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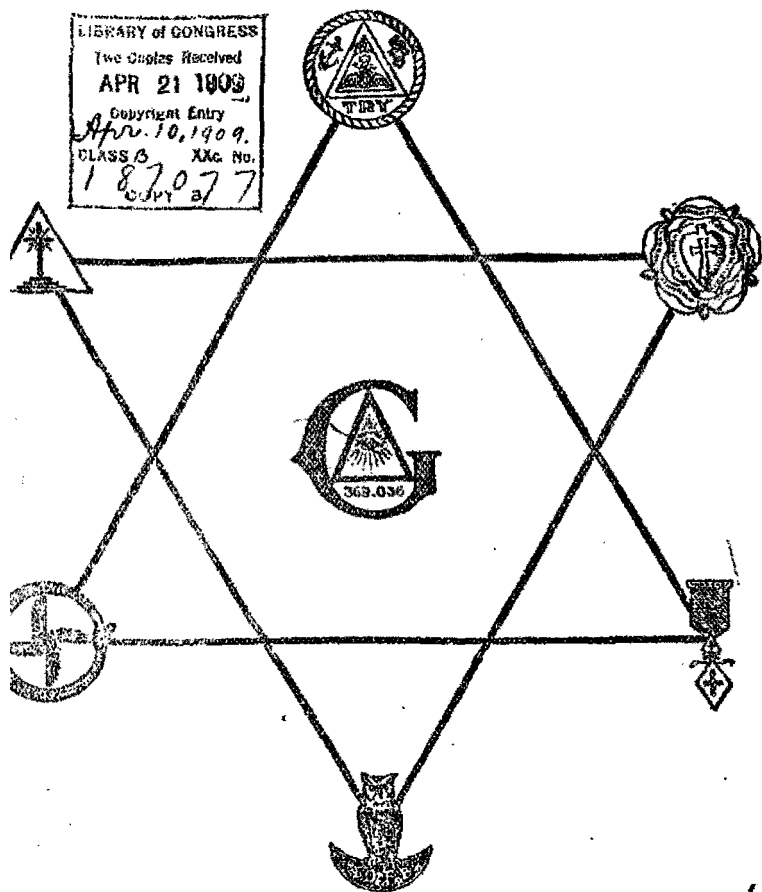
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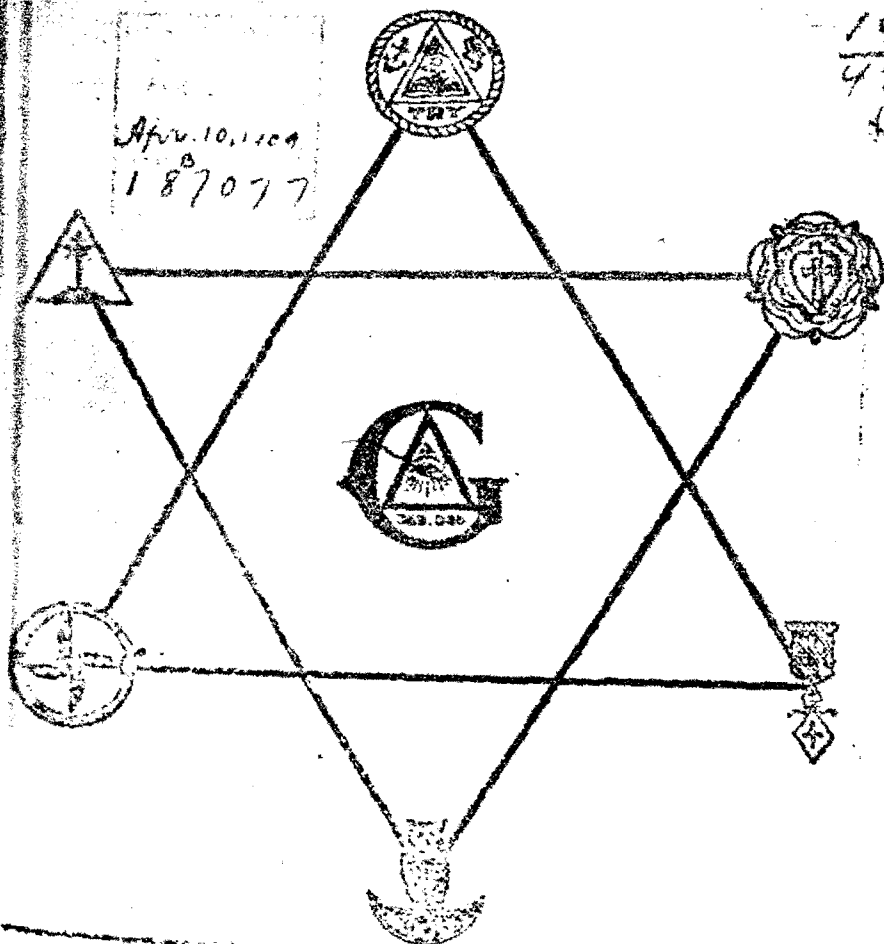
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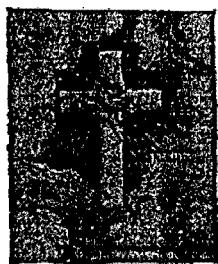
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Ye scorned him with an undiscerning scorn:

Ye could not read the marvel in his eye,

The still, serene abstraction: he hath felt

The vanities of after and before;

Albeit, his spirit and his secret heart

The stern experiences of converse lives,

The linked woes of many a fiery charge

Hath purified, and chastened and made free.

Always there stood before him night and day.

Of wayward, vari-colored circumstances,

The imperishable presences serene,

Colossal, without form, or sense, or sound,

Dim shadows, but unwaning presences,

Four faced to four corners of the sky;

And yet again, three shadows, fronting one,

One forward, one respectant, three but one;

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For the two first were not, but only seemed

One shadow in the midst of a great light,

One reflex from eternity or time,

One mighty countenance of perfect calm,

Awful with most invariable eyes.

For him the silent congregated hours,

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For he had congregated hours,

Seven brows, with shining eyes

Dauntless, tall, beneath

Sending a gleam

Of earliest youth, pierced through and through with all  
 Keen knowledges of low-embowed old),  
 Upheld, and ever hold aloft the cloud  
 Which drops, low-hung, on either gate of life,  
 Both birth and death: he in the centre fixed,  
 Saw far on each side through the grated gates  
 Most pale and clear and lovely distances  
 He often lying broad awake, and yet  
 Remaining from the body, and apart  
 In intellect, and power, and will, hath heard  
 Time flowing in the middle of the night,  
 And all things creeping to a day of doom.  
 How could ye know him? Ye were yet within  
 The narrower circle; he had well-nigh reached  
 The last, which, with a region of white flame,  
 Pure without heat, into a larger air  
 Upburning, and another of black blue,  
 Investeth and ingirds all other lives.'"

"To him, the great surging waves of this civilization hath brought only woe. But they have not destroyed him, nor his work. From the depths of his great heart, from the garrets of poverty, hath he sent his riches of thought,—which the world in its barrenness could not understand, or appreciate,—broadcast upon the ice-locked wastes. To him, the spacious sophistries of the day have been only the pulings of infancy. Forgetful of the little present; in view of the dead past, with its myriad eyes all faded and lustreless, gazing out of the thickening night of decay at him; forgetful of the shining orbs of the o'erarching skies of to-day; in view of the darkened stars and dead worlds of the foretime, which once blazed with pristine splendor,—he hath walked alone among the catacombs of Egypt, and questioned her ruins, her pyramids, her temples, and her drifting sands, and brought back her answer, which he has given to the world, a priceless legacy, under the title of "Preadamite Man,"—beyond all question, the most exhaustive, profound, convincing and satisfactory work upon human antiquity the world ever saw, or will again for many and many a long decade. Rested he then, after completing

his great work on the Human Origines? Nay; but casting it at the feet of the world,—dedicating it, by *direct request*, to his *personal* friend, and the friend of mankind, the lamented Abraham Lincoln,—he, discouraged on all hands by ungenerous rivalry and envy, forthwith applied the whole power of his exhaustless mind to the solution of a still mightier problem; and with fearless tread, lighted only by the lamp of God, he entered the gloomiest crypts of being, and dragged from the portals of the tomb its reluctant answer to the great question, which hath burst the hearts of men from earliest time: ‘If a man die, shall he live again?’ In doing which he died to the present, as much so as they whom he questioned. This man hath not sought in college halls for the thoughts of the mighty dead, but with his unaided hand he held aside the curtain that hides the past,—walked through the shadow, and talked face to face with the glorious founders of earth’s religions,—stood dazed and appalled before the effulgent glories of Rosierucia’s blazing temples in the hierarchies of the skies; and bowed low in the

“Freighted with gems from the golden shores of eternity, and jewels from the crowns of the upper hosts in the farther heavens—returning, he hath cast them also at our feet in his two works: ‘Dealings with the Dead,’ and ‘Disembodied Man,’ either of which works are sufficient to rest the fame of any man upon,—no matter how profound a thinker, or expert a fashioner of thought,—and I here assert without fear of contradiction, that these two works of rare and impassioned genius, in their scope and profound simplicity, yet majestic and surpassing range or sweep of thought, are not equalled by any other similar works in existence!—and they have made, and are still making, their mark, and influencing the thought and literature of the age, in spite of prolonged and envious efforts to hurl them down to death. They still live, thank God! to bless the world and instruct mankind.

“Not satisfied with this, and hearing much talk of a hell,



he sought and found its adamant walls, all charred and blackened with the smoke of eternal torment, and, bursting through them, stood undismayed amid the howling of demons and the shrieks and groans of the lost,—walked unscratched amid its fiercest flames, and dragged from its darkened caverns the *idea* itself, and showed it to the gaping herd,—the uncharitable, ungrateful, unthinking, forgetful world—which starved him for his pains—to be only in the miseducated *human heart*. This he has demonstrated in answer to the groans of the civilized world under the curse of ‘the social evil’ in his two masterpieces, called ‘Love and its Hidden History,’ and ‘The Master Passion; or, The Curtain Raised.’ Here he has lifted the sacred veil before which the civilized world bows down and worships, and calls the *hand profane* and unclean which dares disturb. Here he has told us the hidden meaning of ‘the sin against the Holy Ghost,’ which, according to one of the earth’s greatest thinkers is unpardonable.

“By a mistaken policy Dr. Randolph was induced to issue his second volume on Human Affection (his first was ‘The Grand Secret,’ now out of print)—under a *nom de plume*. He subsequently saw his error in that respect, made several alterations, and enlarged it somewhat, and was preparing to issue another edition when a seeming accident, but in reality a providence, gave birth to another masterly volume on the same theme: ‘The Master Passion; or, the Curtain Raised,’ and also determined him to publish both works, thereafter, under his own name, and with his own imprint thereon.

“The circumstances here alluded to, it is not necessary to mention further than to say that the *Preface* of ‘Love and its Hidden History,’ was taken from the volume after it was printed; but, as was said before, that rejected stone—that unfortunate preface—grew into the most perfect and comprehensive volume on human love that ever saw the light on this green earth of ours. Now both volumes are published within one cover, and no work of the century is creating a

greater interest, being more widely circulated, or doing half the good that it is, and it should be in the hands of every man, woman, and child in the land; for if it were, 'twere well for the world.

"These volumes comprise but a few of those written by Dr. Randolph; but owing to their trenchant power and reformatory character, I regard them as the most important of those now in print.

"Says John B. Pilkington, of San Francisco, California, in a communication to a Boston paper, under date of November 21, 1861:

"One after another has visited our shores, of the army of Humanity's teachers, and last, but far from least, came P. B. Randolph, and of him—as an acknowledgment of his service, gratifying to his many friends, but more because knowledge of the noble self-sacrifice of any person should be the world's property, as an example—I wish here to speak. We may praise, for he has gone again, sailing this morning via New York,—where he will make but a very short stay,—for Egypt, Persia, and the Orient,—has written two small, but important works, delivered something like twenty lectures, or orations rather, and the universal testimony of friends and foes of Liberalism is, that no speeches ever given on this coast have equalled them for scope, power, and eloquence.

"Pouring forth the tale of his own trials, temptations, falls, and efforts to rise again, he has carried conviction to many an obdurate heart and there cometh much good out of every Nazareth, but especially out of Imperial Rosicrucia! Many a narrow-minded bigot who listened to him, at first under protest, has had his soul expanded, and openly declares, 'Where I was blind before, now I see!' He was some little time in gaining a foothold; but did it. Large-hearted, condemning none, speaking well of all, and speaking just the needed words to all, his rooms and places of resort became daily a crowded levee, where, as he felt their

needs, he dispensed intellectual, moral, and material healing to those who asked it. Pecuniary success rained in upon him. Friendships clustered warm around him, yet, strange to say, when everything that makes life pleasant was being lavishly offered him, he electrified us by telling us that he had received commands to depart! Refusing money (the writer is cognizant of sums having been offered him varying from twenty to two hundred dollars, and in one case thousands of dollars) with the words, 'I am a Rosierucian, and cannot accept money; keep it. All I want will come as I need it;' untwining the daily deepening associations forming to keep him here; putting back fraternal love strong as that of woman's heart—with tears in his eyes, sorrow in his heart, he has gone on a journey of over thirty thousand miles, for two years in strange lands among inhospitable solitudes. *And all for an idea.* He went to seek more light, who was already universal in knowledge, and beyond all rivalry the first, best, and most clear-viewing seer and clairvoyant on the globe.

"Let no one hereafter condemn P. B. Randolph. He is a self-sacrificing, grand, moral hero! God bless you, Paschal! And hundreds, no, and thousands hereafter, will echo the benediction. You have commenced a work here that is already assured of immortality, and let it comfort you in your wanderings that through you, 'Try,' the motto of every Rosierucian, will have a power, a moral and mental influence never before possessed by word of angel or mortal utterance."

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Two weeks after leaving California he left for the Orient for the purpose of gathering information respecting human antipathy and ethnology, and treading spots sacred from associations connected with Christ, Plato, Mahomet and other great characters. This was carried out completely, and in 1861-2 successively visited England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Malta, Egypt, Arabia, Syria, Palestine, Turkey, and Greece,—the result being his celebrated work, "Pre-Adamite Man," whereof three editions were exhausted in a little over eight months. *This volume was dedicated to Abraham Lincoln, then President—at the expressed desire of that great martyr.*

"At the President's suggestion, Dr. Randolph, in 1864, went to New Orleans, and entered on the great work of educating the children of the freed people, with what success, let the hundreds of grateful people speak. The life motto of this man was:

"Pledged to no sect; to no creed confined;

The world my home, my brethren ALL mankind."  
and he lived up to it.

His work was indorsed and he was the close friend, associate and even advisor of such men as B. F. Wade, United States Senator; J. P. Sullivan, of New Orleans; and many of the leading lawmakers and rulers of the time. Abraham Lincoln was possibly one of the truest and best friends he ever had and it was through the Great Fraternity that Lincoln received his first instructions concerning the freeing of the slaves. Who assassinated him we know.

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hills; sages from France; mandarins from China; noblemen from England; thinkers from Germany; and even crowned kings invite him to their courts (Randolph was invited by Napoleon to his court and was the master of the Rosierucian Lodge to which Napoleon belonged), where he passes in and out the proudest king among them all! How does he do it? In 1858, he broke from the ranks of the party he belonged to; and the whole creed united almost to a man to crush him out. (See 'Soul, the Soul World.') How did it result? He stood firmer and rose higher than ever! Whence his power? At this very moment he stands literally stripped of all he owns in the world. How long will he stay so? Wait and see!

"Over twenty years ago, Dr. Randolph was known as a Rosierucian, and in that period he ascended the steps of the Mystical Brotherhood, outstripped thousands and rushing past hundreds of gray-beards in the mental race, until he attained the Chieftainship of the *true* Rosierucians of America and the isles of the Seas. and finally to the Supreme High Priesthood of the Order and Grand-Mastership of the combined Lodges of the earth likewise reaching the double office through his absolute defiance of poverty and wealth, and persistent pursuit of *ideas* alone!

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Rather a testimonial for a prosecutor to give to the prosecuted, but volumes could be filled of such testimonies and

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The normal will is rendered a mighty and powerful engine for positive good. You cannot deceive a *true Rosierucian*, for he soon learns to read you through and through, as if you were a man of glass; and he attains this power by becoming a Rosierucian only; nor can it be had through any other means. The Temple teaches its acolytes how to rebuild this regal faculty of the human soul—the *will*; how to strengthen, purify, expand, and intensify it; and one of the first results observable after a man has become a *true Rosierucian*, is that his vanity grows smaller by degrees, and beautifully less, for the first thing he fully realizes is that all he knows would probably make quite a large book, but that all he does not know would make a book considerably larger, and therefore sets himself to learn. Where there is a will there is a way; and after getting rid of *self-conceit*, the man finds himself increasing in mental stature by imperceptible gradations, and finds himself a learned man by a process which he cannot fairly comprehend, and one which is neither appreciated or known outside of the fraternity.

As a consequence of travelling on this royal road to knowledge, the Rosierucian soon learns to despise the weakness of wickedness, not by reason of any long-faced cant being poured into his ears, but because he finds out practically that manhood and virtue are safe investments, while badness or meanness won't pay. It is the universal testimony of all who have become *true Rosierucians*, that within its symbolic walls there is a deeply mysterious influence for

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VII. The doors of the lodges are never closed against the honest, honorable or aspiring man; nor can any earthly potentate, no wielder of an empire's sceptre, no wearer of a kingly crown, gain admission by reason of his eminence; for though he be a king, he may not be a *man*, a title far above all others on the earth—a title nobler than any other ever earned by mortals. We Rosicrucians are proud of our eminence—and justly so—for we are a *brotherhood of men*; and recognize *manhood* as the true kinship; hence we honor that man highest who knows the most, and puts his knowledge to the highest and noblest uses, not only towards his brothers, but in any field in the world's great garden, for are not we all brethren? Does not the great God rule over and love us? Even so. No man can enter our doors by reason of his wealth, for riches, unless put to manly use, are detrimental; bad, positively injurious. No man can enter our doors by reason of his fame, politics, or religion. The Order has nothing to do with a man's politics or religion, and it matters not what a man's creed is, so long as he is a *man*. The Baptist is welcome, but not as a Baptist; and so on with men of all other faiths. No religion, no faith, no politics can be discussed from our platform, nor will their introduction be tolerated one moment. We accept men of all creeds, except such as outrage decency, manhood, sound morals, and public order. No man is barred out of our Temple by reason of his poverty, for physical beggars are often kings in mind. All we ask or seek for in a man is *honor, honesty, and ambition to know more and be better*.

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The normal will is rendered a mighty and powerful engine for positive good. You cannot deceive a true Rosicrucian, for he soon learns to read you through and through, as if you were a man of glass; and he attains this power by becoming a Rosicrucian only; nor can it be had through any other means. The Temple teaches its acolytes how to rebuild this regal faculty of the human soul—the *will*; how to strengthen, purify, expand, and intensify it; and one of the first results observable after a man has become a true Rosicrucian, is that his vanity grows smaller by degrees, and beautifully less, for the first thing he fully realizes is that all he knows would probably make quite a large book, but that all he does not know would make a book considerably larger, and therefore sets himself to learn. Where there is a will there is a way; and after getting rid of *self-conceit*, the man finds himself increasing in mental stature by imperceptible gradations, and finds himself a learned man by a process which he cannot fairly comprehend, and one which is neither appreciated or known outside of the fraternity.

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The movement was inaugurated early in the eighties, nearly simultaneously, first by Doctor Wm. P. Phelon, in Chicago, Ill., and later by Mrs. Anna Bonus Kingsford, in London, England. For certain reasons, now explainable, the western inauguration took precedence and the eastern terminated; also for explainable reasons Doctor Phelon, as head of the order, moved the headquarters to the Pacific coast where they are now located in San Francisco. There are centers in different portions of the United States and individual members scattered through the United States, Canada and England.

The order is primarily distinguished from others working along similar lines by insisting that its members begin to carry on and continue a course of self-instruction and discipline having for its object the development, growth and permanent up-building of what may be known as "higher-self," within themselves, as distinguished from the lower and more sordid physical nature. In this education and discipline no doctrines are taught, each member being instructed to seek truth on all planes of consciousness and to appropriate such as will most perfectly tend to accomplish the object sought.

A cardinal principle of the order is silence, in what we call the "Tenet of Silence."

This may be interpreted as follows: Each member working with himself, and by him-



Seventh. The correction of errors arising through ignorance is the vehicle for the attainment of knowledge. When you recognize an error, you learn something. This is the mystic sense of the statement made by Paul the Initiate, viz.: The law (Divine Mode of Action) is the Schoolmaster that leads me to Christ (Christos Knowledge).

The correction of errors arising through wilfulness is the vehicle for the attainment of character. "Blessed are the poor in spirit" means Sanctioned of God are those who have diminished the dominance of their lower nature and have exalted the dominance of the higher.

That which lasts, that which "passes through" and endures forever is Divine Character and it is formed by the voluntary correction of error. Every act that corrects an error is an act of redemption. There are three aspects of redemption. That of the redemption of the Individual entity; that of the race, and in the larger aspect that of the redemption of Creation. When creation shall have accomplished its purpose, when all things shall have been fulfilled; when all error shall have been transformed into the Divine Harmony, then shall the end of the world, typified by fire, be at hand; but the fire is the fervent heat of the Divine Love which shall be recognized everywhere and shall permeate everything.

God—by direct act—does not correct error. That which produced error must become enlightened by "the light that shineth in darkness" and the darkness must slowly learn to comprehend the light and make its own corrections. Every right choice contributes to this consummation.

Eighth. The adjustment or correction of error by the individual while it aids the growth of the individual in knowledge and character, contributes to still further progress by bringing about a higher condition of knowledge which is called Understanding.

Ninth. Understanding is the open door through which the individual gets his perception and comprehension of Divine Wisdom. This satisfies and develops his mental nature and brings peace to the emotional. Righteousness and Peace are united in loving embrace and harmony exists in the individual; and finally, the individual after a long series of choices and adjustments embracing many cycles of lives, by means of, and as a result of, his own efforts and struggles and by the development of his own potencies and potentialities becomes fitted to enter into what is mystically

called "The Rest that remaineth for the people of God." Mark the word "remaineth" after all is done, after all is passed through, after all things else are left behind, there *remaineth* God and God-like individualized characters.

I have indicated to you, in brief, a line of study in Spiritual Evolution. Study and compare it with the Evolution of the physical and you will find no want of harmony of correspondence—for there is one law and He that worketh is one.

Observe the fact that the individual entity makes his own character by his own acts and choice; he "grows" his own "soul" by the self-development of his own potentialities; by the exercise of his own will and determination; he "overcomes" by his own efforts; he climbs the ladder of attainment by his own exertions. He makes himself. He is not created. He creates himself. In his choice he must stand alone. In his acts he can have all the help that he desires and will accept.

The boundless resources of Divine Omnipotence remain in his environment for his personal aid and succor. The sheltering arms of Divine omnipresence are always extended to him for comfort and sympathy. If he will have aid, sympathy or comfort, all is subject to his request, but he must make the choice. It lays with him to accept or to decline.

In the very "nature of things" there can be no interference with the free choice of the morally self-conscious individual for in that way alone lies the road to perfect individualization.

The individualized entity must be left to his own free choice, so that when he does arrive at the apex he may be able to say: "I am that I am."

He must become "Son of God" and he must also become "Son of Man."

In Mystic language this is called, the "Divine Marriage," and its final consummation is called "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb."

With fraternal greetings,

SOLARIUS.

self striving to attain the accomplishment of so transforming his character that its spiritual nature shall become uppermost and dominant and the lower nature practically silenced through and by means of this transformation.

The process of transformation not being carried on by suppression but rather by substitution, the method being to substitute the finer for the more coarse and thus by persistence in well doing to bring the higher into dominance and the lower into silence.

When we say that we have no doctrines we mean that we have no standards of belief to which we require our members to subscribe.

All our members are positively pledged to preserve an attitude of sympathetic charity towards the individual belief or opinion of each and every other member, recognizing that there is good in all and that by mutual interest and sympathetic unity good can be obtained from all.

There is, however, among our members a general consensus of belief. We believe that through the exercise and cultivation of certain finer and inherent forces, intelligent communication can be had with individuals of the unseen world and that aid, instruction and guidance can be received from advanced members therein. This we designate as our "Unseen Section" and the two sections, visible and invisible, work together in harmony.

We have ample and trustworthy evidence that in the section of "Unseen Section" there are entities of great power and wisdom who are in the possession of vast accumulated experience and insight, who are guarding, influencing and sustaining our work.

In general the line of study pursued by our members tends toward the inductive system of philosophy as distinguished from the deductive.

We recognize Buddha, Zoroaster, Pythagoras and other great teachers, but we are more particularly distinguished from the Oriental cults by our recognition of Jesus of Nazareth as, to us, pre-eminently the *Master*.

We sympathize with and adopt many of the teachings of theosophy, particularly the doctrines of "Karma" and "Reincarnation," and we also sympathize with and recognize many other societies and teachers of what may be classed as "advanced thought."

In our studies we use books written by learned minds throughout the world, but we use them as vehicles, not for the extraction of dogma, but for the procurement of what seems to us essential esoteric truth.

As will be seen, the order is somewhat unique and does not appeal to the taste of the great mass of seekers for new things. It is yet in its incipency and naturally its growth is slow, but years have passed and each year has brought added strength and we now feel that the order has come to stay as a prominent factor in the aggregation of forces that make for good.

We look forward to the time when the general advancement in knowledge by the great mass of humanity shall be such that it will require the gathering up of many forms of religious belief now dispersed throughout the world and that out of the aggregation of this consensus of belief there shall come a re-statement of spiritual truth that shall be in harmony, not only with itself, but with all modes of Divine action on every plane of human existence, and we trust that when such time arrives that we may be able to contribute our share and do our portion in such a great work.

We are distinctively a religious society, without creed or dogma, without discipline, without church government. Our only requirement being that each member shall preserve a kindly attitude of respect toward each other member and that he shall do his best to discipline and govern himself and observe practically the Tenets of Silence.

Any one in sympathy with our line of endeavor will be welcome to become a member.

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From the most remote antiquity history has recorded the healing of the sick through Occult and Metaphysical forces directed and transmitted by one person to another.

We learn that the transmission of these forces and influences takes place more or less under the objective conscious supervision of the operator according to plane of his Occult development, and cause corresponding changes to occur in the mind or body of the person acted upon; the results obtained depending upon several factors resident in both patient and healer. These factors involve to a large degree the patient's susceptibility to the influences of the special operator who may be treating him, as well as to his mental attitude toward the effects of such curative agency. His relative receptivity plays an important part in the results produced upon his organism. The character of the agency involved must also convey to that organism such specific, subtle vibrations and co-ordinating influences as will establish a normal equalization and distribution of the vital forces; and restore perverted structures and functions to health. Disease in its manifestations is but disturbed co-ordination in the balance of activity between related structures. Restoration to health (cure) is but the re-establishment of proportional distribution of vibrational, vital (which is Magnetic) balance; to perverted structures and functions to which, according to their relative requirements, through perversion, an excess or deficiency of vital energy (Magnetism) is being supplied as the case may be. Equalized and accurately adjusted circulation of the blood to all parts of the body, according to the needs of each tissue, is one of the greatest factors conducive to a moral, healthy state of each individual part. Too much blood supplied to any area is followed by inflammation, stasis, congestion, and degeneration of that part, according to the degree the circu-

lation has been distributed. A deficiency of blood to a tissue or structure causes anaemia, local starvation, and degeneration also. How is the vital mechanism which regulates the amount of blood supplied to each separate area constructed? One of the greatest factors conducive to a high state of health and tissue nutrition is an accurately adjusted equalization and distribution of the blood circulation to all parts of the body. This is normally maintained as follows: The walls of all the arteries contain muscles, of the smooth or involuntary variety, which are not directly under the control of the will. Following each artery and distributed upon its walls, and within its coats, is a network of sympathetic nerves; from this network a nerve fibre is sent to each muscle cell in the arterial walls. These networks of nerves are connected with centers of control, located in the chain of ganglia strung all along, in front and on each side of the spine and extending above within the skull as far forward as the junction of the two anterior cerebral arteries, and below along the spine, as far as the last vertebrae. There are located also, in the substance of the spinal cord itself, centers which are higher in their offices than those in the ganglia; and these again through ascending and descending nerve fibres in the gray matter of the cord communicate with the highest general center, which is seated in the fourth part of the brain or the top structure of the spinal cord, called the medulla oblongata, which is really the switch-board for everything passing between the brain above and the body below. Every nerve fibre and every arterial muscle cell in the body is indirectly connected with this principle vaso-motor nerve center. The arterial walls are also in sympathetic communication through nerves with the tissues surrounding them, and through these nerves there is a continuous, reciprocal exchange of communication between the tissue cells of each area and the walls of the blood vessels supplying them with nutrition, which regulates the supply of the blood to them. The tissue cells and the muscular walls of all the arteries are moreover in close communication with all of the ganglionic, spinal and chief centers, so that the center in the medulla really controls the whole circulation. To understand this complex mechanism and its physiology we must first recognize consciousness in every cell of the human body; after this we must recognize the transference of this consciousness to and from each cell, to every other cell;

