

The Ancient Life

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Text: typescript by MB, as usual. A superimposed note admits defeat around the spelling of the one described as Great White Spirit (see 'References', below). There is a comment about discovering ancient races, 'as you advance in your unfoldment ... you will have no idea whatsoever of the grand life which has been lived'. We think White Eagle intended the sense to be 'there will be awareness of the grand life beyond any idea you might have at the present'. Later, in a list of ancient races MB believes she might have missed a reference to the people of Mu. At one point we have altered the typescript's 'psychicism' to 'psychism', although it's not impossible that White Eagle used the former word. Near the end, we have altered the not-entirely intelligible 'it is within its own heart his Saviour' to 'within its own heart is its Saviour'.

Context: White Eagle had spoken in London last on 16 May, the service on the first Sunday in June having taken place at New Lands. MB tells us that the service began with 'Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! (*Songs of Praise* 187), after which Minesta's Invocation was, as usual, recorded elsewhere. There were then two short readings, unidentified, from the book *PLUMED SERPENT*, presumably memories of Minesta's Andean lives, perhaps offering White Eagle as Hah-Wah-Tah; they may have prompted much of what White Eagle said. The next hymn was George Herbert's 'Teach me, my God and King' (652), and after the prayers the Choir offered Bach's 'Sheep may safely graze'. MB says it was 'Exquisitely rendered'. The Communion at the end of this address is particularly beautiful, not least in the ways it describes the Christ being.

We have reprinted here not only Brother Faithful's words at the end, introducing the final hymn, 'There's a wideness in God's mercy' (666), but also Minesta's Benediction. At the close, the Choir rendered 'the Seven-Part Amen', and the Lodge Vesper was also sung.

General notes: this is an address in which White Eagle has quite a bit to say about his own people in the Americas of the past, and other mythical races too. It's important to understand that his phrase 'ignorant uncultured Indians' is in reported speech and quoted ironically (and later, 'coloured' is correct in the spirit of the time, although not now). Unusually, he admits a complaint: that many of these people 'were not kindly treated by the white people'. We may infer reference here not only to the mistreatment of the Indians of North America but also those further south, by the Spanish invaders. White Eagle goes on to list some of the beliefs of his sometime people which led them to give a generous welcome to the European explorers and invaders until they were tricked and deceived by them, and to see the Native Americans developing a form of loving clairvoyance which enabled them to look into the life of the natural world with sympathy and understanding. There is a regular problem when White Eagle refers to Mayan races that he seems to be speaking of much older races than the historical Maya, such as we know them, really were. To the list of ancient races he then adds the ancient Egyptians, the ancient Indians and the ancient Greeks as ones who received teaching from spirit. This is not the only place where White Eagle describes his physical passing in a Native American life, but it is one of the fullest and most beautiful.

References: there is a reference to Christian holy men meeting in secret to listen to the voice of God; it's not clear precisely what White Eagle refers to here. He goes on to mention initiates in the Old Testament, but not Christian ones. Nor is it easy to find the name Ahmaru, Ahmru or Ahura (White Eagle uses the same word late in the address) – the typist was unsure of the spelling – online. Amaru was a mystical serpent among the Inca; that is the closest we can get. In Zoroastrianism, the supreme being is Ahura Mazda – perhaps there is a confusion here? More familiar native American names for the Great Spirit are Wakan Tanka and Gitche Manitou. There are further references to India and the Himalaya which are not precise enough to identify, although at the time of this project remains of civilisations in the Indian Ocean, which White Eagle seems to claim, are being found. He also offers a set of 'Laws' of the Native American people set out like the Ten Commandments of the Old Testament. The reference to drawing the bolts near the end of the address refers to the poem, 'On the death of a friend's child' by James Russell Lowell:

Life is the jailer, death the angel sent. To draw the unwilling bolts and set us free.

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White Eagle's Address:

Beloved, beloved earthly brethren, we speak to you with all love and understanding of your hunger, your spiritual hunger and your need of spiritual blessing. And we shall endeavour in a short time to convey to you some of the peace and truth and beauty of the temple of the White Brotherhood. The temple of the White Brotherhood, which has been in existence for ages and ages, even before man lived on this earth planet. We would convey to you *truth* and describe to you the work of the White Brotherhood both in the spheres of light in the higher ethers, as well as the work of the Brotherhood amongst men on earth. For we assure you that there is continued service to humanity by the White Brotherhood in the spirit life.

Now, to commence with, we want to answer a question of which we are fully aware is often asked on your physical plane of life. It is this, why are so many so-called spirit guides Indians, ignorant uncultured Indians, who know nothing, have nothing to impart to humanity that is worthwhile? We will tell you why so many Indian Brethren are around humanity, and who come close to a medium. Why have so many mediums an Indian Guide? Well, there are quite a number of answers to that question, but we would first of all answer in this way: that the Indians are a very, very ancient race – *not* without culture or learning. And if our critics would take the trouble to study Indian lore and Indian culture from ages past, they would receive considerable enlightenment about God and the so-called spirit world and the nature kingdom, and even the world of medicine and science. These ancient Indians, we are speaking about American Indians to commence with, these ancient Indians have received, or did receive at one time considerable knowledge and instructions from very highly evolved people whom they regarded as Gods. And the same simple religion, which you may know nothing of at present yet awhile, the same religion was called the Ancient Wisdom. And it was conveyed to the Indian – the Indian – American Indian peoples by those highly evolved beings, who came from outer space, or a higher level of life consciousness, or they came from other planets. But they were called the Sun-Gods. And the religion they brought was adapted to the state or level of evolution of the Indian people whom they visited.

Now, this was not a Spiritualistic manifestation alone – we have to use that word to make you understand what we mean. The visitation of these Sun Gods was sometimes actually in a human and a physical body. At other times it was held at a higher level of consciousness, of life, of practice. And it is for this reason that the American Indians – we are speaking now of the southern Americans and the Maya civilisation – they built temples of exquisite beauty, beautiful carved stonework, and decorated their buildings, beautiful gold work laid upon the stonework, very fine architecture with regard, with due regard, to the rays of sunlight, and the cosmic rays, which they knew were directed upon them when they were holding their rituals, their ceremonies; and especially when they were gathered round the altar in the Inner Temple, or Holy of Holies, when they would listen and listen to what they called the voice of the Gods.

You will remember, later on – a good deal later in your Christian history, it was said that the holy men of the Christian – the early Christian Brotherhood – met in secret to listen to the voice of God. There are certain ones who we recognise as initiates in your Testament, the Old Testament, who were said to have withdrawn into the mountains – they went up. Moses went up into the mountain to listen to the voice of God, and God gave Moses certain commandments, which the Christian knows and does not always obey. Nevertheless, it was

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said that Moses received by the voice of God these commandments for his people. Is there any difference in this belief of your Christian Church and the practices of the American Indians so far distant from the past two thousand years of which you have a record in your Christian Bible? But all the records which your American Indian friends could leave are the records in the stone buildings, the monoliths and the writings on stone. Now, not only in America, southern and northern America, were these stones left in ruins, stones which could tell a most beautiful story of creation and the religion as it was given to these ancient people by the God-men, or if you like by the Great White Spirit – Ahmaru– as it is called by some Indians. You will know possibly from your studies, or from your meditations, that across the world in the East there have been found temples of a similar type to those discovered, we think fairly recently – in southern America. And these stones discovered in India have been preserved in the Himalayas, and they also contain the corroborative story of creation – of India and the ancient continents, which now are lost. No records whatever remain on earth of these ancient peoples or these continents or lands which in the course of time sank beneath the ocean.

Now, your present-day, you present-day people may think that you know all there is to know about the physical plane and the races and the continents that have existed on the earth planet since life ever came to it. But we assure you that as you advance in your unfoldment and in your studies of yourself and your own inner powers (which will enable you to look backwards and forwards and above and beneath), you will have no idea whatsoever of the grand life which has been lived by human beings on your earth. And those beings, they may have been simple, but they were earnest and true, and we would like here to say that these coloured races – red, yellow, dark skin – were not kindly treated by the white people.

Now, those Indians and the coloured brethren of the past and present gave their trust and belief to their white brethren. We can tell you this because we experienced and know that when the white people – we think the Europeans – came to our country we welcomed them and wished to treat them like ourselves. We did this, but on countless occasions the Indian, the coloured man, was grossly deceived by his white brother. Now, we want you all to remember this and note. And if you study your histories, not only from records and books, but also from your own soul's journey into the past, you will find the truth of what we tell you, that our Indian brethren were ready to be brotherly. They had it instilled into them from their very early days that the divine law was brotherhood and love. Thou shalt love thy Creator, the Great White Spirit. Thou shalt love all nature. Thou shalt love brother Air, brother Water and Mother Earth. Thou shalt not exploit the earth for gain, for greed. Thou shalt use and serve God's purpose in your life – your daily life on earth. This was the teaching in those ancient days – the law of brotherhood the law of service – to give – to love – to make your contribution toward the good of the whole.

And in our teaching we received knowledge of the etheric plane, and all the little people, which is now recorded as just fairy tales. How do you think that your children's fairy tales originated? They originated from *truth*. There are fairies, as most of you here know. There are spirits directing and working in all aspects of nature. There are the salamanders – the spirits of fire; the water spirits, the sylphs, the spirits of the water and the air. There are the gnomes, the spirits of the earth, who work with minerals and the precious stones which are mined from the depths of the earth.

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Now, everything in life has behind it a spiritual life and force. Now, this is what the Indians knew and were taught to use wisely and kindly. They were taught to see – *see* – these little people or these great spirits of the air, or the spirits of the sea. They were taught to open their vision, to develop clairvoyance and see for themselves. They were taught to open their vision and see lovingly and tenderly into the heart of their fellow creature. They were taught to love and respect animal life, and not to torture animals or chase them for sport and shed their blood. They were taught to live kindly and gently with all creatures.

Now, this my dear ones, is the law of God, and it is the Ancient Wisdom. Now, when our children were young, and this also applies to other races, not only the American Indian race, not only to the Maya race or to the Atlantean race, or to the Hyperboreans in the North or Lemuria only [*In margin – ‘one race may be missing - ?Mu’*] and in the south of these lands which some of them have disappeared beneath the ocean, they all received from their Gods the same way of life, the same religion, the same training. And we were going to say when our children were young the children were observed closely, and when they indicated signs of mediumship or psychism, and they were so constituted nervously, psychically that they could be used by spiritual agencies and intelligences they were taken aside and trained in their particular gifts, the gifts of seeing with clear vision, clairvoyance, the gift of hearing the truth, hearing, receiving instruction, guidance, messages from a higher and purer level of life.

Now this took place in Egypt, it took place in India and in Greece, and many other countries which we cannot name now as we are talking to you, but if you use your own sense and keep an open mind you will remember that there are many, many places on the earth where this manifestation from the invisible worlds was a natural course in the lives of the people of bygone days. Now, today there is – what shall we say – there is a closing down of all these senses, and certain people – we will not mention names – but there are people who will declare that it is very unhealthy and very bad to encourage anyone to have anything to do with what they call the supernatural. Now, it is not supernatural. It is perfectly natural for man to be able to make contact with higher states of life within limits, but man needs to obey the law and obey the guidance of his teacher or instructor. It is the same with many gifts on your earth plane, if you break scientific law there is great suffering. Sometimes shocking things can happen, and this also applies to the spiritual life – and the attempting if you have not the knowledge and you are disobeying orders you will get into difficulties [*sic*]. You may do it ignorantly, but do not do it twice. We do not think you will do it twice when you come into this great sphere of the soul, and you realise you are functioning on a higher level, in a soul world, in an etheric world. You will know that there are tremendous powers and forces, natural forces and spiritual forces, of which you are entirely ignorant, so it is wise to be guided by your teacher and by those who know.

Now in the future, and not too far distant future, there will be such a demonstration of the invisible life that the truth of this will come to be accepted in a perfectly natural way. Children, when they demonstrate the power of clairvoyance – when they tell you they are playing with spirit children they will not be denied, they will be listened to with wisdom and respect, because there are many children, who come back from the spirit world into highly sensitive bodies with their soul eyes open and they will give mankind – and sometimes they will give very wonderful truth to man, if he will listen.

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Now we have a very great canvas here upon which we would like to paint for you a beautiful picture, but alas we are limited by physical conditions, so are not able to give you as much as we should like to give you about the spiritual state of life, and about the past history of races now lost to mankind. But before we finish, we want to draw one very special picture for you, and this is a picture of the Sun (Son), the Sun, the Spiritual Son.

Now you, in your Christian faith, have learnt to look up to and worship Jesus the Christ. In other countries there are other Sun-gods, as we would call them, whom the people worship and look to for salvation.

Now all humanity has witnessed death, and it longs not to die. It wants to live, and its religion teaches it that there is a life after death. We, with our peoples, looked towards the hereafter. We did not recognise or admit death. It did not exist for us. We listened at the appointed time for the Call, and we knew that this meant that the angels were coming to draw the bolts which were keeping us imprisoned in a physical state of life; but when the angel came and withdrew the bolts of the material cage that we should go forth into a land of *light*, a land of beauty, a land where we should meet and live with our loved ones. This is the *truth*. And when we ourselves left we were just guided on to the path on the mountain side to the cave of the White Brotherhood, the cave of the Great White Light. And we were tired and weary with our physical journey. We were received with infinite love and tenderness, we were lain down to sleep. When we awakened we saw before us the sun, the sun rising on the horizon. And it got bigger and bigger. And we moved with all the company of White Brethren – we moved towards the glorious sun, and we were enfolded in its warmth, its light and its glory. This was the actual time of passing away from a physical body. How many people here know that when their dear ones, their relatives or friends have been at the door of death they have seen and described the company of heaven who had come to welcome them and bear them off into their spirit home? You know this is true. You have seen the light of recognition on their faces. You have had proof – most of you in this service have had proof of that beautiful world of light and truth and peace.

Now, all the ancient people were taught to worship the Giver of Life and Preserver of Life, that was the Sun; and the Giver of Life and the Preserver of Life which was the Earth itself, the Mother, Mother Earth the Giver of Life. The Divine Mother, the Great Mother, she was called ‘Woman, the Giver of Life’, the Mother who brought forth the Child. Hence you will see the origin of the Trinity – Father–Mother and the Son. Father the will, energy, the power; Mother the lifegiver, the Sun (Son) the lifegiver, the light, the warmth the love, the Sun which united the two first principles of life.

Now you will find, if you are a student of comparative religion, that in the seed, the seed of all religions is the same truth: the Creator, the Giver of life, the Preserver of life, the life hereafter, the spirit life, the powers which lie in man which will enable him in due time to see the invisible worlds, and to use the knowledge which comes to him from the heaven world to better man, to beautify [the] life of man on earth, to help man to live a more ordered, a more harmonious and more beautiful life. All beauty, all happiness and joy comes from the spirit, comes from the Son of God, comes from the *light*, comes from love. This is the simple basic law of life. And we can speak from broad experience way down the ages from [... *word or phrase not heard by stenographer*] and there are many, many instructors and guides who with their love come to mankind to reveal to man his potentialities, reveal to him the possibilities

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of heaven on earth when man learns to subdue his ignorance and his lower nature, and live for, and think and love and work under the divine laws of brotherhood and love.

Now, the last representation or manifestation of the Christos, because this is what the Greek called the great light, the sun, the spiritual Sun which was manifested – manifesting through the physical sun. And that great spirit, or great power, that great force which gave life, which brought creation, this great force was called by the Greeks, Christos. And down the ages we would mention other of the ancient races with a man who had so evolved and disciplined himself as to be used by that great Sun force in humility and simplicity. He was known as a Christed One. And if when you study the great ancient religions – when you are able to study with your soul and your spirit mind – you will read in the stones and in all the various stories of the past, perhaps folklore, or stories of lost continents, sinking of land and uprising of land, and so forth, you will read beneath all these physical things, you will read that there is one supreme power. Some people call it God, some people call it the Great White Spirit, Ahmaru. Some people call it creation. There are so many peoples. In the East – Krishna. In Egypt they would call it Osiris. But it is the same one true *light* [from] which flows the spiritual source of life, the Sun. And it not only works through the physical organism, but it works through the spirit and through the heart of man.

It works through the heart of the sun in the name of love. And when the human becomes so attuned and adjusted to that infinite spirit, that all-enfolding life of harmony and brotherhood and love, when that human is used by that Son of God he is known as a Christed one. This is Christ, the salvation of humanity. It is the Christ within his own heart. Christ in his life, in his thoughts, his actions, in his whole being. This is the message which Jesus the Christ, because He was for the western world for this present age, the Age of Aquarius – He is the One through whom this salvation, this power of salvation shall come. When the Christian dogma tells you, ‘by your faith you shall be saved’ – it should be that by the love in your heart and your desire to serve and help God’s life, God’s creation on earth, you will only save yourself. All mankind can be saved and will be saved when it is realised that within its own heart is its Saviour, the saving grace of life.

And with all our love – a love which is not really known whilst you are limited and bound by physical conditions, but we bring a great wave, wave after wave of love from our world, and assure you and promise you of the healing power which will flow into your heart and life as you become *en rapport* with this divine love of God, and the Mother and Sun ruling and reigning over all creation.

Never, never jeer or scoff at the Ancient Ones, or at the coloured brethren, or at your devoted Indian – American Indian – Spirit Guides.

And He who we have been speaking of, the Lord Christ, takes upon Himself human form. With your spiritual vision, your imagination, your power of imagery, you must see if you would rise above the lower astral and the bondage of earthly entanglements, you must get right through that and imagine with your highest degree of imagination the beauty of the heaven world, and its inhabitants and the beauty of the One who is the Lord, the Blessed Lord of the Sun, the Christ taking upon Himself the perfect human form, here on the spirit level of life. He stands in all purity and beauty in your midst, clothed in the white robe of purity, girdled with the symbol of the Sun, the golden Sun, golden sandals on His feet symbolising

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the true path upon which He steps, the path of the divine life and spirit. His eyes deep blue-violet, from which stream compassion and love. His hands are stretched out towards you, every one of you. 'Brethren, eat, accept the bread of life that is sent to you for your spiritual food – your experience – your life's experiences, your sorrows and your joys. Accept, for these are the bread of life given to you for your good, not only for your sustenance, but your growth and your well-[being].

And lastly, He offers you the holy cup of wine. And it is wine, not as you know it on the physical plane, but it is the divine liquid, the essence of the Christ Spirit. It is life. It is power. Receive it into your being. Take the symbol of the cup and sip this divine essence, and feel the healing power, the restorative power of the upliftment of your life. There is nothing bad, or suffering; there is nothing on earth but thinking the way you think makes it bad for yourself. This is the truth, so look up and believe. Accept and realise that God is with you and His angels have charge over you. Surrender and rest in this knowledge, and peace will accompany you all your days until at last you step over the threshold, leaving behind what is finished.

Go forward, go forward, my beloved, into the Sunlight of God.

Brother Faithful:

While I have been listening to White Eagle, I have been wondering what is the great prize of life. Can it be the acquisition of wealth and power, of fame and popularity as the world says; or can it be the unfolding and gentle and compassionate heart which would dictate a gentle and compassionate and humble life of wisdom and kindness. That is a problem we shall all solve one of these days. And tonight we have had a strong and sure pointer in the right direction.

We close with a very lovely hymn, no. 666.

Minesta – Benediction:

Silently, the blessing of God falls into our waiting hearts.
We thank Thee, Lord, for blessings of heaven and earth.
We pray that thy peace which passeth all worldly understanding
may rest and abide with us now and always. Amen.

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