

The American Mysteries

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Invocation:

O Great Spirit of the universe, we Thy children bow in spirit before Thee, praying that we may unfold from within the wisdom of the ages. We pray that great power may descend upon these our brethren; may they be raised in consciousness to higher planes of being and thus united to the greater self, and receive therefrom the ray of truth. May each soul in this assembly be mindful of the need of all humanity, and the self which dominates on the physical plane be overcome. May these our beloved brethren understand how to serve in the great work of creation and evolution.

Amen.

We bring loving greetings. The North American Indian* mysteries, in common with all the mysteries of the world, contain the Ancient Wisdom, but in revealing some of the beliefs of the North American Indian brethren, bear in mind that the interpretation of inner truths frequently varies. In interpreting the signs and symbols and even the ways of life, often a wrong interpretation is given. This applies even to your own country. There is the esoteric aspect and the exoteric. Your own Christian Church gives teachings to the people, to the uninitiated, but there is an inner teaching which can only be revealed to the initiate. People are so desirous of having everything cut and dried to satisfy the lower mind, the reason, the intellect, yet the inner truths lie beyond reason or intellect.

*[*When these teachings were given in the 1930s, the term 'Indian' or 'Red Indian' was common parlance used to refer to Native Americans.]*

Endeavour to train yourself to be receptive on the intuitional planes. One way of doing this is to keep what you are so fond of calling 'an open mind'. We do not attempt to pass on purely book information or earthly knowledge, but give what we ourselves have received. If this seem contradictory to certain statements you have read, you must interpret these ancient truths esoterically and mystically.

The North American brethren believed in the spirit world and in contacting the nature spirits and elementals. They believed in reincarnation—beliefs due to their close contact with nature. They dwelt always in a natural environment, were so in love with nature, with trees, and waters and starry skies, that they participated with the invisible natural worlds. They were able to see elementals, sometimes of a not over-pleasant order, and tales went forth of huge creatures like bats and similar types frequenting the forests and so forth. With our brethren was also a school of freemasonry* brought over from the continent of Atlantis. We assume that you know of the continent of Atlantis that existed where now rolls the Atlantic ocean.

*[*White Eagle refers to freemasonry as a form of universal truth or teaching, with no specific reference to the freemasonry of today.]*

I have told you about the Indian's belief in nature spirits, in reincarnation and in the possible contact with the departed spirits, and also their freemasonry. Only the selected people, the wiser ones, were admitted into the mystery schools, but in the Indian mysticism you will find

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the Ancient Wisdom. They regarded the serpent with seven heads as a sacred symbol—the serpent which is used symbolically in nearly all the ancient mystery schools of the world, and which portrays the wisdom, the spirits or angels of Lucifer. These spirits of wisdom, working through the mind—not the spirit, but purely the mind or reason of man—planted within him the desire either for good or for evil. Until that time man* was created in the image of God, being only pure spirit. Then came the Fall of Man, the descent into depths of matter, or human experience, in order to gain wisdom from experience.

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

A beautiful babe is both sweet and innocent, but if man continued to be a beautiful baby all his life on earth he would be of little ultimate use. God created souls pure and good, but they had no sense—to put it crudely. They had to learn through reason to attain to wisdom, and had to walk the path of evolution and growth. So they descended down through the various planes and then had to ascend, so that man could become as God, with the power to create. Procreation, reproduction of the human body was the first step, but man has to learn more: he has to learn the creative secret of the universe.

In the American Indian symbolism we find the serpent with seven heads, as representing the seven bodies of man or the seven planes of consciousness. I assure you that the Indian brethren were quite as advanced as some of your most advanced people today. Then where are those advanced souls today? The earth plane is like a school; in that school children commence in the kindergarten and in groups or classes pass onward to the university and finally finish so far as ordinary education is concerned. So with the souls of man. In groups or classes they proceed through the earth school and go onward. Some are not now in incarnation, having passed to other worlds and other conditions, and there are some who love the earth plane, their brethren, so dearly, that they descend to help them.

The Pipe of Peace: this was very important and it was used in ceremony—oh, I can visualise now the circle of the brethren, and the starlit sky and the song of the pines. I can visualise the upturned faces and heads bowed in prayer as the ceremony proceeded. The pipe of peace was smoked and the smoke ascended, indeed, was directed, first to the Great White Spirit, to the Father who gave all men life; then to the Mother, earth—the earth which yielded the brethren food—and then to the Sun, from which came power and warmth. This is strange, is it not? The three—Father, Mother, Sun. Throughout the Ancient Wisdom, no matter how crude the people, you will find the Trinity.

You may have read somewhere of certain symbols discovered in America which are clearly Masonic*. In the Indian mystery schools were certain initiations through which candidates had to pass. There were the seven trials. As candidates in masonry pass through outer ceremonies, and each ceremony has its effect upon the subtler bodies of the candidate, so also with the mystery schools of the Americans: each trial or test applied to one of the several bodies of man. Each test was stringent and difficult.

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You have all heard of Hiawatha. In this story there is a foundation of truth. Long ago was an Indian who was also an initiate beyond the ordinary standard of his brethren. His message was, so to speak, similar to that of Jesus the Christ. Please do not say that White Eagle said that Hiawatha *was* Christ, but one who came to the Indian people with a mission. He brought the knowledge and light and helped them to brotherhood. One might almost describe him as one of the White Brotherhood.

Farther south, you will discover in South America the remnants of the Atlantean mystery teaching. Unfortunately, before Atlantis sank beneath the sea, some brought to America the occult practices of black magic. Before this happened others had brought to Egypt and India (as well as America) the ancient and sacred secret doctrine, the pure doctrine of the Trinity. It was this black magic that was practised in Mexico and in the southern part of America and human sacrifices were made. Candidates proceeded through various halls of initiation and were worked up to a great state of emotion and the culmination was a human sacrifice—usually the heart of a young maiden was taken out and laid upon the sacrificial altar. These things you do not want to know. But the pyramids in America reveal the Atlantean influence and symbolism. In the pyramids are halls of initiation, and for the purpose of initiation these great temples were built. There again there is similarity with Atlantis. The pyramid is based upon the square, a phrase which reveals much to he who knoweth the mystery teachings of freemasonry.

Q.I remember reading in a book that the American Indian masonic ceremonial and ritual was like that practised here, and also they could read or decipher the Egyptian hieroglyphics.

A.Of course; the same mystery teachings or secret doctrine spread to both America and Egypt from Atlantis. The hieroglyphics of Egypt can be read by certain of those initiated into the mysteries. Also there was, as White Eagle reads the records, a visitation to America from Asia, and therefore you will discover that there is knowledge among our American brethren of the Indian teaching, and in this teaching we find records of the centres. We learn that the American Indians as well as the Indian brothers in Asia were learning how to vivify the centres.

Q.Can you tell me whether there are remnants of the Aztec civilisation in the jungles of Brazil—there are legends to that effect?

A.Legends usually have their foundation in truth.

Q.You said that black magic was practised in Mexico—would that be the cause of the unrest and wildness of that part today?

A.I tell you, the law is exact. Those guilty of causing terrible suffering, must by the very act be drawn back again to suffer. It is the law. Every nation which inflicts cruelty, will in turn

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suffer. Through suffering the soul eventually learns that it must be kind and brotherly. But there are souls which become so degraded that there is really nothing left. The divine spark, the ego, can never be destroyed or annihilated, but the personality becomes so degraded that it simply consumes itself. God does not send souls to damnation; they do it themselves.

Q.How is it that the Red Indian had such barbarous practices when they were so advanced?

A.There was a reason. The Indians were provoked, and retaliated in self-preservation. You people today, who are considered advanced, do exactly the same thing, only in a different way.

Q.Is there not a vibratory wavelength associated with each individual soul throughout its growth?

A.That wavelength or vibration must be of one quality, the quality of the Son, or Christ. Thus as the soul advances there must be a constant tuning up to the Christ wavelength or Christ vibration.

Q.Would it not be that some physical vehicles transmit the wavelength better than others?

A.The human radio set may operate on one valve, the physical, or two valves, which brings in the astral, or three, the mental; four, the higher mental; five, the spiritual—and so forth. The perfect tuning-in note to the divine or the heavenly station is Christ. One day we will talk about the seven harmonics. You and we together will help each other to understand the mysteries of the universe.

Benediction:

To the Great White Spirit, our Father God—we thank Thee, we open wide our hearts in love and praise and thanksgiving. O God, we thank Thee for life and joy, and may we have the desire to give the joy which we receive to all with whom we come into contact, and so fulfil the purpose of our creation.

Amen.

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