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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ As the seed contains within itself all the potentials of the mature plant or tree, so does man have within himself the potentials for ultimate perfection. This was as true of primitive man as it is of man today. The following quotation from a writer on both scientific and mystical subjects concurs with this viewpoint.



In the first place, it must be remarked that, since God's method of creation is by a process of progressive development in accordance with an immutable law, and since it is evident that man is the final goal of organic evolution, it follows that the potentialities of manhood were necessarily inherent in his primordial ancestry. That is to say, every essential faculty of the subjective mind of man existed, inchoate and potential, in the mind of the lowest unicellular organism, and after the brain was evolved, every faculty, objective and subjective, that man possesses thus existed in all his ancestry that were endowed with brain faculties. No evolutionist will gainsay this proposition; for it is the essential implication of the evolutionary hypothesis.

—THOMSON JAY HUDSON, LL.D., 1834-1903

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

One of the chief concerns of the psychically developed, is vibrations that are negative and auras that are in some way disagreeable. Sitting close to a person causes his aura to blend with your own, and to have a weakening effect if it or his vibrations are negative or in any way inharmonious. In such a case, you should immediately move, for with his clothing or body right up against your own, the taking of deep breaths will not help you for more than a minute or two.

Often just shaking hands with such a person is like an electric shock to the highly developed person and should be avoided. Articles of clothing, too, become saturated with the wearer's vibrations and good or bad these are passed on to anyone coming in contact with the person or his possessions. In one case reported, a woman used to borrow another's fur coat to wear on special occasions. Sometimes this would happen two or three times a month. After each wearing of the borrowed coat, the woman would feel weakened and psychically depleted. She knew her friend to be somewhat negative but she hadn't realized that in borrowing her coat she was borrowing her negative vibrations as well.

This brings me to public assemblies where rather than miss some of the performance or attract attention to ourselves we often remain seated where we first sat. Many times we come away from a public place more depleted and more disturbed inwardly than when we went. We do not get complete relaxation, and rest can never be had from entertainment or instruction in company with others if the vibrations are upsetting.

Individuals suffering from certain ailments and disturbances quickly cause us to feel the effect of these conditions through the aura. When a man's aura is depleted and weak because of some physical condition, its greatest effect is upon the women whom he contacts at that time, especially if the women are psychically developed. On the other hand, men are greatly affected by the auras of women whose blood systems or health are disturbed temporarily. There are certain monthly or periodic changes when a woman's aura radiates a weakening effect upon the auras of men and women whom she contacts very closely.

Persons addicted to drugs or narcotics have very strange auras that quickly affect the psychic consciousness of any well-developed or healthy person, and they should be avoided if at all possible. If they are suffering, a healthy, developed person should try to help them, not leave them to their own fate; but the way to help them should be carefully considered. Send them absent physical help; but do not remain close to them and allow yourself to be detrimentally affected.



It is not to be expected that such contacts and conditions as have been mentioned here will be so numerous or annoying as to be a constant threat to your psychic health

and peace of mind. To be aware of them, though, and to realize that they represent conditions which you can control will no doubt give you assurance that you might otherwise lack. In using what you know, many conditions which do distress others and might distress you will be avoided.

The many fine reports regarding the thyroid principle given some little time ago encouraged me to give you another esoteric law. If you slighted that experiment, it would be well for you to go back over your monographs and do it now, for many have reported an improvement in health and in psychic development as the result of it.

This new law deals with other psychic centers. You will remember that there are really twelve psychic centers in the human body. Five are of secondary importance because they deal almost exclusively with soul experiences rather than with objective, psychic experiences here on earth. The seven psychic centers in the first category, which includes the thyroid, are of greater importance during our earthly existence.

The invisible and intangible psychic center located just back of the center of the forehead used to be called the third eye. The ancients described it as the "eye of the soul." They claimed that a very ancient race of highly developed mystics like the Lemurians and the Atlanteans really had something in the center of the forehead like a small eye. These ancients probably left in their records many fanciful explanations and descriptions of this psychic center.

It is difficult to tell from their descriptions whether they were allowing their imaginations to run wild or whether they were close to truth. Other mystics intimated that nothing was actually visible in the center of the forehead except a slight protrusion, and that there was really no indication of an eye or an organ of sense. A psychic eye need not have the appearance of a physical eye, and a psychic center just behind the outer cuticle of the forehead might be sensitive to certain vibrations without there being an actual opening.

Because of these old stories, many modern mystical writers have pictured all mystical persons of the past gifted with psychic abilities as having a psychic eye in the center of the forehead and as being of the strange race of Cyclops written of by Homer. The difference, however, is that the Cyclops had only one eye in the center of the forehead, and the people of Lemuria and Atlantis had three eyes—two objective ones and a third psychic one in the center of the forehead.



We do have this evidence: In the body of modern man, there is a remnant of some sort of organ in the center of the brain that has puzzled science. Of course, you realize there

are many parts and areas of the brain that easily lend themselves to imaginative speculation regarding the ancient formations of man's brain and its gradual change through evolution.

The human embryo, from the first month to the ninth, goes through all the changes man has gone through in all of the eons of his evolution in the past; thus it is possible to speculate on these changes that have taken place in man's physical being at every stage of development in the human embryo.

This is not to say that man evolved from an animal. Rosicrucians have always held that man, as a distinct class, was created as man. However, we cannot deny that the first man, call him Adam or any other symbolical name, was of a very primitive form. In skeletal structure, form of head and brain, and in walk and manner of living he was so much like an ape that early scientists discovering bones and skeletons of primitive types thought the ape had gradually evolved into the human being. However, there was a "missing link" or "gap" in evolution between the most highly developed ape and the lowest form of man. There was a jump or skip in evolution, for the lowest form of man was different from the highest form of ape.

In spite of research throughout the world to find the primitive form that would fill in the gap and link the ape and man together, it has never been found. We believe it never will be. Remnants of skulls and skeletons of primitive man clearly show head and jaws, arms and legs very much like a highly developed ape's, but they also show many other characteristics of form that the ape did not have. As man grows old and gradually weakens, he returns to a posture or position of standing or walking much like the ape because his legs begin to bend at the knees and he walks in a bent-forward position with his arms hanging down.

In the earliest stages of the embryo, certain organs and parts are quite large in proportion to the body, but as the body grows these organs do not grow, and at birth they are inconsequential. This would indicate that in the evolution of man certain organs and parts of the body have gradually receded, stood still, or become smaller through lack of use. As man evolves and uses certain organs or parts of his body less, these parts become smaller. For instance, there was a time when man used his toes much like his fingers, but today he has very little use for them and they are growing shorter. The nonuse of any muscle or part of the body will gradually allow it to become smaller in size, and this process continuing from generation to generation and race to race makes for the evolutionary changes.



Science recognizes the fact that the pineal and pituitary bodies have become smaller with the passing of time and the evolution of man. Since both of these bodies had a psychic as

well as a physical functioning, and since the races of man have gradually discontinued much of the psychic functioning with more dependence upon the objective faculties, the psychic use of the pineal and pituitary bodies has become less. One of the problems in our work of psychic development is to rebuild and strengthen and arouse into enlarged action the psychic side of these psychic and physical bodies.

Man's body has many remnants of organs or parts that science believes were once fully developed and active in ancient man. Just as the end of the spinal column easily suggests a remnant of a tail of bony structure, so other parts suggest the former presence and functioning of organs that man does not now possess. Even the pituitary and pineal glands are generally acknowledged to be remnants of organs once highly developed. A study of the human embryo in its various stages of change and evolution in the womb indicates plainly that some organs larger in the early stages of embryonic development gradually become smaller as the body develops, until at birth they are of no importance and become atrophied and almost nonexistent at puberty.

While it is true that we do not have even a remnant of an organ that can be called the psychic eye, there are certain nerves of the sympathetic nervous system that do have a part to play in psychic matters. We can quicken these nerves and cause them to function. This is proved by thousands of experiments that have been made by mystics. It is an experiment of this kind that I want to speak about in the next monograph.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

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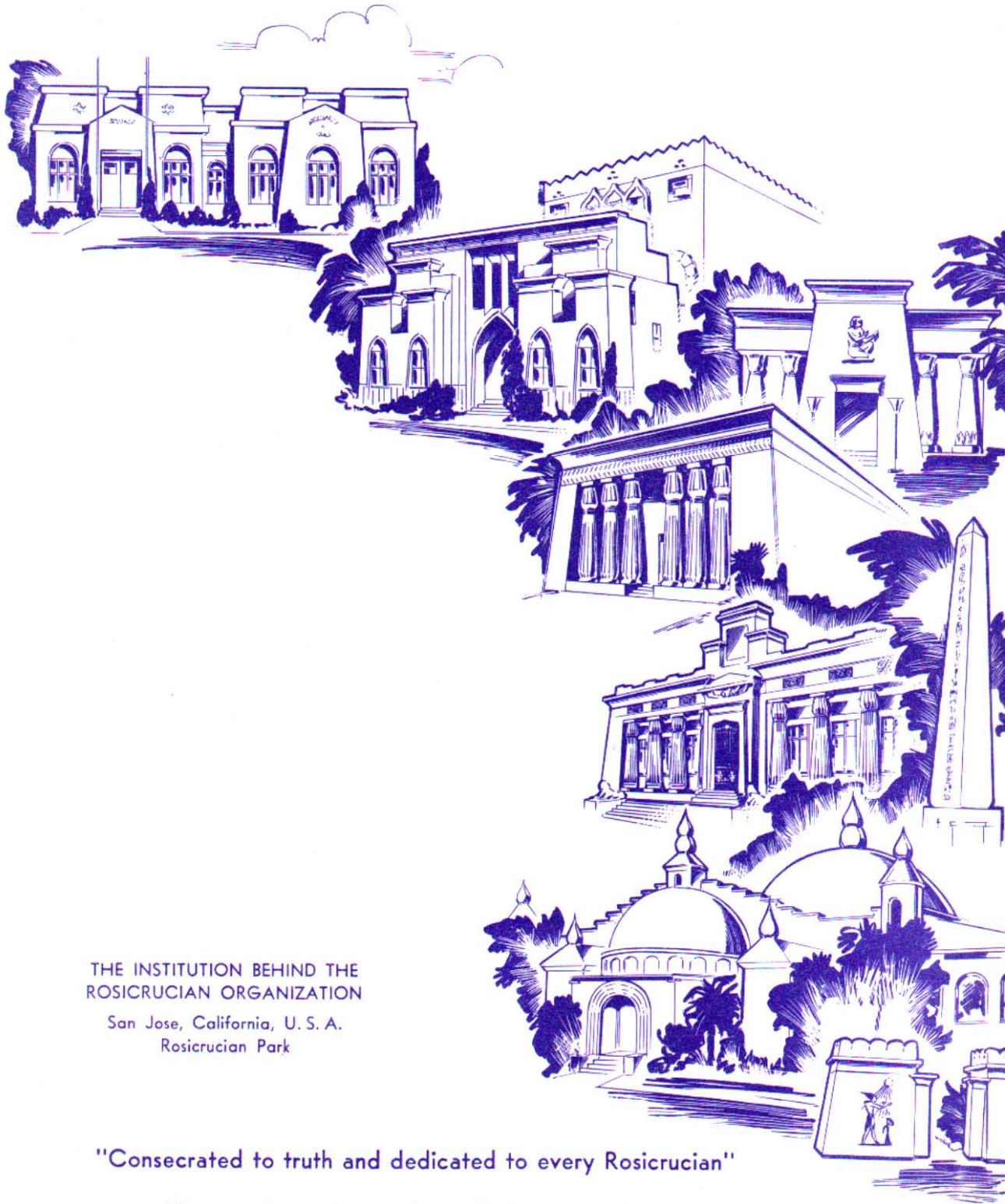


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ An important concern of the psychically developed person is to protect himself from the detrimental effects of those whose auras and vibrations are negative.
- ¶ Such contacts, however, will not be so numerous or so annoying as to be a constant threat to psychic health and peace of mind.
- ¶ A study of the human embryo in its various stages of change and evolution in the womb indicates that some organs larger in the early stages of embryonic development gradually become smaller as the body develops, until at birth they are of no importance and are almost nonexistent at puberty.
- ¶ While we do not have a remnant that can with certainty be called the psychic eye, there are certain nerves of the sympathetic nervous system which play an important part in psychic matters.



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