

The Christ Festival

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Invocation:

Almighty Spirit, Source of all life, Father–Mother–Son, Holy and Blessed Trinity, we humbly meet to worship Thee and to give thanks for the blessings of Thy love, wisdom and power. O Gracious Spirit, may this gathering be bathed in the light of Thy Son! These Thy children meet to seek truth and spiritual illumination. O Great White Spirit, Thou knowest the frailty of the flesh and the turmoil of the human heart. We pray that Thy peace may enter every heart in this assembly, and that the deep spirit within each one of Thy children be touched and quickened and so brought forth to manifest through the outer life. To Christ our Lord we humbly give thanks as we receive the tenderness of His love—now.

Amen.

Beloved children, we are happy to come once again and talk to you. We see a little disappointment, a little loneliness in the soul[s] of some present. You must not think that we who speak from the world of spirit are so removed from human life that we are unaware of the limitations and the trivial irritations of Earth, for we come into very close contact with you. We would also remind you that there are many spirit people dwelling so near that they receive through you (and others like you) a contact with the Earth life either for good or ill. Therefore, what you or others do, how you think and live, has a profound effect upon disembodied spirits only just on the other side of the veil.

Your task, therefore, is twofold. You serve the people around you, and so work for the upliftment of your neighbours as well as for the upliftment and purification of the lower astral spheres. We have said this before here in this upper room. We speak not for ourselves or from ourselves. We are the mouthpiece of those behind us. We speak under the inspiration, guidance and direction of wiser beings than ourselves.

This communication between your world and ours is a most delicate operation, not yet understood by the average man or woman. We regret this ignorance, which causes pain and suffering to those who pioneer for this new revelation. This is a *new-old* revelation of course, because ages ago—‘before the Flood’, we will say, if you understand what this means—communication between the higher world and this plane was better understood and the proper conditions were created and prepared for communication from the world of spirit. You who are pioneers of this new revelation should therefore see to it that a correct knowledge is passed on to people when they inquire about the possibility of communication with the spirit.

You must recognise the existence of certain physical and spiritual laws if you wish to attune the two worlds. That needs spiritual awareness on the part of the sitter. Many who are ignorant come to seek communication with friends or relatives in the world of spirit, and make demands, not understanding that spirit time is entirely different, so that you have no means of measuring our time and we no means of measuring your time. For in reality time depends not upon the passage of days or years but upon a condition of consciousness—that is, time from the spiritual aspect. We measure time as we look into your earth world in the degree that we see an expansion of consciousness in the individual soul, light and progress in

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the individual life. We sometimes speak to you about this progress, saying that we see that in a little while this or that is likely to happen. We say that it is not the fault of the spirit when these things fail to manifest when you think they should. Sometimes the spirit communicator is pressed to be more definite. Well, that communicator may try to assess the time as he or she sees the past and the probable future expansion of the sitter's spiritual consciousness and will say, 'We think it will come about at such and such a time.' Sometimes you are disappointed that things do not work out exactly as you have hoped and believed.

We would like you to understand that in this process of communication between our two worlds you play as great a part as we who speak to you from the different plane of life. From you originates the substance or the picture which the spirit communicator describes, because what he sees is in your soul, in your karma, and according to the expansion of your consciousness so the condition will develop and manifest on earth. People have no idea, they do not understand how they themselves are often responsible for the slowing down of progress. The development that the spirit foresees is certain to come but the time, as we have endeavoured to explain, rests with the earth people. Understand that you yourselves have to work. Whatever it be that you are hoping for and looking forward to depends upon yourself. Remember, dear ones, that you are here in a body for a specific purpose and not merely to enjoy yourself, nor yet to satisfy yourselves either physically, intellectually or spiritually. You are here to grow in God-consciousness, and we can promise you that as you sow, so you will reap. As you live, so you reap. As you think, so you will reap in your soul-body either darkness, ill-health, poverty (and we are not speaking only of material poverty—we speak of poverty on every plane of your being), or you can reap joy, perfect health, harmony, wealth, wholeness and all the blessings of God.

A very wise brother whom we know has often said, 'Learn to bow to the will of God, remembering that there is ever an acceptable time of the Lord, which means that God is wiser than His children on earth. His plan is perfect; and His purpose in your life is spiritual growth and spiritual unfoldment. Not until you yourselves have reached a certain point on your spiritual journey can you hope to be ready. When you are ready, that which is prepared will be placed before you. This is what we mean when we say that time in your world and time in our world is not the same. We measure time by an expansion or growth of man's spiritual life. We see that when a stage of spiritual power has been attained through your own effort and striving, you will be ready to eat the bread which is prepared, to enjoy the condition which is the next step on your journey towards supreme God-consciousness.

So, having talked about the simple laws ruling everyday life, and having explained the delicacy of the contact or communication between the two worlds, together with the necessity of preparation, of the tuning in the physical set to the rays or to the waves of spiritual sound and light, we will pass on to our next point.

We speak again about one of the ceremonies in the higher worlds which comes with the full moon during this month of June.* This is of the greatest importance, being the time of a great outpouring of the solar rays upon the earth. This is the ceremony of the Christ-baptism, when Christ, the great Solar Being, comes into the heavens in the form of the perfect man and the

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Perfect Son. From the immense circle or aura of blazing gold, rays of sunlight innumerable fall upon the earth. This is the great baptism that takes place at this next full moon.

*[*White Eagle positions the so-called Christ Festival at the time of the full moon with the Sun in Gemini, which most commonly falls in June.]*

Those of you who have entered upon the path, those who know something of their own spiritual constitution, will be able to receive a particular blessing. Remember that the sole purpose of your life is to grow first of all in *self*-consciousness—that is, consciousness of yourself as an individual. Then you expand your consciousness to take in those around you, those with whom you live. Shall we call this a family consciousness, a group consciousness, consciousness of the whole brotherhood of life? You have sometimes expressed in meditation the intense joy felt in this realisation of spiritual brotherhood—which of course is the true spiritual communion, or development of the soul towards awareness and the needs of those around it. In the same degree as the individual progresses, so collectively the whole race approaches this point of brotherhood and awareness. You may feel that many centuries may elapse before the world can respond. Nevertheless, we assure you that during the next fifty years and even before—in the life of many present—you will be astonished at the soul-progress of the world, because within the time mentioned unbelievable changes will come.

Instead of war—which the pessimists expect and do their best to bring about by their pessimism, for they so stimulate all those fears which the White Brotherhood would eliminate—instead of perpetual war, the brotherhood of things and the brotherhood of men will be established. Today such a statement seems incredible. Nevertheless the next stage is first the developing of the stage where man becomes aware of his true relationship to his brother man; then will come an expansion still further towards God-consciousness or cosmic consciousness, and then the next step is the consciousness of the Solar Logos, the solar consciousness. This is taking you a long way ahead. However, read our words and meditate upon this truth, because a truth so beautiful and wonderful can be both a help and inspiration. This vision of the future life will make you feel that your present striving is very, very well worth the effort. Remember, if you are listening to the voice of the spirit you are pioneers working for the great day when cosmic and solar consciousness will be the gift or the realisation of all peoples.

Know that the world is not going to remain in its present state of chaos. We cannot find words suitable to convey a deeper, more infinite truth, because it will be like trying to teach a kindergarten school a lesson in higher mathematics. You see, you cannot possibly absorb or understand deeper spiritual truths until you yourselves have advanced and so comprehend the infinite possibilities both within and before you. This, you will see, is the same law that operates when you first commence to open the door of your consciousness to spirit communication. Everything depends upon the soul which is seeking that communication. All depends upon your own spiritual advancement and upon your understanding of occult and spiritual law. So it must be, from the beginning in the kindergarten. In a higher class you are able to comprehend more advanced lessons, but everything depends upon you. There is truth.

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There is glory. 'I AM the life, the truth and the way,' the Christ said. That life is within you, but until you have unfolded and until you have gained mastery over yourself, you cannot possibly comprehend the greater mysteries.

This is the time when there is preparation for the glorious ceremony in the heavens of the manifestation of the Solar Logos, the Christ spirit, the Son of God. You are apt to talk too glibly about the Son of God and the Christ. You accept the Christ as an ideal, and some of you recognise the Christ spirit as gentle and meek and loving, something that is wholly at-one with something within yourself. You fail to understand the immense glory of that great Solar Logos, which is the life of all men, which is also the life of this planet. You do not understand, dear ones, that this outpouring of golden light comes down and reaches you – if you are sufficiently humble and simple and can open your heart to this blessing. It is like a spark which bursts into fire.

Remember that you hold within yourself that solar force, in a greatly lesser degree. It is within you, buried deeply, and lies there sleeping. This is better so, until man rises of his own freewill to worship truth, to worship and adore the Son of God, not in some egotistical way but profoundly from the depths of his being. When once the soul feels adoration and worship for the Solar Logos, the blazing Sun in the heaven, the only-begotten Son of the Father-Mother God, then that soul feels a stirring within just as the mother feels the quickening of her babe under her heart. It is exactly the same, my children. Then will come the rising of this solar force into your etheric body, your physical body, into all your bodies and every centre. These centres will commence to pulsate and will open as a flower opens to the sunlight. Then you will progress from realisation of your brotherhood with your fellows to the realisation of your at-one-ment with the Christ. Then you will be overshadowed and impressed with this new breaking consciousness of God. Then you will be able to recognise yourself as a true *yogi*. Do not think that the term means someone who walks around with a begging bowl. A *yogi* is one who has attained union with God-consciousness, and it does not matter whether he wears a yellow, a brown, black, white or red skin. We assure you that of the many coloured races some have attained the degree of a *yogi*, have attained God-union.

Many men and women now living can be truly called *yogi*. This is for you also. You can attain this degree of God-consciousness, union with God. From this stage, you can go forth into solar consciousness, which is a condition beyond your comprehension but something that waits for you in the future.

When we come back and try to talk we are limited, because there are no words to convey exactly what we wish to convey. You cannot understand our life until you come to it. You cannot understand our life whilst you are still imprisoned in the body of flesh. The one way in which you may be able to comprehend is by your own faithful, continual meditations. Only through the process of training in meditation are you able to break down the barriers between you and our world. This is why all those who would help you to progress spiritually advise you to follow the path of meditation. We do not mind how brilliant a man's mind or intellect may be: until the soul has trodden the path of meditation and spiritual unfoldment, it cannot possibly comprehend the laws governing the spiritual or the invisible universe. The only path

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is the path of God. Brilliant brains must come to a dead end when they can make no further progress unless they come back to the beginning and start as a little child, simple and trusting. This is why we say that it is unwise to make efforts to convince hard-headed scientists about spiritual communication and spiritual life. Only when they are ready will the door be opened and the mysteries revealed. Except ye become as little children ye can in no wise enter the kingdom. Remember that this kingdom is of infinite glory and also of infinite mystery to the man who has not approached by the simple door and knocked for admittance.

Down the ages the temples and the mystery schools were formed for the special purpose of giving sincere and earnest inquirers an opportunity to become pupils. They helped the truly simple and earnest souls inquiring into the mysteries of life and the soul, and the life after death and onward. It was never easy to get into a mystery school. They taught both the lesser and the greater mysteries of life. To receive such knowledge the soul of the student must be pure and simple, because otherwise the unfolding or passing on of knowledge of the mysteries might prove dangerous.

This, as you know, actually happened in ages past. As a result the whole equilibrium of the earth planet became disturbed and upset. These spiritual forces can be misused by one who is instructed in them with very dire results. This is why after the great flood (as it is known)—the great disturbance which put the earth slightly off its axis—great suffering occurred.

We have covered a wide area and will conclude.

The training of the soul can prove severe, particularly if the soul will not accept in simple faith and trust the order or the plan that is laid out for it. As we were saying, in the past the candidate, after much testing and trial, was admitted to the mystery school. In the mystery school the student was taught how to unfold this solar fire, this solar force, and use it for the glorification of God and for the blessing and upliftment of its fellow creatures, by not only living the life of a saint but also doing the works of the Father in heaven.

All we have said is in full accord with the teachings in your Bible and with the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. His teaching he demonstrated both in his life and in his works, and he said to his disciples, 'These things shall ye do and greater things than these shall ye do.'

So, my children, at this next full moon remember what we have told you tonight. If you are accustomed to meditation, set aside time to go into your innermost sanctuary and there may you see with your inner vision (the extension of which is limitless) the coming of the blessed and holy Christ the Son. See the outpouring of his rays upon the earth. Receive into your own heart these golden rays and be an instrument to radiate power and life to others.

We can assure you, my brethren, that this spirit of Christ is coming into the hearts of millions. The coming of the Lord is nigh. This sounds somewhat evangelistic. It is true, for the light of Christ will stimulate in every man the spirit of the solar fire, the Christ spirit. Man of his freewill will throw away his weapons. He will, in the words of the Bible, beat his sword into

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ploughshares. He will throw away the weapons of war. He will meet his brother man and greet him as in the old days of the mystery school, when brother gripped the hand of brother in perfect comradeship and love. This is the Second Coming, and the Church of the New Age will be this church of the Light of God, the church of the Sun brothers, the Solar Logos, the church of the living, loving Christ. God bless you!

Benediction:

Great Loving Spirit, we thank Thee for Thy wondrous blessing. We thank Thee for the company of the White Brotherhood with us tonight. We thank Thee for the revelation of this future life, and for the overcoming of the fear of death and the fear of life. O Father–Mother God, may these Thy children feel that they are being gathered into Thy loving arms. May they feel that all is well.

Amen.

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