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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ That attunement with the Cosmic and an understanding and appreciation of Cosmic principles and ideals help us meet and overcome the problems of daily living has been attested time and again by mystics of the past. Paracelsus emphasized this fact throughout his voluminous works. We quote:



A man comes into possession of creative power by uniting his own mind with the Universal Mind, and he who succeeds in doing so will be in possession of the highest possible wisdom; the lower realm of Nature will be subject to him, and the powers of Heaven will aid him, because Heaven is the servant of wisdom.

—PARACELSUS, 1493(?)·1541

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

What I have to say regarding certain principles that will help you keep well, and aid you in the psychic and physical tests and trials of daily affairs, brings us back again to a consideration of the value of Cosmic attunement. It cannot be reiterated too often that the more we are attuned to Cosmic principles and Cosmic ideals, the better will be our health, and the more easily will we meet and overcome our various trials and problems of daily life.

For such attunement, it should not be thought necessary to sit isolated many hours each day, in an uncomfortable and strange position physically to keep the soul and body deeply at one with the Cosmic. Such fanaticism would do more harm than anything else.

A few days ago a local holiday was the occasion for a celebration in our city, and there were a number of parades with the usual stirring military music. As I stood watching and listening to the music, I remarked to a nonmember friend of mine that "all my life I have seemed to be attuned to military march music." Of course a large majority of persons are also attuned in this way, and that is why band or military music and parades are so fascinating. He turned to me and said, "Do you mean that in your work and practice of Rosicrucianism, you spend much time in concentration attuning yourself with military music?" You see, he had obtained an entirely erroneous idea of the word or term attunement.

There are persons naturally attuned with happiness. They see more of it, find more of it, and respond to more of it every twenty-four hours than other persons; yet they spend little money to enjoy such attuned happiness. I once knew a young man who seemed to be attuned day and night to horse racing. Whenever a newspaper was available, he turned immediately to the racing news and read not only the odds and betting records of all the horses that would run that day, but also everything else that he could dealing with horses, their breeding and care. He would always stop a moment to see a carriage or a wagon drawn by horses, fixing his attention upon the movement and action of the horses themselves. He would always read the latest news about the possibility of certain horses winning, and would listen to others talking about their experiences at race tracks.

I first thought he was a professional gambler, but afterwards I found out that he seldom spent more than fifty cents at any race track, and that for the admission fee. He loved horses and racing for the sport of it, and it was his greatest pleasure. He was in every sense "attuned" to horse racing. I do not believe that he ever spent fifteen minutes in his life sitting down and concentrating in the manner we mean when we talk of concentrating to attune with the Cosmic for some specific purpose.



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We are all more or less attuned to the things that please us, whether those things are music, drama, opera, art, or athletics, sports, hiking, dancing, etc. When a person is attuned to art, he sees art in everything, even in the commonplace things that the average person looks upon as inartistic. He not only watches cloud formations and the coloring of landscapes, but a piece of fabric, or a beautifully designed rug produces an ecstasy in his consciousness, and makes him ever alert.

When we are more or less attuned to the Cosmic, not deeply but with mental appreciation of what the Cosmic is, and what its laws are, we vibrate and live harmoniously in cooperation with the Cosmic and those laws. We have no time for thoughts of envy, hatred, jealousy, or anything of that kind. We have no time to notice and dwell upon the sordid or unhappy things of life. We may not have a minute in which to sit down during the day and actually concentrate upon the Cosmic, but throughout the day we are subtly attuned to the extent that we walk rightly, breathe correctly, and think properly. Being attuned in this manner with the Cosmic is sure to make our health better, and allow us more of the benefits of life, while at the same time enabling us to master our situations and ourselves more acceptably.

While speaking of this matter of Cosmic attunement, I want to call attention to the benefits being derived by members of this Degree from the periodic Hierarchy meetings and answer several questions asked in connection with these weekly meetings.

The weekly contacts should not be confused with the special Hierarchy sessions announced in the Rosicrucian Digest. The Imperator will endeavor to acknowledge reports made on the special sessions, but not for the weekly periods.

The Imperator will not attempt to contact every member of the Hierarchy during these ten-minute periods of united attunement each week. A moment's thought will make it evident that if it took only one minute to contact one individual, not more than ten could be contacted in that time. These Hierarchy meetings are not for the purpose of your attuning with the Imperator, or his attuning with each one of you. This would prevent you from deriving the real benefits from our Hierarchy meetings.

What you are to think about at that time is that several thousand of us scattered throughout the world are at that moment thinking of all of us collectively as a group. If you cannot do anything else, you can at least think of us as a vast audience, yourself in our midst, and that we are all in touch with you, and you in touch with the spirit of the Hierarchy, and not with the individual expression of each member in it. This will bring our minds into close harmonious attunement with the Cosmic, and with one



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another, but not with the outer, objective personality or individuality. When I do contact some of you, I will make it my business during each one of these Hierarchy meetings to impress you with a message, or leave some thought so you will know that you have contacted me. The absence of such message or thought any week, however, is not a proof that you have not been in attunement with the others of the Hierarchy. So do not base your opinion of the success of the Hierarchy meetings on any unusual experiences you may have with any individual member.

I want to make it clear that these meetings are for the purpose of bringing us closer together in a spiritual and psychic sense and not in a material, objective sense. If weeks and months go by and you have no clear impression of being in close contact with my personality, do not let that create in your mind the idea that we have not been in contact with each other at all. True psychic or spiritual contact between us may leave no outer, objective memory or sensation. Little by little each one will come to appreciate that these Hierarchy periods, periodically announced in the Rosicrucian Digest are spiritual contacts, not wholly psychic or objective.

Many, in reporting their experiences of these occasional meetings, are enthusiastic about the tonic effect of the ten-minute period, and about the impressions received. They state that each meeting brings a sense of spiritual attunement, distinctly different from that of purely mystical attunement with the soul or spirit of each individual.

Very soon we shall conclude our consideration of certain subjects, and approach subjects which nearly every member in this Degree has been expecting and looking forward to with eagerness. We will begin a series of psychic initiations and psychic experiences in unison. If I had adhered rigidly to the older European system of presenting Rosicrucian teachings, there would have been very few lectures to members in this Class. From the Tenth Degree on, each of you would have been forced to depend upon psychic initiations and psychic illuminations with only a casual word from your instructor, and that in the form of a greeting expressed in a few words. We chose, however, to keep on with our contacts and the issuance of lectures in the form of brief instruction that would help correct the errors made in the lower Degrees, and strengthen many points in our development. In this way it was possible to carry on a dual form of unfoldment—psychic and objective, as well as spiritual.

From now on you are urged to keep the Hierarchy periods as announced periodically in the Rosicrucian Digest. Set aside a few minutes for this contact on the date given and immediately after the contact; then for the following week try to realize what contact you have made, or what message or experiences may have come to you during the Hierarchy period. Do not try to see,



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feel, or hear anything during the Hierarchy period. Take it all casually and restfully, relax comfortably, and merely concentrate on our coming together and reaching up toward the Cosmic for inspiration.

In my next talk I will tell you exactly what to expect through these Hierarchy periods, but for the coming week I wish you would make notations as to what occurs in each psychic period outlined and thus prepare for what is coming in the near future.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

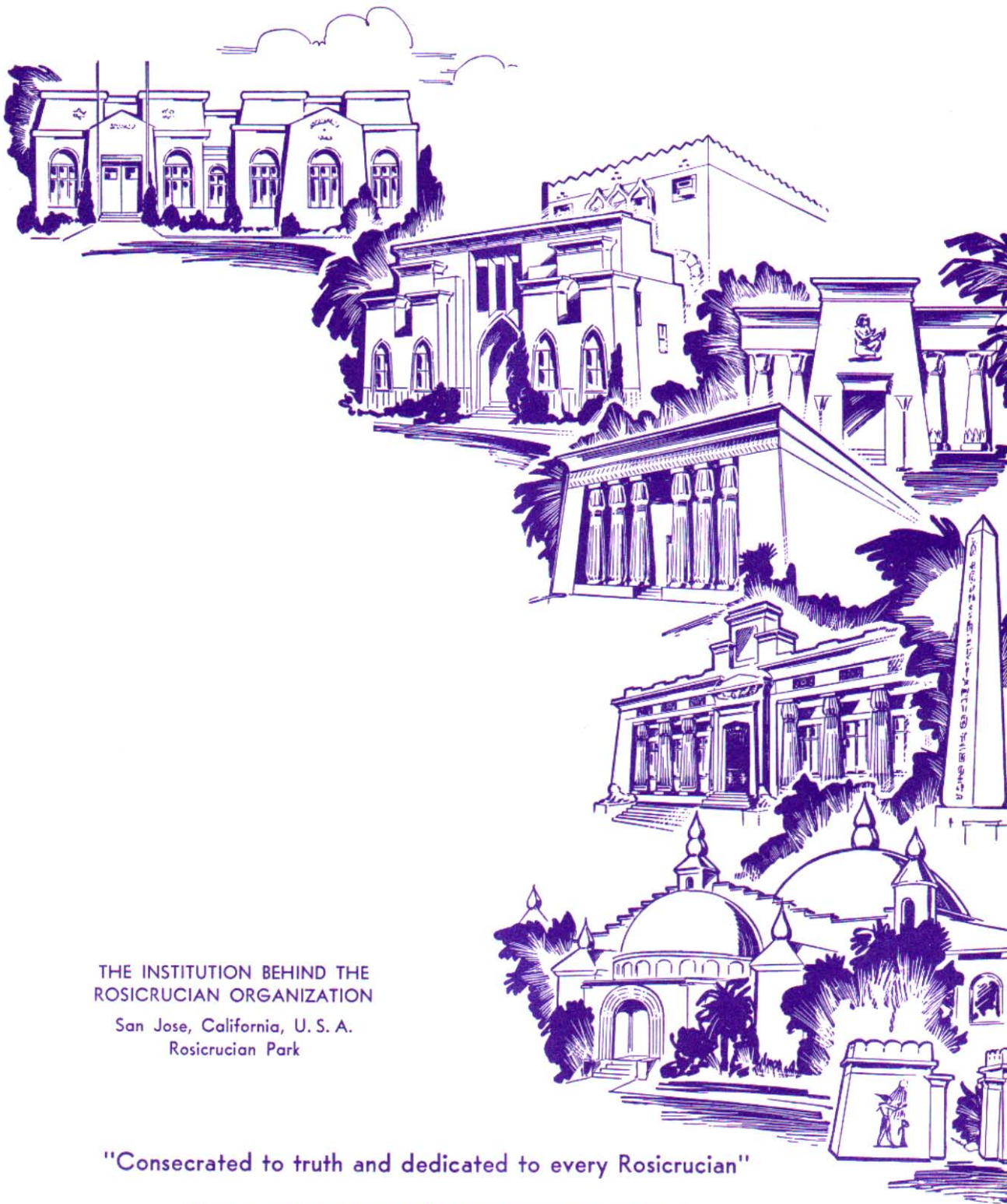


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ The more we are attuned to Cosmic principles and Cosmic ideals, the better will be our health and the more easily will we meet and overcome the trials and problems of daily life.
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