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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ We are reminded in this monograph that the divine consciousness within man is under his immediate control all the time. It is instantaneously at his command for creating and re-creating the ideal that lies within his consciousness. The following quotation from a source familiar to the student, beautifully describes this divine power's availability to man.



First we seek and question in order to arouse in ourselves the dormant powers of the mind; we go forth with energy to do battle with the world of objects around. Next we rest, and call forth that God-given power latent in man, the power to mirror forth in beautiful forms that understanding of things which we have attempted to make our own, to possess, to master. For until this power has been aroused unto creativeness, wisdom is not truly ours. Wisdom is the creative power of Deity. . . . Wisdom is a subtle, spiritual, instant power to understand the soul of things, and also to apply this understanding ever to immediate opportunity.

—G. R. S. MEAD, 1863-1933

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

During the past few weeks I have suggested to you various ways in which the principles of Assumption can be used, but now I want to suggest another way—which may at first seem purely personal and selfish. I want to show you how these principles of Assumption can be used to make your own life more happy and prosperous. An ethical question immediately presents itself: "Is it right for a mystic, knowing the laws of nature and of the Cosmic, to use that knowledge to gain wealth or benefit?"

Such a question cannot be answered merely by yes or no. Each case has to be considered separately. To begin with, we should determine what is meant by material wealth and prosperity.

Our members seek to be contented, prosperous, and happy in life; yet in their letters the word money is never mentioned and seldom in their minds. Thousands seek happiness and prosperity without being concerned with the thought of money. They know that if they have health, a fair and reasonable occupation, and are content to share universal blessings and opportunities, there is little need for actual money.

On the other hand, it is not unethical or contrary to law for a mystic or a spiritually minded person to appeal to God and the Cosmic principles for financial aid. The churches themselves appeal for such aid, and could not carry on great missionary work without it.

Undoubtedly each of you knows someone who represents your ideal of happiness, contentment, and health. You may have many times wished you were like that person, possessing the qualities you so much admire in him. Where the ignorant and the stupid might only envy those who have health and happiness, the mystic rejoices that others possess these blessings in abundance. It is here that the principles of Assumption enter into consideration.

No attempt should be made to substitute ourselves for the persons who are happy and contented; rather we should create in our minds an ideal person, enjoying the things of life which we believe to be worthy and desirable. First, we should create in our minds the picture of a man or a woman, healthy and always pleasant, with a kind and encouraging word for everyone. We should as well visualize a comfortable home, a contented family, and a dependable income. Such an ideal can have as many qualities and conditions as we can invent or imagine, such as possessing a beautiful singing voice or an ability in oratory. We can, as well, give him other special attributes that we consider necessary to our ideal of a happy person.



The next thing is to use the principles of Assumption to assume that we are gradually becoming that ideal person. We

can go about our affairs each day with the mental assumption that we actually are the ideal person pictured. In other words, after we have built up a character, a personality, happy and contented in life, and having what we believe to be the ideal qualities, then we should supplant our present selves and conditions by assuming the ideal ones. By emulating their example and becoming like them, the mystic realizes he, too, may have what they possess.

To be consistent and have the principles work properly, we will have to carry out our part of the Assumption. If we are assuming to be the ideal, happy, contented person, we must act that way during every hour while assuming that ideal character. We must feel that we are healthy. We must feel that we are happy and contented. This conviction must radiate from us as if the assumption were absolutely true.

Of all the created creatures, man is the only one who possesses the creative power in a mental and psychic form. It is true that animals and plants of every kind, even the smallest of microscopic creatures, have the power to reproduce themselves through sexual processes or otherwise. All living things possess this power of reproduction. Man possesses, in addition, the power to create otherwise than by reproducing himself.

This creative power is part of the divine consciousness within man. It is this element of divine consciousness which distinguishes man from all other living things in either the animal or plant kingdom. Whatever man thinks about, concentrates upon or directs his creative consciousness toward, becomes a manifest thing somewhere in the world. Every time a human being intelligently, deliberately, and knowingly mentally creates something, he sends forth a thought form of his creation which somewhere and sometime will become a materialized actuality.

In our previous monograph, we have warned of the danger of inharmonious thoughts in practicing the Law of Assumption. Fear and anxiety about another can influence that person detrimentally as an unconscious suggestion. We use the word, unconscious, because the one having such a thought of fear for the health of another has no conscious motive of injuring the other person through those thoughts even though he is aware of them. The circumstances are quite different, however, where one is motivated by the desire to transmit destructive thoughts for the purpose of injuring another in some way.

Can intentionally destructive thoughts actually leave the mind of the one in whom they arise? Can such thoughts be transmitted? Thought waves are energy of a kind, a vibratory impulse, governed exclusively by the laws of natural phenomena, as are sound, electricity, radio, light, etc.—although, of course, it is not exactly the same kind of energy. Therefore, an evil thought will transmit into space just as well as a good or beneficent one.



Why then do we say that one cannot be affected by the evil thoughts projected by another? It is not that the Cosmic sets up any kind of tangible or intangible wall to obstruct evil thoughts. In fact, what some think good or evil would have no moral content in the Cosmic as a thought. It is the individual himself, then, who establishes within himself, in his own consciousness, a wall of sanctity.

First, we refer in our teachings to the guardian of the threshold. This alludes to our conscience, our moral rectitude, and discipline. Each of us has certain moral standards by which we guide our lives. Therefore, in other words, certain modes of conduct, certain acts, are thought of by us as being base or evil. We do not resort to such conduct voluntarily. Consequently, a moral block or discipline is established in our own subconscious minds. It is a law we have laid down for ourselves, even though we may not think of it except when the question arises.

In a hypnotic state a person will refuse to perform any act which is in violation of his established moral standards. Likewise, when brought into contact with the mind of the one for whom it is intended, a thought projected by another and intended to be evil will be repelled if it is in violation of an established moral standard. The guardian of the threshold, the moral inhibition, will repel it. It will never come to establish itself either in the subconscious or the conscious mind of the one for whom it is intended so as to influence him. This is a cosmic principle which is likewise psychologically sound.

Further, our own will is always more of a determining factor or influence than the will of another in connection with our actions and thoughts. We can be motivated far more easily by our own will to act in a certain manner than we can by the command of another. In hypnotism, there is the substitution, the temporary supplanting, of another person's will for that of the subject. But the subject must first willingly submit and agree to be hypnotized or he cannot be—unless he is drugged.

The same laws apply with reference to the projection of evil thoughts. One cannot impose his will upon you by his thought against your own will or desire. However, if one is of the belief that he can be influenced by another against his will, then he is susceptible to such action. It is because he has conditioned himself, that is, he has prepared himself to submit to the will of another. He, then, and not the one projecting the evil thought is responsible for what happens.

Let us use an analogy. One may learn that certain individuals are envious of him, hating him and holding him in their minds several hours a day with evil thoughts. The knowledge that this is being done may demoralize the person; he may begin to worry about it. He may begin to wonder whether their thoughts can actually



affect him. He then lowers his will of resistance. He is really implanting a suggestion within his own consciousness that he can be affected. This causes a disorganization of his thoughts and lessens his creative ability to achieve. His subsequent failure or misfortune is the result, we repeat, of his conditioning himself to the belief that he is affected by those evil thoughts. He has lowered his own guard and psychic resistance.

This creative, divine power within you is under your immediate control all the time. It can be used to create or re-create new cells and new conditions in your body. It can likewise be used to re-create and create new things outside of your body. From the truly esoteric and metaphysical point of view, there is no difference.

By the same process and with the same success, you can concentrate upon cells in the body to join to heal a wound or cure a disease, or you can concentrate upon thought forms to leave the mind, go forth into space and construct something. Whenever you use the Law of Assumption in connection with your creative power and consciousness, you perform a natural miracle. You put yourself in the place of someone else, and by the use of the creative power within you, you bring into manifestation the idea that is in your consciousness.

Throughout the week in connection with your present work with the Law of Assumption remember that you are creating something that some day will make itself manifest to you. Use these principles to re-create ideal conditions around you. Select the ideal and be that for a while, thinking, creating, acting according to it. This will enable you to experience psychically many of the conditions you wish to have manifest in your life.

If some are slow in becoming actually materialized in your life, you will know that it is because the Cosmic is not quite ready for you to have the things you are seeking, but that in good time and in unexpected ways the thought forms you are sending forth will come back and bring with them the happiness and contentment that you have been trying to secure.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

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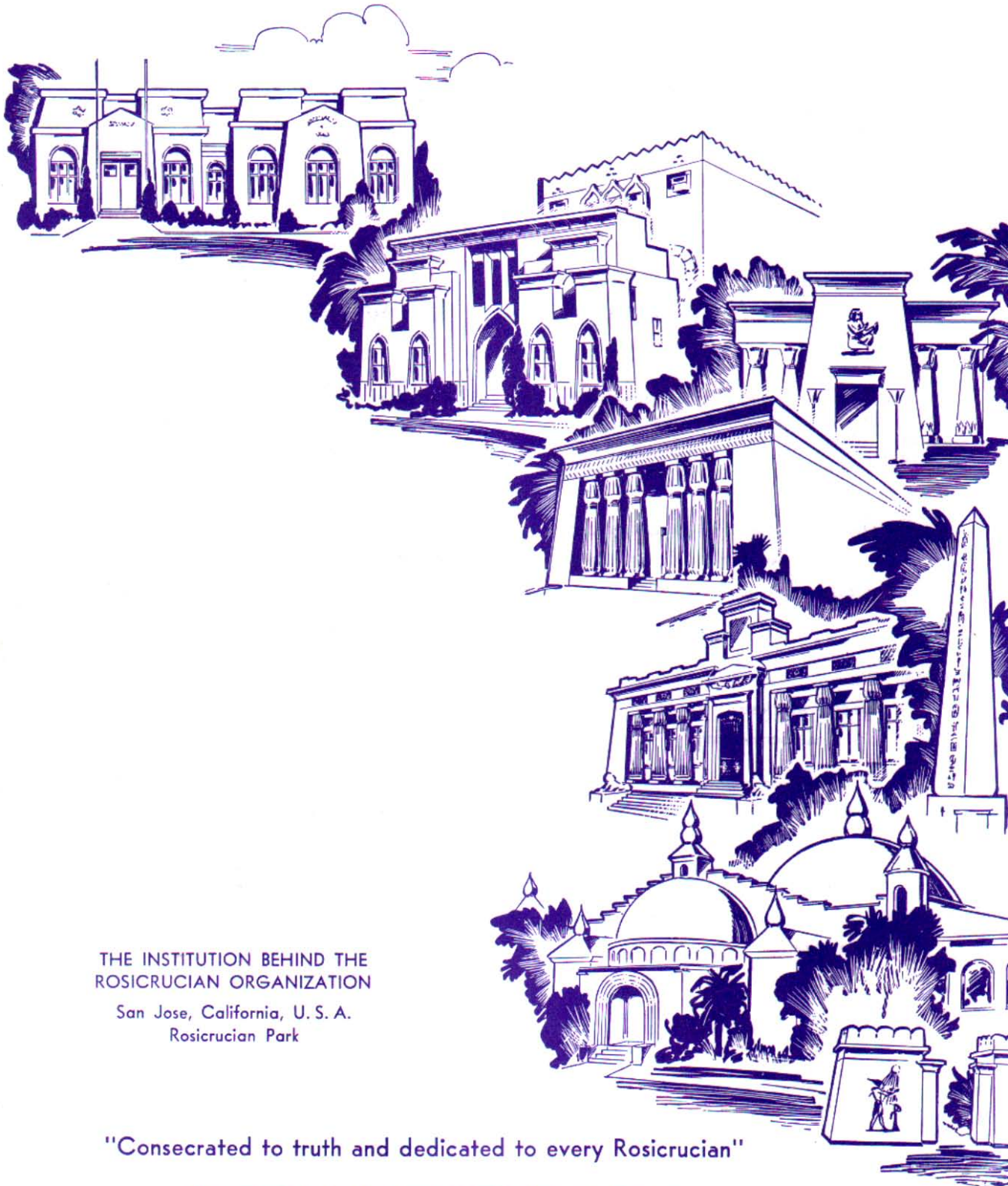


Summary of This Monograph



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 principles of Assumption can be used to make life more happy and prosperous. It is not unethical to desire to share universal blessings and opportunities, nor to utilize Cosmic principles to obtain such blessings.
- ¶ The mystic rejoices that others possess these blessings in abundance.
- ¶ We can create in our own minds an ideal person possessing the abilities and opportunities we desire, and then by using the principles of Assumption we can assume this ideal personality.
- ¶ This creative, divine power is under your immediate control all the time. It can be used to create or re-create new cells and new conditions in your body, as well as conditions or things outside of your body.
- ¶ Use these principles to re-create ideal conditions around you, remembering that in good time and in unexpected ways the thought forms you are sending forth will become manifest to you.



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