

# Whatsoever Things are True

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*Text:* pale carbon by MB, no contemporary markings except for one tiny correction. The typist was unsure of the word 'deal' in the middle of the address and put a question mark over it. Later, she missed a word or phrase, in the paragraph beginning 'Will you try to remember'. She also had to leave a small omission, presumably through failure to hear, or failure of speed.

*Context:* thirty-first anniversary address. The altar, says MB, 'was decorated with beautifully arranged Spring flowers, white and amethyst lilac, blue irises, white narcissi, yellow daffodils and forsythia. Blessed with the Golden Light.' The Choir sang an introit, described by MB as 'Sing unto the Lord'. It is possible this was the celebrated setting by Handel or Purcell of Psalm 96, 'O sing unto the Lord a new song', but it seems more likely that it was a simple setting of the psalm, or of part of it. Brother Faithful spoke of the anniversary being 'an occasion for gladness and thanksgiving', and thus introduced the first hymn, no. 626 in *Songs of Praise*, 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation'. Minesta's Invocation was recorded separately, and then Brother Faithful read from *THE RETURN OF ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE*. His introduction to the reading is retained below. The second hymn was 'Awake, awake to love and work' (350) and then the Choir, with soloist, sang the anthem 'Think on these things' (words from Philippians 4 : 8). The setting would almost certainly have been that of Walford Davis. At the end, Brother Faithful's words are again retained; he introduced the final hymn, 'These things shall be' (312), with words by John Addington Symonds. After Minesta's Invocation, the Choir closed the service with the anthem, 'May Thy spirit rest upon us', by the eighteenth-century composer Quirino Gasparini. Three anthems by the Choir was quite unusual and an indication both of their confidence and of the importance attached to the service.

*General notes:* this Anniversary address connects deeply with the Conan Doyle messages which came through Minesta in 1931-32 – as White Eagle himself implies from the outset. Note the reading, from *THE RETURN OF ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE*. Halfway through, White Eagle speaks of Conan Doyle standing very close beside him as he speaks. White Eagle talks, early in the address, of races of the past, defending them against charges of savagery. To the modern ear, his defence may feel uncomfortable, but it was probably appropriate in the context of the time. But the message is most of all one about thinking good thoughts, as in the anthem words from Philippians – with the reward, says White Eagle, that by doing so we not only raise ourselves, but raise the consciousness of the whole world. Then White Eagle thanks his congregation in London for all they have created, and reminds them of the appeals first to pay off what is owed for the London Lodge, and secondly for the project 'on the Hill' – that is, the Temple on the Hill at New Lands, the appeal for which was launched a year previously (see address of 6 March 1966, where the presence of Sir Arthur was also felt). Finally, before the Communion, White Eagle compares his Temple builders with the builders of the pyramids and Sphinx in ancient Egypt.

*References:* the phrase, 'the Pure Light which floweth from the Mind and Heart of the Father–Mother God' contains distant echoes of Matthew 4 : 4. 'Whatsoever things are true...', the words of the anthem, are from Philippians, for which see above. 'I will raise mine eyes' is a slight misquotation of Psalm 121 : 1: 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help'.

## Brother Faithful:

Thirty-six or thirty-seven years ago, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle delivered this message and at the same time looked forward to what would be the outcome of that message: He said: 'I look to all you here to put forward this message of mine, which will increase in power and clarity (first paragraph [of *THE RETURN OF ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE*], page to end of next paragraph page 71 ... to carry it to the uttermost parts of the earth.'

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And as I was reading I could not help thinking about the many groups and lodges which are springing up in many parts of the earth, Australia, America, Africa – in many, many parts of the earth.

And now we come to a later message in which Sir Arthur was looking even farther forward into the future:

‘In days to come we see humanity ennobled’ ... page 176, paragraph 1 to end of page, concluding with the five lines on page 177.

And with that message the message ends.

## White Eagle’s Address:

Beloved children of the earth life, we come in a company tonight to bring all our brethren, members and friends of this Lodge our greetings and our thanks, because we rejoice with you in the progress which we see had been made through the years since the Lodge was first opened. And we would like to thank every brother and member and friend for their loving co-operation with us in this work. Will you remember that you are, and we are, pioneers, pioneers of a new religious thought?

When our noble brother Arthur Conan Doyle left his physical body it was seen by the Brotherhood Elect who operate in a world above your earthly state of life. They operate in a higher etheric world, whereas the earth is a very much heavier and darker state of life. But these brethren were given a mission by the heavenly beings.

Now, we want you all to understand that you do not live alone, not one single soul lives on earth unknown to its Creator, because every living soul is a part of that infinite and glorious consciousness of love which you call God. This Infinite Being has been worshipped throughout the ages by all people irrespective of colour, caste or creed. All peoples have worshipped that Infinite Power which their own inner consciousness told them existed.

Now, under the guidance and the command – shall we use that word – of that Divine Intelligence and Love – a certain group of people whom you call Elder Brethren (we shall call them Great Masters) who live in that higher ether, and they received from the Heavenly Intelligence a message, a command, that it was time for the earth people to be given a new revelation about life and life after death. Now many of you here know the story, but many others may not know it – how that message was faithfully received and directed to the named channel so that the message could come through into physical consciousness, and in time all men by training and aspiration and prayer could be made ready to unfold their own potentialities of that Divine Spirit which is within them.

Now we said a few moments ago that every living soul on this earth life – this earthly plane of life – is known to that Divine Intelligence that you call and worship as God, Father God. And you may not believe what we are telling you, but no matter; the day will come when you will believe, because you will know that the words spoken by the spirit – from the spirit – are true.

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In the world of spirit there is the perfect organisation of life. All life is controlled by Divine Law. Now make no mistake about this. And we have told you that every soul is known, and this truth may comfort you, because when you commence to meditate on it you will see that your life is literally in the hands of God.

Now this was one of the early secrets of the simple White Brotherhood who lived in past ages, in many races all over the earth plane. It is foolish to regard ancient races as savages. There is, my friends, a deterioration in human life which when it reaches the lowest ebb, that is the physical, it deteriorates the spiritual life until the physical life of that life force peters out, and it is at the end of that race that there are then left the dregs of that race which are regarded as savages, mostly because more highly developed, or those who are coming on with more knowledge, look upon these people as ignorant and savage. But they do not know that deep within that soul there is the God-consciousness. And that God-consciousness works through that physical mind and body to a certain degree, but at that stage the consciousness is very small.

Now we hope we have made ourselves clear to you because this means that when a certain race or a certain physical body has finished its usefulness it passes away. When that race has established on the earth plane what it was intended to give, the physical part of it passes away. And then a fresh outpouring of the Divine Love, the Divine Consciousness comes to the physical plane and the physical body at that stage is more developed and more ready to respond to that more rarefied, more beautiful spiritual influence. So you will find that there are those souls, or the physical bodies rather which those souls have been using, pass away, but the spirit continues to live on a higher spiral of evolution. And as we say, when the physical body of mankind is more sensitive and more highly evolved then the more developed spirit comes in again onto this earth plane to help forward the progress of mankind – progress at every level – and help forward the evolution both of the mind and the spirit.

Now, as we have already said that brotherhood of what is called the ancient white light, the pure light which floweth from the mind and heart of the Father–Mother God, that light comes through in a more beautiful manifestation. The brotherhood then has work to do both from the world of spirit and the brotherhood on the physical plane. We told you that all works according to law and order. The brotherhood then receives the impulse, and the brotherhood obeys that impulse.

And so it was, thirty-six years ago, that an impulse came through the brotherhood that there was a fresh message to come to the world, a restatement of the simple truth of Spiritualism. The simple truth that man survives death, that there is no death – that when man reaches while still in the physical body a certain level of awareness of that power of the spirit – when man has reached that awareness, he knows that there cannot be any death. *There is no death.*

Now my friend whom the world knew as Arthur Conan Doyle is very close as we are speaking to you. And this is the message once again restated, that man has to learn by his own goodness, by the spirit of God within him, he has to learn that he is part of that infinite power – that glorious power which is spirit, which animates the whole of life on the physical plane. If the spirit was withdrawn from this planet it would become a dead planet. But the

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spirit lives in everything – in man, in beast, in nature. Man is the agent of that divine spirit because man has been given intelligence, a very great deal of intelligence nowadays. And we have reached, or you have reached, a vital stage on the path of evolution, because now you stand, or you are moving – nothing is static, all is evolving – but man is coming to that division between the lower mind or the mind of the body, the brain, the lower mind, and the divine spirit.

Now man is composed, you will say in your language, of body, soul and spirit. May we put it round in another way and say, man is first spirit, but he has been given a mind with which to think and a soul and body with which to feel. Man must first use his power to think. He must first use thought. He must think good things. Our beloved little Choir had no idea of the message we were going to deliver tonight, and yet they have rendered to you a very beautiful anthem telling you that: ‘Whatsoever is good and true and beautiful and of good report, *think on these things.*’ Do you think you did that on your own, little Choir? That is another illustration for you that the Brotherhood in the Council Chambers above your earth has the plan of your Service, has the blueprint. You dear ones on earth think you do it all on your own. ‘I did it, I had the impression.’ Of course you had the impression, but remember that the thought that comes into your mind comes from the great ocean of thought. Wisdom, which man so sorely lacks at the present time, wisdom is there in the heavenly spheres. A man may be very simple, and according to earthly standards ignorant and uneducated intellectually, but man has another mind, the mind in the heart. And the mind in the heart is the instrument of spirit. And when man’s heart is full of God – when man, however humble and simple he is, when his impulse is to be good, to do good, to help and to love – then he is opening the way to the inflow of infinite wisdom which is there in God.

Will you try to remember, dear ones, that you and everyone is a tiny spark in that infinite and blazing fire, [the] divine fire which is life? You cannot be separated from it, you live and have your being in it. You cannot die because IT cannot die. You live forever eternally in that infinite power of love. Now you will say, ‘Oh how ... [typist omission] to go on forever and ever. Oh, I do not like that idea.’ I know that some people will say that, but remember this: the truth is that your life is in that God life which is not blinded by time nor space – it just *is*. Can we put it in this way more simply for you? If you are very happy on some important occasion in your life when you know – you have all had it – when you have all touched what for you would be supreme happiness – maybe you have said, ‘I wish this could go on’. Well, you see, it does – that is the point: happiness is always there. It seems to fade away because you are limited by time. But remember you are consciousness, consciousness in God, and to you at that level of consciousness there is no time, there is no eternity – you just *are*. Now just enjoy any blessed happiness. Now when man understands this and touches that level of cosmic consciousness, he no longer has any fear. He certainly does not fear death because he knows there is no death. But whatever a man thinks and lives and creates by his own thought and his own reaction to conditions, these things remain with him in his soul until the time comes when he sees the error of his thought and actions. And when he does this, he wants to change them in the world of spirit or maybe in the world of physical matter, and this is the process of spiritual evolution.

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Now we want to get this truth over to all men on the earth plane. As you have heard [in] the message read a little while ago, if you belong, and know you belong to that infinite consciousness, you know that you cannot injure a brother without feeling the pain yourself. You are so attuned, so attuned to all life that you feel the pain of life. You have developed that sensitivity which not only teaches you through pain and suffering, but it also reveals to you the infinite happiness, joy and glory of that higher spiritual consciousness.

And so, brethren and members and friends, our message to you tonight is the message of the anthem. Whatsoever is good that you see in your brother man or anywhere; 'whatsoever is true, whatsoever is beautiful, whatsoever is of good report, think on these things'.

Now it is a very simple lesson, a lesson which every one of you present can take to heart. Think good thoughts. Think God thoughts. Now we will tell you why this is so valuable, because you have within you this power to think. You know that is a very wonderful gift your Creator has given to you – the power to think and the power to choose what you think. Now if you think good, that is God thoughts, you are not only sending them out into the world and broadcasting good thought, but you are opening your own instrument to the inflow of more and more wisdom, heavenly wisdom.

Now, my dear ones, this is the task which we put before you all tonight. We remind you of your powers, your inner powers of the spirit, which can be enhanced and developed by your thought and your imagination, your God imagination. And when you tread this path, you are not only helping yourself, you are helping the whole of the world. You are helping all humanity. You are raising the thought vibration of all the world. What a remarkable piece of work for you to do! And as you do this you are developing your sensitivity, your power of clairvoyance, or clear vision, your power of clairaudience, clear hearing, your power of healing. It is a most wonderful, wonderful vista which opens before you when once you have plugged in to the true Source of life and love.

Now just before we go, we want once again to thank every friend, member and brother for their co-operation for the past year which has enabled us – through you and our workers – to create and provide an harmonious and convenient and happy home in which you can work and worship, in which you can serve not only yourselves, but all mankind. We set you a task. You accomplished quite, quite a lot, but not all. Now we shall not rest, no – (laughter) we shall never rest, so you may be quite sure of that, and we are not going to let you rest either. You have to work and work and work, but oh! the joy untold that work will bring to your souls!

We think your earthly friends have made certain demands upon you – is it your government that makes such demands upon you all? – well, it seems very hard for you, but remember this: it is all progress, and you cannot stay progress. So we understand there has been a great expenditure of the physical money here and it has to be found, so not only has this London Lodge to be paid for, that is the loyal work which you have all been doing which will not take very long if you do the best you can and remember the widow's mite. And then we must see established on the hill in the countryside, the hill – the hill! Remember look up at the hill. 'I will raise mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.'

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Now you, as in the days of old when the Sphinx was built, remember the many, many souls who were used in the building of those pyramids in different parts of the world – young brethren, and you are all brethren in the same family in the same Great White Light. And you are all going to build brick by brick that White Temple, Shining Temple upon the hill. And it is going to radiate all over the earth the *light*.

Now remember that this is the secret which the ancient brethren knew and which they are now giving to you: to radiate *light*, by right thought, the right healing, right action. And this is the law, God's law of life. And you go on and on in eternity, in glorious heavenly state of consciousness, seeing all the time this continual evolution of beauty and truth and love.

Now this is the vision of the future. Be true to that inner light. And all the angels, the brothers – if you have developed clear vision – you will see them now all around us – all around you. You will feel the power of this golden blessing which now is manifesting here in your midst and in your hearts.

And He who is the great messenger of love, the Lord and Creator of this earth, the Lord Christos, is here clothed in human form ... the Son of God, which is man – you are all sons of man – but He is the symbol of man made perfect. And this is true. And I would – we would like you to be still for a few seconds and receive in your higher consciousness, in your higher imagination, receive from Him the symbols of the communion of the ancients: the bread of life, the heavenly bread of life. He puts before you the chalice of wine. Now sip, feel this divine essence pouring all through your being, for He feeds and He sustains you.

O Great White Spirit, humbly we thank Thee and pray that Thy food and Thy wine will ever sustain us in Thy service, the service of mankind and all creation on this earth planet.

Amen.

You are never alone. You can trust the power of God. Do your best and the rest God will see to.

## Brother Faithful:

Six or twelve months ago somebody wrote to the Spiritualist press asking why it is that so many people who had believed in survival and communion – people who had been famous in all walks of life, on the stage, in literature, in science, in almost every walk of life, whose names were household words, why had they not come back and testified and given an account of their experiences in the world of spirit in order to help people down here. Why in the main had only one famous writer, a Spiritualist, come back? Why was it? Well, the answer of course was the product of Conan Doyle, but not him alone. It was a concentration of power by the Greater Ones who have thought as [we] learnt tonight that the time had come to give a new restatement both of Spiritualism and of Christianity itself. That is the reason why this book (THE RETURN OF ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE) of very great significance, upon which very largely this Lodge has been founded, that is why it came through to us.

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