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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



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a thousand years from now. We quote from Emerson's essay, "Spiritual Laws."

¶ The light of wisdom and understanding comes from within. By attunement with the Cosmic, we make ourselves receptive to those truths which we have been told repeatedly will be revealed to us only when we are ready. As this monograph reminds us, the secrets of today,



which were secrets hundreds of years ago, will still be secrets unknown to

No man can learn what he has not preparation for learning, however near to his eyes is the object. A chemist may tell his most precious secrets to a carpenter, and he shall be never the wiser,—the secrets he would not utter to a chemist for an estate. God screens us evermore from premature ideas. Our eyes are holden that we cannot see things that stare us in the face, until the hour arrives when the mind is ripened; then we behold them, and the time when we saw them not is like a dream.

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON, 1803-1882

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

Continuing our talk about the esoteric principle with which we dealt slightly last week, I am sure that all of the members in this class of mine realize that the day is coming when these selfsame monographs will be read by Fratres and Sorores of AMORC, the Rosicrucian Order, in future years far beyond my lifetime, and far beyond your lifetime. It is not because of egotism that I say that these monographs prepared each week as personal lessons will remain as standard teachings for perhaps a century or more.

Only every few centuries are the monographs of the esoteric Degrees rewritten and revised. It has been the privilege of each Imperator in past cycles to revise the lessons and lectures and add to them in accordance with the accumulated knowledge that has come into the archives of the organization through the preceding years. Great truths and revelations come from the Cosmic only occasionally and these revelations never undo or contradict those truths that have been previously revealed. So each new Imperator in each cycle of the organization does not find before him the task of correcting or undoing and revising the teachings in order to make them conform to new truths, but rather of adding to old truths the few new ones that have been learned in recent years.

It has been one of my tasks in the past twenty years or more to analyze the teachings used by the Order in its past cycles, and to compare the new findings and revelations filed in the archives of the Order during the past hundred years; then to add these new truths to the old ones, and put them in a newer and more efficient form for testing and trial. Therefore, you in the present Twelfth Degree, who have been receiving these monographs from week to week as they were prepared throughout the years between 1925 and 1936 are my personal and immediate students, because as I have dictated each weekly lecture during those years I have had you and your companions in this Twelfth Degree in mind.

There will come a time in future years, however, when these same lectures and monographs with just a few editorial corrections, annotations, and additions will be read and studied by the future members of the Twelfth Degree. I shall have passed on to the Great Beyond, and perhaps most of you also will be with me in whatever experiences and work await us in that Beyond and in the future incarnations of our individual cycles.

We may even have the unique experience some day of reading these same lectures again in another incarnation and of finding them familiar, but having no proof, except the intuitive impressions from within, that we were at one time members of the class when the lectures were actually prepared for us. Think



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of the unique experience I may have in some future incarnation of becoming a member of the Order again, as I no doubt will, and reading and studying these higher monographs of the Twelfth Degree that I wrote and dictated in this incarnation.

I may have no proof then of the fact that I was previously the Emperor of the Order and wrote them, although I am leaving certain documents, certain records, and certain papers to help me to discover this in my next incarnation. You may have no proof either, although the questionnaires and papers that each of you filled out when coming into the Hierarchy of this present Order are being saved so that some day when you are a member of the Order again you may find in the archives of AMORC some evidence that you belonged to it at the present time. I am, therefore, adding these paragraphs to the lecture at the present time, and addressing them to the future students of these monographs—to those students of the Order in the years from 1950 to 2050:

"We, of the year 1936, constituting the Twelfth Degree of this present cycle, have no absolute and positive way of knowing who the future students of these monographs may be, but we are happy in the fact that we are preparing lessons and lectures that will not only benefit us at the present time, but also be of value to you, the unknown mystics and Rosicrucians of our next incarnation and next cycle.

"We would implore you not to look upon these monographs as being old and antiquated because they were written and prepared a hundred or two or three hundred years before you were born. We, too, today, are studying from records, lessons, and lectures that were written one hundred, five hundred, and a thousand years ago, and we find that the truths that you read in these lectures hundreds of years from now are just as much truths in your day as they are this very moment when they are put into these monographs after the strictest test and trial.

"Each day I, as Emperor of the Order and personal teacher of the Twelfth Degree class of students, can close my eyes and project my consciousness to a distant city and to the home of a distant member by using the formulas that these monographs have contained, and I can make myself visible to a student in that distant place and give him a treatment that will help his health or help him in other matters. As he can see me and sense me in accordance with the formulas and instructions of these monographs, so can you, our unknown Fratres and Sorores, do the same thing with these same formulas and lessons one hundred, five hundred, or a thousand years from now.

"If I can prove, as I have done here to the students personally attending our Rose-Croix University science classes, that in a moment's time I can affect my heartbeat and cause the pulse in my left wrist to read differently from the one in the right, and vice versa, and through will power and suggestions of the



subconscious mind cause the heart to obey my desires, and if it is true that today in the twinkling of an eye I can cause the candle flame to twist and turn and bend in the direction I wish it to—if these things are demonstrable facts and truths today, they will be truths a thousand years from now, and just as demonstrable.

"You future students now unknown to us, and even unsuspected, but nevertheless revered as our personal workers in the process of carrying on this great work, should not think less of these lessons and monographs because they were written and prepared between 1925 and 1936, or because they are in a style of language quite different from those the popular mind may expound, or the scientists, philosophers, and experimenters may argue.

"Conscientiously study them, giving every principle a fair test, and you will discover that the secrets of today, which were secrets hundreds of years ago, will still be secrets unknown to the mass mind a thousand years from now, for each cycle of civilization has its doubters, and its skeptics, and those who will not know the great secret truths of life despite all of their learning in other directions."

Thus I go on with the instruction of this Degree, feeling that I am talking to thousands of students living today, and a hundred thousand, perhaps, living in the great future when I may even be among them, and unknown, but still finding joy and satisfaction in becoming acquainted once again and to a greater degree with the great truths of life. The statements recently given in these lectures constitute some of the highest esoteric revelations known to man. Because many of them are simple and easily expressed, and appear to be logical to your mind, do not think that they are not important or that they do not touch upon the greatest needs and mysteries of life.

For instance, the matter with which we are now dealing: The fact that the psychic self is dual and has a higher nature on one hand, and a lower nature on the other, as the two parts which constitute it. The negative and positive sides of our psychic selves constitute one of the truths that will live through all the ages. Once this truth is learned and carefully analyzed, it will enable the students of this Degree to accomplish great things in the world before they pass on to the spiritual kingdom of the future.

The negative side of the psychic self constitutes the Satan in us just as the positive side constitutes the God within. Rosicrucians are not responsible for the creation of the idea or the establishment of the principle that both God and Satan reside within us. If the Kingdom of Heaven is within us as has been proclaimed by the greatest of the past mystics and avatars, so the Kingdom of Satan must also be within, for one is just the opposite polarity or phase of the other. If you say that light has come



to the heart, mind, and consciousness of a human being, you have to admit that there had been darkness there at one time, or there would be no way of knowing that the light had come.

The incarnation of soul in an earth body is to enable the soul personality to develop and evolve. Such development could not take place if there were no contest and no struggle. The man, woman, or child never faced with evil, never tempted to do wrong, never learns the value of doing right or of choosing rightly.

We shall learn in the next few monographs how evil, sickness, sin, all worldly problems are of our own creation. Although we are often unconscious of the fact that we are the creators of them, they are born of the negative side of our psychic beings and hold us in their spell and in unfortunate circumstances. We have never realized how we might control and overcome these things. That will be part of my subject the next time I talk with you, but I hope that your careful analysis of this lecture, and the last one, will help you understand the enormous importance of the fact that our psychic selves are dual in nature, and that from one we receive that which we cannot receive from the other.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

NOTE: This monograph was written by Dr. H. Spencer Lewis.

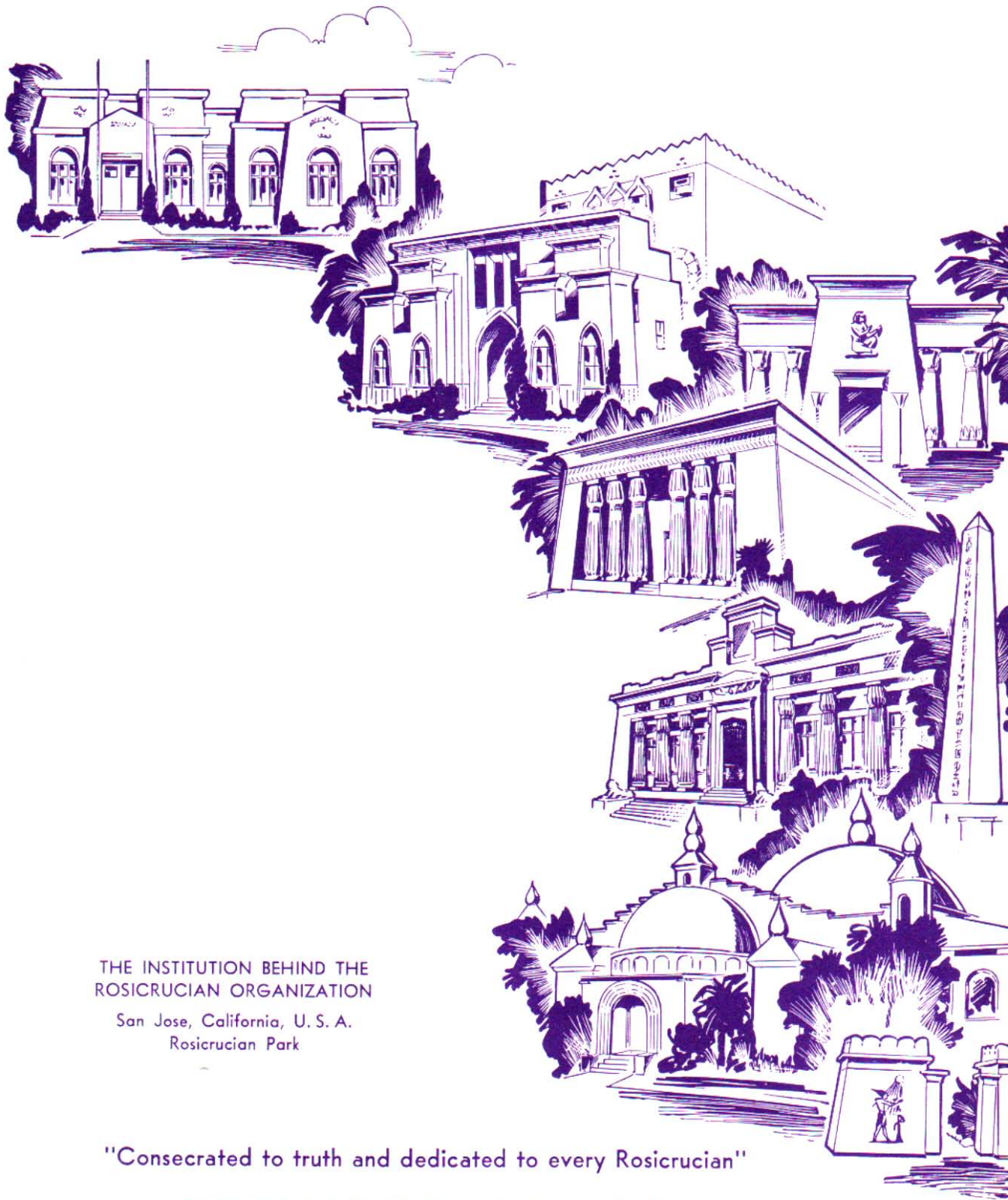


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ These monographs, prepared for students between 1925 and 1936 as personal lessons, will remain as standard teachings for perhaps a century or more.
- ¶ Each new Emperor in each cycle of the Order does not have to correct or revise the teachings, but rather adds to old truths the few new ones that have been learned.
- ¶ Those things that are demonstrable facts and truths today will be truths a thousand years from now and just as demonstrable.
- ¶ The secrets of today, which were secrets hundreds of years ago, will still be secrets unknown to the mass mind a thousand years from now.
- ¶ That the psychic self is dual, with a positive side and a negative one, constitutes a truth that will live through all the ages.
- ¶ Evil, sickness, sin, all worldly problems are of our own creation, born of the negative side of our psychic beings.



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