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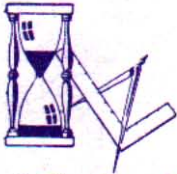
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This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ The contemporary philosopher, Count Hermann Keyserling, has made a statement in his *Travel Diary* regarding the Masters which is worth our attention because of its sincerity. That it is also skeptical while not being antagonistic is a merit which Rosicrucians can recognize and understand. The quotation appears on pages 149-150 of Volume One



of *The Travel Diary of a Philosopher*. It is reprinted with the permission of Harcourt, Brace & Co. who published the English Translation of the book in 1925.

The belief in the Masters is often laughed at. Why do they hide themselves? Why do they not act in a direct way? Why are none of the great deeds of the human spirit traceable to similar masters? Why do they employ, for the fulfilment of their intentions, such obviously insufficient organs? I do not know whether such masters exist, but beings of their description are certainly possible theoretically. If they are supermen in the spiritual sense, it may be in extreme measure what has been true of all spiritually great men: they seem powerless in all the lower spheres, they cannot act in them directly, and therefore there is a very good reason why they wish to remain in hiding. The process of elevation must be paid for everywhere in nature: gentle creatures succumb to brutal ones, spiritualized beings to ruffians, and the wise man is incapable of a great deal which the man of the world achieves.

—COUNT HERMANN KEYSERLING, 1880-1946

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

Continuing the thought of last week, I want to give you a few esoteric principles which reveal a number of Cosmic laws so that you may discover their real significance in your meditations. It has been said in certain sacred writings that man lives, moves, and has his being in the consciousness of God; or that in the consciousness of God, man has his consciousness of existence. A similar thought is embodied in the ancient esoteric proverb, rather difficult to translate adequately, "God expresses His laws and manifests His principles through the mind of man."

In other words, while we dwell in, or while our being is dependent upon, the consciousness of God, the omnipotence and wisdom of God are dependent upon our realization of them for their interpretation and demonstration. The ways in which our own earthly government expresses itself are, as I see it, quite similar. We have, for instance, in each state or province, a group of men sitting as a lawmaking unit, and this body originates or decrees new statutes and laws. These are entered upon the statute books and become laws by having been officially decreed. Such laws of government and conduct are of no practical value unless they are revealed to the citizens who must put them into practice. Laws are of value only when they serve a purpose; and they can serve a purpose only by being put into use. If, in the ages gone, moral and ethical codes had been established but never put into practice, mankind would not have made the advancement that has been made.

Mankind represents a great channel of manifestation for the laws and principles of God and the Cosmic. God uses the consciousness in man to cause him to sense divine laws, and demonstrate them in practice. Man has always had to be the interpreter of God's laws. No matter how these laws may have been revealed, unless man was sensitive to the revelations, understood and put them into practice, the laws would have been ineffective and of no value. The mystics of ancient times declared that every time a vision revealed one or more of God's great principles, God was selecting the most advanced, prepared minds as channels of promulgating those laws. Is there any reason for us to look upon that statement as untrue, unsound, or unreasonable?

After all, the vast majority of human beings today are like lost people. They go hither and thither with no complete understanding of what their movement really means; they simply guide themselves by the actions of some leader. Whatever advance has been made has been made by a small group of pioneers or leaders who have attracted to themselves followers, or who have proclaimed certain conditions and established certain customs. This small group of Light-bearers may be mystics, philosophers, preachers, teachers, great writers or lecturers, or even the great adepts, commonly called avatars. They have had to blaze a way through dark ages,



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through superstitious practices and customs, beliefs, and ideas. Ninety-nine per cent of human civilization does very little thinking or profound reasoning, and requires leaders to guide and direct it, even in spiritual researches and beneficial studies. This great multitude rebels against new ideas or the breaking up of established customs, and insists upon adopting slowly anything new. It often looks upon the leaders as eccentrics, cranks or reformers. Some it worships to the point of idolatry; others it crucifies from time to time; but civilization has moved forward solely through the persistency of a few leaders in every age and every country.

It is not surprising to find, therefore, that many of the leaders have grouped themselves in organizations or secret bodies where they could find others of like mind and similar thought, and where they could consult with each other on the best means of introducing inspired wisdom to ignorant multitudes.

When I speak of ignorant multitudes, I do not mean the illiterate. It is sad that so far as the higher principles of life are concerned the most ignorant of persons are often found among those whom the multitudes consider smart and brilliant. Very often in the soul and consciousness of a person hardly able to read, or unable to read, there is great wisdom because such a person has learned to allow his inner self to be guided and directed by the Cosmic and divine inspirations. But the mass of people—regardless of education and mental training—is ignorant in the ways that lead to the advancement of civilization; that is why we still have wars and bloodshed, dissensions, arguing and fighting over the material and unimportant things of life.

Throughout the ages there have been groups of leaders representing an invisible hierarchy or kingdom of creators of civilization. These leaders and inspired ones are the real lawmakers on earth. By the manner in which they accept and interpret the inspired messages given them by the Cosmic, and by the manner in which they apply this great knowledge in their own lives, do they reveal to the mass of men the laws they have learned. You are in a position now where your mind through your past studies in the different Degrees has been trained to become attuned with Cosmic inspiration and inspired ideas. God, in His direct way, and the great unseen Masters in their indirect way, will attempt to inspire new ideas, new laws and principles in your consciousness. You are a modern group of real lawmakers, a modern hierarchy, more powerful than any of the dictatorship groups that rule the destinies of many people. It is necessary to keep yourself so attuned through willing service that more of such ideas will become living principles, worthy of application and revelation to your fellow man.

You have reached the crucial stage in your development where you are to be special channels for the Masters and for God to express today the higher ideals and principles that will control the affairs of men.



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You will remember that in the first temple initiation of our Order a promise is made to the Neophyte by the Master. This promise is made in exchange for the Neophyte's promise to remain loyal and faithful as a student. The Master explains that if the Neophyte keeps his pledge, and studies seriously, and lives according to the Light revealed, he will find some day all of the Masters will serve him and that he will become their equal. You are now at a place where this promise is about to be fulfilled. You must not be surprised to find that revelations come to you, and inspired ideas rise in your consciousness as though they had been sleeping there for a long time and had just been awakened into full realization. There will suddenly come a thought of some great principle discovered or revealed.

At first it may surprise or shock you because it may be an idea or principle that seems contrary to what you have studied or contrary to what is commonly accepted and understood by the mass of people. You may feel that your consciousness is mistaken, and that the idea which is now trying to express itself in your mind is a false idea that has in some way centered itself in your mind for the purpose of troubling you. But you must not allow your objective brain with its reasoning and thinking to tear to pieces such inspired ideas. You may analyze and examine these startling and surprising revelations from every angle; but do not allow yourself to be deceived into thinking that they must be wrong or false or unworthy of your consideration simply because they are new or different. That would be totally and wholly unfair to the Cosmic and to all of the higher principles.

It is true that you cannot put all of these inspired ideas into practice immediately; but because you cannot, you should not reject them as unworthy, unneeded or unimportant. It is a good plan, therefore, to put all of these ideas into a notebook where from time to time you can read them and analyze them again and again; then when the opportunity comes, put them into practice in your life and test them and demonstrate them. In this way you will be cooperating with God and the Cosmic in bringing new knowledge and wisdom into your own life and into the lives of others around you.

This is such an important subject and so filled with possibilities that I am not going to tell you more now. From time to time, more will be said as you progress through your own experiences and Cosmic contacts. This is merely a note of warning to advise you not to allow yourself to be sidetracked in your progress because of doubt regarding the goodness or worthiness of some thoughts or ideas that come to you.



For the coming week I recommend that you give much thought to the impressions that you have had during the other Degrees, and especially the impressions that have come since the Tenth Degree and while you have been going through these

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higher teachings. Remember the ancient proverb that only to the consciousness that is clean and noble and into the mouth that is clean and pure will there come the laws and principles that the Cosmic is striving to give you as a special instrument on earth for its building up. The more you think about this development of the hierarchy, and the more you become receptive and attuned with the Cosmic in this manner, the more marvelous will be the revelation. Always live as nobly and as uprightly as possible so that you may be worthy.

This does not mean that you should be overpious or falsely assume a piousness that you do not have. Nor does it mean that you should lay aside the wholesome pleasures of life and become a fanatic. This would only make you insincere, and there must be no degree of insincerity or unnaturalness about your life. You cannot know for some time in what manner the Masters and the Cosmic may be arranging your mission in life; so you cannot assume to be something not truly and genuinely natural to yourself. As each day passes, let the inspirations of the day or night cause you to draw from yourself the best that is in you; and whenever possible apply that knowledge or reveal it to others. In this way you will be associating yourself with the happiest, most contented and successful beings on earth and attuning yourself for greater blessings and benedictions.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

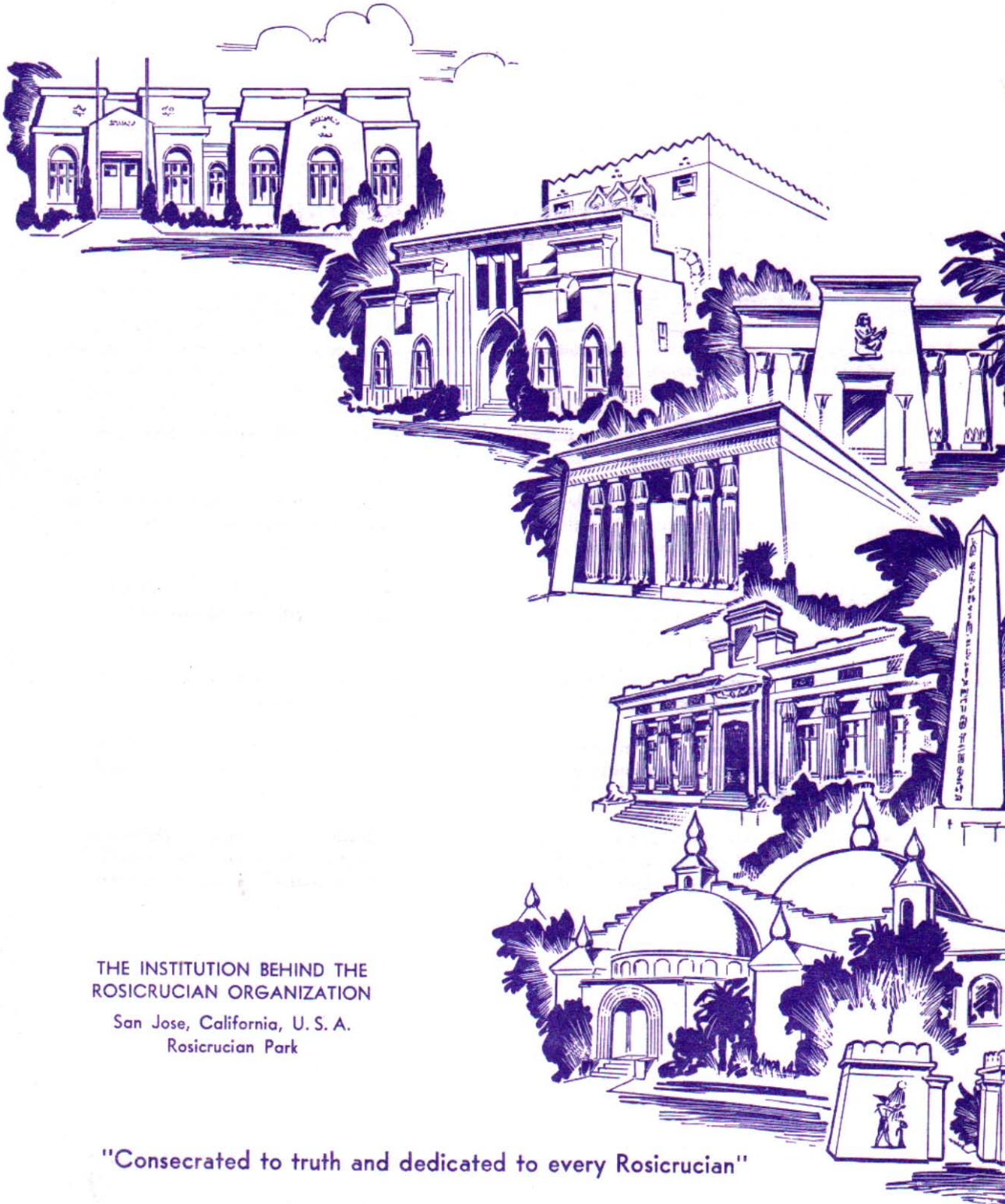


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ An esoteric proverb somewhat difficult to translate runs: "God expresses His laws and manifests His principles through the mind of man."
- ¶ Thus, it may be said that while our being is dependent upon the consciousness of God, His omnipotence and wisdom are dependent upon our realization for their interpretation and demonstration.
- ¶ The way in which worldly government expresses itself may be used as an illustration: A lawmaking body makes a law, but it can have no value practically until it is understood and put into practice by the citizen.
- ¶ In other words, man is the channel through which God and the Cosmic work to bring to pass those things which are for the evolution of the race.
- ¶ The vast majority of men and women are merely followers, neither knowing why they act as they do nor understanding the larger purposes being worked out by God and the Cosmic.
- ¶ You have been preparing yourselves, however, to be leaders and receptive channels through which higher truths and principles may be brought to man. You should, therefore, be aware of this at all times and strive to keep yourselves worthy of such Cosmic responsibility.



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