

# The Path of Spiritual Unfoldment

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## Invocation:

We raise our hearts in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father and to the Divine Mother, the giver of all form of life. Let us give thanks to the Silent Watchers, the great Masters, the Pillars of the Temple of Universal Brotherhood. Let us give thanks for the holy, pure and saving teaching which comes from the heart of God; and thanks to our beloved brethren of all time both of the earth and in the heavenly spheres. O Father God, we stand before Thee waiting for Thy wisdom and love to bless Thy children here assembled.

Amen.

Tonight we have in mind the group of students who have been with us in this sanctuary during the past few days. We have already explained some of the problems and difficulties which beset every aspirant who hopes to be a channel for the pure white light. What we are saying is nothing new, but it outlines pure cosmic or divine law, the law which governs all spiritual evolution. There is a physical law governing physical evolution, and a cosmic law which governs spiritual evolution, and when this divine law starts to be demonstrated in your own life then you begin to better understand the teachings of the ancient White\* Brotherhood.

*[\*Refers to light, not colour.]*

We told you at our last talk that this is not an easy road, that much will be expected of the would-be brother,\* the one who desires to serve in the temple of the Great White Light. Nevertheless, although it is not easy, as you work at your allotted task a feeling of sweet, gentle and most beautiful joy and peace comes to you; your heart is filled with love and with confidence in your heavenly Father and in the great Mother.

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

On the spiritual path much will be expected of you in the way of self-discipline. The ancient mystery schools always laid before the neophyte the simple rules of their brotherhood, which all had to learn, and any brothers who could not pass their tests left the temple. Now we want you thoroughly to understand that you are not bound on the spiritual path; it is a difficult path, but it is your own freewill which holds you to it. You are not forced to walk the path—you are at liberty to return to the world and live a worldly life, but the indwelling spirit, because of its past experience and the wisdom it has gained in previous incarnations, knows that you, the soul, must follow the light. It is your joy in life. It is your consolation and brings radiant health to your body. It also brings with it soul gifts which enable you to penetrate the enveloping mists, the confusion and the darkness of the physical life.

All the same, there comes a time when, having caught a glimpse of the light, of a life which is so much more beautiful than the mortal life, you feel very imprisoned by your physical conditions. It is this vision, this awakening of memories of former training in the mystery schools of the past that causes you to find your way to a place like the White Eagle Lodge. You have heard us say many times that no one enters the White Eagle Lodge by chance,

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although it may seem so. It may seem chance that causes a friend to give you a book to read, or suggest that you might find help in the White Eagle Lodge, but we assure you that nothing happens by chance; all is the result of exact cosmic or divine law.

We wonder how much you realise of the cosmic currents and forces which play on human life. You talk about coincidence, and when something of this nature happens you think: 'How extraordinary!' But the brother who is unfolding his spiritual vision knows that whatever happens comes as the result of some vibration which he has set up either during this present incarnation or in an earlier life. Man's whole life is lived within a concentration of cosmic forces, and like a magnet he attracts to himself conditions and powers like those he has awakened in himself. Today you can switch on to sound or light waves and clearly hear voices from far away. You can see pictures, forms which have been sent into the ether and travelled countless miles into space and then been returned to your little instrument on earth, so that you can see a picture of someone living on the other side of the world and hear that person's voice quite clearly. This is a complete demonstration of the illusory nature of space and time. Time is an illusion; space is an illusion, because man lives in a centre of vibration, of cosmic forces, and he has only to use his thought-power to attract to himself anything he wants.

This you will find difficult to believe. Nevertheless, as you progress on your path it will be clearly demonstrated to you that what you think, you become; the vibrations set up by your thoughts are making an impression on the higher ether. You register something on that higher ether and thereby attract to yourself corresponding waves or forces which again, when they return (if you still pursue your path of wise thinking, of unselfish service to others) will create certain conditions in your life. How can we better explain this? Let us use our own work as an example. Many people have in their minds a vision of the white temple which will in time materialise here on the hill at New Lands. All these thoughts of our good friends and brethren, coupled with our own work, coupled with that work which you are all doing, will presently bring the temple into manifestation. In other words you are all working mentally and spiritually to produce in form our white temple and there is nothing surer, my brethren, than that the temple will in due time be built—will become a solid material object on the hill. Exactly the same law, working in the mind and soul of man, creates conditions of life and brings to the man (if he is working in the right way) these things for which he prays and hopes. Is this the way that prayers are answered?

It is not only a matter of thinking what you want—that is only a small part of the picture. The real truth is that you wish to work with God to create harmony, beauty and healthfulness, holiness and happiness not only for yourself but for all mankind. It is this motive of creative love which gives power and life to your thoughts and prayers. This is the work of brotherhood. Now humanity is only just on the fringe of the new age of brotherhood. Brotherhood is beginning to come, but in rather a crude manner because humanity has not yet awakened its memory of—shall we say—of heaven, or a previous golden age? This memory lies dormant within the soul, but it is not yet awakened. Although they do not understand it, men are fighting and struggling because within them is this memory of and urge for a better

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life. So we suggest that it is good to be tolerant and sympathetic with these youthful struggles.

Now I can hear someone asking, 'What about the evil on earth? You cannot deny that many cruel and evil things are happening.' No, we do not deny evil. We know that there is this dual power at work, and whilst we are telling you how to create what is good, true and beautiful, we know that you will surely come up against an evil power which seems to you to want to destroy the very things that you would create. You see so much cruelty and suffering, but my dear children, cannot you also see that so-called evil is also working slowly but surely to perfect and shape the rough ashlar\* of man's individual life, which will eventually be built into the universal white temple of brotherhood? That so-called evil is a kind of friction whose purpose is to smooth and perfect the soul and as a result of the negative force at work, the constructive power is made more sure. Were it not for evil, for negative power, life would be a machine which gradually grinds to a halt.

*[\* In Freemasonry, the rough ashlar is a stone taken directly from the quarry, and allegorically represents the Freemason prior to his initiation. White Eagle often refers to masonry as a form of universal truth or teaching, with no specific reference to the freemasonry of today.]*

Now we would like to refer again to the illusion of time and space. Space is an idea in the mind or in your consciousness (time also is only in your consciousness) as you will discover in your meditation classes. You may, for instance, think back for 10,000 years and re-live a life of the far past. People say, 'It is all rubbish; it is impossible to recall what you did on earth ten thousand years ago', but they are wrong, because memories of experiences which affect the soul remain within the soul's consciousness forever and can be re-lived at will. There is no question of time-lag—all is in the eternal now. All is a question of consciousness, of awareness of life and of God. When you meditate on God you automatically feel that you are rising into the heights, because at your stage of development you think of good or God as being above you. So you rise into the light at the apex of the mountain and there you are bathed in this eternal light. You feel within your heart harmony and love. You know then that you are in 'It,' are a part of 'It,' and there is no past, no future, no height and no depth. You are in a dimension which your mathematician has not yet solved, but it is a state of supreme or cosmic consciousness.

When you pass these few days at New Lands and withdraw from the world into a 'retreat,' you feel you are in a sunlit world. You have a sunshiny time. Whether that light is from a spiritual or physical sun, you hardly notice; you feel you are living sunlit days irrespective of the weather. Things are happening to you which you can't explain; you only know that it has been a wonderful and magical time. When you come into the Lodge and sit quietly you feel you touch a magic, you touch something not of this world, and you know that it does something for your soul. It influences, it impresses, it impinges on your soul-consciousness truth concerning the cosmic life, the truth of God. God is no longer an anthropomorphic God to you, a man enthroned in heaven. He becomes a Love; He becomes an influence pure,

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beautiful and gentle; an influence which impresses itself upon the soul, and which contains all the attributes and beauty of a Christed One who has been sent to earth as a messenger.

Many such Christed Ones have come to earth during the ages. Today remnants are found all over the earth of former temples and places of worship. Symbols left on earth also tell about these great and evolved teachers, the masters, the brotherhood of the elect, advanced souls who reincarnated to give truth and light to mankind. Such a one was the Master Jesus of Nazareth who, because the Christ Light, or the Sun of God, the Light of God, shone through him so perfectly, was called the 'son of God' and was worshipped as the saviour. Religionists of that time thought that Jesus the man was the son of God, and that they had only to believe on him and they would be transported to heaven without further effort, but he did not teach this. He taught the law, because he came from the Great White Brotherhood, being one of the Christed ones who had attained to that degree of perfect life, when he was able to manifest, to illustrate, to demonstrate the beauty of the God-nature. The nature of God manifested through the gentle Jesus the Christ.

The Lord Buddha also saw, received, truth and became a channel. He also showed the light by his gentle life of love and mercy, his great compassion, his love for all creatures. Thus he also demonstrated the nature of the heavenly Father, as did the Great Lord Krishna, the great Osiris in Egypt. Then there were the Christed ones of the West, called plumed serpents, who were instructed and helped by the Indian Christ called Quetzalcoatl. All such evolved souls were instruments to demonstrate, to illustrate and to teach the people the nature of the Heavenly Father and also the nature of the great earthly Mother.

Let us explain here that the qualities of the mother and the qualities of the father dwell in all souls. If a master chooses the body of a mother or a woman it is for a purpose; if he chooses the body of a male that is also for a purpose, because of either the gentleness or the love of the mother, or the power-aspect of the father. Of course these are both aspects of life, the positive and the negative, the male and the female. Sometimes the two blend as one and then a master-soul is made perfect. We want to make very clear that the mother aspect of life is never omitted in the grand scheme. If it were there would be no more life. There must be women masters (if you like to put it in that very crude earth language) as well as men masters. Try to think of the brotherhood as a brotherhood of souls. When you can enter the Lodge above, you will find that all within are just brethren, with no thought of whether male or female.

The Master Jesus once said: 'In heaven there is no marriage or giving in marriage.' People still want to know what he meant. We can only give what it means to us. There is no marriage as understood on earth; in those higher spheres there is one complete, harmonious and beautiful brotherhood and souls are drawn together by the affinity of their spirit. Marriage as you know it is purely a man-made thing for the smoother ordering of society, and the marriage laws and conventions are largely a matter of locality. In one country there is one set of rules and in another country another. What we are trying to convey is that in heaven two souls are drawn together by pure affinity of spirit, by the love and the harmony and the at-one-ment between them. When souls meet like that on earth who are affinities, they remain

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affinities and they cannot be set asunder. Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder, or in other words, no man can do so; no condition, neither death nor any form of separation physically, can ever separate souls who are joined together in perfect love and harmony.

Lastly, we would explain that your meditations, your healing groups and your brotherhood work, and all your service to help the smooth running of this Lodge, are all helping your own spiritual development, which is taking place unconsciously. You may not realise that when you serve on a healing group you are developing yourself. In the brotherhood you are also developing your spiritual gifts, but this is going on unconsciously. In all your service in the Lodge you are learning and unfolding spiritually. You are all obeying a cosmic law in your very life, in your service. All this development is guided by a company of brothers, teachers, guides, and with these human brothers and guides and helpers there are others—there are angelic powers. You are not yet able to make conscious contact with all these invisibles, but you are being prepared. Slowly your souls are unfolding the truth which is within you. You are as a tree in the heavenly garden. Through your root the sap, the White Light, rises into the tree and the tree sends forth branches into which the sap and life-force flows. You are a tree under whose branches men may shelter.

Brethren, you are now living an eternal life; a truth we do want to get home to you most surely. Man's physical body at his present state of evolution has to decay and change its form. You will then manifest in a new body which you have been creating for yourselves all the time you have been living in the flesh, but a time will come when the full consciousness or wisdom of those in the heavenly life will come to man. Then he will spiritualise every atom of his body and instead of decaying and dying it will become illumined and glorified—a fact which Jesus demonstrated so plainly.

Yet people at present are still blind and they cannot understand the meaning of the resurrection of the body. They argue: 'Oh, it is all wrong. The body cannot be resurrected!' No, not in its present state, but someday it will no longer decay, but will become purified, rarified and of course invisible to people at a lower level. So it continues to unfold, this wonderful eternal life, this development, this spiritualisation of life, this glorification of the Creator and of His creatures.

Now we must leave you, dear ones, in peace; and may the Brotherhood of the Great White Light bless you with their love. May heavenly peace be ever with you in your true spiritual consciousness. Our peace we leave with you.

## Benediction:

O Great Eternal and Infinite Spirit, we thank Thee for life and all the beauties of life; for the joy which thou hast given us; O Lord God, we thank Thee. May we live in Thee and for Thee, to glorify Thy Holy Name.

Amen.

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