



A M O R C



The Rosicrucian Order

# MASTER MONOGRAPH

## ILLUMINATI SECTION

This monograph always remains the property of the Supreme Grand Lodge of A. M. O. R. C. It is not purchased by, but loaned to, the receiving member.

Degree  
12  
Monograph  
48

Degree  
12  
Monograph  
48



1273

REGISTERED IN U.S. PATENT OFFICE  
ALSO REGISTERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD  
PRINTED IN U.S.A.  
I.A.M.O.R.C. PRESS

The matter contained herein is officially issued through the Supreme Council of the A. M. O. R. C. under the emblem above, which was registered in the United States Patent Office for the purpose of protecting all the "printed, engraved, typewritten, and photographic copies of officially prescribed and copyrighted monographs, dissertations, scientific postulations, philosophical discourses, academic studies, diagrams, illustrations, and charts" as authorized by the Imperator of A. M. O. R. C. (The above emblem and name of the Order are also registered in countries throughout the world.) All matters herein contained are strictly confidential to the member receiving, and are imparted only as an incident to membership. The ownership of the legal title, and the right of possession to this monograph is and shall remain in the Supreme Grand Lodge of A. M. O. R. C. and it shall be returned to it upon its request. The contents herein are loaned to be used for the sole and exclusive information of the receiving member and not otherwise. Any other use or attempted use does, ipso facto, terminate all rights of the member, and is a violation of the Statutes of this Order.

A. M. O. R. C. is the only organization authorized to use the Registered name and symbols, and the Imperator has sole right to grant the use of them to other allied organizations or movements.

# THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ The sincere student of mysticism is invariably dissatisfied with his progress, ever conscious of his own inadequacy and of his failure to avail himself of the opportunities offered him for advancement. In *The Bhagavad-Gita*, Krishna offers Arjuna advice so practical that the Rosicrucian student may immediately recognize its applicability to himself.



*... Therefore perform thou that which thou hast to do, at all times unmindful of the event; for the man who doeth that which he hath to do, without attachment to the result, obtaineth Supreme. ... Even if the good of mankind only is considered by thee, the performance of thy duty will be plain; for whatever is practiced by the most excellent men, that is also practiced by others. The world follows whatever example they set. ... as the ignorant perform the duties of life from the hope of reward, so the wise man, from the wish to bring the world to duty and benefit mankind, should perform his actions without motives of interest. He should not create confusion in the understandings of the ignorant, who are inclined to outward works, but by being himself engaged in action should cause them to act also.*

—THE BHAGAVAD-GITA

## TWELFTH DEGREE

## NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT

## PAGE ONE

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

It is very evident that most of the members of this class are developing within themselves the creative power that I have anticipated. This results from two things: First, the exercises and practices that have been given in the past three or four months or longer; and second, the better understanding of certain esoteric principles, with improved ability to meditate, concentrate, and contact the Cosmic.

It is likely that most of this great creative power that has been aroused, awakened and taken into the consciousness of the Cosmic is not so evident or manifest in your lives as you may have expected. This is not said to console you or to make you think that you are deriving great benefits, just to keep you continuously active in the organization. I certainly would feel very unhappy if any one of the members in this highest class of the organization were to resign from the Order or give up the studies. I would do almost anything to prevent it. I would plead with such a member to be patient, and to stay with us. I would say to such a member, "No matter whether you ever feel any manifestations or witness any outer indications of your development, stay with us for the sake of helping others. Being a part of this great organization, you can never tell when it may help you do some good for some one else or when it may encourage you in meeting the emergencies of life." It would nonetheless be altogether unfair to make the individual member feel that he has become psychically, mentally or spiritually a success and so keep him in the Order through deceit.

Even if one or several members were to tell me that by every test and experiment that could be made it has been proved that they have developed nothing of a psychic nature in their lives, or that they have not unfolded or advanced one iota in these higher Degrees, I would still urge such members to remain in the organization for the sake of the other benefits that come through association with persons of like mind. The intellectual benefits, the cultural contact, and the sense of security that comes from knowing that they are a part of a friendly, personal organization which stands ready to help them, is reason enough for their continuing their membership.

Look at the thousands and thousands of converts to Christianity, for instance. Having attended church for a number of years and listened to sermons, pleadings, prayers, and preachments, individuals have finally become converted and been taken into the church in a formal manner. Do such persons then resign from the church and say, "The ultimate end of church activities was to save me from sin, and to get me to feel and know, or at least declare and believe, that Jesus is my personal Savior, and that I am a good Christian. That end has now been attained, and there is nothing more that the church can do for me. Therefore, I resign and need never



## TWELFTH DEGREE

## NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT

## PAGE TWO

go to church again, take up its teachings, or contribute to its activities"? You would look upon such a convert as being absolutely mistaken in his comprehension of the work of the church. That work is not to redeem from sin individual persons who come to its doors, but to carry on a great plan of cultural and spiritual unfoldment, and to cooperate with others of like mind in building a certain spiritual kingdom on earth. If all who were individually saved or converted abandoned the church, who would carry on its work in behalf of others, and how could its great influence for good be maintained?

If those of our members who have reached the higher Degrees were to decide that they had derived all of the benefit they could personally get from the organization and did not need its continued help, the organization would turn into a mere training school. Individuals would personally and selfishly benefit by its teachings and then fail to carry out its altruistic, world-wide reformations and changes. To make this plain, suppose we had an organization teaching persons how to design and build their own individual radio receiving sets. Suppose that each one built a set that would operate perfectly; but after building and testing it, he felt that his work was done, and he no longer interested himself in the subject. We would soon have thousands upon thousands of persons having radio receiving sets standing around idle; there would be no radio programs to listen to and no radio waves being sent through the ether, for there would be no one any longer interested in using his receiving set.

Each member, no matter in what part of the world, will derive more and more benefit from the Rosicrucian ideals, laws and principles as more and more people become accustomed to them, and cooperate with them. We all know that if there were a country somewhere, or even a county or city in the United States, where all of the laws, rules, and methods of operation were based truly upon Rosicrucian principles, Rosicrucians could live in that place with greater happiness, greater contentment, and greater benefit than anywhere else.

We know that in the last several hundred years there have been many benefits that have come to the public as a result of the public thinking. The more rapidly the population of a country and of the entire world begins to understand the higher laws and principles of life, the easier and better it is going to be for all who live in the world. The only way the general conditions of life will ever be changed is by the cooperative work of those interested in bringing about the necessary reformation, changes, modifications, and new ideas. Therefore, in order to carry out the many things that will benefit all our members, I urge each of you to remain in the Order and work with us even though you personally may not have attained all the success you anticipated.



As I said to you last week, experiments conducted here in the laboratory at the Grand Lodge plainly show that even mem-

## TWELFTH DEGREE

## NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT

## PAGE THREE

bers who doubt their psychic development do possess a great degree of psychic power without knowing it. It has not been evident simply because there has been no reason for it to manifest itself. As long as a person is fairly healthy and busily occupied, with no great emergency to meet, there is no need to exert the power that may have been built within the inner self. There does come a time in the life of every individual when certain problems of life and of the physical body demand a special service on the part of the inner self, then the needed help manifests.

It must be remembered that this creative psychic power that has gradually developed within you as a result of your exercises and studies, and your attunement with the Cosmic in meditation, is a very dynamic power, and is really the most subtle and mighty force in the universe. If you could step into our laboratories and see how this power, directed by the mind, can upset most of the fundamental laws of nature and reverse some of the things that nature is trying to do, or change some of the powers of the material world, you would see how mighty and how important this Divine psychic power in man really is. Some day when you visit the Grand Lodge at Convention time, you will have an opportunity to see your aura under special conditions, and see the effect of your mind directing the psychic power to instruments that will measure it; but in the meantime events in your own life will give a greater demonstration than all of these things.

In the meantime, this power is not radiating into space and wasting itself. A little of it radiates from your body, and forms the aura; but even that is not wasted, for it forms a protecting envelope or cloak around you. Most of this psychic power moves inwardly when you are not using it for some special purpose, going to every cell, tissue, organ—to every part that has a function or a purpose. It helps to repair injured or diseased cells, or those weakened through germs entering the body. The gradual process of regeneration and rebuilding in your body may not show itself outwardly at present, but will manifest itself some day.

Even the ordinary, regular processes of regeneration that are in every healthy, normal body under forty-five years of age do not manifest themselves outwardly until there is some emergency. For instance, think what occurs in the process of healing a great wound that is made. When a surgeon makes an incision in the abdomen for an appendectomy, for instance, and then stitches the flesh together and bandages it, we are likely to think that the surgeon's process has contributed mostly to the healing; but the truth is that if the real creative, regenerative processes in the human body were not working, the incision would never heal. Putting stitches of silk thread in the flesh to hold it together does not constitute a part of the healing work. It is simply adding more injury to the flesh, and while it is helpful in holding the flesh together, each of



**TWELFTH DEGREE**

**NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT**

**PAGE FOUR**

the holes made by the needle has to be healed. If there were not a great creative and healing power in the body, such injuries to the flesh, bones, and organs would never heal. You can walk around with a healthy body and still have that creative healing power within you manifest itself day by day; or you can have it manifest by simply sitting down and concentrating on it.

My reason for telling you this is that beginning with our next monograph, we are going to have further experiments in the use and application of this creative power. I want you to know exactly what power I am speaking of and what you may expect from it. By this time the results of your exercises during the past six months should have created a great reserve power in your body, and a greater degree of psychic creative power than you have had in the past. We are now ready for exercises that will enable you to use this reserve power.

It is well to remember, however, that every strain upon the body draws upon this reserve power. After a person is thirty, a balancing of building up power and expending power begins to take place until the point is reached around the fiftieth or sixtieth year when under normal conditions more power is being used to keep the body in health than is created in the body, and finally there begins to be a breakdown. During the period between youth and fifty years of age, every strain upon the functions of the body is an excess that draws heavily upon the reserve power. Some of these strains are natural, and some unnatural, and some are repeated too often. The use of the creative power of the human body for mere purposes of pleasure is a strain that has to be compensated for in some manner. While a person is in a good, healthy condition these strains are not noticed, and the drawing on the reserve power does not seem to make any difference, but the moment there is an automobile accident or contact with a disease, or some great strain or sorrow that upsets the system through the emotions, the reserve power is needed at once, and if it is not there in its proper amount, an unfortunate condition results.

I am sure from tests made with many of the members in this class that the average member has a better degree of health, vitality, and constitutional power than he had one, two, or three years ago. Certainly, the past six months should have started the storing up of the new power that has been gradually entering your body from the Cosmic in the past year or two. Of course, if your body was in a weakened condition last year, and the year before, or if your age had reached a point where you were not as strong as you had been in the past, most of this new power entering your body from the Cosmic had to be used first of all in making you stronger and healthier, and in replacing weakened or diseased cells, and in building up the muscles and walls around certain organs of the body.



It has been proved that no person can consistently and honestly follow a course of right thinking and right living,

TWELFTH DEGREE

NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT

PAGE FIVE

such as you have had in the lessons of the Rosicrucian system, without regenerating and rebuilding the vital part of the body as well as the spiritual part of the mind and psychic self. This we will deal with in the next monograph, and you should continue this week the exercise you had in the previous monograph.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER



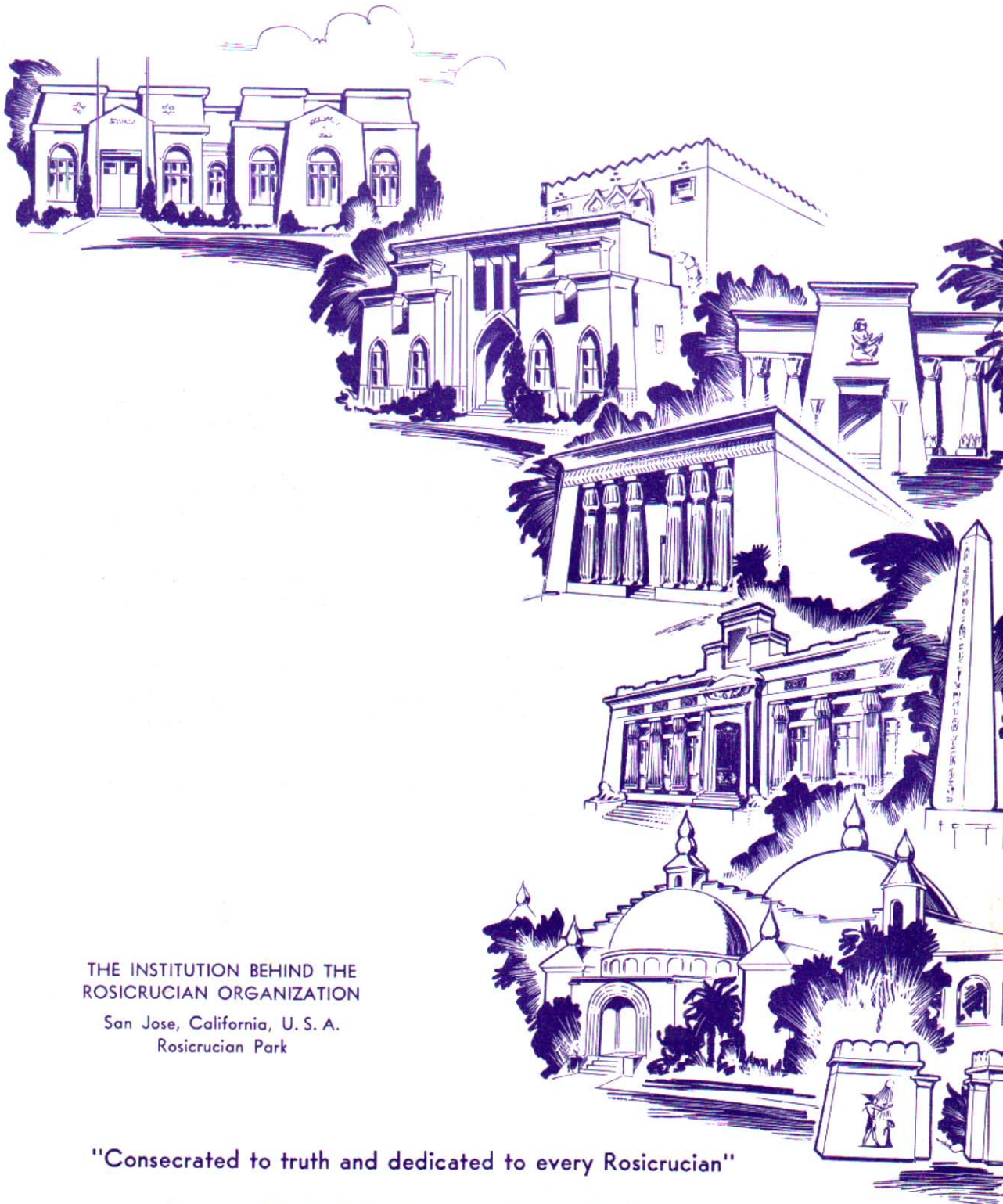
## Summary of This Monograph

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.



- ¶ The creative power that is being developed as the result of the exercises of the past few months and of a better understanding of certain esoteric principles is not always obvious to the member.
- ¶ He should not permit himself to become discouraged, nor should he consider withdrawing from the Order, for as a representative member of the organization he may serve others as well as himself.
- ¶ Until a time of special need presents itself the member has no occasion to exert the psychic power which has gradually developed within him and of which he has hitherto been unaware.
- ¶ A little of the creative psychic power in the body radiates into space forming the aura which serves as a protecting envelope or cloak, but most of this power moves inwardly maintaining a continual process of regeneration and rebuilding within the body.
- ¶ The exercises of the past have helped to build a reserve of creative psychic energy which the exercises to come will enable you to put to use.





THE INSTITUTION BEHIND THE  
ROSIKRUCIAN ORGANIZATION

San Jose, California, U. S. A.  
Rosicrucian Park

"Consecrated to truth and dedicated to every Rosicrucian"

This monograph is not subject to sale or purchase by anyone. A sale or purchase may make the seller and purchaser subject to civil liability.