

## THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion

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The laws and principles involved in mental contacts with others cannot be understood or appreciated until we begin to realize the Cosmic as a whole or a unity of which each of us is a component part. This realization of ourselves in Cosmic oneness brings a realization of our oneness with one another, thus opening the way for those mental

contacts to which we aspire in our Hierarchy periods. The following quotation may be helpful to us in realizing this unity.

... We live in succession, in division, in parts, in particles. Meantime within man is the soul of the whole; the wise silence; the universal beauty, to which every part and particle is equally related; the eternal One. And this deep power in which we exist, and whose beatitude is all accessible to us, is not only self-sufficing and perfect in every hour, but the act of seeing and the thing seen, the seer and the spectacle, the subject and the object, are one. We see the world piece by piece, as the sun, the moon, the animal, the tree; but the whole, of which these are the shining parts, is the soul. . .

-RALPH WALDO EMERSON, 1803-1882

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

Before proceeding with our analysis of other manuscripts. I want to speak of the work of the Hierarchy and of our establishing a cooperative attunement and contact in future years, and in future incarnations. It is, I am sure, the hope of every member to carry out some of the things intimated in the questionnaire sent you at the beginning of this Degree. You were asked, you will recall, what name you would prefer in a future incarnation, what country you would choose to be born in, and what profession or occupation you would like to follow. It was intimated that in the next incarnation, you would work harmoniously with others of this Degree toward the re-establishment, maintenance, and continual perpetuation of the Rosicrucian Order, wherever you may live.

If we are to work together to perpetuate the Order, and continue it into future cycles, we must lay a foundation whereby we will know one another at the time so that a group to begin the active work of revitalizing and regenerating the Rosicrucian Order in its next cycle will be established.

One of the first things we will want to do in the next incarnation will be to find one another and renew our contacts and associations. I do not mean that you will suddenly wake some morning in the next incarnation and want to find a person who was once Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, or a Rosicrucian whom you used to know. The chances are that you will never recognize my name until you are in the Rosicrucian activities again. Then, somewhere, in a library or among old archives. you will run across books on Rosicrucianism, find some of mine, old and worn, and you will want to read them. As you read, you will gradually feel that sometime, somewhere, you knew the author of those books.

Sometime early in that life, you may hear the word Rosicrucian or may see the symbol of the Rosy Cross, and it will awaken in you peculiar recollections. Perhaps you will be unable to tell why the symbol of the Rosy Cross or the word Rosicrucian attracts you. One day, though, you will deliberately make inquiries and investigate, and the more you read old Rosicrucian books the more you will feel that in the past you were in contact with the organization and its officers. perhaps you will receive a Cosmic urge to seek out the Order, and learn whether it still exists. Having been discouraged-perhaps deliberately-for a year or more, in a vision or period of meditation. you will one day be convinced that you have been in contact with someone whom you knew in the past who was a Rosicrucian.



Members today often tell us that as soon as they read a Rosicrucian book or pamphlet, or as soon as they took the First Initiation, there came the realization that at one time in the past they were members of the Order. We should begin

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now to make contacts with one another in ways that will allow our psychic selves to become better acquainted. If we contact one another in a future incarnation, it will not be in the forms with which we are at present familiar. Our future contacts may find those who are now short and plump, old and gray, to be young, tall and slender. may be such differences in appearance that if we were to meet on the street, we would not have the faintest impression that we had ever known one another before. Certainly, our present names would mean nothing.

However, the name you selected in your affirmation questionnaire. as the one you would like to have, is the name that would probably register in your conscious mind, or memory storehouse in the next incarnation. In fact, you may feel inclined to use that name again in some Rosicrucian lodge or meeting, when you are asked to give some mystical name. There may be those when you mention it who can trace the records and find that name, as well as information about the person in this incarnation who selected it.

There is no question that if you leave this incarnation as a sincerely interested student, you will be born again with that interest in Rosicrucian doctrine latent and dormant. Something will awaken it early in your next life; and from then on-in your reading, in your thinking, in your attendance at public lectures, and in talking with students of mysticism-you will have in your consciousness a deep-rooted longing to contact the Rosicrucian Order. This may lead to contacts of great help to you; and all at once, you will find yourself back again in the circle of those whom you had known in the past.

If we establish psychic contacts among ourselves here and now, we will make our psychic selves familiar with the psychic selves of the rest. Once you have had three or four psychic contacts with me. you will recognize me in any future contact regardless of physical appearance or name. In order to do this, we must all have such contacts as will reveal the inner self rather than the outer self.

Beginning this week, then, let us start interpreting the impressions we receive from one another, and making such psychic contacts periodically. In order to carry out this plan in the same manner as Rosicrucians did in ancient times, and still do in all parts of the world today, we print a notice in the Rosicrucian Digest, twice a year, announcing the day and hour all of us in this esoteric Hierarchy will come into psychic contact. The magazine will contain in a small box at the bottom of some page an announcement only for the members of this Degree.



So that others will not know what it is about, a special headline will be worded something like this: "Attention, Hierarchy members." Then, an announcement similar to this:

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\*The members of the Hierarchy will meet on Thursday, August 28, at 8:00 p.m. (your time).

For half an hour, beginning at eight o'clock (your time), we will remain quiet and receptive in our sanctums, attuned spiritually with one another through the Rosy Cross. During that thirty minutes the Imperator and those most advanced in the studies will reach out and try to contact as many of you as possible while your minds are concentrated upon and thinking about the Imperator in his sanctum in California. On some occasions, you may not sense anything while others may sense you; on other occasions, you may sense some of us very clearly, while we may not sense you at all. The idea of these periods will not be to make such clear, visible contacts as if we were working alone for demonstration or test purposes. To some these contacts may be so casual and psychic that they are hardly noticed, except in a spiritual sense.

If, during the past weeks, you have been practicing the methods of relaxing and meditation, it will be easy for you in the future to contact those trying to reach you, and many beautiful experiences will result. Remember that on these occasions it is not the seeing clearly each person, but spiritual contact. Once we have freed ourselves from the body through transition and are dwelling in a future spiritual state, we will not expect to make such contact with one another as will reveal us in our present physical bodies because we will not have such bodies. We will then be able to contact only the psychic self which has not physical form like our present one, and there will be no physical identifications. We will only sense that we have contacted an initiated soul, a friendly spirit, a psychic personality whom we once knew.

In trying to reach you, I will not think of you as I may now know you in physical form, nor of your present name, address, or nationality. I shall simply think of you as a psychic personality, a spirit. or soul that is part of our Hierarchy. When I make the contact it will be with that inner self which is wholly psychic and spiritual. For the coming week, practice these contacts by thinking in advance of two or three persons whom you would like to reach mentally, not as living physical beings, but as living spiritual beings. You may sense them only as hazy spiritual forms with no physical identification; you may recognize their voices or personalities, or you may experience only gentle vibrations around you indicating the "presence" of someone.

Have you ever been awakened at night feeling that someone was present in the room, even though you could not see or hear anything? Have you ever been in an audience and felt someone was looking at you even though you could not tell who or where the person was? These are



the kinds of impressions you will have in these psychic contacts. and you will make them so quickly and receive them so quickly that in twenty or thirty minutes you will be able to make a large number of contacts. This will be the beginning of an ideal state.

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If you wish, begin this contact process during the coming week by trying to contact me as your Imperator and chief of the Hierarchy; however, do not expect to see me, but merely sense me. Then on another day, select someone else to reach; but do not expect the person to report it to you right away, for he may not clearly understand what you are trying to do. In the next monograph I will tell you a little more about this.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

Note: Although this monograph was written by Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, all present Hierarchy contacts, or those directed to the Imperator's sanctum—the announcements of which appear in the Rosicrucian Digest—are to be made with the present Imperator of AMORC.

## Summary of This Monograph

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Below is a summary of the important principles of this monograph. It contains the essential statements which you should not forget. After you have carefully read the complete monograph, try to recall as many as you can of the important points you read. Then read this summary and see if you have forgotten any. Also refer to this summary during the ensuing week to refresh your memory.

- We should begin now to make contacts with one another in ways that will allow our psychic selves to become better acquainted; thus laying a foundation for working together in our next incarnation to begin the work of revitalizing and regenerating the Rosicrucian Order in its next cycle.
- The name selected in your affirmation questionnaire is the name that will probably register in your conscious mind in the next incarnation as being of especial significance to you.
- ¶ It is possible that such a name may be found along with other personal records of the person in this incarnation who selected it.
- There is no question that if you leave this incarnation as a sincerely interested student, you will be born again with that interest in Rosicrucian doctrine latent and dormant, and that eventually you will find yourself back again in the circle of those whom you had known in the past.
- Let us start interpreting the impressions we receive from one another and making such psychic contacts periodically. A notice twice a year in the Rosicrucian Digest announcing the date and time of a meeting of the Hierarchy will make possible such periodic contacts.

