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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ That man has long been aware of the influence of the moon upon his life is revealed by its important role in the mythologies of antiquity. Universally, the moon has been revered as a bestower of abundance. Growth, warmth, water, fertility were attributed to it. In the light of our monographs pertaining to this subject, as well as to growing scientific recognition of the moon's influence upon the earth, we can read the ancient myths with added interest and appreciation. With this in mind, we quote the following excerpt from Sir James George Frazer's *The Golden Bough*.



But Diana was not merely a patroness of wild beasts, a mistress of woods and hills, of lonely glades and sounding rivers; conceived as the moon, and especially, it would seem, as the yellow harvest moon, she filled the farmer's grange with goodly fruits and heard the prayers of women in travail. In her sacred grove at Nemi, . . . she was especially worshipped as a goddess of childbirth, who bestowed offspring on men and women. Thus Diana, like the Greek Artemis, with whom she was constantly identified, may be described as a goddess of nature in general and of fertility in particular.

—SIR JAMES GEORGE FRAZER, 1854-1941

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

We have now reached a point in our progress through this Degree where I wish to present another esoteric principle for you to test and experiment with many times throughout the month. This relates to the moon and its influence upon our life. I am not going to touch upon the subject of astrology, for what I have to say is not a part of astrology as it is generally presented, and is not concerned with a study of astrological principles.

Those who have believed in the past that anything pertaining to the moon's influences was purely superstition, will be interested in a book issued at the beginning of 1935 by one of America's famous scientists, Harlan T. Stetson of the Harvard University Research Board. A well-known astronomer, he deals exhaustively with the influences of the sun, moon, and Cosmic rays upon our lives. Everything in this book, and in a preceding one issued in 1934, supports what we have said in our teachings. The author is not the only scientist who in recent years has admitted that the sun and moon do have an influence upon our personal lives as human beings; but the "influences" they speak of, and the influences commonly spoken of by those having a smattering of astrology, are entirely different.

Those who know about the influences of the moon can take advantage of its influences to help themselves in numerous ways. Many farmers do their planting according to the moon. The Department of Agriculture of the United States Government, and similar departments in many other countries, may have smiled at this belief of farmers regarding the moon and its influences; yet thousands of farmers testify to the worth of their experiences.

Here at the Grand Lodge, in planting our lawns and in transplanting bushes, we have followed the moon periods. Everyone has marveled at the lawns we have, and at the fact that we can make a lawn in five to seven days. The lawns stand a good deal of walking upon by visitors and members during Convention week. All through the winter months, the lawns and flowers continue to grow as prettily as early in the spring or late in the fall. In our laboratory experiments with protoplasmic cells and the growing of fish and other things, we have proved to our own satisfaction, as have Rosicrucians in the past, that the sun and moon have an effect upon the emotions and must be taken into consideration in regard to the vitalizing of living things.

The scientist to whom I have referred states in his book that not only sun rays and Cosmic rays affect human life and human reception and cause other manifestations on earth such as earthquakes, tidal waves, cyclones, etc., but also have an effect upon arousing or quieting human emotions.



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meteorologist, was quoted by the New York Times as stating it as his opinion that spots on Jupiter and cyclones in the earth's upper atmosphere are due to the same solar flare-ups. According to his observations the spots showed a tendency to form a few days after pronounced solar disturbances.

A paper published in 1953 in the Bay area of California carried a statement from a veteran highway patrolman that the patrol was always doubled on San Francisco Bay Bridge during the full of the moon since during that period suicide attempts greatly increased.

Anything that affects human emotions affects the psychic system of the human body, for emotions have their actions and reactions in the psychic nature or within the psychic body, only manifesting themselves outwardly through the physical. For this reason, you should understand certain things about the moon and its influence upon human life so that you may take advantage of its various periods.

It was because the ancients discovered that the moon had a great effect upon the affairs of our lives that the year was divided into months. The word month is derived from its association with the moon, and the month was nearly the length of a moon cycle. Of course, there were times when rulers changed the calendar and in their ignorance of the connection between the days of the month and the moon, made some months longer and some shorter than others. Nevertheless, fundamentally a month is the length of a moon cycle, which is a little over twenty-eight days, or approximately twenty-nine days. So generally speaking, we can say that all of our affairs throughout the year are divided into moon periods or months.

When it comes to the intimate affairs of our lives, especially the intimate matters of our bodies and the functionings of the organs in them, we find the moon very closely related to us, and the sun also. The sun has a greater effect upon the vitality of human beings, while the moon has its greatest effect upon the psychic or mental side of life. It is well known among some scientists, especially among mystics and philosophers, that the moon has a relationship to the mental, emotional side of life. Persons mentally unbalanced were in ancient times called lunatics because it was thought that they had been wrongly affected by luna; the moon. We know that diseases in the human body, especially those accompanied by fevers, have cycles of duration that are divisions of the moon cycles.

This you will find referred to in Chapter X of our book dealing with self-mastery and cycles of life. Women, because of their negative polarity as related to man's masculine, positive polarity, are more susceptible to the emotional effects in the functional activities of their bodies than are men, while men are affected more in their mental, emotional characteristics. In other words, the moon's influence upon women has its greatest mani-



festation in regard to certain organic functionings of the physical body, as well as to the emotions—while in man the moon's effect is more upon the mental and emotional than upon the physical.

The various monthly periods that affect women in regard to organic functionings are in accordance with moon periods. These organic functionings, especially of the ovaries and womb, are so closely related to the periods of the moon and the influence of the moon that the moon practically controls them. On the other hand, with man, his outbursts of mental temper, or his restlessness of mind, or his uneasiness about life itself, or about business affairs, causing him to be sleepless or nervous or mentally upset, are results of the moon's influences.

Even the period of gestation in the development of the human embryo in the womb is in accordance with moon periods and is controlled by the moon. It is said that if one knew exactly the moon's position in the heavens in its relationship to the Zodiac and the sun at the time of conception, one could tell almost precisely the day or even the hour a birth would take place. It is known that the ordinary cycle of nine calendar months seldom proves correct, for a child may be born several weeks before or after the approximate date set by such figuring. It is not nine calendar months that is the true measurement, but nine moon cycles; but of course the time cannot be figured accurately unless the day of conception is known.

It is easy enough for everyone to understand how the functionings of the reproductive organs are controlled by the psychic and emotional side of life, for it is well known that any great strain upon the emotional nature such as fright, extreme worry, or mental shock will disturb the normal functionings of the reproductive organs of women. In man, the effect is in the mental part of his nature, rather than in the physically reproductive.

This brings up another interesting point. Many ancient Rosicrucian manuscripts contend that the real difference between the male and the female is that the creative power in woman is limited almost wholly to the ovaries and the womb, while with man, the creative power is located almost wholly in the brain. These mystics used to claim that through using his brain in a creative way, man could create in the material world things of importance in the same manner that woman creates a child within the womb. These early mystics had a correct understanding of the principles involved, but their way of expressing it was not exactly correct. It is well known today that men who expend most of their creative power in sexual indulgence have very little creative power left to use mentally or otherwise.



It is also well known among psychologists and psychoanalysts, as well as among prominent businessmen, that the art-

ist, the inventor, the creator, the architect, the mechanic, and the one building something by his mental power must refrain from sexual indulgence during the time he is trying to create mentally; otherwise he does not have the creative power to visualize and to concentrate and to work out the things that he sees in his mind or imagination. This would tend to support the idea that the great creative forces in man work through his emotional mental nature. This does not mean, as some may think, that woman does not have mental, creative power. When she enters into any profession or occupation that calls for great creative mental power, she finds she has it, if she tries to develop it, but she also finds it draws upon her creative physical power, just as it does in man.

The moon in its movement around the earth is an interesting study. If you are really deeply interested in this part of the subject of astronomy, it would pay you to look into some encyclopedia and study the subject of the moon alone, or perhaps the moon and the sun. One of the interesting facts about the moon is that although we see it from one end of the year to the other, and see it in its different positions around the earth, we always see the same side of it, for it keeps only one side of itself turned toward the earth, and from the earth man can see little more than half of the moon's surface.

The moon passes through four very definite stages in its journey of approximately twenty-nine days. It starts with invisibility, and then begins at what we call a new moon with just a small slice of its surface illuminated or visible to us. This new moon keeps increasing until we see the first quarter, then the half, and finally the full moon. This point is reached on approximately the fourteenth day. Now while the moon is increasing in light, or in other words, becoming fuller in illumination and visibility, certain effects are produced upon the earth and its people and upon growing things, and these effects are quite interesting. After the moon has become full, it begins to lessen in size again, going through the reverse process of the first fourteen days until it finally disappears. In these last fourteen days the moon is said to be decreasing in light and the effects produced by it during that period of about two weeks are entirely different from the effects produced during the first two weeks.

According to what we learn from observation and careful study, it seems that as the moon is increasing in light during the first two weeks of its cycle, all growing things on earth are affected by the moon rays. It has been observed, and you can prove it to yourself, that during the first two weeks of the moon's cycle while it is increasing in light, all vital forces and growing things tend to be more bountiful, increasing in strength, and so forth. For instance, when we plant our lawns we always put the seeds into the ground while the moon is increasing in light. If we can get the seeds into the ground at least four or five days before



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the moon becomes full, we will have the grass high enough above the ground to show as a lawn in five days, or by the time the moon is full.

If we wait and plant the seeds only two days before the full moon, the seeds will sprout and start to come up during the first days, but as soon as the moon becomes full the growing stops, and for the next two weeks the growth is slow so that in the two weeks while the moon is decreasing in light, the grass grows only about half as much as it did in the one or two days of the period when the moon was increasing in light. If we put the seeds in the ground the first or second day of a new moon we will find by the end of the week that we have a well-grown lawn, and that long before the full moon we can cut the new grass with the mower. If we plant the seed during the full moon and allow the decreasing light of the moon to affect the seed in the ground it grows very slowly, and it will be a month before a lawn is up far enough to be cut.

If we transplant shrubbery or plants during the new moon or the increasing light of the moon, they will grow very well. If we do it after the full moon, the plants often die or linger on the verge of dissolution until the new moon comes again to give them vitality. Burbank in his experiments in grafting flowers, planting seeds, and doing other things with growing plants and bushes, followed the moon periods very closely.

All know how the moon affects the tides, and here again we notice that the moon period is divided into various sections each causing the tides to rise and to ebb away. So each of us is affected psychically and emotionally by the moon. During the increasing of the moon's light, or from new moon to full moon, the psychic centers in man's body are active, and very efficient in their functioning. This makes it easy during those two weeks for the developed mystic, and those who have reached the higher principles, to project or to send treatments, or to reach the Cathedral of the Soul, or to do anything that calls upon the creative strength and vitality of the psychic centers.

During the decreasing of the moon's light the same experiments can be performed, but with greater difficulty and less successful results. Aside from this, there are other effects also. All of the psychic centers of the human body seem eager to function and to exercise themselves during the period of the moon's increase of light. Therefore, I would like to have each of you try the various psychic experiments you have had in past Degrees on a night when the moon is in its first quarter. The average calendar will show you when the moon is new, when it is in its first quarter, and so on.



The first quarter lasts for about seven days, and that will give you sufficient time in which to do a number of experiments of various kinds. Go as far back in the work even

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as holding a glass of water between your hands and concentrating upon it until it becomes magnetized. Then drink it and notice the tonic effect. If you do this during the first quarter of the moon, you will find that the water becomes more magnetized, and the tonic effect greater than it would be later when the moon is approaching its last quarter. Try also the experiment of attuning with the Cathedral, projection, treatments, and the experiment of forming the cloud and controlling it. Try the spiral experiment and the one with the fingers on the thyroid gland with the thumbs around the side of the neck. Pick out any of the experiments that you have had in your graded studies from the Third Degree on and notice how much better they will be performed around the first quarter of the moon, or at any time between the new moon and the full moon.

You will probably find that there is a certain day between the new moon and the full moon when the moon is in a position that is best for you as an individual. In other words, some day or evening during the first two weeks of each moon cycle your psychic centers and psychic faculties will be at their best. By trying various experiments first at the first quarter and then a little later after the first quarter, then the following month, you will find what day during the first two weeks of each moon cycle is best for you. Some will find that two days after the first quarter or four days after the first quarter, or two days before the new moon, or after the new moon, or something of this kind constitutes their moon day when their psychic centers are harmoniously attuned with the Cosmic vibrations. Try this now during the coming week no matter where you live, and in the next monograph I will tell you something more about the moon, its cycles, and various periods for special esoteric experiments.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

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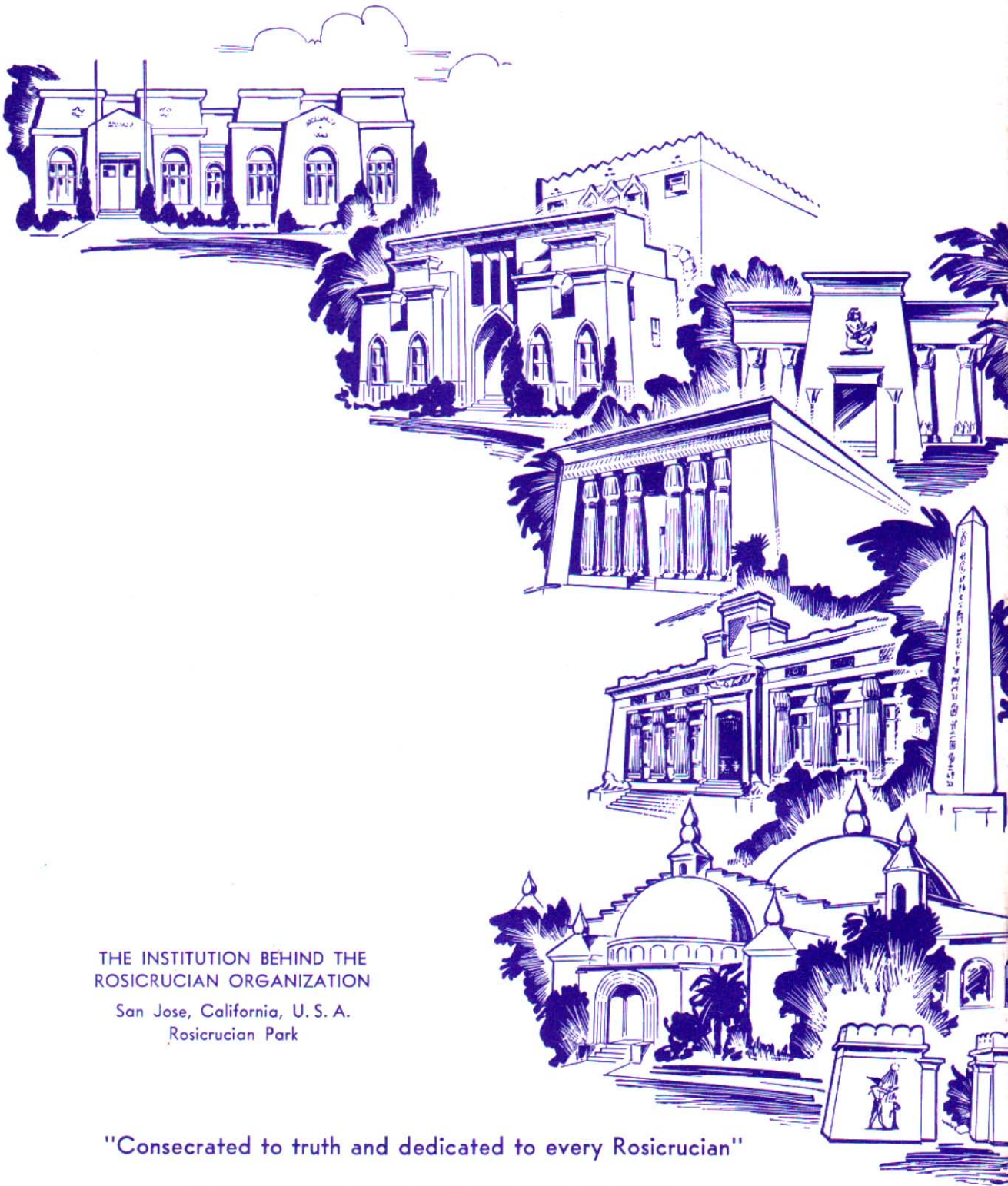


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Science now acknowledges the fact that sunrays, Cosmic rays, and influences from the moon and other planets, affect human life and human emotions, as well as cause many physical manifestations upon the earth.
- ¶ Knowledge of the influences of the moon upon our lives will help us to take advantage of these influences.
- ¶ Our affairs throughout the year are divided into moon periods or months which originally were the exact length of a moon-cycle, or a little over twenty-eight days.
- ¶ The sun has a greater effect upon our vitality, while the moon has its greatest effect upon the psychic or mental side of life.
- ¶ In women the organic functions, especially those of the reproductive organs, are strongly influenced by the moon. In man the effect is more upon his mental and emotional nature.
- ¶ The moon-cycle consists of four definite stages: From invisibility, it begins with a new moon, increasing in visibility until we see the first quarter, then the half, and on approximately the fourteenth day the point of full moon. From this point, the reverse process occurs until invisibility is again reached.
- ¶ All growing things are vitalized and invigorated during the first half of the moon-cycle. Growth slows or stops entirely during the last half.
- ¶ From new moon to full moon is the most suitable time for attempting psychic experiments, since at this time man's psychic centers are active and efficient in their functioning.



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