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Invocation:

Beloved brethren, let us remember the purpose of our creation; and in truth, in spirit, raise our hearts to the eternal spirit of wisdom, love and power. O gracious Spirit, God, our Father, may we be receptive to Thy blessings, responsive to the influences of love and peace which come to us from the higher worlds. And may these our brethren be filled with the spiritual power of love and kindness and goodwill, that they may be useful and worthy servants of the Great White Brotherhood of Light, of the Cosmic Christ.

Amen.

Are we all happy and comfortable and relaxed? We like an atmosphere of harmony and comfort, for discomfort is a barrier to the spiritual influences, and distracts the lower mind, so that the spiritual mind cannot respond. So be easy. Harmony is the first requisite for perfect health—to be perfectly at ease. When the mind can be tranquil and calm, then the whole body responds, and there is a lack of dis-ease; dis-ease cannot enter the body when the mind is at peace. There are many who will say: ‘But how is this possible when there are disagreeable conditions to contend with on the physical plane?’ It is possible; but it does need self-control, and control of all kinds of thoughts—disturbing, distracting, and diseased thoughts. We say we cannot help our thoughts rushing in; they come before we realise it. Well, that is true. But you can, in time, control the uprush. It cannot be done instantly: you cannot sit down one morning and say, ‘I will not have any unwanted thoughts today.’ It is not quite as easy as that! It may take a long time, and even several lives, to gain this poise of spirit, this domination of the earthly mind by the pure spirit, the Divine in man*.

*[*See the introduction for an explanation of gender issues in editing these teachings.]*

But be not discouraged, but start right away to follow the plan outlined. Make it habitual to welcome and respond to thoughts of purity, gentleness, kindness, and goodwill. Make no mistake: this does not mean that we must go about our daily lives in a pious and sanctimonious attitude. This is the last thing advocated. Be natural; be generous in thought; keep constantly the reminder in the heart of the presence of Christ, the noble and perfect Son of God; the cosmic Christ, who manifested so beautifully through the Master Jesus.

Why do we speak thus to you tonight? Because we would lay a foundation upon which to build the White Temple of the magical light, the Christ light. We spoke to you at our last gathering on magic, and you were pleased to ask us to continue on this subject. We would dispel all fear regarding magic. We do not wish to dwell on the aspects of ceremonial magic which can bring into activity the unevolved forces. Such forces were used during a certain stage of man’s evolution, with seemingly disastrous results, and you may question why this was allowed to happen; much as you question today, ‘Why does God, the omnipotent, all-loving and wise Father, permit wars and sickness and cruelty to exist?’

This question shows that the mind has not grasped the significance of the two forces—positive and negative, good and evil—which *must* work together for the evolution of the spirit of God in man. The divine spark in man is in its infancy, unconscious of the powers

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which it possesses. As a seed planted in the earth is unconscious of its potentialities, so also is the seed of God within man. Even as the seed battles against forces which are difficult, so the divine spark in man has to *use* the conditions of earth life wisely ere it can grow towards full fruition. So-called evil is another aspect of so-called good. You cannot separate the two. You would like to see a perfect life; a perfect life, a perfect world, a perfect humanity, wherein there is no sin and no evil? Patience! Have patience, because life is slowly but surely evolving towards this ultimate—the life of perfection.

Magic is the use of the God forces. We are speaking of the so-called magic of the Gods, by which we mean those great beings who hold the power of life and death; the power to bring into manifestation this universal, impersonal God life on earth. The ancient people—those who lived countless numbers of years ago, can rightly be described as God-men, and they possessed knowledge entirely lost today, of how to use the White Light, which is a magical force, for the good, for the evolution, for the bringing into birth, of a new humanity, of a life cycle of younger brethren or babe souls being *breathed forth*, ‘born’ from the sound of the magical Word of God. God said ‘Let there be *light*’* and there was light; and God said ‘Let there be *life*!’ God spake from the centre of power (which in man lies in the throat centre, but in God is beyond all human comprehension). From that centre of creative power went forth the Word, the *sound* which created life. The Book of Genesis tells the story, the age of which it is not possible to estimate. But as God has never left man without a witness, so these mystery stories of creation and the early life of man come down to *you* at the present day through various schools of mystery teaching.

[*Genesis 1 : 3]

The same story is to be found in many parts of the earth. We single out America, because we were speaking on the last occasion of the American mysteries. The religion of ancient America is as pure as possible. You think a great deal about the Egyptian mysteries; you are attracted to them, and for a very good reason. Most of us have passed through that school of training, and some have burnt their fingers in the process. Neither you nor we have escaped this training. No! We have handled the fires of magic and have felt the burns to cure us of using the fire for wrong purposes. Now we know that if a fire is left burning in the hearth to give warmth to the home, it is pleasant. But if the fire is thrown about the room, it will cause destruction to the whole house. If the sacred fires of life which lie in the creative centres of man are abused, they will cause great harm and destruction. But remember, the eternal fires of life burn up all that is unwanted: they consume evil, or so-called evil; because as soon as these fires are handled with evil or selfish intent, then they destroy the very ones who seek to gain thereby. The sacred fires of life are only to be used for the wellbeing and for the good of human and spiritual evolution.

In America the knowledge of how to use this white magic, or the divine fire of life, was conveyed to those early brothers by the God men, who had been trained, not on the earth, but countless millions and millions of years before the time of which we now speak. To estimate in years the age of humanity is quite impossible. In America—we speak of things we remember—our brethren used naturally the knowledge of the priests in the temples of the

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White Light; the temples which were erected on high places; *never* in the valleys. The temples themselves [were] erected by the white magic. The stones, often weighing many hundreds of tons, forming these temples, were placed by those called Priests of the Plumed Serpent, because they had the full development of the divine fires within their consciousness.

There is some superficial knowledge remaining and handed round in your modern world concerning the ancient alchemists, who claimed, so the modern minds say, to be able to transmute base metal into gold, common crystal into beautiful jewels. Because the little minds of today cannot conceive of such, they regard these tales with amusement. But what the alchemists of the Middle Ages did was done also by the great men of the past, in the construction of their temples of these vast stones. They made use of the divine fires of the white magic. No man can steal this knowledge. The door of the Temple is always strictly barred. When Adam and Eve were turned out of the Garden of Eden, where the tree of the knowledge of good and evil grew, the gates were guarded by angels with flaming swords. With flaming swords! A very ancient masonic symbol. And if anyone dared to rush forward, they fell upon the sword! To this very day the sword is a symbol of protection from those who would attempt to rush into the Temple of the holy mysteries.

We spoke of the God men, the Priests of the Plumed Crown. The plumed Osiris was a symbol which came to Egypt from Atlantis, and from America, and from other lost continents. The symbol was indicative of the transmutation of the creative powers of life from the lowest centre in man's being—the generative centre—to the heart and head. It symbolised the crowning of the higher triangle, the heart and the throat, and that which is concentrated in the head. The crowned serpent is the power of kundalini, arisen above desire and sex to the God powers of purity and love.

We still fail to convey anything like the real meaning of that glorious state to which man is evolving. We cannot hope to convey these wonders to you. It would be like trying to make you understand what the heaven world is like: for until a soul has experienced heaven, it is impossible for it to know; until you have loved, you know not what love is. Therefore, until the divine fire is transmuted, it is not possible for us to comprehend.

The ancient American mysteries were the pure teachings of what today is called freemasonry*. There are many who would avoid freemasonry, because they do not understand the inner meaning, and not even its surface meaning. They have an idea that because it is secret, it is evil. We want to dispel such thoughts from your minds. Masonry is the foundation, the complete story of the building of man's nature, from the foundation stone to the crowning dome; the foundation stone being man's simple human life; then comes the gradual building from that foundation of the higher bodies of man, each of which has its centre in one of the sacred centres of the physical body; the building, step by step, through *many* incarnations, of the temple of the white magic. When man is evolved, he will become as a white temple, erected as upon the mountaintop, wherein takes place the ceremonial magic for the distribution, or the radiation of the forces of God; the creative forces, sent forth for the stimulation and upliftment of his younger brethren in the valleys of life.

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*[*White Eagle refers to masonry as a form of universal truth or teaching employing symbols, with no specific reference to the freemasonry of today, as he makes clear in this teaching.]*

Beware of stories about the evil practices of the magicians of the past. Many are mis-interpretations. When a story is handed on from one to another, it usually ends up by becoming unrecognisable. So with many of the stories of the magical practices of the past. They are misinterpretations. It was said that by evil practices the priests in America were able to make the very stones cry out, and to speak as humans. This distorted story originated when the Wise Men used their magical power to bring the stones of their temples into place. The stones were very sacred to our people, because they contained holy elements, attracted from more radiant and more evolved planets. Such stones were used to receive the bodies of those who died. This is perhaps new to you. The holy stones, and altars in the white temples, in Atlantis and in ancient America, were recipients of the bodies of the dead. The body was consumed, or absorbed, into the holy stones, its components disintegrated and returned into the elements from which they came. I could talk to you so much, so very much, about these things.

When you visit places in your mystical isle where are these mystical stones and mounds, remember that the people driven from the lands which sank beneath waters, journeyed to find virgin soil and pure lands upon which to establish these centres of magical power for the good, and not the evil, of the coming race. This mystic isle of Great Britain is impregnated with the spiritual forces of the divine fire of the white magic, and is holy ground indeed. The peoples of this isle, and of America and Australia—all these are destined by the wisdom of the Gods to bring back again, to re-establish, on the earth plane, these great and mystical centres of the white magical light.

Q.Re: Passage in Revelation concerning ‘The white stone with a new name upon it’.

A.Yes. The Book of Revelation says ‘...will give him a white stone with a new name...’.* This will be well known to masons—the stone with the name, the mark upon it. The whole story of the evolution of man is held within the Temple of the masons. The new name is that which the soul receives when ready to receive the white stone of the perfect light, the perfect light; the Son of God, even Christ.

*[*Revelation 2 : 17]*

Q.Are there any souls on earth today who have reached that stage of evolution of which you spoke—‘The white temple on the hilltop?’

A.Yes, and they labour unknown amongst their younger brethren.

A great deal of the Ancient Wisdom is now being given again—little sips out of a spoon—to those who can digest. This is the purpose of the drawing together of groups of men and women into brotherhoods—only the early stages, the preparation of humanity for the return of this White Light. These groups are called groups of the White Brotherhood; some people

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object to them being so called, because they are inclined to confuse the White Brotherhood which is being established amongst the earth brethren, with the Great White Brotherhood who are behind humanity, directing and helping humanity onward on its course towards the mountain top. The groups of the White Brotherhood on earth are to help in the work of the Great White Brotherhood. Simplicity is of primary importance in this work; and the overdeveloped intellect will find it lacks the patience to absorb the simple teachings now being given to these groups. The White Brotherhood groups will be established all over the earth, and in these brotherhoods will be a magical centre of contact with the White Temple; and knowledge will gradually be given back to those who can assimilate.

Benediction:

Divine Spirit, we are thankful to Thee for all that is beautiful and progressive and lovely in our life. May we never forget Thy love, nor our brother's need for Thy love. We pray to become more worthy channels through which Thy light may shine in the darkened places of life.

Amen.

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