

# Beauty of Life

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Remembrance Sunday

*Text:* one of MB's familiar typescripts. The address does not seem to have been published in *Stella Polaris*, but marks on the tape recorder copy, the one used for this project, indicate that it was the Remembrance address used for the cassette tape CS1004, on the reverse side to the address of 20 September the same year, the Harvest address. Once again RAE, who prepared the tape, has made a number of marks that are likely to be corrections on listening to the tape. Where we feel that they are wise corrections, we have included them. There are more than usual in this address, including a whole phrase apparently omitted, 'and the invisible world within him' in the paragraph beginning 'Now, until mankind has taken the trouble'. One of these emendations is unreadable, and a [...?] marks an illegible word, 'Now, the [...?] you sound'. The word 'instant' would fit the sense but does not seem to fit RAE's manuscript. The title, 'Beauty of Life', has been chosen for this project.

*Context:* MB tells us that there were 'Exquisite Golden roses on the Altar and red poppies on the Cross'. The first hymn was 'For all the Saints who from their Labours Rest', *Songs of Praise* no. 202. Minesta's Invocation was separately recorded, and then Brother Faithful read from the book *SUNRISE*, 'commencing 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, page 41, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, last 4 paragraphs Page 45'. The second hymn was 'I Vow to thee, my Country' (319), and after the prayers the Choir sang Thomas Tallis' anthem, 'If Ye Love Me'. As usual, MB said it was 'beautifully rendered'. After WE spoke, MB tells us that Brother David offered 'beautiful music on the organ' and then Brother Faithful this time offered a very few words, recorded here. The final hymn was 'It Came upon the Midnight Clear' (76). Minesta gave a Benediction ('separately recorded') and the service closed the with the Lodge vesper. MB adds that there was 'lovely organ music as usual' (presumably, to walk out to), but also that 'during the service Mary Kennard with her personality and violin playing gave great joy'. Mary Kennard was an Inner Brother, Lalita.

*General notes:* White Eagle rather emphasises the power that he brings from the higher worlds this time, and the truth. His first wish is to reassure those who would think of eternal life as boring – indeed, everything he tells us of the higher life (here and elsewhere) suggests that it is a fuller, not a less interesting life. Far from shunning it, humanity needs to study what the higher world offers. A key phrase, and a beautiful motto, is 'O my children, there is so much beauty in the soul of man and glory in the spirit'. White Eagle goes on to talk about the saints and their role in human growth. There is very deep teaching about the complementarity of good and evil which may puzzle many readers. One possible interpretation is that thought and motive are everything and action is entirely secondary. White Eagle then moves to talk of Atlantis and the mystic isle of Britain, and its stone monuments. His claim that stone circles in Scotland are older than Stonehenge is actually borne out by modern research. Then, at last, we move to those who died in the two world wars and what they are doing now. Among other things, he says, they are studying the ancient wisdom. Then he turns to 'you young people on earth'. Maybe that is everyone, or maybe it was a group of 'eaglets' in the audience – but probably both. All, he says, are doing their best. He turns to the issue of remembrance itself, and gratefulness for sacrifice. After a silence, he reminds his hearers of the 'garden of remembrance' in the spirit world which those on earth can visit. At the end, he takes everyone up above the darkness of earth into the 'shining city' – the new Jerusalem of *Revelation*. There is a kind of afterthought, a little unusually, about all things working together for good.

*References:* 'the hymn and the dance of Jesus' is probably a reference to the passage in the second-century text, *Acts of John* (section 94), in which Jesus is described as directing a kind of ritual chant performed as a dance. For the New Jerusalem, see Revelation 20-21. There is a reference to violets: it is highly likely that a bunch of violets had been left on the reading desk, by one of the brothers of the Lodge, 'Hope' Brameld. Behind the reference to the power of the harp may be a nod towards Orpheus and the power of his lyre; it comes interestingly after the possible hints towards Pythagoras in the previous address. 'Judge not, that ye be not judged' is a phrase used by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 7 : 1.

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## White Eagle's Address:

Beloved Brethren of the earth life, let us raise your vision above the earth to the heavens above, and to space – outer space is timelessness – into the very heart of the Creator, the Great White Spirit....

May these Thy children banish all their fears and sadness, and see with clarity the glory of Thy spirit through all the Ages, and onward into the future.

Dearly loved brethren of this Lodge, we speak to you with power, for we come to you from the Golden Lodge above the physical plane of life. And what we have to say to you is *truth*. We who are freed from the mortal life, we speak to you with authority when we say that God the Great White Spirit is a God of wisdom and love, and all through the ages this God has manifested to humanity.

Now when you study history with your eyes open and your spirit awake, you will see – you will read into the past – the majesty of God, the Great One, the Great White Spirit. You may, in this little island, indeed in the whole of your western world, think that because your intellects are being so well trained that you have the power to see into the mystery, all the mystery of physical life. There are many men and women who can see nothing except with their physical eyes and can hear nothing except with their physical ears. But in the ages past the people had a religion of the higher world of the spirit. They were awakened to the etheric kingdoms, to the inner worlds, the inner spheres of life which interpenetrate physical matter. And physical matter is only collected for a period of time, remember. And the spirit of God animates that physical matter and gives it life. And when that spirit of God is withdrawn, there is no more conscious life in the physical body, but *life goes on*, my brethren. It goes on and on, eternally.

Now, some may feel what a boring thing it must be for eternal life to be man's lot. My children of earth, as man's soul evolves, as his spirit evolves more and more through his limitations in a physical body [and] contending with the problems and difficulties of a physical life, his spirit for periods of time is released from these limitations after that spirit has grown through its contact in physical matter with all physical life.

Now, this is what we want you – everyone here in this service tonight – to endeavour to comprehend, that you *have* spirit, you *are* spirit, and your body is only clothing, clothing of that spirit, whilst you have to make your contact with physical life. And through that physical life your soul develops, your spirit evolves and continues to do so until at last you gain eternal freedom from the limitations and suffering of your physical body.

We know that there are some people on your earth who are very bitter when you speak to them about the love of God. This is because they have their hearts closed and their minds closed to the manifestation of the beauty of God, of the love of God, or the wisdom of God in their own lives. Now, this is the proof that every man can find for himself, the proof that there

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is an all-wise, divine, intelligence and love which is guiding his life, and bringing him towards a golden world.

We are so sad, children, when we see the darkness. It is just like a dark metal, like armour all around the man who pretends to be a materialist and an atheist. We know that he has created his own prison. We know that he has created his own suffering. Now, we are not saying that every type, every kind of suffering is the individual's own creation, because there is this divine law which is at work throughout the universe, throughout all human life: a law which is just and perfect and true, which is moving all things towards an ultimate conclusion. When we say conclusion, we do not mean an end. We mean a conclusion of a material and a physical imprisonment, so that at long last the soul escapes to the real world, the world of spirit.

Now, until mankind has taken the trouble to investigate in the right spirit with humility and love in his heart towards God and his fellow creatures, until he takes the trouble to open his mind and investigate the ancient wisdom and the invisible world around him and the invisible spirit within himself and his brother man, he will remain in a state of darkness and imprisonment. And he will suffer because he is bringing suffering all the time upon himself by thinking only in terms of the physical body, and the brain, and the physical life.

O my children, there is so much beauty in the soul of man and glory in the spirit. For when the spirit is sufficiently developed to take complete possession of the soul of man, that spirit shines through the man or woman. And when this happens you regard such people as saints. We would not have you limit your saints to your orthodox church. There are many, many saints, countless saints, all over the world, unattached to any organization or organized religion. They are saints because the love in them causes them to give selfless service to life, to their fellow creatures, to their fellow man; saints because the joy of heaven bubbles in them and they want to sing and dance. You may or you may not remember the hymn and the dance of Jesus – it is not in your orthodox version, you will find it in the Apocrypha – when Jesus danced with joy and sang with joy, the joy of the spirit, the joy that he felt in the Father–Mother God. And this, my children, is what happens to the spirit of man who discovers that world more beautiful than the physical world. But oh, when you see these flowers, these beautiful little violets! How we love the humble violet which blossoms often unseen and in tiny crannies and corners of the garden, or the garden wall. This lovely little flower, the creation of love, the creation of God! And when you see it and when you inhale its perfume, you smell the perfume of God, the Creator. This is the world that your loved ones have entered.

Now, let us be very clear about what happens to the great army of saints, to the great army of people, who may have been limited in their understanding of the deeper things of life, who went forth to serve mankind. They went forth because they believed they were giving service to their fellow creatures. It doesn't matter what you think today about the rights or wrongs about that kind of warfare. The basic fact is that men and women love to serve when they have an opportunity. They will serve maybe in a church, in a Lodge like this. They may serve in hospitals or in youth clubs, or in any form which they think is going to give happiness and healing and comfort to their fellow beings. Nevertheless, remember that men and women

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courageously give themselves to the service of their country, to the service of a principle, to something that they felt to be right and good – you see when you get on to the mental plane you get all tangled up in your minds, you cannot discern truth, *real truth*, you cannot discern the difference between right and wrong, good and evil. Now, why is this? Because – again we are going to shock some of you – there is no difference; the two blend and are two sides of the same coin.

Now, that is a very deep subject which causes a great deal of controversy on your earth plane. But when man can free himself from the conventions of the physical life, and can express his spirit, he will be able to receive truth into his spirit. And his spirit will transfer it to the mind, and eventually the brain. But without the key, which is the spirit of God, man will never solve his material problems. And when that divine spirit is able to find expression through a human mind and brain, then great things begin to happen on your physical plane. It may be a very little trickle at first, like the little spring which eventually comes into a little stream and the stream broadens to a river, and the river finds a great lake, and the lake eventually is absorbed into the sea in its own way and time. We want you to get this conception of the *great wholeness* of the at-one-ment of life. And as far as man himself is concerned, the key lies within his spirit, the goodness in him, the kindness in him, the gentleness and the strength of goodness and purpose. This is the key.

May we just rather go from this line of thought, away back – we want to say this particularly – right into the ancient past, prehistoric times? Now you are interested, and many are beginning to be interested, in the ancient centres here in your own magic, mystic, isle. Why is Britain called ‘the mystic isle?’ We will tell you. Because in the distant past, and this will be proved, it has been proven to many people, but not to your modern intellects. In the distant past from the west, not only Atlantis, but other great countries and other great continents, wise men came to Britain. Now don’t think Britain only belongs to the modern Christian church. You never made a bigger mistake. Britain was a mystic isle and a sacred isle thousands and thousands and thousands, *countless* years ago.

Now, from that land of the west, no matter what you call it today, there came to this magic isle, this mystic isle, these builders. And incidentally, we would tell you that they were the most perfect masons the world has ever known. They were perfect in their masonic life, in their work. It was the law of life to them. And through this masonic lore they studied the heavens. And they came to this land, and they built here ancient temples. None of you clever people today can find out anything about Stonehenge. All they can say is, it was a Druidic Temple. Much, *much* older than that of Stonehenge and Avebury [are] the stone circles in various parts of Scotland. In the north, in the south, east and west, all over the British Isles – these stone temples were built by your ancient brethren. Some of them were called ‘Plumed Serpents’, remember. And these were wise men well versed in the law, the divine law of life. You will hear more about them as you advance in your study and your unfoldment. When we say ‘study’, we do not mean books. Oh no, no; we mean study of your heaven – study of the heavens.

You wonder what your dear people, your brothers and your fathers and your relatives, your friends who were killed in the two great wars – what are they doing? Now, we told you

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before they are not sitting on a cloud playing a harp. Nevertheless, my children, remember this – that the harp is a very wonderful instrument. And it has a power over the etheric, over the white ether. The sound of a harp is a creative sound. It is a building sound, remember. That is by the way. But your friends are not continually playing harps. Nevertheless, they are sounding the keynote, the sound of the etheric kingdom. And they are studying according to their aspirations; they are studying the ancient wisdom. They are helped by the Wise Ones, who know immediately when a soul is ready.

Now, you children, you young people on earth, now you have done your best. We hope you have, we believe you have. You have done your best with your school studies, but it does not rest there. Those are elementary, and the same law applies to your spiritual studies. When you apply yourself earnestly, sincerely, to the spiritual aspect of life and of nature and all things, you are sounding a note. You are pulling, plucking, the string of a harp, remember this, and that sound is heard. Shall we put it into a very simple and orthodox way and say – and say that sound is heard in heaven. There is a little joke, isn't there, about the telephone ringing and the spirit coming? – the spirit being summoned to come to earth because someone on earth had called them to manipulate some physical instrument to announce their presence. But you see there is a truth in these simple jokes. When men are facetious, they often say very true things. Many a true word is spoken in a joke.

Now, the [...] you sound – your spirit sounds – you are as good as saying, 'I am ready. I want knowledge. I want to know more. I want to be of service. I want to be equipped for service to my people, to all mankind.' And that note is heard. And from that Centre of Wisdom – shall we call it – from the Halls of Wisdom, there comes to that soul that wonderful link of love and power. And that soul is guided to the right place on the physical plane where he or she can receive the knowledge and the wisdom that he seeks. But we would add this, that it depends upon the motive of the individual. If that motive is selfless and pure, he receives in full measure pressed down and running over the opportunity he seeks. This is the law. This is the universal and heavenly or divine law which controls life. But of course men are impatient, and men say, 'Oh dear, God does not care'. Oh, it is so foolish, because God cares for you, everyone. We want you to remember this – and to know that your loved ones who had that aspiration are now in that beautiful world of spirit with every opportunity to gain the knowledge, every opportunity to gain knowledge that it wants. And to express itself in art, music and literature. It has libraries of all time which are at its disposal. Now, this is what your loved one is able to do when he or she is freed from the limitations of the physical body.

And now, as we close this Remembrance Service, let us remember all our loved ones who have withdrawn from our sight, that are living that beautiful, satisfying life in a higher world. Let us remember their willingness to help their fellow men. Not only let us remember our own brethren, the brethren of our own country, but remember with us all people of all countries who have sacrificed, or been sacrificed, in battle. We thank God for these lives.

We thank the Great White Spirit for the lives of all the Saints throughout time.

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And we remind you, my children that there is the garden of remembrance. Not a garden of tombstones or buried ashes, but a living garden in the spirit world, a living glorious garden of reunion – remembrance and reunion. And there you may go in humility and in truth and see this beautiful place, and there be reunited spirit with spirit with the ones you love who are now in that spirit world.

And now, we take you up, up, up, far above the darkness of the earth, and with the creative power which is within you, which works, which operates through your higher imagination, you will see the heaven world and all its glory. And in the heart of the whole picture, that Shining City, that temple of God described to you by our beloved Master and Saint, John, the New Jerusalem that is man – man's soul – which grows and grows into that perfect, *perfect* man. Here they dwell in that golden world, that Golden City of God. And from this golden world there flows the river of life to every man on earth, with no exception, to every man.

And now, as we enter the great silence of God, from that Golden City there falls upon this congregation golden petals, the symbol of the Master of the New Age – the new age which comes when all men will recognize the living Christ, the universal spirit of love which puts into every man's heart the desire to be brotherly and kind, and to serve God and man. This is the peace which they send to you, the peace of heaven. Whatever your suffering or your trouble, in the silence feel the gentle ray of golden petals from heaven drifting down upon you, and feel that golden rose in your hearts.

For this blessing, O Great White Spirit, we thank Thee, and all our Brethren, whoever they are, who serve in Thy name for the happiness, the blessing, the progress of all life.

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

All things work together for good for the man who loves God. This is the Law. Look for good and good will come. Give good and good will return unto you. 'Judge not that ye be not judged.' Judge not, for you cannot judge any other man.

And with all our love from our temple in the spirit we leave you. May peace abide with you. And may you be instruments for the coming peace and brotherhood on the physical plane of life.

Amen.

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*services, good versus evil, ancient civilisations, freemasons, masonic, forgotten kingdoms,  
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