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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ As pointed out simply in the following lines from the *Bhagavad-Gita*, a serene spirit is essential for successful meditation and contemplation. It follows, therefore, that to be successful in using the will to create mentally, confidence and freedom from anxiety are necessary.



The man whose heart and mind are not at rest is without wisdom or the power of contemplation; who doth not practice reflection, hath no calm; and how can a man without obtain happiness? The uncontrolled heart, following the dictates of the moving passions, snatcheth away his spiritual knowledge, as the storm the bark upon the raging ocean. . . .

The man whose desires enter his heart as waters run into the unswelling passive ocean, which, though ever full, yet does not quit its bed, obtaineth happiness; . . .

The man who, having abandoned all desires, acts without covetousness, selfishness, or pride, deeming himself neither actor nor possessor, attains to rest.

—THE BHAGAVAD-GITA

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

In our last monograph we discussed the fallacy of personal and exclusive ownership of anything, since everything in a Cosmic sense is God's. Our privilege is one of use, sharing with others God's abundance. It does not mean, however, that we must share our homes with everyone; allow our lands and goods to be used by others as they will, or invite all and sundry to make themselves free with our food. If we are truly stewards and trustees, we must be preservers and caretakers of what the Cosmic has allowed us to have. To use these things extravagantly or foolishly, or to allow them to be squandered without care or discretion is as bad as hoarding or hiding them away in a miserly fashion.

It is true that we must adjust ourselves to what we now have, and to value the things we do enjoy, rather than put undue value upon the things we do not have. It is true, too, that we must desire to have more and better things, but we should want and desire them as special gifts from God. We cannot demand them of God. While there may be some Cosmic or Karmic law that has denied us some of the things we want, there is no Cosmic or Karmic law that says we cannot eventually secure them or that we must not try to have them. In other words, no matter what our Karmic condition may be, we need not accept what we have as sufficient or believe that we do not have more because we cannot get more.

The minute we begin to value the things we have and to analyze carefully what we want and need, we begin to attune ourselves with the Cosmic source of everything. We begin to attune with conditions that will help to bring about a better supply of the things we need. An automobile is as much a gift of God as is the corn in the fields, or the roses in our gardens. When a man uses his brain and his muscle to build something constructively good and that brings happiness and advancement to civilization, he is a channel for the Cosmic, serving as one of God's handiworkers in the garden of the earth.

An automobile, a sewing machine, a carpet, a home and fine clothing, even jewelry and watches, are all part of God's abundant gifts and privileges to us. If when you need or want things—whether an increase in income or an improvement in your living—you will meditate on the things you have and express to God and the Cosmic your appreciation and thanks, and then visualize your need, you will attract to you the things you need. If you want an increase in wages, visualize the man who could grant the increase, and transmit to him your appreciation as well as the idea that he, too, is one of God's messengers and that he will be inspired with the thought of helping you. This should be concentrated on for several weeks before any attempt is made to ask for an increase. If you want better clothing, food, home, visualize these things moderately, and concentrate on the Cosmic as inspiring and directing you in the way to bring them about.



All of us should enjoy food and other material necessities for the sustenance of life, and this does not mean that we should be satisfied with merely enough to keep the body alive. Monks wear plain clothes, sleep on hard beds, and have very poor meals. They enjoy no luxuries, and do not even have some things that they might grow in their own gardens. They hold that little thought should be given to the body. That is not a true mystical idea. It is as wrong as that of the glutton who thinks of nothing but elaborate meals, and who prefers eating above everything.

One is also entitled to proper living conditions, a proper home, and a proper environment for social entertainment, study, and self-protection. No one can attempt to outline for someone else, what is sufficient in the way of a home. There is always a natural diversity of opinion and of desire; but this is no warrant, either, for desiring more than the necessities of life, solely for the sake of making an impression. That is as wrong as the attitude of the anchorite who believes he will develop more spirituality and live closer to God by living in a cave with no hygienic facilities, no actual comforts, no real accommodations or protection, and no real rest for the body.

Whatever you may have at the present time in the way of a home, business, clothes, or food, can be improved if you desire it. The Cosmic will cooperate with you to improve those conditions, provided you are not trying to establish an enviable position in the world. As long as what you desire is not to injure another person, or to aggrandize the outer self, the Cosmic will help you. Through nature's laws the Cosmic gives us an abundance of things, and glories in beauty and in comforts and luxuries.

The point I want to make is that you have it within your power to create these things that you need. You must get out of your mind the idea that money will buy the things you need and that your first and only necessity is money. You might have millions and yet not enjoy a good night's rest, a good meal, or perfect peace and contentment in your home. The Cosmic does not use money in producing things. The Cosmic does not use money in bringing about the things you want to have. It works through other channels and through other means; so when you concentrate on money alone, you are limiting your creative power. You are saying to the Cosmic, "I do not want any of the hundreds of things you can have come to me; all I want is money." Certainly the Cosmic would not look upon that attitude as a gracious, kindly, or considerate appeal.

On the other hand, you should not feel that you are putting yourself out of grace with the Cosmic by occasionally holding in mind the necessity for some money. Since money is one of the material things of this life that man has created, there is no reason why an individual should not ask for some portion of it



to assist him in some of his needs. Man has also made clothing, furniture, and homes. If it is perfectly logical to ask the Cosmic to help a person have clothing or a home or furniture or even a bed, there is no reason why a mystic and a spiritually inclined person should not also ask God and the Cosmic for money—occasionally. But the Cosmic and all of the heavenly spiritual forces will look with suspicion upon a person who asks for nothing but money, just as it would look with suspicion upon an individual who would ask for hundreds of beds for his home or hundreds of tables, or for a thousand suits of clothes for the purpose of storing them up, saving them, or creating an impression by the possession of them.

Unless you have started to practice the proper method of bringing these things into your life, you do not realize what a tremendous creative power you actually possess. In the first place, there is a vast difference between desiring or praying for something and the process of creating something. You might go through life wishing for something and never get it, while with a few days or weeks of proper mental creating, you could actually bring it into being. Naturally we should give thanks for what we have and ask God to assist us in obtaining the things we need. In addition, we can do something more. We can create the things we need mentally and thus assist the Cosmic in bringing them into our lives.

If a person, trained as you have been, concentrates his mind on the thing he needs, and visualizes it sufficiently to have a good picture of it in his mental eye—and then uses his will power to create it—it will be created in the Cosmic and will gradually materialize.

We are astounded, sometimes, at the way in which the Cosmic causes things to occur. No one can possibly anticipate the ways in which the Cosmic works. When mentally creating something, you should not attempt to instruct the Cosmic as to how you want the thing to come. If concentrating on securing a better position, would you attempt to visualize it coming through just one of your friends? It would be foolish to think of just that one way for the position to come. It might come in a hundred other ways, and you would be wasting your time and effort in concentrating on just one way for the Cosmic to work.

Nothing here should be interpreted as having to do with socialistic ideas; nor should it be a reflection upon labor and capitalism. It is as wrong to think of every wealthy employer as a "terrible capitalist," as it is to think of the things you have as being your own because of your ability and power. A head of a great institution, corporation, or factory, is, in a sense, a messenger of the Cosmic and a channel of the Cosmic. If he is miserly, he is simply misunderstanding his stewardship, and through Cosmic means he must be made to understand that he is not liberal enough with the blessings at hand. To concentrate only upon the negative



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aspect of the man, as an oppressor of labor, is to attune yourself with the destructive processes of the earth and to throw yourself out of balance for any future blessings.

Here at the Grand Lodge we long ago learned these valuable lessons. Out of every dollar that remains each month after bills and expenses have been paid, we use a portion for charitable, educational, or cultural work among the millions who do not belong to our organization. Not a single officer of this organization receives any percentage of any profits, or any percentage of any sales or dues that are paid, or anything of that kind. We all feel that we are laboring together and, like all employees, receive in proportion to what we do, what we produce, and what we assist the Cosmic in bringing into realization for others. We have learned that by being thankful for what we have, by sharing what we receive and giving away a portion that is available, we constantly open the Cosmic doorway to more. The Cosmic helps us do our great work, and our members help us to carry it on by sharing, through their dues, a portion of what they have. So it is all a great plan for carrying out the Cosmic laws instead of trying to run counter to them; of being a channel through which the Cosmic can send its blessings wherever there is need.

If you will try this process of concentrating, and adopt the right attitude toward the Cosmic in your prayers, giving thanks to God every day for what you have, you will find life bringing you more happiness and more contentment.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

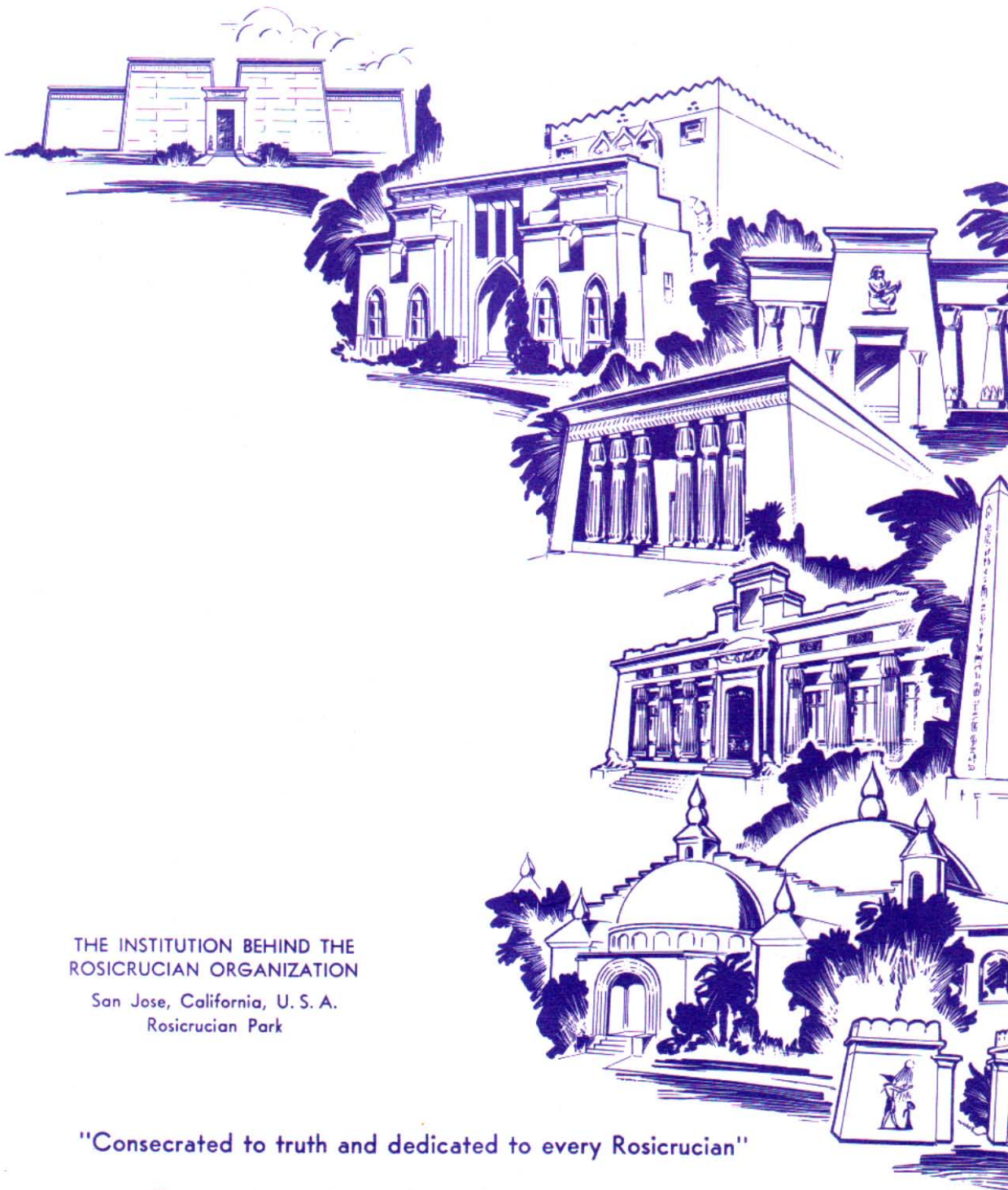


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ While our privilege is one of use, sharing with others God's abundance, we are also stewards and trustees of what the Cosmic permits us to have and must, therefore, preserve and use all gifts wisely.
- ¶ Although some Cosmic or Karmic law may have denied us some of the things we want, there is no Cosmic or Karmic law that says we cannot eventually secure them or that we must not try to have them.
- ¶ If we meditate upon the things we have and express to God and the Cosmic our appreciation and thanks, and then visualize our need, we shall attract to ourselves what we need, providing that what is desired is not to injure another person or to aggrandize the outer self.
- ¶ If a mystically trained person concentrates his mind on the thing he needs and visualizes it clearly in his mental eye, using his will power to create it, it will be created in the Cosmic and will gradually materialize. Only those who have used this method, realize the tremendous power they possess.
- ¶ When mentally creating something, do not instruct the Cosmic as to *how* you want the thing to come, for the ways in which the Cosmic works cannot possibly be anticipated.
- ¶ By being thankful for what we have, by sharing what we receive and giving away a portion that is available, we constantly open the Cosmic doorway to more.



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