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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, admonished physicians regarding the importance of maintaining a hopeful and cheerful attitude toward their patients. That healing is an art inseparable from the love of humanity is a lesson he reiterated throughout his voluminous works. It was he who said, "For where there is love of



man, there is also love of the art," and he exemplified this love by a lifetime of loving service. Thus it is interesting to note that while modern psychology has recognized that a cheerful, hopeful, and constructive mental attitude is necessary if one is to help another effectively, this is by no means a new psychological concept.

On entering bear in mind your manner of sitting, reserve, arrangement of dress, decisive utterance, brevity of speech, composure, bedside manners, care, replies to objections, calm self-control to meet the troubles that occur, rebuke of disturbance, readiness to do what has to be done. . . . Perform all this calmly and adroitly, concealing most things from the patient while you are attending to him. Give necessary orders with cheerfulness and serenity, turning his attention away from what is being done to him; . . . revealing nothing of the patient's future or present condition. For many patients through this cause have taken a turn for the worse, . . . or by a forecast of what is to come.

—HIPPOCRATES, 460(?)–377(?) B.C.

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

If you have been practicing the principles outlined in the talk last week, you have probably had at least one opportunity to notice the beautiful and simple manner in which this principle of the Law of Assumption can be used. It is likely, however, that you have not found one week long enough to test these principles thoroughly. I would wish to think that the immediate members of your family and your friends are so fortunate that in no week throughout the year would you find one of them immediately in need of help. Often weeks and months may pass before an opportunity to use these principles in connection with healing work is made manifest.

In this connection, it might be well to recall admonitions given you regarding healing in the earlier Degrees. As your instructor, adviser, and friend, I urge you to remember that the Rosicrucian Order is not a healing cult. It does not prepare its students for the healing profession, nor, for that matter, does it recommend the use of its healing techniques for others except in those cases of emergency or need which arise in families or close friendships.

The fact that the principles and techniques of healing presented as a part of the Rosicrucian instruction are effective is attested by countless physicians, surgeons, and licensed practitioners of almost every school. This, however, never warrants the professional or public use of such principles or techniques by those who are not legally recognized as healers.

In other words, every effort is made to protect the student in his attempts to render service so that he may successfully work in the areas open to him without jeopardizing his own best interests. What is permitted to a licensed practitioner is legally stipulated; but a layman, however successful in the use of our healing principles and however well intentioned, may find to his own dismay that he will be criminally liable if he assumes the prerogatives of the licensed practitioner.

For that reason always confine your healing efforts to yourself, your family or your immediate circle of trusted friends. Never let it be thought that you are fitting yourself through your studies to be a healer or that your efforts in their behalf warrant their relying on you instead of on a competent and accepted physician. Do not encourage them to look to you in their distress unless in an emergency and even then make sure that they have medical advice as well. Above all, do not think of your efforts to help as being, in any sense, anything more than supplementary, never a substitute for what those legally qualified can do.



It would be decidedly detrimental to you to have it accepted that you were practicing healing professionally and publicly without the training legally required of others engaged in public medical practice.

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The ironclad rule of our organization is that when anyone is really seriously ill, or has some unknown or undiagnosed condition, a licensed physician should be called immediately. This will insure a proper diagnosis and give the patient every opportunity to have the proper medical attention and treatment. No true Rosicrucian will ever attempt to have the patient dismiss his physician, nor will he advise him to receive treatment without the attention of a physician.

Just as there is nothing in our work that will interfere with whatever a competent physician is doing, so there is little that a competent physician will do in most cases to interfere with the constructive thoughts and healing prayers of our members. There is certainly no antagonism in our thought or basic teaching toward competent medical treatment, or treatment by a licensed physician of any school.

The Law of Assumption, used in connection with any other treatments given the patient, works beautifully. The effectiveness of the law is in no way enhanced by publicity, and it is possible for you to use it for healing without advertising yourself or allowing others to advertise you as a healer. You may recall that Jesus' mission was decidedly hampered when his healing work became publicly known. Thousands followed him solely in the hope of receiving healing of a physical nature.

The real mission of Jesus was to heal soul personalities, and restore the spiritual side of man, but most of those who followed him had no other motive than the selfish desire to get rid of their physical ailments. Most of them did not believe anything that Jesus said. They had no curiosity even about his healing methods. They were merely willing to follow him until they were well and strong. Then they fell away and forgot his teachings.

How many of those whom Jesus raised almost from the grave, whose eyes he opened, or whose limbs he straightened, knelt and wept when he was on the cross? In all likelihood, not one! How many whom he had saved from an untimely death or from suffering and pain, and who owed him their very lives, came and stood by him as friends and supporters in his trial and tribulations? The world has changed little today in that regard. As long as you can help people in a manner which costs them nothing, and in a way better than any other, you will find them ready to acclaim you as a great healer.

Their attitude will change surprisingly and they may be the first to condemn you if you get into difficulties. This fact should not deter you from giving any help you can, for a true Rosicrucian never holds any malice or enmity, and never refuses to help even his bitterest enemy, but the true Rosicrucian will avoid doing his work in public, and



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building a reputation which is unfair to him. Therefore, do not deal with the public in a public manner, nor do things that will cause the public to get a wrong opinion of your studies and work, or build up a reputation that is erroneous.

Throughout the coming week I want you to keep on testing the Law of Assumption in connection with those who have physical trouble of some kind. If someone in your family, or among your trusted acquaintances, has even a headache which is annoying and keeping him from thinking clearly, or working, silently and without stating what you are doing, practice the Law of Assumption and help him. It will give you an opportunity to see how beautifully the law works. Remember that the most profound, the most marvelous and miraculous of principles in life are always the most simple in application.

There is one additional thought to include in your lesson and instruction for this week. When we are interested in a person, whether it be a relative or a friend, there develops a certain degree of mutual attunement. The closer the relationship and the deeper the interest, the more deeply will this attunement be manifested. A man and wife truly and affectionately interested in each other become unconsciously attuned in ways which sometimes do not manifest until a crisis arises--sometimes only when one or the other has passed through transition. Even between sincere friends, however, there is a degree of attunement which is difficult to explain except on the basis of psychic contact and sympathetic attachment.

In fact, a certain rapport is established and thoughts attune naturally whenever persons of deep and sincere nature meet, however brief or casual the meeting. Because of this attunement which readily manifests between you and those persons in whom you are interested, or with whom you are associated sympathetically, you must be careful of your thoughts. This is especially true in cases where persons are ill.

If, for instance, a child in your family becomes ill, and you are worried about the nature of the illness or decide that it is serious and will develop into a fever, that worry and concern may act detrimentally on the child. If you were to hold in your mind even for a fraction of a second at different times the thought that the child is becoming more ill or more feverish, those thoughts will have an effect upon that child's condition.

It is as though you momentarily practiced the Law of Assumption, exchanged places with the child, and held the thought of more illness and a more serious condition. With such thoughts in your mind, you are partly to blame for whatever condition develops in the child. I have found through long experience with these matters that when a child or even an adult member of a family becomes ill, it is just as important to



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consider the parents or friends of that person as it is to consider the patient himself.

If a patient--whether child or adult--is surrounded by parents, wife, husband, brother, or sister who in their minds and hearts think his condition is serious and getting worse, it is difficult to help the patient to the fullest extent. First, these persons must be persuaded to change their thinking and get rid of the destructive and unfortunate thoughts.

You may stand at the bedside of one who is ill and encourage him with all the words you can think of; but if in your mind and heart at other moments you are fearful that he is getting worse, and concentrate on his condition in a worried attitude, all this will affect the patient. If you have the idea of death in your heart and mind, the words of encouragement on your lips will mean nothing. Therefore, the first attitude of friends and relatives, doctor, and nurse should be one of cheer, hopefulness, and thinking of a healing and constructive nature.

Keep this in mind and next week I will tell you more about this mental attitude and what it means, not only in cases of illness but in other cases where matters are greatly dependent upon the power of thought.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

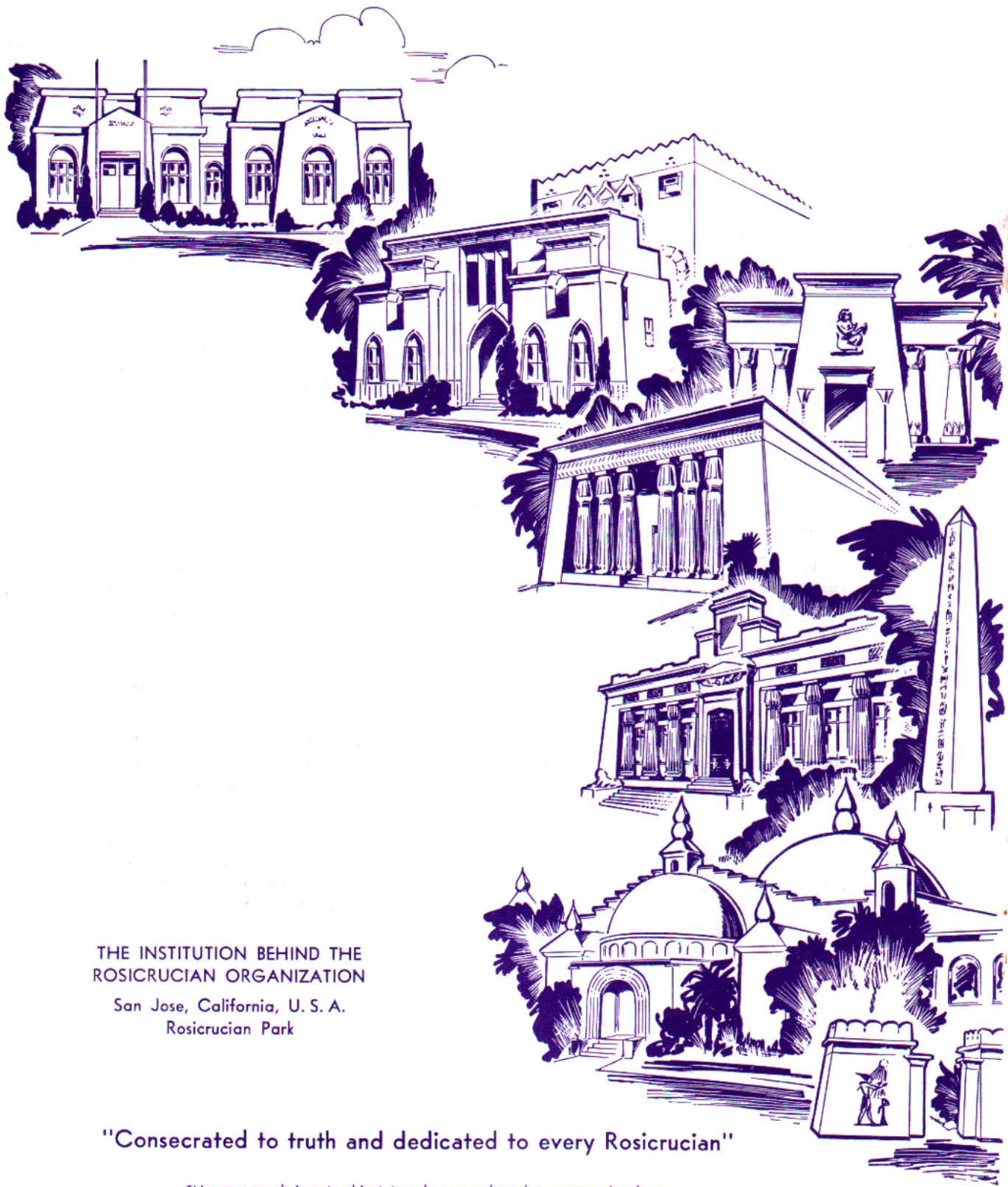


Summary of This Monograph



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 Rosicrucian Order is not a healing cult and the professional or public use of its healing techniques is unwarranted by those who are not legally recognized as healers.**
- ¶ **Every effort is made to protect the student so that he may work in the areas open to him without jeopardizing his own best interests. His healing efforts should be confined to himself, his family, and his immediate circle of trusted friends.**
- ¶ **The ironclad rule of our organization is that when anyone is really seriously ill, or has some unknown or undiagnosed condition, a physician should be called immediately.**
- ¶ **The Law of Assumption remains effective whatever other treatment a patient may be receiving, while in no way is it enhanced by publicity. Therefore, continue to practice this law silently whenever opportunity offers.**
- ¶ **Because of the attunement that manifests between persons mutually interested in each other or with whom they are sympathetically associated, a cheerful, hopeful, and constructive mental attitude is necessary if another is to be helped effectively. A worried or pessimistic mental attitude may actually do great harm.**



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