throughout the world—the earth plane—there are seven tones, seven rays of colour; these tones and the colours allied to the tones are controlled and built up by the angels of music. Can we transfer you from this physical plane for the moment, and imagine yourself in the spheres of perfect harmony, and listen to the divine music of the great orchestra of the angels—and see intermingling with the angelic forms, the most beautiful colours, vibrant and creating life; it is impossible to give you more!

A word about the great ones who are sometimes referred to as devas, sometimes as God-men. The ancients in Atlantis and other lost civilisations left upon the stones language, markings which reveal to any who can read the language of the gods, the inner wonders of life. There depicted is a symbol revealing the four gods or the great ones controlling, at the head of their ray, the four elements, earth, air, fire and water. Again we refer to three others, who are behind the scenes, working with the higher ethers of creative life.

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The Seven Angels round the Throne, referred to by some mystics, are the seven that we mention, the great gods, or devas, of creative life and form.

You say ‘God created the world; He created man’—yes, but He needs myriads of workers to execute His will. He is the Architect, the great Architect, but He has myriads of workers from the lowest to the highest, and chiefly non-human.

We cannot close this talk without referring to the messengers who come from other planets. There are angel messengers from other planets who are drawn to the earth plane for different reasons, but mainly to assist the building up of the earth’s evolution and the helping to save humanity.

Such messengers are more advanced than earth’s humanity—sometimes they are beings who did not go with the whole mass, who felt out of step, and so came back to the earth plane to assist and to work out their evolution in assisting their human brethren on this earth plane. But realise if you can the wonderful work which is going on on the unseen planes, and this apart from the assistance and guidance you receive from your discarnate human friends. Think of the angelic beings, and even the tiny nature spirits—love them and love the flowers and the trees—if you do this you are helping the little fairies to build and to carry the life force to the flowers. Give your flowers love, and they last so much longer. There are some people who are said to ‘have the green finger’—there is truth in these old folk tales; do not put them aside, because in doing so you lose something charming and beautiful.

May your eyes be opened, may your senses realise the beauty of the unseen world about you.

Q.What category includes such spirits as St Michael and St George?

A.They are not those who have passed through the human evolution. Michael is a messenger from a more highly evolved planet. At the present time he and his servants are very active on the earth plane. Michael is a messenger from the planet Mercury. St George* is also of the great ones, of the non-human category. Such as he have the welfare of one particular nation, the spirit of the nation, under [their] guidance.

[White Eagle’s use of the prefix ‘saint’ here is not as that title is used in the mainstream Christian church, where ‘saint’ always refers to a human being.]*

Q.Are these non-human beings on the etheric plane?

A.They are on the etheric plane, the vital body of the earth.

Q.Do they possess astral and desire bodies etc.?

A. They can create for a certain purpose an astral body to manifest through it if necessary.

Q.With what vision could one see fairies?

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A. Fairies manifest on the etheric plane; with the etheric eye they are seen. You can only see etheric things with etheric vision.

Q. Can human beings assist in the evolution of nature spirits?

A. Yes, certainly. You see the great power of love will always help your brother the fairy or any other form of life. Love is always constructive and helpful and liberating. Yes, please love them.

Q. What about weeds?

A. You perhaps dislike them because they are out of place, not because they are evil. But perhaps it is you who are out of place! Nevertheless there are certain forms of life which have got out of place, the result of evil thought, lack of love, inharmony and greed—when mankind puts these out of his consciousness, there will be no pests.

Q. Is it correct to destroy parasites?

A. Surely; it is desirable to cleanse and purify to give beauty the opportunity to express itself unblighted, but remove a pest with love, not with hate. If you become irritated with flies and suchlike you only give them food and attract them all the more, for they feed on an aura full of angry thought.

Benediction:

Dear ones, we enfold you in the great Brotherhood of Love; the angels draw near and bless you with their peace; we raise our hearts to the Infinite, the Divine Spirit of Love, and we thank God for our creation, our preservation and all the joys and beauties of the world. Peace go with you all.

Amen.

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