

# I Serve

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*Text:* typescript by MB. She was uncertain whether she heard the word 'readers' or 'leaders' at the start of the second paragraph. We have chosen the latter and assume that leaders from Daughter Lodges were present (but see 'General Notes' also). The sentence at the end of the sixth paragraph (ending, 'the law of love') is incomplete. In his thanks to the Choir, quite late in the address, we are given the word 'distances' – MB herself clearly thought it was a shorthand error and queried it, but what word it should be is not easily resolved.

*Context:* 'not the exact date': the actual anniversary would have fallen on 22 February, but the celebration of it on the first Sunday in March had by this time become routine. MB tells us that there were 'Exquisite and beautifully arranged white lilies on the Altar'. Brother Faithful proudly opened the service with the hymn, 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation (no. 62, which would have been sung to the tune 'Lobe den Herrn'). Minesta then gave an invocation, recorded elsewhere. The Choir sang an anthem, 'Sweet is the work my God, my King' (words by Isaac Watts, 1719); presumably the version sometimes sung as a hymn, but to which tune is unknown). Brother Faithful read from *THE CHRISTIAN MYSTERIES*; MB was only able to identify the passage by what is presumably its first line, 'And now, slowly, slowly, slowly the Piscean Age is passing'. He commented, 'These words were spoken by White Eagle 33 years ago. And now we are witnessing today that revolution of thought, of outlook so vast and cleansing that the earth flees like dust 33 years ago.' Another hymn followed, no. 450: 'Awake, awake to love and work!', to words by G R Studdert-Kennedy. Then, after the prayers, the Choir offered the anthem 'Send out Thy Light and Thy truth, Let them lead me and bring me to Thy holy hill' ('Beautifully rendered'). This is another hymn tune, generally sung to Charles Gounod's tune 'Lux fiat'. After White Eagle's address Brother Faithful gave his few words as usual, and so did Minesta. Both are recorded here, but not the final Benediction, which was recorded elsewhere. The final hymn (after Brother Faithful but before Minesta, was 'Jerusalem' (no. 446). The Vesper was sung at the end.

Minesta seems to have been under a level of inspiration when she spoke at the end, particularly when she felt guided to say that White Eagle comes from the sun and goes back into the sun. Maybe this is something he had told her in private.

*General notes:* White Eagle begins with a very unusual greeting to brothers and others overseas, 'in the hot climates'. We wonder who might have been present – most likely a group from West Africa. The acknowledgment seems a little gauche today, but was probably not out of place in the context of 1970. The reference seems to be wider than a greeting to those actually present, and it is just possible White Eagle was looking forward to the address appearing in *Stella Polaris*, but this would be very unusual. If it were so, however, the word in the second paragraph mentioned above ('Text') might indeed have been 'readers'. White Eagle reminds us that the path of discernment around service takes some time, but that the motivation is all, and the desire to serve grows. After death, we enter the Whole, but without loss of identity. Our knowledge of beauty grows. There is a word about the sick having broken the law of love; we would take this to mean that the law of love is endlessly broken in small ways, not that the unwell are sinners. There is further play around Oneness and at-one-ment. To be at one with all life is not too hard when we have imagination. And the cultivation of gentleness is important too.

Late in the teaching there are intriguing words about form in the spirit world being created not only in that realm, but by man on earth. There are thanks for the Choir, and an account of how music creates form. There are remarks about the creative power of projecting the light – and an appeal to build the new Temple at New Lands not only with funds raised, but with the power of the light. It will bring to all humanity 'true and perfect communion with the messengers from heaven'. The final

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remarks are about the Second Coming, after which White Eagle leads us into a brief communion taking place in the yet-to-be-completed White Temple.

*References:* White Eagle refers early in the address to those who have been working in London 'with the dirt and the dust'; this might mean that prior to the Anniversary there was work going on, perhaps dealing with one of the several outbreaks of dry rot in the history of St Mary Abbots Place. The 'other word' that was 'forbidden' may indeed have been 'rot'. White Eagle mentions 'I SERVE' as a potential motto for the Lodge, and at some point a small wooden plaque was made and placed on a shelf halfway up the stairs, under Minesta's picture, with just these words. But White Eagle effectively asked one of the sisters of the Brotherhood to do a placard with the lettering 'I SERVE' and this lasted many years, too. The sister was almost certainly Heather Taylor, sister Jewel. In talking of imagination, White Eagle does not actually quote Proverbs 29 : 18, 'Where there is no vision, the people perish', but his words very clearly relate to it. White Eagle does quote the proverbial saying, 'Manners maketh man', mentioning someone sitting beside him in spirit saying those words. The presence of such a messenger inclines us to wonder whether he was referring to Francis Bacon as being present, but the words are normally attributed to William of Wykeham (1324-1404). They are the motto of both New College, Oxford, and the school, Winchester College.

### White Eagle's Message:

Beloved, beloved brethren, we come with great joy, all of us behind your material veil of life. We come very close to you on this particular day of power. And we know that this is not the exact date of your anniversary. Nevertheless, it is very close. And because of your thoughts and our concentration upon you and the work here in this Lodge, a spiritual power is built up. And we feel, as you feel, this deep thankfulness for the growth of the work here in this Lodge.

And we wish now to send out to all of our beloved leaders and healers and brethren who are linked by the power of the spirit to the group known on earth as the White Eagle Lodge. We send to you, our brethren across the seas, those of you who live in the hot climates, and who have been given bodies of different colour from your European brethren, to all our coloured brethren all over the world, we now take this opportunity of sending you our greetings and our love and our blessing, thanking you for your patient work, for your faithful keeping on keeping on through problems and difficulties.

And now a word to our brethren in this London Lodge particularly because you have [been] and still are working under considerable difficulty. And to all those who have been so busy with the dirt and the dust – we won't use the other word because it is forbidden – but you know what we mean. [To] those of you who have been clearing away all that is unwanted, we say 'God bless you'. And God *will*, and is thanking you for all your service.

Now this could very well be the motto of the White Eagle Lodge, and we offer it to you – I SERVE. We would like every brother and member of this Lodge, wherever you are, to hold those words in your heart, and to let them be your guide through your life, all your life. For this is the truth, that all brethren are drawn into this White Brotherhood under the banner of SERVICE. There is a good deal to learn about discernment and discrimination: discernment as to where and when and how to give service. But this we can assure you, beloved brethren,

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the willingness in the heart to be a server, a server of the Christ spirit; so we leave this with you, just a little reminder. And we think it would be quite a nice idea for that dear sister – you know who we mean – who is so very good and clever at writing the little notices for the Lodge, if she would write a particularly nice one, a large one which says I SERVE. Or you can say, if you prefer it, WE SERVE. But we prefer the personal pronoun I SERVE because if everyone feels this need and desire to serve this is the simple need of all humanity. If every soul living could live to serve God and men, all the problems, human problems, would be over.

We know that there are many other aspects to be considered in your very material world. Nevertheless we know that when every child of God touches that level of spiritual consciousness which will cause him or her to say, 'I SERVE', he has touched the heart of God. The Great White Spirit is the greatest servant of all mankind. So we want you all to realise that every one of you here, everyone, whether you are a visitor or friend or a member or an inner brother, that, as the spirit grows stronger and stronger in you to serve your fellow creatures, man, woman and child, the kingdom of nature, the animal kingdom, and even the very earth itself, when you live to serve you will find that truth which will show you, teach you, that you are part of one stupendous life.

Now, this is the basis, my children, of survival over the physical body. When the physical body by disease or accident or karma is vacated by the spirit, the spirit enters into that whole life, it becomes at-one, but not swallowed up in the Whole; but it becomes conscious of all, of all peoples, of all life. It becomes conscious of beauty, of truth, of wisdom. It becomes *en rapport* with universal life and love. And in this sense there is no death and no separation. This we want you all to work for, that you may get it so established in your own consciousness that when you mingle with your brethren in the outer world, those people who are troubled and sorrowful beyond endurance, those people who are sick and suffering because they have at some time somewhere in some life broken that one supreme law, the law of love.

Now your Master Jesus talked of at-one-ment. But this word is so misused, misinterpreted for 'atonement', though it has its place in your vocabulary, and it does describe karma. Nevertheless, the real meaning of that word is at-one-ment. Now when man repays his karmic debt, usually through service, he becomes at one with God. Think, *think*, dear ones, what this means for a soul – to become at one with that Supreme Spirit.

You in the White Eagle Lodge, those of you who visit the Lodge may not be members yet, but you come as a friend, we would like to say to you one and all that this is pioneering work. You are pioneering for a New Age. You are pioneering for the Age of Aquarius, the age of brotherhood and service. And, oh what joy it brings to man's heart when he knows that he has been able to give service! Now there may be different levels of consciousness, different levels about this. He may be happy in pure smugness. But never mind if he is smug, let him enjoy his smugness. Do not allow it to offend you. Just say, 'I am glad you are enjoying it'. Let him be smug so long as he has awakened something in his heart. Because this is what it means, my children: he has awakened that light in the heart, that mystical light which we have been

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trying to tell you of for thirty-four years. That little light which may start with smugness grows into a beautiful soul with happiness, because you cannot help but feel other people's happiness. Now this is the way to feel, to be able to mingle in spirit with your fellow man, your fellow creatures. We would suggest to you tonight that you try and practise this feeling for others.

Do you know what your world lacks so much? It is the power of imagination. Imagination is vision, and it is a creative power. And where there is no vision, where there is no imagination, man falls down. If you develop the gift of imagination, put yourself into the heart of your brother, whether the brother is man, or whoever or whatever your brother is; when you get to that point of light which we just spoke about, which you are stimulating even now, when you are in the centre of that light you are *en rapport* with all who live, whether it is in the sea, the air, or on land, or in the earth, or in the human heart. As soon as that little light commences to grow and grow in you it sends out its feelers like little fine threads through all forms of life. Now, you may not accept what we say at present, but the time will come when you will develop this sense of feeling: this sense of feeling through your imagination and through your desire to serve. It does not matter how you serve. If you lift up a book and pass it to one by your side who needs that book you are rendering a small service.

Now, we have someone very close beside us here, who lived on earth a few centuries ago who was very positive about the gentle manners of people. Will you think about this because he said, you know: 'Manners maketh man'. There you are, the gentle spirit creates love, and a harmony and a beauty.

We would like to thank our Choir for the beautiful music. We would like you to know, dear friends, and brothers, and we would like all the congregation to know, that these sounds, these harmonies which you are sending forth into the ether are creating beautiful form and colour. Now, the colours which were rising from the anthem were most beautiful – colours that you do not yet know on earth because in the spirit world the linking of the colours is so delicate. And we have no language with which to describe them to you. Nevertheless, we are going to describe the choir, and certain distances and certain of the congregation, [as] a bouquet of flowers, when beautiful sounds were whirling about and taking form in exquisite flower blooms giving forth perfume. Your sound creates the colour and form and perfume. You see, my dear ones, life on the invisible planes of life in the spirit – we do not know how to describe it to you – it is so subtle and so delicate that form is created from the pure spirit not only of the creative spirit in the higher spheres, but also from man himself on earth. You are just playing with these invisible of your rays of light. And as you send out with all your love, light, as our Choir was singing 'Send out the Light' you are doing a grand service on earth.

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You have the projection of *light* to the soul of Britain [in your prayers]. Some of you may be sceptical, and think it is all nonsense, that thoughts cannot affect conditions. Well, well, you will one day see for yourselves how the good thoughts create beauty and harmony, how good

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thoughts build up a beautiful structure. And how evil thoughts break down, destroy and bring pain and suffering. It is as real as that. There are those two aspects which man has within himself. And he has the freewill to choose whether he will use the power to create God's world; or the power to destroy life as at present known on the earth planet. We never permit thoughts of a negative nature.

And this brings us to our last little message to you on this your anniversary day. The Brotherhood of the Great White Light are working slowly, slowly, slowly with you. For you are pioneers, remember, spiritual pioneers of a new day of life, a New Age. Now, you may feel very limited and very feeble. You are certainly limited by material laws and conditions, but all these limitations will be, and can be, and *will be* dissolved by the power of God the Creator. But God needs the co-operation of His children on the earth plane; then on the astral plane; and the next, the mental plane. By the way, the lower mental plane is the chief destroyer. Will you remember that? You want to get beyond that earthly mental plane onto that higher mental plane. It is the spiritual level of life. And on that higher mental plane you receive from the Great Masters of Wisdom constructive thoughts, constructive ideas. It is the plane of ideation.

Now, you are thinking about the building of the White Temple on the Hill. We need your help. We need your work. We need your material substance. And we want you to understand that this is an opportunity. Now, we do not like at all to speak of money and material things. But it is one of the great lessons the soul has to learn, the true value and use of that symbol which you on the earth plane call money. And living in the material world it has to be recognised, we know this. We know this, but it is the heart giving which is so valuable. And if you give the widow's mite to help the building and the creation of this Temple of Light, you are truly giving great service. But more than this, by sending out light, constructive thought, by creating in the ether that form of the White Temple on the Hill, you are helping to build it surely, *surely*. What is in the higher mind will find manifestation on the etheric. And from the etheric it descends, settles upon the earth. Indeed, for the sake of all the people who are coming after you, you must, brethren, work hard to create this temple. Not only away in the country, but we want this centre here to be created afresh and rebuilt so that it is a beacon of light in your big city. So there is plenty of work for you to do.

You need to have the word *service* all over the Lodge. Nevertheless what we and the Brotherhood in the higher planes have in view is to create the conditions through which they can help you and all mankind. But what man needs at the present time, even above his physical and material needs, he needs that close recognition and close union with the spirit of God. Man needs conditions on the earth which are not possible in his own residence. He needs this quiet and pure centre of spiritual light and power where he can enter into true and perfect communion with the messengers from heaven. Now it sounds orthodox, but it is scientifically true what we are saying to you. And the time is not very far distant when your earthly people, your visitors, will discover this something which they will realise is power of spirit, the cohesive power which is responsible, which is holding life together. It is the power which builds, materially and spiritually; the power which opens the pathway from earth to heaven.



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And the Brotherhood of the Great White Light, the ancient Brotherhood, now build these conditions, preparing for what we heard in the reading, 'The second coming of Christ'. Not necessarily is He coming to be adored and worshipped in a physical body. But His glorious spirit will draw very close to man when man's heart is pure and ready to receive Him. Now this is the Second Coming. This is the next step, and you on earth, we in the spirit world, must work to create those conditions on earth whereby humanity, when they are ready, can come and in silent communion receive the glory of God in their hearts; where they can have their vision reopened to the wonder of the whole of the spheres of spirit life. Not merely the little physical plane, which is so evil and at times very, very dark, but opened wide to that glorious world of light and beauty and love. Oh, you do not know, my children, the glory of the heavens above you. Nor do you know the glory of the sea – in the sea, beneath the sea. All these wonders of life are open to the man who has opened his heart to the eternal spirit of love.

O my children, we will enter in spirit and use our imagination and creative power and see with clairvoyance, clear vision ... and we shall now see that humble, simple, beautiful White Temple which is in the process of being built on the Hill. And we would enter this White Temple and hold communion with the Great Master, the Son of God, the light of the world. The light in the heart we pray, of all men.

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He waits. The spirit waits in your own creation of the White Temple. Now let us be still and silent and enter into that holy but joyous and happy place and receive from his spirit, from himself, his spirit, his spiritual gifts to you.

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O Lord, we bring our heart, the grail cup, to be filled with the essence of thy love.

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O Lord, we thank thee. We give our heart to thee. Thy strength will sustain us to do thy work in thy way, for the coming of thy kingdom on earth. Amen.

### Brother Faithful:

A few weeks ago I spoke to two of our members here who were most energetic, clearing away the grime and the dust. They said: Oh, that is all right! – we are just clearing away the last of the Piscean Age. They had a point there.

Another point is, I was so pleased to hear that springtide hymn for our second hymn, because it seems to me in 1970 we are witnessing the coming of the new springtide to earth. And the white snowdrops are not only springing up in our gardens, but if you look out on the world with discernment you will see white snowdrops springing up in many lives and many hearts,

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giving a new impulse to humanity. And this, of course, is all part of the great cleansing programme which is taking place.

And so we close this Anniversary Service with the only possible hymn. You know what it ought to be. And what it is going to be. Hymn No. 446. 'And did those feet in ancient time'.

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### Minesta

Before we close with prayer I would like to welcome all our old friends, those of you who have come quite a long distance to be with us. And I want to thank you for all your wonderful help which you bring to the work of the White Eagle Lodge.

I would like to – I do not know whether you know what I mean when I speak about White Eagle who comes from the Sun. I do not know why I am saying this. I have just got to say the White Eagle who comes both from the Sun and flies back again into the Sun.

Thank you all for coming and for your love and all the work that you do. God bless you.

And I hope if anyone is here who is sad or bereaved that they will realise that by coming into the consciousness of the spirit world, of the heaven world and the life of spirit, they are becoming reunited truly with the spirit of their loved one, who may have seemed to leave them, but who is ever present with them in their heart when they think of them. It is like a telephone. Just think of them, talk to them in your heart, and you will be rewarded. I have to say this from those behind.

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