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PREFACE

Following on the publication of *The Light Vesture of the New Man*, which contained the addresses and rituals of our first Aquarius Renewal Conference, held in August 1963 in our conference centre Renova in Bilthoven, The Netherlands, we hereby present, with the same intentions and in the same spirit, the truly seeking public with the unabridged texts of everything discussed during our second Aquarius Conference, held in Calw, Germany, in August 1964.

We do not request the reader's faith, if the content of our publication does not appeal to him from within. The advancing development of the Aquarius era will testify on our behalf.

May countless human beings be guided by new insight and decide to follow the Water Bearer, so that also in them and by them the truth of the path of salvation may become manifest.

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I

THE JOANNINE HUMAN BEING

Opening

Now that we experience the mercy of being participants in this special work of kindling the torch of the light in this Christian Rosenkreuz Temple, we place ourselves in humility, but very consciously, under the radiant light of the one flame, and we profess before the countenance of the sevenfold universal Spirit and before the inner tribunal:

In the name of the holy threefold Logos,

in the name of the liberating universal Seven-light,

in the name of His Power, Jesus Christ our Lord:

Obedience to the holy threefold Logos,

obedience to the glorious powers and radiations of the holy Seven-light,

obedience to the Grand Master of the Universal Chain of the Brotherhood, Jesus Christ. Amen.

May we be found worthy to receive

the merciful blessing of the Holy Brotherhood.

Amen, yes, amen.

First address

In this second Aquarius Conference we would like to place you before the eightfold path, the classical path of the two squares. This path has already been transmitted to us through Hermes Trismegistus. It focuses our attention on a twofold work that must be carried out by any person who considers himself a true Rosicrucian.

You know what we mean by the square of construction. The work for and of the renewing life leading to the second sidereal birth must be carried out on the square of construction. But it is obvious that, before we can speak of true construction, the soil on which the construction is to take place must be prepared first. The building site must be purified, must be smoothed. We have to delve deeply, before we can be sure that a sufficient basis will be obtained for true renewal. That is why the second square, the square of preparation, is spoken of. A correct preparation is the prerequisite for any construction. Hence, the two squares cannot be separated. Placed on top of each other they form the number eight, the number of Saturn. It is represented as a gate, through which only those that have truly cleansed themselves can pass.

Perhaps it will now be totally clear to you why we confront you already at the beginning of this conference with this eightfold path. Assuming that you all know that in our Spiritual School the process of construction requires a preceding process of breaking, you will all understand that the new World Brotherhood, manifested in our days and acting in our time, obviously will have to satisfy the signature of the eightfold path. Hence it is logical that in a conference aiming at explaining the activity and nature of

the new World Brotherhood two images are drawn, two representations are given, namely:

- the image of breaking up;
- the image of realisation.

In addition, the nature and essence of those who are going to belong to the new World Brotherhood should be placed in the full light of day.

And finally, the following questions will be relevant:

- 1 Which weapons, which instruments will be used by this Brotherhood to achieve its goals?
- 2 To what degree will they be applied?

Well, we will all understand that, as humanity again enters an Aquarius era after a period of approximately 26,000 years, the harvest of the centuries has to be reaped. That is why all of humanity is placed under a new radiation field and under totally different atmospheric conditions, as can be observed clearly everywhere. The Water Bearer is emptying his vessel of living water over the entire earth and under these completely different cosmic and atmospheric conditions a new type of human being *can* be and *will* be formed, which will be wholly adjusted to the newly created field of life and which will act correspondingly.

Humanity does not know this new human being and yet he will look very familiar to the world and humanity when he is manifested, because his arrival, his genesis and his work have been prophesied and recorded in the Holy Language and the Universal Teachings for ages upon ages.

We must now ask: How will the new type of human be manifested? And what does this renewal consist of? What is its signature?

The answer is: It is the human being who completely fathoms the essence and nature of the first sidereal birth

and all its consequences; who is determined to walk the path of return and to this end turns to his own heart sanctuary, to the rose of the heart, also called 'the Lord of the Cave', in order to release and use the power locked up in it.

A sevenfold power lies in the rose of the heart, corresponding to all seven universes and therefore leading to all seven sidereal births. Here we must especially draw your attention to the fact that the first sidereal birth concerns that part of the dialectical reality that existed in the period before the Fall. And as no phase of the path of development can be skipped, it is clear that the first phase concerns the return to the pre-Adamitic state of being, albeit charged with the wealth of experience of countless centuries.

This is the general signature of the new human being. In a more detailed way it could be said that the radiation of the rose of the heart has a completely unearthly atomic power. If a pupil of the Spiritual School releases this power and succeeds in filling his entire being with it and makes it circulate through his being, his whole existence will certainly change and, among other things, become much more etheric. The entire head sanctuary with its wondrous possibilities will acquire completely different features. In this way, ultimately a being will be generated in between the type of human being of the first and that of the second sidereal birth, actually being *in* the world, but no longer *of* the world.

It is the Joannine human being that is going to be manifested, regardless of whom we mean: John the Baptist, John the Evangelist or John of the Apocalypse. By 'John' is meant the human being in which the Seven-Spirit has worked forcefully in a transforming way. It is the human being to whom the Holy Seven-Spirit has shown its mercy. This human being withdraws from ordinary social life and

experiences this life as a desert. This human being goes out as a Baptist to those who seek him. He is transformed by the transfiguration of the head sanctuary, in which the soul human being develops to the extent that he is ultimately taken up in Him whom we call Jesus the Lord.

This human being has now become multidimensional, four-dimensional. We call him John-Jesus. He has returned, charged with his treasures, to the dawn of the first sidereal birth, so that he can subsequently ascend into the second sidereal birth, into the Kingdom of Heaven. And now he begins his great work in the service of the world and humanity, his work that can be called a way of the cross. This way of the cross, which has been exemplified by one of the sublime ones in prehistoric times, is now imitated and accomplished by him who is now, after having been resurrected from John-Jesus, called 'Christian Rosycross'.

At the moment of this great victory, when the path of the cross has been accomplished from the very first beginning until the end by a human being like us, who in imitation of Christ, as Christian Rosycross, has accomplished the eight-fold path, the path of the two squares, we see in brilliant beauty the white stone, the cubic stone, the cross joined into a cube, as a sign that the task has been completed: first as a human being, second as soul, and third as spirit.

In imitation of Christian Rosycross the great Brotherhood can become the World Brotherhood of the new human race, called to save humanity as far as is possible. And now that the Aquarius era has arrived and is going to spread its luminous power over our field of life, the days have come that the word will be fulfilled that we can read in the first letter of Peter, chapter 2, verses 4-8:

'Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in

God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

Behold, I am laying in Zion
– in the lighting dawn –
a stone, a cornerstone
chosen and precious,
and he who believes in him
will not be put to shame.

To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe:

The very stone which the builders rejected
has become the head of the corner,
and a stone that will make men stumble,
a rock that will make them fall.'

Look, this word now becomes reality. And we have assembled here to reflect on the way in which this will happen.

Thus we know that the Joannine human being, the new type of human being, although being in matter is no longer of matter in his present state of existence. This human being has become immortal, cannot be killed, cannot be kept prisoner and cannot be affected by any earthly law. No entity of our type is able to distance himself from this human being. This human being possesses possibilities and means that cannot, for even a second, be used by any dialectical entity.

We would like to explain that the new World Brotherhood, the community of the living Rosycross, represents a certain spiritual power among the turmoil of the nations for the first time in world history. It is a spiritual power that will make itself felt in the time to come.

To what end? Not to condemn the world and humanity in the advancing apocalyptic times, but to save and to help it. Not to become involved in politics and the affairs of the state, not to become engaged in the many problems by which present-day humanity is burdened, but to spread light wherever this is considered useful and necessary, so that the blind will see again.

You know that the majority of people are ignorant in the most complete sense of the word, and are totally blind, although they have eyes. The cause of this imprisonment lies in the mode of life of the leaders of the masses. Ignorant people cannot guide others to knowledge. Ignorant people cannot be leaders. Ignorance is the cause of the present, deep fall. Hence the biblical complaint: 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.'

Can a person be found guilty, because he follows the appointed authority? Not at all! And should one blame an authority that believes it is fulfilling its task properly? Aren't they both the victims of training and circumstance? That is why the World Brotherhood must act very cautiously and very carefully, so that its activity will benefit all and the result will be as effective as possible.

Let us discuss in our second address how this great work is to be accomplished, so that possibly all will be saved.

II

THE PLAN OF SALVATION FOR THE WORLD AND HUMANITY

Prayer (Rosa Mystica 155)

*O Lord of Strength,
my soul yearns and is consumed with desire.
My heart and my soul cry out
to the Living Water:
Blessed are You who clear the Path for me!
O God and Shield, look on the face of
Your Servant.
One day in Your Temple
is better than a thousand days elsewhere.
One sound of Your Music is strength and joy.
You are my rock.*

*Glory to You, Word,
Glory to You, O Wisdom,
Glory to You, Spirit,
Glory to You, O Holy One,
Glory to Your Glory.*

*We praise You, O Lord, we thank You,
O Light, in which no darkness is. Amen.*

He who lives in the Soul vehicle,
is omnipresent.
No more he measures time or space,
no frontier can reduce his pace,
but he is present.

Who, Spirit, Soul and body one
is ignited by God's Spirit,
he enters the Eternities,
discovers God's motivations
to which he's now admitted.

The Fountains of Aquarius
pour forth their gifts for all.
They nourish those who go the way,
they pave a straight and even way,
and quench the thirst of all. Amen.

Ritual

We read from the letter to the Romans, chapter 14:

'None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgement seat of God; for it is written, 'As I

live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.

So each of us shall give account of himself to God. Then let us no more pass judgement on one another, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. [...] For the kingdom of God is [...] righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.' Amen.

The answer to this can be found in the second letter to Timothy, chapter 2, verses 11-13:

'The saying is sure:
If we have died with him,
we shall also live with him;
If we endure,
we shall also reign with him;
if we deny him,
he also will deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful,
for he cannot deny himself.' Amen.

In the beginning of the twentieth century a new branch sprouted from the tree of wisdom that bore the sublime name of *Christian Rosycross*. During the initiation of this branch, the late Dr Rudolph Steiner spoke extensively about Christian Rosycross in a lecture in Neuchâtel (Switzerland) on 27 September 1911. We will quote a number of fragments from this lecture.*

'What constitutes the mystery of Christian Rosycross? Whenever Christian Rosycross is spoken of, the starting point is al-

* From: *Das esoterische Christentum und die geistige Führung der Menschheit* (Esoteric Christianity and the Spiritual Guidance of Humanity), Dornach, 1962.

ways a great faith in the mysteries of spiritual life, a faith not only with regard to the person, but also with regard to the great secrets of spiritual life. Christian Rosycross is an individuality who works both while incarnated and while he does not possess a physical body. He works not only as a physical being by means of physical powers, but above all spiritually by means of higher powers.

We know that humanity not only lives for itself, but also lives in a relationship to the great human development. When an ordinary human being dies, his etheric body dissolves in the universe. However, a part of this dissolving etheric body continues its existence, and hence we are always surrounded by the remains of the etheric bodies of the deceased, either for our benefit or in a detrimental way. They affect us, either in a positive sense or in a negative sense to the extent that we are good or bad. This means that we experience comprehensive effects of the etheric bodies of great individualities. Therefore, a great power emanates from the etheric body of Christian Rosycross, which can affect our soul and our spirit. It is our task to become aware of these powers. As Rosicrucians we appeal to this power. [...]

The origin of the Rosicrucian movement can be found in the thirteenth century. At the time, in the thirteenth century, personalities particularly suitable for initiation had to be selected. The initiation itself could take place only after this short period of darkening.

At a certain place in Europe [...] a highly spiritual Lodge, a college of twelve, was formed, which had absorbed the sum total of the spiritual wisdom of antiquity as well as of their own time. [...]

The karma of humanity had ordained that seven of these twelve persons embodied what had been preserved of the

remnants of the wisdom of the ancient Atlantean period for humanity. [...]

Four others who, unlike the seven personalities mentioned before, could not look back on ancient times long past, joined these seven persons. But these four personalities could look back on the occult wisdom humanity had acquired in the four post-Atlantean cultural periods. The first one was able to look back on the Proto-Indian time, the second on the Proto-Persian cultural period, the third on the Egyptian-Chaldean-Babylonian cultural period, the fourth on the Greek-Latin culture.

Together with the seven, these four united in the college of wise men in the thirteenth century. The twelfth person possessed in a certain sense the least memory, but he was the most intellectually gifted of them and had the task of devoting himself to the outward sciences in particular. [...]

These twelve different streams of wisdom co-operated as a unity. [...] Thus, we must speak of twelve extraordinary individualities. [...] This college of twelve possessed clairvoyance, in the form of memory, as well as intellectual wisdom. The seven successors of the seven Rishis could remember their ancient wisdom; the five others represented the wisdom of the five post-Atlantean cultures. In this way, these twelve represented the entire Atlantean and post-Atlantean wisdom. [...]

However, the starting point for a new culture was only possible because a thirteenth one joined the group of twelve. This thirteenth one was not a scholar in the usual meaning of that time. He was an individuality that had been incarnated at the time of the mystery of Golgotha.'

In the ritual of the next service we will hear who this thirteenth one was. Amen.

Second address

Our whole social order as we experience and see it today is sinking in the pit of mortification. At the moment, everything is done to make the nadir complete. For example, when we look at nuclear experiments, we know that the atmospheric conditions all over the world have fundamentally changed partly due to them. And humanity is fobbed off, as you know, with the well-known bromide that the admissible maximum of radiation has not been exceeded. But nobody knows what an admissible maximum is. It is a fact that any forced, unnatural change of the radiation conditions of our field of life must be considered fatal for all of humanity. And it is called an admissible maximum, if people do not die from it immediately.

But a much more serious death has touched humanity by this denaturation, namely the mental death, the mental degeneration, by which all are threatened with perishing. Mental despair is spreading, of which the signs become increasingly clear and as a result of which we must state that in this way a focus of numerous afflictions has been ignited. It has been ignited by a group of people who have been trained intellectually, who possess many faculties, are generally highly respected and honoured and are known as professor or doctor such and such. Tremendous amounts of money are made available for their research in order to enable these gentlemen to continue their trade quietly, as you know. Society, almost all of society, accepts them and funds them.

Another aspect of this folly is the fact that other natural kingdoms are also affected. In this way the whole vegetable kingdom is poisoned by this nuclear denaturation, so that this kingdom can no longer feed humanity in a normal way.

Without trying to be exhaustive – which would not be possible – it must be stated that the products of the chemical industry stimulate all this. This also results in the appearance on our tables of a forced product of unknown origin that pretends to be sustaining, but in no way is. This result, too, is presented to us by intellectually very gifted gentlemen, who are usually known as great friends of humanity. As such they are honoured and decorated and financed accordingly.

Diseases, avalanches of mental defects resulting from this, are seemingly cured by other chemical products, by other chemical results. You know, for example, that it is said that the pharmaceutical industry nowadays takes care of everything. There is a medication *against* and *for* everything. None of us, none of our fellow human beings, needs to worry any more. And what isn't available yet, will come shortly. After all, the chemists can do anything! And our physicians are almost forced to be the servants of the chemical industry. Daily they receive leaflets, magazines, all kinds of treatises, in which they can read everything they must do or abstain from. You are aware of this. You have known this for a long time already or you suspect it.

Once in a while a mood of emergency arises and an alarm bell resounds, for example due to the birth of a number of babies without arms or legs, caused by, yes, a small experiment, by a new trial of some chemical laboratory. Is this criminal behaviour? O no, this should certainly not be called a crime, for didn't the chemist involved blaze with love of humanity, blaze with enthusiasm in his laboratory, after all? Didn't he want to help humanity, and in this instance especially the pregnant mothers? The medical prescriptions and the physicians recommending these medications to their patients provided the excuse for these results.

Just think of the dramatic legal proceedings held in Belgium in this respect. You know everything about it.

However, what can we and our fellow human beings do but share and express, as we are doing now, our great worries about, among other things, the future of humanity? We could also write an article in some magazine or in some newspaper, at least if the editors are prepared to publish it. Or we could publish our objections in some book. At best, a small group of readers will be alerted.

But the perpetrators of disaster, please understand this, aren't criminals in an absolute sense. They are not entities that willingly and consciously intend to lead humanity to ruin. It is science. It is the church. It is the state. In brief, it is the authorities that give direction and aspire to the leadership. It is the fundamental ignorance of all of humanity, which expects everything of experiments only. There are the fundamental conflicts of humanity that keep it divided in groups, and the distress of these groups propels the authorities to ever more experiments. Humanity laments, humanity cries for help, and the authorities assemble and begin to experiment. Fundamental science, original science has completely left their brain, their state of life.

With this knowledge we could take the point of view: 'We distance ourselves, we don't want to have anything to do with it, we turn to nature. After all, doesn't nature give us everything we need?' But is this still the case? Mentally, the individual has entirely become the victim of the delusion of humanity. In reality he stands outside the nature of this moment. That is why we state again that nature can no longer help humanity. In addition, natural products are totally processed – this is called 'protected' – with all kinds of pesticides. Our fruit trees are sprayed, all vegetables and other crops necessary for the nourishment of humanity

are sprayed. And these pesticides become necessary, because birds also, among others, are exterminated by the millions.

Well, then we withdraw even further. And ultimately we pledge to use only those products that are said to have been grown organically. But even then the ever increasing poisoning of our entire nature, of our entire sphere of life by this denaturation and by the many forced radiations remains. Wherever we turn, everything is poisoned and denatured.

Thus we ultimately conclude that everything without exception has been degraded and emasculated. Presently, nuclear experiments no longer take place in the atmosphere, at least not officially. A series of protests has, for the time being, stopped these experiments. But now they are being carried out deep underground. But did you know that the underground nuclear experiments are infinitely more dangerous than the experiments in the atmosphere? All earth strata, at least the top three earth strata lying under our stratum, are and were already completely disorganised by them.

Did you know that entities are living in the earth strata lying under our stratum? Did you know that these lower strata are fields of development? These fields have been denatured. In addition, all fissionable material is being extracted from minerals that, although they are found on earth, are polarised by other planets. In this respect it has been known for ages that the mineral iron as it is found on our earth, is polarised, i.e. vivified, activated and made radiant, by the radiations of Mars. By the activity of iron, living nature was and is maintained and food was and is made nourishing. For you do know, don't you, that many food products we use contain iron? Now you will perhaps

understand what is meant by the polarisation of iron: the activation, the making radiant of this element.

Well, in the same way uranium is polarised and activated in our natural kingdom by the planet Uranus. Neptunium is polarised by Neptune and plutonium by the activity of Pluto. This means that certain radiations, emanating from the three mystery planets, activate these metals in our lives according to a certain general natural law, so that at a certain moment our head sanctuary would open forth for the great reality in a normal way.

But for quite some time this is no longer the case. The forced devaluation of these three elements has, amongst other things, robbed our planet of great, glorious, divine powers. Our Planetary Spirit is strongly limited in its activity by it. At the same time the harmony between our earth and the other powers of the Solar Body is disturbed completely.

And now this nature is replaced by a counter-nature – in fact this should be called ridiculous! – that turns any organic method into something absurd and, let us add this, turns any herbal therapy into something absolutely negative.

Hence we should reach the conclusion – and we intend to place this conclusion clearly in the light – that the whole human fabric of life has become bogged down completely. And that is why we are standing before consequences that cannot be described. We don't know to what extent it could still be saved, but the general picture we have now confronted you with proves our conclusion that the whole human organisation, the entire social life, has become bogged down, with all ensuing consequences.

But there is more, much more. Just think of the absurd increase of traffic. Even a child can understand that this must result in a sea of blood and tears.

If you now assimilate everything we have discussed so far, could you then point to even one truly guilty one? You can't! For everybody does his utmost and everybody is serious in his own way. We can only decide that all of humanity is ill and is victimised by fundamental ignorance. That is the greatest sin afflicting all: ignorance due to rapidly increasing degeneration and crystallisation.

Now that we have determined all of this, we should not continue to reflect on these phenomena, we should not discuss with each other about the seriousness of some aspect. What would be gained by discussing things and by piling up criticism? After all, there are thousands of reasons for criticism.

Should we start some organisation then? Should we try to establish a new World Brotherhood on the horizontal level in order to fight all this? In order to go through the world to warn humanity in speech and writing? Well, friends, however full of sincere and pure intentions, it will and can no longer be successful.

What we need is the appearance of a new World Brotherhood in a totally different sense. This World Brotherhood should lead humanity back on the right track. But then this Brotherhood should originate from an entirely different world order, from another field of life than ours. It must work with powers that are totally different from any dialectical-human faculties whatsoever.

For our entire field of life is poisoned, denatured. Our authorities have prepared for everything and are, therefore, ready to meet challenges in the normal way. Our field of life is, as Paul says, subjected to 'the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places'. That is why this new World Brotherhood must, among other things, originate from our humanity in order keep us, through the liberating life, in

their grasp and in order to establish contact with those that are almost lost and must be found again.

Thank God that this World Brotherhood of the living Rosycross exists! It maintains right at this moment and already for years an intimate contact with the Planetary Spirit, with the powers from the centre of our earth, in order to make them resound in the choir of the Solar Body. Else our earth with its inhabitants would already have disappeared and been destroyed long ago. Thus the necessary balance is preserved in a very abnormal way.

You have understood from the quotation from the addresses by Rudolph Steiner that this new World Brotherhood of the living Rosycross has shown a great activity in the recent past and must be deemed capable of tremendous activities. And now you know the reason and you understand that this may be the only solution.

The new World Brotherhood has completely anticipated the times in which we are living now. It knew they had to come. The World Brotherhood has not been overtaken by these developments, but it prepares for truly being able to face these things, these situations, at the right moment. We were given the task of informing you completely and confronting you clearly with the great reality. Hence we must now examine how and with what means this community will work in the near future. To this end we first present you with the following image, which will be further elaborated in the third address.

Since the beginning of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross, since the establishment of the house Sancti Spiritus, the great, glorious plan has been prepared, not for the destruction of the world and humanity but for their salvation. It is a

plan of salvation that must develop from below upward. It consists of:

- putting an end to the dominance of and by the reflection sphere;

- presenting all of humanity with a new upbringing;

- leading every group of human beings, every nation, in a way corresponding to its innate nature.

The fundamental principle is that this Brotherhood will put an end to any violence, to any reckless I-centricity with its tremendous karmic consequences.

All of humanity will, without being forced, be placed on a foundation of undeniable, living soul development. This necessitates the return of the destructive, reckless and insane intellectual development to its initial point of departure that we call the pre-Adamitic state of life.

Obviously this requires a totally different type of education. Do you now understand the initiative of the modern Rosycross, of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum, during the last two years to establish a completely different school for the education of our children? Now that you see clearly before you, as we may hope, how and for what reasons all of humanity is threatened with destruction, you will certainly not be eager to drop your children off in schools totally attuned to such a society? In order to hand them over, as six year olds and therefore unresisting in this respect, to destruction or at least to a great struggle for life to be waged later?

By saying this we don't judge the human intellectual faculty, for this faculty is a divine privilege, a glorious privilege. But this privilege should be used in the right way! That is why a new school is necessary for your children, whom you love so much, whom you indulge so much as we can see whenever you are busy playing and speaking with

them on the patios of our conference centres. If you truly love your children, then understand these things and support our work to achieve a completely new kind of education.

The point is, therefore, to lead humanity back to a new, original basis of life, in which and for which the spiritual, determining aspect must obviously be dominant.

A condition, a first necessity for this will be that, when the Universal Brotherhood is about to begin with the initiatives mentioned, a group must exist on the horizontal plane that receives these initiatives, more or less understands them and will co-operate with them. After all, everything must be turned around and very radical measures will be necessary all over the world, for at least the human respiration field will have to be restored. The radiation values must with respect to their atomic aspects be returned to their old state and condition. And all of nature as it once was and as it was originally intended, must be restored. A perfect harmony with the entire Solar Body must be re-established.

Secondly, a high moral state, powerful self-discipline and minimal insight concerning the one purpose of humanity will be necessary in anyone who calls himself a leader and wants to be an authority. And naturally, every theological speculation has to be stopped, as well as all its results. Apart from the state, the one great Truth will have to rule the world and humanity as Church of the Spirit.

It is obvious that the development and execution of this plan requires great powers, if there is to be a reasonable certainty of success. These powers are now ready, have now been fully cultivated and concentrated in what is called the Brotherhood of the Living Rosycross or the Joannine Brotherhood, the nature of which we have been allowed to

explain to you. Well, this plan is on the brink of being executed at the dawn of the Aquarius era. And it is understandable that this great and glorious event – the regeneration of all of humanity on the horizontal plane – must precede true transfiguration in the second sidereal birth.

Understanding will have to be found, acceptance will have to be found in order to ensure the elementary co-operation of many in this great work. And you will understand that this great work must now be linked with a certain group of understanding entities. We must find understanding and truly dynamic people of the deed, who are fervently looking forward to the initiatives of the new World Brotherhood.

Thus you can imagine that there must be a Lectorium Rosicrucianum, filled with brothers and sisters who, expressed in the language of the Bible, expect the Day of the Lord and who will be able to receive the radiations of salvation and spread them over all places where they are needed. That is why we must fully and wholeheartedly co-operate with the glorious initiative of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross, so that as few entities as possible will be lost.

We hope and pray that you will understand this assignment as it must be understood. All of you, co-operate with us! And understand that co-operation cannot continue to be the ordinary pupilship of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum as we could see in many of you until now. It is fantastic that you are with us, we are very grateful that you are indeed pupils, for then you are in the radiation field. But do you understand that crucial times have now arrived? *Now* we need your co-operation, your full, unconditional co-operation! And this co-operation should not merely consist of words, but above all of your behaviour, your deed in a positive new mode of life.

If that is what you want, you can await the coming times with joy and preserve the peace and the quiet in your soul, for no hair of your head needs to be touched, if you as truly living human beings, as intended by God, are prepared to co-operate wholeheartedly. Therefore, no extraordinary capacities are required. You can co-operate and join just as you are.

Epilogue (Rosa Mystica 179)

Just as the embryo unborn
unfolds itself so wondrously,
and with a cry of new-born life
stands as an earthly entity,
so does the nascent Child of God
lie, still unborn, here in this world of strife,
the Womb of earth. No full-frown Scion,
yet sprung from the glorious Tree of Life,
Which with its Seven-Spirit Crown
presents its Fruits unsparingly
to the True Man as his reward
in Garden of the Gods eternally.

For each one must himself achieve True Life
by carrying out the liberating deed of soul.
Each one must act as he professes
and walk toward Salvation's goal.

Demonic forces will then vanish
when once delusion's overthrown,
and Peace will fill the Group to overflowing -
the Power of the Number of Perfection. Amen.

Closing blessing

I know to be close by, O Father,
the great power of being a Child of God.
And whoever wants to use those powers
will stand in the storm as on a rock. Amen.

The love radiation of Christ Jesus be with you all. Amen.

III

THE ETHERIC BODY OF CHRISTIAN ROSYCROSS

Opening

We hope and pray that we may find each other in the redeeming power of the rose and the cross. Amen.

Seven pathways constitute the One Path of Liberation.
Seven Lights form the Candelabrum which stands before God.

Holy Seven-Spirit, strengthen and comfort us with Your Mercy. Amen

Glory be to Thee, O Father.

Glory be to the Word from the Beginning.

Glory be to the Spirit of the Fire. Amen.

Fragment from chapter 87 of the Gospel of the Holy Twelve

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and said unto them: 'Peace be unto you.' But they were affrighted and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

And He said unto them: 'Behold, it is I myself. Like as

you have seen me aforetime. A spirit can indeed appear in flesh and bones as you see that I have. Behold my hands and my feet, handle and see.' And when He had said so, He showed unto them his hands and his feet. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

For Thomas, called Didymus, one of the disciples, had said unto them: 'Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails and thrust my hand into his heart, I will not believe.' Then said Jesus to Thomas: 'Behold my hands, my heart, and my feet; reach hither your hand, and be not faithless but believing.' And Thomas answered and said unto Him: 'My Lord and my God.' And Jesus said unto him: 'Thomas, because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed.' Amen.

Some fragments from the lecture of 27 September 1911 by the late Dr Rudolph Steiner about Christian Rosycross

'The thirteenth was an individuality that had been incarnated at the time of the mystery of Golgotha. In subsequent incarnations he had prepared for his mission by a humble mind, by a devoted, pious life. He was a great soul, a devout, inwardly deeply mystical human being, who had been born with these characteristics and did not only acquire them. [...] This thirteenth fully developed, supervised and looked after by the twelve, and from each of them he received all the wisdom they could give him. [...]

These twelve now, who were all filled with and fully aware of their spiritual task, and who were deeply aware of Christianity, realised that the outward Christianity of the Church presented only a distorted image of true Christianity. [...] They were convinced that all spiritual life was con-

tained in their twelve streams. In this way each of them influenced the pupil according to his own powers. Their aim was to achieve the synthesis of all religions, but they were aware that this aim could not be achieved by means of some theory, but by the activity of spiritual life. [...]

While the spiritual powers of the thirteenth increased infinitely, his physical powers strongly diminished. This reached the stage where the link with the outward life almost ceased to exist [...] and then an event occurred that could take place in history only once. It was one of those events that can occur when the macrocosmic forces co-operate for the benefit of the fruits that have to ripen by such an event. [...] In a few days the body of this thirteenth turned completely transparent. [...] In short formulas, which were like short prayers, [the twelve] let their wisdom flow into the thirteenth, while the thirteenth was lying down seemingly dead. [...] This state ended when the soul of the thirteenth woke up as a new soul. In him, something like a totally new birth of the twelve teachings of wisdom was present, so that also the twelve sages could learn something new from the young one. [...]

Within a few weeks the thirteenth returned to the twelve all the wisdom he had received from them, although in a new form that was given as by Christ himself. What he revealed to them, the twelve called true Christianity, the synthesis of all religions. And they distinguished Christianity of their time from this true Christianity. [...] The result of the initiation of the thirteenth was that the remains of his etheric body were preserved in the spirit sphere of the earth. [...] From the spiritual world, this same tenuous-spiritual etheric body again illuminated and irradiated the new embodiment, the individuality of the fourteenth century. [...] This is the individuality of Christian Rosycross. He was the

thirteenth in the circle of the twelve and he has been called so ever since that incarnation.

Esoterically [...] he was already Christian Rosycross in the thirteenth century, but exoterically he is called so since the fourteenth century only. And the pupils of this thirteenth are the successors of those other twelve of the thirteenth century. These are the Rosicrucians. [...]

As a result of the activity of the Rosicrucians, the etheric body of Christian Rosycross became ever stronger and more powerful through the centuries. It was not only active through Christian Rosycross, but also through all who became his pupils. Since the fourteenth century Christian Rosycross has incarnated again and again. [...] Thus the radiations of the etheric body of Christian Rosycross have also been active in the nineteenth century. [...] By devotion to the powerful etheric body of Christian Rosycross, humanity will be able to partake in the new clairvoyance and sublime spiritual powers will appear. But this will be possible only for those people who truly follow the teachings of Christian Rosycross.

[...] It is the task of the twentieth century to make this etheric body so powerful that it will be able to work exoterically as well. All that are grasped by it may expect the same experience Paul had near Damascus. Until now, this etheric body has only affected the School of the Rosicrucians. In the twentieth century more and more people will be able to experience this activity and on its basis will also experience Christ in the etheric body, as a presence.

The work of the Rosicrucians makes it possible to experience the presence of the Christ in the etheric body. The number of those that are able to behold this will continue to increase. This world presence must be attributed to the great event of the work of the twelve and of the thirteenth

in the thirteenth and fourteenth century. If you can be a true instrument of Christian Rosycross, you can rest assured that even your tiniest soul activity will last for all eternity.' Amen.

Third address

Let us try to clarify how the new World Brotherhood with its Joannine signature will be active, as soon as the signal for it has been given. The great problem is to make a start, a start that will consist of an event occurring in the atmosphere as a sign that can be observed by many people, by many nations and therefore cannot be denied, and that will be mentioned by the world press, among others. This sign that, however one may try to explain it away, will be recognised by many as a sign that has been prophesied. We do not want to indulge in speculations; we will return to this shortly.

Immediately thereafter, a number of incidents will take place that relate to events that will also draw our attention and that cannot simply be hidden and that concern the ordinary social aspect of things. Various groups of authorities such as councils of ministers, other government groups, associations of scientists, all busy carrying out their tasks in one way or another, the directors of large enterprises of different kinds, assembled in their board rooms – all these groups of persons ruling the world will be confronted with to them most extraordinary situations.

Members of the Universal Brotherhood will visit the meetings of all these groups of an unmistakably authoritarian nature at psychological moments. These members will appear in their invisible, etheric bodies, while only their voices will be clearly audible. They will, when they visit

these meetings and study committees, address these people for example as follows:

‘Gentlemen, we address you here in order to make it clear to you that your whole present activity must be turned around. In the way you act now, you will not be able to carry on. We speak especially to you, because it is your task to be the servants of humanity in one way or another. That is why it will be necessary that from now on you are only focused on the perfect salvation, the absolute needs of all of humanity, and that this is the basis of all your activities from now on.

Every form of violence should be relegated to the past. All instruments of violence must be destroyed. No harm, in whatever way, should be inflicted on nature created by God or on the human kingdom or on the animal kingdom. And where you are occupied with experimental activities which would serve these ends in whatever way, these should be discontinued immediately.

Internationally you will be called upon to lead, each in his own way, each with his own task, a totally different, new way of education for and of all of humanity.’

Thus the voice speaks. Some of the Brothers will quote words from the Bible: ‘Those that hold the seven stars in their right hand and walk among the seven golden lampstands speak to you.’

This message will be transmitted as strongly as possible, simultaneously and all over the world, to those who are eligible for it. And their reactions will be awaited. All measures will obviously depend on these reactions.

All that resist or simply deny the message received will for some time, as a sign that all this is meant very seriously, be neutralised physically and mentally as it were in the sub-

sequent days and weeks without dying. This is a neutralisation that will be announced in advance to those concerned. For some time they will be lifted into the etheric sphere, i.e. into the etheric body of Christian Rosycross, that is being concentrated around the earth aiming for exoteric effects, for outwardly directed activity.

Perhaps you may have had an accident in your life. You have, for example, fallen down and been unconscious for some time. It is then possible that after such a fall, although you are seemingly unconscious, some brain centres still continue to function normally and that you are therefore purely, clearly, positively conscious in the etheric sphere. You can imagine what happens to such a person. There is no complete unconsciousness as when you receive a hard blow on your head with a hammer. The person concerned is led into a state of mental neutralisation in a way we cannot explain now and he becomes conscious, suddenly, in the etheric spheres, in the etheric body of Christian Rosycross.

At that moment we cannot speak of reflection sphere hallucination, but the person concerned is lifted into a great, unbelievable, other reality that is new to him. And he remembers that this state of being has been announced in advance. There the true meaning of life is made clear to him and to what purpose he is called 'man'. To what he is called as, for example, government authority or as an employee of a large company. Why he has studied economics, why he graduated in a branch of science in order to serve humanity in total self-surrender in that way.

When he has learned this lesson, he is returned to his former state of being. For you understand that the great, holy Brotherhood cannot maintain any authority in whatever position, if the person concerned does not wholeheartedly and

in complete self-surrender co-operate in the realisation of the great plan.

You understand that this very spectacular mode of action will be necessary to convince all these self-confident people that there are other powers in the world than those of the church, the state, the police and the guns. All authorities must be shocked in their self-assurance in a way visible to the whole world. All this will happen in the way described. And remember that this action will be resorted to in extreme circumstances only. This interference will occur at a moment of which it is said: It is not a minute too soon!

The sign we were just speaking about is called ‘the sign of the Son of Man’ in the Bible. It is the intervention by the Universal Brotherhood in what could be called an electromagnetic disturbance, a short circuit of accumulated forces in the atmosphere. It is an intervention in the ravages brought about in the atmosphere by again another, as yet not mentioned group of scientists, namely by those who practise space travel at the expense of what they don’t know, with numerous rockets, many experiments and, don’t forget, by detonating nuclear bombs in the very high strata of our atmosphere.

All of this has developed a tension field that not only harms the health of humanity, that is of all those living on earth, but that is detrimental to the minimally required harmony between the earth and the other parts of our macrocosm. This relationship, this unity with the universe has been intensely disturbed by these pranks resulting in a first and clear reaction of the different atmospheric strata, visible and noticeable by all of humanity.

This is the sign, of course the sign of the most extreme crisis, the Universal Brotherhood has been waiting for in order to begin its radical work. What Rudolph Steiner has

announced and what has been quoted in the ritual, is now, in our days of the twentieth century, being fulfilled, at least it is now beginning.

Only when all these groups of authorities are prepared, though more or less forced, to listen and obey, when they are shocked out of their self-assurance, can humanity be saved from certain ruin. As you know, we have been allowed to tell you already: *that* is what the Brotherhood is focused on.

Then, as has been said earlier, a re-education of all of humanity must take place that has to be started by the ordinary authorities of every state and every nation. Therefore, the idea is absolutely not to try to overthrow an entire civilisation or to effect a truly dialectical world revolution, as has been the case in the past centuries and years. That is certainly not the intention of the Universal Brotherhood.

You know, and you can read it in the holy language, that every nation has the government it deserves. The governments of the European nations and of the countries outside Europe, all governments known to you, will by the intervention of the Universal Brotherhood be required to lead their people, their countries, in a totally new organisation. This re-education of all of humanity, guided by their own responsible authorities, will obviously be accompanied by a series of international measures. This will happen immediately in order to prevent further explosions in whatever way.

In this way, a series of developments of an economic and social nature will occur in the world, which will of course take years, in order to help humanity adjust to the wholly different era it has entered. Many scientific groups will have to re-orientate completely to adjust to the changed social situation in order to be able to preserve their author-

ity. Thus science will not be dethroned, but it will be forced, if it does not go along voluntarily, to comply with the requirements of the Universal Teachings, with the requirements of the plan of the great Brotherhood.

In this way, all causes leading to new disharmonic karma will gradually be destroyed. And every human being will have the time and receive the opportunity to adjust himself completely. In short, this regards a process of healing of everyone. If this process of healing has progressed to a certain point and the most serious mental conflicts have been eradicated, it can be expected that the human being of the crowd will mature to understand the one mighty goal of humanity. Then all prisons will become superfluous and empty. Then also fewer hospitals will be needed, because this mental healing of all of society and of all of humanity will make numerous diseases and disharmonic behaviour vanish completely.

It will be clear that a most important aspect of this process of regeneration concerns the attitude and behaviour of the various churches and their servants. We know that there are many extremely serious theologians, who are yearning for the healing of humanity and who would be prepared to put up with anything to bring in true Christianity. When these theologians, guided by the Church of the Spirit, fathom what true Christianity means, they will certainly be prepared to co-operate wholeheartedly.

But you understand that all theological twists, intellectual artificiality and the subsequent practises carried out in the churches will be swept aside by the rejecting attitude of the people themselves. As far as necessary, the unmasking of the self-assured will take place in this way. We hope with

all our heart that this entire development can be led in the right direction for the benefit of all.

We will now end the explanation of this aspect of the things to come and draw your attention to another aspect of the activity of the Universal Brotherhood, which we, as pupils of the modern Spiritual School, must necessarily become familiar with in order not to be victimised. We are pointing to the great change and transformation of everything which we call the reflection sphere in our School, i.e. the spheres on yonder side of the veil of death.

For years we have explained that the entire reflection sphere has been created by the way of life of humanity. Therefore, if the Brotherhood would wipe out the reflection sphere in a forced way, this would not be a real solution. It should be that because of the re-education of humanity the reflection sphere becomes superfluous and therefore liquidates itself as it were.

That is why you must take into account that all present inhabitants, all present developments of the reflection sphere will shortly – for this has already started long ago – be found in extreme distress. You will understand what dramatic developments are going to take place in those spheres of our planet, yes, are already developing at this moment. The intensifying Aquarius radiations and the atmospheric changes related to them accentuate the etheric planes of the earth in particular. If the racial body of the man in the street were to remain as it is, massive lunacy would break out. The intensifying etheric influences, to which those concerned would become highly sensitive, would then cause the greatest disasters possible.

That is why it can be expected that the great danger of overshadowing, or at least of a very undesirable influence,

may develop especially with regard to sensitive people. We fervently hope that you can imagine this. That is why all of you must pay sharp attention to your mode of life, to the signature of the future work of the Universal Brotherhood.

The Universal Brotherhood will also purify and cleanse the etheric planes and neutralise the reflection sphere in accord with the process of re-education that will develop from below upward. This must be brought about in a perfect interaction, as we have tried to explain. Hence, many reflection sphere entities will during their flight, in extreme distress, try to hold on to entities still living on earth. That is why all of you are advised: shake off any danger by focusing exclusively and as positively as you can on the living Brotherhood of the Rosycross, on the mighty etheric body of our Father, Brother, Christian Rosycross.

It might happen that entities, members of the Brotherhood of the Light, want to reveal themselves to you in one way or another. But remember, in whatever form they may appear to you, in the near or the yet distant future, they will always do this with the sign of the living Rosycross. They will never make a flattering remark with regard to any aspect of your I-being. They will never, to put it in a popular way, butter you up and put you on a pedestal you do not deserve.

After all, for the time being we are all mere mortals. We are all pilgrims who, stumbling laboriously, go to the liberating life. And don't think that even one of these pilgrims could walk this path with uplifted head and proudly congratulating himself. Reflection sphere entities that want to strike up a relationship with you are always focused on your I. That is an important signature you can always recognise. And they will always try to praise you with flattering words.

The Brothers of the Rosycross on the contrary will never resort to flattering language. They will always and without exception confront you with your task as pupil and servant of the Great Work.

Thus we see on the one hand an intense and brand new effort to save all of humanity and, at the same time, an intense and strong effort to help all who have prepared themselves to reach the great goal. You will now understand what a glorious, what a delightful privilege it is for all of you, as pupils of the modern Spiritual School, to become acquainted with all of this in advance and that already now an intense attempt is made to turn you into pioneers. Into human beings with a pair of strong arms that will be able to drag along those who have more mental problems than you do and who have had to change as in a fraction of a second.

Imagine that you had been focused on the horizontal plane for your whole life; that all your time, from second to second, has for example been directed to your business or your study. What a tumble, what a change you will have to make, when the voice from above resounds and when you have to devote yourself to the task assigned to you in the name of God!

We still hope to be allowed to speak to you often about all of this, especially about the mighty developments humanity is approaching rapidly. And we hope and pray that we have been able to satisfy the aims set for this second Aquarius Conference and that we could respond to a certain extent to the task the Brotherhood has given us, namely to open your eyes for the things to come. And we also hope that, although we cannot force it, we will find you prepared to go with us and to make you understand that the days and the hours of the Apocalypse have arrived.

What is going to begin now is nothing more nor less than what the Apocalypse calls the 'Kingdom of a thousand years'. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Seven-Spirit says to the churches. Whoever hears and acts accordingly, will not be harmed in the coming development, which will obviously be a revolution.

This assurance we may finally transmit to you in the name of God, in the name of the Brotherhood.

Epilogue

The Lamb receives the sealed book (Revelation 5)

And I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice: 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I wept much that no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

Then one of the elders said to me: 'Weep not; lo, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels saying with a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Amen, yes, Amen.

Final blessing

We hope and pray that we will permanently find each other in the etheric radiation field of Christian Rosycross. Amen.

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