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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ As is the case with all objective impressions, Cosmic attunement and psychic contacts with one another are also accomplished by means of vibrations. To become meaningful to us, such vibrations must be translated in terms of our understanding. This thought is concisely expressed in the following quotation.



Though God doth sometimes manifest himself unto the perfect soul in most sublime and wondrous wise, yet he doth not reveal himself as he is in his own ineffable glory, but as it is possible for him to be seen in this life.

—MATHURIN CORDERIUS, 1479-1564

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

You probably have not realized that through the medium of the "Celestial Sanctum" it has been possible to contact many of you in the past. Such contacts, however, do not always allow as much time as is necessary to study each individual member. Our special Hierarchy periods for that reason will afford us a better opportunity for becoming psychically acquainted.

Many look upon these psychic contacts as highly improbable, if not altogether impossible, and wholly beyond definite scientific control. I want to discuss this point for a few minutes, for the matter is one which deserves your consideration.

Why should it be thought an unusual or weird thing for the mind of one person to talk to the mind of another, or impress that other mind? Why should it be deemed impossible for a Soul to communicate with another Soul? What is there about such a process that makes so many people think it a magical trick of some kind? After all, in our conversations with one another, we are really sending thoughts from our minds to the minds of others by means of words used as symbols to carry the impressions.

Suppose, for example, you are standing in one part of a room and I am standing in another part. I want to send the thought to you that you bring a certain book to me from the table near you. I have in mind the idea of "bring me the book from the table." I have the thought in mind first before I speak the words. My problem really is only how to get that thought from my mind across the room, through the space of the room, to your mind. If there were not vibrations of air or ether or something in the room, I could not get my message to you.

There are two or three ways in which I can send my thought of "bring me the book" across the room to you. First, I can speak the words, or use the vowel sound of the words, for these sounds are like symbols, each symbol meaning something. The word "book" means a certain definite thing, and the word "bring" means a certain definite thing, and so forth. When I speak the words, the words do not leave my mouth and travel through the air right to your mind. The sounds that I make with my mouth set up vibrations in the air, and these travel across the room to your ear.

In your ear, the vibrations once more create sounds like the ones I uttered from my mouth. These vibratory sounds again are changed into electrical or nerve impulses that go to your brain and there are translated into the original thought that I had in my mind. That thought is: "Bring me the book." What you receive in your mind from my words is a thought, not the words because the words do not go into your ear and then through a passage-



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way to your brain. What reaches your brain and consciousness are fine, rapid vibrations, not sounds.

The second way of conveying my thought would be by gestures, indicating to you through the motions of my hands that I wanted you to bring to me the book on the table. I would point to the table and the book and with other gestures indicate that you were to pick it up and carry it to me. In this case, your eyes would receive the vibrations of light and sight and these would be transmitted into other vibrations and sent to your brain. Once more the thought of "bring me the book" would be transmitted to your consciousness and your mind through silent vibrations of light and nerve impulse. Even if I wrote the message on a piece of paper or a blackboard for you to read, your eyes would still be the channel through which my thoughts reach you; likewise, vibrations would still carry this impression to your brain.

The third way in which I might get you to bring the book to me would be through suggestion, not exactly mental suggestion but the ordinary kind. For instance, if you were standing at the rear of a hall near a table that had on it a book I had been using, and I was at the other end of the hall and wanted that book, I could go through the motions or pantomime of looking for a book, indicating by gestures that I could not find it and did not know where I had left it.

Watching me hunt for the book, you would realize that I needed the book on the table near you. You would pick it up, hold it in the air and say, "Here is the book you want; I will bring it to you." In that case, no words of mine had acted as a command to move you to bring the book. The thought about bringing it originated in your mind from your reasoning after watching my maneuvers of hunting for a book. In such a case, too, neither your eyes nor your ears received the impression. The impression that I wanted the book and that you should bring it to me originated in your own brain, and was transferred to another part of the brain as suggestion through the impulse of nerve energy.

You see by the foregoing statements that there are three ways in which I could suggest or command your consciousness to bring me the book. By any one of these three ways, I am causing the thought in my mind to be registered in your mind. Why then should we think that these are the only ways in which I could suggest or command your consciousness to bring me the book? By any one of them I am causing the thought in my mind to be registered in your mind. Why should we think that these are the only ways in which such a suggestion could be transferred? After all, in each of them, the thought is carried to your brain through vibrations, either from your ears, your eyes, or your reasoning.



In the methods whereby such thoughts are communicated psychically, vibrations are also used. Without sound, without

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words, without gestures, the thought in my brain or mind is conveyed to yours by vibrations. Does that seem an impossible thing when you realize that in the other cases vibrations were what was really conveyed to your consciousness? Therefore, it is not necessary for words to be spoken or gestures to be made by the physical body. If I can cause my mind to become attuned with yours or to get in harmony with yours, or if you can cause your mind to make a mental contact with mine, then whatever is in my mind in concentrated form as an important thought, such as that I want you to bring me the book, will be transferred to your mind and you will have the impression.

We know from thousands of natural and casual experiences in life that if two persons are thinking intently of one another, and one of them has a very strong thought in his mind which he is desirous of having someone hear or which he considers very important, that thought will automatically transfer itself from the mind of the one to the mind of the other.

Nevertheless, there are several reasons why perfect results are not obtained every time such a condition exists. In the first place, the attunement between the two persons has to be complete. You cannot talk to a person on the telephone unless the connection between you and that person is complete. If the operator does not do her part correctly in connecting your telephone wire with the other person's wire, or if the other person is not listening at the other end of the line, your message will not reach him. Even when I stand in the room and talk across it to you, asking you to "bring me the book," if you are not listening to me or looking toward me or paying attention to me, you will not get the message and I will not get the book.

In any form of communication, spoken or written, there has to be some arrangement whereby the two persons will be in some sort of contact with one another, or some arrangement whereby a channel of connection may be created. When a message is sent by mail, the post office acts as the channel. Its letter-carriers pick up the message I have written and take it to the central office where it is given to another carrier to bring to you. If the post office is closed and the telegraph office is closed, and the telephone is not connected, the message I have written out or which I speak into the telephone will not go any further than my room. There have to be the necessary conditions to make the message move along through space from my location to your location.

When two or more persons are psychically attuned, it is just as though an invisible psychic telephone wire connected them. If both are paying attention to that connection, concentrating upon it, it is likely that the message in the mind of one will pass to the mind of the other. Your own experiments in trying to reach other persons during the coming week will teach you a



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great deal more about this. Select someone near or close to you in emotions or affection, someone who would be likely to stop and think about you for a moment if he received the faintest impression. Trying to practice on strangers is a difficult thing; so pick some sympathetic friend or relative and concentrate on him. See if you can make a nighttime impression upon him.

Ten or fifteen minutes in the morning, afternoon, or evening spent in this attunement will bring surprising results. In our next lesson I will tell you how to make this method effective and also about arrangements for our future contacts with one another.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

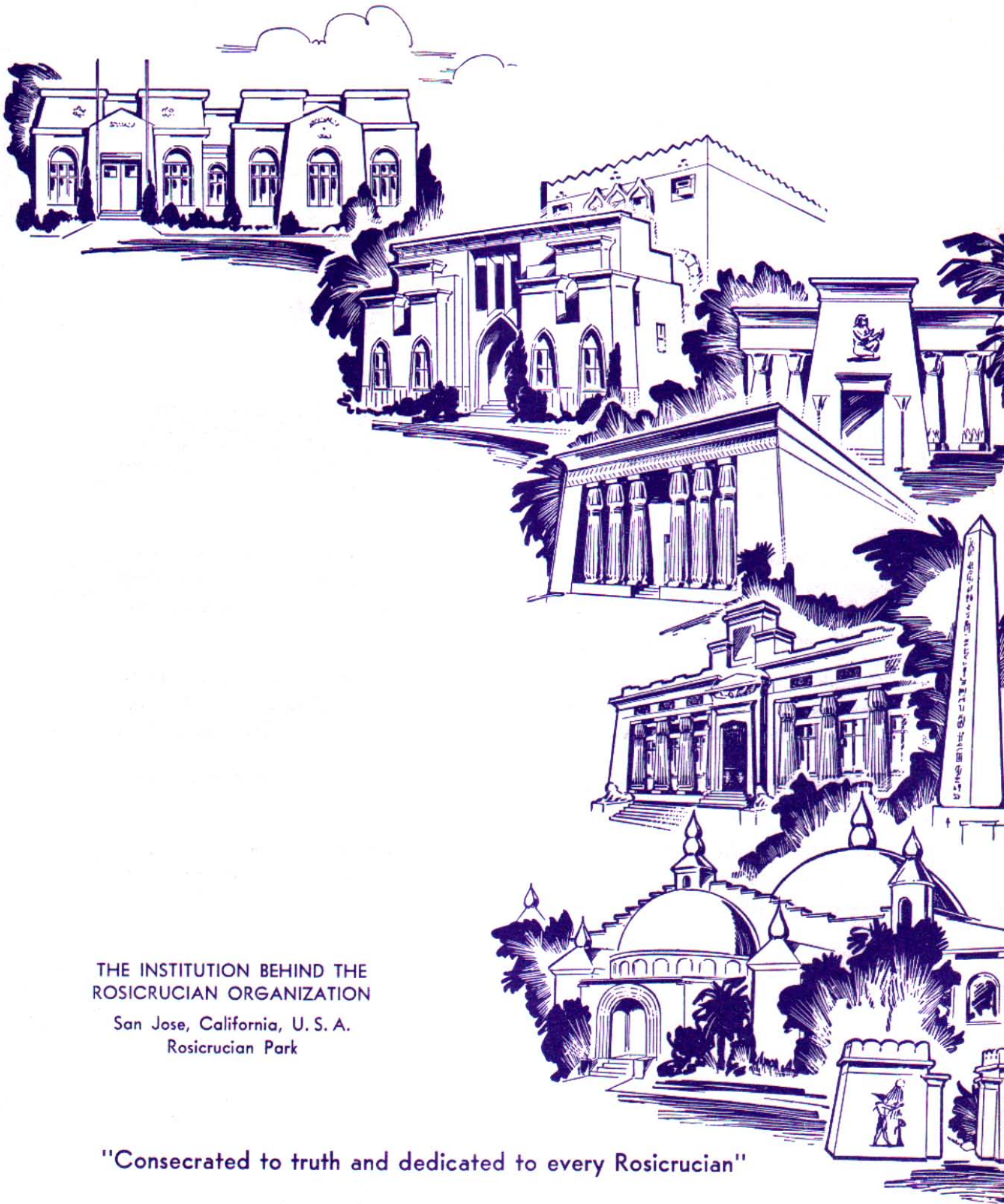


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Many members are contacted through the medium of the "Celestial Sanctum." However, since such contacts do not allow much time for studying the individual member, our special Hierarchy periods afford a better opportunity for becoming psychically acquainted.
- ¶ That there are psychic methods of transferring thoughts to another should not be considered improbable when we consider that there are three physical methods which we commonly employ. These are: By speech, by gestures, or by ordinary suggestion.
- ¶ In the methods whereby thoughts are communicated psychically, vibrations are also used.
- ¶ For perfect results in any form of communication, including psychic contacts, the channel of communication must be complete and both parties must concentrate upon the contact.



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