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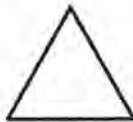
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THE ROSY CROSS.

THE origin of the Rosy Cross is known only to the oldest initiates of the order. Its symbols are as ancient as the Egyptian Mysteries and its principles underlie all religions, ancient and modern. In modern times the names of Christian Rosenkrutz, Robert Fludd and Francis Bacon have figured prominently in its literature; but historically, there are few exoteric landmarks of the Order.

Rosicruciaë is spiritual, not material; a Fraternity rather than an Order. Its members are gathered from the East and the West, from among the lofty and the lowly, the learned and the unlearned, wherever there are free souls, and sympathetic and aspiring natures. It embraces all ages, races

and climes, and reaches from the visible far into invisible realms of being. Silence, secrecy and unpretending good works are its characteristics, and one member may pass his life next door to another and neither be aware of the bond between them unless some stress of need draw the curtain aside. The law of Silence is particularly emphasized, obedience to the injunction to "enter into the closet and shut the door" being imperative on all who would have access to the sources of power.

Each age calls for restatements of truth, specially adapted to its understanding and use, and the present age is no exception. That which was hidden from the ignorant and vicious under symbols and figures in the past is emerging from its outgrown shell so that he who runs may read. The veil of Isis has become a misty cloud, destined to disappear in the broader light of the coming century, and while the Rosy Cross has its lodges, passwords and signs, these external forms are regarded with indifference

by the genuine Rosicrucian, who is aware that he can become a complete epitome of the Order only through development of its principles within himself.

While the Rosy Cross has no creeds or dogmas to which the initiate must subscribe, there are certain principles which all true Rosicrucians accept. Among them is belief in the impartial Fatherhood of God and the universal Brotherhood of Man, thus recognizing the Unity of Spirit in all manifestations of Life.

Reincarnation is generally accepted as a truth, and salvation is the freedom of the soul from successive embodiments in earthy forms, wherein pain and pleasure alternate; where the glow of genius is dimmed by the darkened understanding of age, and the flame of passion is quenched by the chill of disease and death.

Humanity desires happiness, but none ever fully attains it, because it is sought in individual conditions and possessions, while it can be gained only through the uplifting of all souls every-

where. Life is homogeneous, and perfect rest will come to the individual soul only when the soul of the race is at rest. Therefore, whatever makes for the kingdom of heaven among men is the way to happiness for the individual. Men and women are born free and equal, but each one comes immediately into conditions destructive of freedom and equality,—conditions which man himself has created in the evolutionary processes of thought and life. He binds himself with creeds, forms and codes of action which divide man from man, create the iron bondage of caste, and limit freedom of thought by fear.

The recognition of universal brotherhood, and of the truth that all are entitled to equal rights and privileges in the house of the Common Father and Mother is an important step in the path the soul must travel toward the perfected life.

The cult of the Rosy Cross embraces the culture of the whole man, and this is carried on through vibrations set up in the emotional or soul

nature by the Will. These vibrations exalt and expand the energies of the soul, and this culture is the *work of salvation*, which is not freedom from consequences, but deliverance from evil desires and tendencies. That which is recorded cannot be erased, but a new record may be made which will cast the old into the limbo of forgotten things.

The past belongs to God, with all its failures and sins; but the future is man's to mould and fashion as he will, for himself and for the race.

Vibrations may be indefinitely transferred by oral, or mental suggestion, and the instructed soul consciously arouses, excites and directs the thoughtless and ignorant through vibrations. Ignorance unguards the soul, furnishing conditions of receptivity to good and evil suggestions, which uplift or degrade. Mind responds to mind, soul to soul, spirit to spirit, through vibrations in the ether.

The invisible world of spirit is drawing near to the earth-plane, and the souls of men respond wherever they

are sensitive to etheric vibrations. The Rosy Cross has long sensed this incoming spiritual tide and confidently expects the breaking away of the clouds of ignorance which have long obscured the light of the inner heavens. The pyramids, the buried cities, the tombs and mountain retreats of the old world are giving up their long hoarded secrets to the push and enterprise of the age; but their wealth of knowledge and wisdom, though grand and wonderful, sinks into insignificance when compared with the treasures of the kingdom concealed in the soul of man ready to be revealed for *use*. This is the Kingdom of Heaven which is taken by force, the force of persistent desire and effort.

Thoughts are not things,—they are greater than things. Thought is the energy, the inherent force of things, and comes from the Primal Intelligence which is above and beyond all things. The mind is an instrument manipulated by unseen, but not altogether unknown forces. Its energies do not belong to us; they are lent

for use, and the only merit which we can claim because of superior adaptability of the instruments is in the quality of their use.

The power to project this force or energy of the soul is inherent in human nature, and our department of the Rosy Cross culture is devoted to instruction and training in its use. To vibrate the etheric atoms of the body is to set in motion the ether of space; to exercise the Will in breathing is to connect with the space of Will, charging the body with electricity, power and life; but the fervent *desire* to attain to any condition sets in vibration the finer essences of spirit that connect with the love-soul of the universe, the Infinite Love. Every aspiring soul reaches some plane in spirit that corresponds to itself, and which it can absorb and use.

There are Seven Spaces of Spirit corresponding to the Seven Great Powers,—four Mundane and three Spiritual, or psychic. Those corresponding to the Mundane Powers are,—Mineral, Vegetable, Animal, Human; the

Spiritual Spaces are,—Faith, Will and Love. All the spaces are filled with Societies, Orders, Associations, Brotherhoods, which correspond to every condition possible to man. Connection with the beings inhabiting these spaces may be attained by systematic training and effort. This is not mediumship, so called, but the entering into and possession of the knowledge and power of the space contacted. Man, body and soul, is the Temple of the Infinite Spirit, and in him are etheric atoms belonging to all spiritual states and spaces; some active, some latent. Those which are active connect the individual with the space with which he has the closest affinity, and the influx from it is largely unconscious. To illustrate: Beethoven was by nature affiliated with the Musical Societies and, being a fine instrument attuned to the inspirations of that space, he holds the world entranced by superhuman melodies. Socrates contacted the Philosophical space, Napoleon, the Strategic; but the full soul of the Prophet of Galilee came forth from and breathed the

inspiration of the most interior space, the space of Love.

To aspire is to become, in time and in eternity; for aspiration connects the soul with the spaces of spirit vibrating with immortal energies. Man makes and unmakes himself; "He fails, sickens and dies through feebleness of will." Physical life is only a series of vibrations whose intensity may be greatly increased by persistent use of spiritual forces.

Degrees of soul-force depend on the rapidity of the vibrations of the flame uniting the three powers which constitute the human ego. This trinity of Intelligence, Will and Love is a manifestation of the Divine Trinity in Unity, making of man a microcosmic God.

The soul is a glowing spark in an Infinite Flame.

The vibrations of these triune forces develop heat, which is generally diffused throughout the body as a gentle warmth. This heat may be powerfully increased and drawn to a center in the breast, where it burns with a pure and conscious flame. This is the baptism

with fire and the Holy Ghost (*Geist*, Spirit) and is typified by the fire kept burning on the altars of the ancient temples. It is also the transmuting fire of the Rosicrucians, which certain of the old alchemists misunderstood and materialized to mean the transmutation of the baser metals into gold.

This flame in the breast is an evidence of the Christ-union, the seal of immortality, and is possible only to the pure in heart. To the impure and unholy, the increase of spirit vibrations fills the soul with an unquenchable thirst and an insatiable hunger, which destroy soul and body by a slow combustion of unrest, impure desires, disease and death. This flame is the point of contact with the source of all power and knowledge, and sometimes it finds a voice. With Moses it objectified in the form of a burning bush, and the "still small voice" of spirit became audible to the external ear.

Referring to this flame the great Persian sage, Zoroaster, says, "When you *see* the fire, listen for the *voice* of the fire."

This inner fire burned with conscious power when the disciples walked with the risen Jesus on the way to Emmaus. "Did not our hearts burn within us, while he spake to us on the way?"

It has well-nigh ceased to burn on the altars of human hearts, but the *Rosy Cross* has preserved a spark of it and now calls to the wise virgins, whose lamps are trimmed and burning, to unveil the light for the illumination of the world.

Love is the only antidote for Evil; force will suppress, but will not prevent it. The peaceful, gentle, forgiving vibrations of love open the invisible spaces from which descends purifying and regenerative power. Through the vibrations of love, war will cease, crime and its vindictive punishment will pass away, and practical help will supersede sermons, prayers and the legal restraints with which society now ignorantly strives to protect itself. Crime should be prevented rather than punished, criminal tendencies detected, undermined and destroyed, and the transmission of criminal in-

instincts rendered impossible. All this may be done through spiritual vibrations, and this is one of the fields of work which specially engages the attention and efforts of the Rosy Cross.

The concentration of effort and the union of many *minds* in one vibration creates societies, sects, governments, on the plane of its action; in the same way spirit, by *projection*, creates and destroys. Spirit individualized in a human body is no less spirit than when disrobed. There are conclaves in the spaces of spirit in which the souls of men and women who are still of the mundane world take part, equally with those who have cast off the body. Convocations are held when the interests of earth-life are represented by those in earth-bodies who, in soul projection, are in the spiritual spaces, and questions touching human interests most nearly are considered. Such a convention, giving exclusive attention to the application of the great principles of sex, has long been in session. It has removed the ban of silence from woman, and caused her equality with

man to be recognized in many ways; but the projection of this truth into the external world has been difficult, owing to the prejudices and superstitions of men.

ROSICRUCIÆ invites woman's co-operation and has made her eligible to its councils and helpful influences on the same terms as her brothers; it now boldly proclaims the feminine principle as embodied in woman to be the Saviour of the Race. Being the most spiritual, she is the vibratory center between God and man. Through her elevation in the thought, will and love of man, the influx of crime, lust, and disease from the lowest hells will be checked, and the incarnation of lofty and pure souls will be facilitated. This can only be accomplished by the co-operation of the visible world of souls with the invisible.

Sex is of the body, soul and spirit, and is as eternal as is the Creative Power, for by and through its principles all things exist. Its activities are always creative, for generation on one plane creates another plane similar but

a little higher. Vibrations of the body are the result of vibrations of spirit, which they involve, and all vibrations are creative in accord with their plane of activity. Sound vibrations reach the ear, thought vibrations the mind; but the powerful and far-reaching vibrations of emotion move the soul, and the motion is infinitely sustained.

Love is the creative center and the vibrations that harmonize the conditions, interior or exterior, of each individual are generated at that center. It is the love of *one*, not of many; for all sincere and genuine Rosicrucians are monogamists.

Love in the physical has its correspondence in the spiritual nature,—it is one, for Love is Spirit, and all its vibrations are creative. What we name matter is an effect produced by spirit transforming itself through vibratory motion.

Nature makes no mistakes; she is the word of God to which nothing can be added or taken away by man, except to his own hurt. The separation of the masculine and feminine in

thought, emotion, or physical life, is destructive, not constructive. In their perfect blending on all planes, lies the secret of power, and the Lost Word is unity—*one*.

The natural use of the organs of the body, as of the faculties of the mind and powers of the soul, is an imperative duty to all who would perfect the human nature. The orderly exercise of mind and will is required to preserve the harmonious balance of being, so that life on all planes shall march together in orderly sequence.

To be self-poised and perfect in rhythmic motion, like the worlds swinging in space, is the prerogative of every human being; but only those who have *found the center*, and lighted the flame on that altar, approach that condition. It is not attained by ignoring the selfhood or in disuse of the functions of body or mind.

The ROSY CROSS makes no noise; it loves the Infinite Silence, and works through vibrations of Thought, Will and Love. It is ready to point out the path and to clasp hands with any who

desire to work for the advent of the new civilization. To this end, the fraternity desires *souls* rather than money; earnest, active, sincere students and workers. Not all who knock can enter. Before one can become a member of the visible Fraternity, he or she is already enrolled among the Invisibles.

“Not everyone who saith Lord, Lord, can enter into the kingdom,” saith the Christ, and one before Him affirmed “Many are the wand-bearers, but few are the true Bacchanals.”

Those who can recall the conditions of life fifty years ago will appreciate the gigantic strides man has made along the lines of progress. The twilight of the stage-coach has broadened into the noonday of steam and electricity; the inspiration of books has largely given place to scientific certainties, to ascertained truths and facts of things, thus widening and deepening the scope of free thought.

Dr. Franklin ushered in a new age, the age of electricity, when he called forth a message from the shadow of

God which pronounced the death sentence on the limitations of matter, annihilating time and space by putting "a girdle around the earth in forty minutes," as prophesied by Shakspeare's tricky sprite. As the age of crude force merged into the electrical age, bringing with it everything worth preserving, so the wires and dynamos and circuits, which now witness to the external activities of man's restless intelligence, will give place to the simpler methods of the mental age, when the possibilities of mind will become manifest. The present laborious processes of education will become obsolete, and telepathy will take the place of the old, cumbrous methods of instruction in the imparting of knowledge.

Daguerre pictured the *outside* of things fifty years ago; modern photography reproduces the *inside*, and it is only a question of a little more time and a few more experiments when mental states will be photographed and man's nature will be mapped out, as physical geography maps the surface of the planet. The swamps and

lagoons in human nature which send up the malaria that generates crime, disease, death, will be located, as will the life-giving seas and breezy, moral mountain tops. Mind will be generated, rather than adipose tissue, and God will be enthroned in the heart of the world, rather than in some far-off anachronistic City of Gold.

Speed characterizes the electrical age; let us move quickly to help God save the world. He demands only the sacrifice of meanness, of enmity to our brother man; and this is the only bar to infinite progress.

No one can borrow the light of the Spirit. Each virginal lamp must shine by its own light, and each man stands or falls alone. "God helps those who help themselves." His tables are laden with flowers and fruits which are not *forced* on anyone; the command is, "*Help yourself.*"

Recognizing the value of organization for certain work which is before us, the Western Cult of the Rosy Cross has established a bureau of instruction,

where those who desire to learn and work with the Fraternity may apply.

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By order of HER WHO IS NAMELESS.

NOTE.—*All inquiries from readers of THE TEMPLE interested in the Order of the Rosy Cross, and who are sincerely desirous of further information in regard to its aims and objects, or who desire to apply for membership in the Order, will be promptly transmitted to the proper hands, if addressed to the care of the Editor of THE TEMPLE.*—[Editor of THE TEMPLE.]

NOTES BY THE WAY.

TO THE WOMEN of the West the Rosicrucian Message which fills this issue of THE TEMPLE will appeal with peculiar force. It is a trumpet call clear ringing and having a significance which all friends of woman's emancipation will understand.



MASONS will find in Rosicrucia's presentation of the higher laws of man's being much light and leading concerning the meaning of work in those advanced degrees, which are the goal of every sincere student of Masonry, and which indeed form the source and inspiration of the Masonic character,—its Power, Wisdom and Love.



RECENT numbers of "Unity" contain well written reports of the International Divine Science Congress at St. Louis, by R. C. Douglass, author of the "Unity Bible Lessons," which have been a

source of strength and illumination to many. (Unity Tract Society, Kansas City, Mo.; The Temple Publishing Company, Denver, Colo.)



"INTELLIGENCE" is the new name chosen for the form into which the Metaphysical Magazine has very naturally evolved. With the change of name there is also a reduction in price to \$1.00 a year, or ten cents a copy. Good reasons are given for the change of name which, like the new form, is larger than the old in every way. The magazine remains under the editorial direction of Leander Edmund Whipple, although there is new blood in the business management. The June number contains an excellent frontispiece portrait of the editor. Among its notable articles are; "Man and Nature," by C. Staniland Wake; "Modern Astrology," by Alan Leo; the first of a series on "The Philosophy of the Divine Man," by Hudor Genone, and "Esoteric Puritanism," by Henrietta Christian Wright.

(Metaphysical Publishing Company, New York; The Temple Publishing Company, Denver.)



"THE Library of Health" is the title of a monthly series edited by Charles Brodie Patterson. The first number, which appeared in May, deals with "The Spiritual Science of Life," and the June number with "Self-Control." Both are models of clear teaching from a high plane of understanding. "True self-control," Mr. Patterson says, "is the will of the Divine, the God-will reigning supreme in the souls of men. It is the will of all power. It is the only real will of the universe, and must become manifest in every soul. * * * * The true self, to unfold the possibilities that are within, must express perfect control in accord with unchanging law." He emphasizes the necessity of understanding our relations one to another, abandoning the old thought of personal self as separate and distinct, and seeing that every soul is related to every other

soul. (The Alliance Publishing Company, New York; The Temple Publishing Company, Denver.)



WHEN Mrs. Clara H. Scott published her collection of hymns entitled "Truth in Song," it was soon recognized that she had rendered the cause of the New Christianity a distinct service of the utmost importance. Herself a fine and noble soul, deeply imbued with the spirit of the truth that maketh free in our later and fuller interpretation of Christ's gospel, she brought to the execution of her labor of love highly trained musical taste and skill. Words and music in these songs are fitted together by a true artist mind. Their influence is wonderfully uplifting and all scientists should learn and sing them. Friends of this gifted composer were recently much grieved by the news that she was killed in a runaway accident, June 21st last, at Dubuque, Iowa. Yet, while lamenting the sudden and shocking passing away from the personal form, we know that the real

woman cannot die. She will live in her work with undimmed power—the work into which she put so much of her life and love. THE TEMPLE, desiring that this excellent song collection shall have the widest possible circulation, now offers a copy free to everyone sending us one dollar for a year's subscription.



THE present issue of THE TEMPLE becomes the chosen vehicle for an official manifesto of what is generally conceded to be the most ancient and advanced order of Initiates in the world today. For the first time in a hundred years, the order, through the revered master, who signs himself "Rosicruciaë," breaks the silence which is a distinguishing characteristic of Rosicrucian work. There are special reasons for the publication to the world at this time of this remarkable declaration. One is found in the recent marked development of psychic and physical science; another in the establishment in so large a degree in our own

country of the equality of the sexes with woman's assumption of her rightful place by the side of her brother. This Rosicrucian manifesto is, indeed, a message from the Masters to all men and women of aspiring soul and expanding mind. To some, the message will doubtless be meaningless, but those for whom it is intended will hear and recognize the voice that calls. We have here, in brief space, an account of the Rosicrucians, their spirit and purpose, which is not alone authoritative, but also admirable in its clearness and simplicity of presentation. Those interested in the study of spiritual science, occultism, mysticism, metaphysics and philosophy cannot fail to welcome "The Rosy Cross" as an important addition to our literature.

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"THE NEW TIME" is the happily chosen title of a new monthly review for the people, edited by B. O. Flower, the founder of the Arena, and Frederick Upham Adams, the editor of New Occasions, which has been merged in the new monthly. The pub-

lication of "The New Time" is in strong and sympathetic hands. Charles H. Kerr has a well-earned reputation as an energetic and successful publisher of works identified with progressive thought. The first number of the new review will appear early in July and will be notable in many respects. There will probably be a very large demand for it, advance orders from all parts of the country having already been received by the publishers. A score of the most able and vigorous writers, whose names have been familiar to readers of the "Arena," have rallied around Mr. Flower in his new enterprise and promise hearty cooperation. It will be strange, indeed, if the large army of readers, whose devotion to the popular cause has been inspired and strengthened by Mr. Flower's work in the "Arena," shall not also come forward and show their appreciation of his efforts and those of his colleagues in "The New Time," especially as the price of this review has been placed at ten cents a copy, or one dollar a year, thus bring-

ing it within the reach of all. The Temple Publishing Company has been appointed Colorado Agent for "The New Time," and our readers in the Rocky Mountain region are invited to send their subscriptions through THE TEMPLE. Those who are already on THE TEMPLE subscription list may avail themselves of the clubbing arrangement with "The New Time," by sending in the additional fifty cents at once.



THE newspaper reports of the death of Francis Schlatter, the healer, are closely followed by the appearance of a book entitled "The Life of the Harp in the Hands of the Harper." This is the healer's story of his own life, edited and published by Mrs. Ada M. Morley, at whose ranch, in New Mexico, Schlatter lived during the winter and spring of 1895-6, and where he wrote the record of his journeyings, which form the larger part of the present volume. This record is supplemented by several chapters chronicling conversations between Schlatter and Mrs. Morley, in

which the healer expresses his social and religious views in an original and interesting manner. Two important epochs in the healer's public career, not covered by his own MS., or these conversations and essential to the complete and connected narrative are furnished in the chapters on "The Fast in Albuquerque," by "Fitz Mac," and "The Healer in Denver," by Joseph Wolf. The spirit in which the work of the editor has been done is shown in the Introduction, in which she declares her belief that "the closing years of this century and cycle seem both blessed and privileged by the presence of this great soul on our planet; his every breath is the inbreathing of the Lord's prayer, and his every thought of the time when the Father will bring him back to aid in the social reconstruction; to hearken to the Father in the Judgment Day and help to establish justice." Certainly, the Healer could not have chosen a more sympathetic editor. (Mrs. Ada M. Morley, P. O. Box, 398, Denver, Colo.)

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