

Armistice

A407 Sunday Address 10th November 1968 St Mary Abbots Place, London
Remembrance Service

Text: MB typescript, black carbon copy, substantial markings; by JGH and RAE (both unusually) in pencil, and a few more in red ball-point by YGH. RAE has as with many of these scripts marked it 'TR' (tape recorder copy) and given it two numbers, 118 and 118a, presumably referring to actual tapes. The version of this published in *Stella Polaris*, October-November 1968, from whence we get the title, 'Armistice', is very heavily edited.

Context: MB tells us that 'Lovely golden roses were beautifully arranged on the altar and on the cross red poppies'. The first hymn was 'For all the Saints' (*Songs of Praise* no. 202) doubtless to its familiar tune, 'Sarum'. Minesta's Invocation was once again 'separately recorded', and then the Choir sang 'O world Invisible, we view thee', with words by the poet Francis Thompson and the tune, Martin Shaw's 'Pimlico Road' ('very beautifully sung'), most likely simply rendering the rather beautiful but less well-known hymn tune. Brother Faithful then read from Revelation 21 : 1-6 and 22 : 1-2, after which the hymn was 'O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother' (307), the normal tune being 'Intercessor', by Parry. The Choir then sang, if we understand MB correctly, the Tallis anthem, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments' (her note omits the words 'love me' and gives no further detail). Brother Faithful's words after the address are preserved here, at the end of which he announced 'Jerusalem' (And did those feet', no. 446) as the final hymn. Minesta's Benediction was recorded elsewhere, and the Choir closed the service with the 'Threefold Amen', which we take to mean the 'Dresden Amen' used by Wagner in *Parsifal*. MB mentions for the first time 'quiet organ music' after the Communion; it just might be that this was the moment that that practice, later to occur at every service, began.

General notes: all in all, this is a particularly powerful address for the fiftieth anniversary of the Armistice. White Eagle's very opening words confirm what many have found, that it is not only in words White Eagle communicates to us but in the more subtle things he brings. Next, White Eagle makes much of the actual word, 'Armistice', and how it really does represent a waiting time – until with the end of the Second World War the long-awaited changes have had the chance to occur in Britain and throughout the world. White Eagle refers to 'the searching which is taking place in the minds of the young ... for truth ... for justice' as one marker for a great 'stirring' in humanity. At the centre of this is the rejection of death, though it is not a new truth. But 'this breaking through from our world of spirit is only just beginning'. White Eagle refers to the reading in the service, 'And I saw a new heaven, and a new earth' and goes on to speak of the New Jerusalem not as something in the beyond, but 'a state of life which will come to this physical plane'. White Eagle is sceptical about the need endlessly to protest, and reminds us of how the great ones of the past achieved change. Finally, he makes an unexpected pronouncement: the right colour for the celebration of Armistice/Remembrance is not poppy red, but gold. And this takes us into a very special communion, and a final invocation of 'Ring in the new!' – which makes us feel as though we are hearing a New Year address! But it is not only a 'ring in the new' but a looking towards the blazing Star.

References: 'whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap' is Galatians 6 : 7. Rather confusingly, when White Eagle is speaking about St John he quotes St Paul. 'I spake as a child' is 1 Corinthians 13 : 11.

Historical note: 1968 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the first Armistice, the ending of the First World War. White Eagle's prophecies in this address may sound unrealistic, but in 1968 the revolution in western culture was well under way. While science may have been slow to accept a spiritual dimension, and there may be cynicism, popular culture has embraced it very significantly. It is interesting how this appears to spirit eyes.

Message from White Eagle

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Our beloved brethren, it is not in words alone that we speak to your hearts: not in words alone, but in the feelings which you have in your own being to sense or to see with clairvoyance, clear vision, the host of shining spirits who are now with you, who gather on this very special occasion to bring to you peace and hope and clearer vision of the purpose of life.

O my beloved brethren of the earth, may your hearts open now to the blessing of the Great Light, the Light of your Creator! Though we have just said this is a special occasion, we want to emphasise this point in our message to you. You have heard us say many, many times that life in the Cosmos, life in the spirit world, life on the Earth plane is all governed by divine law. Yes, it is true that man has a certain amount of freewill; but the plan of God is exact, is perfect and is true. Never forget this, my children, in your own lives. For as you sow, you reap, not only in the spirit life, but whilst you are on the Earth. And this is why life demonstrates to you the supreme power of love and wisdom, the love and wisdom of our Creator.

And this service of Remembrance is far deeper in meaning than just remembering a war, or wars, that have been in the past. This is a time of Armistice, of a pause. There was no settled peace since the first World War. Some people may describe it as an 'uneasy peace.' But you celebrate the coming of an Armistice. May we remind you of the significance of this? An armistice is a pause, a waiting time.

Now, since the war of the early years there have been many changes in the life of mankind, not only in this mystic isle of Britain, but throughout the world. There has been a breaking up of old and outworn traditions, habits of thought, modes of life. It would seem as though there has been a cleansing, and a preparation taking place for something which is coming.

Now my dear brethren, this is the message which all those who are gathered here in the golden light of the spirit are bringing to you as an individual tonight. For this is a time of reunion in spirit. Now there are many of you here who lost young ones, very dear ones, in the last half century. There are others here who are young, young men and young women, who have no remembrance at all of the sorrow and pain of the war years. But the message comes to each one of you whether you are young or old. But the older ones must know that there is sweeping through the physical state of the world a beautiful light, a spiritual light.

It may manifest in many different ways. One of these ways it is manifesting is the interest and the searching which is taking place in the minds of the young, the searching for truth, the searching for justice. The vision is opening to young and old alike. Therefore, you feel this upsurge, this restlessness in mankind, and you are suffering on your earth plane conflict and destruction and anxiety, and even from new diseases. All these things are now being felt in the heart of man. Now the reason for this is breaking through from the heaven world, breaking through from heaven through the curtain or the veil of materialism, through the physical life of man. A century ago, there was a very dark curtain between man and the spirit life, or the heaven world. Humanity lived in a state of darkness. Although many people lived in luxury, others suffered great poverty and pain and injustice.

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Now, all these had to be broken up and cleared away. And one of the first things which happened to the earth plane, to the people in the physical life, was this projection from the world beyond death to the people of Earth. Now very simply, there came to the earth [and to] what we and you will probably describe as modern man the message that we live after death. A man cannot be annihilated by death. He lives. We come back to tell you that we live after death.

Now this is not a new truth. There is no new truth. You know this. Truth is there in the infinite and eternal life. And there is no death. It has always been known to the initiates, as well as to simple souls who had perhaps not the mental development which man has today, but he [*sic*] had a development of feeling, a development within him of the God within. Simple souls with a great desire for God, tremendous aspiration towards the Son, towards the light, towards the living spirit all around him and within him.

With the development of the mental body is the training of the mind which had to be for a purpose. There was a closing down of the spiritual senses, the spiritual vision.

Now, beloved, dearly loved earthly brethren, this breaking through from our world of spirit is only just beginning. It has taken more than a century to get where it is today. But in the next half century, or even the next twenty-five years, we and you will see a great inrush of knowledge and spiritual awareness, an awakening, a renaissance I think of it. There will be such changes on your earth. Changes in the way of life. Changes in man's health, in his unfoldment of soul powers. And there will be the communication which is at the present moment very feeble. But in the future there will be such communication from our world to your Earth plane that there will be no room for doubt in the minds of the most sceptical. Already there is being prepared certain ways of communication are in preparation [*sic*] which will be unanswerable. The veil will be torn down. Now, then, what will this mean? It will mean that man will very rapidly understand what he is, who he is, why he is. There will be a complete overthrow of materialism. Now, you may think these are grand words, but you – some of you here – will live to see them all come true. Because it is in the plan it must.

And this is the message which we are bringing to you on this day of remembrance and reunion – reunion of spirit. Now, your loved ones are only just behind the veil of materialism and scepticism; but they are there, and you know they are there. When you accept this cosmic truth of at-one-ment and infinity and eternity of life, you will know there is no death and no obliteration of any living creature. Life goes on and on evolving, becoming more beautiful, more wonderful, with every hour that passes.

Now you may think that this is a lovely fairy tale. You have listened tonight to a reading which we asked to be given. The vision, the revelation to the great master and initiate St John. He described it all for you. But the point is this. You know it says in the Bible, 'I spake like a child, I saw like a child'. Now in those days gone by, in those orthodox, limiting days, mankind was presented with a picture of the New Jerusalem. And he was taught to believe that the New Jerusalem was a place to which he would go, if he was good, after death. But the New Jerusalem, beloved friends and brethren, is not a place to go to after death. It is a state of life which will come to this physical plane. But it will be worked for, slowly and

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steadily. Man will begin to think, and he will begin to feel, the suffering of others. He will begin to see justice and know that justice must be done to all peoples irrespective of race, colour or caste. Every living soul is a child of God. Some are young children, but many, many are older children and they have so much to contribute to mankind. Because you must remember that man continues to unfold his spiritual perception. He unfolds his heart. And he feels love for animals, love for his brother man, love for the flowers. Oh, how many of you love your gardens! What joy you get in tending your flowers! You feel that affinity with flowers. Or maybe you have little animal pets that you have [found] they bring something to your heart which is warm and comforting. And you will find as this love develops so will the blackness and darkness of materiality fade right away from your minds. And you will live more and more in the consciousness of your Creator, in the consciousness of God, the Great White Spirit.

We can say to you in very truth, my dear ones, that humility – note we mean *humility* not assumed humility, *true humility* – is the quality which enables a soul to get very close to God, to truth and to love. And another quality is the quality of acceptance. Now we have said this to you quite recently, because there is this constant fight in the human nature against everything, against people, against conditions. And you will say to me, particularly you young ones, ‘We must protest! We must make it known that we don’t like these things!’ Do not forget, my dear young people, there are several ways of making known how you feel. You can make these truths known on Earth amongst the masses by your own attitude to life, by your own attitude of mind to the problems of what you call injustices on your earth plane.

Now, let us go for a moment into memory. Let us use our memory and go back into the past, and remember not only those men and women who have sacrificed themselves in service to life, service to humanity, service to the animal world, in service to the spiritual worlds, and to great initiates and masters. Do you realise that without this vast congregation, this host of spiritual beings who have served you and all the world through the ages, you would not be here now. So man’s life should be full, not of grumbles but thankfulness and praise and remembrance. Remembrance of the saints, the servers, the pioneers and of all those great peaks of humanity. We look back down the ages and recognise them. Let us at this moment remember, my brethren, remember with thankfulness the lives of all those, humble and great, who have served the world.

And now we would like you, brethren, to create in your vision the host of shining ones who are now all around you, and amongst them the particular great ones, the great masters, the great initiates, held now in the silence; and all those who have left the physical body, your own loved ones, all the brave and true and strong, and even the weak and feeble who have left the physical plane and who are now in the world of spirit. Remember, now; raise your hearts, in worship and thanksgiving to the great Golden Light, to the blazing Star of the Christos....

Gold should be the future colour on the celebration of the great Armistice: gold, because since the day of the Armistice this golden light has been building and building and building up in the higher ethers. And there it is now in the symbol of this blazing golden Star. And as we, you, all of us together this night in the temple of the new age wait in silence and stillness,

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giving thanks, rededicating ourselves to the service of mankind and the great White Brotherhood of the spirit the blessing slowly descends in these golden streams, these golden rays of light from the Star above....

The golden figure of the Christos, an immense figure, now descends into your midst clothed in golden robes [and] bringing to you the symbols of the bread of life. He says, 'My cosmic body'. This is the symbol which is broke into small pieces and is scattered over your whole earth. Take, eat and absorb, and be united with your brother man and our brother animal and brother nature. Accept from the King, the Creator, and sip the golden wine, the spirit of love, divine essence of the Christ love. In silence, take, eat, and sip.

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The power which is unfolded within you will be with you in your service to all peoples, the healing power; the golden light and the love of the Christos. Whoever you are, wherever you are, pray that you may be forever a channel for this pure love, this light of the heavens, the light of life on earth.

When mankind has learnt the lesson of peace within himself, when he has learnt the meaning of the brotherhood of life, then the peace universal will be established. It will be signed in the golden book that lies upon the altar in the temple of the New Jerusalem. And it is true that there will be no more weeping, no more wars, no more pain, for all these things will have passed away.

My children, and you individually, you pioneers of the New Age, do keep your thoughts right. Remember, keep your thoughts positive and true and pure. Recognise black and white when you can, but know that both forces are working together to bring about that eternal and universal peace in man's life on earth. When that glorious time comes, beloved children, there will be no more death, because man will recognise the wonderful law in change and decay and re-creation and rebirth, and the balance of opposites. Man will recognise in his own simple life a simple way. He will recognise the law, divine law. You had it, you listened to it in your reading. The difficulty we have with the average person, the difficulty with religion – we speak to the young men and women, as well as to the old – [is] it needs understanding. Religion is man's life. All men need religion. They need God. But they also need to learn how to find God. They need to find to learn the nature of God. In the past, words were given. Words were given and the time came when man became disgusted with what he heard and the contradictions in life. But religion is true, and God, the Great White Spirit, is the living life, magnet, power in all the world.

Let the past fade and let the New Age come! Ring in the new! This is what you must ever remember, children, to look towards that shining, blazing Star and the company of White Brethren who are around you, and have no more fear or pain. For these things will all pass away. Remember in the reading about the Tree of Life, and all the leaves were given to mankind for the healing of the nations. This is an ancient and esoteric Brotherhood Teaching. The Tree of Life represents the heavenly qualities that man must cultivate and put into operation, into action, in his physical life; the pure and healthy way of life. The Tree of Life –

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the spiritual cultivation of Godlike qualities in the soul and the application of good living, pure living, pure thinking, calling upon all nature to supply the needs of physical life.

And now, brethren, we leave you all with love, with all love. Whatever your need, whatever your anxiety, remember God already knows your need, and all things will work together for good, *for you*, if you love God.

Peace be with you. Peace, peace be with you, and love. Bless you, every one.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

[Quiet organ music (beautiful)]

Brother Faithful:

When I was a small boy I used to see children run about in winter time in cold weather, in frost and snow, with broken footwear and often no footwear. And everybody accepted it. They were poor children. It could not be helped; God had placed their parents in a position in which they were and that was that; and footwear was such [an expensive] thing. Today, what a cry there would be, what an outrage! And that shows White Eagle has been speaking about change. And this change has taken place in our hearts and the outlooks of all people – not just you and me – all the world over in three score years or so. And surely that is a fact which ought to give us very great hope of what is coming during the remainder of our lives on earth. And what a wonderful period it is in which to be alive!

And so we come to our closing hymn....

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