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Invocation:

Let us pray to the Source of Life and Light, to the Eternal Spirit of Love, Wisdom and Power, giving thanks for our creation and all the beauties of life, for the gifts of the senses, the gifts of the mind and the gifts of the spirit. And we pray, O beloved God, that every soul here assembled may be touched by Thy power and be receptive to the beauty of Thy blessing.

Amen.

We greet you; and would remind you how much each man* has to be thankful for. It is well sometimes to recall how much worse off you could be. We well know the art of real thankfulness—that is to say, the desire humbly to kneel in the Infinite Presence, to give thanks for the countless blessings of life. Nevertheless, many people do not give a thought to their blessings; although they continually receive, receive, receive, they clamour for more. Many souls also think that it is by their own power that they obtain good things, or the things which they want. Oh, man's ingratitude is sharper than a serpent's tooth! Remember what we say—be thankful to the Creator for life itself, for all the sensitivity of the physical life. Greatest of all is to have a thankful heart for the wisdom and the love which guides you through this earthly journey.

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

This brings us to a very important thought. The soul must learn both to accept and to surrender to the Almighty Spirit of Wisdom and Love. Some people will think that surrender means a lying-down, a giving-in to evil, an acceptance of things which should not be. This is not correct. The soul must always strive to do its best in any conditions. When you have done your best, then look up to your Creator and surrender to the wisdom and love of the Father-Mother God. It is this fighting against the inevitable which is so painful. You know, in the beginning man was with God. In the beginning was God. All things that were created were in Him. We were all within the mind and the heart of God. We were all at-one with the Infinite. But the individual life has since descended, has been sent forth from that pinnacle, that point of Light, and as the soul has traversed the spheres of life down, down to the earth, it has journeyed farther and farther away from the heart of God. The clothing of matter has almost completely separated the son-daughter from its source of life and light. Men are separated from each other and all but separated from the heart of the Father-Mother God.

Nevertheless there is always a line of light from the heart of the child to the Father-Mother God; although it becomes a very thin line, there is always a link. Man in the grossest materialism never completely forgets his Source, never forgets in his extremity to call with awe, with fear, with terror, with love, upon the name of God. We say that there is no one who is really an atheist. Many people disclaim all belief in an orthodox religion, whether it be Christian or otherwise; yet their actions and words prove that in reality no soul disclaims belief and dependence upon an Infinite Power, a Divine Intelligence. Man perhaps has confused his brother man about religion and in worship, but he has not slain the divine spark, the seed-atom of God (or the Son of God, the Christ) which has been planted in the human heart. If you study religions of the world throughout time, you will find even in peoples that

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are called savages*, a desire for worship. This may take savage forms of ritual, savage beliefs maybe—or so it appears to you; nevertheless these people have descended physically from races which at one time had reached a high level of understanding, of consciousness of the Source of their being—a level of knowledge beyond that of the present age; for it is erroneous to think that today people know more than in ancient days. It must be remembered that in times gone by, humanity or spirit was descending. It bore with it memory of its life in the heaven world. As it went deeper into the darkness of matter, the memories faded and degenerated until the remnants of those memories or rites appear to you (who are perhaps climbing up the arc on the opposite side) to be savage, peculiar and undesirable. However, these people once had spiritual knowledge of the inner planes of life, of a power which has now become almost extinct because of the powerful mental development of this time and age.

[*The term 'savages', used in the 1930s to refer to uncivilised people, is now seen as problematic. It is unlikely that White Eagle would use that term today.]

Nevertheless the development of the mental body or the mentality of man is of great value; it is part of the grand scheme; it is in the plan of the great Architect of the universe. Every faculty of the child of God has to be developed. Not only has the emotional body to be controlled and directed so that the very finest experience, the beauties of the heaven and the physical world can be appreciated and enjoyed; but also the mentality must be disciplined, enlarged and expanded so that the thinking part of man can comprehend the glories of Infinity, and also that the mind can understand its power, because the human mind will play a very important part in the future—the mind being one of the powers which the Creator uses. The Creator is in man's heart and the creative power is within his various subtler bodies. The mind is the vehicle, the instrument which is given to man to enable him to reason, to select and to use wisely the wonderful powers which his Creator has given him.

Now, there is a language of the spirit. At our last talk we reminded you of the correct use of the power of sound, and what it can do; how it can work not only upon physical matter but the subtler matter. Tonight we want to emphasise the power of thought. The average man is careless of both speech and thought. If you had developed your clairvoyance, you would see the result of the power of thought in form in the higher worlds. Thought is creative. Thought creates form. Now when we speak of the mental plane we mean that mental world which has been built by controlled and powerful thought which is often inspired by devotion and worship. Let us take as an instance the work in this Lodge. When you are all concentrating steadily and with devotion upon the thought of the Star, when your thoughts are devoted, aspiring and loving, your thoughts create form. The collective thought in this Lodge goes out, and it builds the form of a temple shaped like a star. The same proceeding takes place in an absent healing group. In the midst is built the Star. From the points of that star rays go forth to heal. Should there be disruption in the group, say a shattering noise, all the colours issuing from the star would collapse. The same shattering of form which is built up from subtle substance can be caused by broken thought, broken harmony. In the higher, the spirit worlds, forms are built up by powerful creative thought.

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We want you to understand that there are such divine places, divine temples, and they are built by the builders. 'Who are the builders? Who were the builders of the Great White Lodge? Did it always exist?' you ask. 'Shall I ever see it? Shall I be admitted into the Great White Lodge?' Maybe. It rests with you and your conduct and your truth and earnestness during your journey through matter. The builders of the Great White Lodge are known as the White Brethren. They do not belong to any particular sect or religion, but are souls who by their own qualification have become initiates into the heavenly mysteries. We can describe them as master masons. We would explain very simply that you are all qualifying to become masons-that is, master builders of the Great White Lodge. Surely it must be a very wonderful truth for you to hear that from your very birth you were given the opportunity to qualify for the position of a master builder, under the Great Architect of the universe. This applies to every man and woman of goodwill and aspiration. Most of you think about life as being just a muddle, as something that is beyond you. Many problems cannot be answered. You have no understanding of what it is all about. But, you know, in an immense building there are many workers employed. Each workman, each builder, has his own particular job to contribute to the whole. This is the wonderful thing about a large building. The completed whole may be wonderful, beautiful, a poem in stone. This is the best way we can describe the beauty and the building of the Great White Lodge. Truly, there is such a building and it fills all space. It has no dimensions; it is infinite and eternal.

There is a most glorious awakening for the soul that is ready to enter the Great White Lodge. There is no limitation of space. The soul becomes aware of perfection—of the grandeur and beauty of architecture. He becomes aware of the harmony and perfection of sound, for the whole structure is music; it also is colour; it is perfect form, perfect architecture. At the same time the temple, the Lodge is enfolded, surrounded by the perfection of the natural world, of the nature kingdoms, and all the lesser kingdoms.

We can give no better description than this. We do add that you are all qualifying, that you can contribute your small quota to the building of this Great White Lodge. Some of the officiants in this White Lodge are those whom you love and know, although you do not know the whole of any one personality in that Lodge. Above all is the supreme Grand Master, the Golden One, the Lord Christ. Although you feel that you are insignificant, you are not missed, you are not passed over by Him; He knows you. The most insignificant amongst you is known and loved by the Grand Master of this universal temple. No, this is not fantasy; this is not imagination; this is truth we are giving you. We want you to remember, think and feel the dignity of your life: what you are and what you can become.

Leaving the heaven world we look down upon the earth and we see evidence of this building instinct. It is natural for man to build. He must build something. He commences by building his home, his church, his schools. In early days he built fantastic erections of stone, amongst them the great pyramids, not only of Egypt but in the West and in America. There is evidence of these pyramids all over your earth. What was behind this building instinct? Of course, the invisible builders. These earthly builders were inspired to put into their stone buildings, eternal spiritual truth. Consider the Great Pyramid of Giza. As we have already said, there are many lesser pyramids, but all built on the same shape. First of all the cube as the base. Let us

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examine the cube. Now let us open that cube and what do we find? A cross. So the cube is also the equal-sided cross, and the cross stands for two things—for surrender and sacrifice, and giving up of self. To die means to live. You find the same symbolism in the greatest of all teachers—the surrender, the crucifixion, the resurrection to eternal life, as the basic truth of life. You can apply it to your own life at the present time. Surrender self, give yourself to God, and you enter into a joy which is unequalled; you enter into the stream of living Christ-consciousness. What a wonderful experience!

So the Ancients expressed that eternal truth in the base of the pyramid, the perfect cube. This means a life built upon—well, on the square of truth, sincerity, good feeling and goodwill. Do unto others as you would be done unto. Now that means never to bear false witness but to give from the heart on the square, to be just and perfect and true. So, having laid the foundation four-square, exact, just and true, what happens? Then the pyramid is built, which in the ancient days was the symbol of the ever-burning flame, the light going up to heaven, the upper golden triangle, the aspiration of the spirit towards its Source.

If you will think over these thoughts of ours you will recognise the wonderful Mind behind the building in stone of the eternal verity, and remember that within the pyramid—we are thinking of the Egyptian pyramid—is still to be found the indications of the initiation of the soul from death to rebirth and life.

Well, there we are! Remember the power of thought, for you are builders and what you think becomes a form. Let the basis of your life be square and true, and the thoughts must follow the correct line. As you think, so you create in the world above, in the spirit world; and what you create in the spirit world will be waiting for you when you pass over.

With these few words we leave you tonight. If you are sorely troubled, remember there was a time before you became a separate entity in a physical world, when you were at-one with your Creator on that beautiful level of life in the heaven world. There you were at one. Down here you are separate. But if you can rise in consciousness and put yourself in tune with the Infinite, you will see your problems and difficulties from a very different angle. You will know that all things work together for good, for God, for those who love God. Surrender then will be so simple. All the fret and the fear will fall away.

May the Great White Spirit bless us all with peace and love and light.

Amen.

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