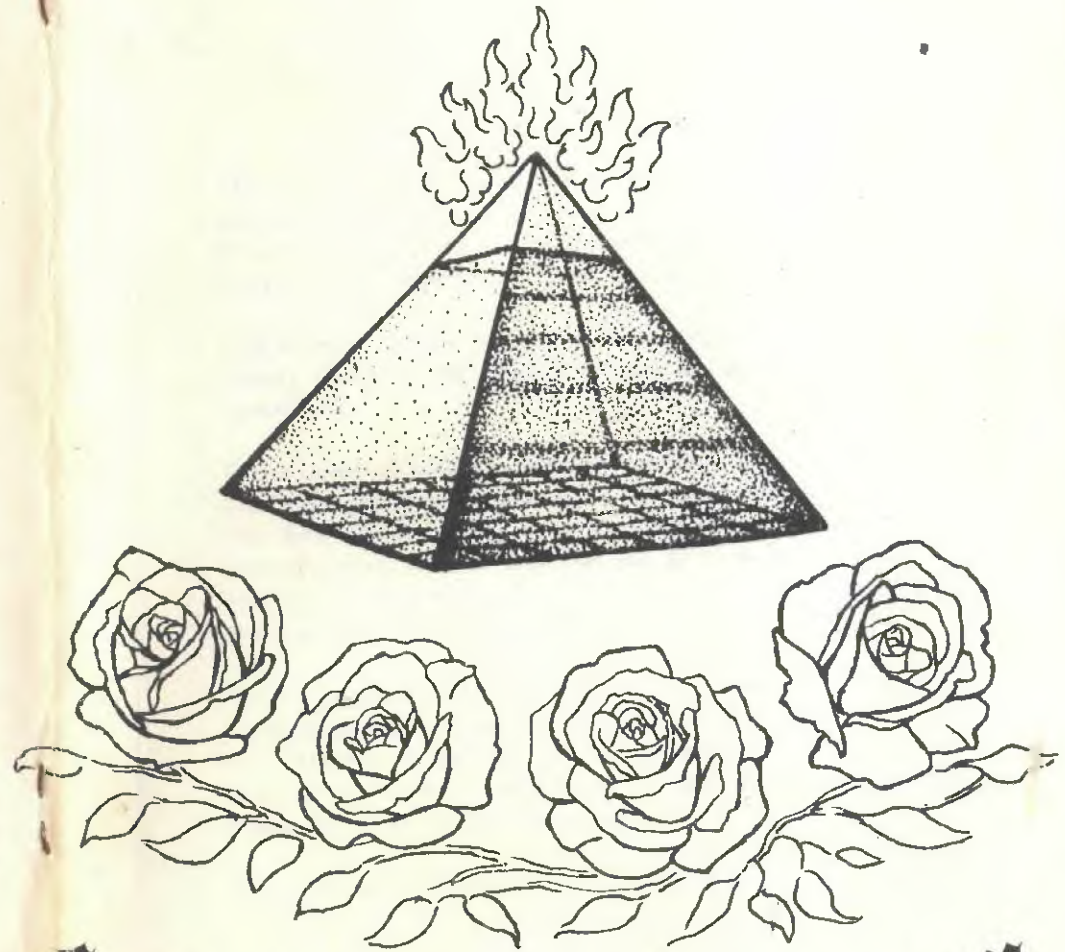


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Tectorium Rosicrucianum

DECLARATION
OF THE BROTHERHOOD
OF THE ROSYCROSS

The religious community of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum aims at the restoration and the revitalization of the original *threefold temple of God*, which existed in human pre-history and which manifested itself to all of humanity and aimed to serve it.

This threefold temple brought to humanity the original royal and priestly *Religion*, the original *Science* and the original *Art of Construction*.

In the course of history, and for the last time about 700 years ago, time and again attempts were made to forge, enliven, and maintain this threefold connecting link between the nature of death and the original Divine Nature. But time and again these activities were prevented, destroyed and stifled in blood baths by various adversaries of the ultimate restoration of mankind.

However at the end of a day of manifestation, there always emerges a clearly discernible swing in this continuous struggle between Light and darkness, through the permanent establishment and the unshakable restoration of the Universal Temple, which reveals itself in power and shows itself to be invincible.

The Lectorium Rosicrucianum is the commencement of this festival of victory.

It brings to humanity, *firstly*, a community of seeking souls who want to orient themselves on the original Universal Doctrine. This community is continuously protected and surrounded by a mighty, all-penetrating radiation field, in order that the light, the life and the future of the liberating path can be visualized clearly by all who belong to this community.

Behind this community of the forecourt, there is, *secondly*, the Mystery School of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum, in which all those are accepted who make the decision to actually walk the path of liberation from the wheel of birth and death. The same radiation field or *Living Body* completely assists every seriously striving pupil so that no truly determined pupil needs to fail.

Thirdly, behind the Mystery School there is the Community of the Inner Degrees, the Universal Chain of all preceding Gnostic Brotherhoods which accepts all pilgrims to the liberating life and welcomes them into the realms of immortality and resurrection.

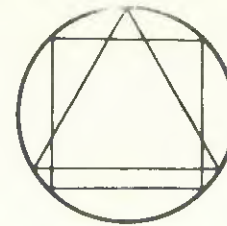
With this declaration the Lectorium Rosicrucianum has aimed to:

clearly formulate its calling,
awaken to the making of a decision and to
make themselves known to the Lectorium Rosicrucianum,
all those who are concerned with, and who seek fulfilment of,
their purpose of life.

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The manifestation of a Gnostic Spiritual School in the world is an occurrence of great moment. It happens when the closing period of a cosmic era has come, the Aquarius period: harvest time!

At the end of a cosmic era in which mankind has been conveyed by the Logos through the twelve Zodiacal Currents to gradually evolve certain faculties given in the Plan of the Logos, it will have to become apparant which people have developed enough positive consciousness and insight into the task of man in the great Divine Plan to be able to pass on to a higher spiral of life. In the times in which we live that means passing to the "living soul-state", to life in the Sixth Cosmic Plane. The human beings who for that life have become ripe in consciousness, insight and renewing attitude-of-life represent that period's harvest of the Logos.

A Gnostic Spiritual School is an instrument of super-natural foundation destined for serving the Logos in the immense work of gathering the harvest and bringing it home into the House of the Father. It is an instrument made on earth on a divine power-pattern by the Messengers of the Brotherhood of Living Souls with the boundless help of this Living Body of Christ.

The super-natural foundation of this Living Body, the centre-power of this Living Body, is Jesus Christ, the Gnosis, the Divine Love emanating from the Father to seek what is lost. This sublime Foundation determines the nature and the purpose of a Gnostic Spiritual School and governs the inner laws by which the Living Body manifests itself. Likewise, these same inner laws are decisive for the leaders of a Spiritual School.

Among other laws they comprise:

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the proclamation and dissemination of the Holy Teaching of Deliverance, that is:

the teachings a human being has to practise, to live, to ensure for himself the safe Path that leads to Deliverance;

the knowledge and practice of Holy Gnostic Magic, that is:

the concrete unification with the Powers of Salvation which achieve the restoration of the microcosm and enable man to be of service for the Salvation of all creatures.

It is the sublime duty of those who have been called to the leadership of such a Spiritual School to respect those inner laws in every way, since they are based on the centre-power and its effect in all the various aspects of the Sevenfold School.

The Living Body, vivified in all its Seven Aspects, comprise all the teachings and all the powers the pupil may need to achieve the great object: liberation! Nothing more is needed, for the celestial ship is ready!

The pupils participating in the Group merely have to bring into reality, to practise what is offered them by the School, that Instrument of Grace!

What do we mean by all this? That a Gnostic Spiritual School is not a personal matter! In dialectics a man possessing a business concern can say, growing old: "This is my property, and I shall leave it to my children". And the son can say: "Thank you; I can now do with it as I wish".

Not so with a Spiritual School! A Spiritual School is a sevenfold Living Body, an Ark, a Celestial Ship! It consists of living stones, that is: of some thousands of souls, of your Souls, truly longing for Deliverance and expecting their salvation from the Gnosis, the living Christ! To Him, to the Living Christ, belongs such a Spiritual School. Only in His Astral Power, His Glorified Blood can the great Work of Deliverance become reality in us and by us. No Messenger will ever say: "this School is mine! I can do with it whatever I want to". Like Christ Himself they say: "I have nothing that is mine. All I possess, all I say, I received from My Father who is in Heaven"

That is the profound meaning of the Words of Christ taught by the Messengers and demonstrated by their lives: Not my will

but Thy will be done! May what my Father wishes and not what I wish become reality! That is: the fulfilment of His Holy and Inner Laws. The messengers will never deviate from those Holy Inner Laws because they embody the Will of the Father, the Will of the Gnosis.

When a Messenger appoints someone to succeed him that means that such a candidate receives the opportunity to demonstrate that he is able to continue the Holy Work, continue it along the same Holy and inviolable lines of behaviour, thereby proclaiming the same Holy Teaching to which the Founders and Builders of the School gave shape in the Living Body and its Living Organism. Since everything exists, everything is manifested, for achieving the great Object, namely the entry of the flock into the sheepfold of the Shepherd, it is the successor's task to be true, unshakeably true to the Spiritual School, to Its Holy Inner Laws and to the Salvation of its pupils! To ensure the safe preservation of the Holy Living Body in the condition in which it is transferred, Mr. van Rijckenborgh and Mrs. Catharose de Petri called into being the group of seven Spiritual Leaders who, having equal rights and equal duties, have their most important task in:

1. never deviating one step - either to left or to right - from the Universal Teaching in manifestation, and looking after its being kept true in the Work of the School;
2. using the Gnostic Magic of the Rituals of the School in all Services;
3. keeping and protecting the Holy Sacraments of the School;

since all the things mentioned in the above three items were born and manifested on the one Foundation: the Centre-Power, Jesus Christ. And their fourth task is to perform their missions absolutely in the inspiration of true Soul-unity.

We are passing the above to you for reflection in order that you may be mindful of the sublime nature and calling of the Gnostic Spiritual School and its inner inviolability! Likewise, that you may truly understand that your pupilship - if truly and

perseveringly professed - is your pledge for your entry into the Field of Liberation in these Apocalyptic, these conclusive times; it is precisely for this reason that it is under incessant attack in order to lead you astray.

For that reason the Spiritual School once again speaks to you the classic and wellknown words:

Be vigilant,
steadfastly vigilant,
that you may not be dispossessed of
the crown of your endeavour.

The Spiritual Leaders.

THE SUBLIME WISDOM
OF
LAO TZE

If you have some knowledge of esoteric writings you will know of a remarkable mystery of the medieval inhabitants of Southern France. There in the South of France, in the land of Sabarthez, the cradle of the Albigenses - praised be their name - they possessed a supernatural power, the power of the consolamentum. By means of the consolamentum they achieved the separation between animal-man and spirit-man, between man of the earth earthly and the original being from pre-time.

Know, though, that the consolamentum comprised more than a sacramental seal. It comprised more than solely a magical outpouring of power, because for the Albigenses it was a definite breaking away from dialectic life. In consequence, the people who had received the consolamentum were no longer inhabitants of the earth in the absolute sense. In the true meaning of the words: they were in the world, yet no longer of the world.

Investigators on the subject have wondered what in fact were the spiritual powers buttressing this medieval movement of Southern France. They knew quite well that this spiritual awakening, if it could have evolved without interference, would have embraced the whole of Europe in a way hitherto unknown.

Who were they, the inspired initiates who wrought such results in tens of thousands of people that the old church turned its so bloody and terrible hatred against them? In the best sense of the word those powers were citizens of the world who literally loved the whole of mankind and who even now move and appear amongst us wherever they may. Traces of them may be found to the east, to the west, to the north and to

the south. Throughout the history of the world mention is made of them and in it we may see the events and developments brought about by them.

Even so, from earliest times till this instant they themselves remain in the background of the mystery. There is a Hermetic veil between them and men in the mass, and the researches of selfwilled science aimed at penetrating into the source of this mystery have hitherto failed. We therefore believe we may say that the knowledge, the abilities and the powers of the Albigenses were wholly Universal. Their sources cannot be found on earth for they may only be found in the Immovable Kingdom itself.

Writers there are who regret the destruction - or rather the apparant destruction - of the Albigenses, and they lament the loss of their wisdom and strength. Yet you will be aware that this is dialectic regret, for a Power emanating from the Universal Life, a sublime Power of Wisdom cannot be lost! This Power is nothing less than the breath of God that ever and again passes over mankind in an endeavour of love to save them, withdrawing again when the hatred and blood-lust of material and mortal men attempt to violate Him.

Our thoughts dwelt for a while on the European contact of the Universal Love-light when we were considering a similar divine contact in the far East of our world, namely a divine contact alluded to by the sublime Lao Tze.

Whether he lived is not known, whether he was a human being is not known. The veil of countless legends envelopes him! But it is certain that he in his wisdom could have alleviated the regret of the observers and investigators of that medieval drama of Southern France.

For the mystery of the consolamentum is as the mystery of Tao.

Tao comes not and was not, Tao is!

"But", says Lao Tze, "men old in experience who knew Tao, did not speak of this mystery; well knowing that profane men turn to darkness, converting powers of life into de-

struction. When certain powers once awoken in man and he becomes conscious of his great power without breaking away from his lower self-seeking, the fire smothers in its own cinders.

So do not reveal the mystery to profane men.

Do not blind the naked eye by too much light!"

Can you enter into this language of wisdom? You may then understand.

It is said that there were hidden books of the Albigenses expounding the true life and the universal doctrine which were destroyed by the priests of those times. Yet the hidden book of the Albigenses is the unwritten book, like the book of Tao, and the book "M" of Christian Rosycross, and the book locked by the seven seals of the Apocalypse, "The Revelation of John". That Book, that universal knowledge is unwritten and hidden to profane men.

But it is open with flaming and radiant letters to men who have broken away and are breaking away from their lower self-seeking. Hence, with the Albigenses, there was first the endura before the consolamentum. The endura is dying-according-to-nature, it is freeing oneself of the I-being, it is making oneself ready for the rebirth. Should you be doing so, we would advise you not to waste any more time and energy in seeking books and writings by men whom you expect to be able to give you liberation. Tao cannot be spoken, neither can it be written. Tao, the Way, the Path can only be experienced! Merely this one indication makes clear the poverty of knowledge and reasoning, of intellectual comprehension, and the extreme folly of brain-consciousness. You can know nothing worth knowing, you can possess nothing worth possessing, you can comprehend nothing worth comprehending before you have died-according-to-nature, before the so pernicious I-delusion in your microcosm has been extinguished. If this has not been done you will remain profane, godless, spiritually under-age, staring into dark reason, and possessing nothing, nothing at all. Your only possession will be the fierce woe of dialectics, a raging fire, a fire

ever and again smothering in its cinders to then rage forth again.

The dialectic condition is a condition of decay and hellish pain without end, and of that you must free yourself by walking in the Path, the Way, Tao.

You must make your way through the endura, through the dying of the lower nature. Yet you cannot do so by yourself, you need not do so by yourself, for the Power to go forwards exists! And the liberating word resounds! If only you will leave behind everything you possess you will see as Lao Tze:

*"Hidden power - mystery - eternally inviolate,
O clear and tranquil fountain from which
true life wells forth.
In being's deepest essence we are with you united.
Multiplicity untold from the Great One flows forth."*

It is past understanding that many pupils of the Spiritual School are simply not able to see the one true Life, the one essential thing of importance, while they do seek it, do long for it. A cause there must be, and the cause can be no other than that many pupils are still keeping too tight a hold on the things of the old life and simultaneously expect the Divine Revelation to penetrate without any process into the innermost part of their earthly being so to create the one true life in the microcosm.

But that is not so! If you wish to travel to the new and promised Land you yourself will have to cast off the many heavy anchors you yourself have driven into the shores of your life. And it is possible to do so, as affirmed by holy writ which says to you: He who calls you is near, yea, even nearer than hands and feet. So:

*"Whoever goes forth in the path of liberation
from his lower self
casts off his desires as useless ballast,
Naked he enters the temple of highest initiation:
The Tabernacle's portal is the grave."*

12 As a pupil or as an interested esoterist you may know how to be

a freemason, how you may build the holy cathedral stone by stone. Mont Salvat, the hallowed, is invisible in matter, yet you may enter there through the grave of the lower nature and, as an apprentice, join the master-masons. Learn from Lao Tze your most fundamental impediments and the key to Tao:

*"The highest knowledge is to acknowledge that
we know nothing,
for this negative knowledge makes man tranquil and devout.
We know more in letters than illiterates,
but not one letter more of the mystery's profound words.
Man's real illness consists of not knowing that
he knows not!"*

Yet you must not think that the above constitutes a purely mystical and negative dependence, a mystical negation of understanding. No, Lao Tze points to the fact that material thinking raises a barrier against the true spiritual stream; and that is the reason why you must set aside your material thinking. Just consider what you in actual fact do with your material thinking.

You will find that you think esoterically with your intellectual thinking, and that you mystify in your heart with your emotional thinking. In practice, you are therefore approaching the Rosycross with your entire material intelligence, either with an intellectual expression or with an emotional expression.

In this may be found the barrier against any spiritual inflow. Have not wisdom's teachings revealed to you that heart and head must become wholly one? Besides, so long as a man will not recognize that he knows nothing, supreme reality will at best remain a wonderful dream for him. And he himself must effect the cure of this lack of renewed consciousness-life.

*"Whoever recognizes the sick spot is thereby cured.
Recognition is the arcanum of this dark disease.
By intellectual thinking we cannot touch the essence,
nor do we reach by deeds a sublime ideal."*

There again we find a new understanding of reality which was

not understood by the contemporaries of our brothers and sisters throughout the ages, namely the latter's negating the dialectic deed. Those enlightened ones knew of another deed than that of dialectic man, quite other idealism, quite other humanity. Those enlightened ones knew only the living and dynamic activity of the new reality-life, an activity which seems to be a limitless void, a purposeless formlessness to man-of-the-earth-earthly.

*"Alas, the many hermetically, shut themselves in,
though having eyes, they blindly go their ways.
All ways, to them, lead from the cradle to the grave;
Life is a curse to them and not a blessing."*

The experience of the curse of life is known consciously to all who live in the 20th century. Even so it would seem, the more life becomes a curse, the more man clings to it and attempts to squeeze blessings from it, but in vain, as may be understood. The blessing passes by as a ship in the night because man does not know the essence of the Universal Doctrine and, in consequence, cannot perform the correct action. The sage of 2500 years ago says:

*"One simple line will tell my teaching;
My acts to it are strictly bound.
Yet interpreted in many ways by man,
the core in one great tangle is obscured."*

Is it not a fact that many men obscure the one simple core of the truth the key to the true Life, by a tangle of sham-wisdom and fuss?

Lao Tze says:

*"Yet I who through the labyrinth can find my way
will not by erring lights be led astray.
I hold the thread that leads me to the core,
peacefully I watch where others uselessly make war.
On the world's stage I play no part at all,
to vain men I therefore do seem small."*

*Even so, they seek some part of multiplicity,
whereas mine is the All; O true felicity!"*

That is the important point, the winning of the All.

To our western ears it may sound rather strange, yet here the same is meant as Christian sanctification which finds expression in the magical power of a spirit sanctified in Christ. Holy is derived from the phrase to become whole. To win the All is to become whole or holy again. The Universal Doctrine makes plain to the pupil that his microcosm is no longer whole, that it is badly damaged.

Under the curse of that damage he seeks some part of multiplicity and that is why the curse cannot become felicity. That is why he sinks ever further into matter.

When the pupil stops this useless activity and comes to realise that the actualisation of all higher expectations must not come from his dialectic self, he will be constructing an inviolable spiritual armour for himself, and can walk in the Path, Tao, because the I-delusion has then been killed within him. The microcosm is then restored to its original condition, and he or she participates in the All.

By this we see that the message of the Spiritual School of the Rosycross, is the message for all the ages of the fall, the message of Lao Tze, the message of 2500 years ago. And that message will resound till the glorious fulfilment. That message will resound till the seeker sees the Path before him and says to the universal Sages:

*"I wish to live according to your great
and wise example,
to know that I am one with Creation's
Divine Plan."*

Finally, we wish to say that you will see the Path, that you will see Tao when you find that you are suffering in the dialectic ego.

When you discover that nothing and no-one can heal this suffering, that no-one can extinguish this fire, but that you

must say farewell to your I-being, then the Great Lamp of the All-consciousness will shine for you and you will drink of that Divine Light which as a consolamentum will raise you up out of the night of your suffering.

(to be continued) J. van Rijckenborgh

CULTURE BROKEN UP
BY
THE AQUARIUS - FORCES

In the course of long periods of development in this earthly field of life, the personality has developed, provided with the four faculties that reveal themselves in this nature: thinking, willing, feeling and acting. With the help of the four ethers: reflective ether, light ether, life ether and chemical ether, this personality maintains itself as long as its vitality or life-supply admits. From out of the astral sphere of this nature the astral body is nourished in accordance with the possibilities, and out of the astral body the four activities of the ethers are differentiated, and in their turn maintain the physical body.

This fourfold personality was developed during the involutory period, up to the moment that the nadir of materialization was reached. However, as soon as this nadir was reached man had to learn to make the personality subordinate to the next process of development to be able at last to answer to his great aim. The Soul-principle, the Christ-principle, present in the heart in a latent way, must now come to revelation. To this end the fourfold personality must totally sacrifice itself through a process of self-sanctification and self-realization, to prepare the whole microcosm for the resurrection out of the nadir, out of matter, to enter the Arch of Evolution. The awakened soul must grow to be able to unite itself with the Original Spirit, after which the fourfold personality must go up into this Spirit-Soul, through a process of transfiguration. Then death will be overcome and this true man can, through an ever increasing refinement and transmutation, proceed from Power to Power and from Glory to Glory into the original realms of life.

The fourfold personality, however, is clinging to this nature,

which was meant only as an emergency-order to guide fallen man back to his original purpose. A great crystallization-process has come into existence in all the kingdoms of nature, the results of which we know only too well.

At the beginning of the Pisces-Era, our era, the Son of the Light, the Christ, descended from the Sun-Logos into the fallen and crystallized earthly field to make man conscious again of his true purpose in life. The whole Gospel of Christ was therefore meant to prepare mankind during the Pisces-Era, with the help of the accompanying cosmic laws of radiation, to show him the way to Life and prepare him in this way for the Aquarius-Era, in which the Soul-man must reveal himself in a purified and changed field-of-life.

The counternature has committed the greatest treason by having altered this Gospel and totally adapted it to the cultural developments of the already crystallized personality. Through this, man became still more bound to illusion and materialism. Instead of liberation out of matter, an intense crystallization developed, a concentration upon matter in which nowadays man is more than ever captured. The image of the personal crucifixion of Christ by which the great epic of liberation was changed into a poor display, is the greatest treason that ever took place in world history. The descent of Light with the wonderful message that was brought to mankind, was turned in this way into a caricature, an illusionary image to keep mankind in bondage, nailed to matter. The reflection sphere entities thus obtain their food to maintain themselves in the more subtle regions of the dialectical field of life, as they are parasites upon the light ethers that are liberated through the emotions of those who let themselves be influenced by them.

Millions were thus victimized in these two thousand years, and instead of being prepared for the liberation out of this earthly field, they are totally captured. The consciousness is turned down to matter instead of the awakening of the spirit-spark-atom, the Soul-principle in the heart, that is still waiting as a seed for the light, to be able to open itself and grow.

But the Plan of the Logos fulfils itself, right through everything. There have been many who, though persecuted, exiled, burned or tortured, have understood and realized the message of true Christendom. They form the "host that cannot be counted", the host of those who have already been saved and entered liberation. At present many are also going this Path of liberation, helped by those who again and again add a new link to the chain of the Universal Brotherhood that reaches up to the original Field of Life. To this end the Brotherhood of the Golden Rosycross has been established on earth, to keep all those who are ripe for it, and receive them in a prepared Powerfield, a vibration field that, through the Universal Chain, is connected with the Divine life-field and which was formed from the nadir of this world by some who had already been saved, but entered again into a material body to perform this task.

Now that the Pisces-Era will make place for the Aquarius-Era the radiations of Aquarius are strengthening this work. That which would have taken place in a slow progress for the whole of humanity if the Gospel had been understood and followed in the right way, namely as a preparation and becoming conscious of the Arch of Evolution in which now the whole of humanity will be placed; this process will now be realized in an accelerated tempo through the breaking up of all the illusions that were built up during the last centuries to bind man to matter.

We therefore see around us how everything is already being broken up. This breaking up takes place first in the astral sphere, where all the ties are being broken with which the hierarchy of the Reflectionsphere holds mankind. The astral field is cleansed and purified through the sacrifice of the Christ-hierarchy, strengthened by the influences of Aquarius.

Now must follow, as a natural result, the breaking up of the etheric fields of this nature, beginning with the reflective ether. This ether has brought mental power into existence. The intellect was given to man during the fourth period of development, that through this he could come to the insight of his true

purpose of life. This faculty, however, has been bent downwards by the majority of men during the last centuries and therefore they came to crystallization. And now we see how this faculty is diminishing in thousands of children, especially in very young ones. In many schools this fact is already established. When the mind of man is affected, the results around us are obvious. What was taken as normal some years ago is now set for naught. Reasoning is often totally adrift and one asks oneself: has everybody lost his head? Indeed this will be the case more and more frequently, for with "the head" this saying means: the reason through which man came to a certain action in his development.

In the second place the feeling is affected, as a result of the breaking up of the light ether. In this the results are also clearly visible. Compassion for man and animal diminishes strongly. Young people can often be incredibly hard, not to speak of malicious cruelties that appear more and more.

Thirdly, we see how also life ether is being broken up. In the animal kingdom as well as in the vegetable kingdom, many kinds are dying out. Atmospheric changes are taking place, storms are raging which are changing the whole outward appearance of our planet.

And so we see how also the material aspect of our earth through the emotions of those who let themselves be influenced is going to get a totally different aspect. Diseases, up till now unknown, appear in all the kingdoms, in the human body as well as in the animal and vegetable kingdoms. As the final aspect of the fourfold compositions of our life-system the material is also getting broken up.

But humanity now, more than ever, clings to matter, as if driven by an unconscious urge for self preservation, because it knows nothing of the Divine Plan with world and mankind, and in its ignorance it thinks itself standing with empty hands as if the material possessions would fall away. Was not the whole culture of the last centuries directed to matter and its different aspects? Science, art and religion were attuned to it, not only at this side of the veil of death but also at the other side, and

therefore one remained tied to the earth.

Now that all this is being taken out of man's hands, he stands with empty hands. In his poverty he goes back to everything that existed in former times, or he throws himself, by means of the arts, on all sorts of astral images which he receives from the reflection-sphere. And never has there been such an urge for outward appearances as during the last years. The desire to buy is greater than ever. And the nervous tensions mount. Heart attacks, afflictions of the nerves, psychic defects, everything coming forth out of the ignorance and the illusionary images which have been refelcted through the ages. Till the thread breaks; then from a man who appeared so strong and active, only a wreck remains.

The Aquarius-Era enters the life-system; nature is being broken up; the reflection-sphere is being cleansed and the results we see around us. Ignorant and unprepared mankind is changing into a state of need. From the most refined cultivated vehicle to the lower vehicles everything is being broken up and humanity is turning back to the beginning of the human development; the Lemurian state.

Except, however, for all those who have purified their personality in time of all the strains of lower nature and dedicated themselves in self-sacrifice to the birth of the Soul as this was meant by the Gospel of Christ. Their vehicles will only be broken up as to the lower, crystallized aspects, while they receive another vehicle, a new Soul-vehicle instead. They will first learn to live out of the four pure ethers, the Holy Food, and through this their whole being will be transmuted. Together with these four holy ethers, they will be able to inhale the fifth ether, the fire-ether, via the heart-atom and from there in the whole system. With the help of this fire-ether the Soul will grow and take its place in the head sanctuary. A new consciousness will develop until the binding with the Original Spirit can be made and the total transfiguration will commence.

During the Aquarian Era these Soul-men will reveal themselves in a purified new field of life that is "not of this world."

After passing at first through a difficult time, in which one will observe the breaking-up-processes, those prepared-ones will go and meet a wonderful future, revealing themselves from Power to Power and from Glory to Glory, in an ever increasing Glorious State.

But, one may ask, how is it with all those who were misled, those thousands of men who lived to the best of their knowledge, kept unconscious of the great possibility that lies at the basis of their lives, while they too possess a spirit-spark in the heart?

It is especially to these misled ones that the Call of the Golden Rosycross goes out, to make them conscious in time of the possibility to still turn around and go the Path of Transmutation and Transfiguration. Those who dedicated their lives in truly serving love and self-abandonment to the world and mankind, have already obtained a great soul-quality in this way. Though they were still unconscious of their true purpose in life, and were often connected with groups who are in the service of the Reflection-sphere, they have prepared their vehicles in such a way that they can be helped by the Brotherhood. They will be able to incarnate once more in a region that has especially been prepared for them, that they may be able to go the Path of Liberation under the direct guidance of the Brotherhood of Life. Millions are already destined in this way. They are to be found in all parts of the world, and will be gathered to one people, the people of God on earth.

Thus the great separation will take place. There are those who will go back to the very first beginning of the development of the personality. These will receive a new chance to find at last their true purpose of life, albeit through a seemingly endless way of experience.

And there will be "the host that cannot be counted", gathered from all the people of the earth, who will meet the new era (The Aquarius-Era) in their renewed Soul-garment. They will have overcome death and proceed upon the Arch of Evolution to an ever-greater glory.

Therefore, turn around before it is too late, because the new

era has already begun. Build your new Soul and purify yourself from all the stains of the lower nature, to be able, after the development of the Soul, to make the binding with the Spirit and begin with the transfiguration, through which spirit, soul and body will become one in the Alchemical Wedding of Christian Rosycross.

You will be helped in this process by the whole Universal Brotherhood's Chain, and by the Aquarius-radiations that become ever stronger in the world-field.

But you must do it yourself!

MAGIC AND SELF - LIBERATION

The essential thing for a pupil in his daily pilgrimage is: stay sober and watchful with regard to the numerous misleadings of the self, so that he can continuously stand erect in the practical magic: "Lord, not my will, but Thy Will be done". Such practical magic presupposes: the use of the key of "self-knowledge", acquired by the candidate by treading the way of experience and by passing through the suffering of much trouble and sorrow.

Using this liberating key implies the total negation of one's own personality and that of others. For, the personality is of the "earth-earthy" and that is why it can in no way ever partake in the liberating life of the "Soul" if one does not practice utter watchfulness with regard to one's own life-of-consciousness. One's own consciousness cannot but stand in "ego-centricity". What we mean to say is, that all our thinking, feeling, willing and acting always start from our own being and invariably is directed on the own being, as a purpose. This is the evidence of how intensely we are bound to this nature, the characteristic quality of which is selfmaintenance.

This is the reason why our I-consciousness is only then willing to step aside, when it has been chastened by grief and experience in order that the "self-mortification" - the absolute negation of our own being in every aspect of it - can be carried through. We know: there is a magnetic field-of-life in which we are bound by the I-consciousness and by which we are lived, and.... there is a magnetic field of the Gnosis, of the Christ-Hierarchy, which belongs to the life of the "Soul". Therefore, the pupilship of a Spiritual School like ours is only of any significance, when we succeed in penetrating from the first

magnetic field into the other one. That is accepting Christ; that is confessing and serving "Him". And that, in effect, is the practice of true religiosity.

Thus accepting Christ has nothing to do with mystic commotion, with mystic directedness. But it means: making one's own being "open" for the assimilation and digestion of His magnetic powers. Then, Christ is no longer an abstract idea. He becomes a living Reality for a pupil on the Path. He comes to know "Him" as a power in which and by which everything is possible and, therefore, also the stepping aside of one's own personality. Not only should one abstain from the outer action, but more especially refrain from the inner action, the inner reaction. Or, to put it in other words: we should become still before "God", for the "Rose of the Heart", for the "Soul-within-us".

In our endeavours to practice this, the "help" we so urgently need is very near. For, the living Body of the School is in direct first-hand binding with the one of the Universal Chain of Brotherhoods. In this magnetic bond we have been taken up in a very direct sense, by our resolution to make the liberating Path our own.... It is not only around us, but also within us - and whether this "Power" will work liberatingly in us, fully depends upon the directedness of our consciousness.

When we attune our consciousness positively with regard to this demand, then we stand "Christo-centric" towards our natural bindings and we let the liberating powers of the "soul" do the work. If we remain standing in our own troubles and in everything connected therewith, then we fail to accomplish the one liberating deed - and we allow ourselves to be victimized by our own "ego-centricity". What we want to explain is that the Brotherhood of Christ closely follows our positive endeavours and works as a direct "reflection" to our positivity, in order to fill our "weakness" with Its "power".

This need not surprise us, for, we know that a flaming word lights in the Holy Language: "God does not forsake the works of His Hands". Every opportunity, every moment we offer, is embraced by the Gnosis to our help.

We are called to be image-bearers of God and we can never be sufficiently conscious of that. For, it is our task to liberate the fallen microcosm, thereby giving eternal life also to ourselves. Not in the sense that we, personally, would become part-takers of that. We point here to the fact that the consciousness, by fusing with the "Soul" - by totally melting away therein - will partake in the workings of mercy of the "Soul" and experience the joy of it. Through everything we receive in and by the Living Body of the School - the purpose of which is to make our consciousness "open" - we, without exception, are able to live out of this liberating magic. Essential is that we clearly see that the consciousness can only then enjoy the workings of grace, when it is willing to unreservedly step aside. We then become freed from our astral ties and make our being suitable for a different magnetic assimilation.

We are all placed before this task. The break unto the new state-of-consciousness must be realized. And that is a thing we should perform ourselves. So, we stand in a consciousness-crisis, but when we open ourselves to it, the "power of the "Soul" will break away any and all obstacles.

The Living Magnetic Body of the School is meant to guide us through this crisis, so that "Christ" may truly become a living conception to us. This "Christ" lives amongst us and within us. Amongst us He is the magnetic radiative power going out from the Body of the School and affecting our nature-born being. And within us He is embodied in the "Rose of the Heart", in the radiating power of the "Soul" which claims acception.

So, there is a twofold disquieting. One going out from the radiative potentiality of the Living Body of the School which influences the Primordial atom and causes an inner commotion and on the other hand there is the reaction of the "Rose of the Heart" to this magnetic "Touch of Christ", which speeds us on unto a crisis of consciousness that is necessary in order to lead us to the magical practice of the self-surrender to the "God-in-us". The only possibility to attain this lies in ceaseless striving, notwithstanding the fact that we fail countless times.