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# THE CONCURRENCE

## This Week's Consideration of a Famous Opinion



¶ Epictetus believed all failure to be the result of placing a false value upon the phenomenon of existence, from trying to control what is uncontrollable, or from neglecting what is within our power. The essential principles he practiced were those simple ones which, as stated in this monograph, give us the satisfaction of knowing that when we go to sleep “we are at rest and at peace with ourselves.”



*Hence a wise and good man, mindful who he is and whence he came, and by whom he was produced, is attentive only how he may fill his post regularly and dutifully before God. . . .*

*Seek not good from without; seek it within yourselves, or you will never find it. . . . Appointed to such a service, do I still care where I am, or with whom, or what is said of me,—instead of being wholly attentive to God and to his orders and commands?*

*Having these principles always at hand, and practicing them by yourself, and making them ready for use, you will never want any one to comfort and strengthen you. For shame does not consist in having nothing to eat, but in not having wisdom enough to exempt you from fear and sorrow. . . . Only do not make a parade over it, nor grow insolent upon it; but show it by your actions; and though no one else should notice it, be content that you are well and blessed.*

—EPICTETUS, 60(?)—120(?)

To the Members of the Esoteric Hierarchy, Greetings!

As your instructor and guide, I realize that few of you are as well satisfied with your development and progress as you want to be. This lack of satisfaction helps spur a member on and keeps him from becoming too contented and self-satisfied. There is a difference between general contentment with life and that specific contentment expressed by the remark, "I am a success in life, and have everything I want and need. I do not need any higher understanding, for I am a living success!"

A little individual attention at this point is going to be given members to assist them in making a success of their studies and application. Your reports, letters, and problems are to be analyzed in their relation to your progress and your development. Through psychic means and Cosmic methods the Emperor, as Master of this class, is going to reach a few of you each week. He will then arrange the lessons and monographs that those problems which affect most of you will be emphasized and dealt with more clearly.

Some schools of affirmations used to teach that one who wanted to attain wealth and success should simply repeat to himself, "I am a success!" Such a process was nothing more than an opiate or drug to the mentality, the spirituality, and the physical actions. As long as a man could say—and half believe—that he was a "success in life," what need was there for him to open a book, go to church, do a kind act, or improve himself? There is a difference between not saying you are a success, and saying you feel you are a failure. No one is a failure in life who has a more or less normal body and health. Perfect health is not a thing to be constantly sought after or held up as an ideal because who is to judge, and by what standard, what constitutes perfect, normal health? Nearly all who believe themselves perfect in every way—physically, financially, socially and economically—are not in mentality or they would not go about with such delusions in their minds.

Most of you feel at times that you could make more improvement, and that is a fine thing. We may help one another. We are all united in one Hierarchy, or class, not only for the purpose of building up our individual abilities and powers and success in life, but also to make a unit, so that as a group we will be able to exert and demonstrate a power or force of psychic ability that will accomplish great things.

There is one thing that gives some satisfaction and a degree of contentment and happiness. That is the knowledge that when we go to sleep, we are at rest and at peace with ourselves. What has each one of us done during the day that hurt us most or interfered most with our future success and happiness? No one can hurt our own interests as much as we ourselves. No one can spend our money more rapidly than we. No one can interfere with our business success as surely as we. No one can change or reduce our social and community standing so surely and so quickly as we can by our own acts.





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We can be our own greatest enemies, and very often we are. We can be our own best advisors, our own best workers and supporters. Every man who goes into business or politics, or into some big movement, likes to feel that he has other persons supporting, backing, agreeing with and helping him. There is no greater support any man or woman can have, however, than the support of his or her own inner self. If you feel that you have cheated your own standing in the community, in business or social matters, then you have been your own greatest enemy that day. On the other hand, no one can bring about great improvements or changes in your life as surely as you can through Cosmic help—and Cosmic help is always ready and available.

No matter how you feel about your present development and success in Rosicrucian doctrines, the thing that counts most is how you feel in regard to your life and your life's work. If you have the love of others, if you have the admiration and respect of children, a husband or wife, brother or sister; if you have the trust and confidence of other persons; if you have the opportunity to do good, whether in business or only socially, you still have assets that a man does not have when he is locked as a prisoner on a lonely island. When we think of what Napoleon and Dreyfus had to suffer in their solitary confinement and imprisonment on an island, we realize that they would have given half of their lives to enjoy for one day the things you enjoy any day, and which you think of as just ordinary, commonplace things.

Both Napoleon and Dreyfus would have felt they had attained the greatest success in life if they could have walked around for one whole day absolutely free, unwatched, unsuspected, unhampered, unrestrained. To think you can do what you want to do, and as you please, for your own good and for your own self, and that you can read, or ride, or talk or walk or lie down, or go to sleep, or listen to a radio or perhaps go to a movie, or do any one of thousands of things that cost very little and are available to you and not denied you, should make you feel that you are enjoying some of the greatest of life's gifts and bounties.

I know that this does not constitute the unfoldment, the development, the attainment that you desire and which you expected to find through your connection with the Rosicrucian Order. You would be justified in saying that you had all of this freedom, all of these good things, before you joined the Order, and that millions of persons have these same things without being members of the Order. You expect to have more than they because you are a member of the Order, and you are justified in thinking that way. You should have something more and something better and something greater than you had before, or than the average person has; otherwise, there is no use in belonging to the Rosicrucian or any other fraternity.



How many times during the day or week do you actually use the power of your mind to create something you want? Do you



still feel that many of the things you want in life have to be purchased through or with the use of money, or through influence or hard work? Do you still feel that some of the things you wish in life for yourself or for others in your family can be obtained only if something else happens to improve your social, financial, or business condition? If that is the way you feel, you are deliberately putting a limitation on the power of your mind. How many times since you have been a member of the Rosicrucian Order have you sat and visualized the thing you want and what you want to do with it, and concentrated on it to create it in the Cosmic? Everything we want from life has to be created in the Cosmic first. Either God or man creates it. It has to be created in the Cosmic first before it is created in the material world. If we believe it is only through the use of money, influence, friendship, or hard work that we get the things we need, we are creating that condition as a law. It then becomes impossible to get those things except through the very way we have established.

Every day, here at Grand Lodge, some of us visualize and concentrate on certain things we want to see materialize, either for ourselves or for others. Every day we see manifestations of that law working out. We have become as convinced of the operation of the law as we are convinced of the fact that if we want to put a nail into a piece of wood we must find the nail and the piece of wood and hammer and drive the nail. We know that is one way of doing one thing. Just as we know that the hammer can drive the nail into the wood through the use of our muscle power, so we know other things can be done, created, and brought about by the use of our mind power.

We have advised you that you never will know the full, real power and extent of your mind and of your psychic development until you do apply the principles in a practical way, in a needful way in some emergency or necessity. There are many small necessities from one end of the week to the other when you can use these laws and should use them. I have had members drop in to see me who say they wanted to come the day before or a week previously, but that they had had a headache or were delayed or interfered with. Not one of them thought or realized that he could have used his mind power to change the conditions that interfered with his visit.

I hope that during the coming week each of you will try to make some demonstration to yourself of what you can do by using your mind and your psychic development to bring about something you want done. It may be only the curing of a headache or toothache. It may be just the stopping of some noise or some annoying thing that bothers you, but it may be even some business or important social matter, or it may be getting some improvement for your home or your business. You have the key, and you have the power and the knowledge, and you should use these things. I hope that from now on I can talk to you about many important ways to improve the conditions in your life.





At this time, we would like to depart for a few minutes from the subject of this monograph to discuss a matter of importance to our beloved Order.

Here at Rosicrucian Park we have very essential buildings and activities which are, in reality, a monument to individual members. These activities and buildings were not instituted or designed to pay tribute to a member, but they have become so in fact. There are many things which the Order does, the results of which we all share, that would not be possible if they depended upon dues alone. There is, for example, such experimentation as we do in our laboratories, designing of equipment to demonstrate some principle or law, the contributing of Rosicrucian books to public libraries, the inclusion of extra printed matter, such as charts and diagrams, in the teachings. How are these things made possible? The answer is simple. It is through the kind contributions of fratres and sorores. Those fratres and sorores who make a donation, either large or small, over and beyond their dues from time to time are greatly helping.

Some fratres and sorores have thoughtfully remembered AMORC in their wills or insurance policies, which has made it possible to build and expand the activities of the Order. Thus they individually and collectively have really left a monument to the Order, a monument of their own thoughtfulness. Moreover, they have made it possible to help many thousands of members in definite ways. Certainly, this is truly a Cosmic motive. All cultural and humanitarian societies need such legacies. A nonprofit organization such as AMORC could not subsist on its dues alone.

If it is possible for you to remember AMORC in your will or insurance policy, kindly do so. Remember, any amount, no matter how small, will be of great assistance. You have the assurance that it will be used entirely for the benefit of the Rosicrucian Order, which means the members at large and all those individuals who seek Cosmic enlightenment at its portals. The legal name to use in your will is the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC, Inc.

May Peace Profound abide with each of you.

Fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER



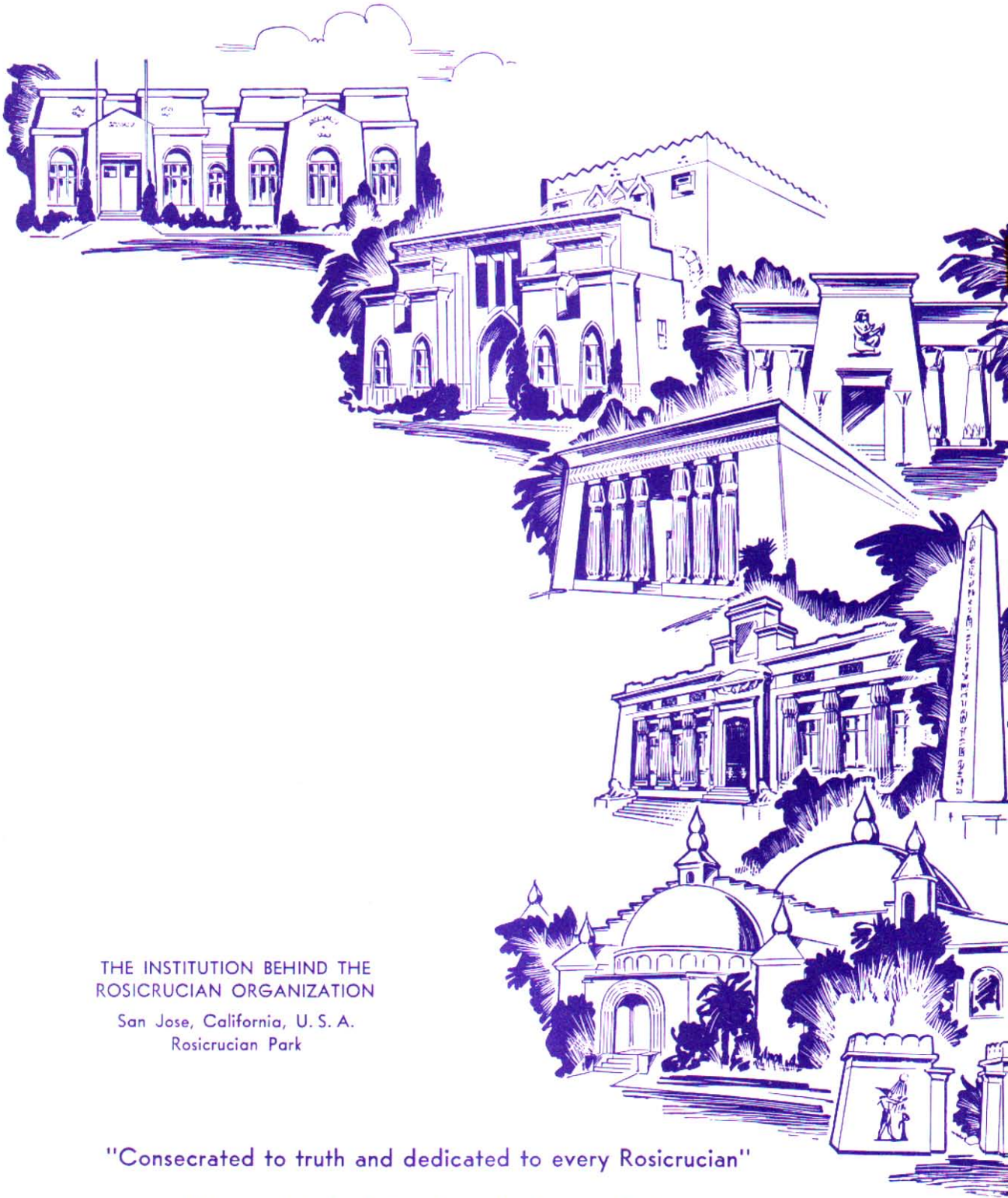
## Summary of This Monograph



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.

- ¶ We are all united in one Hierarchy or class to build up our individual abilities and to comprise a unit so that as a group we will be able to exert and demonstrate a powerful and constructive psychic force.
- ¶ Satisfaction is derived from the knowledge that when we go to sleep we are at rest and at peace with ourselves.
- ¶ Our inner self is our best comfort and support, the means by which we attain spiritual growth and success.
- ¶ Since everything we want from life has to be created in the Cosmic first, we must utilize our mental power of creating through visualization and concentration by materializing those things we wish in life for ourselves or for others.
- ¶ As Rosicrucians we may expect to have abilities and powers superior to those who have not had the benefit of our training.
- ¶ Individually and collectively, members have left a monument of their thoughtfulness to the Order by making it possible to build and expand the activities of the Order. If it is possible to remember AMORC in your will, the legal name to use is the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC, Inc.





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