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# THE CONCURRENCE

This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ The words of a Scottish evangelical writer and lecturer, whose thought on evolution and man's spiritual ascent is mystically significant, appropriately introduce this monograph. We quote from *Ascent of Man* by Henry Drummond.



*With a Body alone, Man is an animal: the highest animal, yet a pure animal; struggling for its own narrow life, living for its small and sordid ends. Add a Mind to that and the advance is infinite. The Struggle of Life assumes the august form of a struggle for light: he who was once a savage, pursuing the arts of the chase, realizes Aristotle's ideal man, "a hunter after Truth." Yet this is not the end. Experience tells us that Man's true life is neither lived in the material tracts of the body, nor in the higher altitudes of the intellect, but in the warm world of the affections. Till he is equipped with these, Man is not human. He reaches his full height only when Love becomes to him the breath of life, the energy of will, the summit of desire. There at last lies all happiness, a goodness, and truth and divinity.*

—HENRY DRUMMOND, 1851-1897

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

I was right in expecting some members to write in regard to last week's monograph. A number have written to say: "Why is it that you have waited so long to take up this subject of acidosis and health and the Philosopher's Stone when all of this would have been of such great help to us long ago?"

My answer is that many of these points, in different ways, were included in the Sixth Degree, especially in regard to health and the nervous system. I wanted to wait until you had used many of the other recent exercises for rejuvenating, toning, and tuning the body before I introduced this subject of the Philosopher's Stone and acidosis. We are not going to turn our Twelfth Degree studies now into instructions regarding health, inasmuch as the average member is a normal individual whose health is undoubtedly better than it used to be, and does not need such help in regard to health matters. I want to stick strictly to such esoteric principles and ideas as will be helpful from day to day in building up the inner psychic and spiritual self.

One of the members of this class said to me: "Are all of these points leading to some final and ultimate end? It must be a very marvelous end, considering that many of us have been in the Order for a number of years and have been studying the weekly lessons regularly."

The members of this Twelfth Degree have been in the Order a very long time, and have received hundreds of weekly monographs and much instruction and guidance. It is true, too, that most of these members wonder just what is coming in the future and what is to be the result of having advanced from the First to the Twelfth.

In answer to these questions, I want to say that every member in this Twelfth Degree would probably have lived just as many years if he had not joined the organization. I would not want it thought that anyone has lived longer or is living today just because he joined the Order and has been faithful to it. He may have lived more happily, and certainly more healthily, more contentedly, and with more interest in life. Granting, for the sake of argument, that you expected to live these many years and hope to live a good many more, just what difference has it made whether you spent these years remaining a member of AMORC or not? That is the question.

Can you truthfully say that if you had never heard of AMORC and knew nothing of the principles it taught that your life would have been the same as it is today? Not one of us, it seems safe to say, would assert that he would have had the same interests in life or the same benefits if he had not joined AMORC. All would undoubtedly admit that AMORC has done something and that the Rosicrucian philosophy has made some change, some improvement, or addition, that helped make life worth-while.



Those who have kept membership in their church seldom say that membership in the church has meant nothing to them, or that they have gained nothing from it. They look upon it in two ways. First, they are aware of the benefits; and second, they feel happy in the help the church has been able to give to others through their support. Each of us naturally expects, and really demands, certain personal benefits and improvements as a result of our membership; on the other hand, we realize that we also owe an obligation to humanity and to the Cosmic. Through our membership in the Rosicrucian Order we are helping to assist others. We are helping to spread truth and light and benefit, and we are helping to make this world a little better. Therefore our membership is not wholly selfish and personal.

It may be that the monographs you are receiving now do not contain such startling and surprising and astonishing principles, exercises, laws, and statements as some of the earlier ones. This is true in any study. The longer you study a subject and along a given line, the more familiar you become with fundamental principles, and the less surprising becomes any point or principle presented. Some of these Twelfth Degree monographs would astonish, surprise, and delight the members in the First, Second, or Third Degrees if they could understand them. You are not astonished because you have already acquired so much information and knowledge, and have built up such faith and confidence in the fundamental Rosicrucian principles, that nothing would really startle and surprise you. A person who has been studying piano for ten or twelve years would tell you that during the eleventh and twelfth years, none of the work seemed as important and as surprising in its results as some of the lessons in the first and second years.

Because your inner psychic self has been developing and making progress, it is necessary that you constantly analyze and practice some of the higher esoteric principles. More refined and more concentrated thoughts and exercises are demanded now than in the earlier Degrees. What was good for your soul and psychic self and mind in the earlier Degrees is now too coarse, too heavy, and too cumbersome for your refined psychic nature and soul consciousness. Likewise, the thought and development contained in the present monographs are too refined and too mystical to benefit members still in the earlier Degrees.

It is a law that once the spirit, the soul and psychic consciousness of an individual start the process of development, it continues moving in that direction. Your mind and your consciousness continue along lines of constant refinement and improvement too delicate to be noticed objectively and in all outer manifestations.

Before the piano student was ever able to play the piano at all, it would have seemed surprising to hear him run his fingers over the keys in a perfect scale or a bit of melody. He himself would have been astonished at his own ability. As he studied year after year and improved his playing and his



knowledge of music, he would find the surprise at his own ability becoming less and less. The longer he studied the piano, the fewer outer evidences would he have of the improvement he was making. They would be so refined, so delicate, so technically exact, that they would not stand out as noticeable improvements as they did in the earlier days.

Periodic psychic contacts with members of the higher Degrees, and especially with our Esoteric Hierarchy, are very pleasing when we find their auras refined and their minds clear, happy, and contented. The difference between a member of the Twelfth Degree and one in the First or Second Degree, is easily noted; but it is hard sometimes to tell the difference between a Twelfth and an Eleventh Degree member just by the vibrations and the aura alone. A few weeks ago I contacted one of our Eleventh Degree members and found his whole development greatly upset. He was really as undeveloped or unrefined inwardly and psychically as a new member or even one not a member of the Order.

I was disturbed and made an immediate investigation. I found that serious worries of a business nature had turned him to drinking for consolation. He had revived an old habit mastered through our teachings several years ago. He had deliberately and wilfully returned to it. The habit had not returned of its own accord, but he had just thought that he could "drown his sorrows" and dull his mind to his worries by returning to drinking. He must have made a complete return, for he was thoroughly intoxicated from the effects of drink. It had so upset his mental, nervous, and sympathetic system that he could not control any of his psychic functioning, and he was a thorough victim of the condition.

In a few weeks I found that he was improving and I think that in another few weeks he is going to be back to his old standard of high development. He realizes now that he should have used his mental and psychic powers to cast off his worries and troubles instead of resorting to liquor.

This does not mean that the occasional use of liquor will cause a person to lose all of his psychic development. A moderate use of liquor has no more interference with the psychic development than the moderate use of coffee, tea, or any other form of food or drink. It is the excess that is wrong, and persons can go to excess in other things besides liquor. Liquor is not a necessary element of food, but on the other hand a small amount of liquor is certainly not a factor that will completely upset psychic development. When it is used to excess or continuously or with a wrong motive or purpose it does have a bad effect.



These recent monographs have been for the purpose of keeping your mind attuned with certain ideals and principles, certain laws and certain processes that will stimulate not only

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your mentality but also your psychic and Cosmic Consciousness. Periodically, I give you a new exercise or a new practice or a new principle that will help in some manner not touched upon before.

The general purpose of these monographs in the Twelfth Degree is to keep you all attuned with one another and with us as part of the Esoteric Hierarchy. You constitute the strongest psychic power and body in the world today. Your united thoughts and efforts constitute a psychic wave around the world that is used for good and can be used for greater good if any emergency arises. More important than that, your own development and power represent a high degree of protection for yourself and your family. You are able to do things and to call upon Cosmic and psychic powers in any emergency, and thus help prevent serious troubles. At the same time the deepening contact is giving peace to your mind, food to your soul and spirit, and keeping you spiritually and Cosmically balanced and in harmony.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER

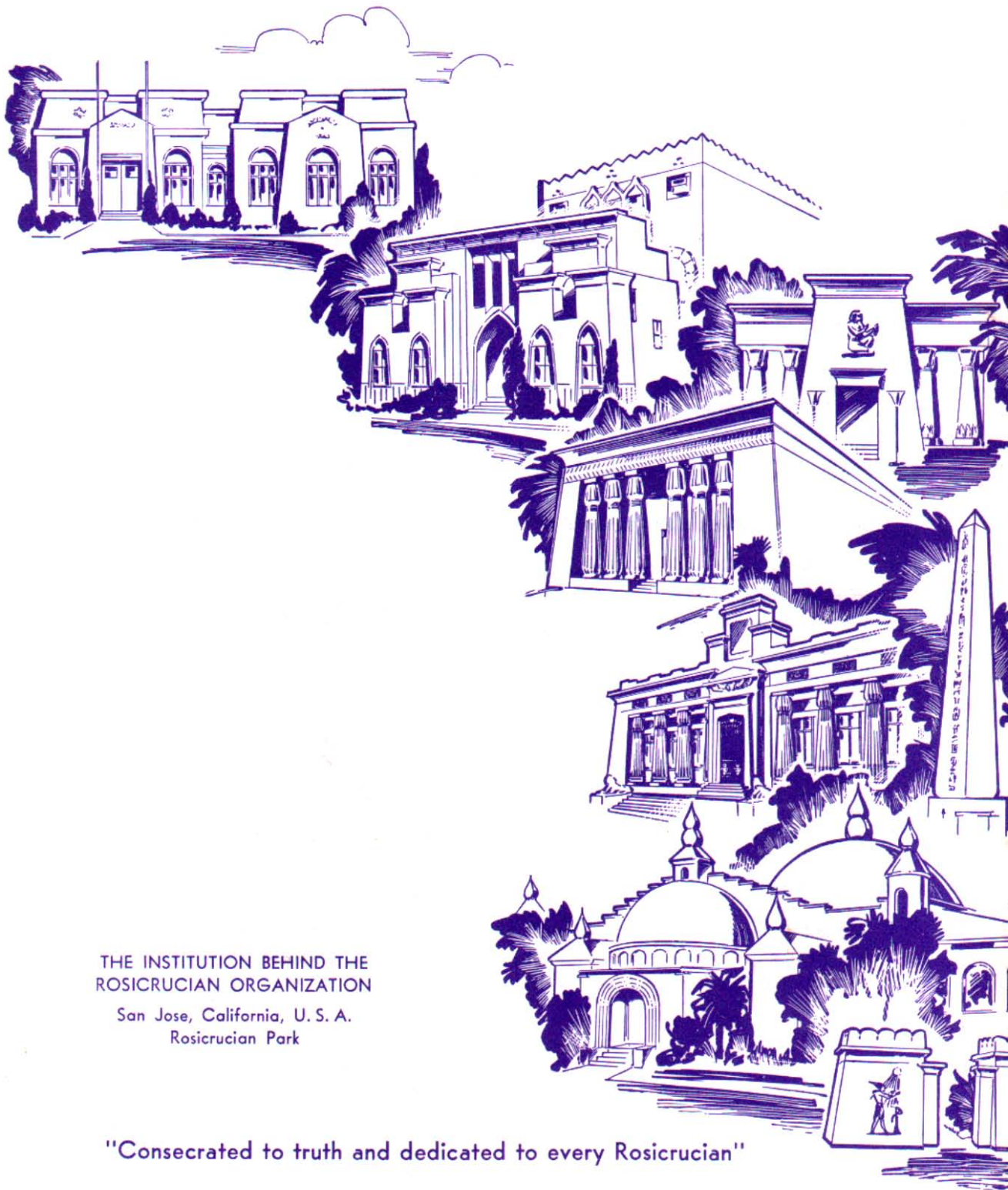


## Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ Many points in regard to health that are being discussed now were included in the Sixth Degree. However, only such esoteric principles and ideas helpful in building up the inner psychic and spiritual self will be considered in this Twelfth Degree.
- ¶ AMORC studies have made some change, some improvement or addition in the lives of all members of this Degree. Yet membership in the Rosicrucian Order is not wholly selfish and personal, for we recognize our obligation to humanity and to the Cosmic and are helping to assist others.
- ¶ Because your inner psychic self has been developing, it is necessary constantly to analyze and practice some of the higher esoteric principles.
- ¶ It is a law that once the spirit, the soul and psychic consciousness of an individual start the process of development, it continues moving in that direction.
- ¶ These recent monographs have been for the purpose of stimulating not only your mentality but also your psychic and Cosmic Consciousness. They are helping to keep you attuned with one another as a part of the Esoteric Hierarchy.
- ¶ United thoughts and effort constitute a psychic wave around the world that is used for the greater good. Your own development and power also represent a high degree of protection for yourself and your family.



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