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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ To be in harmony with the consciousness of God is the ever-present desire of the mystic, for he knows that only through such attunement is true happiness attained. Recognizing the duality of his nature, and knowing that both the spiritual and physical selves will benefit from Cosmic attunement, he does not seek to escape worldly or material obligations; rather he seeks to accord each aspect its proper place in his life.



We are of an earthly nature, but we have also a celestial existence within the terrestrial one. During our temporal life both are mixed with each other, but they do not act upon each other; each one is merely the dwelling of the other, as is the case with gold-bearing rock. The rock is not the gold, but merely its vehicle. The roughness of the rock is not that which produces gold, but this is done by the tincture of the sun acting therein.

—JACOB BOEHME, 1575-1624

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

There is such a close tie between the Class Master and the members of this Degree that as each week's monograph is prepared, it is almost as though the class were physically together. In fact, the Class Master attempts each week to further this intimate contact by visualizing just such a gathering and impressing his consciousness upon the members entitled to be present so that a closer attunement between class members and Class Master may be established.

Each week, when you are in your sanctum, it would be an excellent practice to visualize the others of your class and your Class Master being with you as you relax and read the monograph in hand. If you will do this, you will discover a growing sense of unity taking place and you will more and more find your sanctum to be the point of contact between you and your fratres and sorores of the Twelfth Degree.

Last week I promised to say something about the so-called miracles that can be accomplished by the use of the principles of assumption. One of the greatest to be accomplished is that, during the preliminary relaxation and attunement with the Cosmic, a spiritual change comes over the person. Our desire and the necessity for helping others or ourselves in the material things of life, should never overshadow the fact that the most important need of every person on the path, who is making any progress at all, is to spiritualize the body and its consciousness. Do not think that I am saying that we must spiritualize the soul or increase the soul's spirituality, or the soul's spiritual strength. The soul in man can never be increased or strengthened in its spirituality, for it has all that God can give it. The worldly or mundane, mortal consciousness of man, however, is something that can be spiritualized, strengthened and made more perfect day by day and hour by hour.

There is no greater way of strengthening and nourishing a hungry person than by giving him a substantial meal. There is, likewise, no better way to feed a person hungry for the things of the mind than by helping him attune with those things which will satisfy him. This is true even with children. The boy who is fond of sailboats and wants to make boats that sail around the bathtub or the little pool at home, and whose heart is hungry to see and enjoy boats and large bodies of water, cannot be satisfied until he is allowed to spend some time in the midst of boats on a real body of water. The girl who loves flowers, dolls, and dainty toys can only be made happy when she can enjoy them to the fullest extent and not in a limited way.



Just so the consciousness of the mystic is ever hungry for spiritual attunement and for spiritual nourishment; and there is no greater way to satisfy this natural inner hunger than by allowing the consciousness and mind to dwell in com-

plete harmony and attunement with the spiritual forces and powers of the universe.

It is important to keep in mind that every part and element of the consciousness of man and of the consciousness of his physical body is purified and strengthened by Cosmic attunement and spiritual marriage. In the ancient mystical writings mention is repeatedly made of the marriage of the body with the Cosmic, or the marriage of the physical self with the Godhead. Many mystical books, and even mystical poems and plays, have been written about this spiritual marriage. These things do not refer to the marriage of a man and woman, but to the marriage or unity, for the time being, of the consciousness of man with the consciousness of God and the Cosmic.

When you go to a concert and just lose yourself in the music, you are attuning with something of a high and subtle nature that is absorbed by your consciousness while you are listening and concentrating upon the music and its source. During the minutes you sit completely lost in the thrill and beauty of the music, you become a part of that music, and every cell in your body is affected by the vibrations, the message, and the beauty of it. This sort of attunement has made magnificent lovers of music, and at the same time has lifted the consciousness to a higher plane of functioning where the sordid or commonplace has no existence. Ill-health, disease, inharmonious functioning of organs and parts of the body are easily altered or changed, or completely modified by the presence of music, and the Cosmic attunement that comes.

Some of the greatest miracles have occurred during these moments of Cosmic attunement. You can have no idea of what changes will take place through this spiritual absorption and spiritual cleansing. Nearly every human being is beset by some condition of bodily frailty but this suspends its activities or completely disappears during the time a person is spiritualized through Cosmic attunement. Many of the faulty functionings of organs and parts of the body are changed and altered by the resurgence of the spiritual power that comes into the body, mind and consciousness during such attunement. Most of our material problems are affected by this spiritual attunement. No matter how materialists may argue, and no matter how scientists may explain, the fact remains that the closer we get to God and the Cosmic, the more fortunate and the happier our place in life. This cannot mean, of course, that all we need do is to sit down and be spiritualized in order to have our earthly problems set aside. It does mean that to the extent and degree that we abandon all worldly thought and concentrate our whole mind and consciousness upon spiritual attunement, we become spiritual beings for the time of the concentration. It is like being balanced outwardly and inwardly with a spiritual healing, strengthening and cleansing power that makes us new beings during the time of the concentration.



It is not that we should deliberately cast out of our minds all of our worldly problems; or bring all of them into our sanctum. We should simply lay them aside, and realize that we need to nourish our spiritual selves with the Divine power and thought that is always ready to envelop us. During such a period of concentration we should feel as close to God as though we were enveloped in His aura or absorbed in His consciousness. We should not attempt to exchange places with God since that can never be done; but we should feel that we are so intimately in contact with the God consciousness that we are one with it; in fact, that we are living, moving and breathing in attunement with God.

Regardless of individual religion, creed, or doctrine, ancients and moderns agree on one point: To live normally, naturally, healthfully, and happily, we must be in harmony with the consciousness of God. This is the great law of the mystic. In ancient times they tested this principle by abandoning the interests and activities of the world and going into the mountains or valley to live as anchorites, completely separated from the world. Today we know that to a degree we can attain this same spiritual attunement, not by wholly setting aside our worldly obligations and duties but by giving these things a secondary place in life instead of allowing them to be the dominating factors and controllers of all our thinking and doing.

We need not wear the black, the gray, or the brown of the monk to separate ourselves from worldly thoughts and customs, as long as we can establish in our minds and hearts the two kingdoms as separate and independent—the kingdom of God and divinity and the kingdom of earth and mortal things. Each of them exists and each of them undoubtedly has a place in the scheme of things according to God's intention. We have the freedom of choosing one or the other as the kingdom for our adoration and pious service. The one who serves mammon and enslaves himself to earthly conditions and is dominated wholly by worldly and material considerations, is surely destroying his best interests and bringing his life on earth to an unhappy end. The one who places his goal in the higher planes of thought and higher realms of existence and who recognizes the temporary necessity of worldly things will, in striving to live according to the highest desires of his soul, bring his earthly existence to a happy end.

If, we occasionally ask ourselves this question, "What should I do each day to bring myself nearer to attunement with Cosmic laws and principles?" we will soon find customs, habits, interests and pastimes that have heretofore brought us nothing but worry and torment, unhappiness and discouragement, disappearing from our experience.



Real peace—that peace that satisfies every part and element of our natures and brings a thrill of joy to the soul and heart—cannot be found in the material world or in the activi-

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ties and interests of earthly things. There is only one real peace and that is the calm, soothing, satisfying peace that comes through divine sources when we have lifted our consciousness to God and dwell there for long periods of time.

The work of this Degree and that of those through which you have recently passed is intended to bring about that spiritual consciousness of Cosmic attunement that has no place for worldly problems, sorrows, griefs, and inharmony. Such moments of peace indulged in morning, afternoon, and evening should and will become golden moments. Until it has changed the course of your living and revealed to you the true path of the mystic and of the Rosicrucian, you cannot know what joy and happiness, protection and sound health are created by the practice of our principles. I am always glad to hear of cases where this great fact has been realized in time to change the course of the life of a member.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

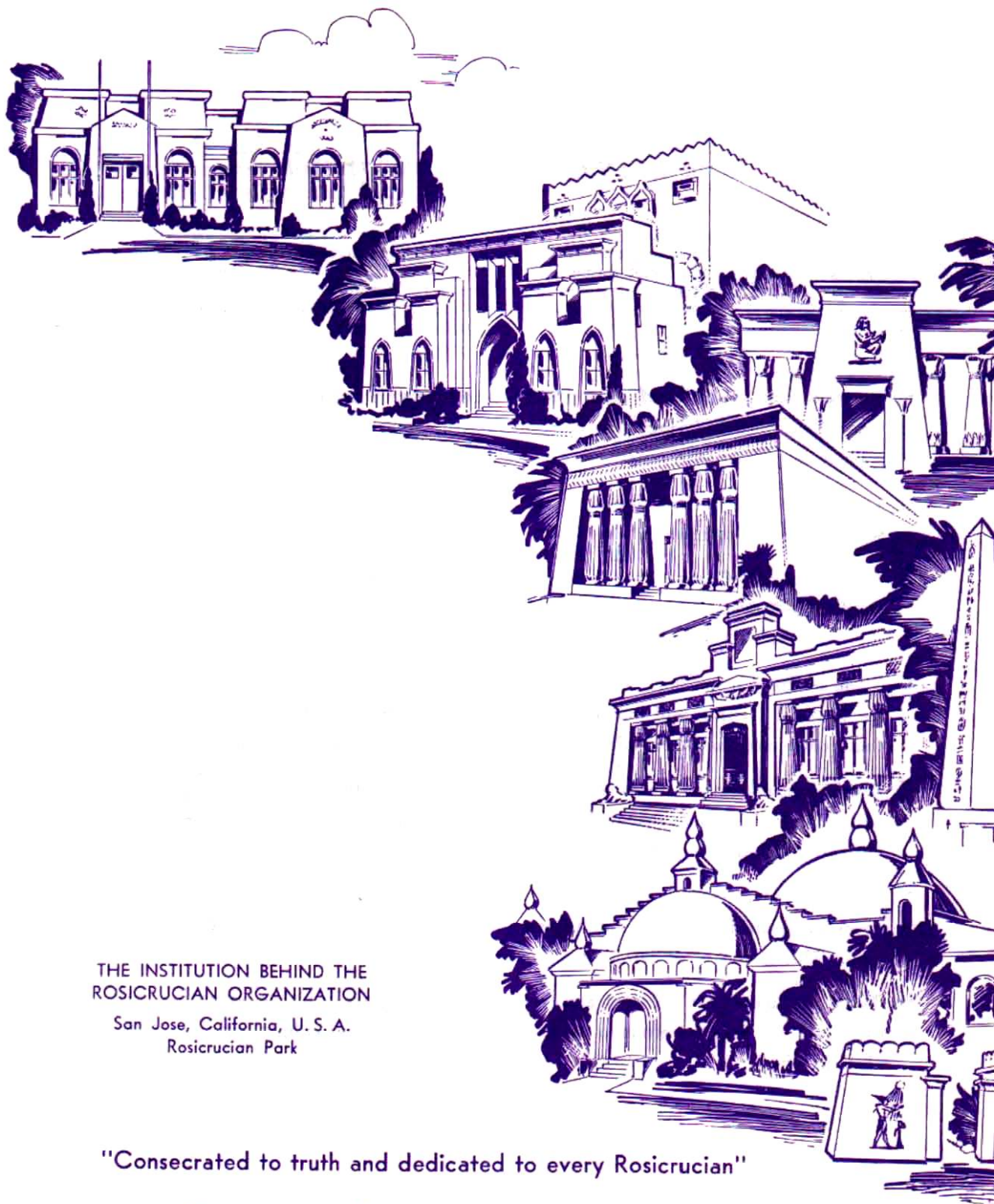


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ By using the principles of assumption in visualizing the members of your class and your Class Master during your sanctum periods, you will find your sanctum to be a point of contact with other members of the Twelfth Degree.
- ¶ One of the greatest miracles to be accomplished by the use of the principles of assumption is the spiritualization of the body and its consciousness.
- ¶ Every element of man's consciousness and the consciousness of his physical body is purified and strengthened by Cosmic attunement, referred to in mystical writings as the marriage of the body with the Cosmic or the spiritual marriage.
- ¶ Some of the greatest miracles have occurred during moments of Cosmic attunement, for physical frailties and material problems may be altered by the spiritual power that comes into the body, mind and consciousness during such attunement.
- ¶ Worldly problems are not abandoned during Cosmic attunement; they are simply *laid aside* for the time being. During such a period we should feel that we are so intimately in contact with the God consciousness that we are one with it.
- ¶ Ancients and moderns, regardless of religion, creed or doctrine, agree that to live normally, healthfully, and happily we must be in harmony with the consciousness of God. This is the great law of the mystic.
- ¶ Today we know that spiritual attunement does not require complete separation from the world but may be attained by giving worldly duties and obligations a *secondary* place in life.



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