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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ Encouraging words from mystics of the past are a welcome source of inspiration and help to us as we begin regular practice of the laws and principles of mental contact with others. We briefly quote Hugo of St. Victor, the gentle, kindly, and learned mystic of the 11th century whose ponderous tomes of divinity earned for him the name of a second Augustine.



Thou hast another eye, an eye within, far more piercing than the other thou speakest of,—one that beholds at once the past, the present, and the future; which diffuses through all things the keen brightness of its vision; which penetrates what is hidden, investigates what is impalpable; which needs no foreign light wherewith to see, but gazes by a light of its own, peculiar to itself.

—HUGO OF ST. VICTOR, 1097-1142

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

There are certain laws and principles connected with the matter of mental contact with other persons that must be understood and appreciated before completely satisfactory results will be achieved.

Because it is desirable that all members in our Hierarchy be able to reach one another at various times through the Cosmic, certain detailed preparation must be made. This means that after some months all in this Hierarchy will be more familiar with one another than they have been. We will know one another through some psychic sense that will give us definite impressions. No matter how well we may know a person physically and mentally through our daily or weekly contact with him in the physical body, still we never know him truly until we know him in a psychic sense.

Very often I am surprised by the results of my psychic contact with members. Sometimes it is a member whom I have met here at a Convention and have casually talked with for ten or fifteen minutes. After he has gone home and months have passed, I contact him psychically and find that I am in touch with an entirely different personality and a very distinct character. It is true that when we associate with people in a physical and mental sense, we wear a cloak which hides our real personality; but makes an outwardly favorable opinion. It is natural to want to present ourselves to others in the very best light possible. That is why we dress well and are clean and neat about our persons. We want to give the very best impression possible.

All of this outer self, however, its clothing, mannerisms of speech, walking and so forth, does not give a real picture of the inner psychic self. Perhaps it is fortunate for us that our real psychic self does not reveal itself easily and all the time. It would often be embarrassing in a railway train, a hotel lobby, on the street or in traveling if everyone could instantly tell the subjects and type of work in which we were interested or about which we were thinking.

In my case, no doubt many of the persons I rub shoulders with would look upon me as a fanatic, an extremist, or an odd kind of fellow if they could see the real psychic self. Fortunately, they just see the outer me, and their curiosity or interest is not greatly aroused. This permits me a certain degree of privacy without attracting undue attention, and it lets me have my thoughts and ideas without worry as to whether I am revealing them to anyone unnecessarily.

When it comes to the kind of projection or Cosmic contact work that we are now going to do, each of us will begin to sense the real self of others as they will begin to sense the real self within us.



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The question naturally arises as to how far that psychic self will reveal what is in its heart or mind. In fact, some members of this Degree have already asked a question such as this: "If through Cosmic attunement I finally succeed in reaching some of the members of this Hierarchy, does it mean that when they sense my psychic self, they will also get from me all the thoughts that are in my mind? Will they get a picture or impression of what my likes, dislikes, my desires, and ambitions are, as well as my troubles and obstacles? If so, then it would seem that we will have no privacy in our lives any longer."

Let us assure ourselves that nothing is revealed by the psychic self to another except what we wish revealed. It is not as though the whole mind, heart, and everything in the consciousness is laid bare to another when you make a psychic contact. That is not true, and it would be an impossible thing; furthermore an unholy thing.

It is likewise not possible for you to reach out, contact another and be able to see everything he is doing or sense everything he is thinking. There is, we may be assured, a protection, a limitation, and a proper system of ethics in connection with this work of contacting others.

In the first place, the Cosmic laws maintain that fundamental principle which we call self-protection. In other words, the Cosmic does not allow anything to happen that would be unfair and unjust to another. That is why you cannot use the Cosmic laws for such foolish things as are called Black Magic. You cannot send through Cosmic space suggestions or ideas that would injure, hurt or destroy a person or thing. In the same way the Cosmic prevents you or me or anyone from contacting others to get from their consciousness things which are secret and personal, or which would be injurious if known to others.

You may be sure, therefore, that whenever through meditation you reach the Cosmic and attune yourself with it, another contacting you will get only an impression of you in meditation receptive to whatever good or constructive ideas they may be sending. The only things that will go from your consciousness to that of another will be thoughts that are good and constructive. There are times when you can see what the other person is doing, such as reading a book, taking a walk, shopping, or some other such thing. If he should happen to be doing something of which he does not want others to know, the Cosmic will not reveal it to you. There is, therefore, no use in trying to get such knowledge by such means.

Through our contacts, we will get to know one another better. We will get to know the real mystical soul-personality that each is on the inside. We will come to realize the tenderness, the sincerity and loyalty that is in each one. In this way friendliness and a close kinship of a Cosmic nature is established that never passes the boundary line of self-protection.



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There are many stories told in ancient Rosicrucian manuscripts of attempts made by mystics to contact persons who had committed or been suspected of committing crimes. All that was accomplished by such attempts was a contact which revealed the soul, the inner self, free from sin, and nothing more. Even the person who has done wrong is protected by Cosmic laws in this way. In other words, God has ordained that what constitutes our private personal life, or what constitutes secrets that would injure our happiness, our freedom, our prospects for the future, or injure those dependent upon us, are preserved and protected against intrusion.

As was stated previously, every third month we shall have a period when all of us will be in concentration for a few minutes. These periods will be announced in the Rosicrucian Digest in the manner outlined. A small box at the bottom of one of the pages will contain the notice. It will be captioned: "Hierarchy Members, Attention!" or perhaps "For Special Attention of Hierarchy." Beneath it will be given the date and time for our contact.

Remember the instructions given: On these special occasions, you are to be in your sanctum or some place where you are alone and quiet, where you can give ten, fifteen, or twenty minutes to quiet contact with the Cosmic. While in that contact state, after the first few tests, you will begin to have impressions of other members of the Hierarchy. You may contact some here at Grand Lodge, and you may often contact me. Just as often you will also contact others in attunement with us at that time.

The important thing is to make notations of each of your contacts and whom you think you contacted, what happened and how you felt about it. You may have to make these contacts a few times before you are able to interpret your impressions, but you will always sense a quiet, peaceful condition as though you had lifted yourself into heavenly space and there come into the presence of unseen and invisible persons. As we develop these contacts, we shall transmit messages and carry on other experiments whereby we can test our individual abilities.

To contact the Imperator during these periods, you have only to think of him while you are attuning yourself with the Cosmic. Once in a while you should think of the others in this class and in the Hierarchy sitting in attunement as you are. This will aid your contact with at least a few of them, enable you to sense their presence and perhaps understand their message. This week continue making contacts with your friends or members whom you know, so that you will become familiar with the process.



Select one person each time you sit in meditation and visualize him for a few moments; then forget the visualizing and allow your mind to be receptive for any impression you may

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get. After a few weeks you will find these contacts very helpful and inspiring and acting like a tonic to your psychic consciousness. Do not expect others to verify your contacts each time because often they may be absolutely unconscious of your reaching them. You will be a better judge as to whether or not you are reaching them.

This coming week I am planning many contacts among you so that you will learn from experience how significant and helpful such Cosmic meetings are.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

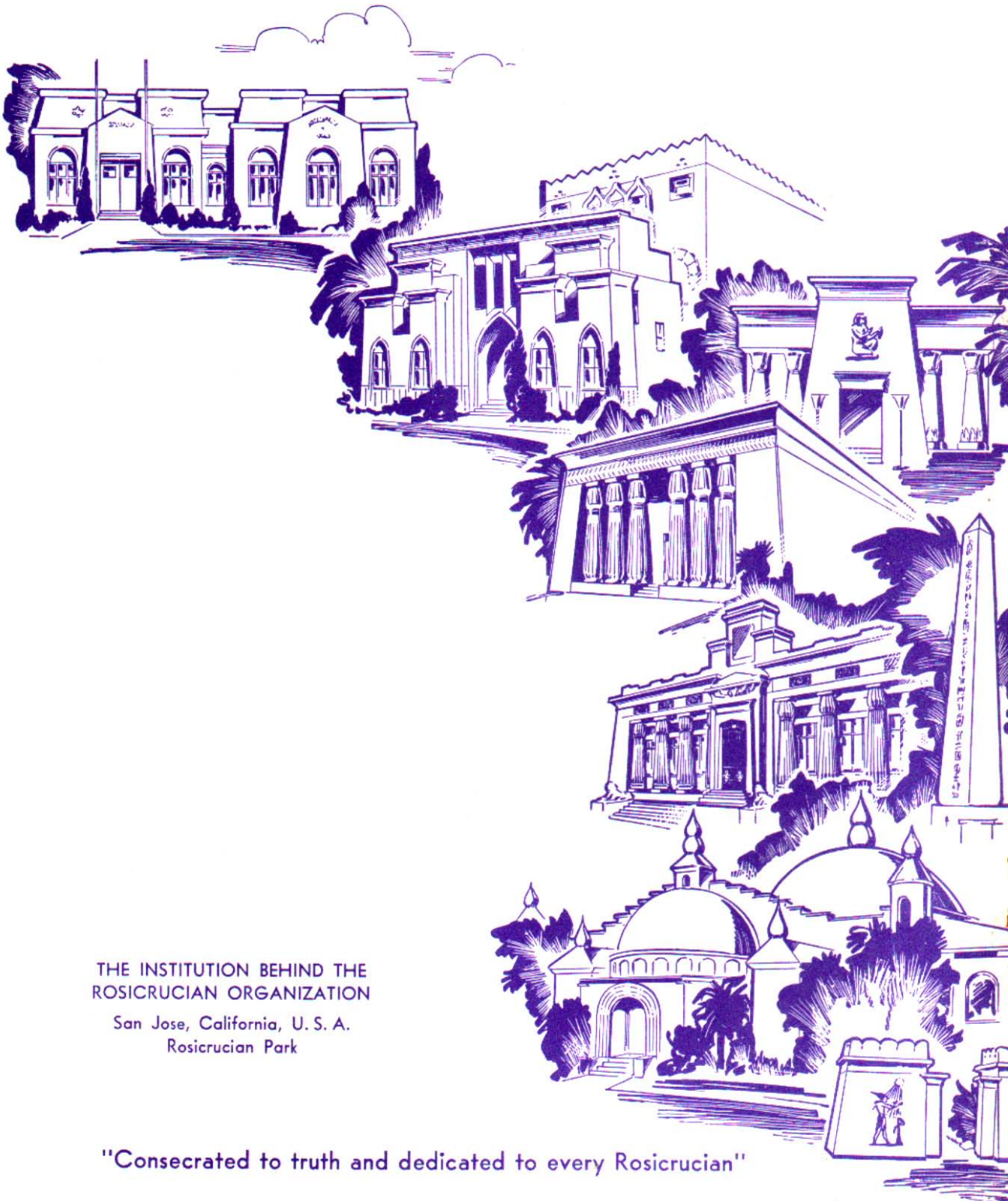


Summary of This Monograph



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 laws and principles connected with the matter of mental contact with other persons must be understood and appreciated before completely satisfactory results will be achieved.
- ¶ No matter how well we may know a person physically and mentally, we never know him truly until we know him in a psychic sense.
- ¶ We may be assured of protection, a limitation and a proper system of ethics in such contacts, both for ourselves and for the person we are contacting, for nothing is revealed by the psychic self to another except that which we wish revealed.
- ¶ On the special Hierarchy contacts every three months make notations of your contacts, what happened and how you felt about it.
- ¶ Continue making contacts with friends or members whom you know so that you will become familiar with the process. Such practice will act like a tonic to the psychic consciousness.



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