

The Work of the White Eagle Lodge

T242 The Inner Teachings 11th October 1955 St Mary Abbot's Place, London

Invocation:

We open our hearts to pray to the Great Spirit, to the Eternal Life, to All Good, our Creator. We worship Thee and we pray that we may find the way to Thy glorious presence. We pray that every child in this assembly may be receptive to the blessing of the light, and become aware of the world invisible and the brethren of the Great White Lodge. O God, may there go forth from this little group great light and healing and truth. May it act like leaven on the bread to bring to mankind* the light of the spirit. We thank Thee, O Lord, for Thy bountiful blessings.

Amen.

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

We greet you all with warm love. We speak to you collectively, but we also speak to your heart. This is what we wish to impress upon you tonight—that you are known to those of us who are working behind the scenes of mortal life; your aspirations are known, your desires, your hopes and your longings. We are going to speak tonight about this Lodge and the reason why it was brought into being. It did not come about by the will of man. Many people take to themselves the credit for the work they do. We are speaking generally, of course, not personally. Very few realise that they are only instruments for a higher power.

Down the ages there have always been schools of the inner mysteries, and according to the level of the candidates' consciousness (or soul evolution) these schools were graded so as to accommodate those ready to comprehend certain inner mysteries or teachings of the inner life or the occult life. If what we say is true, you are perhaps asking: 'Then what about those ancient schools of the mysteries which we are told existed in the hyperborean regions or in Atlantis and Lemuria? They taught profound, deep mysteries today unknown.' Well, in that far distant age the souls then functioning in physical bodies were on a higher level. There were God-men and highly advanced souls who had come from other worlds to begin the work of developing the young souls of men who were then being breathed forth into life. Some of those inner mysteries have remained on earth ever since the beginning.

You cannot estimate time. You talk in terms of millions of years. It is impossible to number or to give a date to these spiritual things. What we want you to know is that God has never left man without a witness. Man has developed, but has fallen back, has descended into the darkest depths of physical matter. Nevertheless there has always been an opportunity for him to grow towards God-consciousness and to free himself from his bondage.

These schools of the mysteries have always been upon the earth but they have been withdrawn from the knowledge of the masses. Never more than a selected few were admitted to the temple for training, and they had to prove themselves ready before they were received by the priests of the wisdom. Afterwards, as always happens with pure truth men took the truth and degraded it, and misused certain powers to gain domination over their fellows. To use spiritual power for selfish ends is always a temptation. When these brethren used this spiritual power to gain domination, they drew to themselves disaster. When the law is

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broken—and the law of life is love—disaster must follow. This has happened many times through the ages, but remember that good always overcomes evil. It may not always look so, but the good has a way of absorbing darkness. In other words, light makes use of darkness for the purpose of bringing about progress. We have told you this before but you find it very difficult to accept. Nevertheless it is so; the great enemy (as well as the friend of man) is his intellect, because the intellect is powerful and gains more power as it grows, and then overthrows and destroys the spiritual or the heart power.

Let us return again to the origin of the Lodge and of other similar organisations. We want you to understand (again we emphasise this) that you are all being guided; no soul is ever forced to join the White Eagle Lodge or to become a member of its inner brotherhood. Opportunities are placed before you which, if you accept them, will help you to progress. Do remember, however, that what you call initiations are really experimental. We do not always know how the soul will react to the ceremony of initiation, or if it will avail itself of its opportunity. It may react nobly and gain great good, but on the other hand, if it does not react favourably it may have to await a further opportunity. An initiation therefore means an opportunity for expansion of consciousness and for spiritual growth.

What do we mean when we speak of 'the Great White Lodge?' We mean a centre or temple or a lodge within a city of light, where assemble souls who have gained considerable spiritual knowledge. Beyond them are the hierarchies whose work it is to oversee or watch over the needs of humanity—the spiritual needs, yes, and the physical and material needs. Do not imagine the hierarchies of heaven are unaware of the ordinary everyday requirements of man. If you understood the workings of the laws of karma; if you realised that the Lords of Karma watch over the application of these laws even down to the simplest level on the physical plane, you would be overwhelmed with wonder and with joy. Of course, the freewill of man is never infringed; man can react as he likes. When he has earned certain opportunities, it is the work of the Lords of Karma to direct him into the paths of opportunity. What you call miracles are really the result of the operation of this spiritual karmic law. Progress always means sacrifice, and man always has within himself the power to forge ahead if he is willing to make the sacrifice.

Today there are many movements that were started for the wellbeing of man. We mention one or two. We are thinking of the movement called Theosophy. A fine disciple of a master in the Great White Lodge was chosen as the instrument to set going that particular school of teaching of the lesser inner mysteries. She was known as Madame Blavatsky, and was a fine and noble woman possessing great psychic power. Her powers were used to arrest attention, to make men stop and listen to her words. Through her mediumship or instrumentality a great deal of truth was poured out—intellectually. At first this was all to the good, but, as usually happens, men's minds misinterpreted the finer truths and lost sight of the greatest truth of all, which is love. About the same time another Master of the Great White Lodge, the Master Hilarion, was given the charge to open a channel—or shall we say sow the seed for that movement known today as modern Spiritualism. Man is so constituted that he demands material proof, although he cannot find spiritual truth by means of material proof.

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Man is on the path of spiritual evolution. Man is spirit. If he keeps his mind open and aspires to his Creator, the level of his consciousness is raised. On that higher level of consciousness he is made aware of another life, of other worlds, of beings wearing etheric bodies identical with the physical but composed of a much rarer and finer matter. Material proof is not really necessary at man's present state of evolution. Within the present century man has undergone great suffering, trial and tribulation. As a result of the First World War there was a breaking through the dark veil of materialism, of souls who were flung out of mortal life through war. They were clamouring for their families and their loved ones, and they brought back to millions of people proof of a life after death. Since then material demonstrations of survival have lessened. To a degree man has become awakened, shaken into life, become aware of a life after death. The proof given in the early days is enough. Man cannot live forever by signs and wonders. He has to learn to probe the depths, and pierce the heights, and to discover for himself the light within himself. When once he discovers this, he will immediately become a reflector of Universal Light. Man has reached a stage now where he can live to love. In the past man has lived crudely, roughly, brutally, and lived to kill. Since those last great wars the desire to kill has ceased. He desires now to love and to rise to higher things, and by so doing he is raising the very vibrations of this earth planet.

Christian Science also has made progress. That also came to stimulate the spiritual light in man. You may not all agree with all the truth that lies within that kernel. Nevertheless this was another movement started by the Great White Lodge for the illumination and the spiritual upliftment of man. Possibly the great truth there has been misrepresented, but humanity in the end will find a pearl of great price in the heart of that movement. We also have such movements as the Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides and other youth movements. These did not come into being by accident; they are all ordered and directed from the Council of the Great White Lodge. You cannot comprehend the significance of our words. We say these things to perhaps confirm what you have thought yourselves about these organisations. There is good to be found in all, but there is also misrepresentation, the twisting by man's mind of the great truth which was first sent to this earth.

We have been talking about psychic physical phenomena, which some people feel are so necessary. Well, we assure you that man received what he needed at the particular time he needed it. Now it is his work, through the love in his heart, to mount the ladder of spiritual illumination.

The particular Master responsible for bringing this Lodge into being is one whom you all know quite well, but often by different names, for he has many aspects. He is working for the great brotherhood of the new age. In the past he has established through the centuries schools of knowledge, schools of the inner mysteries, and brought about all kinds of reforms. His particular work today is to establish a brotherhood founded upon the family spirit, founded upon love. He still retains a body, and manifests in different parts of the world when it is necessary, in order to help people to accomplish a certain piece of work which is vitally important. We want you to realise that this Lodge has a fine purpose. Its purpose lies far in the future—that of bringing to the earth a standard of life which is in harmony with the infinite love. The Lodge is not a place for complex exposition of intellectual truth. It is a

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place that is working to stimulate the simple human love in every heart. As a rule, whenever men congregate, you get dissension, because the love between them is not strong enough. Then the mind gets to work and overcomes the tender growth of love. The purpose of the work here is brotherhood, and through this brotherhood, through this sympathy, this patience, this tolerance one with another, you are learning to establish a universal brotherhood.

You know, all souls at heart long for harmony, long for God. All souls belong to God. Each one of you here tonight is a child of God. Within your heart is the Christ child. You are the rose because the rose is a fragrant flower. The old type of rose had to be protected by thorns, which caused anyone who handled the rose to handle it with great care. The rose, then, is the symbol of the sweet Christ love in the human heart, and a human heart must also be handled with great care. It can be a little prickly, as you are all finding out, but you must learn to handle the heart of another with great care so that neither you nor he will be hurt. The rose is perfect in form and opens its petals to the sun. The human heart is perfectly formed in God's own image, and will always, always, respond to the sunlight of truth, to the sunlight of God. In the forming of this Lodge the Master has laid down the rule of love, of giving freedom to all, but calling upon each one to respond in the finest, the truest manner. Our Master's one theme, the key of all his work, has been to bring light, to stimulate the light in the hearts of those drawn into the orbit of his work. We can witness through the centuries the work of this noble soul, of this great Master, which has always been to introduce to humanity the truth of the God within, the light within. This alone is man's salvation, and this development in each one of you will bring into your lives harmony, health, opportunity, great beauty and inexpressible happiness and joy.

We feel that we have said enough for tonight, but presently we can enlarge and tell you more about this particular work, which has been planned by the Masters of the Great White Lodge, and is going to have a marked effect upon the happiness and the beauty of life; because with the Age of Aquarius and the development of the mental body, it is vitally important that there should be the balance of simplicity and simple heartfelt love. Otherwise there will be a repetition of what has gone before, the domination of the intellect over the heart. Both are necessary but there must be the balance kept between the two.

We are in the company of the Brethren of the Great White Lodge. They are pouring upon you their love, stretching forth their hands, asking you to come up higher—and as you do, remember to extend your hand to those a little behind you and draw them up to you.

Benediction:

O Great White Spirit, we are grateful for all the opportunities afforded to us as we journey along the path of spiritual life. We earnestly pray that Thy peace may dwell with all Thy children, and Thy wisdom may grow apace in their hearts, and that love shall ever be leading them onward and upward to Thee.

Amen.

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