

## [The Brotherhood of the Great White Light]

T175 The Inner Teachings 10th June 1947 St Mary Abbot's Place, London

### Invocation:

Beloved brethren, with one accord we pray to our Father-Mother God, the Infinite Spirit, the Source of Life. O Gracious Spirit, all-enfolding Love, we seek Thy light, wisdom and power. May these children on earth realise that they are encompassed by a cloud of the unseen, Thy messengers to them. May the blessing of Thy Holy Spirit be with us now according to Thy will and Thy law of love.

Amen.

Once again we come to talk with you. We speak from the heart of truth and gather you to our hearts with infinite love. Because we are human ourselves and understand the pull of the flesh, the inharmonies and the struggles of the earthly life, we come back to talk with you. We know sorrow and we are acquainted with grief; we understand the pain of the human heart when it is baffled by apparent unkindness in the world of men.\* All souls are struggling upwards from darkness; earth matter is very heavy and clouds the spiritual vision of men and women. The only way to disperse that cloud is to seek the spirit of the Perfect One who has manifested throughout the ages, him you perhaps know best as the gentle Jesus Christ. We make no excuse for speaking as children speak of the gentle spirit of Jesus, because we know that this is the secret, the key that unlocks the door to all knowledge, all wisdom, all happiness.

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

At our last meeting we told you of our wish to speak of the ancient centres of the brotherhood in Britain. First of all, we are commissioned to speak for a while upon the plan of the work that you know under the name of the White\* Brotherhood. This Brotherhood is nothing new but as ancient as the hills. It has always been in existence although there have been periods when the White Brotherhood, or as some people know it the ancient Rosicrucian brotherhood, has been driven into secret places, sometimes underground, sometimes to the mountains in remote parts of the earth.

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

The teachings of the scriptures—your Bible and other scriptures—all contain the history of the soul of man. The Bible, however, contains something more: this is the history of the human race and of the White Brotherhood throughout the ages. When you have the key, and it is not possible for us to give to any man this key save in its spiritual sense, all knowledge is unfolded. Step by step man is brought into the secret brotherhoods either on the inner planes in spirit or he may contact others who are spiritual affinities of his from whom he gathers, in collaboration with his own spiritual knowledge, the meaning behind that which is contained in the Bible. The Bible records man's path on earth and the brotherhood development as it has proceeded—we are going to say inward to the inner planes and outward on to earthly planes of manifestation.

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Britain was the home of the ancient brotherhood of the Great White Light or the Rosicrucians, but we also find records of this brotherhood in the Himalayas, in the holy centre in the Middle East, in the Andes and far in the North; in the North, South, East and West do these records exist, graven upon stone on the outer planes but also deep in the souls of man admitted to the inner brotherhoods.

We say to you that this Brotherhood of the Great White Light is coming into full and glorious manifestation again. This will be brought about through a real brotherhood between men and not through books, churches or religions. It will dawn in the hearts of tried and tested souls initiated into groups of the White Brotherhood and these groups will spring up in many places. Nevertheless, remember the origin of this Brotherhood of the Great White Light was here in Britain. We have not spoken of these things before because the time was not ready. Now we do so. It is for you all to understand the work which is now active in your own land, bringing forth into manifestation from the very soil and stones of your island the true light of spiritual brotherhood—brotherhood in very truth, not in word only but in life, in service, in kindness and cooperation, in patience and tolerance and love. Thus will brotherhood grow in strength. Even on the outer planes you will find a brotherhood of nations which will gather around what you call the British Commonwealth.

Some may think that this is mere wishful thinking. No, it is he whom you know as White Eagle speaking, a messenger from the world of spirit, to tell you of your heritage and of the opportunity which is yours, which you have in the building of this great white temple, rebuilding rather, because the stones of this temple were overthrown in ages past by what you call catastrophe. All such catastrophes have their place in the evolution of the young spirit of man, the spirit once breathed forth from the Father-Mother heart of life, born on earth as a babe, as Jesus Christ was born as a babe—there is your simile. The birth and life of Jesus Christ is a symbolic truth of the spiritual birth and life of every man and woman. For the soul is breathed forth from the heart of love, wisdom and power and takes upon itself flesh and learns to use the gifts bestowed upon it by the Great White Spirit. It takes millions and millions of years for that babe to grow in stature, to grow in perfection. Throughout that time the soul is continually yearning towards the Source, to the Father-Mother God, praying simply, innocently, ignorantly. All the time that soul knows there is a power greater than its own, but it does not always call that something God, but by many other names, some false. This knowledge of the Source of life is returning and the first glimmerings come when men and women feel brotherhood and kindness and love towards one another and when they are able to triumph over the baser self. We shall see these groups of brothers arising from the mists and from the darkness; we shall see them struggling into existence and we shall see a little discord in their early days, and we shall see strong souls amongst the brothers who will hold the balance.

We have often told you that we look to the North. We have spoken of the Hyperborean regions. We have spoken to you of sun-worship and stone-worship. We want to make it plain that all these forms of worship in the past—sun-worship and stone-worship and later the Christian teaching—all come from the same source. The origin of these religions is identical and many call that source the Rosicrucian, which means that form of spiritual knowledge

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which instructs man in the crucifixion of the lower, the earthly self, and the bringing forth from the heart of the rose of a perfect life. Once the brother (or sister) allows the fragrance of the rose to infuse his outer life he can be truly called an initiate. The Rosicrucians were also supposed to have great knowledge of alchemy but theirs is primarily a divine alchemy, which brought in its train a knowledge of physical alchemy. What is born in the heavens must come through in time to manifest on the earth. We must speak as a flash of inspiration comes, even if we wander from our subject. We are a mouthpiece for the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, the Christian Brotherhood, the ancient Brotherhood, and they wish us to speak of these things as they come.

We return now to the ancient centres and we go first to that isle of the blessed called Iona. Little is known as yet of Iona but its fame has begun to spread, and for this reason: you can visit the great temples in Egypt, the Andes, India or Tibet and still examine the grandeur of their structure, the nobility of the buildings. You can even visit Easter Island where you will find remains of the vast temples of Mu. All these centres speak of grandeur and age, but on the physical or material plane. They are material symbols which the intellectual can study with keen interest and wonder. But when, brethren, we go to that little jewel cradled in the ocean, Iona, the sun shines and the light rises from its very ground. On that isle of the blessed we become aware of tremendous age-old power but also of a gentleness, a beauty unsurpassed, of the deep peace and purity of that place. Something is there in the rock of Iona which is eternal beauty, purity and peace. That is the difference between the little isle of the blessed and the temples of Egypt. In the latter you once had the pomp of high civilisation. In the former you find the pulse of God still beating.

The Masters as they are called, or the Elder Brethren of the Rosicrucian order (which originated not on earth but in the etheric planes), give the knowledge, the teaching of the true way of brotherhood, the true way of life. Millions of years ago Great Britain was the centre of this light, but there were great changes and catastrophes. You have the record of the flood in your Bible. Afterwards there appeared to be few people left. Most had lost their physical bodies but not all. The chosen ones remained. There has been more than one such catastrophe, more than one flood. Places in your own island have been under the ocean. Parts of the south have been submerged, as was Stonehenge. Further south, the place now known as Tintagel was once a great Atlantean city, a centre of the great Brotherhood from which teaching was sent forth. Such centres were established from the holy city of light and beauty in the north away down to the far south.

The temple at Avebury was also a centre of the Great Light. If you ponder and study these truths in your meditation you will realise that the temples in Egypt are built upon a similar pattern. Scholars believe that the Egyptians voyaged and settled in England. That is true, but at a later date. Remember that we are speaking to you of the original Rosicrucian Brotherhood which existed long before history, although what we are telling you now will become general knowledge in years to come. From the Hyperborean regions these colonists spread the knowledge to the West, to America (though it was not called America in those days). Atlantis shone with the glory of the Great White Light. When catastrophe came, both material and spiritual, those who were pure travelled with the light to other parts of the earth.

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What we particularly emphasise tonight is Iona, where still remains the pure white light of the ancient Rosicrucian Brotherhood.

One more point if we are not wearying you: to the south of Avebury is a little hill called Silbury Hill. Students do not know what it is but are certain it was made by man. Silbury Hill was an altar built in the shape of a pyramid. Upon that altar magical fires used for what you call magical practices were kindled. Magic is a divine power which works through physical instruments, physical matter, and appears not to conform with known natural law. These practices were made possible by the working of a spiritual law. All magic originates because of the same law, but has two divergent paths—one is called the left-hand, one the right-hand. When such power is employed for greed and domination over men it is black magic, and it is only white magic when it is used with pure motives, with utter selflessness, without thought or desire for self. Then this power is white magic, it is the Great White Light, the Christ light. The magic used on Silbury in those days was good, not evil. Later on, the lower self crept in among some of the officiants and then darkness came. The same thing happened in Atlantis, in Egypt. We concentrate upon the vital importance of the radiation of this White Light, so that the whole earth shall be lit up in the glory of God.

Certain of the tors on Dartmoor were pyramids, temples or altars if you like, upon which the magic fires burned. The pyramids in Egypt are ancient, but they too were built for ceremonial and religious purposes. All over the earth you will find such pyramids but their origin is to be found in your sacred, mystical island, and the heart of that is the blessed Isle of Iona.

We must talk to you some other time when the conditions permit. We cannot do it to order. The time set for this may be propitious or it may not. When the spirit permits we will continue on this subject.

Will you feel now the outpouring of this Great White Light, the blessed peace of God.

### Benediction:

With grateful hearts we receive the peace which passeth all understanding, the eternal peace which has ever been given to the pure, the humble and the lowly in spirit. May it abide with us evermore.

Amen.

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