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Invocation:

We open ourselves to the light of the heavenly spheres, and pray to our Father–Mother–God that happiness and beauty and joy shall bless every brother in this group tonight. May each soul present be conscious of the touch of the angelic power, of the divine and gracious blessing of Christ.

Amen.

Peace be in our hearts and minds. The subject which you have chosen tonight—the Magic of Iona—has drawn many; but subconsciously, something deeper than interest in the Isle of Iona has called you tonight. There is so much in the unknown that attracts. You are unconscious whilst in the flesh, of the many influences—very ancient influences—vibrations, music if you like, invisible colours and perfumes, to which your soul responds; because they are age-old, and you also are age-old—oh, so much older than you think—you obey, unconsciously, these subtle forces. When we are able, consciously instead of unconsciously, to respond to these ancient vibrations, then we become as open vessels to receive the infinite love, wisdom and power—the blessed trinity of life. In the degree that we respond, do we grow in Christ likeness. Such response means not merely a reception of facts by the earthly mind, but an absorption of rays of divine life into every centre of our being, but *particularly* the higher triangle, the three higher centres of our being. Through them we become aware of wisdom and love, not only in outer life, but within, and find the *power* to use these creative gifts for the advancement, the growth of life on the outermost cycle of manifestation; or, more simply, life on the earth plane.

What has all this to do with the Magic of Iona? Everything! Need we explain where Iona is, or that it is a little jewel set in the north-west seas, one of those beautiful little isles of the Hebrides, an island known to be the home of an ancient Christian settlement. But Iona is far, far more than this. We are not going to recapitulate the stories which you can read about the Isle of Iona. But has a comparatively modern Christian settlement blessed Iona with the power to draw the souls of men again and again to its magic shores, we wonder? There are many other Christian churches, and they also are pregnant with power, and will attract the traveller, the mystic, the scientist and the student.

But we feel that we may say to you tonight that Iona is the home of ancient freemasonry*. You will reply, ‘But there is nothing about the island to suggest this!’ Yes, there is everything. Freemasonry is as old as the earth, the foundation of the religion which is *yet* to come in the New Age, a religion practised in the earliest days of Atlantis, the religion brought to this earth by great teachers from other planets. Some present are acquainted with modern freemasonry, but this is only a superficial working at the present time. It is a working which is applied to the moral life of man**, whereas ancient freemasonry applied on all planes.

*[*White Eagle refers to masonry as a form of universal truth or teaching, with no specific reference to the freemasonry of today, as he clarifies within this teaching.]*

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

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In those far-off days—I do not care to calculate time, perhaps a hundred thousand years ago (but that seems such a short time to me), but considerably earlier than the last Ice Age which swept over from the Polar regions—when Atlantis was beautiful, the people were taught by the teachers from other planets, the wisdom, the secrets of what is called ‘magic’. They were taught to use the spiritual powers of the Christ within, to build their temples of worship. They did not build as you understand building, but were true operative masons, possessing the secret of drawing to the earth forces rays of life force and certain invisible elements which, when drawn to the earth, consolidated and formed into certain stones. This was the true masonry. You will wonder at this, and think that masonry is applied only to the spiritual aspect of life. But this was also the spiritual to the brothers in those days.

Before the last Ice Age (we have reason to think) the Atlanteans (not the younger brethren, but those who held the secrets) knew of a coming cataclysm, and were directed by the Gods to journey forth from Atlantis. They came via Egypt, some of them, and then across the Mediterranean, and round to the west coast of the British Isles, right up the west coast, and there they established centres of power. As we deal with Iona, we omit other centres of power, but they are there for man to discover in the north of England and in Scotland. We confine ourselves tonight to the little Isle of Iona. At the time of which we speak, there was established and built by these magical masonic methods a temple for the instruction of brethren in true masonry. This ancient temple where the masters lived, and their pupils, in course of time was swept away by the changes brought by the Ice Age. In those early days Iona was joined to other land, and was considerably larger. We have reason to believe that there still remains in the rocks of Iona a special stone which was the original creation of the master masons. The magic of Iona rests with the very stones of the island. It attracts, even today, angelic forces, and all their attendants, nature people, fairies, gnomes—oh, a great company of faithful little workers.

Why are they established on this little isle? Remember that Iona is not only a relic of a primitive Christianity, the home of a sainted man, but far older, an ancient holy island of the Christ spirit. What do we mean? That the brothers of those far-off days worshipped what you worship today, but you call it by a different name. They worshipped the Spirit of the Sun—the Son of God, the spiritual aspect, or the spirit behind the visible sun. Do not let us think that only this age is Christian, and that in those far-off days people were heathens and savages. Humanity is working back again to those secrets of the universe, but it will take ages yet before man, in his present state of darkness, evolves to the light and truth of the *true* Christian life.

Those who have eyes to see, who have ears to hear the angelic brethren and the nature spirits of Iona, will see and will hear the impression on the etheric. Do not think however that the presence [of] forms of bygone days, or shall we call them etheric memories, or spirit impressions, are the actual spirits of those who lived long ago. But there certainly remain on Iona etheric impressions of the lives of some of the ancient brothers. And the power which was brought down from the heavens, and drawn to Iona as a result of the masonic ritual practised to such a fine degree, has impregnated the very rocks and, as already said, there are certain stones—one particular stone—to be found there, which is a true masonic stone. You

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know what we mean by this: a stone which was formed by the true and perfect ritual, the ceremonies which the ancient brothers worked long ago.

Yes! I hear the question: ‘What is the future of Iona? Will it remain as it is, just a simple Scottish isle, a place to visit, and say, “How lovely!” and then to forget?’

No-one who touches the masonic vibration can ever forget. Iona is a place of ancient, ancient spiritual power, and one day it will again be the home of the masters. To that holy place, the masters and the brothers—the White Brotherhood, the brotherhood which we knew so well in Atlantis, the brotherhood in the white robes and the gold, will be again drawn to this sacred place. They will send forth again these rays of spiritual power and light to help humanity along the path.

Now may we touch on Egypt, because Egypt is closely associated with Iona. The riddle of Egypt will be solved, but not until the men striving to find the secrets have been initiated on the higher planes into the true and ancient freemasonry. Once we told you that the Order of the Rosicrucians* was as old as the earth. Do you see, with us, the ancient sign of the Rosicrucian brotherhood, and in that sign, the symbolism of the Sun? These brothers were true Sun worshippers. Not Sun worship as is understood usually today—they were not heathen; they were the very heart, the very beginning, the very earliest Christian brothers, and they were in touch, were in communion with the Sun spirits. They were cognisant of the Christ spirit, and they knew that that Christ spirit would make a personal manifestation in due course, for the salvation of the younger souls who had taken a different path. Do you understand?

We assign the sign considered to be Celtic, to the ancient Rosicrucians*; the Sun, the Circle, is the universal circle of life; the Cross, the incarnation, is the coming of spirit into matter, and the suffering involved through the descent from the spheres of light into the darkness and density of earth, and physical matter. At the heart, at the very centre—the Rose; the rose which they knew would bloom upon that cross, when the cross had been opened wide, expanded, surrendered, to the light of the Son of God. When that cross touched the light, then from those four arms – into those four arms – would flow the light of the Son of God, whom you call Christ; that same life would bloom as the rose, cause the rose of human experience to blossom. The red rose indicates the suffering of human life and experience; the white rose, the rose of the heavenly places, is indicative of the angels who abide with the Father in the heavens, those who have remained round the throne of God. Those who have been reborn into the suffering of earth, and who, as a result, will return again with the richness and depth of that red rose to God—these are the brethren of the red rose.

[*See teaching no. T 034.]

Again we go to Egypt, and the riddle confronts us—who built the Great Pyramid? Certain names have been suggested. Sometimes it is the will of the Brothers to evade answering, but we believe that the building of the Pyramid took place much earlier—*much earlier*—than

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anyone conceives. Again it is the work of the master masons—the masters, the true masters of heavenly masonry; the House of Light, the Great Pyramid, the Temple of Initiation.

In Iona, there exists, within the earth, the crumbled stones of a temple which was a place of initiation, a temple of the white light. This is the power still to be felt, and the power which will call back the brothers again to Iona, to rebuild the Temple of Light. Earth minds always want proof! Proof lies in the earth, and in man's spiritual intelligence. This means that when the mind and heart have met in man, divine intelligence is born, and with this as his tool he will find proof in the stones of the earth; proof, records, of ancient days will be found beneath the stones in Egypt, surrounding the Great Pyramid. But until man is ready, the Brotherhood holds the secret.

Q. Was Avebury one of the temples of these ancient brothers?

A. Yes. Avebury is one of the very early temples of Sun worship. Other centres are to be found in the north of England, Westmorland, and Argyllshire, but you see they have been crushed and crumbled by the changes which have come in the thousands of years since their construction. Why not go to Avebury, those of you who are free to do so, and do a little psychometry, and see what you can see? Do not make the mistake of thinking that it was heathen worship. It was very pure and truly Christlike worship, far in advance of anything known today.

Q. Is the stone on Iona of which you have been speaking the green marble which is found there?

A. Yes. Not only on Iona, but on other western isles of Scotland is to be found stone which has not been dug up from the earth, but born on the surface of the earth. You have never thought of stones as being born? Have you ever heard the saying 'The very stones cry out'? Stones certainly have within them a spiritual power and life.

Q. There is a story told in Iona of a maiden who saw in a vision, coming from the sea, a white and gold coracle, which took her away, to open her eyes to the religion of Christ.

A. This is interesting. As we have told you: there will be a rebuilding. The power will draw all true masons to that centre, if not in physical body, in spirit. The glory of ancient Iona will again shed forth its rays over the whole world.

[In answer to another question] I know that masonry is not supposed to be Christian. Masonry is nothing less than pure Christ, the pure Christ life. And Christ, remember, is not limited to orthodoxy, but is universal, and shines His light throughout the ages, and through all pupils and through all teachers. We hope that everyone present will maintain a calm, strong and peaceful outlook. Remember your heritage; this mystic isle is destined, with America, to uphold the traditions of true brotherhood and peace. The light of the ancient brotherhood dawns again over these isles, and your people will lead all the world to peace and brotherhood.

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Benediction:

Let us stand again in the great Temple of Silence, and worship, feel the pulsation of the spirit of the Sun life, of the Christ life and rejoice in our creation, in our brotherhood, and in love and the wisdom and the justice of our Father–Mother God.

Amen.

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