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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ We are reminded in this monograph that, in endeavoring to make psychic contact with a definite place or person, the consciousness becomes attuned with the Cosmic whole, thereby making possible the reception of many impressions other than that which originally we had in



mind. In the following lines, Philo, Jewish Hellenistic philosopher with whose works most of us are doubtless familiar, speaks of man's ability to achieve such attunement.

. . . That which is divine is invisible. It may be extended, but it is incapable of separation. Consider how vast is the range of our thought over the past and the future, the heavens and the earth. This alliance with an upper world, of which we are conscious, would be impossible, were not the soul of man an indivisible portion of the divine and blessed Spirit. Contemplation of the Divine Essence is the noblest exercise of man; it is the only means of attaining to the highest truth and virtue, and therein to behold God is the consummation of our happiness here.

—PHILO, c.20 B.C.-c.54 A.D.

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

In the matter of making our psychic contacts more successful, it is important to remember that when one attunes himself with a person or place, he, likewise, becomes attuned immediately with the whole of the Cosmic itself. When you relax to concentrate and attune yourself psychically with a person or place, it is through the use of the power and the consciousness of the Cosmic that you do it. Therefore, your consciousness and the Cosmic Consciousness are attuned and balanced during such a period just as though these two forms of consciousness were one.

This may explain why so many of the early experiments in Cosmic attunement do not turn out to be of the exact nature that the student anticipates. The student often feels that whenever he endeavors to attune with some person or place, his consciousness should jump directly from his body to a contact with the person or place he has in mind with no other attunement taking place. This is not, however, the correct view of the process. It is not at all like a long-distance telephone connection between California and New York where nothing between the two extreme ends of the connection is heard, seen, or felt.

It is, in fact, quite otherwise: When you are endeavoring to attune with a definite place or person, regardless of how near or far that person or place may be, your consciousness becomes at the same time attuned with the Cosmic Consciousness completely and thoroughly. By that attunement, you are made sensitive to the whole of the Cosmic and to every point connected with it as you are to the place you are specifically trying to reach.

In other words, the moment you attune yourself with the Cosmic, the whole of the Cosmic Consciousness is open to your consciousness. The person and place you want to reach represent only one of the persons and only one of the places that are open to you during the attunement. It is to be expected, therefore, that in the early experiments the inexperienced student may become lost in this Cosmic Consciousness, may altogether fail to reach the person or place he had in mind, and may wander around in great Cosmic space for the whole of his period of attunement. He may make contacts of various kinds, see visions and interesting sights but never once be sure whether or not he has made the contact he intended.

It may often have been your experience that, the moment you attune with the Cosmic, you find your mind and consciousness filled with visions, thoughts, pictures, or ideas of places and persons other than the ones you had in mind when you started. This is, in a degree, like going up in a balloon in order to reach a distant city where you want to make a Cosmic contact. In-



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stead of the balloon's going straight up and then crossing the distance between you and your desired destination, it rises higher and higher until all orientation with the earth is lost.

You find yourself in the center of unlimited Cosmic space with millions of impressions and ideas, pictures, visions, and personalities. You become so intrigued by these things that when you do remember the purpose of your flight and are ready to go to the place intended to make the definite contact you had in mind, you find the mass of impressions has blotted out the specific place you wanted to reach.

The experience is a common one; that is why so many students of the Cosmic principles think their experiments and tests are failures. Having entered upon their attunement, they begin to analyze and puzzle over the myriad impressions they are receiving. Thus, they bring themselves out of a relaxed meditative state back into an active, objective state. It might be better, if you want to get the most benefit from your periods of relaxation and meditation, to take advantage of these periods of Cosmic attunement and absorb as many of the Cosmic impressions and ideas as you can even though you never complete your contact with the person or place you had in mind.

Being attuned with the Cosmic is like being attuned with the voice or the spirit of truth. It is world-wide, universal, and unlimited; therefore in a broad sense, Cosmic attunement may be looked upon as a great blessing and a great benediction. Gradually your experiences with the Cosmic will teach you how to continue through all the allurements of Cosmic space to the person whom you want to reach. If the person or place you want to reach is well known, so well, in fact, that you might easily close your eyes and visualize it clearly, then you will find yourself less likely to be diverted or lost in Cosmic space.

It, nevertheless, remains true that there are advantages to both methods. When you want perfect relaxation and an inspirational tonic to the system, all you have to do is to attune yourself with the Cosmic, having in mind a large number of places that you would like to visit and a large number of persons whom you would like to contact. In this way you have an opportunity of getting really important messages or ideas. Many of these impressions may be prophetic and give you an idea of what is occurring in some distant place, or what will occur. Others may reveal to you the significance of things that happened yesterday or today. All these will be lost if you become analytical and wonder why there is such a diversity of impressions when you had in mind just one or two.



The whole experience is somewhat similar to one's going into the open-shelf room of a large public library. The walls are lined with books on all subjects—scientific, historical,

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mystical. You may have gone for something on a specific subject such as reincarnation, a few facts about French history, or something on mural decoration; but after looking at two or three books you find yourself tempted by other alluring titles.

Everything about those titles, the books themselves and the illustrations in them, seems to invite you. If you have had such an experience or if you have attempted research projects, you will realize how easily one's attention is diverted. You may have entered the library with the best of intentions and a genuine desire for information of a particular kind; yet after an hour or two, you may discover that the original object has slipped out of mind and been forgotten due to your interest's having been carried in another direction.

Entering the Cosmic is like that. It is a vast domain. It is deep and broad, rich and inviting. It is filled with everything to catch our interest. Impressions, thoughts, visions not only of today and tomorrow but also of yesterday, last week, a month ago, come in a dazzling array before the consciousness of the one attuned.

It is always necessary in the Cosmic realm simply to break or push your way through its vast offerings to the direct point you have in mind just as in a library you would push past all the tempting shelves to the one containing the book you want where you may have at your finger tips the special information that you need.

Every contact with the Cosmic, though, is inspiring and beneficial to the health, no matter what other purpose you may have in mind. Even if you do not immediately make the contact you set out to make, your whole body and mind will still vibrate in harmony with the Cosmic rhythm and your consciousness and the Cosmic Consciousness for the time being be identical. As a result, there will sweep through your very being a spiritual force, power and wisdom that will cause you to understand everything and know everything in a matter of minutes.

It does, therefore, take skill to interpret your position and your relationship to the Cosmic after you have once made the attunement. Centering your thoughts on one person, on one group, or on one location, and keeping that in the front of your consciousness all the time you are in Cosmic attunement, will enable you to reach those persons or that place and not be led astray by other things.

Nevertheless, it is still an excellent practice when you really have no need to reach anyone to sit down during the afternoon for a few minutes and allow your consciousness to reach up and blend with the Cosmic Consciousness. Ten minutes of this condition of being lost mentally in the big open space of Cosmic Consciousness is equivalent to hours and weeks of rest and recreation so far as the good effect upon the health, and especially upon the nervous systems, is concerned.



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During the week try this general contact with the Cosmic as well as some special contacts with places or points that you wish to reach. In the future, too, watch for the issues of the Rosicrucian Digest containing the special notice for members of the Hierarchy, and keep the appointment for the hour and evening stated there. You will be pleased to discover that on such occasions, making contact with persons or places will be easy and simple.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

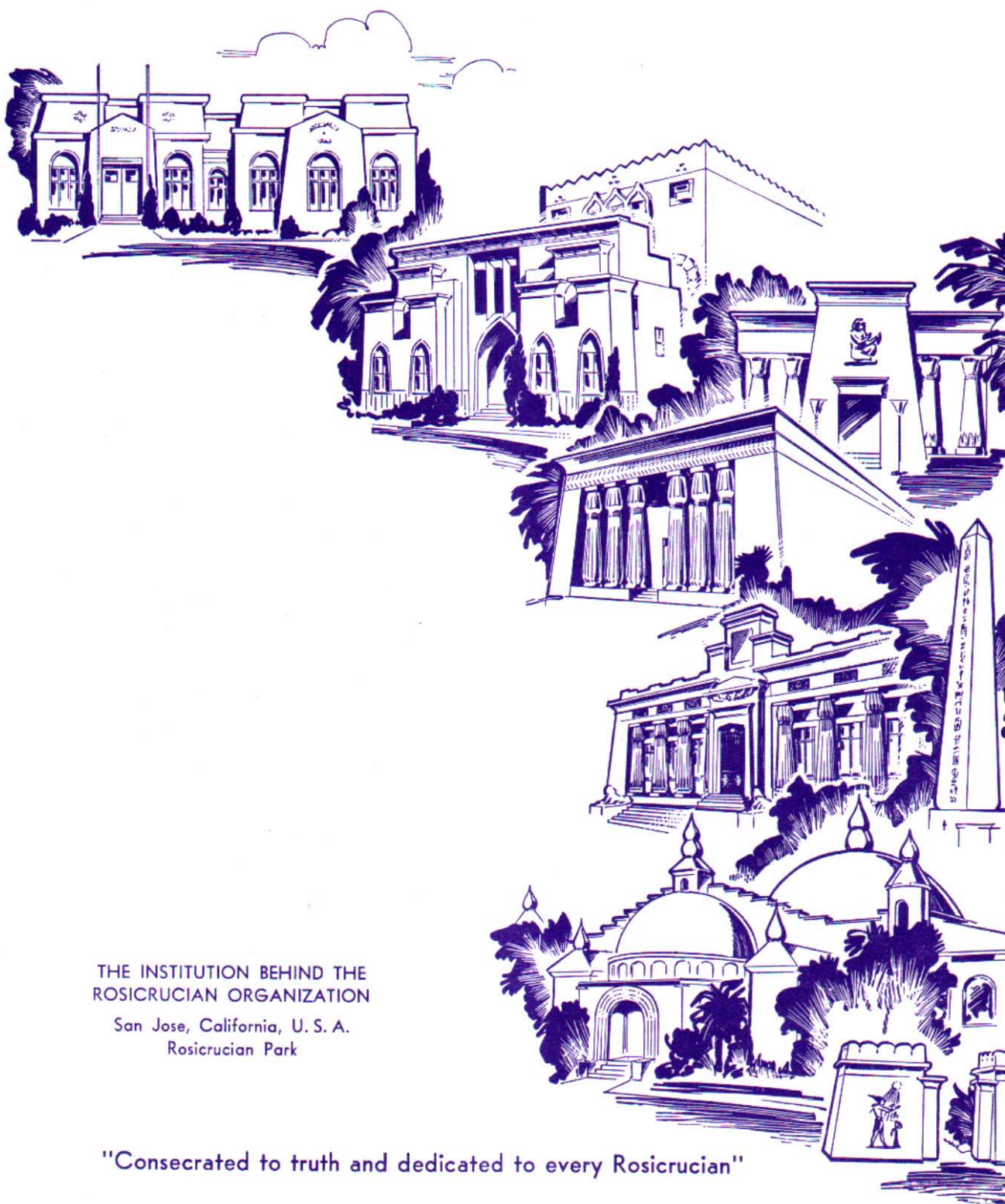


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ In endeavoring to make psychic contact with a definite place or person, the consciousness becomes at the same time completely attuned with the Cosmic Consciousness, thereby being made sensitive to the whole of the Cosmic.
- ¶ The inexperienced student may become lost in this Cosmic Consciousness, wandering around in Cosmic space for the whole of his period of attunement and failing to reach the person or place he had in mind.
- ¶ It is well to take advantage of these periods of Cosmic attunement and absorb as many of the Cosmic impressions and ideas as you can even though you never complete your contact with the person or place you had in mind.
- ¶ Centering your thoughts on one person, on one group, or on one location and keeping that in the front of your consciousness all the time you are in Cosmic attunement, will enable you to reach those persons or that place and not be led astray by other things.
- ¶ Every contact with the Cosmic is inspiring and helpful, as well as beneficial to the health, no matter what other purpose you may have in mind. It is suggested, therefore, that you practice general contacts with the Cosmic as well as special contacts with persons or places.



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