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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ What is said in this monograph regarding the power of thought is too true and too important to remain unemphasized. The lines quoted below may help impress us with the fact that we are constantly creating mentally and for that reason should strive to make that creating worthy.



*The man who idly sits and thinks,
May sow a nobler crop than corn,
For thoughts are seeds of future deeds,
And when God thought—the world
was born!*

—HARRY ROMAINE circa 1895

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

There is one further thing about the kind of contact you are now preparing for that you should know at this time: That is, just what you should do during such an experience. In the first place, such contacts may come when you are anticipating them or seeking them during meditation; or they may occur when you are not expecting them but are merely relaxed and in just the proper condition. Again, the contact may come about suddenly during sleep or while you are awake and thinking of doing something which should not be done.

Should you suddenly have an impression that some Master or Cosmic personality is trying to reach you, you should postpone the thing you are doing or planning and sit inactive for a few minutes, and do not go through with your plans during that entire day and night. Thus, the Master will have the opportunity to create in your consciousness an impulse to act differently from what you had planned, and in this way, you will be guided and protected. At no time should you attempt to delay the message or the benefit of the contact by seeking to know who the Master is or who is back of the impression. Remember that personality is to be pushed into the background. You are not to make it the most important consideration in your experience. If, after the experience, you recall and analyze some of the facts pertaining to it, you may be able to recognize who the Master was. That is why I am giving you the details regarding the appearance and mannerism of each of them. Nevertheless, to think of these things and to try to analyze them at the time of the contact will simply mean cutting the contact short and causing the appearance or impression of the Master to fade.

Naturally, you are to look upon these matters with the utmost respect and sacredness, and keep them confidential. In your reports, you need only state that you believe you have had a genuine contact. Do not give names, nor explain how the contact was made. Unless the message pertains to the organization generally, it need not even be reported. The reason for this is that the message will be for you alone. It would be quite different for someone else, and there would be no way even for your Class Master to interpret it.

A hypothetical question asked in the lower Degrees has a very great bearing on the matters we are now discussing. It concerns projection. It is: "In so-called projections or Cosmic contacts, does the personality of the person reached project itself to us, or do we project our consciousness to the other personality?" The real answer to that question is that both forms of projection may occur at different times. Some of our contacts with others are due to the extension and projection of our own consciousness to their environment, while, on the other hand, the projection very often is from the other persons to us.



When, however, we are dealing with contacts with these Great Masters, more often than not the projection will be on our part, rather than on the part of the Masters. You may feel sometimes, when you are sitting in meditation and see the personality of a Master before you or sense his touch, or hear his voice, that the Master himself has projected his personality to you and that your consciousness or psychic self has not left your room. This is a natural conclusion, and is, of course, the first explanation that comes to mind; but you should not be too sure of this point. In other words, if you happen to sense a great light in the darkness of your room and sense the figure of a Master in it, or sense the personality of some Great Master near you while you are in your sanctum, do not be too sure that this great personality has projected into your immediate environment and into your room. There is a possibility that during your moments of meditation you have projected yourself, your consciousness, into space and contacted the Great Masters. Although that contact seems to be right in the room where you are, it may not be so at all.

The fourth dimension makes this condition possible. The fact that you have projected your consciousness thousands of miles to a place where you are in contact with a personality does not prevent that contact from seeming to be in your room, for in all Cosmic matters time and space are eliminated, and the meeting of two minds occurs nowhere but everywhere. When you take a telephone receiver and put it to your ear and talk to someone at the other end of the line, it makes little difference whether that person is a hundred miles, a hundred feet, or three thousand miles away. The speaker in the distant place talks into the transmitter, and it is not his voice that travels, but a projection of it. His voice does not go any farther than the little instrument he talks into, but the vibrations of that voice affect the electric current in the wires and the instrument, and this electrical effect is what is carried to the distant city and there changed again into sound vibrations.

Now in the process of projecting and making a Cosmic contact, a similar condition is created. Your consciousness does not actually leave the room in which you are seated, but it is extended through so-called space to a point where it makes itself manifest. The motion-picture projector is an excellent example. When you sit in the theater and see pictures moving on the screen, you are looking at a projection of the picture in the projector at the back of the auditorium. That picture, enlarged and projected by means of light, you see on the screen. The actual picture never leaves the projector, and goes through no change as it is projected. You see on the screen not the picture on the film, but an extension of it through the vibrations of light. When you see or hear or sense one of the Great Masters, therefore, you are either sensing the projection of that personality to you, or you are extending your consciousness to him.



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If you will keep these few principles in mind, you will see that they prove that the mind and consciousness of man are universal and are never separated from the universal consciousness or the universal mind, and that all minds could meet at one time. In other words, there could be a world-wide, international, universal convention of all mystics if they all agreed upon projecting to a central point at the same moment and hour of some great and important day. What a convention it would be! Thousands upon thousands of attuned minds thinking alike and striving to live alike all in contact with one another from all parts of the world. It would be the largest convention ever held on this earth. Such a thing is possible sometime in the future when thousands of persons have been properly attuned and trained as we are being trained through this Twelfth Degree.

Now a few words about your progress in this Degree. You will recall that I said at the beginning that this Degree does not consist of a series of exercises and experiments, or anything of that kind. It is a series of informal talks between master and pupils. It is a Degree of explanation, illumination, revelation. It is not a Degree of cut-and-dried study. Each of you has had sufficient training and preparation to be able to carry on the work of this Twelfth Degree without any exercises or experiments prepared at the Grand Lodge. You will be able to prepare and devise your own exercises, your own experiments, and your own course of training. I must remind you again that you are members of the hierarchy; this means you will have the power to do the things you want to do.

Also, I must remind you again of the ancient law that whatever the mystic dares to do, he will have power to do. This means, therefore, that you must guard your thoughts and actions; you should not dare to do anything that you really cannot afford to do, because no matter what it may be, you may suddenly receive the power to do it, and after you have done it you may regret it because of the price that you will have to pay. In other words, you now have enough power and training and ability to do either good or evil, and you will have to pay a grave karmic debt in the future if you choose to do the wrong things instead of the right things.

Keep in mind also that there will be a great tendency on your part to be prophetic. You will sense things that are coming, and you will seem to have an intuitive impression of events to occur in the near future, or within a few minutes or a few hours. You must be very guarded and careful about making predictions pertaining to such events. Do not predict that a certain thing will happen, even if it is only a small personal matter, unless you are ready to have the thing occur and to stand the responsibility of it. Sometimes such predictions are created by your own expression of the prediction; therefore you are responsible for the fulfillment of the prediction. I do not mean in regard to universal or



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national matters, but in regard to personal matters of someone's private life or some incident in your own life. I remember stating to one of our members many years ago, after hearing his description of his trials and tribulations, that I felt sure he would lose his position, and that he probably would lose it within two weeks and would have to seek a new position. He smiled at me, and told me he had been with the firm over thirty years, and had grown to be such an important part of it that he was sure he would not be changed from the position he held. However, I warned him about the conditions that I foresaw, and made the prediction that he would lose his position shortly. A few days afterwards, I learned that he had been relieved of his position, was out of employment, and in a serious situation. I was impressed with the fact that I was responsible for that change in his life, and since then I have been very careful about making predictions in regard to events that are close at hand in the personal and private lives of individuals.

The difficulty lies in the fact that when we make a prediction and concentrate upon it and visualize it in order to describe it or speak about it to someone else, we are sending that thought into the Cosmic and creating it there; and it may take form and come into material manifestation. We must not forget that thoughts are living, vital things that can take form; and that in the fourth dimension, these invisible thought forms can suddenly become actual physical or material things, thus making us the creators of them.

For this reason, we should use our thinking and concentration for creating constructive, beneficial, harmonious, kind things. Once you become convinced that your predictions may be fulfilled, you will go about thinking of and predicting only good things to help humanity as well as yourself. Little by little, you will find therefore that you can benefit persons and help your own affairs through this process as long as you do not make it a purely personal, selfish thing every time. The power that lies in the hands of the initiated mystic, therefore, is very great indeed, and should be carefully guarded.

I trust this discussion of the question of projection and predicting future events will help in clearing up those points that may have been somewhat vague during the past. In our next lesson, we will go on with the description of some of the other personalities whom we may contact in the near future.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Faternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

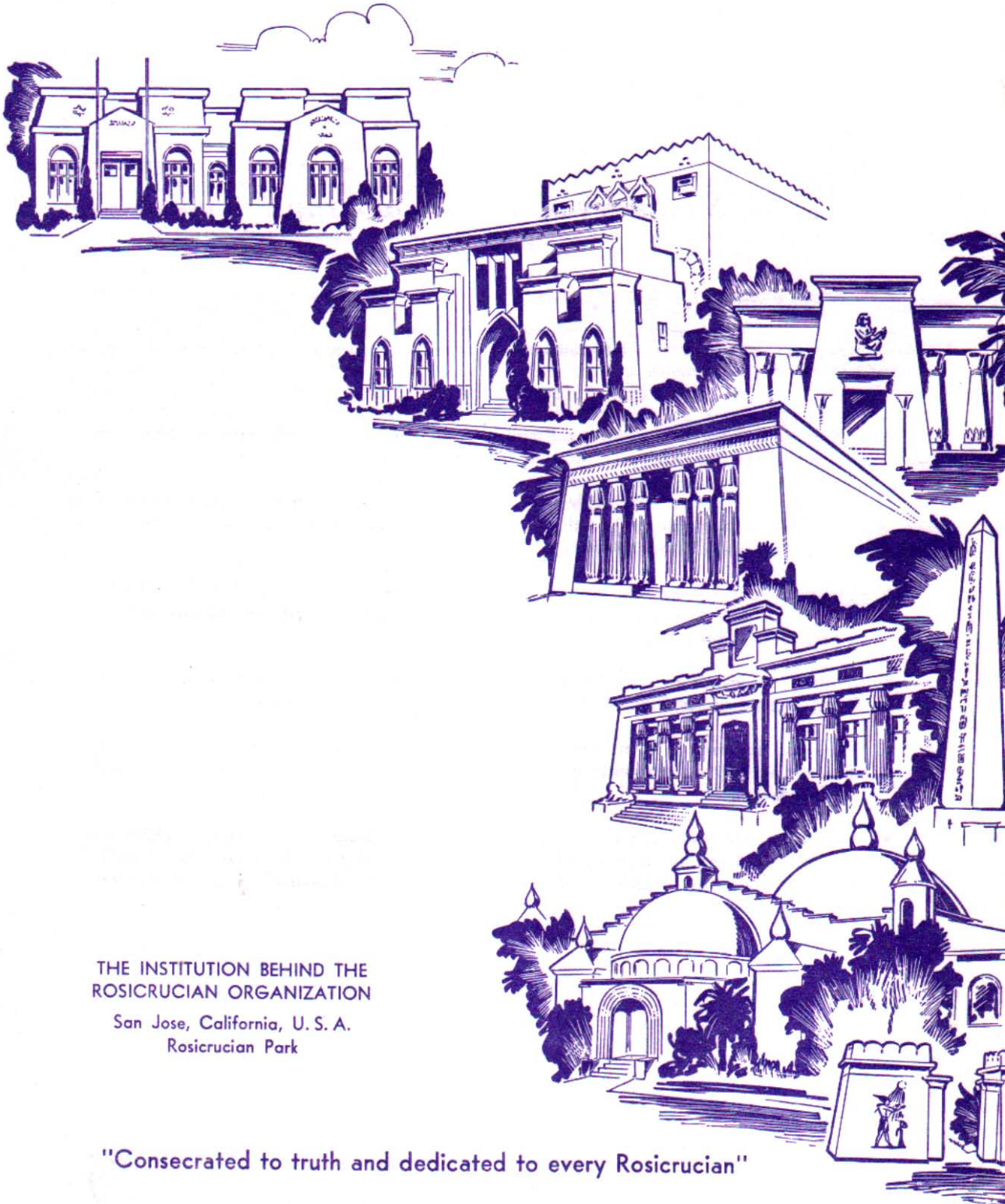


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Contacts with the Masters may occur at any time, when you are not seeking them as well as when you are. Should you receive an impression not to do something which you are planning or are about to do, relax and remain inactive. In this way, you will be guided and protected.
- ¶ Never make the personality of the Master who may be communicating your chief concern. If you do, you are likely to lose the benefit of the contact.
- ¶ In your reports, it is necessary only to write that you believe you have made a genuine contact.
- ¶ The message unless it concerns the organization generally should never be reported, for it was intended for you alone and it is likely that no one else can help you interpret it.
- ¶ Contacts of this nature are more often instances of projection of your own thoughts to the Masters rather than of their thoughts to you.
- ¶ This is the case even when you believe the contact to have been in your own sanctum. To the Cosmic, space and time are unknown; so contacts or the meeting of minds occur *nowhere* but rather *everywhere*.
- ¶ The ancient law, "Whatever the mystic dares to do, he will have the power to do," should be kept in mind.
- ¶ Beware of predicting what you do not wish to occur and for which you are not willing to accept the full responsibility.



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