

Ancient Brethren and Remembrance

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Armistice Day

Invocation:

Almighty Spirit, we humbly pour forth our thanks to Thee for the blessings of life, and we pray that Thy power may bless this little gathering; that Thy spirit may descend upon these Thy children, raising them in consciousness to the world of light and truth and knowledge. We pray that all present may be aware that around them are the shining ones; those whom they love, who by Thy great love and compassion return to serve their brothers and sisters on earth. O Lord God, may the presence of Thy Son, the Christos, the Solar Logos be here.

Amen.

Greetings. It is well for you to understand that the Great White Brotherhood and the great Master in that Brotherhood come to this earth, and are closely associated with you and with all souls of men and women who are on the path of light. It is a mistake to think that they are so exalted that they cannot, that they will not come to humble and simple people. Therefore do not think yourself beneath their notice. Remember that it is the truth in your heart, the sincerity of your aspirations, which will bring these Elder Brethren to our side. The Master Jesus descended, we are told, from the right hand of his Father to incarnate upon earth, to make himself one with simple folk. He went to all kinds of people, to the rich in spirit and to the poor in spirit. He was at-one with all men.* So it is with other great Masters and saints of the past, with some whom you know by name and many more that you do not know. They can all come to you. They are at-one with your spirit and the only dividing factor is your own material state. Whenever you aspire in true love and worship of God, when you worship God in spirit and in truth, you are raised up above all material conditions and you reach that level of consciousness where all are unified in the Father–Mother God. It is at that level that the true communion of saints takes place.

*[*For editorial policy on gender issues see the introduction.]*

When souls have reached this state of consciousness they know eternal bliss, eternal peace. Whenever man loses some loved one, he prays that that soul may attain eternal bliss and happiness. This does not mean that spirits are bound to remain in a static and unconscious state in the heaven world. No it means that they have reached that state and they can at any time be in heaven, but they are still free as the air to move about and pass through any of the planes of life.

We are speaking like this tonight because this is a special day, the anniversary of the day when an armistice was called after terrible conflict. Many of you will be thinking of those who passed onward after that terrible conflict. Your thoughts will be upon those who laid down their lives for humanity. So many on earth do not know what became of their loved ones afterwards. Apart from a portrait of their dear one in their home, they receive no contact whatsoever with that loved one, or so they think. The pity is that people misinterpret the teaching of the scriptures when they shut out their dead. They close down a shutter so that there is no penetration of the veil between the world of matter and the world of spirit. Some people think that at death their loved ones pass right away from the earth. Sometimes friends

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say to us, 'O White Eagle, he has gone right away. I shall never find him in the spirit world. He has been in spirit now for twenty, thirty, forty years maybe and must have progressed far beyond me.'

We want to help you to understand. We have said it many times; we say it again tonight—that where there is love, real love, there is no separation, because in that love you all are united at a certain level and at that same level, as we have already said, the communion of saints becomes a real thing.

Souls are like drops in the ocean or grains of sand on the seashore, yet each is individual. Each is a unit, but all blend together making one grand whole. Many people fear that when they reach that high level of spiritual life they will lose their identity in God, but this is a mistake. God has created you His son or daughter. He has created you as His child. Of course you are a part of God, but you have been given an individual spirit. So when you unite with all the spirits, with the great family of God, you are still an individual and retain your own identity. You will not lose that identity. We would raise you in spirit until you feel in the great silence and stillness that cosmic life and at-one-ment. This is the meaning of what your Christian church calls the atonement. It is the love of the cosmic Christ raising all men to that level of at-one-ment. It is the love of Christ in you which causes you to attain a degree of spirituality in which you comprehend God's love.

Your loved ones, when they pass away, may for a time (according to their nature) be rather tied to earth. Because they have recently left the body they miss it and they remain to all intents and purposes exactly the same person as before. Because they lack a physical body they cannot touch or speak to you, neither can you touch them nor speak to them in a physical way, but otherwise they are exactly the same as they were. In a very short time, however—it may be two or three hours, days, weeks; we do not measure time in your way—the spirit is helped (if he needs it) by his own guide and teacher and it is explained to him that he is not really separated from his loved ones.

We would like you to realise also that you can be extremely active in your astral body in the spirit world without knowing it. You may be actually engaged in certain material work and be unaware that you have been visiting a sick friend or a relative at a distance. You may have even been seen by that relative or loved one and be unaware of it. You will learn in time of this. At present you are confined, we were going to say in a three-dimensional world, and are largely unaware of any of your spiritual activities either in your sleep state or during meditation.

Tonight we speak again about communication between spirits, between planes of life, between our world and yours. Such communications come to you through a medium. This communication between the two worlds is part of the Ancient Wisdom and has always been known. At the time of the Delphic Oracle, for example, the priestess was raised up on a tripod and she usually sat surrounded by the priests of the church. The priests regarded the Delphic Oracle as holy and sacred, and any prophecies which were made usually dealt with some

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happening planned to help the spiritual advancement of humanity. When it became known for instance, to the higher ones that the great teacher Pythagoras was about to descend into incarnation, his future parents were summoned to attend the Delphic Oracle. A voice spoke to these people telling them that they had been chosen to be the parents of one who would be a great teacher, who was bringing fresh light to humanity. Even the name of the one about to be born was spoken. In your own Christian religion you are told about the angel who announced to the Virgin Mary that she was to be the mother of the future Lord. And there are other instances where this announcement was made to the earth people about the coming of an Elder Brother or a teacher. We think it is correct to say that right down the ages such announcements have been made, because these great ones, the avatars, bring a message of hope and come to refresh the earth people's minds about the world of light. Truly it has been said that God has never left mankind without a witness!

At these special times, such as the Armistice ceremony, a host of spirits of men and women come back in great power to the earth because the people of the earth are thinking about them. They send their love to them. Whenever the earth people pray and so turn their thoughts to their loved ones, it opens the way. Then the great company of saints and shining ones descend to bring to those they love the light and truth which they have found. We remind you, however, that you do not necessarily have to die before you can pass freely into this higher world and see clearly the life of those who dwell therein.

How many people amongst the masses know anything about the secret or inner brotherhoods? Practically none. There is no record except the etheric records, or as some people call them the akashic records. These are really impressions left upon the ether by the lives and the works of illumined and advanced souls. You think that television, or the projection of pictures upon a screen, is a novelty. You are mistaken. It is as old as the world, as old as the earth itself.

When your turn comes to pass to the spirit life you will in time enter into the halls of learning and there you will probably commence your education. You will very early in the day be taken into what you might call a cinema and you will be set before a screen. Upon that screen you will see many pictures thrown, and certainly one of not only the life which you have recently left, but your many lives or past incarnations. You will also see pictures of the happenings on earth thousands and even millions of years ago. You will learn therefrom how very short is time! Indeed you may even learn that time does not exist—all is in the eternal now.

Some people have trained themselves to tap into these akashic records and they, as it were, set in motion a series of pictures and these ethereal pictures are reflected on to the brow chakra in meditation. If the mind is restless they are confused. To develop clairvoyance you must learn to become very still and calm emotionally and mentally. A pool of water cannot reflect properly when it is disturbed, and this is what happens to the brow chakra when the mind and the emotions are disturbed. The secret of penetration into these inner worlds or into the soul world is self-control and self-discipline. Keep very still and then the pictures will be

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clear and true. By this method many people have developed this sense of clear vision. They can go to certain places and by remaining very still and in tune with the Infinite, can see quite clearly the life which is being lived apparently in the ether and even within the earth.

Sometimes the advanced clairvoyant sees revealed the beautiful life lived long ago by the ancient brethren of the Great White Light. They record what they see and these records are kept very secret. Those who are unready are not allowed to know anything about this wonderful inner life which exists. These ancient brothers are still doing a great deal to help the world and the world knows nothing about it. At centres such as Avebury in your own mystic isle you see the remnants of a temple. At other places there is no sign at all of the ancient ones. Yet the brotherhood may still be there, working with a definite purpose to direct rays of light to the people of Britain. Not only in Britain but also in Mexico, North America, India, the Himalayas, China, Japan, Egypt and in other places the ancient brotherhoods are still active.

Visit some of these ancient centres and keep quiet. Be still and you will find that your reflector will work and you will get an impression in your heart chakra or in your brow chakra. Be wise and you will not cast it out as imagination. This may be the development of true vision, of clairvoyance and with it comes the development of clear hearing. These things do not come until you have attained to a degree of self-discipline, until you have long practised the arts of love and gentleness. Remember that these ancient brothers are all Christ-like, simple, loving, gentle people. They are in the true sense very exalted souls but because they are exalted they will appear very simple and humble and easily misunderstood. Though they are regarded as saints, they may be regarded as a little bit queer* by some people. It is true that very materially-minded people might consider you very queer. People who have attained to a certain degree of spiritual consciousness are usually considered queer by the materialist, but these things will pass and the day will come when those who remain completely dead to the spiritual life will be the queer ones. In time they too will have their outer covering stripped from them and they will see into this inner world.

*[*A word of the time meaning 'odd'.]*

Beloved, we speak particularly tonight to those who have lost someone very near and dear. We tell you that they are just the same dear personality today as they were once. They are still your own—your father or son, brother or sister, husband or wife—just the same only so much happier freed from the care, distress and confusion of the earth life. It makes them happier still when they know that you are with them in spirit, and that you know they are there with you. Try—you can talk to them with your soul-body, mentally and make them real to you.

Never think of anyone as dead. Think of them as truly alive in a state of harmony, happiness and beauty which you know they would have loved and not as living idle lives. They are not just sitting around admiring the flowers, the sky and listening to heavenly strains all day. This they would not find inspiring at all, but those of them interested in machinery or in

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aeroplanes or art, science, healing or drama, wherever their heart inclines them, they will find their work and work to their heart's content.

We would banish the dark shrouding of death and bring you on this anniversary of the Armistice into close contact with the spirit world and all its many, many beauties. Children of earth it is your opportunity, it is your duty, so to live that you are preparing yourselves daily to open your consciousness to this spirit life.

Do not set material things before the God things; 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God.*' Let that be still the desire of your life, your first aspiration as you wake in the morning, to seek God and all the beauty of God's world. Then you will be living with a purpose. Then you will be making great strides on the path of spiritual evolution, and your goal—as we have already said—is that complete union with the holy, infinite life, at-one-ment with the Father. Always you will be yourself because He has endowed you with personal life, but your bliss will only come when you recognise your at-one-ment with the whole, and when you are able to participate in the communion of saints.

[*Matthew 6:33]

Benediction:

The blessing of the Lord Christ and of the angels and of the Rose Cross brothers is with you as your strive upward.

Amen.

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