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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ Fear, as we are reminded in this monograph, is the greatest obstacle which man faces in his advancement. He is prone to hesitation, dreading that which may happen, and fearful lest he be unable to cope with situations that may arise. Reliance upon that inner creative power, which unvaryingly supplies the needed strength for overcoming problems, is gradually acquired by the student of mysticism as he comes to a realization of the negative and futile aspects of fear and learns to use this same imaginative potential within himself in a constructive manner. The following lines speak for themselves:



*The lunatic, the lover, and the poet,
Are of imagination all compact:
One sees more devils than vast hell can hold;
That is, the madman: the lover, all as frantic,
Sees Helen's beauty in a brow of Egypt:
The poet's eye, in a fine frenzy rolling,
Doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven;
And, as imagination bodies forth
The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen
Turns them to shapes, and gives to airy nothing
A local habitation, and a name.
Such tricks hath strong imagination,
That, if it would but apprehend some joy,
It comprehends some bringer of that joy;
Or in the night, imagining some fear,
How easy is a bush suppos'd a bear?*

—WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, (1564-1616)

(From *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Act V, Scene II, p. 51; R. D. Library ed., Leipzig, 1843.)

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

In your experiments of this past week, you have probably discovered one of the four points of the compass better than the others to face in seeking Cosmic attunement for all practical Cosmic purposes. It may be that by facing the west you see some improvement, but by facing the northwest or the southwest it is even better. You may even have found the best conditions not facing exactly any one of the cardinal points but some point in between them. The exact direction is immaterial, but it is important for you to find one which gives you satisfactory results.

You have probably noticed also that a deep breath will produce a more tonic effect when you are facing in the right direction. In past monographs, we have called attention to the position of the bed as important for sleeping. Many who do not sleep well will find that by changing the bed so that the head is in a different direction, a more profound and beneficial sleep is enjoyed. Some may sleep best with the head toward the west or east, while others find north or south better, but the position of the bed remains very important.

The Rosicrucians especially have claimed for a long time that we are affected by Cosmic and earth rays of magnetic nature. Within recent times science has gradually admitted that man is greatly affected by Cosmic and earth rays and that these rays meeting at the earth's surface set up certain vibrations that are harmonious at one time and inharmonious at others. Inwardly man is constantly attuned to the vibrations of the Cosmic, and is in rhythm with its rhythm. If the magnetic conditions in the atmosphere around him, however, are flowing in one direction while he is facing another, there is a crosscurrent that is not good when he is trying psychic experiments or when he is trying to sleep or become relaxed and harmoniously balanced inwardly and outwardly.

This week in trying to attune with the Celestial Sanctum, I would like you to face the east—no matter where you may live, you will find that facing the east is more helpful than other directions. It may be that your experiments have shown that you get a more complete, peaceful, and relaxed attunement with the Cosmic facing north, west, or south, but when concentrating on the Celestial Sanctum, you will make the contact more quickly and perfectly if you are facing the east. The reason is that we who are directing the Celestial Sanctum attunement have our thoughts flowing in that direction. Thus, your consciousness and thoughts will be carried along with ours toward the same direction. Therefore, in Celestial Sanctum contacts, always face the east, even though in other experiments you face in some other direction.



This week in addition to doing your other experiments with the spiral make a number of Celestial Sanctum contacts while facing the east.

In your spiral experiments, be sure to hum the musical note and watch for the color. If you have discovered the color most pleasing in connection with these spiral experiments, or the one which seems to be created in your aura or in front of you, be sure to concentrate on it each time you think of the spiral experiment, for that will help you with your attunement.

The experiments you are now performing, it should be remembered, are to tune and tone your entire body as well as help you psychically. This toning of the body is going to aid your health and will especially aid your digestion and your mental functioning, for these are very closely related to the sympathetic nervous system.

In passing, I might suggest that on the evening or morning when you are to perform any of these experiments you should refrain from drinking coffee, even that which has had the caffeine eliminated. A drink of mild tea is not bad but water, milk, cocoa, or chocolate are better. All alcoholic liquors, even those having only small portions of alcohol in them, should be avoided for several hours before such experiments.

During the next few weeks when you are sitting in the silence, facing in the right cardinal direction, using the right tone to hum for a moment, and in every other way adjusting yourself to the proper vibratory conditions, allow your consciousness to lift itself as though you were trying to fit into the Cosmic counterpart of yourself described some weeks ago. Try to be a part of the Cosmic Hierarchy as though you were entering a great court of Cosmic lawmakers and benefactors and seating yourself among them, prepared not only to vote upon the things that you asked for yourself but also upon the things that others are asking. Put yourself into this great court of appeals and assume the attitude of kindness, benevolence, and understanding that such a group of Cosmic minds must have. Then begin visualizing the things that are really important in your life which you require at present, or will require in the near future.

Keep in mind that sometimes the things which appear to be the greatest obstacles are not really obstacles if you do not fear them. There is no question about it, the average person is prevented from advancing in life more out of fear than anything else. We are constantly threatened by the things that we think will happen. We are constantly held back by the fear that we will not be able to meet or overcome conditions that we believe may arise. This sort of fear, or hesitancy, affects not only our logical reasoning but our logical acting, as well.

You have probably seen many young men and women starting in business who have felt hesitant about putting themselves forward lest they be too presumptuous, or suddenly find themselves face to face with problems they cannot master. It is



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easy to see that they are holding themselves back out of fear. We all have done the same thing, and most of us are probably doing the same thing today in regard to some matters. Remember the Rosicrucian proverb or law quoted so often, "If you dare to do, you will be given the power to do." Persons lying ill in hospitals believing themselves paralyzed, crippled, or too weak to stand, have suddenly dared to jump out of bed in the face of danger. Daring to get out of bed, they have suddenly found that they had power to do it and have walked downstairs and to safety only to be surprised and suddenly overcome with fear again. Then the paralysis returned and they could not move. It is the creative power within us that enables us to do things that we do not realize we can do. This has been covered in previous monographs and by this time we should know that if man makes up his mind to do something, and dares to do it in the face of all obstacles, he will suddenly find a power within him that enables him to do it.

Back of this power in us is the Cosmic source of all such power. The creative power in each one of us that enables us to do wonderful things is only a small portion of the great creative power in the Cosmic which moves the universe, which has created new planets and new stars, which gives us life force and produces all of the marvelous things in the world. We can appeal to that creative power for additional help when we find that there are obstacles which we cannot overcome by ourselves.

I need not remind you that a purely selfish desire of a mercenary and personal nature is a difficult matter to bring before the Cosmic for approval. But many of our seemingly selfish desires are not wholly mercenary and personal. We may feel that the desire for a better or a larger home, or one in a different location is purely selfish and personal; yet upon close analysis it may be found that back of it is a desire to be of benefit to others.

Sometime ago, a woman told me she would like a larger home, especially designed to include several spacious rooms. I asked her what she would do with such a home if her wishes were fulfilled. I knew that she loved entertaining and I fully expected her reply to be to entertain many of her friends and thereby impress them with her position. Her answer, however, was this: "Why, I would like to have the Rosicrucians of our district meet and enjoy the benefits of real social get-togethers."

There was that point of altruism in her mind, and later I found she had a number of altruistic motives not associated with the home but with her general affairs of life. I discovered that an automobile would give her the opportunity to take children from a nearby orphan asylum into the country as others had been doing. You will see by this that the home, clothes, or other necessities, even luxuries, may not be wholly selfish or without benefit to others.



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There is no reason why you should not visualize and concentrate upon such things in your appeal to the Cosmic. There is no better time for making such an appeal than when you have completed any of the methods you have recently learned for attuning yourself to the Cosmic. More time should be spent during the next few months in building and creating for your future.

There are a number of essentials in this regard that you should keep in mind. First, there is continuous life here on this earth plane. Do not ask the Cosmic for something that you need today or tomorrow, or that it let you grow strong and well for the sake of "cheating death" as greatly as possible. You should rather ask that good health and a continuance of life be given you in order that you may carry out the unfulfilled dreams and desires of your inner self. You have a right to visualize a ripe old age of usefulness because, after all, you were placed here to fulfill some mission and that mission will more probably be fulfilled if you have a longer time in which to accomplish it. As long as you have been placed here, you have the right to make the utmost of the experience for your own benefit as well as that of others.

You may appeal for good health in order that you may more efficiently carry out your mission and help others be well and happy by being an example of how health may be maintained through right living and right thinking. It is a fact that a healthy person is always an inspiration to others. His being healthy encourages them to try to be healthy again in order to live and laugh. Every time a person who is well, healthy, and magnetic goes among others, he fills them with the urge to live and makes them feel that life is something magnificent and filled with possibilities.

You may also visualize money, not merely for the power it gives in obtaining, controlling, or securing things, but for meeting the necessities of life. If man had never created the idea of money as a means of exchange for necessities, many of our sorrows would have been eliminated. There is hardly a man or a woman who does not believe that through his own effort he should secure the things he wants, and a large proportion is willing to work for the necessities and luxuries of life. However, when persons are willing to work for bread but cannot, because, first of all, they must have money, they become discouraged. There is no reason why you should not seek money, therefore, for necessities, or luxuries that will add joy and happiness to your life and the lives of others; but in thinking of these things do not think always of the immediate future or of the present time. Think of the greater future that lies beyond this year or next. Seek the things you need most now and ask the Cosmic to help you in planning your life so that as the years pass you will be able to create and earn and attract to yourself the other things you may need in the future.



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A young man who once consulted me in this regard, said he was going to ask the Cosmic to help him get \$200 right away in order to pay off debts and go to an eastern state to start a business career. I asked him how far the \$200 would go and he said it would square his debts and enable him to go with no bad reputation remaining behind him. That was commendable, for he could have gone without paying the debts. But when I asked what he would do after he reached the East, he said he would then ask the Cosmic for money and only enough to take care of just another year. His plan was to ask the Cosmic each year for enough to take care of the year ahead. In other words, he was going to make himself a constant petitioner to the Cosmic to be taken care of. There was no thought in his mind of asking the Cosmic to point out a way whereby he could plan his future career so that in another few years he would not have to ask for financial help but merely for guidance and direction in making his career more successful.

Each one of us knows better than anyone else what we require in life to help round it out and make it happy and contented. One of our very dear Sorores in this class lives in the central part of Vancouver Island, off the shores of Canada, in what might be called a rural section. It is a beautiful stretch of unaltered magnificence—rolling hills, woods, valley, little streams of water, garden spots of flowers, and a typical little country home nestled securely beside a road off from the highway. She has traveled and lived in many parts of the world. She has her music and, fortunately, her ability as an artist with which she can still paint as she painted many years ago.

She has two sons living near her and other children in far-off lands. She lives on a very small income which hardly meets the necessities of life and does not give her an opportunity to do things she would like to do and has done for others as opportunity afforded. I know that among her requests to the Cosmic will be one for continued health and life, not because she feels that life may be short, but because she wants to carry out the ideals and dreams in her heart. I know, too, that she will ask for increased income that she may be able to do many things. I know also that she will ask that health, strength, and good fortune be given her sons and daughter, that they, too, may work harmoniously in carrying the work forward in various parts of the world.

This Soror has every right to ask for as much of the world's blessings as she has already received. So have others like her in various parts of the world, and of our large family of members in this Degree.



Visualize, therefore, the ideal career you would like for your life in the future. Skip today and tomorrow and next week and next month and think of what you would like to find awaiting you as your daily activity one year, two years, five

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years, or ten years from today. Think of the things you would like to accomplish and be able to do. Visualize these and ask the Cosmic to direct you in your thinking and acting so that each deed and thought will be like stones laid for a foundation on which to build in the future. Ask the Cosmic to help you avoid doing or thinking anything, saying or intimating anything, that would hurt or wrong anyone or yourself; for that would be like throwing away one of the foundation stones or like weakening the foundation itself to such an extent that the structure you want to build, the career you want to create, could not rest upon the foundation in its weakened form.

All of these things you can think of and plead for in your Cosmic attunement, as well as for psychic and spiritual regeneration. Try these suggestions during the next few weeks, and next week I will add some more points to this matter for your enlightenment.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

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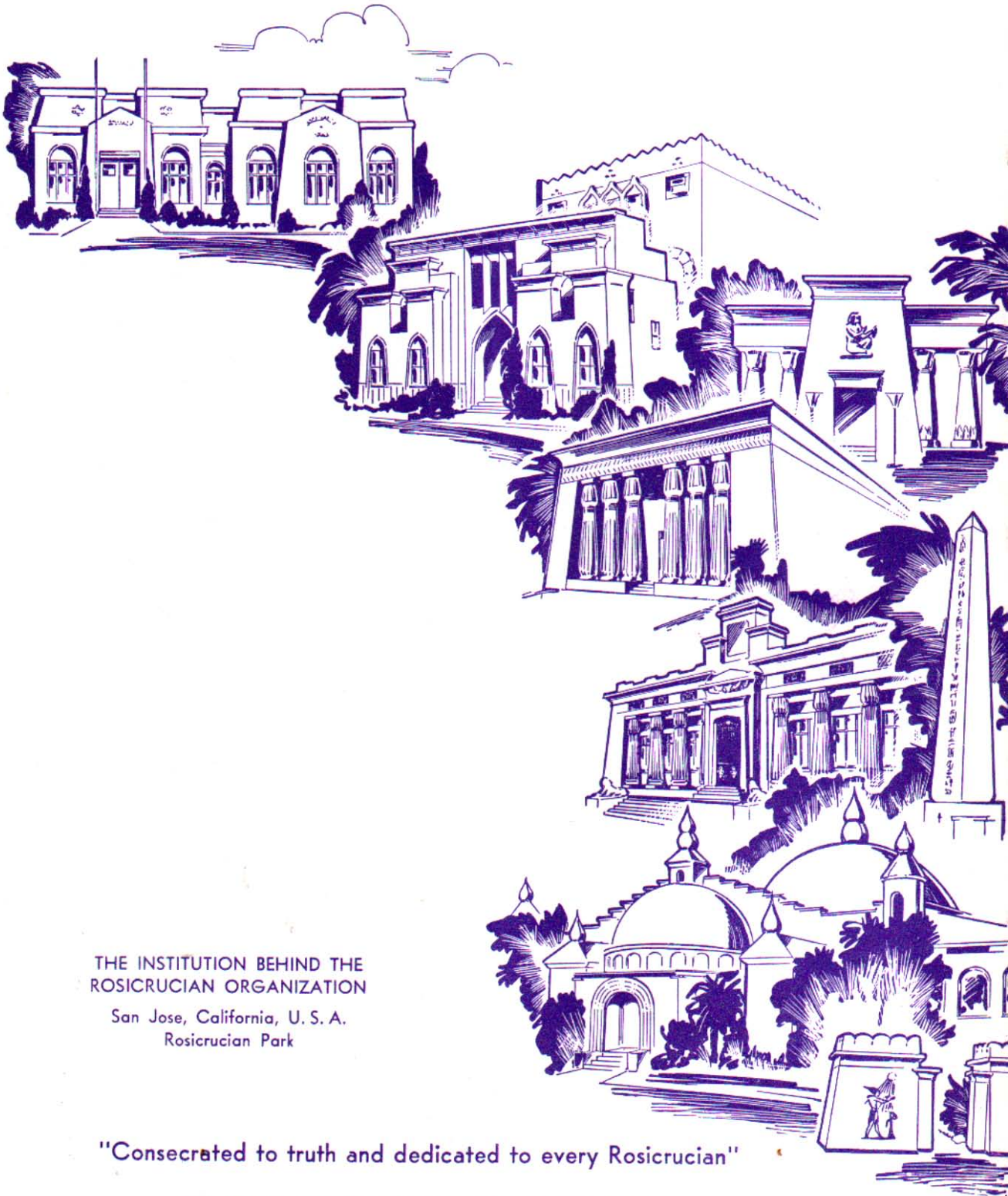


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Since man is greatly affected by cosmic earth rays, he should face in the correct direction when trying to sleep or relax, or when attempting psychic experiments. The exception to this rule is in attuning with the Celestial Sanctum, at which time one should face the east.
- ¶ Continue experiments with the spiral, remembering to hum the musical note and to watch for the color. In addition, make a number of Celestial Sanctum contacts. Refrain from drinking coffee or alcoholic beverages for several hours before such experiments.
- ¶ During the next few weeks, facing the right cardinal direction, attempt to lift your consciousness into the cosmic counterpart of yourself and become a part of the Cosmic Hierarchy. Then begin visualizing the things that you require for fulfilling your mission in life. A purely selfish desire may not be brought before the Cosmic.
- ¶ Ask the Cosmic to direct your thinking and acting so that each thought and act will become a building stone for the future.



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