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Invocation:

Let us pray to the source of all life, to the Great White Spirit. We pray that we may be receptive to the blessing of light and love, to the ministry of Thy holy angels. May Thy truth be revealed to Thy children, O Father-Mother God, that they may profit in their lives by giving increased service to their brethren. May the presence of Thy Son the Lord Christ be felt by everyone present.

Amen.

We have been speaking about the ancient mysteries, the ancient peoples of the earth. Why are you all attracted by this interesting subject? Is it because your mind is searching for fresh material, or is it because there is a note of memory struck in your soul-consciousness? What we have to say about our ancient brethren comes to us from the depths of spirit-consciousness. We are not in a position to quote books or ancient manuscripts. We can only bring forth deep truths from the spirit, but are assured that all that we say can be corroborated by evidence written in nature, in the stones, in the formation of the land, in relics of past races which will be brought to the surface for man's* study. As the present race begins to awaken spiritually it will learn to read in stones and in the earth's formation the histories of its ancient peoples.

*[*For editorial policy around gender, see the introduction.]*

You will remember that at our last talk we touched upon stone-worship in Britain. We mentioned some of the ancient stone circles which were temples of sun-worship, for the worship of the heavens and for the study of astronomy, but there is also a spiritual truth lying behind this sun- and stone-worship.

We emphasised the fact that you in Britain have an ancient spiritual heritage; how ancient we cannot put into words for what is time? We cannot measure time from the spirit, because time to us is an endless circle. From the spirit we look to the northern hemisphere for there we see the coming of the God-men from another planet to instruct earth's humanity. In these Hyperborean regions the great and wise first made their home. There are records of these happenings and the teaching of the God-men not only in monuments but writing on stone tablets guarded by the Elder Brethren and stored in high places, on mountain tops and remote places of the earth, where they cannot be found by any who are spiritually unready to absorb the knowledge which they contain. The great and wise men who had brought the full power of the spiritual sun or Christ to Hyperborea, whose very stones were impregnated with this light, spread gradually over the northern hemisphere and penetrated right across the equator to the south.

We once suggested to you that the books of the Old Testament were in the main astronomical and astrological records. That is true, but also the Old Testament contains in allegory the story of the race of which we have been speaking, sometimes referred to as the chosen people, for it was imbued with an exceptional spiritual quality. You will find this same capacity manifesting in your own race, for you have inherited it from these ancient ancestors

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of yours. Evidence of what we say is to be found in the recent years of your island history. The magic and mystical isle of Britain was once part of the great continent of Hyperborea and later Atlantis and the stones which have mystified your people for so long could tell of the lives of those ancient sun-men who were your ancestors. They were erected by them originally to form temples of sun-worship.

Let us recapitulate: the land of Hyperborea was the first and original land of the God-men. Then came upheavals, disturbances, floods and earthquakes and the face of the land changed. The people of that ancient land spread across the world to Britain and other parts of Europe and down to the area which is now all sea, the Atlantic Ocean, which became in those days the continent of Atlantis. The stone erections to be found from the far North and right through Britain were also to be found on Atlantis for they originated from the same country and people. Atlantis was brought to its height of civilisation through the direction and teaching of the ancient God-men from Hyperborea. Hyperborea gradually changed and eventually disappeared as a continent although remnants of that first continent still remain. Beneath the Atlantic Ocean is that other great civilisation of Atlantis which once held the secrets of the universe.

We would stress again how the spiritual life and influence of the God-men still remain in your land and in the British people. We would that we could uncover those profound truths of your life and your spiritual heritage, but then it is not good that any souls should rush into the temple of the mysteries until ready. Such knowledge must come through gradual spiritual unfoldment of the race. Of course there are always the more advanced souls who prove themselves ready to receive these ancient secrets. There is the one grand secret of life from which all lesser secrets have grown. That one central secret is, as we have told you, the secret of the Light, of which there are many manifestations. You are learning to comprehend light as a manifestation of love in human action.

There are many other lesser secrets of the Light which will in due time be made known: secrets which will affect the material life of man. As an instance we refer to that power which you call today 'atomic' energy. Such power as this was in the hands of the ancient ones and was applied to their lives to supply their material needs. When Atlantis was at its height this mysterious power (of which atomic power is only the beginning) was understood and used for the everyday needs of the people. When the civilisation and the spiritualisation of Atlantis was at its height the people lived in greatest beauty. They did not know the ugliness and the crudity in which you live today. You call yourselves highly civilised. Why, my dears, you are savages in comparison with what can truly be called the golden age! Atlantis was a continent of vast and rare beauty. The buildings were gracious and splendid in their architecture, especially the temples, the greatest temple of which was in the largest island of the several which comprised the great continent of Atlantis. This great temple would appear to you to have been built of a substance like pure gold and was of a great height, its portals being approached by many steps. The temple dominated not only the city but a vast area of surrounding land.

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In Atlantis there were many warm wells or natural springs. You who have so much trouble to acquire fuel for your sparse fires will be interested to know that the Atlantean hot water was supplied from springs and wells, harnessed and directed for the domestic use of the people. The flowers and the gardens of all the people were exquisite, but surpassing all this which we cannot describe, was a beauty of spirit. The spirit of brotherhood ruled the land, taking form as a natural, gentle service of one towards the other. There was neither harshness, greed, nor selfishness. It was like the perfect garden which you picture from your Bible, only on a vast scale, a country where people lived to worship their God who was the giver of all the beauty and happiness which they enjoyed. The secret of their happiness, the secret of their joy in life was their comprehension of love. They understood the first cause of all things to be the light and the sun. Hence they worshipped the sun.

This knowledge of the sun-worship and the power of the light, even its material power, swept down and across the world from the original northern continent of Hyperborea. Britain and all the islands around it are like derelict rocks, remnants of what was once a great land. Now you will immediately ask, 'If this beauty once existed on the earth why is it that it is now finished and that we are living (like savages, as you tell us) on rocks?' The priests who received their knowledge from the great Sun Brotherhood—you would say the Great White Brotherhood; we call them the Great Sun Brotherhood because the Sun Brotherhood is ageless and your conception of the White Brotherhood is limited—some of the priesthood became what you would call swollen-headed, like some people in the world today. They found that they could use the secrets of the light to give them dominance over their fellows. Implanted in all of us are the two aspects of positive and negative and man has the gift of freewill and can respond to the desire for power and domination or for love and wisdom. Some of the ancient peoples allowed their desire for power to overcome the wisdom of love. They used their power unwisely. When the balance between light and darkness is not held the equilibrium of the earth is disturbed and it brings catastrophe.

Some of you believe that at some time an extraneous body from stellar space—comet or meteorite—fell upon the earth which brought widespread destruction through earthquake and flood. The Bible tells how that quaint old character Noah was warned and built an ark to shelter his chosen ones against the flood, and this story is to be found in the religious history of a number of races and it contains remnants of a great truth. There *was* such a catastrophe, brought about by misuse of magical power, misuse of God-power. Now you will ask why God allowed such happenings—a question that is beyond White Eagle's power to answer. We are not ready yet to speak because you are not ready to receive the answer, but we ask you to be satisfied that there is a profound spiritual reason why catastrophe was drawn to the earth and what the eventual outcome will be in the spiritual evolution of humanity. We like to feel that you recognise the omnipotence of your Creator and that you know that God is all-wise and loving. Therefore whatever comes in the form of catastrophe, pain or sorrow is the result of man's misuse of a magical power and is not the visitation of a cruel and jealous God. According to the purity of man's life and motives after he has gained knowledge of this creative power, man draws to himself good or evil, individually or collectively, but more of this in a later talk.

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The impact with the earth was brought about through the magical practices of those who endeavoured to use for selfish ends the secret of the power confided to them by their wise elder brethren. This misuse was the cause of the devastation. Since then there has been a re-forming of the crust of the earth. What we want to get home to you is that buried still in those regions is this ancient light and its power can only be released spiritually. The spirit within man is identical with the God-spirit. That spirit of God in man has to grow, to be awakened, to be fostered. The little man has to stand in reverence and in obedience to that divine light, that divine urge. He must learn to apply that light before anything else in his life, before everything which is done individually or nationally or internationally. Then will the light and power imprisoned within the very stones of the earth be released.

You will notice that when that law of brotherhood, of godliness, is not applied pain and suffering ensue. When that law *is* applied, eventually (it may take time) harmony and beauty and happiness follow. Hence the need for patience and for keeping on keeping on the path of love, of brotherhood. We could say a good deal more on this subject but you would weary of us. All the time we are drawing from the one source of truth. This light radiates through the whole of life. It is manifested through every plane, right from the highest spiritual plane down through the mental, the astral, the etheric, right to the physical. When we get to earth it manifests even through the natural animal kingdom and the mineral. Always is there this penetration of the one source, the one principle of all life to the earth itself. That one principle is light and it is called love; it is called God. It permeates every sphere and every plane. When the manifestation of the light is finished as far as the earth planet is concerned, then the earth will be reabsorbed into light. From nothing it comes, to nothing it returns, and when we say nothing we mean everything, we mean the whole. This may seem incomprehensible to you at present, but the whole is wholly good. It is God, it is love, it is exquisite bliss. Dwell on these thoughts; become part of them, become part of it, the first great cause.

We have wandered very far from our subject. We are sorry. The realisation of that supreme glory cannot awaken except in your heart, can only be realised within. This is the glory of the God-spark within you, for the microcosm is contained within the macrocosm and the macrocosm is all, as we have said. We would like to have told you more. We would like to speak to you of the mighty and glorious beings who watch over humanity but particularly those who are concerned with this particular part of the earth. We would speak of that grand mythical character of whom you read as King Arthur. He is not of your little time, not of your age, but was one of the kings of that ancient, ancient land, not of the island you know as Britain today but a place which was a part of a vast continent, and that spot visited by many travellers today (it is called Tintagel) was once a glorious city. You think we are telling you fairy tales? No. We are telling you facts. You have another such place in the Hebrides, that sacred island, that little jewel set in the green sea, Iona, revered as a Christian centre today, but which was once another glorious city of the sun-people. There they worshipped in their sun temples and there are other places of which we could speak but we feel that we have spoken long enough tonight.

Q. Was Ireland part of Atlantis?

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- A. Most certainly. Ireland still contains the remnants of temples of sun-worship. There are many such ancient centres in Ireland. Picture your northern part of the world as it is now. You think it is beautiful? Maybe—yes. It has a beauty of its own, but it is rising again, rising again, even as Atlantis will again rise and be more glorious than ever. You have no conception of the beauty of the land of the sun.
- Q. I suppose in those days Britain had a genial, summer-like climate?
- A. Yes, a beautiful equable climate. It was a veritable Garden of Eden.
- Q. Do you mean that the actual land mass of Atlantis will rise again or merely the spirit of its civilisation?
- A. As far as we can tell you the land will rise. We do not know that every part of it will rise. It is already rising.
- Q. Is that why there are so many disturbances just now?
- A. It has coincided with the spiritual awakening of man. The pessimists will say, 'White Eagle, we do not see much evidence of this spiritual awakening.' Perhaps you are looking for the wrong kind of evidence? We assure you that the quickening of the spirit of the Christ-child *is* taking place but it needs the help, the service of all brethren of the Light. You see, the spiritual quickening of the people must have an effect upon the elements of the natural kingdoms. The people of the Hyperborean continent were big people, much bigger than men of today. They were God-men, sun-men, but they were beautiful. They were not fearsome. Certain guardians of the present race, if you could see them clairvoyantly, you would see that they are great in stature. They are great beings aflame—a glorious sight and quite beyond description. If you penetrate into the realms of spirit, into the etheric realms, there is no time, nor space nor yet measurement and that is not possible for you to comprehend.
- Q. Had these people a material life or was it only spiritual?
- A. Most certainly they had a material life of a much more beautiful and harmonious character than today. It was quite material. That is another subject. You all have a material life and you all have a spiritual life. You think of a curtain hanging between 'here' and 'there.' That is misleading. You see, the spiritual life interpenetrates the physical but the growth of the spiritual life in the physical life enables the consciousness of man to comprehend the spiritual life wholly, so that the material can in time become the spiritual.

Dwell on the light. Dwell on spiritual substance. Think of beauty. Think of the light beautifying, perfecting all form. You do no good by dwelling on misery and horror. Strive to attain a degree of love and sympathy, but do not descend into the pit. You cannot help your brother man thus. In the spheres of light when the messengers go forth to help the bound and

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fallen they gently raise them, bring them out of the darkness into the light. This is what you must do even in your limited way. You must raise the consciousness of the peoples. You must not go down into the pit of misery and the vortex of ugliness. You must concentrate on happiness and harmony. Always, always know that good is the first principle of life and when man will respond to the direction which his own heart gives he will leave behind all the ugliness, the pain and sorrow and beautify the earth as God intends it to be beautified by man's own spiritual and creative effort.

There is so much to tell you about Atlantis and the ancient days. We will try once more.

Benediction:

We raise our faces to the glory of the Sun, our Father. We worship, we glorify and pray that we may glorify Thee in our lives. O Gracious Spirit, we bless and thank Thee for Thy blessing which comes as a stream of light and happiness perfecting Thy life in us Thy children.

Amen.

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