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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ Robert Fludd, the Elizabethan physician and Rosicrucian, offered an explanation for man's response to planetary influences which will be of particular interest to us at this time. In his book *Mosaicall Philosophy* he wrote:



There is such a super-eminent and wonderful treasure hidden in him, that wisemen have esteemed, that the perfect wisdom of this world, consisteth in the knowledge of a man's self, namely, to find out that secret mystery, which doth lurk within him. For man is said to be the center of every creature, and for that cause he is called Microcosmus, or the little world: Centrum & miraculum mundi, The center or miracle of the world, containing in himself the properties of all creatures, as well celestiall as terrestriall, and consequently of the Loadstone. . . . Neither verily may it be imagined, that God would make choice of an unworthy dwelling place. And therefore in the consideration thereof, and our enquiry after so great a mystery, we had need to proceed with our exactest discretion and judgment, from the visible things of man unto the invisible, . . . or from the externall man, into the bowells of his secret, mysticall, and internall beeing; wherefore we proceed thus: Seeing that Man is rightly reported by Hermes to be the Son of the world, as the world is the Son of God, being that it is framed after the image of the Archetype, (for which cause he is termed the little world). It will be requisite to understand, that he is in like manner divided into a heaven and earth, as the great world was, and consequently containeth in it self no otherwise his heavens, circles, poles, and stars, than the great world doth. And also as we find, that the spirituall image of the heavens, with their circles and poles, are delineated also in the earth, and every particular thereof (as it appeareth in the Loadstone and Iron), so the character of the inward man is deciphered and portrayed out in the outward man.

—ROBERT FLUDD, 1574-1637

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

One or two things occur to me as being helpful to you while you are experimenting during the four weeks of the moon's periods. Your relationship to the moon and its vibratory relationship to you being different every day, you will not discover what day is best for you until you have experimented morning and evening on each of the twenty-eight days. Nor without this experimentation will you discover what I know will be of value to your progress.

Each week of the moon's cycle, in fact each of the twenty-eight days of its cycle, produces a different vibratory condition. The influences of the sun are not so noticeable, for its cycle is a year compared to the moon's twenty-eight days; so its daily shift of position is slight. Occasionally, however, the sun and moon are both affected by unusual conditions and these have a corresponding effect upon psychic experiences.

Both mystics and scientists were intensely interested to note conditions surrounding the conjunction of the moon and the planet Venus in May of 1935. Although conjunction between the two is not unusual, at this particular time Venus was eclipsed because both were in the same latitude and declination. This occultation, or eclipse, therefore, provided the opportunity for study. For about five days—before, during, and after the actual occultation—there were unusual vibrations to be experienced.

Each month, however, brings the moon into certain relationships with other planets that should be carefully observed. You should make notes on your meditation results. Afterwards, you can check them against any ordinary calendar giving the moon phases to see what results occurred at what periods of the moon.

Members of this Degree write that they are experiencing interesting results in connection with the exercises of our last few monographs. One interesting feature of most reports is that those who had difficulty with various exercises in the Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Degrees, now seem to have no difficulty whatever. In the matter of forming and controlling the cloud, for instance, they state they now find it easy. Another interesting comment is that the humming of a tune or the slight swaying of the body while concentrating seems to strengthen their concentration; and when they finally stop humming and swaying the body, they find themselves in a very deep degree of concentration, highly attuned and very sensitive to Cosmic vibrations.

It may be interesting and helpful for you to know that these monographs which have come to you in the higher Degrees have been prepared almost exclusively by me* as the present Imperator of the Order from my own studies and experiences with the higher teachings during the past eight or ten years. In the lower



Degrees, nearly all of the monographs were based upon definite lessons issued by the Order in other countries, with certain material added to them to bring them up to date and fit them to Western-world conditions. From year to year they have been improved and added to, but the structure and form of each is the same as in other countries. The monographs above the Ninth, however, are quite different.

The esoteric work of the higher Degrees is given differently in foreign countries because it is wholly verbal, with no notations and no written manuscript to study. Each student must listen to the lecture given by a master and remember it without the help of notes. In analyzing the master manuscripts used in Europe, I found that such a method would not be successful in the Western world, especially in the United States. First, the lectures in other countries were arranged on a monthly instead of a weekly basis, allowing for only one lesson a month. Members had to journey to the secret temples to receive instruction personally, and since the distances were often great, meetings were held only once a month. Each lecture was filled with many vital facts to be remembered and developed throughout a whole month instead of just a week. Second, many of the esoteric principles were to be applied in ways not suited to modern living in the Western world. Third, the principles had to be interpreted differently for our different religious and philosophical backgrounds. (Dr. Lewis here refers to his early associations with the Rosicrucian Order in foreign countries. Today, with the aid of the Supreme Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, the work is conducted in a similar manner in several foreign countries.)

Taking my own experience in practicing the principles of the higher Degrees as an example, I found that some of them should be placed in different order. Some of those in the Tenth Degree I placed in the Ninth, and some in the Twelfth I placed in the Tenth while some in the Tenth I deliberately withheld until the Eleventh and Twelfth Degrees. This was so that members might have a lesson a week instead of one a month and thus progress a little more evenly and contentedly. Some of the principles for rebuilding the health and starting the work of regeneration were taken from the Eleventh and Twelfth Degrees and put into the Tenth in order that our members might have some exercises to build up the physical body as well as the psychic body from the very start of the higher Degrees.

The result was that monographs above the Ninth Degree had to be personally written without the assistance of other officers or members of the Order in the North American jurisdiction. Since my own exercises and the lessons I was preparing were always ahead of other students in this country, I could not consult with them. In order that I might discern what to do or to avoid, I had to use my own experience as a guide; therefore, every monograph you have received in these higher Degrees has been tried and thoroughly practiced by me beforehand. That is why it was said in



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the lower Degrees that at a certain point in your work you would become my personal students. Each monograph has been prepared with you in mind as a class, and from your letters and reports, I have been guided in preparing advanced work for you.

Another important point is this: Nowhere in books on mysticism or in ancient manuscripts available in libraries in Europe or elsewhere will you find the information contained in these higher Degrees. Nothing like them has ever before been written or prepared as a course of study and development in Cosmic and psychic principles. Where old manuscripts are quoted, the author or source will be given. Do not let anyone, therefore, ever deceive you into believing that similar lectures or facts and information can be found or secured through other schools or other systems. We have in this present Degree members who have studied in every other school and system, here and in Europe, and every one will tell you frankly that he has not received teaching like this before nor heard of such exercises and definite principles applied in such a practical way.

As a part of a Hierarchy or school of most advanced and influential members in the Order, you have not been called upon in a definite way because you do not need to be told what to do. Whenever there is any serious problem facing the Order, or confronting the officers, members constituting the Hierarchy will, through the Cosmic, aid in overcoming any difficulty. It is for this reason that the Order itself will never die nor ever cease to function. Even during the 108-year period of silence, as it is called, which will come far in the future, there will be advanced members of the Hierarchy who will keep on practicing its principles and teaching their individual pupils, mostly their children or relatives, thus keeping the spirit of Rosicrucianism alive. The power that each of you represents, exercises, and exerts, will keep the organization from ever being injured.

I am reminded of what Jesus one time said to those seeking to destroy his great work. He said that if they tore it all down, including the great temple, in three days he would build it up again. They smiled, saying that they had been working for forty years or more, for several centuries in fact, to build up what they had—especially to build the one great temple—and they doubted whether he could rebuild all of it in three days. But you know and I know that it could be done and that he had the power to do it—whether he was referring to a material temple or the temple of his body. We also know that if anything were to affect the integrity, the soundness, and the very life and activity of the AMORC today or tomorrow, in three days the members of the Hierarchy of the higher Degrees, could reestablish and rebuild the entire Order again; and I know that each of you would willingly and gladly give your utmost of time, service, or whatever you could give to reestablish the organization.



Now, as to your present exercises, I hope that you are

discovering the benefits of the rays of the sun as disclosed in the last lesson. One short sentence in that monograph may have been dismissed as insignificant: The reflected light of the sun is never as beneficial or complete as the direct rays of the sun. The sunlight reflected from a mirror does not contain all of the brilliancy, deep color, and mystical rays contained in the direct sunlight. Sunlight coming through a window glass is not as beneficial as that which touches you directly. In fact, the glass in the window changes some of the rays of the sun in such a way that they become harmful or destructive to certain delicate parts of the system.

You would soon discover this if you were to place a bird in its cage next to a window and allow the sunlight to shine through the glass upon the bird day after day. In a few weeks that bird would become sickly, thin, and would stop singing. In a few months you would have a bird very greatly weakened. Allowing the direct sun to shine through an open window upon the bird is helpful if it is done for only a few minutes at a time and if there are no cold breezes to cause the bird to catch cold.

Many panes of glass in house windows in Boston, for instance, and in other parts of New England, have become violet colored or tinted with an ultraviolet color through years of sunlight upon them. In various parts of the United States and North America pieces of glass lying in the bright snow or on bright sand for a long time have become tinted violet. This shows that glass does absorb some of the rays of the sun. Such absorbed rays do not pass on to things or persons on the opposite side of the glass; therefore, if you want to receive all of the benefits of the sun do not sit in a glass room or in front of a glass window. Get out into the open air and sunlight and you will get the greatest good from it.

You are going to find that there are certain hours in the day, certain days in the week, and certain weeks in the year when you will derive the greatest amount of good from your sun baths and when certain parts of your body will be more affected by the sunrays than at other times. All of this I will deal with in my next talk with you, but in the meantime be sure to follow the suggestions of the last two or three weeks, for the new matter will be based upon certain results you should have had in your recent exercises.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally, YOUR CLASS MASTER

*This monograph was prepared by our former Emperor, Dr. H. Spencer Lewis. With his transition and Higher Initiation, there was no need to alter the contents of these monographs; they constitute truth and are left as a heritage to us. Certain other teachings and instructions are now being added by the incumbent Emperor to follow the great work of Dr. Lewis.

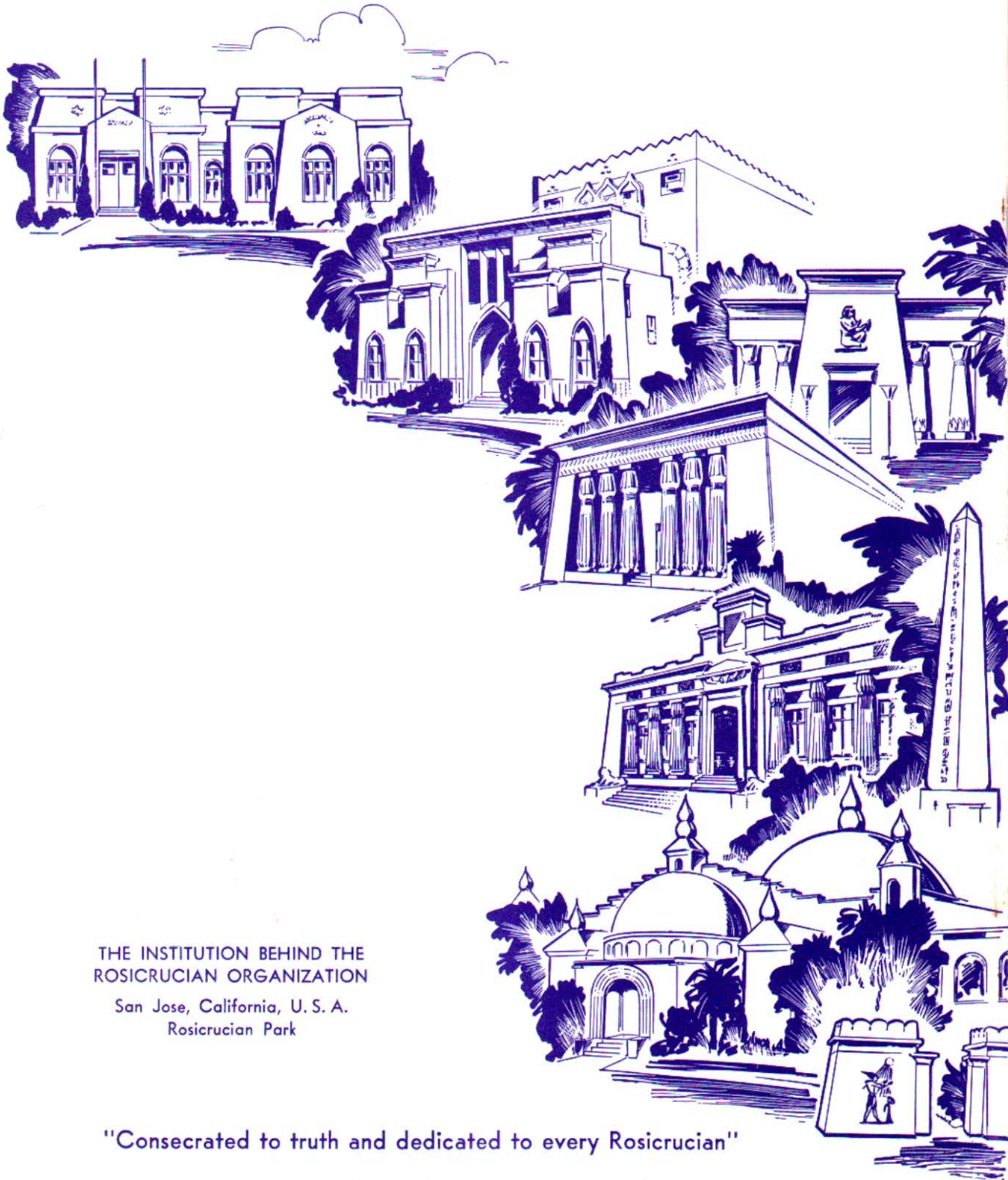


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ The moon-cycle of twenty-eight days produces vibratory effects more noticeable than that of the sun's cycle of a year. Daily experimentation for the twenty-eight days of the moon-cycle is the only method possible for discovering which is your best day for meditation or psychic experiments.
- ¶ With the aid of the Supreme Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, the work of the higher Degrees is now conducted in a similar manner in several foreign countries.
- ¶ Nothing like the monographs of these higher Degrees has ever been prepared as a course of study and development in Cosmic psychic principles.
- ¶ The members of this Twelfth Degree constitute a Hierarchy or school of the most advanced members in the Order whose spiritual and mental power will always serve to keep the spirit of Rosicrucian philosophy alive.
- ¶ Reflected sunlight is never as beneficial as the direct rays of the sun. You will find sun-bathing more effective at certain hours in the day and certain days in the week.



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