

# Remembrance Day address

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*Text:* from a carbon copy from MB's inimitable typescripts, with mention of the reading. The title has been chosen for the present project. There are possible corruptions in the lines, 'His understanding is not created by men shirking duty and following truly their conscience', and 'Give your spirit and positive thinking good', neither of which seems quite to make sense in context.

*Context:* the typist gives the reading as being from White Eagle's THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERIES, but there is no more precise reference. There is both a communion and a two-minute silence for remembrance.

*General Notes:* the opening theme is that the more humanity holds out thoughts of peace, the more it is creating peace on earth. The address was given in difficult times (see 'Historical notes' below).

White Eagle admits of recent events, 'It does not look on the surface as though peace and brotherhood were very near to you'. If 'were' is correct, the sense must be 'were of late'. White Eagle a number of times, particularly at Remembrance, speaks of 'the great white army' in spirit, and in this address he does so most particularly.

*References:* White Eagle gives a somewhat roundabout rendering of John 15 : 13: 'Greater love hath no man this....' There is a rather subtle instruction to hearers about the higher world being a matter of consciousness, not of geography. 'Oh, dear ones, the next world *is* your present one.' Near the end, White Eagle speaks of beings 'around the speaker'. Here he means himself – in the script, the word 'Speaker' carries a capital, which causes confusion. White Eagle also speaks of one of these beings in particular, who reminds the congregation, 'The greatness of the nation lies in its spiritual vision, for where there is no vision the people perish.' It is tempting to think of Conan Doyle or Francis Bacon here, but the concluding words of the quotation are biblical, so it may be that a higher spiritual being is mentioned. Immediately after, we are in the presence of the Christ for the communion. 'Where there is no vision the people perish' is Proverbs 29 : 18. 'I am in you, and you are in me' and 'I am in the Father' seems to be White Eagle's way of expressing John 14 : 11 here. White Eagle refers in the Communion to Jesus's words at the Last Supper, but without direct quotation. There are touching words near the end: 'All men and women are saints, but the world doesn't know it yet'.

*Historical notes:* by the time of this address, the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt over the latter's nationalisation of the Suez Canal had already collapsed in humiliation. November was also lively in continuing people's Cold War fears, with the invasion of Hungary by Russia to quell the anti-communist revolt there.

## White Eagle's Address:

Dear, beloved children of earth, we come. We come from our home in the heights. And we speak to you from the spirit. We speak to your hearts, to your spirit, to the Christ within you. And you may feel, dear brethren, the waves of love which the company of heaven bring to you on this day of Remembrance.

It is a day of power. We would have you feel this and *know* it is a day of power, of spiritual power, a day of love – because the hearts of men and women pray on this day of Remembrance, pray to God their Creator. They pray for peace. Above all things the greatest longing that we see in men's hearts today is for peace. And as man's prayer is sincere and earnest, as man seeks inner peace in his own heart and in his thoughts, in his actions, in his human relationships, so man is creating a living peace on earth.

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It does not look on the surface as though peace and brotherhood were very near to you but, dear brethren, you must look into the spirit life. You must look above the noise and the turmoil of the world and seek that inner place of the spirit. There you will find peace. It is in the heart of love.

There are many people today particularly who are thinking of those who gave their lives, not for war, but for right and freedom of life. Many sad hearts today are thinking of sons and husbands, daughters and wives, brothers and sisters who were shot out of earthly life, or who passed away from the physical body through service to their fellow man.

Do you believe in God? Most of you are answering; 'Of course, I do!' If you believe in God, in that Eternal Gracious Spirit, which has proved to you many times in your life that it is a power which can help you in the most unusual conditions and circumstances, you know in your innermost being that that power manifests love and wisdom – because when you have been in dire need and you have truly called upon God, you have received an answering word. You have had proof, perhaps not immediately, but in time, in God's time, you have had proof of His love and wisdom. And through the answering call in your own heart, through the response in your spirit to the Great White Spirit, you know that omnipotent power which is supreme above all men and all life. You know that it is good and that it never fails. Man may fail. Man does fail, many times, but not if he gives his heart humbly to God. If he acts from the spirit within him, although his actions may appear to the mortal mind as being wrong, the spirit within him says no, act according to the light within you – and God will bless your action.

There are many men and women who, in the last half century, have acted according to their conscience, which means that they have acted according to the light of God within them. And no man should dare to stand between man, his brother man and his conscience, or God. Every man on your earth should be in sympathy with the spirit of brother man, should be patient with brother man. Give him love and trust, and have faith that God, who is an All-wise, loving Creator, Father and Mother, will work with humanity. To all men and women who love their Creator, who love the spirit of goodness and love, all things work together for good – for those who love God. Remember, you must have a long vision. God has a long vision. Spirit has a long vision.

We are sometimes asked by earthly people, 'How is it the spirit cannot judge time?' Because the spirit is not concerned with earthly time. The spirit sees a long way ahead according to your time. The spirit sees the unfoldment of the Christ man in humanity and time does not exist in spirit, for all is eternal. All is in the eternal Now in spirit.

And for those here who maybe are thinking tenderly and lovingly of those brave souls who sacrificed all they knew on this earth plane to give service to their country, and to humanity, we would say to you never, never, never grieve for those you regard as dead. For they have passed into a life of great spirit and beauty. They are no more dead than you. Indeed, they are much more alive than many on earth who are enclosed, imprisoned in earthly minds as well as in a physical body.

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Oh dear ones, open your spirit eyes and see them all around us now, their shining faces, the happiness which they are expressing. You would not grieve. You would rejoice that they have passed through the great barrier into a life which is incomparable in its beauty and peacefulness and brotherliness with the earthly life from which they were allowed to pass because of the urge within them to serve. Did not the Master Jesus say: 'There is no greater sacrifice or service that man can give, but that he lay down his life for his brother, for his brother man'? This is what these young brethren of ours and yours have done in the last two, to you terrible, wars. But do you not see? This Shining Company tell you today, the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the two elevens making twenty-two, is a day of exceptional power on your earth; a day of spiritual power. It is a day of the spirit for you and for us and for the great company of shining ones in the Great White Army created out of the devastation; the human pain and suffering of those two world wars. Do you not see, my brethren? You will see, if you do not at the moment, you will see that these young lives are not sacrificed in vain. They, themselves, were released to higher service – and this service is beginning to become apparent on your earth. We tell you to have a longer vision. If you want to see the beauty on a canvas you do not put your nose right in the centre of it. You stand back. You look from afar and see that clear perspective, the beauty of the picture.

Now, dear earthly brethren, we can see – surely you must see – that mankind is at least becoming conscious of the need on earth for brotherhood. How hard men will strive to create understanding between the nations! His understanding is not created by men shirking duty and following truly their conscience. It is created by humanity fixing its vision higher than material things, by fixing its vision upon a higher life, a higher standard of life, not only materially and physically, but spiritually too. And this great White Army, which is with us now, will use you and all people like you; people who have a pure heart and a great love in their hearts for their fellow men. It is more than a question of 'my country'. It is a question of the whole wide world of humanity being inspired by this vast white army from a higher life, so that man will be unable to oppress any nation or any soul, because he will know that pain inflicted upon another soul will surely be pain to himself.

Oh, we look down the path of light upon which you are walking in company with those who come to you from a higher life from the spirit world. We see the light spreading all over the earth. Oh yes, the great brotherhood of men, and the great brotherhood of men and angels, is coming.

The veil between the physical life and the hereafter, your hereafter, is growing thinner. But remember, dear ones, that if you wish to hold true communion with those who have passed from your mortal side you must come up. You must come up to meet them in their world. You can do this with the unfolding of the love in your heart for the spiritual things and spiritual life. People say: 'Why should we bother about the next world? We have a long time to live yet. Let this world take care of itself.' Oh dear ones, the next world *is* your present one. As you live, as you think on your earth, so are you living and thinking in that very world that you will know when your time comes to pass. The spirit world is an inner world. When you leave your physical body you will pass inward in your own innermost thoughts and feelings you will find your heaven. As you turn inward in your meditations, you leave the outer world, the outer, physical world. You turn inward into the spiritual world, into a spirit

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world. And that spirit world expands beyond all limitation. There is no limit to your world of spirit.

We remember a young man. There are many, many young men in this service, many young men who went forth to battle, to sacrifice their incarnation in order that mankind should move forward into a freedom of life and spirit. The particular young man we have in mind made the remark to his mother: 'Oh, Mother, why do you bother me about a spirit world? I am only young'. He was in his early twenties. He said: 'I do not want to be bothered with an afterlife, a spiritual life. I have got my way to make in the world. I must get on.' Brethren, within ten days, that healthy young man had joined us in the spirit world. He was utterly bewildered. He said: 'Oh, White Eagle, if only I had listened, what a help I should have found your advice'. Let us remember this, dear ones: to hold fast to spiritual truth, spiritual thoughts, spiritual aspirations and spiritual service. For this is the way of every soul. No one can escape that way because it is the way that God has ordained for the progress, the spiritual evolution of humanity, of this earth planet.

Now, dear ones, your loved ones have passed, but on into freedom and happiness. In the greater opportunity they gave their all for freedom for humanity; they found all that they had sacrificed and more in our heaven world. Never grieve for the dead. Help the dying forward by your love and by your positive thinking of that freer and more beautiful life and help the living. Do not grieve with the living, help them by the power of your spirit. You may give materially, that is all good, but the greatest gift of man is [of] his spirit, to the welfare of his brother man. Give love. Give your spirit and positive thinking good. This is the message to you and your country.

You celebrate the greatness of your country. You are proud of your country – that is good, maybe, but the Brotherhood all around the speaker would say to you that your country has a mission. Not to fight, not to go to war, but to lead humanity by example, by lofty ideals to lead humanity into the ways of peace and world brotherhood. This is the mission of your land. There is one very close to us as we speak these words, who says, 'The greatness of the nation lies in its spiritual vision, for where there is no vision the people perish.' The vision now opens of the King of Kings, the Lord of Earth's humanity, the Son of God, the Cosmic Christ. He is now standing in this Lodge in perfect human form. His aura of golden light enfolds you all. 'Take communion with me', says this Spirit. 'I AM in you and you are in me. I AM in the Father and the Father is in Me.'

Behold He stands before you. You, you, you and you; to everyone in this congregation He comes. 'Eat my Bread, the Bread of Heaven, spiritual truth which comes from heaven. Eat it, dear brother and sister. I bring you wine of life, my spirit, drink.' In this communion, with this figure in the centre of a vast company of shining spirits, your friends, your relatives, your brother, your son, your husband, your wife, your mother, your sister, your own dearest in this company come to you now in the silence. All the saints – who have lived simple, ordinary lives; nevertheless, they are saints. All men and women are saints but the world doesn't know it yet.

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For two minutes in the silence remember the company of heaven and the service they render to the earth.

Oh, dear ones, we look forwards and humbly pray that every heart here may be responsive to our love. May those who suffer cruelty and injustice be ministered unto by the love of their fellow man. May suffering be the birth pangs of a new life for them and all peace for every land.

Amen.

Dear Father—Mother God. Amen. Amen.

*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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