

PENTAGRAM

THE KEY TO THE TREASURY OF THE LIGHT

This spiritual Light emanates from the Word
that has touched and flowed through the All
from the very beginning until the present day.
It is the prana of the other life, of that other world
that touches us in every single cell,
so that the harvest can be brought in from the fields.



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Yes, you are reading correctly: this periodical has existed for a quarter of a century! During that period, 1533 articles have been published in 174 issues until now, amongst which numerous addresses by Jan van Rijckenborgh and Catharose de Petri that have never been published as books.

It all began with a small magazine that was published twelve times per year and that was mainly meant for the pupils of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross. But that has not always been the case. The first publications, the monthly *Het Rozenkruis* (The Rosycross, 1927-1938), the monthly *Aquarius* (1935?-1939), the weekly *Het Licht van het Rozenkruis* (The Light of the Rosycross, 1939-May 1940), *Nieuw Esoterisch Weekblad* (New Esoteric Weekly, May 1940-October 1940) en *Morgenlicht* (Morning Light, 1941), were intended for a wide circle of seekers. An important element in the development of the literature of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum was the monthly publication *Nieuw Religieuze Oriëntering* (New Religious Orientation), 'compiled and directed by J. van Rijckenborgh', as the title page of the bound edition mentions. This periodical was, as can be derived from a note in one of the issues, 'the periodical in which the Rosicrucian Society presented itself illegally to the public during the German occupation. From 3 September 1940, the day the School was

closed by the Germans, the voice of the Rosycross could be heard in The Netherlands and abroad uninterruptedly, "in writing" under ever changing names. N.R.O. has been the last garment before the liberation, and in view of its success, the most popular one.'

Eight volumes have been published and many pupils from that pioneer period had these magazines bound. During World War II, when the School had been closed by the occupiers, Jan van Rijckenborgh stayed in contact with his pupils by means of the *Van Rijckenborgh letters*. Shortly after the war, the 'esoteric monthly' *De Hoeksteen* (The Cornerstone) was published, followed by the *Renova-nieuws* (Renova News). Subsequently there was *Aquarius* and in 1957 the monthly *Ecclesia Pistis Sophia* was published, followed by *De Topsteen* (The Topstone, 1968), also a monthly publication. *De Topsteen* was the first periodical that was translated into German, English and French. And in January 1979, the monthly periodical of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum was published internationally under the name *Pentagram*. 'In this international publication are combined: *Aquarius*, which until now has been published for the German-speaking world; *La Pierre du Sommet*, which covered the French-speaking world; *De Topsteen* for Dutch-speaking people and *The Topstone* for the English-speaking working fields,' the introduction of the first issue mentions. 'Why the name *Pentagram*? The Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross



reacts to and follows the liberating impulses that emanate to humanity in the actual present,' this introduction continues. 'Along these lines, the Spiritual School shows a clear, dynamic development. In this context, the Spiritual School has entered a new period of its work and progress. Around the autumnal equinox of 1978, this period has begun and a clear consequence of this can be seen in, amongst other things, the new design of the monthly magazine of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum. The Spiritual School puts itself wholly at the service of the work of the liberation of humanity that the Universal Brotherhood undertakes very forcefully in this time. What this work of liberation entails and how one can participate in it, is explained in the literature of the School in every possible way. And the monthly magazine Pentagram will also continue to testify of this.'

Nowadays the periodical Pentagram is published in 16 languages in over 40 countries with a circulation of more than 15,000 copies. The articles are written by pupils and we increasingly produce our own illustrations. Pentagram as it is published nowadays is intended for seekers – whether they are inside or outside the School – and tries to help them in their

quest for universal truth. To that end we try to cover as wide a field as possible that – we hope – will be accessible to readers from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. In that context, special issues have been devoted to Johann Valentin Andreae; the task of humanity in the Age of Aquarius; What is consciousness?; Why was the Buddha silent?; Jacob Böhme – mystic and visionary; Why Comenius?; Young Pupils' Conference 2001; Exhibition in the Royal Library (The Hague, The Netherlands); Goethe's Faust; Justice, primary principle in the All; The inner path of the Gnosis; The Grail, a living reality; What is the message of Greek mythology for modern humanity?; India in the rhythm of infinity; Each child is an individual and unique mystery; Labyrinth or maze; The body as instrument of the Soul; Mani, the messenger who amazed the world; The gospel of the Soul; Meditation, a confusing concept; The two nature orders; War and peace; Paracelsus, living according to God's demands; Plato, witness of universal truth; Reincarnation and the Modern Rosycross; Renaissance not yet finished; The Brotherhood of the Rosycross; Origin

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THE KEY TO THE TREASURY OF THE LIGHT

The magical prologue to the Gospel of John states that the eternal Word emanating from God, is the golden key to all mysteries. It is the eternal mystery that encompasses the whole Universe. It is the nucleus of the spiritual Light of the Solar Body, of both the macrocosm and the microcosm.

This Word of God is the creative Fiat, the Sound, the Trumpet that causes the downpour of monadic flames and manifests Life in infinite, multicoloured vibrations and shades of colour. Life can bathe in the Universal Heavenly Arch that reflects the radiant Light of the All-Love. This mystery surrounds and contains the Universe. It is the 'Word of the beginning' that also resounds today and will resound forever. *'From this mystery,'* Jesus says, *'I came forth.'* The seven emanations of this word form the Light garment of the Light Man. It is the one great mystery that lies hidden in the whole of creation and that can only be unveiled by the religion of true knowledge, the religion of the pure Gnosis. This Gnosis is nothing but the combined emanations of the monadic flame that link the Spirit with the Light soul. That Light soul is present in the human being. That is why Jesus said: *'Awake, O sleeper, and arise in the Christ, who shall take you up into His Light.'* The Gnosis will be born in your hearts and will manifest the fruit of the living knowledge in your heads. This fruit is the Gno-

sis, the knowledge of the Light soul. This knowledge will enlighten you and grant you the key to the Treasury of the Light.

LIES TAKEN IN WITH OUR MOTHER'S MILK

These words and other fragments from ancient texts circulated in the religious and philosophical world at the time of the beginning of the Christian era. They lead us into a totally different way of thinking and into an entirely different religious experience than those that have emerged from the historical report about Jesus of Nazareth, which the church fathers and their followers have fabricated centuries ago.

Around Christmas, bonafide Rosicrucians will not be occupied with the romantic story of Christ's birth as it has been presented to humanity year after year. That romantic story and those historical 'facts' have in the meantime been fiercely attacked from different angles. Historical Christianity is seriously accused of having abused Christian teachings for its own purposes. In bygone centuries many have already exposed this treason, but their protests were always stifled in blood. However, today humanity lives in an age of unmasking.

Many things from which the cover has been removed do not present a particularly pleasant sight. Naked reality shows how deformed society, science and religion of the human being, who has created his own world, are. Hence it is not surprising that on the one hand people recoil

The light breaks through the darkness to show humanity the way.
Photo Pentagram.



when such facts are uncovered, while on the other they greedily want to know them, because humanity is searching for Truth.

IGNORING THE FACTS?

Whoever analyses the diverging ideas of the authors of the Bible and writes his conclusions down, can be assured of a growing audience. However, in this context we could also wonder whether personal interests are not playing a role with those who are popularizing the Gnosis in this way. We are convinced that all who are unmasking these things in our time, are working with total sincerity on the basis of their inner drive. However, as they ignore the fact that there is a modern gnostic Spiritual School, in which the process of rebirth as to body and soul has been taught and practised for more than 75 years, this gives rise to serious thought. At least it is remarkable that it is systematically suppressed that long before all those modern publications appeared, the modern Gnostic and transfigurist Jan van Rijckenborgh spoke and wrote about the Gnosis as 'the source of inner knowledge and freedom'. And what is more, that he founded a purely Gnostic community which is nowadays active in more than 30 countries and is drawing a lot of attention of the true seekers for the one Truth. Jan van Rijckenborgh often quoted the following words by the mediaeval mystic Angelus Silesius:

*Though Christ a thousand times
in Bethlehem be born,
and not within yourself
your soul will be forlorn.
Truly, the eternal Word
will still be born today.*

*Where? Wherever a soul has lost itself
within itself.
Through the Gateway to bliss can only
tread
he who is reborn to the new life.*

*Do you ask, o human being,
where God has placed his Throne?
There, where He was born in you...
as Son!*

*When you, born of God,
gives birth to Him into a new being,
then you step out,
and He steps in.'*

In the first edition of *The Coming New Man* (published 1957 by Rozekruis Pers, Haarlem) Jan van Rijckenborgh says:

'First of all we have to broach an old subject discussed abundantly in our circle by stating that Christ is not a Hierophant of majestic stature, residing somewhere outside the dense material world, but is first of all an impersonal, unlimited Being, manifesting Himself as Light, as Power, as a mighty Radiation Field. This Radiation Field of Christ which has appeared among us, giving no rest or peace to this dark world order, exercises a great influence, even a whole series of influences.'

THE GNOSTIC LIVES ACCORDING TO WHAT HE KNOWS

Many years before the concept of Gnosis was generally accepted by a large number of seekers, Jan van Rijckenborgh explained the Gnosis of the Egyptian Mysteries, of the Manichaeans, the Esenes, the Bogomils, the Cathars and the classical Rosicrucians in temple services and lectures. He also showed the Gnostic aspects in the teachings of Hermes Trismegistus, the Buddha, Lao Tzu and many others who truly belonged to the Gnosis. He stimulated his pupils to investigate for themselves what he had investigated, so that they themselves could recognise what is Gnosis, and what is not.

Over fifty years ago he published *Dei Gloria Intacta* – a complete compendium of the path of liberation. In May 1945 – a few days after the end of World War II – Jan van Rijckenborgh used the first chapter of this book for the first post-war address in the Temple in Haarlem. It was *his* Fama Fraternitatis! It was *his* direct call and *his* appeal to the pupils to detach from nature-religious, historical Christianity. In a masterly way he led his pupils from the darkness of ecclesiastical thinking into Universal Christianity. He explained the path of rebirth which is contained in the Gnostic-Christian mysteries, and that can be walked by everyone in imitation. That is why he writes in *Dei Gloria Intacta* (God's Glory is Unassailable): *'Christianity should be seen in a much wider context. It did not begin in Bethlehem, but many thousands of years before, while we should view the universal*



Christ intervention over a period of millions of years.'

THIRTY-THIRD DESCENT OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The descent of the divine Light is related to the cosmic clock of the Universe. By the end of the twentieth century, the intercosmic radiation field that has descended for the thirty-third time in our age will have passed through another degree of the zodiacal cycle. This last minute of the zodiacal clock is extremely significant, because humanity has in the meantime matured for a spiritual revolution, for a fundamental revolution of a spiritual nature. Humanity is in the last phase of a cosmic cycle of more than 6000 years, a

Opening of the burial vault of Christian Rosycross.

phase in which a new consciousness will be manifested and achieve a breakthrough. This breakthrough is the result of profound experiences during intense struggling and suffering in the realms of Time. You and we are floating on top of the waves of the ocean of life. We are tossed to and fro by magnetic hurricanes that affect our field of life from the Solar cosmos. We know that radiation touches and influences everything, and passes through almost all elements. The radiation from the Solar cosmos touches all forms of life, influences them and cannot be stopped by anything. This means that the consciousness of countless people will be touched and that a cycle of new experiences and sensory perceptions will develop from it. We are dealing with a virtually all-encompassing, new orientation in an attempt to explain the change of the consciousness. It is accompanied by very harrowing and humiliating phenomena. Many turn away from society as it appears nowadays. Good and evil are standing face to face in increasingly grotesque forms, while a new time is cutting its path right through everything.

Many resist and try to destroy everything, while others are using this resistance to transfer old and mouldered philosophies and theologies to the new time. And again another group doesn't want to have anything to do with this kind of change and renewal and dismisses it all with the bromide 'New Age'.

But the fact remains that the 'new age' has already started! The new age is breaking through with dramatic phenomena. Yet we are living in a very interesting

time. We experience the moment that humanity is turning against the walls that hold it captive and that it wants to break out of the prison of historical Christianity and similar religions in which it is locked up.

Tens of years ago these great changes have already been announced and discussed in the Spiritual School. We are standing in the middle of a great cultural revolution which is taking place in all countries and in all nations. The consciousness of humanity and of the individual is changing accordingly. Because the new Light radiation of the Solar macrocosm not only affects the astral body but also the etheric or vital body, the whole personality is involved in the changes of the new time. This force that is still strange to many people enters the human respiration field via the auric-magnetic field. We inhale these forces as it were and cannot escape them. They open our consciousness for hidden aspects of nature and stimulate us to shift our priorities.

NOW FINALLY THE UPWARD PATH?

Through the great changes that are caused by, among other things, the rapid



development of electronics (computers, telecommunication, navigation, etc.), humanity buries itself ever more deeply in matter. In addition there is a rapidly growing group that on the basis of the cosmic influences on their consciousness begins to suspect that there is a totally different worldview. Although in the beginning confusion and uncertainty about the loss of old standards crop up, there is an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, for insight into the origin of humanity, for certainty concerning the goal of humanity, for information about original humanity. People want to penetrate into the secrets of the cosmos and uncover the roots of existence.

The old historical god is dying and the heart is turning towards the new, spiritual horizon. And there many dangers are lurking! For the mighty cosmic impulse of renewal cannot be fully understood by people whose eyes are still blindfolded. And so along come the exegetes and interpreters who know everything already, but hide the essence. They bend that impulse and are leading humanity into a new prison.

Thus many groups and movements, called false prophets in the Bible, present themselves. They preach *their* truth and arrange everything to suit this truth in order to maintain it. They cannot do otherwise as long as they do not truly turn towards the one Light of Lights.

THE ORIGINAL WORD TOUCHES HUMANITY

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How do these people arrive at their exegeses and explanations? They are reacting to the outpouring of the omnipresent spiritual Light that is being linked to the world and humanity in an entirely new way. This spiritual Light emanates from the Word that has touched and flowed through the All from the very beginning until the present day. It is the prana of the other life, of that other world that touches us in every single cell, so that the harvest can be brought in from the fields.

The harvest has been prepared for so long! The seeds for this harvest were sown a very long time ago, and what germinated has now ripened in the fields of life. What will the fruits be like? How will they be harvested? Will they be harvested in Christ? What does that mean: in Christ? It means that the Word, which is the Life and the Light of humanity, rests on three mighty foundations. The Word is not only the fundamental force of creation. It has also been described in all Holy Language as the manifestation of the knowledge that teaches us about the essence of the Spirit and the Soul. This Knowledge is the Gnosis, the Word manifested.

The Word has been brought to humanity by many messengers who not only spoke about the Light, but who could

Aquarius,
Lausanne Cathedral,
Switzerland



also release it in themselves and spread it. They founded communities in which the Light could be revealed as a powerful, vibrating radiation field. During the whole development of humanity there have been shorter or longer periods in which the Light power of that other, pure world, also called Supernature, was concentrated into a Light field in the earthly spheres, into a new atmosphere in which life was granted new possibilities. Through this Light field, the speed with which humanity could develop spiritually could be greatly increased.

Thus the descent of the Light keeps pace with the progress of the zodiacal clock. Once again humanity is experiencing such a wave of divine intervention. And all in whom something of the immortal soul power is speaking – however weakly – will be accepted by the Light of the Gnosis in the harvest field. With this certainty in mind, the emissaries who founded and developed the modern Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross, wanted to form a group of pioneers, a gnostic Brotherhood with the task to reach such a high level that they could cooperate with the descended Light field.

DOES CHRISTMAS STILL HAVE A MEANING?

Now we ask three fundamental questions:

‘What is for us, Rosicrucians, the meaning of Christmas, the feast of the Light?’

‘What does the birth of Jesus of Nazareth mean to us?’

‘What is for us the peace of Bethlehem?’

Are they still only outward symbols, secular events that no longer possess anything of their original meaning? Or do we consider them quite differently nowadays?

Certainly! For Bethlehem is our heart in which the Light of the Rose, the Light of the Primordial Atom, is born. The celebration of Light is the great miracle breaking through in the head sanctuary, when the monadic flame is united with the kundalini of the heart in the pineal sanctuary. Then all who have walked this path can say: *‘The Father and I, the living Soul and the Other One, my Monad and I, are one!’* When, in the service of the living Soul, the Light can circulate in the personality, the path of the cross of roses, the Via Dolorosa, can be travelled as the victory over death.

PREPARING FOR THE BIG STEP

Jan van Rijckenborgh wanted to found a Spiritual School in which a group of pioneers, as a Young Gnostic Brotherhood, would form a focal point, in other words a community capable of receiving and reflecting the omnipresent Gnosis Light; a community in which the Gnosis Light would be kindled into a mighty fire that would go out to all who are seeking and are willing to open their hearts for the Gnosis.

How can we belong to this community? By liberating the astral body from the astral spheres of dialectical existence and entering into the Other Light, the one Light that is the Gnosis. This Light is nearer than our hands and feet. It touches

the human being incessantly. It irradiates us, embraces us, permeates us behind and before. Whoever becomes aware of this and wants to live in that Light, must first take a few elementary steps. He must purify himself, make himself suitable and capable of leading Soul and Spirit to unity.

How does a person achieve this state of inner enlightenment? By devoting himself completely to it, by attuning his whole life to that process. By liberating himself from the old, dialectical nature and by consistently shifting the emphasis from the mortal I to the life of the immortal Soul. By detaching from and renouncing his old nature. If he doesn't do this, everything will remain as it was. Then he simply remains an outsider, at best a believer – or even an unbeliever – but he will never become a transfigurist!

HIGHER OCTAVE OF INNER PERCEPTION

The power of the Rose is an inward and an outward radiation. It is a perceptible fluid, an emanation of the prana of life. In that power, the Word, the Life and the Light of humanity are manifested. This touch in the heart sanctuary is the birth of Jesus in the purified cave of the heart, made possible by the Christ who is the Light of the World, the omnipresent Light field of the Holy Seven-Spirit. The cause of these exalted processes that surpass ordinary understanding, is the Love of God, the leaven of the All, the root of Creation that, still unknown, recognises itself in the new Soul. That is the virgin birth! That is true inner enlightenment.

This inner enlightenment is not some-

thing reserved for saints and masters. Here we are dealing with the igniting of the Light force atoms in the seeker for Truth, so that his consciousness will be irradiated and a new dimension can be manifested. This generates a new power of perception, a higher octave of inner vision in which the divine wisdom, the Gnosis, speaks. This Gnosis is the Gnosis of the Light spark in a human being, of the Soul that communicates with the Light field of the Gnosis. This force lifts the human being above his limitations and moves the focus of his life to that other world that belongs to the Living Soul. That is the Christmas that is not extinguished in ordinary everyday life.

Hence, at Christmas we may behold the dawn of a new harvest period of the Gnosis. A new universal touch is breaking through. A divine breath is going through the nature of death to touch and awaken the lost Divine sparks, and to lead them back to Supernature. Whoever can understand this message, may he raise the torch of Light, so that his fellow human beings may recognise and follow him. Then Christmas will be a truly Gnostic Light feast.

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THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' This quote from the Gospel of John explains that creation has been and is formed and vivified by the Word of God. The Word created the human life wave that received the task to maintain and develop the divine plan of creation. Through harmonious co-operation of all, the divine Idea could be realised.

However, many creatures abused the

freedom embedded in this basic idea. The harmonious interaction between God and his creatures was broken by the human being. That is why the wilful beings were excluded from the divine field of life. That is why the Holy Language and many legends speak of a fall, of a necessary separation. But the Word radiates. The power, the light of the beginning, penetrates into the darkness in order to lead fallen humanity back. Thus a rescue plan developed, so that the fallen microcosms would not sink into chaos, because they were weak and without direction in

the earthly sphere, because the primordial atom in their centre was living-dead. For these disoriented microcosms, this rescue plan anticipated the creation of beings that could serve as vivifying and ensouling elements. Only in that way they would be able to live in this foreign life field. These beings have gone through many processes before attaining the stage of mental development of modern humanity.

THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS

It has been an unimaginably long process of development, in which numerous life waves, more developed than the human life wave, have co-operated. Attaining consciousness is the aim of this process of development. For a long time humanity had to be guided by spiritual leaders, because its own mental development was not yet sufficiently ordered. The stronger these beings became aware of their state, the stronger their feeling of being separated from something. That is why their spiritual leaders exerted themselves to point the awakening consciousness to the original Fatherland, to the source from which it had come.

These spiritual guides were Rosicrucians. They were not members of a group that called itself Rosicrucians, but they were people who had overcome their self-maintaining being in and by the power of the cross, so that the primordial atom, the Rose, the immortal divine source in their microcosm could become active again.

*Once born from the source of life,
the human being now returns to
the source of all life.*

With the victorious power of the cross, they worked in the service of humanity.

Over and again they showed humanity that wilfulness would prevent the return of the fallen microcosm. Wilful self-overestimation is the separating factor between God and the human being. In the biblical story of the fall we can read: *'He wanted to be like God.'* Hence, wilfulness existed, but reason, the pure knowledge of the plan of creation, was lacking.

THE IMMORTAL JEWEL

Every fallen microcosm received a source of divine power. This immortal jewel is a propelling force that stimulates, calls and insists that the human being set out on the homeward path. Human beings unconsciously experience these impulses and the vague suspicion that they are born of God and do not belong to the earthly world. But they are mistaken in believing that this call concerns them, and not the microcosm they should serve as an instrument. A vague notion of the true connection is the cause that they understand the impulses from this divine jewel incorrectly and want to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. This path leads them through much turmoil and experiences. That is why happiness, peace, freedom

Fountain in the Rose garden of Noverosa. Photo Pentagram.

and harmony – attributes of the divine human being – will always remain illusory in earthly life. When a human being has attained more consciousness through many negative experiences, this divine jewel can become his criterion, by which he begins to understand that all so-called states of bliss and values cannot, or only temporarily, be achieved on earth.

The mediaeval Rosicrucians also spoke of the knowledge hidden in every human being, which originates from this jewel in the heart of the microcosm. *‘But,’* we can read in the *Fama Fraternitatis*, *‘the scholars of Europe rejected this offer. They feared that they would have to recognise that their earthly knowledge was insignificant and empty.’*

DUAL CONSCIOUSNESS

The mediaeval Rosicrucians and the modern Spiritual School speak to all who have ears to hear that the human being has a dual consciousness. Firstly, there is the rudimentary consciousness that is nourished from the eternal source, and which can blossom forth to full maturity if we do not turn away from it. Secondly, there is a dominant consciousness stemming from human wilfulness. By this ‘normal’ consciousness, the egocentric human megalomania, a concentrated central force has been formed from which a human being can only be liberated by knowledge, insight and self-surrender. In general, a human being lives from this second source, which wells up forcefully, because the idea of wanting to be like God is still dominant.

For this reason, the Love power of God nor the efforts of those who have al-

ready travelled the path of the cross, will diminish.

No one knows enough to say when the fall occurred. The Rosicrucians say that the fall has happened more than once.

The separation from the divine life field, and hence also the encapsulation of the inner divine knowledge, is still continuing. This explains why questions as: How old is the Rosycross? When was this community founded? cannot be answered. For the same reason, new spiritual schools will always be founded on the basis of the Divine Spirit Power. For the power that surrounds and penetrates the earth is the Christ power that wants to lead the fallen creatures back to the plan of creation.

The preparatory stages often extend over thousands of years, such as the world religions of the Aryan era, the teachings of hermetic wisdom, the times of the Old Testament, and of Greek wisdom. All those religious impulses are the expression of Him who is, who was, and who will always be: God, the Gnosis, the source of all life!

GNOSIS MANIFESTED IN EVERY HUMAN BEING

All who truly understand something of the Divine plan are standing in the service of this power, of this wisdom, which has left its traces in all religions. For this reason we cannot speak of an amalgamated knowledge of the Rosicrucians. They did not obtain this knowledge through study. Every human being can penetrate to the source, when he prepares for it.

In the three Manifestos written by the mediaeval Rosicrucians, they emphasise

the fact that the divine knowledge can be manifested in every human being, provided he is prepared 'to die in Jesus'. Whoever wants to enter into freedom, we read in the *Fama Fraternitatis*, must become conscious of his imprisonment. Only then a reformation is possible.

The Manifestos of the Rosicrucians were born from the driving and propelling of the divine fire. The divine love resounds in these writings. They initiated a development that awakened many people and led them to reflection. These calls were accepted spontaneously by quite a few mature souls and made them write about the dawn of a new humanity. Many books and articles have appeared on this subject, which are still read by religious people and seekers. Although this movement was greatly curbed by the misunderstood efforts of the Reformation and the turbulence of the Thirty Years' War, it was necessary as a preparatory phase for the Age of Aquarius.

TURNING POINT OF THE CENTURIES

The preparatory phases also form the transition to another era. The period of the Old Testament ended with the transition from the Aries era to the Pisces era. The Christ radiations intensified. Now human beings could be linked directly, that is without religious intermediaries, without a priesthood, with the divine power. They had become sufficiently mature to know where they came from and where they were going. That is why the religious impulse and the desire for a Saviour were transformed into practical Christianity. People touched by this intensified divine intervention assembled in the first Christian communities, with



the Bogomils, the Manichaeans, the Albigenses and the Cathars. For hundreds of years, it seemed that the flame had been extinguished, but again and again there were people who could draw from the eternal fountain and who passed on the divine wisdom. The activities of the mediaeval Rosicrucians testify of this.

In our time, humanity is under the influence of the Age of Aquarius. Aquarius means unmasking and stimulates the striving for wisdom. Will humanity, under the influence of these forces, now also understand the Manifestos of the Rosicrucians and recognise and comprehend that wilfulness keeps it imprisoned in this

Releasing the fifth ether, 18th century, Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal, Paris.

world? Will many experience that the holy fire in the innermost depth of their being can only be released, when they speak from pure insight and longing: *'Lord, not my will, but Your will be done.'*

ALCHEMICAL PROCESS MEANS PURIFICATION

At that moment the process the Rosicrucians call the alchemical process can begin. It is a process in which the *sal menstrualis*, the divine purifying salt, neutralises everything impure, self-glorifying and God-denying. Through this alchemical process, the impure metal, the earthly human being, dissolves, and the divine gold, the original human being, will begin to radiate again. This means: *To be reborn by the Fire of the Holy Spirit!*

However, the mediaeval Rosicrucians also said – and the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross says the same – that this process can only begin with insight and self-surrender. Thus the mediaeval Rosicrucians prepared a development that has influenced the lives of mature humanity until this day.

The three Manifestos have opened up paths of knowledge that had been closed off for humanity until then. It is a journey of experience that confronts people with the debris of their wrongly-understood human existence. Now the human being recognises that he has reached the limits of his I and that his egocentric attitude will lead to the abyss. That is why many people are, perhaps still unconsciously, seeking another mode of life, another

meaning and purpose of life, more corresponding to their inner knowledge.

The longing for new human genesis leads many seekers to the Spiritual School of the Modern Rosycross, to a power field in which the Christ power works more forcefully. In this power field, they become aware that an egocentric, wilful attitude is the obstacle that separates the human being from the living water of recognition. Then they also become conscious that Jesus Christ does not deliver people from an unfulfilled task, but rather stimulates them to accomplish this task, a mission summarised by these words: *'Follow me.'*

Whoever walks this path achieves inner peace. Then the hectic, insatiable longing for earthly happiness or even resistance against the divine plan no longer exist. Then there will be understanding of the words from the *Fama Fraternitatis* that they have perhaps often heard, read and spoken and that now can be transformed into action:

*'Being ignited by the Spirit of God,
Dying in Jesus the Christ,
Being reborn by the fire of the Holy Spirit.'*

Once born from the source of life, the human being now returns to the source of all life.

WHY I AM A ROSICRUCIAN

(Address by J. van Rijckenborgh in the period 1940-1945)

The question I am raising now concerns an issue that is very dear to me. I would like to explain why I am a Rosicrucian. What I mean is: a person is not a Rosicrucian by virtue of the fact that he has joined the western mystery school, nor does he become one by entering into membership of the Lectorium Rosicrucian. You are a Rosicrucian by virtue of a certain physical, soul and spiritual condition.

YOU may or may not be aware of this condition, or you may or may not devote yourself to some esoteric work, but your own inner condition, your inner state determines your 'to be' or 'not to be'. That is what I would like to discuss with you: the physical, soul and spiritual condition of the true Rosicrucian. Hence this concerns the condition of those who, by virtue of their being, are in whatever way touched by the power field of the western mysteries, at least might be qualified for it.

I feel the urge for this discussion, because it may teach us so much, because it may shed so much light on numerous issues, because it may entirely explain the sometimes incomprehensible actions of many people, and because it may make us understand much grief.

There is infinite grief in this world, a grief necessary in this nature. And now it should be considered liberating when human beings are going to understand this grief as to its causes and its structure of force lines, so that human beings in and

through this grief may find inner peace, and that they may break through that grief towards the light.

Why am I a Rosicrucian? This question has been born from sorrow and from much despair. This question does not stem from an intellectual, lifelessly selected topic. This question surges up from the depth of my soul. This question has been born from blood and tears. It is a consistent contemplation after many years' struggle.

THOSE CAUSES DELVE INFINITELY MORE DEEPLY

This question arose with passion, when it became clear to me that the realities and forces that brought me the utmost happiness, profound spiritual joy and deepest emotion, were trampled as waste and rags by others. When I reflected on the fact that what made me stammer with gratitude, led others to anger, aggression and harmful activity. You may say: your experiences result from the activities of the classical black enemy, who puts numerous obstacles in the path of all children of the light, of all servants of Christ. The enemy who attacks all seekers of the light inside and outside the microcosmic system and exploits relatives and friends to prevent the work in the service of the Christ Hierophants. That is true, but it is only half the truth. The causes of that terribly division go much deeper. And in order to be able to fathom those causes as to their pitch-black abysses, we have to search in the dawn of human history of



the Luciferic nature order. That is why I refer you to the first book of Moses, to the first book of the Bible, so that we might find the answer to the question: ‘*Why am I a Rosicrucian?*’ in the context of what is told there. We read in Genesis 4 (Luther’s translation) the following:

‘And Adam knew his wife; and she conceived and bore Cain, saying: I have gotten a man, the Lord. And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground.

And it happened after some days that Cain brought an offering to the Lord from the fruit of the ground, and Abel brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering. But for Cain and his offering He had no regard. So Cain was very angry and his countenance fell. Then the Lord said to Cain: “Why are you angry and why has your countenance fallen? Is it not so? If you are devout, you are acceptable, but if you are not devout, sin is crouching at the door. Do not leave it its will, but you must master it.” Cain spoke

to Abel, his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain: “Where is Abel your brother?” But he said: “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?” But He said: “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hands. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength; you shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

But Cain said to the Lord: “My sin is beyond forgiveness. Behold, this day you have driven me from the land and I have to hide from your face and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth; and whoever finds me, will slay me.” But the Lord said to him: “No, if anyone slays Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. Thus Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod,

on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after his son's name, Enoch.'

TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER STATE OF CONSCIOUSNESS

When in the Paradisiacal order the Luciferic forces attacked humanity from the light element, the further manifestation of our life wave could no longer be continued under these conditions. The dangers threatening the cosmos, the world and humanity by the unholy light spirits became too great. That is why those entities of our life wave that had already expressed themselves in the Paradisiacal order were, as to their rational-moral consciousness, withdrawn from the light element and transferred to a state of consciousness corresponding with the cosmic element of living water. In order to understand what this means we should compare the primary elements with each other, as to their essence and activity. In the Divine order, humanity, as to its rational-moral consciousness, worked with the fire element. This means that the human range of action as to will, wisdom and activity was immeasurable; that the human powers were unlimited, and that the human being as to his practical expansiveness demonstrated like a young god. The human spirit form cleaved the universe as a flash of lightning.

In the Paradisiacal order, humanity as to its rational-moral consciousness worked with the light element, that is to say that the human range of action as to will, wisdom and activity, was greatly restricted compared with the Divine order. Its previously dynamic, all-encompassing spiritual powers had been severely restricted and subjected to latency. Yet, humanity in the Paradisiacal order lived in a tremendous magnanimity of the soul. Due to the radiant, warming, all-pervading power of the cosmic light element, a glorious hierarchical community of many exalted life waves existed. Archangels, Angels, Powers and Thrones lived face to face with humanity. All chimed in with the heavenly chorus of spirits to the glory of God.

But when this chorus of spirits, this lofty, supernormal co-operation of hierarchies was once again disturbed by the Luciferic powers, young humanity was linked with the element of living water as to its rational-moral consciousness in order to protect it. The human being was taken up in material limitations. He was no longer a citizen of the universe as to the fire element; nor was he any longer a citizen of the planetary cosmos as to the light element; he became an inhabitant of the earth. The boundaries of his abode were drawn by the elements of water, air and earth. He was led to a lonely, uncultivated region, so that he initially would not be harmed by the Luciferic entities that at

Survey of conference centres of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross, Lectorium Rosicrucianum: left The Granary, UK; right: Medellin, Colombia.



Left: Chatham,
NY, USA; right:
La Nouvelle
Aube, Cameroon.

the time tried to capture the light element. And so that he could later on, when the unholiness would have gained power over him, not transfer the unholy developments and forces to all worlds. He was led into a prison, until in due time he could be released from it.

This had become the experience of humanity, when those dramatic events occurred referred to in the story from Genesis quoted above.

I have already explained in the past that the emanation of the human divine sparks from God's being should not be considered to have taken place at one point of time. This divine emanation is accomplished in waves, in groups. Hence, the number of entities belonging to one Divine plan should not be understood as a strictly predetermined whole. The number could increase to the extent that the already emanated entities carry the Divine plan in its wondrous clarity.

When humanity had arrived at the limitations of the element of living water, the divine emanation continued, so that primarily the plan of the Lord would be fulfilled and, secondly, the human being would be activated again by the descent of a new spiritual nucleus. We must also take into account the fact that both in the Divine order and in the Paradisiacal order human entities had stayed behind, because they had not been violated by the Luciferic treason. Part of these groups surrendered to earthly birth in order to be

able to serve the great work. Another part formed a human hierarchy of entities not involved in the fall, the so-called Order of Melchizedek.

TWO HUMAN TYPES APPEARED

Thus it happened that, from humanity that had become of the earth, earthly, two clearly distinguishable human types came forth in the new life by birth: the Cain human being and the Abel human being. What human types were they? Cain was and is the human being in whom the emphasis lies on the spiritual consciousness, the human being who feels the strongest link with the fire element. Abel was and is the human being in whom the emphasis lies on the soul consciousness, the human being who feels the strongest link with the light element. The causes of this distinction can partly be found in the fact that the Cain human being had not or only partly been introduced into the Paradisiacal order and had not known the emphasis on the soul consciousness. For another part these causes can be found in the divine pre-ordination, so that within the limitations of the earth, earthly the human being would never entirely forget both the spiritual consciousness and the soul consciousness, and hence would ultimately find the upward path through the turbulence between these two human types.

Consequently, the Cain human being



is the awesome, dynamic one, the fiery pioneer, who is aware of his great spiritual powers and tries to develop them. The Cain human being approximates very closely that great human being who previously expressed himself in the Divine order as the powerful one. Hence, when Eve produces this Cain from her blood, she says: *'I have begotten man, the Lord,'* because in this world-mother Eve the memory of the state of the Divine order lived as a vague notion from the past, which memory she saw become reality in Cain.

The Abel human being is the soulful one, the loving one, the mystic. The twilight of the gods does not unsettle him. He does not feel the trembling of great, hidden forces. He does not drive both his fists into the black soil, in an agonising desire to construct, to lift that unshaped form up into a beautiful temple. This Abel human being is bathing in the light of his soul. He is dreaming and singing in the warmth of God's breath of light. What more could he desire? Where better might he dwell? Does his blood not speak of God's love at every heartbeat? What does he care for the building of a world? Doesn't he see in front of him the sheep rendering everything he desires for his provisions? No, he is not an egoist. His soul is overflowing with gratitude. And his first reflection is an offering of his abundance to his God.

ABEL SENSES GOD, BUT CAIN KNEW GOD!

And Cain's offering is not accepted! He became angry, his countenance changed, his face fell from unrestrained grief. Did not the twilight of the gods rush through his blood? Abel feels God, but he, Cain, *knew* God. His offering had been celebrated consciously, from within. He did not offer from that which he received. For anyone could do that, or could he? Cain's offering consisted of what he had built and made! Why did God not accept his offering, Cain cried to heaven? Why did God not accept what he had built? Why did God reject that which he had dug from the depths of the earth? Cain did not know! The turmoil of his passions disturbed his mental balance.

At this psychological moment God spoke to him: *'Why have you become angry and why has your countenance changed? Is it not so? If you are devout, you are acceptable, but if you are not devout, sin is crouching at the door. Do not leave it its will, but you must master it.'* Well, this fire human being, this powerful one, must understand that he cannot ignore the soul, that although he is superior, the all-encompassing and conscious one as to the spirit, yet, like Abel, he must be the silent, devout and pious one as to the soul, who in humility folds his hands in yearning worship. Why, we ask? Doesn't Cain have a heart, doesn't Cain have a soul life? Is the opposite not proven

Left: Fénix, Lagoa Santa, Brazil;
right: Christianopolis, Birnbach, Germany.



Left: Edshult
Säteri, Sweden;
right: Sole Novo,
Benin.

by the fact that he wishes to offer to God, to offer from within? Certainly. Cain does have a soul life, but this soul life does not testify of piety. Cain's blood forces, his drive, his state of mind, his heart, are controlled by his head.

HE SHOULD DEVELOP HIS SPIRIT THROUGH THE SOUL

We need esoteric knowledge to understand this difficulty. The essential vital consciousness of both the Cain and the Abel type lies in their physical form. The basis of every human being's consciousness can be found in the earth and the earthly. Hence, he should seek after and find God from this earthly life reality by doing full justice to the co-operating parts of the threefold human manifestation. This means that the Divine paths can only be found by the absolute, intimate link of spirit, soul and body, without any aspect being neglected for another.

Finding God's hidden paths is possible, *becomes* possible, by applying all laws of spirit, soul and body. That is why Cain should not start from the spirit, but from the soul. He should unfold his spirit through the soul. Through the soul, the light emanating from the Father glows. It is the light, it is the Christ, who explains the Father to us. Without the soul light as guiding principle, Cain, the fire spirit, is the unbridled, the impetuous, the seeking one and hence the experimenting one, the

one who risks everything and as a result the falling one, the human being who crashes into the abyss with scorched wings.

That is why we learn and know in our Spiritual School that the path of the seekers for true life begins in the heart, in the light sanctuary. In true piety, without fiery self-conceit, we should celebrate our offering on the altar in the heart sanctuary and we should beseech Him, who is beyond all ages, to be as a lamp unto our feet. Thus in true piety we should assimilate the light of Christ. Only then the Cain human being will truly be Cain the possessor. For the light explains the fire to him. God himself kindles the fire in the head sanctuary by means of the light of Christ, and God becomes Cain's guide when the latter follows his grand calling. Only the light of the soul can bring about true divine manifestation in the head sanctuary. And without divine manifestation Cain is a misguided one, a chaotic one, despite all his spiritual qualities; one who on one side undoes what he has built up on the other. *'If you are not devout, then sin is crouching at the door. Do not leave it its will, but you must master it.'*

BY NATURE ABEL IS A SOUL HUMAN BEING

But learning this lesson is difficult for Cain. Piety is not in his line. Devotion and spontaneous, religious submission, they make him ashamed and nervous. In-



wardly he feels too great for that. It is too childish. Cain does want to offer, but with his body upright, like a man in power. Cain has never learned how to pray. He lives in delusion, in megalomania, in the delusion of independence.

This delusion enhances his temper towards the more primitive, natural Abel, who has no problems. Abel has no difficulty in starting at the proper beginning. Abel is a soul human being by nature. He lives in the light and lives by the law of the light. Abel's impediment is that the light is enough for him, that he does not experience the craving for the fire. That is why Abel remains a child and his further development will possibly be extremely slow, for the danger of crystallisation is pending over him.

Cain realises this very well, and hence he is inclined to underestimate the essence of the soul, and to despise Abel's soul consciousness. That is why Cain decides to ignore his soul consciousness, to remove the soul activity from his being, to reject the light of Christ. In this way he kills his inner Abel in a temper. And to the divine call he responds: *'Am I my brother's keeper?'* The soul law, the soul activity, do not interest him. He is not a child, he is a human being.

But the human being who kills the light of the soul becomes a dark one. His eye becomes darkened. And the magic farmer, the exploiter of his higher faculties, loses himself in his own chaos. The

field he tills does not yield any fruits. But his dynamic temperament demands fruits, he wants results and thus he becomes a restless fugitive, fleeing over the whole earth, which, in rising, shining and fading, arouses his hope, stimulates his energy, but then hurls him down amongst the debris of his house of cards.

IN THIS DISTRESS GOD REACHES OUT TO HIM

In this state of sadness, Cain repents: *'My sin is beyond forgiveness.'* He considers himself past help, the fugitive, guilty of murder.

His mind's eye shows him the forthcoming antipathy from the Abel type, the persecution he will have to fear from this type of human being through all ages. How will he be able to maintain himself, feeling so guilty, even more so because he cannot be like Abel. Even now, while he has discovered that negation of the soul, the lack of true piety has brought about his ruin, he also realises very clearly that he will not be able to proceed to negation of his spiritual consciousness either. Cain will not be restrained by the activity of the fire.

In this state of distress, God reaches out to him. He determines the path of development of the Cain type, and He gives him a safe-conduct for all eternity He provides him with a sign of immunity: *'If any one slays Cain, vengeance shall be taken*

Left: Agua Viva, Brazil; right: Bakersfield, CA, USA.



Left: Grail temple, Patos de Minas, Brazil; right: Nova Luz, Fortaleza, Brazil.

on him sevenfold. And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who came upon him should kill him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden.’ This land of Nod, east of Eden, refers directly to a new resurrection. We should consider this land of Nod as a resurrection of the soul that wholly corresponds with Cain’s own inner spiritual nature. Here, the fire and light are balanced as to their laws and forces. Here, God’s mercy vivifies a new soul state, a soul state that gives the spirit the full opportunity to develop as to its powers. That’s why it has been written: *‘Cain knew his wife, who conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch.’* ‘Enoch’ literally means ‘initiation.’ Cain achieves initiation. What he has sought after in his thousandfold, restless labour but has never found, is now conferred on him. He discovers the upward path. While Abel in his soul state is still quietly meditating and bathing in God’s love, Cain proceeds from strength to strength, with the sign of immunity in his soul.

This sign of immunity is not an outward sign. No, it is something he possesses in his blood, a state of the blood in order to enable Cain’s spirit to reach its goal. Cain wants to be a heavenly revolutionary. Well, God enables him to be one. And thus, in his glory, Cain builds a city, the city of Enoch, the city of initiation, a

pre-Christianopolis, a lodge down here, which flashes at the lodge on high, the order of Melchizedek, and calls it with the dynamic cry: *‘Come over and help us!’*

Look, in all things I see, lit as by a flash of lightning, the answer to my question: *‘Why am I a Rosicrucian?’* Whoever is a Rosicrucian from within, as to body, soul and spirit, answers to the following qualities:

- he belongs to the Cain type;
- he possesses powerful consciousness features, which lie in the spiritual sphere;
- he is inclined to ignore the soul aspects and the soul laws, to bend them to his authoritarian taste, to despise them on account of his state and nature;
- due to his blood state, he will show a great interest in the humanities and will assimilate the spiritual goods of this world as indispensable bread;
- because of this distress, he will discover his mistake, the murder of his soul. And in addition to the humanities he will establish the fire church of Christ, so that the spiritual development will take the proper direction due to the control and activity of the soul;
- in this way he will, kindled by the Spirit of God, die in Jesus Christ in free surrender, so that reborn by the Holy Spirit, he can proceed before the



countenance of the Lord to the land of Nod, east of Eden. This means, having been awakened to a new soul state by the Holy Spirit, Enoch, initiation, will be born of him, entirely corresponding to his disposition. This is not an initiation granted from above! It is initiation born from himself!

- and thus he will, with his brothers as to spirit, soul and body, build a city, the city of Enoch, the lodge down here, which calls out of the dark womb of the earth, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, to the Hierophants of the Light: 'Come over and help us!'

By this sevenfold of properties the Rosicrucian has been characterised. Through the ages, he was persecuted and people tried to kill him. He is being persecuted and people try to destroy his work. He is being hunted down, but he is consoled. He is crucified, yet he lives. God has put a sign on him, so that nobody should kill him. All who take action against him, are beaten seven times, for he works for the great Brotherhood of men. He has found and gained the rose on the cross.

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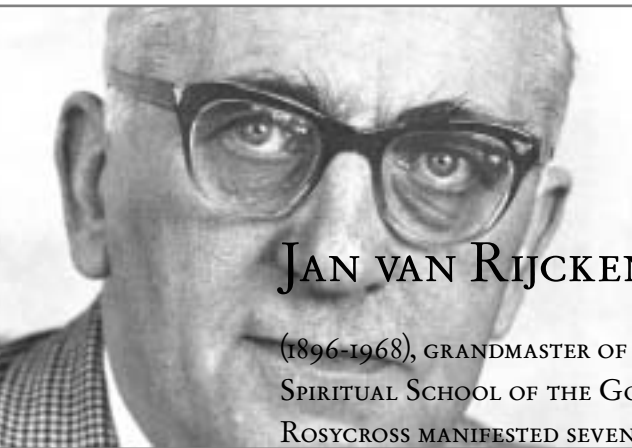
and use of symbols; Image of God and universality; In the beginning was the Word; Development of the New Soul. In addition, numerous topics have been discussed concerning the eternal quest for Universal Truth.

From all those articles a selection has been made in order to make you sense something of the great development in which the periodical Pentagram has already participated for 25 years now. 'Pentagram aims to draw its readers' attention to a new era which has arrived in the development of humanity. Throughout all ages the Pentagram has been the symbol of the reborn human being, the new Man. It is also the symbol of the universe and its eternal genesis through which the Divine plan is manifested. However, a symbol has value only if it leads to actualization. The human being who actualizes the Pentagram in his microcosm, his own miniature world, is on his way on the path of transfiguration. Pentagram calls on the reader to cause this spiritual revolution in himself.'

The editors of Pentagram

Left: La Nuova Arca, Dovadola, Italy; right: Gent, Belgium.





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SPIRITUAL SCHOOL OF THE GOLDEN
ROSYCROSS MANIFESTED SEVENFOLD:

'The invisible world of the Living Soul state has approached the earthly realm and those human souls that are sensitive to its ether vibrations. For a long time we have announced this tide that is coming now, and full of trust we expect that we will be allowed to behold the breaking away of the clouds of ignorance that have for so long obscured the Light that is shining from the Inner Heaven.' Renova conference 22-24 June 1968.



CATHAROSE DE PETRI

(1902-1990), GRANDMASTER OF THE
SPIRITUAL SCHOOL OF THE GOLDEN ROSYCROSS
MANIFESTED SEVENFOLD:



‘Willing, thinking, desiring and longing often play a destructive game in our lives. When we look at the chaos of our emotional life, we know that our heart is impure, and we know – as our heart is the entrance gate to our life system for the Gnosis – that we first of all must strive after the purification of the heart. The purer and cleaner our heart, the better and more clearly the voice of the Gnosis calling within us will be.’



The seven main temples of the Modern Golden Rosycross: p.26, upper left: Foyer Catharose de Petri, Caux, Switzerland; upper right: J. van Rijckenborgh Centre, Haarlem, The Netherlands; lower left: Renova, Bilthoven, The Netherlands; lower right: Christian Rosenkreuz Heim, Calw, Germany; p.27, upper left: Pedra Angular, Jarinu, Brazil; upper right: Noverosa, Doornspijk, The Netherlands; lower left: Van Rijckenborgh Heim, Bad Münden, Germany.

THE NEW LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

In the third issue of Pentagram, 1995, we have explained that the heart sanctuary can only begin to speak a new language when it has been totally purified. We stated that the whole sevenfold heart corresponds with the seven nucleus principles of the human system, and that the heart is the central sun around which human life revolves. In addition, it is the centre of the spiritual consciousness. And because the whole structure of the sevenfold microcosmic system could not be spoken in one breath, it soon became clear that so many elements and aspects of this task should be studied that there was a tendency to lose sight of the whole. But, just as it is with so many things, we must first explore a certain field of reflection, before the whole can be seen in the right way.

Left: Aurora, Wielun, Poland; right: Le Phénix, Guerville, France; page 29 left: Oristano, Sardinia, Italy; right: La Nuevo Mercurio, Zaragoza, Spain.

First of all, we need to define what we mean by speaking a language. Every liv-

ing being produces more or less articulated sounds by means of the larynx. These sounds express the mental or emotional state of a human being or animal. All possible emotions, impulses and thoughts can be translated into sound. But this sound is not language. We only speak of language when, through the spoken word, an individual can express his whole emotional and mental state, his whole state of being, to such an extent that it can be communicated to another person as a clear image. For, very often, sound determines form. Sound is vibration, just as a thought or a desire is a vibration.

OUR LANGUAGE IS A BROKEN REALITY

In prehistoric times, the true human being could work in a directly creative way from the Kingdom of Heaven with the aid of sound. Thus, sound was the creative fiat for things that had previously been thought up and decided. But in our sunken state we can no longer boast of that skill. Now sound can at best be inter-



pretative, conveying an explanation of our current state of being. As such, the language of the present-day human being is a broken reality. By our deeply sunken state, the primordial language can no longer be spoken. And the result is the total confusion of tongues that prevails in the dialectical world. Through humanity's infidelity, the serenity of colour, vibration, order, harmony, sound and speech, generated from divine thought in the original kingdom, has turned into disharmony.

Just try in the midst of the human hustle and bustle to withdraw into your inner self for two minutes, in such a way that you fully remain yourself. Then you will experience the total pandemonium going on around you, among other things caused by the unmelodious sounds produced by the human larynx. These sounds are activated by the brain and the current emotional state of the blood. This alone is enough to prove that the divine thought is far from being expressed. And we see that this profound estrangement from original life means

The heart as to the old and the new creation. Geheime Figuren der Rosenkreuzer (Secret Figures of the Rosicrucians).



Left: Chateau
Tourtel, Tanton-
ville, France;
right: Schloss
Neustein, Stein-
feld a/d Drau,
Austria.

that we are no longer directly linked with the original prana. And that is why the forces of degeneration became prevalent everywhere. The heavenly human being became dormant and the dialectical human being arose.

BABYLONIAN CONFUSION OF TONGUES STILL PREVAILS

The Babylonian confusion of tongues *was*, and still *is*, an historic and scientific necessity. When we try to link the heavenly realms and forces with dialectics, this will inevitably result in confusion. Through the ages, esoterically inclined people have tried to use mantras or incantations to realise the original creative faculty of the heavenly human being in the dialectical one.

We have constantly made new efforts to explain that the dialectical human being will never be able to put on the heavenly human being. When we try to do so, this is always an attempt to steal or imitate. And such attempts cause an even stronger bond to matter than we could presently imagine.

You can understand these things clearly if you study the functions of the creative larynx in relation to the whole body. The larynx is part of the head-heart system. This whole system is controlled by the medulla oblongata as the connect-

ing link. The medulla oblongata is situated at the back of the head and has a strong link with the five pulmonary cavities and their contents. We have extensively spoken about the lungs before. We arrived at the conclusion that only part of the air in the lungs is replenished when we breathe. Hence, the stale air is mixed with a little bit of fresh air.

YOUR AURIC SPHERE IS FORCED TO PARTICIPATE

There is a well-known saying that ‘the means make the man.’ This is a simple truth. When the pre-dialectical human being deviated from the divine paths – through the fiat he could still speak at that time – he created the conditions of which he later became a victim. If you choose for yourself, whether consciously or through birth and upbringing, a perverted and disharmonious environment, then your whole life sphere is bound to be pervaded by it. And also your auric sphere (or respiration field, which is directly linked with your inhalation and exhalation) will be forced to make this life sphere its own.

In this way, the atmosphere that remains behind in the lungs will correspond to that life sphere, provided you persevere long enough. Additionally, your blood, your emotional centre, your thought cen-



tre and your actions will demonstrate the environment you have chosen. Your whole state of life will testify of it.

BECOMING AWARE OF YOUR IMPURE STATE

When a person's inner and outer circumstances have become equal in this way, and that person suddenly realises his impure state, a lot will have to be purified before that state will change noticeably. A few months of not smoking, not drinking alcohol and following a vegetarian diet are not enough to give you a purified heart.

Nor is the salvation of the human being and the purification of his pulmonary system a matter of repentance and being ready to take one's medicine in some religious group. It is a conscious, scientific process. Before someone can say 'I have been saved' or 'I have been enlightened', a lot has to be developed and changed in his life systematically and consciously.

If you are really serious about beginning the process of renewal, you must first become conscious of your disharmonious state of life, and of the scientifically demonstrable state of impurity of all your vehicles. Only in the existential distress arising from that consciousness you will

discover who and what Christ is, and who and what the Christ hierarchy is and what it means to you.

CHRIST'S POWER LEADS YOU TO RESURRECTION

And then you will also begin to discover how the Christ radiation could bring about a resurrection in you, rather than a deeper fall. For, throughout time, the millionfold religious host has certainly experienced – and had it demonstrated – that wrong reactions to the divine laws of life lead to a fall.

But with regard to the resurrection that can be accomplished in Him, the first letter of the alphabet of redemption has yet to resound for the masses. In that respect, the new language must still be learned. In the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross, we consider that new language quite well possible, when a person has reached total I-demolition, very concretely and fully consciously, and when he has a purified and cleansed heart sanctuary, sealed in the Christ power and shining and radiating for his environment. When in this way sounds are produced from the larynx, the resulting word is bound to be new and creative. That is why every pupil in the Spiriti-

Left: Foyer de la Licorne, St. Jean-de-Fos, France; right: Sutton, Québec, Canada.



Left: Karapiro,
New Zealand;
right: Pelikán
Konferenciahely,
Uny, Hungary.

tual School of the Golden Rosycross must understand very profoundly that the original language, the language of the creative fiat, cannot be spoken by any dialectically oriented being. He must first walk the path of rebirth.

When you have gained some awareness of your 'state of being,' some understanding of what it means to be standing in the process of rebirth, you will know that there is still a deep chasm between your dialectical state of life and the process of rebirth. And it is this chasm that the Christ hierarchy wants to bridge with the redeeming language of the heart. But before this redeeming language can be spoken, an intense purification of the heart must take place.

BRIDGING THE DEEP CHASM

This leads us to ask: How do I purify my heart sanctuary, so that I will be able to speak the new language of the heart in the near future? The answer is: First of all, by becoming aware of your surroundings, and by becoming aware of the place in which you move. You must be who you are. It is important that you study minutely your own mode of life and your environment and assess them in terms of the teach-

ings that you can only fulfil in Christ.

You will only purify your heart sanctuary if you dare to examine yourself fundamentally, if you dare to see whether the teachings you assimilate and the life you demonstrate are in harmony with each other. And if anything is still lacking – and usually this is bound to be the case – then, with relentless courage, you must dare to affect yourself and the surroundings you have formed, because those are the very matters which are standing in the way of the purification of your blood.

PERSONAL REVOLUTION NECESSARY

You must carry out a personal revolution. If you do not have the courage to begin with yourself and look at home for the cause; if you do not first see the beam in your own eye; if you do not begin 'at home,' but yet continue to inhale the liberating teachings, then total disharmony and confusion – if they have not occurred yet – are inevitable. In your own interest, we cannot enough impress on you that the process of renewal begins with yourself, and that this renewal should also be applied to the surroundings in which you live your personal life.

If you strive in this way and struggle to





achieve purification, you will – from below upwards – be able to launch the dynamic process of liberation. That is the meaning of the moment in the parable of the Prodigal Son when he decided to bid farewell to his life among the swine. If, in this way, you are consciously able to begin your return to the lost land, this will cause a new vibration to develop in your respiration field, a magnetic faculty that is able to bring about connections by which you can draw yourself up to a higher field of life.

A NEW RESPIRATION FIELD AT YOUR DISPOSAL

When you have reached the point at which you have gained such a new respiration field and have experienced a certain amount of power in it, you will want to express your magnetic desires in it. May

this verbal expression be a prayer, for if you have just fled your sunken state and you express your prayerful desires in that state, your prayer will be answered. For the Lord of all life ‘leaves no prayer unanswered’.

And then it happens! The development begins. For due to the possibility that has been created from below upwards – the new magnetic faculty of the respiration field – the pure Christ forces can enter the respiration field. On this basis you will learn to dissolve your dialectical life system, and you will consciously see the light of the new sun dawning as a reality.

By arising in this new sign, and inhaling and exhaling in it, you will purify your pulmonary system, and the results will be immeasurable. Then the moment will come when the blood is noticeably purified: new, liberating thoughts, new feel-

Alabaster dove in Foyer Catharose de Petri, Caux, Switzerland.

ings, and new actions. And as a result, a new metabolism will develop because of the unity with God's pure ethers. When you inhale and exhale pure, liberating ethers, the metabolism will be made so ideal that the renewal of physical atoms – due to their high frequency – will keep pace with the wear and tear of the metabolic process. When, in addition, you are going to devote yourself to a totally new life, the living water of God's Holy Spirit will ensure that the centre of your being – your heart sanctuary – increases in radiance and splendour day by day. And as a result, the new language of the heart will be able to develop into an increasingly useful faculty.

language will be spoken via the creative word. And consequently, the Christ manifestation will be clearly visible to everyone in whom the new consciousness has awakened, as a clearly distinguishable image.

May you soon be able to speak the new language of the heart!

Catharose de Petri

HOW IS THE NEW LANGUAGE WRITTEN?

Finally, one question remains: How will the new language sound? And of what characters will it consist? The new language will culminate in the firm magical decision to dissolve the entire dialectical state of being, so that the heavenly human being may live again. In other words, from this strictly applied revolution, the candidate becomes a Mary who, through the power of her inner revolution, will propel the birth of the new Jesus to light. Only from this radiant mother sphere can the heavenly human being, the Jesus human being, arise. And having become a Mary, the touch of the Holy Spirit is clear and obvious. The new

THE SCIENCE OF INNER LIBERATION

It is said that knowledge is power. In society this is confirmed daily. And also the opposite! But what about the knowledge that is called Gnosis? Is it truly the case that there is essential knowledge surpassing the human intellect?

To investigate this, we should first of all focus our attention on the concepts of 'knowing' and 'learning'. Usually, learning means the intellectual absorption and storage of information. The knowledge obtained externally in this way, is stored in the memory and can be retrieved when needed, provided it is still present. This is the intellectual way of learning. It leads to mental knowledge with a limited life span. Hence such amassed knowledge is the result of activities of the I that focuses and orientates on the outside world during its development from the cradle to the grave. This generated a materialistic culture: politics, science and social life are entirely based on that process. Whoever has assembled a lot of this kind of knowledge is respected. Whoever uses his knowledge concerning others smartly obtains power over them. Such knowledge certainly means power.

LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF THE I

However, the question crops up whether – in view of human history – such knowledge can solve the riddles of

human life. Can we by learning the answers to essential questions find the Truth? Has this method ever definitively answered questions like: who are we, where do we come from, where are we going? Experience increasingly teaches how limited the knowledge of the I is. There appear to be clear limits that the I can only seemingly, but never truly, cross – for example by using drugs – because after all joy the ordinary everyday life with all its problems presents itself again.

Hence, is life a meaningless cycle of problems? Or is there another kind of knowledge that can lift the human being above all his daily fears and worries, knowledge that can be obtained by a different method of learning? That learning process has always accompanied humanity on its path through life and is taught in mystery schools. This learning process is based on remembrance and concerns the whole human being, and hence not only the I that controls the fourfold personality. It is not limited to the activities of the intellect, but emanates from the soul. The soul is the principle of life, the plan of life underlying human existence. This all-encompassing plan of life far surpasses human comprehension. It breaks through the frontiers of space and time and leads to eternity.

The present-day soul has been so much impeded that it can no longer just fulfil that task. That is why we distinguish between the soul that is bound to nature –



the natural soul – and the soul that is linked with the divine life – the divine or immortal soul. The former one is *seeking* its purpose of life, the latter one *knows* it. The first one measures life with sensory organs, I-consciousness and intellect, the second one draws from infinity and is not bound to any earthly standard. In this soul, the beginning already contains the end, just as the mature plant is already hidden in the seed. Time does not exist for the soul, only a stage of development in which it can unfold.

LACK OF INSIGHT

The words unfolding and development indicate that something – that always exists! – is going to be manifested, to be released. The earthly soul is a complicated system that can only partly be fathomed by the intellect. The immortal soul cannot be understood by the intellect, because it far surpasses the limitations of the intellect.

Possibilities to liberate this immortal soul are present in all people, but time and space limit the earthly consciousness and prevent the manifestation of the immortal soul. The human being is fully controlled by his thinking that rests upon sensory perception and sympathy and antipathy. From the point of view of the earthly soul, there is no relationship with true Life. And because that relationship is lacking, the human being remains – despite any happiness he may experience – inwardly discontented and unsatisfied.

This situation may be illustrated as follows: a master builder receives a shipment of building materials, but because

he does not know the project yet, he does not know what to do with it. He now begins to use the materials, at random, for building a house, although it might well have been meant to construct a bridge with it. The result will, probably, be very unsatisfactory.

Every human being is a master builder who receives building materials unknown to him. Does he know the purpose of life? Has he studied the plan of life?

THE SOUL CONTAINS THE PLAN OF LIFE

Whoever wants to discover the meaning of his life and wants to understand his task in life, will have to learn to dissociate from imposed and acquired knowledge and science and become conscious of the original soul, because this soul contains the plan of life, the plan of construction, the knowledge and the science that serve that purpose. And that knowledge and that science must first be released in order to be able to serve the plan of construction.

But how should we act? Who is still aware of his original, immortal soul? The relevant knowledge has been lost to many people. Insight into the time-spatial limitations of earthly life – and hence of the earthly soul – is the first step on the path of liberation from I-central limitations. That is why mystery schools advise their pupils to begin searching for the laws and forces that shape and determine the human being and his world, so that they should gain knowledge, the right knowledge of it.

They should do this in order to remember how ‘true’ life looks like. Then we discover that human beings are totally

Tied and chained to mouldered values. Photo Pentagram.

bound to time-spatial images. Time and space hold us totally in their grasp. Life is determined by cycles of years, weeks, hours and seconds. Someone has too much or too little time. Who doesn't let his daily life not be determined by his memories or by his plans for the future based on those memories? Only seldom do we experience the present as it is.

In addition, human life is strongly determined by the surroundings we live in: our bodies, our families, our work, our world, the greater world and the universe. There is no escape. Time and space are the boundaries of existence. Within this world everything appears in pairs of opposites: above and below, large and small, light and darkness, clever and stupid, female and male, life and death, war and peace. Every flower that is opening up in the sunlight will have to wilt after flowering. Hence, opposites are linked to time and space. These dimensions are laws and laws establish order, not an order that can be looked upon theoretically, but an order that is demonstrated in an inescapable, corrective power. Whoever wants to thwart and break this order individually or collectively, must also accept the consequences and hope that he/she has assessed them correctly!

MEMORY OF THE ORIGINAL HUMAN BEING

Everyone knows he will have to die one day. *'Dust to dust and ashes to ashes,'* we can read in the Bible. There is nothing we can do against this law. Why does death usually give an unpleasant feeling, while we accept other nature laws without any problems? Is this the case because perhaps something of a memory of the

original life is dawning? Do we perhaps suspect that deep down there must be something immortal, something that lives on even when the body dies? Try to remember that! Seek for immortality, for eternity! The border between mortality and immortality cannot be passed just like that. We read in the Bible: *'My kingdom is not of this world'* and *'Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven.'*

The statement *'My kingdom is not of this world'* shows that there are two kingdoms, two fields of life: the Kingdom of God and the world of space and time. Hence there are also two laws, two orders. On the one hand there is the law of the time-spatial world, the law of polarity which applies to all planes of life and also to the love between people. On the other hand there is the law of eternity, of true divine Love.

DESIRE FOR THE ONE LOVE

How can we recognise and experience this order of eternity? To be able to answer this question we have to look for the purpose of life in space and time. That world is sometimes called the training school for eternity, in which the human being has to learn by experience that human love cannot fulfil the higher law of life. That recognition, that insight awakens the desire for the one Love that surpasses the highest form of worldly love. Nature is God's textbook. The laws of eternity have been written down in it. And the human being is standing right in the middle of it, but he does not ask for those laws, because he believes he has more important things to do...

THE I IS THE ROOT OF ALL PROBLEMS

Why do we constantly beat about the bush with regard to solving our life's problems? Is our I in the way or our soul? Who is trying to escape the right solution? Who has always too little time to go into God's Law? Who feels too limited? Who is afraid of death? Isn't that the I that keeps the soul prisoner? Sometimes it is said: *'Yes, after all, I am who I am. I am I.'* And in that way we exclude as it were our own wrong, our own failure, while that I itself is the root of all problems!

How did the I originate? It is built up by thinking, feeling and acting. It is the sum of all thoughts, feelings and actions in the present and the past. That is why the I is living from all those images and feelings it evokes itself. It is living from the illusions it produces itself. It is rooted in the laws of this world and rules by virtue of eternity, without wanting or being able to recognise that eternity. When confronted with the laws of the other realm of life, the I would melt like snow in the sun.

THE ONE REALITY

The ego has to step aside in order to arrive at unity and eternity, at the recognition of true divine Love. This can only happen when we have recognised it inwardly; when we have found a point of view outside the I. Our mortal personality has only true meaning when the imperishable life, the nucleus of which can be found within the human being, is accepted as the one reality. That reality is nearer than hands and feet. It can be found in the silence of the purified heart. Hence, as soon as the obtrusive, untiring

striving for self-maintenance can be seen as a training school for eternity, already something of the boundaries of time and space have been broken through.

THE PATH TO TRUE KNOWLEDGE OR GNOSIS

The gnostic path is the path on which true knowledge – the Gnosis – can be released. It may take a long time before we have seen through the secret tricks of the I, before we have observed and accepted them in an unprejudiced way. It is a way which requires absolute vigilance. By the growing consciousness of the true soul a

Everyone fills the image according to his own observations and thoughts. The Museum visitors, bronze. Assen, The Netherlands.



totally new dimension in life is generated. All help needed for orientating ourselves in that new dimension will come at the right moment. Whoever has eyes to see and ears to hear will be able to learn and see the secrets of God's plan on the basis of that new consciousness. Thus a new life can be manifested, an eternal life in the midst of our mortal existence. After all, the human being is like a fruit in which a seed is hidden. Well, when that seed of eternity begins to be manifested, also the life of eternity will be able to become reality. In oriental wisdom this seed is called 'the jewel in the lotus.' This seed directly ties in with the Divine Love, the Gnosis. Whoever opens himself up to it, enters into the first stage of the Christian mysteries, the stage of faith. Then we experience the touch of eternity in the heart.

In the second phase of the Christian mysteries, the human being is standing in the stage of hope. It is the experience of the new ensoulment. The seed begins to germinate. A new power to distinguish between good and evil is developing. The germ breaks forth from the dark earth and the young shoot extends to the light.

ALL RESISTANCE IS ANNULLED

Hope leads to the third state of the Christian Mysteries: love. The true soul is reborn. *It* is the new law. All resistance is annulled and all opposition is removed. God and Man are one. From the germ a plant developed and begins to flower. Thus the human being returns to the divine perfection. The higher law is fulfilled and the lower law is dissolved. True knowledge, the Gnosis, has now been released.

John writes in the prologue to his Gospel: '*To all who receive Him, he gave power to become children of God again.*' Receiving Him, creating space for the seed of eternity in the heart, leads to obtaining Gnosis. That is, self-knowledge, insight into our existence, into the purpose of life. That knowledge is a power, the power that surpasses all other power. It demonstrates true Love that does not originate from our earthly existence. That Love and the recognition of that Love is the starting point of the return to Divine Omnipotence. The plan of our destination lies in the new soul. It is at the crossroads of horizontal and vertical. When this spiritual centre is activated in the power of the Christ, the process of reversal and resurrection or transfiguration begins. The eternal begins to dissolve the perishable. The mortal I-soul is taken up into the soul of the true human being, the Son of God. The golden rose flowers. The 'fall', polarity, is overcome by the union of God and Man.

This high, mentally incomprehensible task awaits every human being.