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# THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ The *invisible empire* with its far-reaching influence in the lives and affairs of mankind is intensely interesting to us now that we are beginning to think in terms of the responsibilities we must assume upon having attained the Hierarchy. It is true that our opportunities are proportionately increased as we assume new and



greater responsibilities, but we can serve only as we become increasingly aware of possibilities for service. We quote from a source familiar to most of us.

*... there exists a family sprung from, living among, but scarcely forming a part of ordinary humanity, whose members are spread abroad throughout the advanced races of mankind and throughout the last forty centuries of the world's history.*

*The trait that distinguishes these people from other men is this: Their spiritual eyes have been opened and they have seen. . . . The better known members of this group who . . . have created all the great modern religions, beginning with Taoism and Buddhism, and speaking generally, have created, through religion and literature, modern civilization. Not that they have contributed any large numerical proportion of the books which have been written, but that they have produced the few books which have inspired the larger number of all that have been written in modern times. These men dominate the last twenty-five, especially the last five, centuries as stars of the first magnitude dominate the midnight sky.*

—RICHARD MAURICE BUCKE, M.D., 1837-(?) 1901

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

We are about to begin a series of studies and practices dealing with secret processes used by advanced mystics and those who are members of the Hierarchy.

When I sit in my sanctum, I seem to feel that you realize the closeness and companionship that exist between us. I may be in California or elsewhere, but distance means nothing. Physical separation means nothing either, but sometimes I should very much like to hear your voice and shake your hand and let you know in a physical sense as well as in a psychic and philosophical way that we enjoy your companionship and fellowship.

This is one of the times that I wish that you were sitting here in my sanctum with me and I could talk directly to you as I am now talking to my secretary who is taking down each word of this monograph, for I should like to have the pleasure of seeing the light in your eyes as you realize the importance and beauty of each of these special esoteric practices.

You have probably realized, as does every advancing adept, that certain esoteric principles are gradually being unfolded to you in a veiled and allegorical way throughout these higher Degrees. Often these are based upon simple things taught in earlier Degrees. Occasionally a member in the Seventh, Eighth, or Ninth Degree seems to sense some larger and greater law involved in the simple one he is studying. He gets a faint glimpse of the larger laws and even produces the same results we are going to have now with these secret principles. That is due to the fact that some students carry in their minds or hearts, or locked in their psychic consciousness, recollections from a previous incarnation of these same studies.

Nearly every member of this Hierarchy, now the highest class of students, was at some former time a member of the Order or of a mystic, philosophical school associated with the Rosicrucians. Few in this higher Degree are interested in these subjects for the first time in this incarnation.

You know how it is with you. From childhood most of us have seemed to sense some side of the psychic world, its laws and principles, and been attracted to it. We have drifted toward these subjects just as a natural musician or artist is from childhood attracted toward a career in music or art. The natural artist begins to notice color, form and pleasing combinations in youth. Even before he is conscious of his destiny, he finds pleasure in looking at beautiful things, and before long he is reading books, looking at pictures, going to museums or in some way associating himself with art. Then he starts to draw, paint or express



himself. Even if he never has any instruction, never sees an actual artist at work, or never knows what tools or materials an artist uses, he seems in some way to get the right materials and do the right thing. He may not become a professional artist, but whatever his business or occupation throughout his life, his hobby and his greatest pleasure will be in expressing himself in form and color.

This is as true of the businessman, the lawyer, the clergyman—preacher or priest, the architect and the engineer—as it is of the musician and sculptor. It is also true of the natural mystic. Persons deeply interested in mysticism and the laws of nature are scattered throughout the whole of the social and business world. An artist generally makes art his entire occupation, and does not follow any other trade or profession. The same is true of the musician. The mystic, however, does not seek to make mysticism an exclusive and whole-time occupation. One can be a businessman, a lawyer, a nurse, or be engaged in any occupation, trade, art, or industry, and still be a student and lover of mysticism.

Among the applications that come to us day after day from all classes of individuals a deep interest in mysticism and arcane knowledge is evidenced on the part of persons in every occupation, profession, art and trade. This is due entirely to the fact that these persons are born with an intuitive and deeply-rooted interest in these subjects which they have carried over from a previous incarnation.

These persons represent only a small portion of the world's population. Out of every one hundred persons you meet on the street or in the course of the day's activities, only two or three will be found who have a real interest in these subjects born from a previous incarnation. An organization such as ours brings together these two or three persons out of every hundred. In a city of fifty thousand persons, about a thousand or fifteen hundred are interested in these subjects, and of these fifteen hundred, only eight or nine hundred will have an interest of long standing. Our public lectures dealing with highly mystical and spiritual truths attract only a limited audience. Three thousand persons might hear a lecture on mysticism, but only fifteen hundred have any interest, the other fifteen hundred coming out of curiosity or because of a friend. Out of the fifteen hundred, not more than half would have carried over from the past their interest and experience.

As a member of this Hierarchy, you represent not only those who have been interested previously and who carry a real interest from the past into the present but you represent those who were interested enough to continue their studies, and keep attuned with the organization. Many who have carried over from their past incarnation only a casual interest feel it sufficient occasionally to buy a book or attend a public or private lecture.



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They do not feel inclined to set aside time for study or work systematically to help change and benefit their lives. Such casual students either drop out in the early Degrees when they begin to feel that they have gained all of the knowledge or information of life that they want in the present incarnation. Those who go on up to the Tenth and Eleventh Degrees are more sincere and are the most happy and successful in life. Those who reach this Twelfth Degree have proved to us and to themselves that their interest is deep and sincere. They really represent the leading, thinking, creative, powerful portion of the earth's population.

As each one of you as a member of the esoteric Hierarchy of the Order is helping to create and maintain the psychic and mystical power of this organization so that it may carry on into the future; so each of you also represents a part of that worldly, mundane hierarchy representing the leaders, thinkers, and creators of the world's advancing civilization. No matter how we may talk about democracy or equality in political, social, and economic affairs, the truth is that this earth and its political, social, business, economic, religious, and moral affairs are governed, controlled, directed, and maintained in a balanced state by the few. The mass of population cannot rule and govern for any long period of time. In fact, in some matters, such as social and economic affairs, the mass of the population in any country cannot rule for more than a month or two before there is an economic crash and a complete bankruptcy.

In political affairs the mass cannot control itself and direct its national and personal destiny for more than a year or two before the differences of opinion, extreme enthusiasm of the fanatical, and gradual indifference of the majority, bring about resistance, rebellion, and finally war. In social and religious affairs, the mass is again incapable of creating a future for itself along the proper lines. The principle of mob psychology enslaves the majority. Whenever a leader arises with new ideas, smooth talk, hypocritical oratory, or an alluring dream, the unthinking majority will follow like sheep. Often such self-appointed leaders with uncouth, immoral, and unethical ideas will lead the mass right into opposite conditions from those promised.

Throughout the ages, civilization has been saved from itself by its minority—by leaders, thinkers, and creators who represent about one percent of the population. Only one person in a thousand is capable of guiding a country and its people through Cosmic revelation, attunement, foresight, real vision, and an understanding of the weaknesses and frailties of human nature. These few represent the controlling, though secret, private power in each country and community.



On the Pacific coast of the United States today live the descendants of early pioneers who came from Eastern cities and various parts of the world into the rugged, little-known

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sections of the Pacific coast to start a new country. They were seeking for gold, not only gold in the earth, but the gold of adventure, the gold of agricultural possibilities, the gold of freedom, toleration, and progress. These pioneers were called empire builders because they built an empire out of the ruggedness and bounty of nature. Credit should be given them; but the real empire builders of the world are those in each community, in every country, who build the new empire of tomorrow, next year and the next cycle. These are the ones who listen to the voice of the Cosmic, who see the visions in the heavens, obey God's laws and the creative forces of the universe. With foresight, unselfishness, and a humanitarian love, they create and invent, guide and direct civilization to the next higher step year by year, century by century, and cycle by cycle.

You, therefore, are not only a part of the esoteric Hierarchy of our Order but also a real member of the invisible empire of the world. We have used this term invisible empire many times in our literature and in our advertisements and announcements, and only a few have understood what we mean. When I say that you are a member of the real invisible empire, the invisible kingdom, the invisible court of majestic control and true direction of the future of the world's peoples, nations, and populations, I am sure you will begin to awaken to the possibilities that are opening before us. You will also be aware of the responsibilities that we must be prepared to accept. Next week I shall continue to develop this theme.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

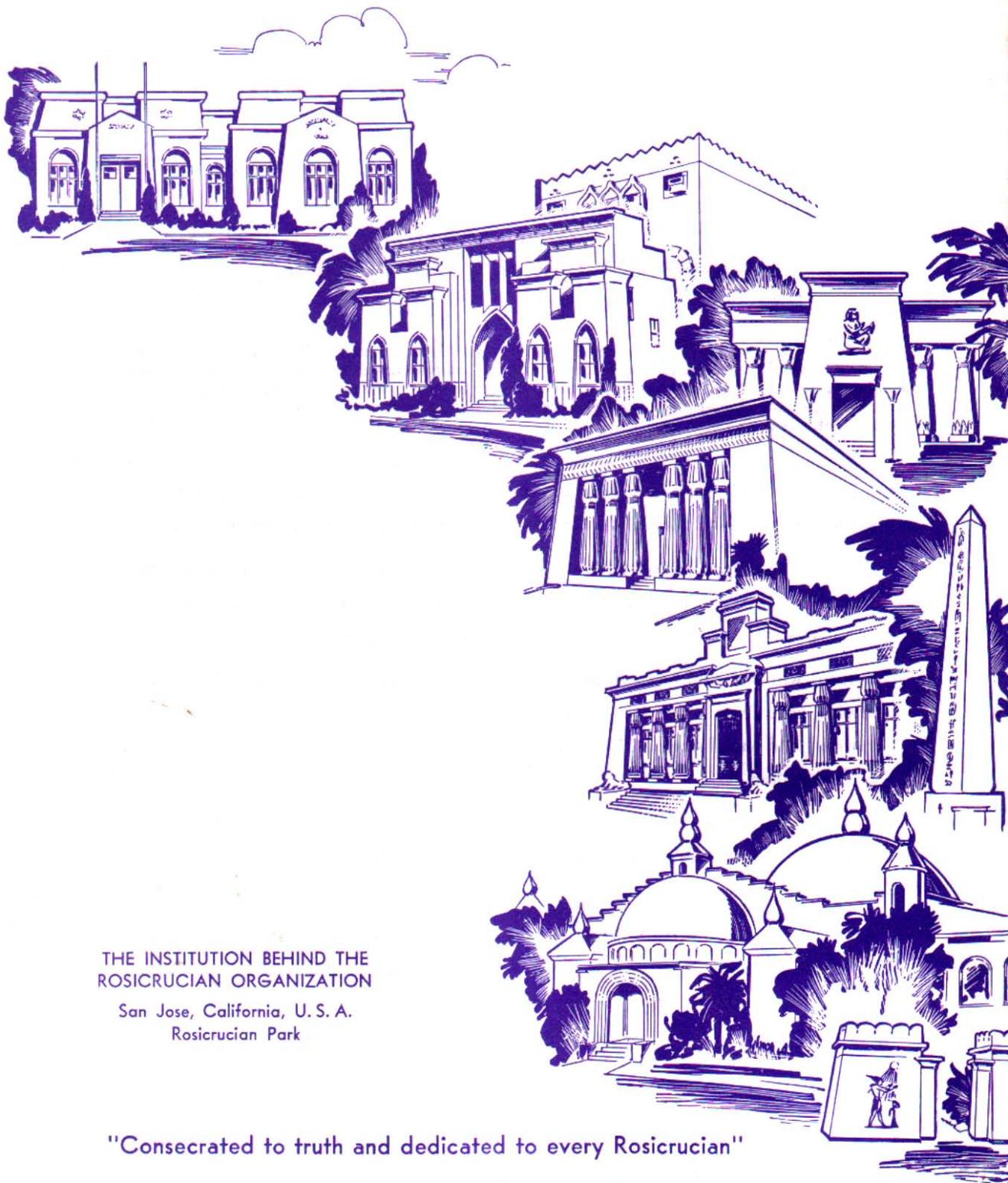


## Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Certain esoteric principles, some of which are based upon simple things taught in earlier Degrees, are gradually being unfolded in a veiled and allegorical manner.
- ¶ Some students carry recollections, from a previous incarnation, of these same studies locked in their psychic consciousness. Nearly every member who attains the Hierarchy was at some former time associated with the Rosicrucians.
- ¶ Persons with an intuitive and deeply rooted interest in these subjects which they have carried over from a previous incarnation are scattered throughout the whole of the business and social world. However, there are only two or three such persons out of every hundred.
- ¶ Those of the Hierarchy represent the *invisible empire*—the leaders, thinkers, and creators of the earth's population, who guide and direct civilization to the next higher step year by year, century by century, and cycle by cycle.
- ¶ As members of the invisible empire, it is necessary to recognize the possibilities that are opening before us, as well as to be aware of the responsibilities we must be prepared to assume.



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