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This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ Again, we are reminded in this monograph that Cosmic laws and principles may not be misused or perverted. Emerson speaks of this in his essay, "Spiritual Laws," and further tells us of the rewards that inevitably follow their application in conformity with harmony and truth. We quote in part:



There is a soul at the centre of nature, and over the will of every man, so that none of us can wrong the universe. It has so infused its strong enchantment into nature, that we prosper when we accept its advice, and when we struggle to wound its creatures, our hands are glued to our sides, or they beat our own breasts. The whole course of things goes to teach us faith. We need only obey. There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word. Why need you choose so painfully your place, and occupation, and associates, and modes of action, and of entertainment: Certainly there is a possible right for you that precludes the need of balance and wilful election. For you there is a reality, a fit place and congenial duties. Place yourself in the middle of the stream of power and wisdom which animates all whom it floats, and you are without effort impelled to truth, to right, and a perfect contentment. Then you put all gainsayers in the wrong. Then you are the world, the measure of right, of truth, of beauty.

—RALPH WALDO EMERSON, 1803-1882

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

The members of this class have seemingly accepted the principles of the Law of Assumption enthusiastically and have found that the application of them is opening up new fields of growth and work. So many questions are being asked regarding these new principles that I feel encouraged. The more these principles are analyzed, tested and used in a practical and serious manner, the more enthusiastic each member will become, and the more proficient he will be in obtaining results.

As one member stated, the successful demonstration of the dependability of these principles has given him a greater feeling of safety and security. He said he is now coming to realize that in any emergency or difficult situation, he has specific principles which he can use in a practical manner to assist himself and others and upon which he can rely. That is true. You can never be convinced of anything's dependability merely by casual use or test of it. It is only when a serious situation or an emergency arises that the full power and efficiency of the law manifests itself.

Recently, a number of members who are studying this law and attempting to use it for the first time had a round-table discussion with me. That discussion was helpful to them and some of the ideas brought out at that time may be equally helpful to you in your practice of this principle. One of the points that became very evident was that some students are still not clear and definite enough in their minds in regard to an essential point in the formula.

That point concerns the necessity of recognizing that there is only one person involved. You are that person. While you are visualizing yourself as the other person, you must rid your mind of the idea that there are two persons involved in the formula, yourself and the other person. You must not have in your mind that you and the other person have exchanged places, that now you are in the other person's place and he in yours. Such a thought continues the idea of two persons and the duality of existence of the two.

The successful procedure to follow is this: During the assumption, uppermost in your mind must be the thought that there is only one person and you are that one. You assume the character and personality of the other person. The other person, therefore, is temporarily out of existence, as much as if you had never heard of him or had never known him. This singleness of identity is the great secret point in the process. There must be but one person of whom you are conscious, and that one person is this new combination that has been founded by the assumption.



Let me put it this way: You want to give a treatment or render help of some kind to Mr. John Smith through the practice

of assumption; that is, you want to concentrate with the express purpose of assuming the consciousness, personality, and character of John Smith. As you establish this thought in your mind and visualize yourself as John Smith, the other John Smith disappears. There are no longer two persons, you and John Smith, but only one person, John Smith for the time being—and that John Smith is you.

In the second place, you must keep in mind that since you are now John Smith, whatever you think and whatever you do, whatever you have in mind or hold fast to in your concentrated thinking will be in John Smith's consciousness and will make an impression because you are John Smith and not yourself. During this assumption you are John Smith, and whatever you think, John Smith is thinking.

You will find from your practice of this principle that there are certain times of the day and certain periods of the week when it will be easier for you to have John Smith feel and think as you do. You must, therefore, carefully choose your times so that you will have John Smith's willing—even if unconscious—cooperation. For instance, if you try to make the assumption when you know that John Smith is busy at his desk, interviewing people, or engaged mentally and physically, the assumption will not be so complete and perfect as it would be were you to choose a time when you know John Smith will be relaxed.

Again, if you were to apply the principles of assumption in order to help Mr. Jones at a time when you knew he was arguing a case in court or acting as a judge, you would find the results not so good as if you were to wait until you knew Mr. Jones would be at home casually reading, or even in bed completely relaxed and in a subjective mood. This is naturally true in every case.

Whatever you know of the habits and customs of the other person, you should make use of, for you always want to select a period suitable for the assumption. The best period naturally is one when the person is not engaged mentally or physically and can sense the impressions coming to his consciousness. In using the principles of assumption, too, more than one concentration period a day should be used. To make the assumption just once in the middle of the afternoon or late in the evening or at dinnertime is not sufficient in most cases.

To be sure that you have produced the desired effect, you should practice this assumption with the average person about three times during a day. One such time could be in the morning after the breakfast hour when the mind is not filled with worries and troubles of the day.

Another could be at a time when the person is at lunch or is relaxing a little after lunchtime. The third good time could be during the evening when a person is relaxed at home.



The next point to remember is that during such assumption if you hold any thoughts that are destructive or unkind or deliberately injurious to the best interests of the other person, he will resent the assumption or at least resent the thoughts that you are holding and you will find that the whole thing reacts upon you. It is absolutely necessary that you have only good, kind, and constructive thoughts in your consciousness during the time you are practicing assumption.

There must certainly be no attempt on your part to force the other person to do your bidding because the Cosmic will not permit that. Even when giving thoughts of help, you must not attempt to force the other person to abandon his doctor or his method of treatment. You must not seek to influence him to relinquish the things he believes in nor try to make him come to you for help just because you are a Rosicrucian. There must be no attempt to force a judge or an investigator, a police officer or a private detective, to do what you want done or to think what you want him to think.

It is to be remembered that in any attempt to force someone to do something against his will, especially something that is counter to his best interests, contrary to his ideals, or that is an attempt to contravene the proper operation of law, order, fairness and justice, your efforts will only result in failure. You must also remember that you cannot deceive your inner self. You cannot build up false claims or false statements in your mind, invent untruths or harbor injurious, destructive, and unkind thoughts, without an inner realization that they are untrue and false and that as such they indicate a serious failing in your own nature. The inner self knows truth from falsehood. When you are practicing the Law of Assumption everything that is in your own consciousness or in your own mind regarding the matter at hand is transferred to the other person. Therefore, any deception that is in your mind, or any wrong motive, is transmitted with the ideas you want the other person to believe. This the person will sense and resist; therefore, you cannot really confuse another by the Law of Assumption and your unworthy thoughts will react unfavorably on you.

What you need to do is to keep constructive thoughts in your mind such as are in harmony with Cosmic law and consonant with mercy and justice. You can be sure that these constructive thoughts will be accepted and acted upon by the person to whom they are directed. The ethics of the Cosmic apply in this matter in the same way they apply to projections or in any attempt to concentrate and reach the mind of another individual. Just as it is impossible to invade the privacy of another when attempting to project to him, so it is impossible to invade the mind of another with thoughts which are inimical to his best interests. If you are attempting to force someone to do something against his will and if that something is injurious to his best interests, antagonistic to his noble ideals, or contrary to law, order, or system, or to fairness and justice,



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the Cosmic will not help you nor will it allow your thoughts to go to another person and reach him. Such wrong thoughts will simply act upon your own aura and upon your own consciousness.

On the other hand, if you are trying to reach some other person in order to inspire, encourage, help and support him physically or mentally, or to reveal the solution to a problem, you will find that you may depend upon the complete cooperation of the Cosmic through the Law of Assumption.

The Law of Assumption is a wonderfully easy and workable method to bring about unusual results if you are sincere about what you are doing and if the need is genuine. The beneficial effects you send to others will also be reflected in your own life.

If there is no occasion at hand where you may apply these principles for someone else's benefit, you may then accomplish much by using them in creating the ideal character for yourself. The psychological and Cosmic benefit to your health and thinking will certainly show itself in unmistakable ways in such exercises. Your days will be happier, and your associations will be more purposeful as you daily discover yourself growing into the ideal character that you desire to be.

Keep these points in mind in your practice of the Law of Assumption, for we are going to carry this formula through, examining and analyzing its usefulness and application in many ways. We want you to realize that you have in your hands a marvelous key for producing many astonishing results.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

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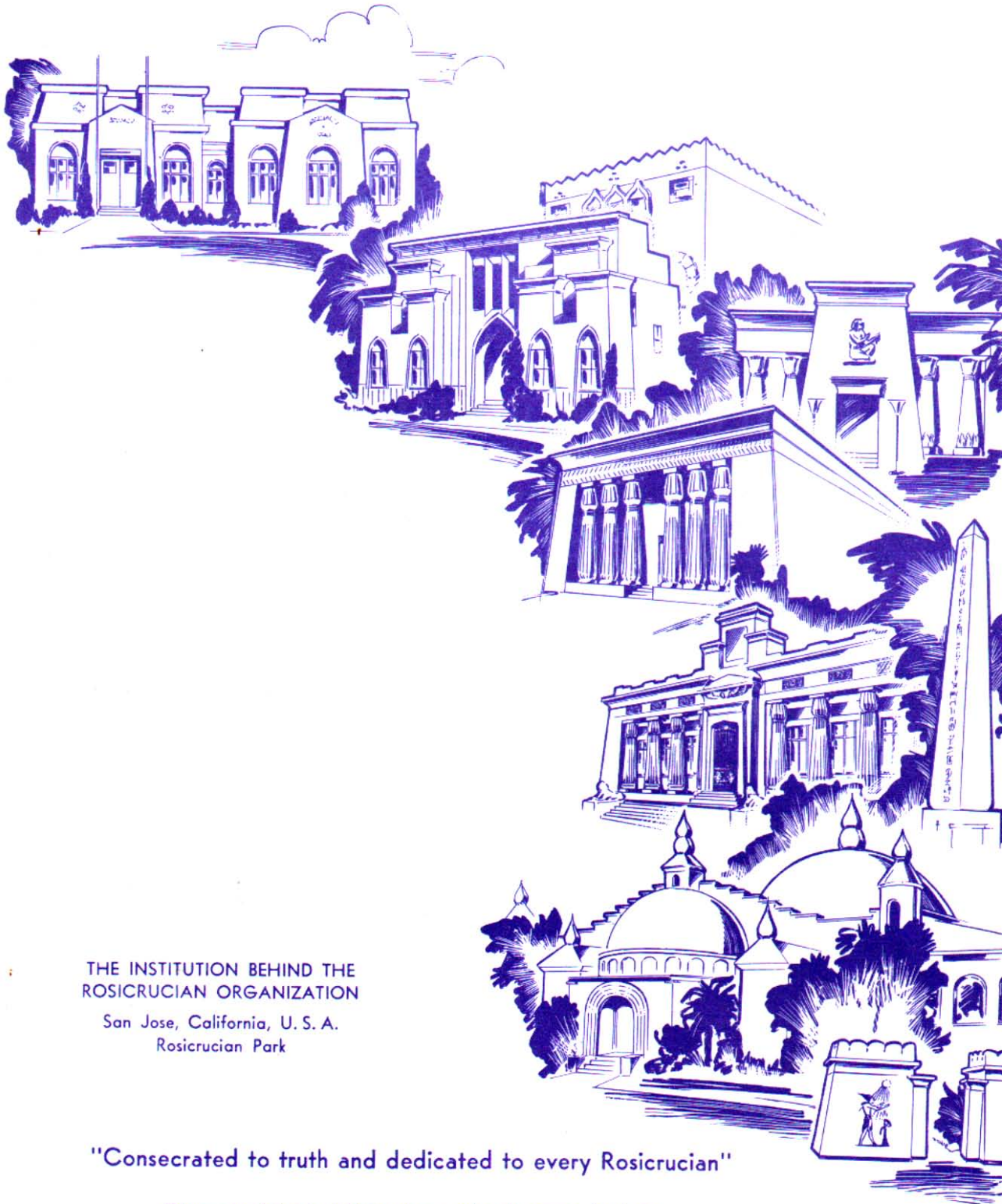


Summary of This Monograph



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 more the principles of the Law of Assumption are seriously tested and used, the more proficient one will become in applying them.
- ¶ In applying this law it is necessary to recognize that there is only one person involved, and you are that person. This singleness of identity is the great secret point in the process.
- ¶ The best period to use for practicing assumption is a time when the person whom you are assuming is not mentally or physically engaged and can sense the impressions coming to his consciousness.
- ¶ Destructive, unkind or deliberately injurious thoughts held during such an assumption will result in complete failure. Only constructive thoughts in harmony with the Cosmic law and consonant with mercy and justice will be effective.
- ¶ Practice these principles by using them to help others as well as for creating for yourself the ideal personality. The psychological and Cosmic benefit to your health and thinking will show itself in unmistakable ways.



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