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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ In speaking to his friends of the rewards of justice and wisdom in this life and the next, Socrates tells the story of Er of Pamphylia who returned to life twelve days after his soul had left his body. During this time it had been Er's privilege to view for himself the dispensation of divine justice to the souls of men. While the tale is too



long to be quoted here, Socrates' concluding remarks are appropriate in connection with this monograph's assurance of reward for unselfish service.

My advice, therefore, is that we always seek after the heavenly way, following virtue and justice—remembering that the immortal soul outlasts every sort of good and evil. By so doing, we shall endear ourselves to the gods and to one another while here on earth as well as when like those successful in the games we go to collect our reward. Thus in this life and in that which has been likened to a journey of a thousand years, it will be well.

From *The Republic*, by PLATO, 427(?)–347 B. C.

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

To give you some idea of how efficiently the Law of Assumption works and of how it can be used, I am going to outline to you today the methods by which the highest members of our organization here at the Grand Lodge use this law to help you and other members who have from time to time appealed to us.

One of the most interesting applications of this law is in connection with the appeals that come to us for assistance at the time of childbirth. Week after week and month after month throughout the year we receive telegrams stating that the time is at hand for the delivery of a child. Usually the friends or the husband send these telegrams, and we get them just an hour or two before the expected birth. In all of these cases the Law of Assumption is used for the purpose of giving strength, confidence, and hope to the mother, as well as easing the pain and shortening the period of delivery as much as possible.

It may seem strange to you that any of our Fratres should attempt to exchange places with a woman at a time like this, and it may seem to you that it would be appropriate only for a woman member of our organization to use the Law of Assumption in connection with childbirth or in attempting to attune with the expectant mother. In all psychic practices, however, the difference in sex has no meaning whatsoever, and very often when I am treating a patient I am wholly unaware whether the patient is a man or a woman.

However, in the case of giving help to an expectant mother, it is not the fact of motherhood that is uppermost in our minds, but the fact that a great natural law is about to be made manifest, and the patient needs strength, calmness, and freedom from pain so that her part can be done in the proper way. Thus we attune ourselves with this expectant mother every fifteen minutes until we feel from our contact that the child has been born. Sometimes no more than a third contact is necessary when we have a very distinct Cosmic impression, and a sense from the projected contact that the child has been born and the mother is relaxed and at ease again.

All that we keep in mind during the assumption period with the expectant mother is that our consciousness dwelling within her must maintain full strength or vitality in the body, full power to respond to nature's urges, freedom from pain as far as possible, and a cooperation in the process without any fear so that the child may be born as quickly as possible, and that after birth the body will rapidly grow stronger and the mother quickly recuperate.



The success we have had in looking after expectant mothers is a high testimony to the Law of Assumption and its possibilities. In the past years we have helped several thousand

mothers in the delivery of their children. The average report to us makes emphatic mention of the short period of delivery pain, and the fact that the mother remained strong. Generally these letters or telegrams say that the doctors and nurses were surprised at the short period of labor, and the ease with which the delivery was made. The mothers themselves often refer to the sense of calm and peace they felt soon after the telegram reached us.

This law can also be used, as we have proved successfully in thousands of cases, where an operation is to be performed. Sometimes the person has been a son or a daughter of a member, or a wife, father or mother, and we have been asked to keep the patient in mind at a certain hour when the operation is to be performed. In these cases the same procedure is used: Beginning at the time set for the operation, and for an hour thereafter, two or three applications of the Law of Assumption are made. We allow our consciousness to fill the body of the patient. We exchange places with the patient, and become the patient. We visualize the operation being performed upon our body, and we determine that the heart will not weaken; that little pain will be suffered, and that everything will be favorable to a successful operation. We also determine that we will relax afterwards, keep up our strength and gradually return to a normal condition. In this manner the patient is strengthened and helped throughout the operation.

We are often called upon, too, in cases where a speech is to be made or a recital given. Such public affairs call for poise, power and personal magnetism. When we are told the day and hour of the event, the practice is the same. We put ourselves in the place of the performer. We help him become calm and poised, to remember what he wants to remember, to be unself-conscious.

Again, we are asked to help an attorney who is to plead an important case before a judge or a jury. Sometimes we are asked to help a businessman before a board of directors. On other occasions we are asked to help a person attain the very best results in an important examination.

With these instances in mind, you will see the many ways you can help others as well as yourself. In using the Law of Assumption to help others in an unselfish way, you are building up certain Karmic conditions by which you will be repaid for your services. Naturally you cannot go about this work with the idea that for every minute you spend in helping someone else you are going to get back one minute of services as a reward.

We who are practicing these principles daily and weekly do not stop to think of the possible reward. We have learned that if we keep on helping others whenever opportunities come, we need not worry about our own essential needs. None of us



expects gold to be poured into our laps, or that we will be wealthy because we help others. As we look into the future we see more work, more services, and more opportunity to do good, and it matters little whether the reward will be in one form or another. We simply feel that if we do what is right, the future will take care of itself.

I do not know of a worker in behalf of humanity anywhere who has ever become wealthy in a personal sense; neither have I ever met one who expected to be. In fact, anyone who attempts to use mysticism or his opportunity to serve mankind solely as a means of making the latter part of his life lazy and useless will meet with defeat. Such a person will find the laws not working for him. He will not be able to serve mankind at all, nor build anything for himself in the Cosmic or in the material world. You will find, as everyone else has, that humanitarian service is a thankless work. Out of a hundred whom you help, only a few will ever thank you for your efforts.

Most persons helped in a metaphysical way seem to feel under no obligation to anyone. They may even say to the healer, "All you used was spiritual law and since it cost you nothing, you have no right to charge for its use." They forget that although the Bible is the word of God and inspired in the heart of man, and although man never paid God for helping him write such a book, publishing houses do not hesitate to charge a definite price for their printed Bibles because it costs money to print, bind, publish, and sell, whether it is the Bible or some other book.

Somebody must pay these publishing expenses even though no money is paid for the inspired words that are on the pages. Persons seem to forget that the metaphysician had to buy books, study and spend time and money in acquiring the knowledge to use spiritual laws. They forget that the spiritual worker has to live, be clothed, eat, and pay rent. It is true, nevertheless, that the spiritual worker should not have in mind that each time he aids someone, there is going to be a direct monetary or material reward because he will be interfering with the working of the law by having such a mercenary idea. He will find that if he forgets that reward, the Cosmic will look after him because of his generous nature and willingness to help.

The satisfaction and joy of helping those who need it is in itself one of the rewards for using these principles. I cannot think of anyone so lacking in sensibility and so devoid of Christ Consciousness that he would not want to help others with the knowledge he possesses. The average human being feels that if he can help anyone, he wants to do so because it is a universal law for all men to help each other.

The more we develop the feeling of universal service, the more we are developing the Christ Consciousness in us, and the more we are attuning ourselves with the Cosmic. Being thus attuned, we are in a state of "grace" with the Cosmic forces.



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This means that our actual necessities and requirements will always be given consideration by the Cosmic.

Many writers have called attention to the fact that if we consider the characters in history who have nobly used their mystic knowledge to help mankind, we find that most if not all of them pass through transition calmly and peacefully; and that during their lifetimes they always seem to have the material necessities of life, with a richness of soul and spirit that others cannot understand.

So, learn this lesson of service and keep in mind that now you have in your hands a golden key that will enable you to render greater help than any human being could ever do otherwise. Throughout this week continue to try this Law of Assumption. Next week I am going to explain what other persons would call miracles, and what you will understand as great manifestations of God's power.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

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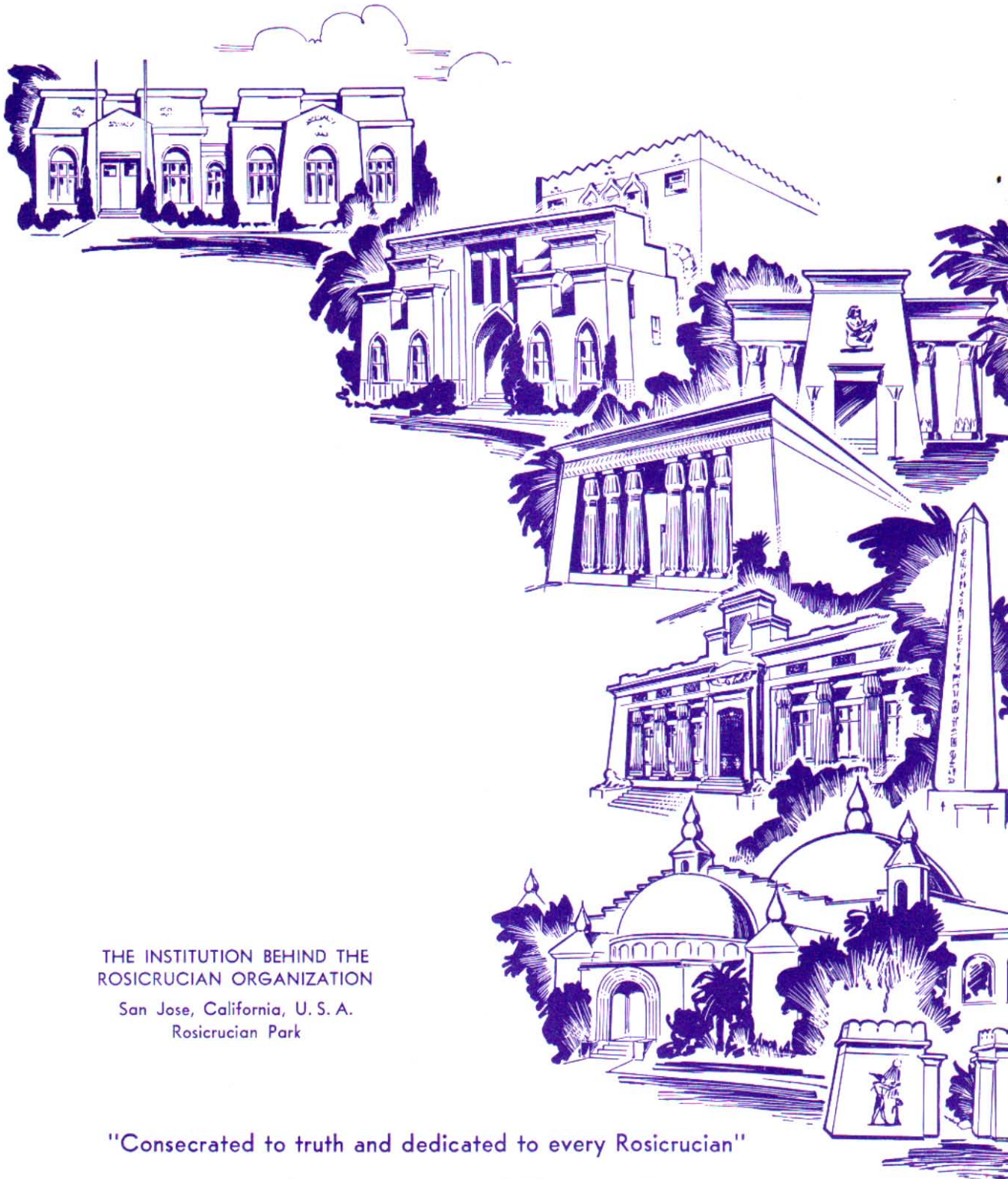


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ The principles of the Law of Assumption are used daily by the highest members of the organization to help members who appeal for help.
- ¶ In the past years several thousand mothers have been helped successfully in the delivery of their children.
- ¶ This law has also been effective in helping thousands during operations, and many others, as well, during important or critical moments of their lives.
- ¶ In using the Law of Assumption to help others in an unselfish way, you are building up certain Karmic conditions by which you will be repaid for your services. However, anyone who does so purely for the sake of reward will not be able to serve mankind at all, nor will he build anything for himself in either a spiritual or material way.
- ¶ In spite of the thanklessness of humanitarian service, the satisfaction and joy of helping those who need it is in itself a reward for using these principles.
- ¶ It is a universal law for all men to help one another, and the Law of Assumption is a golden key for you to use to this end.



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