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# THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ Publius Cornelius Tacitus, the most eminent of all the writers of the Roman Empire, exerted a powerful moral force upon his times. As a historian he has left a wealth of detail on contemporary affairs and customs. The following quotation taken from his account of the



Roman campaign in Armenia testifies to the fact that even the masses of the people of the region understood and accepted as true the spiritual qualities of water.

*In order to propitiate the river-god, preparations were made for a solemn sacrifice. The Roman, according to the rites of his country, offered a swine, a ram, and a bull: a horse was the victim slain by Tiri-dates. While they were thus employed, the people of the country came in with an account that the Euphrates, without any fall of rain, swelled miraculously above its banks, and the waves with a rapid motion turning round in circling eddies, the foam on the surface presented the form of a diadem. This was deemed a favourable omen. By others, who judged with more penetration, the prognostic was seen in a different light. According to their interpretation, it promised success at first, and a speedy reverse of fortune.*

—PUBLIUS CORNELIUS TACITUS, 53-100(?) A. D.

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

The fact that all men, whether mystics or not, find water a necessary and enjoyable part of their lives, is indicated by the many uses to which water is put—even by people's response to it.

In countries where there is considerable fog of a clean and wholesome nature, persons walk in it and have it blow upon their faces, hair, and bodies as much as possible because of the tonic benefit derived from moisture. In cities where the fog is contaminated with smoke and soot, it is avoided, but in seacoast places especially where the fog comes in from the ocean, it is one of the most delightful sensations imaginable because the fog is clean and vitalized with the salt air of the ocean. This causes the face, cheeks, and hands to tingle with a healthful vitality and magnetism.

Rain, too, is an excellent tonic for the skin and the body. In places where there is much rain and moisture in the air, complexions are particularly radiant. Man is essentially a water animal, conceived and born in moisture. All his life he tends to live near rivers or where there is water. He is not so greatly an air animal although he is equipped to live in the air. Anthropologists believe he is gradually evolving from a water animal into an air animal, and we see this tendency in modern scientific achievements of man in that direction. The development of the airplane is just one feature of that evolution, and the time may come when man will travel almost entirely in the air instead of on land or on water.

We realize that the soul essence and spirit vibrations of the Cosmic enter man's body through the breathing process, and we note that the ancient word for spirit and soul is the same as that used to indicate air or breath. Nevertheless, if it were not for the moisture of the earth and the moisture that rises from the earth and the oceans and lakes, or comes from the springs of the earth, man would not be the creature that he is today.

Over 75 percent of his body weight is moisture of some form animated and made conscious by the air he breathes. In many schools of mysticism the fundamental elements of life and nature constitute a square instead of a trinity and the elements are known as fire, air, water, and earth. Man does have fire in his body as a result of the combustion due to the process of metabolism. This helps to produce heat and energy. Man is very like an engine in that explosive, combustible actions take place within him that produce heat. Most of the matter of his body is formed from the dust of the earth. So we see that man represents the four elements of the universe—fire, air, earth, and water.



All these considerations have a bearing on what we are now doing, for in our experiments with water we are using the



effects of moisture and water itself to help us register the thought vibrations of the inner self and psychic consciousness.

There are certain definite things we should always be aware of though as we use this and other means of seeking Cosmic information. We might call them unwritten Cosmic laws, and they are always in operation.

Whether we always realize it or not, it is only in accordance with fair and just rules that we can hope to have any success in using Cosmic forces, powers, or intelligences. Despite what is taught or claimed by some schools of mystical thought, the mystic or adept cannot CONTROL the Cosmic as though it were something he has seized hold of and owns. The Cosmic and all its potential possibilities are NOT something that even the most advanced mystic or adept can enslave, overpower, degrade, or ensnare.

All members of this great circle of beloved students should help our great Order establish the fact among seekers for arcane or mystical truths that the Cosmic cannot be made the plaything, the magician and miracle-worker for insincere, casual investigators, nor the ready companion of those who merely desire to fascinate or impress others, or to satisfy their own curiosity.

One great law of the Cosmic is this: "To the extent that you are sincerely in need of Cosmic assistance, to that extent will it reveal its powers."

In similar words, one might say that to the same degree that one sincerely seeks Cosmic wisdom, will that knowledge come. Many in recent years have explained that in past times they were able in an emergency to secure Cosmic help so quickly that it astounded others, but when they sought merely to test that same law, it did not work.

I recall one letter in which a member said that when only in the Second Degree, she had just such an experience. Her little four-year-old daughter was carried into the house on Christmas afternoon with an arm injured in an accident on a new sled. The flesh on the forearm was badly torn and an artery was bleeding so profusely that all who saw it predicted that the child would bleed to death unless a doctor could be procured at once. Living in the country as they did, far from a doctor, this caused consternation.

The mother immediately attuned herself with the Cosmic as the child fainted and became unconscious. While others gave the child water and fanned her, the mother placed her right hand over the open wound of the flesh, closed her eyes and directed her inner consciousness—her Cosmic powers in her body—to the wound, with the idea that the wound should close up and prevent bleeding.





She soon felt a tremendous heat under her hand as though the wound contained fire. In five minutes she took her hand away and saw that the blood had clotted over the wound and seemed to be no longer flowing. After a pause of another ten minutes she gently washed away the partly dried blood around the wound to make sure that the blood had ceased flowing. To the amazement of herself and the others the whole wound had closed and the torn flesh was joined tightly—as though stitched together—and no blood was flowing out of it.

Several neighbors thought it serious to leave the arm that way since the artery might keep bleeding beneath the torn cuticle. The child came back to consciousness. The doctor arrived half an hour later and was amazed, but advised against leaving the wound closed, the artery possibly still torn, and dirt in the wound. The mother insisted that the wound should not be reopened. The doctor bandaged the arm and left it until the following afternoon. Then he found that the torn flesh had completely healed together more neatly than if it had been stitched. In three days even the scar was healed and on the seventh day—a week after the accident—there was not even a scar visible where an ugly gash three inches long had been. No fever or after-conditions ever manifested.

Later the mother on two occasions tried to prove to relatives that the Cosmic actually performed such remarkable cures. In one case a small cut that caused mild bleeding would not heal or stop bleeding for several hours after treatment. In the other case a cut was deliberately made in a forearm, but the treatments not only failed to heal the wound, but also failed to prevent infection which threatened a very serious condition.

This mother wanted to know why she was so unsuccessful in these last two instances. Can you answer? In the first of these two cases, the cut was not serious, nor was the desire for Cosmic help because there was no REAL NEED for a miracle. Nature's regular laws would heal such a simple cut. In the second instance, the deliberate cutting of the flesh was an unethical, disgusting challenge to the Cosmic to perform a magic feat merely to satisfy a doubting mind. Certainly, in both cases the Cosmic WOULD NOT submit itself to such humiliation. And, no doubt the infection in the second case was a COSMIC WARNING.

If you do not approach your experiments with sincerity, and in private, without SHOW OR DEMONSTRATION, there will be no perfect action.

If your water experiments are to be rewarded with success, be sure you work in privacy; make no boasts; attempt no demonstrations UNLESS there is a real, honest, sincere need to give someone some IMPORTANT advice.



To the degree that your questions are SINCERE and REALLY IMPORTANT, will the answers be clear and definite. Any casual,

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unnecessary or FOOLISH question will bring no answer, or if it does it will be only in the form of vague, indefinite impressions. Any challenging question will bring imperfect impressions. Questions asked merely to test the law will result in failure. Those whose answers could be easily found elsewhere will not be answered.

Asking the Cosmic where a hidden thing is located, merely as a game, will not bring a reliable answer; nor will any attempt to learn the secrets of another meet with Cosmic approval.

To seek to use the Cosmic for gambling is an insult to the Cosmic and may bring you a lesson by giving a wrong impression, causing great loss. To try to take advantage of another, wreak vengeance, or win anything you do not deserve or have not earned, is equally unethical and will bring its deserved rebuke.

There are countless sincere, spiritual, and instructive questions which you may ask. If none suggests itself, one or the other of the following is always acceptable: "Is there something I can do today or tomorrow for the Cosmic?" or "Is there a person near me who needs my help?"

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER



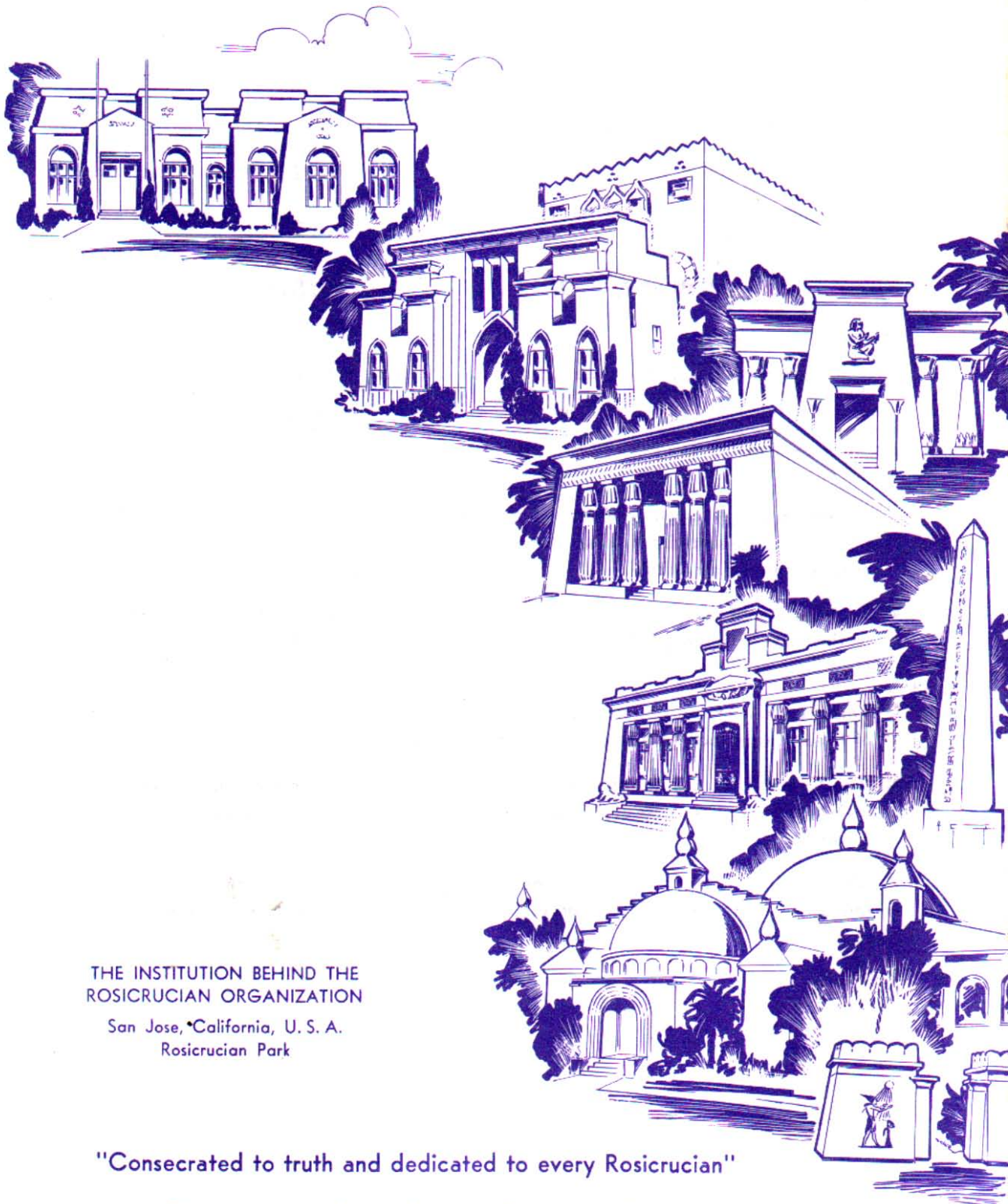


## Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Man represents the four elements of the universe—fire, air, earth, and water. At present he is essentially a water animal, although it is claimed that gradually he is evolving into an air animal.
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