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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ Man's utilization of the fundamental laws of the universe increasingly contributes to his material welfare. It is interesting to note, however, that the mystic's awareness of harmony and universality in all aspects of life—physical, mental, and spiritual—is being shared more and more by the scientist. We quote now an eminent psychologist, educator, and scientist.



... We live, in short in an ordered, harmonious world, or cosmos; not in a chaos. All objects and events are considered as members of one system; they constitute a uni-verse, one world, in which order, connection, is the universal rule.

... Science opens to us the realm of relations, or laws—uniformities which connect phenomena with each other, and are hence universal.

... The ultimate aim of science is to unify all facts and events whatever, so that it may not only feel that they are members of one system, but may actually realize their systematic unity.

—JOHN DEWEY, Ph. D., 1859-1952

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

There are so many simple ways in which we can observe the fundamental laws of the Cosmic working, and the laws of God and nature regulating and controlling the things of life, that quite often we overlook them because of their very simplicity. Yet some of these simple things are so astonishing and so astounding that scientists spend months observing them, trying to become better acquainted with these simple laws. We often think of scientists as trying to see mysterious things which the average human eye cannot see. Some of the world's greatest scientists, however, have sometimes spent days and weeks on their knees in front of a demonstration platform chalking on the floor or measuring with a tape measure and rulers simple little problems being manifested through ordinary fundamental laws.

In one of our laboratories a short time ago several of us were observing the swinging of a pendulum. Most persons think of pendulums in terms of those seen in clocks, which are regulated by the spring action of revolving wheels. A natural pendulum is simply a heavy weight suspended on a long wire and allowed to swing freely of its own motion. Such a pendulum reveals many of the fundamental laws of nature. It moves in harmony with the movement of the earth and the universal laws that affect everything that exists in the universe. No matter in what direction a pendulum starts swinging, it will maintain the same direction. No matter how slowly it is swinging or how short its SWING becomes, it will still SWING at a definite number of vibrations per minute determined by its length and location. Just to watch the huge ball on the end of the pendulum swinging back and forth, to and fro, with a regularity, a persistency, and a silent power, makes one feel strange, almost as if some fundamental principle were revealing itself silently and yet majestically.

The immutability of the law! The pendulum adheres to its principles regardless of where or how it is placed, or at what hour of the day or night you start it swinging. The measurements of its movement and the measurements of the earth's movement around it, which are easily tabulated, reveal how this earth is revolving rapidly through space, turning on its axis at the rate of over a thousand miles an hour. Just think of it, the 25,000-mile circumference of this earth turns completely around in twenty-four hours. You can actually see the earth revolving under the swinging pendulum, and you can measure in chalk lines on the floor how much the earth has moved every five minutes, every half hour, and every hour. As you stand and watch the pendulum you can see the earth gradually moving and turning the building, the floor, and the space where you are standing. Members who visit our Science Museum at Rosicrucian Park are always deeply impressed by the simple proofs presented of the harmony of the laws of the universe.



To the mystic, the greatest truth of all is the fact that the fundamental laws of God never change. They work for the poor, the rich; the ignorant and uneducated man, and the man in the university trained as a scientist. The laws work for the person testing them with simple devices, just as they work for the man who is building great, complicated machinery. They work in little things as they work in the big ones. Imagine what would have been thought five hundred years ago if anyone had been told that not only did the earth turn on its axis in space, but that we could watch it turning. Immediately our hearers would have thought it necessary to get off on some distant planet and look at our earth in order to see it revolving. They would have said, "How can you look at something 25,000 miles in circumference while you are standing on a part of it?" They would have thought it too big a thing for man to watch in its movement. However, here we watch the earth moving in a little space three or four feet in diameter; in fact, on the top of a large table we can prove how the earth is turning, and measure its action. If we turn to the microscope and look at a little cell of matter smaller than the head of a pin, we can still see the same fundamental laws at work.

Of all the changing things in this world, only the laws of nature remain unchanged. Man is able to do with his mind today what any of the masters and miracle workers of the past did, if he is using fundamental principles, for they will work today as they have always worked. The mystic loves to study these fundamental laws because everything in the universe is built upon them. I remember when I stood in the Benjamin Franklin Museum in Philadelphia, looking at the earliest models of scientific inventions. Some of them were so simple that the average high school student of today could build them. They were based on fundamental laws, however, and worked as truly as any piece of machinery ever worked. Today the machinery in the largest electric power house is built upon the same principles as those early pieces of machinery which I saw in the Philadelphia museum.

When you are looking into the bowl of water, you observe the operation of the same laws that have been at work for untold centuries, and are responsible for the most marvelous inventions we have today. Nothing that Thomas Edison ever invented or created—and nothing that the scientists at the General Electric Company or any of the greatest manufacturing plants in the world ever created—is contrary to any of the fundamental laws, but rather is an adaptation of these earliest principles.

In your bowl of water you have the elements for manifesting nature's laws. When your bowl of water has stood overnight in your room, you will notice that in the morning there is slightly less water in it than there was the night before. Some of the water has disappeared from the bowl, but it has not disappeared from the universe. It is now in the atmosphere,



invisible, almost intangible, but still in existence. We speak of evaporation as though it were a simple thing, and yet we do not understand it. We know that a few tablespoons of water left in an open dish overnight will disappear, and the dish will be dry. It is almost like a miracle to think of that water changing its nature and rising in an invisible vapor and becoming part of the atmosphere. Think of the wonderful devices that are built upon the principles of evaporation. If there were no such thing as evaporation we would be without hundreds of modern devices useful to us today. Steam engines, engines in powerplants, automobile engines, all forms of refrigeration, and hundreds of other things are based upon the simple law of the evaporation of water.

As you are looking into the water in your bowl it is evaporating; something is rising from it all the time. You do not observe it, or think of it, but the mystic should and does know that one of nature's miracles is taking place. In order for evaporation to occur, something has to change the nature of the water on its surface. That something is another great law of nature, and the change that takes place there is a rearrangement of conditions that produce mysterious effects. With your concentrated gaze upon the water and upon the little light spots of reflection, you will be able to see some of these changes made manifest as your consciousness becomes attuned to the action of the light. If there were no light to be affected by the surface of the water and the changes taking place in the water, you would not have the glittering effects you see in the water. Neither would you have the rainbow, and the sunset effects in the clouds.

I could tell you of dozens of things occurring in that bowl of water as you use it for your concentration, all manifestations of nature's laws, but I want you to see them for yourself. These things the mystics call exoteric manifestations of nature's laws. Lose yourself in these experiments and make them a hobby for a while, because they are going to lead to many wonderful revelations, especially if you allow yourself to become attuned with the rose and cross, and find a key to the reflection in the ascension of your concentration to Cosmic understanding and attunement.

This week I would have you try a beautiful esoteric principle in connection with your concentration and meditation. I do not want to influence your mind and your consciousness in any way by explaining beforehand what results you may expect. My instructions, therefore, will be brief and will be followed next week with longer explanation and suggestions. I do not want you to wait, however, until you have read your next monograph before trying this experiment.



I want you to pick out a point of light or a reflection of some kind in the water of your bowl that appears slightly reddish, or pink. If you do not see any reflection, shake the

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bowl until ripples are formed, or turn it around until you finally find some point of light that is pink or red. Concentrate on that with the thought in mind that it is the beginning of a red rose which is to unfold and develop as you concentrate upon it.

It may be no larger than the head of a pin; but think of it as growing until it becomes about as big as a green pea. Keep in mind the color and shape of a rose slowly unfolding. As soon as your psychic consciousness begins to sense the rose unfolding, think of the golden cross behind it, as though you were looking down onto a rosy cross emblem. Try to see both at the same time.

When you sense the cross in the background, think of the rose as your inner consciousness, your soul unfolding before you. By attuning your inner self with the little red rose in the bowl of water, there will gradually pass between you and the visualized emblem an invisible thread of contact that will cause the little red rose in the water to move, expand and develop as the emotions within you change. By keeping your eyes constantly centered on it with the cross faintly in the background, the rose should gradually unfold and become larger and larger until you begin to see things in the center of the rose.

I do not want to suggest what you may see or what may occur, but try this experiment at least twice a day, morning and evening. In fact, if you could try one of these meditation periods just before retiring, the possibilities are that after you fall asleep the psychic unfoldment that started in the rose in the water will carry on during your sleep, and you will have some beautiful experience during the night. You will undoubtedly remember it only vaguely in the morning but well enough to know that you have made a Cosmic contact of some kind.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

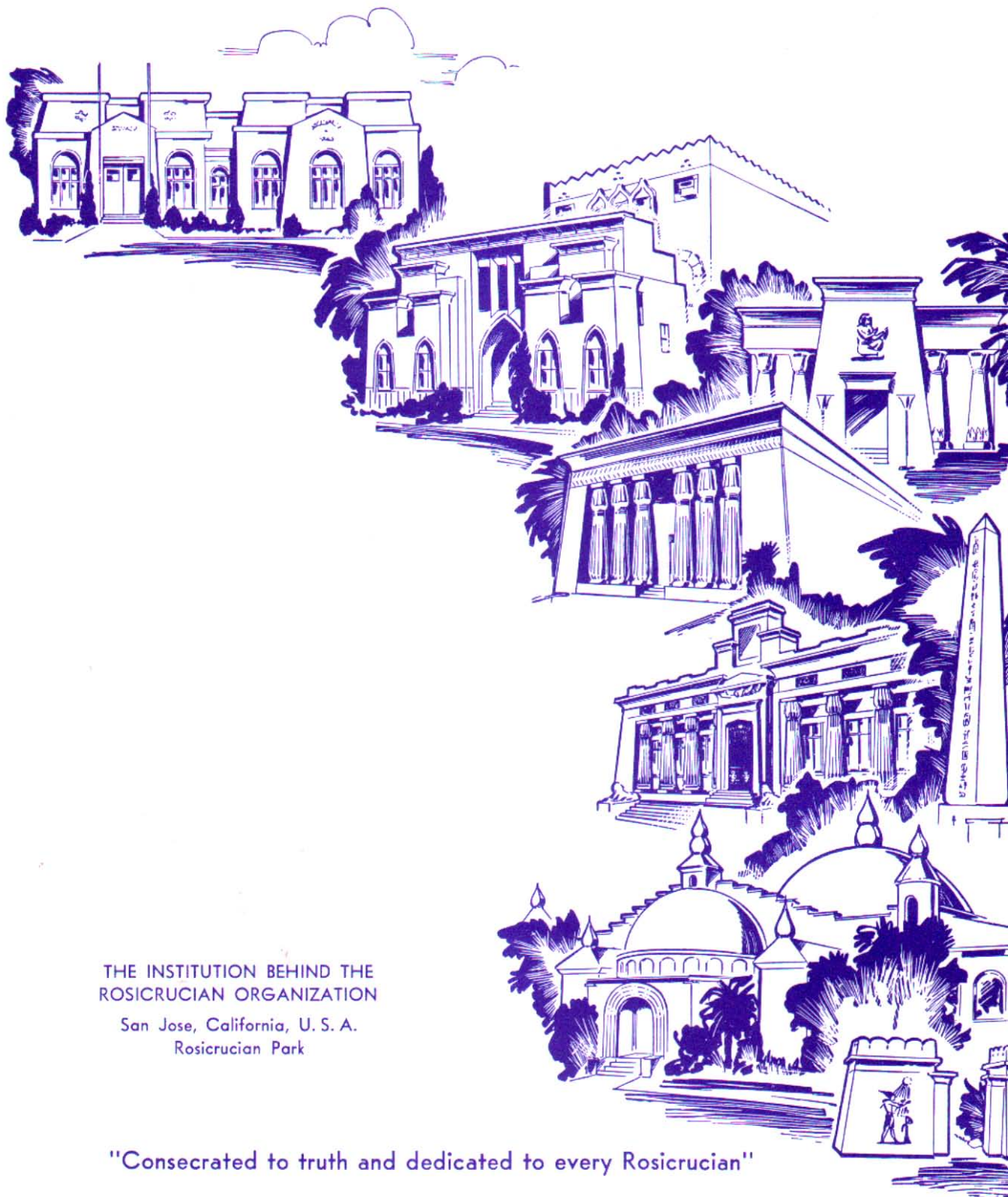


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Many of the laws of God and nature regulating and controlling life on earth may be observed by simple demonstrations. An example is measuring the revolution of the earth by observing the swinging of a pendulum.
- ¶ The fundamental laws of the universe are immutable. Man has utilized these fundamental principles in all of his inventions, and the most complicated as well as the simplest inventions are based upon them.
- ¶ The elements for manifesting fundamental laws are to be found in the experiment with the bowl of water. The law of evaporation as well as many other *exoteric manifestations* of nature's laws may be observed.
- ¶ This week pick out a reddish reflection in the water of your bowl. Concentrate upon it with the thought that it is the beginning of a red rose which is to unfold and develop. As soon as the unfolding of the rose is sensed, think of the golden cross behind it. Attempt to see both at the same time.
- ¶ With the thought in mind that the unfolding rose is your inner consciousness and by centering your eyes upon it, you should begin to see things in the center of the rose as it becomes larger.



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