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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ While the student may at times wish that the slow and gradual unfoldment of self-realization could be accelerated, he knows that all growth which is basically sound is of necessity gradual. It is heartening, however, to bear in mind the potentialities of self and to remember that the expanding powers of the perfecting student ever offer new avenues for service. The goal to be attained is told in the following excerpt from the works of a fourteenth-century mystic.



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When, through all manner of exercises the outward man has been converted into the inward, reasonable man, and thus the two, that is to say, the powers of the senses and the powers of the reason, are gathered up into the very centre of the man's being—the unseen depths of his spirit wherein lies the image of God, — . . . Could such a man behold himself, he would see himself so noble that he would fancy himself God, and see himself a thousand times nobler than he is in himself, and would perceive all the thoughts and purposes, words and work, and have all the knowledge of all men that ever were.

—REVEREND DOCTOR JOHN TAULER, 1300?-1361

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

This week I want to give you some thoughts written by one of our members when he was just about where you now are in the Twelfth Degree. These thoughts have often been attributed to Count St. Germain, although the truth is that they were written by Michael Maier, the German Rosicrucian, when he was in the Twelfth Degree. In the mystical dedication to "Francisco Antonio" attached there is the date, Frankfort, Germany, 1617.

Many persons thought that this name "Francisco Antonio" was that of one individual, but it was not. Since there is now no reason why this secret dedication should not be known, I shall tell you that these beautiful thoughts of Michael Maier were dedicated to Francis and Anthony Bacon. They were the representatives of the Rosicrucian Order throughout Europe; Francis being the secret chief, and Anthony, the secret inspector who traveled from city to city and from one Rosicrucian group to another, carefully and secretly gathering data about the members and their activities.

You will see in the following thoughts many of the points that you have been studying in recent monographs. You may, as well, find some that were overlooked, and even some new ones that you have not yet received. At any rate, these are the thoughts of one who was evolving, experimenting and testing—one who wanted to put into a secret manuscript such thoughts as he believed would help future students who had reached the higher Degrees. Here are the various statements, each numbered, with my comments about them in brackets:

1. "The body of the Rosy Cross Master is permeated by this consciousness in the smallest action of its tissues and all the vicissitudes of its future development."

(You will note that Frater Maier refers here to the Master. He does not mean any great invisible Master, but rather the person who is mastering his own life by developing his psychic faculties and attaining a better understanding of Rosicrucian principles, just as you are doing. You will notice, too, that he definitely states that every cell and part of the tissues of the body of such student is filled with the developing consciousness that constitutes the personality of the individual.)

2. "At any moment the succession of events that weave the web of the Master's personal life, both in the past and in the future, would be accessible to representation in his consciousness as memories are in ordinary thought."



(Here Frater Maier states that just as it is possible at any time, and at a moment's notice to draw out of our memories

some of the events of the past and review them; so it is possible for the perfected student to draw upon past events and cause them to be re-enacted or represented again in a vision or in some form that others might see. This is something that will be dealt with later on in your studies.)

3. "Neither the Master's birth nor his death nor the field of direct or individual sensorial perception would limit his environment in time and space."

(As time and space have nothing to do with our sitting down and reviewing past events that occurred years ago or in distant cities; so time and space do not interfere with the mystic's projecting his consciousness to some person or place and causing a manifestation there. In other words, just as it is easy for me at the present moment to close my eyes and recall what I did in London on a Sunday afternoon when I visited the meeting place of the old Knights of the Temple, and see again all that I saw then, regardless of the time that has elapsed, or the space that exists between me and London; so I can also project myself right now, and send my consciousness to one of those halls in the old Temple edifice, be seated again on one of the stone benches, and look at the old stone tombs of the ancient mystic Masters buried there. Time and space do not limit our projection, or the sending forth of our consciousness any more than they interfere with our drawing upon our memories in regard to past events.)

4. "The Rosy Cross Master would know the contents of the soil in which he treads, its subterranean waters, its coral strata, its veins of ore, and its caves."

(The really developed mystic should be familiar with his environment and with all things of nature so that he knows about the earth on which he is living, knows what is going on underneath the earth, and what things come from it to serve mankind. The mystic should know all these things in addition to what is going on in the spiritual world. That is why the Rosicrucian teachings devote most of the early degrees to a thorough study of the composition of matter and of the earth, the air, the wind, and all minerals.)

5. "The human beings that the Master might meet would reveal to him by their mere presence, their thoughts of the moment, the secrets of their intellectual, moral, and organic personalities, of their relations with others, and the knowledge of their whole surroundings, both of persons and things."

(The mystic should be able to discover through his intuition, and through his developed faculties of clairvoyance and mind reading, the important facts about persons he meets or comes in contact with, so that he is not easily deceived by



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them; so that he can help and advise them, and work in harmony with them. This should encourage you to try all of the experiments you have had in regard to attuning yourself with persons near you so that you can sense their vibrations and receive whatever thoughts they may be sending forth.)

6. "According to circumstances and the movements of his own or that of others, the Master would be connected in space with persons known and unknown to him and would take cognizance of their character and lives."

(At times when it is necessary to do so, or in circumstances where it will be helpful, we can attune ourselves to the Cosmic space, and there come in contact with others who are mentally in the Cosmic world. In this manner we will come in contact with the minds, hearts and consciousnesses of other human beings whom we may or may not know, and we can receive impressions from them also, and know who and what they are.)

7. "The Rosy Cross Master would know, and could tell, the details of events happening at great distances from himself."

(After the student has reached a degree of development, he should have developed some of his intuitional and clairvoyant powers. This enables him at times to become prophetic, to see, feel or sense in some way the great events that will happen at distant places. Through practice and through development he learns to distinguish which impressions are of things that are now occurring, which are of the past and which are about to happen.)

8. "Extending his great psychic power in what we call Time, the Master could ascend the stream of human history, stopping at any epoch, any personality or any scene of the past."

(The truly developed mystic should be able to reach out into future space or time and see in advance the tendency of human nature, and what is about to occur in a general way. He should be able to dwell for a while in that future circumstance, be a part of it, and learn something from it. For instance, right now the mystic might be able through meditation to attune with the Cosmic and reach into the consciousness of the year 1980. He might finally come in contact there with a person and advise him what and what not to do in the future. He might be able to contact an event about to happen and prevent it. I know of one case where a mystic in concentration foresaw that a little child was going to fall out of its carriage because the mother would leave it in a place where the wind would cause it to rock over on its side. He could see this was going to occur on the following Sunday afternoon; so he advised the mother not to put the carriage out where the wind was blowing.



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About to do this, the mother changed her plans. The mystic felt that he had really saved the little one's life.)

If you will carefully read these things over again and analyze them, using my comments as a key, you will see that you have already had instructions on many of these points, and that you can really do all of the things outlined here, especially if you have been following the exercises and experiments given you in the past. If you are not yet perfect in these things, it is because you have not been in these higher Degrees quite long enough. Remember that Frater Maier had been in the organization fifteen or twenty years when he wrote these things, and he realized that a person joining the organization and expecting results in a few months or a few years would have many disappointments. Do not be disappointed if you have not perfected yourself in these things as yet; but realize that as time passes and your psychic centers have more opportunity to develop and unfold, they will all become possible.

Remember that Frater Maier did not write these things for the public as an inducement to join the organization. They were not alluring bits of bait held out to seekers. They were secret information for advanced members to use in checking their development, and in understanding what they should or could do. That is why I am presenting them for consideration and study now. I want each of you to become the perfect Master outlined here by Frater Maier. He left many other rules and beautiful thoughts which in addition to the thoughts of other mystics of the past, I shall give you in the future.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

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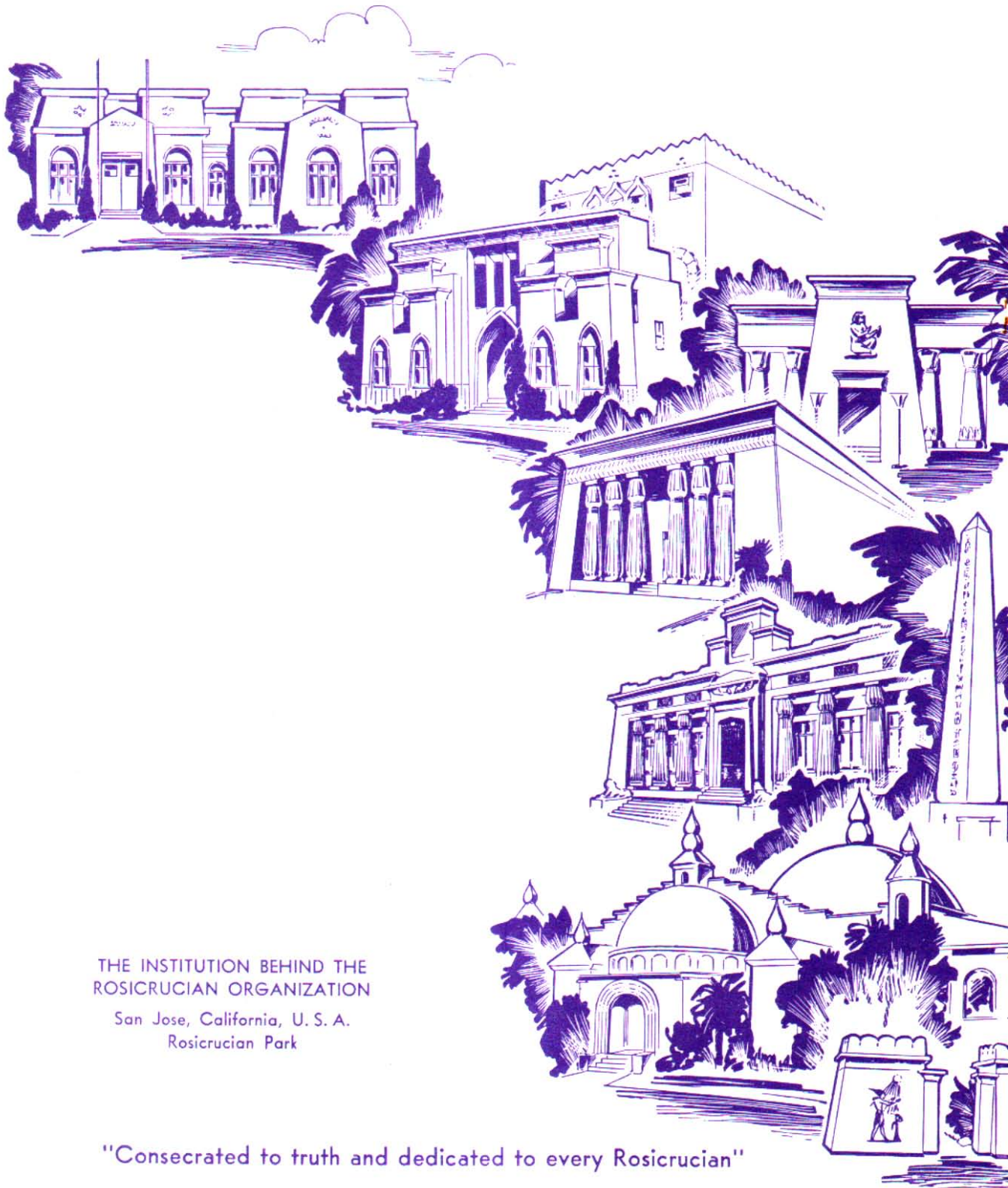


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Some key thoughts written by Michael Maier, the German Rosicrucian, when he was in the Twelfth Degree, and dedicated to Francis and Anthony Bacon in 1617, are presented in this monograph as follows:
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