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# THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ In this monograph we are given one of the most practical uses of the Law of Assumption; that is, its application in connection with healing in cases of emergency or urgent need. Although this Law is not specifically mentioned, we feel that the student will recognize the implication in the following excerpt from the writing of a well-known mystic and contemporary of Paracelsus.



*The passions of the soul which follow the phantasy when they are most vehement, cannot only change their own body, but also can transcend so as to work upon another body; so that some wonderful impressions are thence produced in elements and extrinsical things, . . . Now, if the foresaid passions have so great a power in the phantasy, they have certainly a greater power in the reason, in as much as the reason is more excellent than the phantasy; and, lastly, they have much greater power in the mind; for this, when it is fixed upon God for any good with its whole intention, doth oftentimes affect another's body, as well as its own, with some divine gift. By this means we read that many miracles were done by Apollonius, Pythagoras, Empedocles, Philolaus, and many prophets and holy men . . .*

—HENRY CORNELIUS AGRIPPA, 1486(?)–1535

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

There are so many ways in which the Law of Assumption can be used that each week you should practice what is suggested to you so you may become expert in these principles. I must warn you again, though, that it is entirely wrong, useless and futile to experiment for the sake of experimentation.

The word experiment is perhaps not the right word although each time you perform an exercise, it really is an experiment in the sense that it enables you to test the law and see how it works. But I do not want any member ever to practice or test a law with no practical end in view. That would be like a child with a box of matches, striking each match and watching it burn merely for the sake of testing the friction and explosive nature of the elements on the end of the match. If striking one of the matches, however, would enable a person to produce a light where there was darkness, or give heat where there was cold, or be somehow useful, it would no longer be an experiment but rather a practical application of the principle.

Every mystic and metaphysician soon learns that if he looks upon the secret and sacred laws of nature as magical principles, and uses them simply to amuse himself, or to prove that he has great power and knowledge that others do not possess, he will soon lose his ability. He will find the principles failing to work, and he will attract to himself unfortunate conditions and circumstances. The Cosmic law demands that if you want nature to serve you and obey your wishes, your desires must be sincere, practical and constructive. The results must be for the benefit of others as well as yourself and must be useful and brought about in a sacred and honest manner.

One of the finest and most unselfish purposes for which the Law of Assumption can be used is in connection with important cases of healing where there is an extreme or unusual need. The Law of Assumption gives opportunities for healing that other Rosicrucian healing methods cannot do because of surrounding conditions. I do not mean that Rosicrucian healing principles are any different in connection with the Law of Assumption, but the methods of reaching the person and applying them are quite different. In the lower Degrees and in pamphlets and special lectures we have made the healing methods of our teachings plain to our members. We have not included in those lectures and explanations, anything about the Law of Assumption and the healing method that I am about to describe to you now. The reason is that members in the lower Degrees, who have not been tested and proved worthy, are not to become acquainted with the Law of Assumption before they are ready. For this reason, I suggest that you keep to yourself the healing methods that will be described as one of the esoteric secrets of this Degree.





In many cases, all that is necessary to heal or help persons is to use either the contact or absent treatments described in our lower Degrees. It is only necessary to work through the Cosmic, attuning yourself with the patient to have him receive the benefit. There are cases, though, where the person has a weak heart, low vitality, or is about to have a serious operation. In these cases the Law of Assumption gives a wonderful opportunity to help carry him through the crisis.

In most of these cases, nature will do the healing, and physicians and nurses will give the care. What the patient needs more than anything else is strength and vitality to stand the shock and strain upon the nervous system. You often hear doctors and nurses say, "He will pull through if his heart keeps up." Or, "She has a good chance to recover, if her strength doesn't fail." In other words, the illness itself is not a serious thing, and a strong and normal person could be cured in a few weeks, but a strain or shock or a heavy drain upon the vitality might weaken the heart before nature could complete her healing processes. Often it is necessary to operate in order to help nature cure or correct some condition. The disease or condition might not affect the heart, but the operation might suddenly weaken it through shock. The drain then upon the vitality might cause the patient to pass through transition while the operation was being performed, or soon after, before the healing is accomplished.

One of the most common causes for operation is appendicitis. If the appendix has not burst and blood poisoning has not set in, the operation is not serious, and swift recovery may be expected. If after suffering for weeks or months with spasmodic pains, the person is found to have a bad appendix, or one with a tendency to become inflamed and inharmonious, the best way to treat such a patient is not to give treatments from week to week and month to month to overcome the inflammation and stop the tendency, but to remove the appendix. It is as though you had a splinter in your eye, and constantly treated it to hold down the pain and inconvenience instead of taking the splinter out of the eye. That is why physicians recommend that after two or three attacks centering around the appendix, it is better to remove it.

When such a person goes to the hospital for the operation, he may not be weak or very sick, and may have only a slight inflammation around the appendix with a little pain. He may be able to walk to the hospital and upstairs to the preparation room. His heart and vitality may be fine; but during the operation the shock upon the nervous system and upon the heart, and the sudden lowering of the vitality through the loss of blood may cause him to succumb suddenly. This collapse might occur the day after the operation. Such things happen only occasionally, for the average person goes through the operation very successfully. Instead of trying to give treatments to cure as you would any other illness, you realize





that what you want to do is to strengthen the heart and vitality so that the patient will stand the operation. If there is a loved one, a friend, or relative who is greatly worried about the operation, you can render wonderful service through the Law of Assumption.

Let us say the patient has been hurt in an accident and is losing blood and vitality rapidly, or is one who has had a long illness and has reached a crisis. The heart is weak and nothing can be done to bring about an actual cure for many weeks. In such cases, the need is to strengthen the vitality and heart so that the patient will live.

In all of these cases the Law of Assumption can strengthen the constitution, vitality, and heart of the patient and perform what is almost a miracle. You assume that you are the patient, as explained in the last several lessons. You must not think of yourself and the patient as being two persons, but only one person. You must not think of yourself going into and becoming the dominant person in the patient. There must not be you and the patient, but just you. In other words, you must become the patient in your consciousness and in your mind and heart. It means, first of all, that you must be sympathetic with and toward the person. You must feel in every sense that for the little while you are the patient. I am emphasizing this because it is the keynote to the practice of the Law of Assumption. Some schools of so-called practical psychology have attempted to use this great Cosmic law. They wrongly tell their pupils that the proper thing to do is to make the patient and themselves so blended and so joined that they feel what the patient feels and he feels what they feel. That fosters the idea of two persons; yet it is not a blending of two that is important. It is the creation of one person, and you must be that one person.

So you concentrate upon the patient and become the patient. You do not take possession of the patient because then you would still have the thought of yourself being separate from the patient. It is not a matter of attunement with the patient because you still would have the idea of a distinction between the patient and yourself. You must visualize yourself as the patient. You must feel where he is ill; must feel where he is to be operated on; must feel the accident that he has had. You must feel yourself lying in the hospital bed where the patient is. You are not there with the patient but as the patient, waiting for the proper treatment. As soon as you can feel that you are the patient, you want to begin to breathe deeply, expanding your chest and taking deep breaths until your vitality is increased. All the while you want to keep one thought in your mind; your heart, your lungs, your whole system—all are strong and healthy, and there is no weakness in your heart. Your vitality is not lowering but building up and nothing is going to weaken you, nothing is going to hurt you, nothing is going to cause you trouble.





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Do you not see that if you have made yourself the patient and feel that you are the patient; then as you feel your vitality building up, your heart and lungs strong and magnetic energy flowing through you, you are making the patient feel stronger, and are giving him strength and vitality? If you keep concentrating every ten or fifteen minutes during the time the patient is being readied for the operation, or during the time he is receiving medical attention, you will cause the patient to be healthy, and strong and vital like yourself—because you will be the patient.

During such a period of concentration you should not expect anything to occur except that you keep in mind the other person so that you feel that you are the one who is being helped and treated. I shall tell you more about putting yourself in the place of the patient, but you know enough now about the use of this law to help those who are ill, whether it is a child, man, or woman, simply by following these directions. The difference in sex and age is inconsequential. A man can easily assume he is the patient whether a woman or child is the patient, and a woman can assume she is the patient whether the patient is a man or a child. No sexual or color distinction should be taken into consideration. After all, you are dealing with soul consciousness and there is no sex, age, race, or creed in that regard.

Now follow this system during the week with someone who is ill and you will find that on critical days he or she will be stronger and more vital, and greatly pleased with what you do. It is not necessary to tell the patient anything in advance, except that you will help (if he wishes to know). Say nothing about the Law of Assumption and simply proceed in your own way, and you will be successful.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER



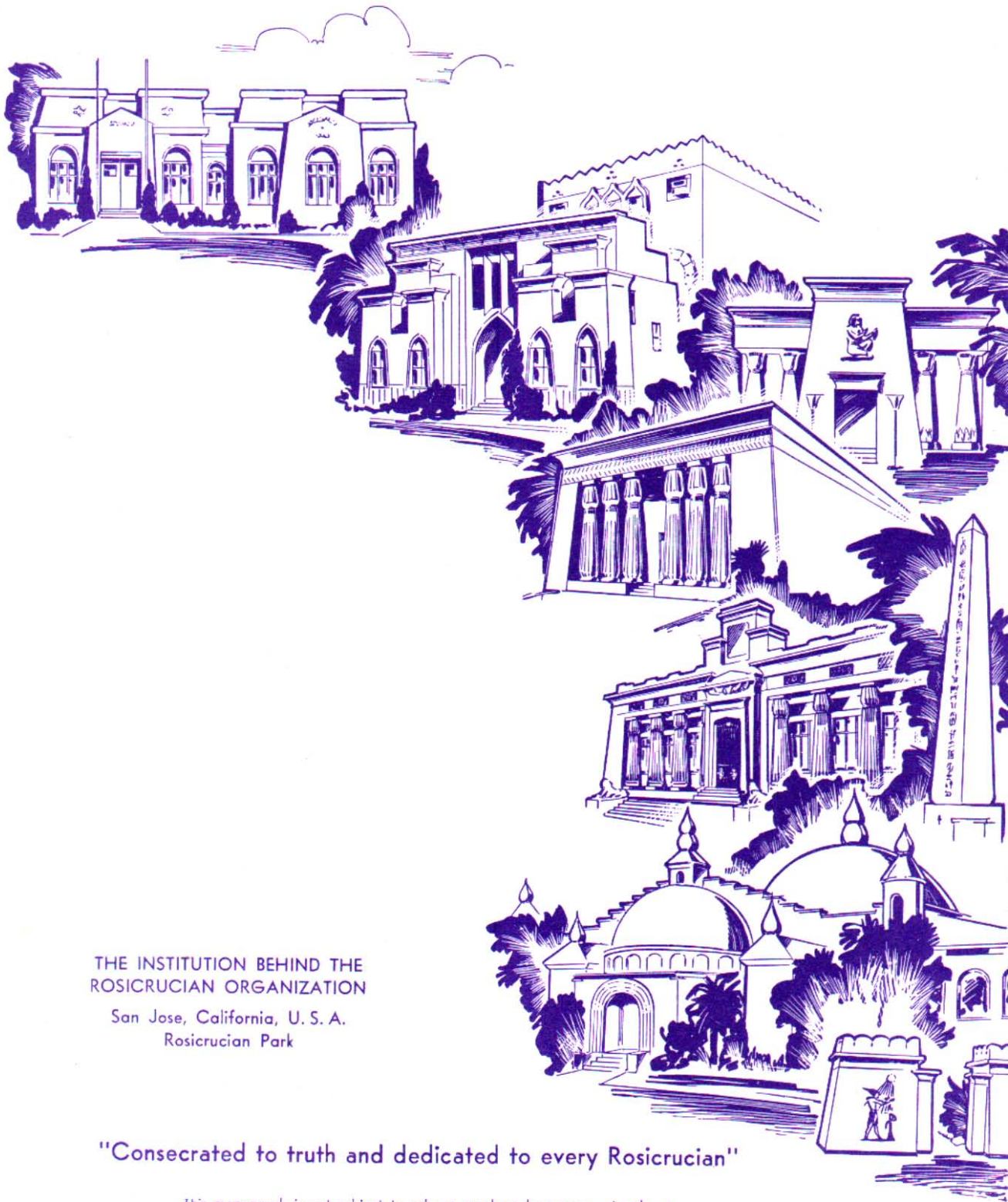
## Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Although the Law of Assumption may be used in many ways and should be practiced until the principles can be expertly applied, it is wrong and futile to experiment for the sake of experimentation.
- ¶ The Law of Assumption should be used with a practical end in view, for Cosmic law demands that desires must be sincere, practical, constructive, and unselfish. Loss of power and unfortunate conditions will follow misapplication of Cosmic principles.
- ¶ One of the finest and most unselfish purposes for which the Law of Assumption can be used is in connection with important cases of healing where there is extreme or unusual need.
- ¶ The Law of Assumption used in connection with healing may be used only by those who have been tested and proved worthy.
- ¶ Ordinarily other healing principles may be used, but in time of crisis or emergency where the patient needs strength and vitality for meeting an emergency situation, great service may be given through the Law of Assumption.
- ¶ In applying this law, *you must become the patient*. When the assumption is felt, vitality should be increased by taking deep breaths, keeping in mind that your heart, lungs, and whole system are strong and healthy. Difference in sex or age is inconsequential, and the patient need know nothing about the kind of help he is receiving.





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