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THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ The divine creative power, which can be controlled and directed according to man's ability to understand and apply it, is the force referred to in the following quotation from a source familiar to students of mystical subjects.



Furthermore, there exists in nature a force which is immeasurably more powerful than steam, and by means of which a single man, who knows how to adapt and direct it, might upset and alter the face of the world. This force was known to the ancients; it consists in an universal agent having equilibrium for its supreme law, while its direction is concerned immediately with the great arcanum of transcendent magic. By the direction of this agent it is possible to change the very order of the seasons; to produce at night the phenomena of day; to correspond instantaneously between one extremity of the earth and the other; to see, like Apollonius, what is taking place on the other side of the world; to heal or injure at a distance; to give speech an universal success and reverberation. This agent, which barely manifests under the uncertain methods of Mesmer's followers, is precisely that which the adepts of the middle ages denominated the first matter of the great work.

—ELIPHAS LEVI, 1810(?) - 1875

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To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

Do you realize that in a country of a hundred million human beings there are only about half a million who are living lives that are in accordance with right thinking and understanding? There are only about one hundred thousand out of the one hundred million who are exercising any of the creative and controlling powers which they possess; and only about ten thousand out of the hundred million who are beginning to understand their divine superiority and are really masters among men—not masters of the invisible world or great masters of the mystical world, but really masters here on earth—in regard to their own affairs and their own environments. In other words, the really evolved and truly developed human being represents but one in about ten thousand persons. Perhaps you will agree, then, that the matter warrants the serious consideration of the aspiring mystic.

The truly developed human being is a superior being; he is a master. He has a right to feel, sense, and believe that his development, his understanding, and his ability to do things make him superior to other beings in that regard. As he feels and senses himself in this way, he lifts himself out of the commonplace, out of the class of the average human being. A few persons throughout the world, therefore, represent the small minority whose business it is to lead the world, to lead mankind, and to be pioneers in all of the great achievements of human evolution. Even those who do not belong to organizations such as ours, still represent membership in the great universal Hierarchy. It is these superior beings who keep the world moving, who keep civilization tending upward, and who mark the path toward the ultimate goal of perfection.

Abraham Lincoln once said, praising motherhood: "God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers!" That is true in a physical and biological sense as well as in a spiritual and divine sense. God could not create children except through the means and assistance of mothers. We can change that comment slightly and understand that since God could not be everywhere to control everything in the process of civilization, He made it possible for one out of ten thousand to be His representative in a higher sense than the average human being, and thus to be a part of a group of persons known as the esoteric Hierarchy.

Above, I have said that all such persons do not have to belong to an organization or society, and they do not have to belong to the Rosicrucian Order. We must admit that the Rosicrucian Order, the Essene Order, or even the mystical secret society organized by Jesus, did not have in its ranks—and does not have in its ranks today—all of the fine spiritual personalities who are helping and directing the world to a better goal and a higher degree of civilization. The Rosicrucian Order does not have a monopoly of the masters and workers in behalf of universal love and universal peace,



or universal understanding and mastership. We may feel fortunate that in the past—and at the present time—the majority of the world's thinkers and miracle workers have been members of the Rosicrucian Order; but there are many others outside our organization, and outside any organization, who are mighty and masterful and whom we love and with whom we are ever ready to cooperate.

The Rosicrucian Order does not constitute the only path to perfection. It is probably the most practical one, and we are right in thinking it to be the best in many ways. We must not, however, become so blinded that our egotism makes us misjudge or underestimate the value of great souls who have been divinely illumined, and who are doing marvelous things today, although they have never been members of the Rosicrucian Order or any similar esoteric fraternity.

In this connection, one of the greatest contributors to the advancement of civilization, helping the afflicted, promoting education and religion, and especially doing a marvelous form of charity and scientific work for the benefit of all human beings was the late John D. Rockefeller, the President of the Standard Oil Company. He did not belong to any organization except the Baptist Church. He was not a Rosicrucian student, a Rosicrucian member, or a member of any mystical society; yet God decreed and ordained that this man should gather from all sources and in all ways an enormous fortune; and that he should use that money in ways which lesser individuals would never have used it.

He founded not only libraries, hospitals, churches, colleges and other institutions of learning, but also a medical research society and a medical institution that furnishes serum and other medical aids to hospitals and institutions and individuals throughout the world without fee. He amassed a fortune that eventually totaled a half a billion dollars; then, he gave it back to those who had helped him accumulate it—in the form of charity, instruction, and humanitarian enterprises. It might be said that those who helped him build that fortune are the ones who paid for the charity, who built the hospitals, institutions, schools, and colleges. That is true; but these individuals could never, of their own accord, have laid away small sums, organized them into large sums and finally into one big sum and distributed it in the same manner. Had it not been for one active and inspired worker and director, this means of advancing civilization would never have been developed.

While John D. Rockefeller was not a member, his interest in the principles of the Rosicrucian Order and his understanding of what it would mean to the world (carried over from past incarnations) were responsible for the earliest steps taken in the formation of AMORC. We see that God works through strange channels, and not always through an organization such as ours. Thousands of such workers in behalf of humanity are in the world today. Each of



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us in the Hierarchy is preparing to fulfill a similar mission. It is to help us toward that fulfillment that we are giving our attention to the present considerations.

So much has been said in the mystical literature of so many schools regarding the creative powers of the human mind that the phrase "mind over matter" has become common among students of mystical and occult philosophies and similar movements. The phrase is really not a good one because it implies a contest between mind and matter and that mind in such a contest can be victorious. There is no contest between mind and matter, but there is a contest between the objective mind of man and his subconscious or psychic self. The psychic and divine part of man is constantly struggling to dominate man's thinking, at least to guide and direct it, while the objective mind is constantly trying to silence the inner voice, pretending that the outer self is the most mighty, influential, and learned.

It is a demonstrable fact, however, that the mind of man (not the mere physical brain) can exert a control over matter when the individual wants to use such control and learns how to do it. This is because the mind of man (not the physical brain) is a part of the psychic or soul self which is part of the God Consciousness, having some of the attributes and powers of God. In saying that man has a part of the God Consciousness, one is not diminishing the power, supreme direction and control which God exerts throughout the universe. Nothing is taken away from God by realizing that man, created in His image, possesses some of His attributes and powers.

The divine powers which man possesses as a part of his soul and consciousness are controlled and directed by the mind (not the brain) of man. You will note the distinction between the mind in man and the brain in man. If this distinction is not clear, you should review, particularly the first three Temple Degrees, although most of you in this Degree must have realized that there is in man a divine intelligence and mental control that is not resident in the brain. The brain is a part of the physical, chemical, material, fleshly composition and consciousness of man. In all its functioning the brain is just like any of the other physical organs in the human body. The brain can go to sleep and be absolutely dormant—in fact, so dormant that it is almost "dead" when we are sound asleep at night. The "mind" or divine consciousness in man is still active, taking care of many important actions in the body while we sleep. A person chloroformed or injured in the head to such an extent that he is unconscious—the brain wholly inactive—through the divine control and intelligence within his body continues those important functionings which keep the body alive. In a newborn child, the brain has not developed any functioning, understanding or control of the body; yet the body grows and the organs function because of the "divine intelligence" in the body which is the "mind."



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This mind in man possesses or at least uses some of the divine creative and controlling powers possessed by God because the consciousness and intelligence of this mind are a part of the consciousness and intelligence of God. That is why mystics say that "God is within" the human being and not outside in some "heavenly place" as early religious writers and many devoted religious people seem to believe.

Man can use these divine and godly powers because the divine energies and creative powers of the universe flow from God through him and surround him. His mind (not his brain) is constantly in touch with and in control of these divine and creative powers of God throughout the universe. For this reason it is possible for man to do marvelous things and to control many of the manifestations of matter, producing or creating according to his ability to understand and apply the instructions given him.

It has been argued that if there is a divine power flowing through man, and if the mind in man can control this power, why must he have any objective training in order to use it? It has likewise been argued that if these powers and abilities have been given to man by the grace of God, surely man must possess the intelligence to use them, and needs no training or instruction. The fallacy of such arguments I want to discuss with you in the next monograph.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

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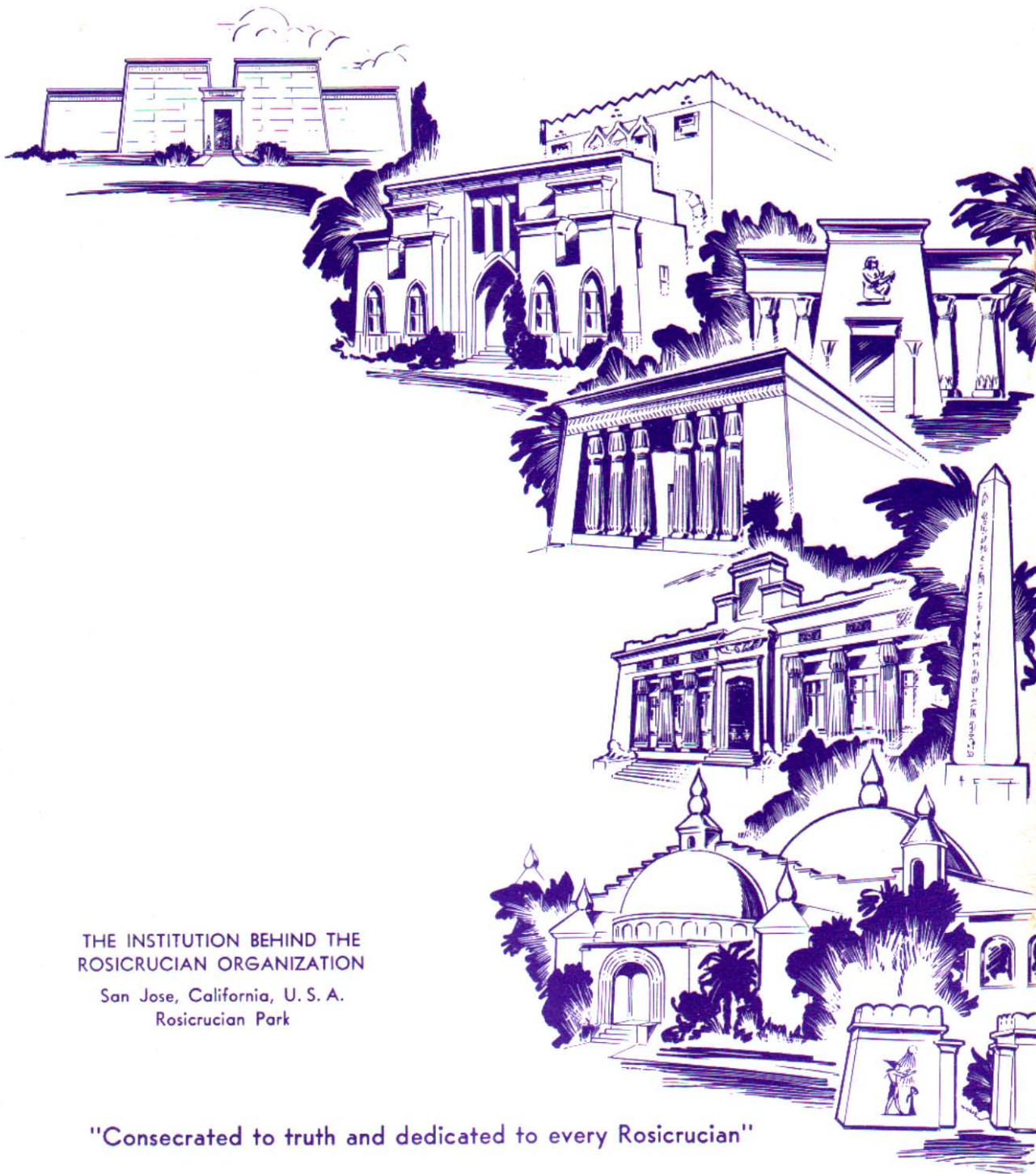


Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Really evolved and truly developed persons represent but one in about ten thousand, and it is this minority who mark the path toward the ultimate goal of perfection.
- ¶ The Rosicrucian Order does not constitute the only path to perfection, although it is probably the most practical.
- ¶ Thousands of workers in behalf of humanity are in the world today; many, such as John D. Rockefeller, belong to no organization but apply understanding developed from past incarnations. Each of us in the Hierarchy is preparing to fulfill a similar mission.
- ¶ The phrase "mind over matter" is misleading since there is no contest between mind and matter, but rather a contest between the objective mind of man and his subconscious or psychic self.
- ¶ The divine powers which man possesses are controlled and directed by the mind and not by the physical brain.
- ¶ Man can use these divine powers because the creative powers of the universe flow from God through him and his mind is constantly in touch with and in control of them. He can control many of the manifestations of matter according to his ability to understand and apply the instructions given him.



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