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What now? What comes next? These questions are probably uppermost in your mind as you read this – the twelfth and final exploration of our journey. The answers, though, depend on you. What would you like to do with the information that has been offered to you? Has it appealed to you? Does it make you feel you would like to explore it further? Or do you feel you have heard enough, now, and would prefer to continue your spiritual search elsewhere? A decision like this can only be made in inner freedom, and in response to your deepest inner needs. Whatever you decide on that basis, your decision will be a good one.

Perhaps you feel you need some space to think everything over carefully and gain inner clarity. Take as much time as you need until you know from within: I am ready for it; I want to go further. Or not, as you wish.

In fact, there are three possibilities:

- 1 You find these explorations sufficient for the time being and continue your search for life fulfilment elsewhere.
- 2 You want to learn more about the teachings, aims and work of the Spiritual School and see how you can apply them in your life. In that case, you might consider becoming a member of the School of the Golden Rosycross. You can register online on our website. Membership knows no obligations but offers the opportunity to explore everything the School of the Golden Rosycross offers freely.
- 3 You are already a member and feel the urge to learn more: you can express your wish to become a pupil to the team that hosted this Introduction or via email. A pupil has made the conscious decision to make the Path of Soul-liberation the most important aspect of their life based on their inner need.

In this ‘Introduction to the Path of the Living Rosycross’, we have tried to give you basic information about the teachings and the working method of the School of the Golden Rosycross, and we hope that you now have a fairly clear idea of how it works, and what its purpose is. All this information might have given you the impression that the Spiritual School’s work is intellectual, and leaves little room for the heart and feelings. Yet this is very far from the truth, for, in reality, the seeker, member or pupil on the path must be able to bring the activities of head and heart into equilibrium.

We have also tried to give you insight into your own place in the process of inner development. And we hope this insight will help you, when you look deep within yourself, to better understand why you are seeking and what you are seeking. We believe that if the urge to seek, the awakened primordial yearning, speaks in you, sooner or later it will lead you to the rebirth

of the Original Human Being, provided you adapt yourself to this primordial yearning and allow yourself to be guided by it.

You are the only one who can judge whether you have recognised the aim of your life in this sense and whether you are prepared to take up your task, or at least would like to seriously examine the possibility of doing so. Then all the options are open for you to continue your participation in the activities of the Spiritual School, to learn more about what it teaches, and if you wish, to consider joining as a member or to become a pupil.

Perhaps you currently belong to a church or some other movement that strives for spiritual development. If so, we would like to reassure you that it is not our intention to suggest that you give up any such association. The decision to do that can only come from you, and can only be made when, through your own experience, you have reached a conclusion about which path is right for you. The Spiritual School will never try 'to win souls', so to speak, because that doesn't work. Only those who recognise the path presented by the School and want to follow it from inner need can be admitted to it. This condition has been set by all the Spiritual Schools that have ever been active in the world. Otherwise the principle of free will would be violated, and the candidate could connect himself with forces he is not yet able to respond to in the right way.

Now another misconception could be that you are thinking that the path presented by the Spiritual School is not for imperfect people, but only for perfect people, who are exalted far above the ordinary, everyday level. But that is certainly not so. And neither does it matter whether or not one has had a good education. For, to follow the path, one must learn to think in quite a different way than is promoted in the universities. The ordinary, intellectual way of thinking can even be quite an obstruction, particularly if one were to mistake intellectual knowledge for real knowledge. Everyone who follows the path one day has to realise that the sum of all knowledge is 'that we know nothing'. Only then are we open to the radiations of the Universal Teachings, and only then can true wisdom be born in us.

When we speak of the way in which wisdom is born in us we are referring to the most essential aspect of the School. This is the School's power field, which has come into being through the conscious effort of its founders, together with its pupils. Because their striving was and is guided not by the I-consciousness but by the Other One, the new soul within them, the power field has been able to develop a vibration key that resonates with the Original Realm, the Kingdom of Christ that is neither of this world nor of its invisible half, the reflection sphere.

In this way, a living connection has been made possible between the School's power field and the Universal Brotherhood of Christ, whose sole aim is to help humankind to transcend the boundaries of this dialectical nature order. As a result of this connection, helping, sanctifying impulses from the domain of the Brotherhood are able to flow into the power field and are therefore available in a concentrated form to all who, by their striving for liberation in the Spiritual School, have connected themselves with the power field.

Because the energy concentrated in the power field supports only the growth of the new soul, and not the growth of the dialectical ego, it is isolated and protected from the influences of the reflection sphere described in session 10, for these latter influences arise from, and can therefore only affect, the dialectical ego-consciousness.

It is very helpful to be able to discriminate between influences originating from the invisible realms of the dialectical world (the reflection sphere), and those originating from the Original

Kingdom. It is always possible to tell the difference if you understand that the position of the dialectical ego as the focus of consciousness is never questioned by influences emanating from the reflection sphere, whether they are urging human beings towards actions that, in ordinary terms, are 'good' or 'bad'.

Influences originating from the Original Kingdom, on the other hand, always have the effect of activating the primordial atom and its yearning for salvation. They never place the ego on any kind of pedestal, however subtle or refined, but on the contrary unmask the delusions of the ego. That is why the message of the Spiritual School is so often rejected, because its aim is to dislodge the ego from its position of imagined superiority. This message is only for the few who have drained the cup of experience enough to see the truth. Experience eventually teaches us that the only cure for human suffering is to surrender the I-consciousness and all its delusions, so that the inner Christ consciousness – which is real and eternal – can be restored to its proper place as ruler and guide of the microcosmic system.

Now we would like to explain more about how the power field of the Spiritual School works, so that you can understand even more clearly how it is able to help not only its pupils, but also the world and humankind. We would also like you to have an idea of how the pupils of the Spiritual School are able to contribute towards the development of the power field.

The power field is kept pure and is strengthened and vivified through the daily perseverance, devotion and yearning of the pupils who are engaged in following the path. In response to their persistent striving the power field transmits spiritual forces from the original, divine life field. The purer the striving and the less the influences of the I predominate, the more intensely will the inflowing and helping forces be active.

In this way a dynamic Living Body has come into being that constantly reveals new insights and opens up new possibilities. Such a pure power field is always in development and motion; it is very much alive, hence the term 'Living Body'. It is, as it were, on a journey with its pupils, a journey to the Great Aim. For pupils of the Spiritual School, the power field forms a protected place, an alchemical laboratory equipped with everything necessary for the realisation of the new soul. It is like a smithy in which the hammer blows fall, breaking up the pupils' old state of being and helping them to forge their new armour. For those outside the Spiritual School, the power field functions as an apparatus for radiating the influences of the Original Kingdom in a transmuted form. In this way, these healing influences are more easily enabled to reach those yearning for liberation so that they can be touched and guided towards the only effective solution.

One person cannot maintain such a power field. A conscious group of pupils, though, certainly can! That is why forming a group can be so valuable. When individual forces are combined, the result can be a power that far exceeds the sum of the individual parts, and it is this kind of power that will be needed to overcome the enormous momentum of dialectics and bring about the ultimate transformation of the human being and the world. If individuals work together in unity, with the right understanding and the right motives, they activate a spiritual law that is best described in Christ's words: 'Where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in the midst of them.'

We know it is difficult for many people to accept the idea of group co-operation, especially in our society which is so highly individualised. You too may often have said to yourself, 'I do not want to have anything to do with a group,' especially if you are aware of the importance of *not* placing your reliance on external authorities. You may also have had experience, in the past,

of all the false social pressures that are brought to bear when individuals in whom the ego predominates get together to form a group. So reservations about joining groups are highly understandable. But as we said just now, an enormous potential for healing can be released when those who are striving to allow the new soul to be born collaborate consciously together. Those who recognise this are prepared to overcome their reservations, and even to accept gladly the suffering entailed when inevitably, from time to time, they or their fellow pioneers fail to let the new soul take the lead.

In the Living Body of the Spiritual School every pupil forms a co-responsible yet autonomous cell. In that co-operation even the weakest becomes strong. For what is attained by each one is available to all, and what is attained by all is available to each individual participant. Each one receives the help that has been set free by the self-surrender of the group.

For this to work, though, it needs to be remembered that each individual's active co-operation is essential. The Living Body gives us the power we need to change – but we need to use it! We need to take the necessary action in our lives. Otherwise we will stay the same, and even the most profound teachings will remain just words, words, words – and then all they will do is weigh us down like ballast.

The mere accumulation of information can never help us, for the spiritual path is unlocked not only by receiving, but above all by giving. The pupil needs to give – to surrender – what is dearest to him: his ego. On the altar of sacrifice he must lay his self-love and ultimately his entire nature born I, which must be overcome in the power of the growing divine being within him. A lesser sacrifice is not accepted. That is the meaning of the words: 'Sell all you have and follow Me'.

Why should a human being take any notice of this call? For the person who expects everything from the ordinary consciousness and from cultivation of the personality, the call to surrender the ego is not easy to understand. In a society which places such high value on personal ambition and success in business, sports, politics and every other field of human endeavour, the idea of allowing the ego to let go of its supremacy in the human system is likely to be seen by most people as a total impossibility. Self-maintenance is so closely interwoven into the fabric of our society, so instilled in us from childhood on, that it may take many painful experiences before we are ready to understand that it is the root of all suffering.

Yet the impulse towards this discovery never leaves us alone. It is what has driven our microcosms through endless incarnations in matter, always bringing them back to their starting point when the wrong road was taken. Now, after this endlessly long time, we have come to a crossroads. Awareness of the ego's delusion, and of the Divine Reality hidden at the heart of your microcosm, is beginning to push its way to the surface of our consciousness. That is why we are seeking. And now our path of experience has brought us into contact with a Spiritual School. So the question is: what step will we take next?

The idea that the most important role to be played by the ego lies in 'stepping back', 'diminishing', or 'daily dying' as Paul puts it, can sometimes be a bitter pill to swallow when we first hear it, no matter how much experience has prepared us for the idea! And after perhaps many years of searching in the darkness using the only tool we had at our disposal – the ego – will we be able to be sufficiently flexible inwardly to let go of all that? Will we be able to 'change gear', and recognise that it is not the ego itself that must attain perfection, but the Other One in us?

Whatever choice you make next, the conflict between time and eternity, between the ego and the impulse of the spirit, will remain active in your microcosm until one day the solution is found, if not by you, then by a subsequent personality in your microcosm in its next incarnation. This inner conflict, which has turned us into seekers, is what has brought us into contact with each other and given value to our meetings. Yet, although we have come into contact as personalities in the external world, we would like you to ask yourself these questions: has there really been a contact on any deeper level? Do you have the feeling that your contact with the Spiritual School has given your seeking a new perspective, a new hope? In which case, could there really have been a genuine magnetic contact between the inner source of your seeking – which we call the Other One – and the radiation of the Gnosis which we say is concentrated in a Spiritual School like ours?

Answering these questions could help you to determine whether further contact with the Spiritual School is indeed the next step on your path.

Whatever you decide, we hope you will persevere with your seeking until you find the answer you are looking for. Sometimes, seekers become bogged down in matter, or their attention is diverted by pursuits which appear to satisfy their seeking but in reality only satisfy the ego. Others become so weary of seeking that they give up hope and just take life as it comes. We do not want these things to happen to anyone, for they mean smothering the inner Voice and compelling it to wait even longer for the moment of its liberation. Our only wish for you, dear friend, is that your seeking will bring you into contact with whatever will best serve your inner urge towards spiritual renewal. So, in the words of the Bible, ‘test the spirits, whether they are of God’ or ultimately turn out to be lies. Then one day, your seeking will certainly bring you to Truth itself. With all our hearts, we wish you success in that search.

As we said at the beginning of this exploration, if you want to familiarise yourself further with the teachings and work of the Spiritual School of the Rosycross, you are welcome to do so without any obligation. The workers of the Spiritual School are there to offer you as much information and explanations about the School’s teachings as you feel you need. Several events are organised for that purpose, both in the virtual Golden Rosycross Community and in the real world, but you are always welcome to email us with your questions too. And we especially recommend that you read the literature of the Spiritual School, written by Jan van Rijckenborgh and Catharose de Petri, who explain the New Life and the bridge between the old and the new – the path of transfiguration – from all kinds of different perspectives.

We sincerely hope that this ‘inward journey’ has brought you nearer to the true purpose of your life.