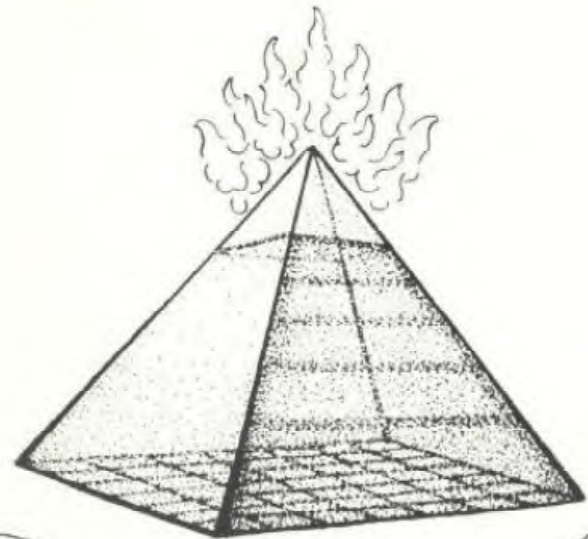


# The Topstone



Lectorium 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.

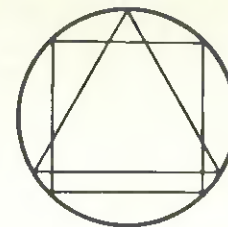
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clearly formulate its calling,  
awaken to the making of a decision and to  
make themselves known to the Lectorium Rosicrucianum,  
all those who are concerned with, and who seek fulfilment of,  
their purpose of life.

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THE SUBLIME WISDOM  
OF  
LAO TZE                                  V

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In the fourth chapter of the Tao Teh King we may read:

*"Tao is empty;  
its radiations and operations are inexhaustible.*

*Oh, The depth of It!  
It is the Father of all things.*

*It blunts its sharpness,  
untangles its complexity,  
softens its blinding glare,  
and merges with dust.*

*Oh, the tranquillity of It.  
It exists eternally.*

*I know not whose Child It is.  
Ere the highest God was, It was."*

Everything the fourth chapter says, like the rest of the Tao Teh King, is meant solely for pupils walking the Path and not for the man in the street. No ordinary philosophical system is propounded in it; its directions and laws are meant for walking the Path. Not merely a few directions, but *all* the directions necessary for knowing how to avoid all possible errors. It is truly a royal law.

Neither is the Tao meant only for advanced entities, being incomprehensible for beginners. On the contrary, this Gospel has everything to say to the serious beginner! Is not it always the difficult beginning that is playing us false? One single

mistake can exhaust us so much, make us so ill, deprive us of so much energy that we may be put out of action for lengths of time. Accordingly, it is precisely the beginner who ought to read the Tao Teh King, and reread it, and study it assiduously, word by word. And your understanding of the Tao Teh King will then serve you in all and every danger.

Take the first words of the fourth chapter: "Tao is empty." Tao is empty and imperceptible to dialectical understanding, to dialectical sensory power, to touch, to smell, to taste and to hearing. We cannot comprehend Tao with our thinking, and anything we may imagine in this regard, however infinitesimal, is an error. We cannot attract or direct Tao with the magnetic power of our will. Tao is absolutely empty to the dialectical being in its entirety. The method of not-doing is accordingly not merely a recommended course of action; it is an absolute foundation for all truly holy work. No truly liberating work can be handled by the I; every intellectual or mystical faculty is worthless for such work. To us Tao is empty.

The cause of Tao being empty to our dialectical faculties, to our I and to the prevailing state of our microcosm naturally lies in the vibration-field of Tao - i.e. the serene astral field of the Brotherhood - by far exceeding our own life-field in subtlety, velocity and energy. Tao imparts itself to a magnetic astral field other than ours. You might then say: "That is not correct; the Tao Teh King says that Tao merges with dust." But you should understand this as follows: Tao endlessly holds dear fallen man: yet, are *you* a fallen man? By no means! You belong to this nature-order - you *are* of this nature-order - your beginning and your end can be examined and established precisely! You are a mere manifestation of nature, a mortal soul-being. Why do you feel you do not belong here; why do you feel lonely and desolate? That is the reflex of "the Other One within you"; it is the activity of the precious jewel in the lotus; the activity of the Original Atom, the Rose, and all enclosed within it. Tao imparts itself to that. Tao is made manifest to that. To you and to me Tao is empty.

So what is it to me? Why should I go to any trouble?

The Other One at whom Tao is directed, is captive within you, and you can release him only by letting him awaken in you by your self-surrender and by your diminishing. You must do your work in Wu-Wei, in the practice of *not-doing*, in self-surrender to the Original Atom in your microcosm.

No drama this, no self-destruction. In your self-surrender the dialectical self sinks into "the Other One", *merges* with "the Other One", alchemically. And in each phase of the process a part of the "old I" is replaced by the "new I", its glory being visible. Paul can thus jubilate: "Not I but Christ in me!" But as long as the I of ordinary nature does not surrender to the Other One, as long as we do not know Wu-Wei, Tao will remain empty.

As you know, no two of us are the same. Though we have all gone the same road of deterioration, personal experiences and occurrences have coloured it, and throughout our microcosm's many incarnations, have also influenced the state-of-being of our Original Atom, the state of the Rose and its captivity. Accordingly, we all have a different attitude towards the Great Work we have to do. When we set foot in the death-valley of self-surrender we are accordingly quite alone. And it may also be understood that no earthly friend can then help us. But that need not alarm us, for give heed to what the Tao Teh King says: When the pilgrim sets foot in his own death-valley, he will discover that "the radiations and operations of Tao are inexhaustible." The candidate will discover that there is help for him, that Tao provides for his condition. Fantastically wonderful is this *Truth*; but its *experience* is even more wonderful! Tao's radiations and operations are inexhaustible.

As you know, your personality lies in the centre of a magnetic field, the magnetic field of our microcosm, as we say. By means of this magnetic field the mortal soul is linked with the microcosm, and with the macrocosm of the nature-of-death. The electro-magnetic radiations of the nature-of-death have all etched a web of magnetic points into that magnetic field and by the web so wrought, man's entire life-state is directed. It is scientifically quite possible in principle, that other electro-

magnetic radiations of a higher order, of a higher vibration, are made manifest in that magnetic field. The Gnosis too may have its effect, may leave its mark in that magnetic field, with its attendant consequences. But these particular developments are born from the surrendering-of-self by way of the process of the Rose. The candidate then experiences the ecstasy of a new astral-magnetic bond.

Give heed to the fact that candidate (from the Latin *candidatus*) means "clothed in white". You are pupils of the Spiritual School, but are you "candidates" as well? That is: clothed in the white purity of your motives with an unaffected self-surrender?

Only in that purity will Tao come to us, and will the power of the Magnetic Living Body of the Spiritual School be imparted to us.

J. van Rijckenborgh

### THE UNIVERSAL REMEDY III

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In our former articles we drew your attention to the extraordinary atmosphere humanity has now entered, a general state-of-being which already shows epidemic results in our young people and which has unleashed very great perils for all mankind.

Various severe and drastic measures with regard to our attitude-of-life should be carried into effect by all of us from this very instance, if we wish to prevent ourselves from being drawn along with the current of the all-prevailing decadence. That such an increasing decay for every one of us is not fictitious may become clear from the following facts.

We will have to persevere in a very conscientiously executed attitude-of-life, in order that the psychic and physical results thereof may help us to overcome a deadlock, a barrier of resistance.

The world, and humanity with it, has entered a new electromagnetic atmosphere: the atmosphere of Uranus (Aquarius). All must adapt themselves to it, either in a renovating *or* in a devastating sense. And the three generations now in existence hold the future of world and mankind in their hands. A narrow forty years will bring the decision. In this respect we are all a party to Armageddon, which means: the time, or the moment of decision has come!

It is now decisive whether you possess a sufficient measure of openness to allow you to feel the truth and the inevitability of this, and whether you still have enough vitality to enable you to break immediately and totally through the variety of fundamental resistances.

Hearing all this, and being told about the critical situation humanity is in, we might become thoroughly disheartened. For everyone of us knows his fundamental weaknesses, and we might say, "What can we do? What can I do?" But this discouragement is not necessary!

The principal thing is, that the occurrences and developments of which we have been talking to you for such a long time, have now entered the critical phase. If you have confidence in our literature and believe in the young Gnosis, you will not mind us saying to you: now prove that faith and confidence, for the time has come when faith and confidence must guide you through great difficulties.

Let us now start from the logical supposition that you quite agree with what we have just said, that you have firmly resolved to go the Path of Liberation and that you are fully prepared to put the pupilship into practice!

However, when the gnostic Spiritual School speaks about going the Path in firm resolution, it means something totally different from what the majority of the pupils have in mind. There is - may we say it like this - a *common* conception and a *gnostic* conception about it. And the application of the common conception will not bring you the slightest results, no positively liberating results whatsoever in this our present epoch.

Dangers might arise from the non-understanding or from the lack of living up to the advice given in the Holy Language, "Do not delay unto tomorrow what you can do this day," and that further advice, "Today I say unto you, when you hear the voice, do not harden your hearts but let yourselves be guided." In a gnostic Spiritual School, in a living Body of the young Gnosis, in a genuine Mystery School, you are not merely being talked to, but there is always at the same time a conveyance of power. Remember the often quoted words from the prologue of the Gospel of John, "To all who receive Him, He gives power to become children of God again."

When you listen to the words of the Gnostic Rosycross with intellectual interest (i.e. with an activity of the head) or

with an intense hankering in order to taste the salvation of the Gnosis (an activity of the heart), or - this is a third possibility - with both interest *and* hankering (an activity of both head and heart), then in all three cases the gnostic Light power will enter your being and begin to exert an influence in the system of your personality! If, because of your mere intellectual interest, this power enters the head only, an understanding will develop. But because neither your blood nor your nervous ether absorb it, are not *able* to absorb it, *because the heart is not cooperating*, this understanding will be added to the intellectual storage, as normally happens. But the lightpower which you inhaled and sensorily keep stored in your system, and which you *must* keep stored for a long time, this lightpower immediately causes in you *an exceptional danger!*

If there is a working of the heart only, and no - or little, too little - understanding (which is often the case), then the inhaled lightpower is taken up, via the breast-bone and the thymus gland, into the blood, the nervous ether, and the internal secretion. Thus the person in question immediately experiences a strong tension, a feeling of being driven on. But because there is no understanding, he does not know what to do with the tensions he feels. So in this case also, great dangers arise, all coming down to this one thing: accepting power, but not knowing how to react, what to do with it.

So there remains the only right basis for pupilship on the liberating Path: the presence of both hankering *and* interest. This is a situation in which the lightpower can take hold of the candidate from two directions. In that situation, therefore, the greatest possibilities develop, *but at the same time the greatest dangers*, when the pupil does *not* enter into the great demand which is inherent in the partaking in a Spiritual School.

J. van Rijckenborgh

In our previous article, we saw how, through the birth of the soul vehicle, man can participate in the real life of the true man as intended by God; how only then can we speak of a progress from glory to glory and from power to power. Such progress is related exclusively to that which we call Supernature.

What is Supernature? What do we understand by this term? It is not sufficient to talk simply about electro-magnetic fields, of for example about van Allen's belt. If we want to find an answer to this question, we must do this in a way which speaks to our three dimensional imaginative faculty. This will naturally be lacking in some ways because the Soul vehicle takes on at the very least a four dimensional state of life. However, with the help of our intellectual faculties, we should be able to neutralize the greatest difficulties.

Let us commence by imagining the solar system. We know that the solar system is in fact *one* body and that it is subject to certain laws. The planets which belong to our solar system travel their regular orbits, their revolutions have a definite time and all of them exist and live in and by means of the power of the sun. In this way our entire solar system forms one body which is around us and in us and which gives rise to our existence. In essence we are not separated from the other planets; the other planets are, like ourselves, part of the same Solar body. And just as we cannot say of the hand that it does not belong to the body, so we cannot say of Uranus, Neptune or Pluto for example that they do not belong to the Solar body. All planets that belong to the solar system are therefore very close to us: they are members of one and the same body. And therefore: as they are part of us, we are part of them.

This mighty Solar body is entirely the basis of our higher, our true life. Try to see it before you and to understand it: no matter where we enter that Solar body, the same power rules everywhere, and everywhere would we find one and the same life. So we are not dealing with the expressions of a fantasy, of an over excited, mystical brain, when we read in Rev. 21: "And I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth, for the first Heaven and the first Earth had passed away and the sea was no more. And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband."

Our planet, our earth, is a certain part *of* the Solar body, *in* the Solar body. And it contains different strata, different layers, the outermost of which forms our physical field of life, the ether sphere and the astral sphere. Outside the astral sphere, the terrestrial body slowly, systematically, merges into the Solar body. Clearly we could call the earth an organ, a limb of the sun.

The life of our entire personality develops from the earth and in the earth but no more than that. That life, as we know from experience, consists of a continual rising, shining and fading, a coming and a going in all aspects of the earthly existence.

But there is at the same time another life that touches us. We have spoken to you about that. That other life is very close to us; it is around us. It is a life that does not stem from the earth; it does not belong to the earth; it cannot be explained from the earth. We speak of the microcosm and the Monad that radiates into it. The microcosm comes to us from the Solar body, the personality comes from the earth.

There are therefore in fact two states of life which connect with each other at a certain moment; one life from the earth and one life from the Solar body. Now we ask you, "Which of these two is the most important?" The answer is not difficult; the solar life of course!

But as these two have been added together for a mighty purpose, we cannot say, "that terrestrial life of ours has no



meaning at all; it is of no use whatsoever," because our terrestrial life, friends, does have an extremely important task to fulfil, namely that which lies in the process of the Two who must become One. So it is clear that from his very youth the earthly man must prepare himself for his task in relation to the Other-one-in-him, the Solar Man, because, as we have said, these two must become one! Or in the words of the Holy Language, *the earthly man must ascend into the heavenly other one*. And that is possible only through Transfiguration of the earthly man; a process which causes the Holy Language to say that in reality there need be no death for the earthly man.

As you will know, that is in fact what people in scientific circles are seeking so feverishly: the postponement of death as long as possible and then..... who knows..... one day..... the neutralization of death.

But the neutralization of the death of the earthly man has been possible for an unimaginably long time: through Transfiguration! The process of transfiguration causes the Solar life, that is to say, Eternity, and the earthly life, that is, Time, to become completely united. All that is temporary can be taken up into that which is eternal! "The mortal puts on immortality; death is swallowed up in victory," as Paul expresses it (Cor. 15: 54).

That process of the ascent of the earthly into the heavenly, into the Solar life, makes a necessity of the possession of the soul vehicle. The soul vehicle is the intermediary, the connecting link. Through the possession of the living soul state, the entire human system is built up to a system of spiritual life.

Now the question could arise, "Why are these things like that? Why does the personality stem from the earth and the microcosm for the heavenly? Why is the human course of life so complicated?"

Yes we could ask many other questions in this vein. For example, "Why do *I* have to exist? Why *me*? It would be much simpler for me if I did not exist. What a burden would be spared me! I would know nothing about it, because I would not exist!"

Such talking proves that a grand, immense purpose forms the basis of our existence, of which we will understand the mighty reality much, much later. All of us are still insignificant little mortals. We may realize something of our primitivity, but a mighty Divine Goal lies at the basis of our existence! This fact compels us to fathom that goal and its cause and to align ourselves with it. The microcosm, with the flame of the monad, forms the cause and the purpose which come forth from our Divine Father to place us before our task. The earthly personality is the instrumentarium, the apparatus, by means of which the creative Idea, which lies at the basis of our existence, is to be carried out. That creative Idea, that grand Divine Plan must be carried out, even if we do not know the end product, the final result of that plan. And as it is a Divine Plan, and a Divine Spark forms the basis, - for the Monad is a Divine Spark - the one and absolute requirement for the fulfilment is self-realization, self-freemasonry. That fulfilment is not handed to us on a silver tray! We must carry out that Plan ourselves, step by step, centimeter by centimeter. No one else can do it for us. That is why the course of humanity is a *course of development*; the course of development of an instrumentarium which, at a given moment, is crowned with an intellectual faculty and with a Soul vehicle, in which the experiences of aeons of time can be taken up as an imperishable possession, in order that on this basis, the spiritual flame of the Monad can enter, and that man, having once again become perfect, borne by the flame of the Monad, can thus go forth as an eternal being from power to power and from glory to glory.

When the personality has gained a soul, and, through the soul, has united with the microcosm, and when the personality has become transfigured through this unity, the new higher man ascends from the earth. He liberates himself from the imprisonment within that one place in the Solar body and becomes a citizen of the great, grandiose and glorious collectivity of the Solar life.

We can rightfully say that true human life commences when this preparatory and developing life begins to ascend from the

earth. This makes it understandable why Christ was called a Sun-being and why it is said to us that we must become as He is.

Many millions of people call themselves Christians, which would mean to say that they completely understand what Christ said, and did, and that they would follow Him wherever He is. However we will be able to understand him fully and to follow him completely only when we possess the soul body and are therefore *structurally* capable of walking this path through the entire Solar being. We then begin to long for the Fatherland without forcing ourselves in any way! Back to the Kingdom of God! And only then can we understand fully the words of John when he says,

“And I, John, saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God, the mighty temple of God, is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

The same developments are taking place on the other planets inside the Solar body. The details differ in some aspects: on some planets the development is less, on others it is more advanced, but all, without exception, belong with us, to one and the same community of life. We are all of God’s generation. Some planets are apparently uninhabited by creatures like us, because they have already entered fully into the Solar life, the Solar body.

Now one could ask, “What are the characteristics of the Solar life? Does it in any way resemble our earthly life?”

This question must be answered emphatically: the Solar life does not in any aspect whatsoever compare with life on earth. All troubles, all suffering, all tensions, all misery that we struggle with here on earth, are completely unknown there. Old age, the tragedies of the end, they are completely unknown there. The tensions between nations, with all their consequences, are unknown there.

The state of life in the Solar world is completely dedicated

to the great purpose of our existence, to which the living soul ennobles us. Thus it is written in the Holy Language, “Whoever is victorious will inherit everything, and I will be a God unto him and he will be a Son unto Me.”

We do not want to delve any deeper into the mysteries of Supernature at present. Our task is to answer the question, “*How can we end death?* How can earthly man enter his heavenly nature? How can man begin to answer his high and true destination?”

We have tried to answer this question more or less and the task is now to investigate what really stops us from entering this life which beckons and calls us.

When a person truly begins to understand what we are trying to make clear, all those things we are used to regarding as tremendous problems in our earthly life, shrivel away to absolutely nothing. Yet we must emphasise that we may not regard ourselves as being elevated beyond earthly problems and that we may pass them by, shrugging our shoulders. We may not think, “Leave this mess for what it is, we are going to enter that other life.” This is wrong in the first place because in fact we would be abandoning mankind to its fate, this mankind which is in a state of crisis and has not found the Path because it cannot yet see it. We would be saying, “We have finished, we are getting out, adieu!” But above all, we would not be helping this limb of the Solar life, this member which we call earth. We must understand clearly that our earth has become ill through the completely incorrect attitude of life of humanity and that this humanity (of which we are a part!) is obliged to restore this earth planet, as part of the Solar life, completely back to full health. Thus all of us have a grand and glorious social task, a great social calling which must be fulfilled in the here and now.

So here is an urgent question, “How can we be liberated by the soul and be completely free and yet at the same time fulfil a task here on earth?” This question reminds us of Christian Rosycross who, though liberated, was obliged to serve as gate keeper in the end.

We need to examine this problem together. We want to make it clear right now however, that by these great social tasks that lie before us, we do not mean those for which we have prepared ourselves in our ordinary course of life. We must be prepared to face this difficulty and to remove it from our way. And when we have done that, we can also understand the problem of the "dropouts": the fact that thousands of youngsters, through their attitude of life, make it known, albeit in a completely negative way, "We refuse to join the general way of life as we now see it. We will not participate."

Why is that?

Let us seek an answer to this question in our next article.

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## THE Gnostic GOSPEL OF THE PISTIS SOPHIA III

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In our previous article we wrote to you about the way in which the Universal Brotherhood works with the pupil. Your attention was not directed to a pupil who had already attained some progress on the Path of genesis, in other words, some kind of exceptional person. It appeared that none of us has any reason for pessimism, for feelings of inferiority or delusions of unworthiness, motivating us to say, "These things do not apply to me." No, each and every one of us can grasp the hand that is being held out by the Brotherhood. Nobody needs to feel excluded from this. The help of the Brotherhood is meant for all. You need only reflect upon the image of Christian Rosycross, in the pit of the nature of death, when the cord of salvation is lowered down into that pit. That cord is not directed personally; it is not meant for any particular individual, with the exception of others. All who grasp that cord and hang onto it are pulled out of the pit.

All who are gathered in the forecourt of the Spiritual School of the modern Rosycross and are willing to make the effort to visit a focus are able to know fully, as long as they are willing to reflect intelligently, how the Path must be walked by themselves from the first step until liberation.

Readers who have followed this series of articles carefully will have read about the systematic development of the person who seeks liberation. If you examine yourself in the scheme of this process you will be able to know completely at which point you have arrived or where your development is stagnating at present.

The first phase of the Path concerns the very elementary magnetic radiation force and influence which is sent from the

Universal Brotherhood to every person and everyone who possesses an original atom. Not only has he the ability to react, he is *forced* to react. It is the cord which is let down into the pit and which can be observed. This cord is also referred to as a Call. We, the Spiritual School, do not call you, we talk to you about the Call. We try to explain to you what the Call is. The Call which comes to you, is a force which rages through the world, a power that appeals to our spirit-spark-atom. In and through that power, suggestions of the original life are given to us; a wondrous philosophy is brought to us. Everyone who possesses a spirit-spark-atom will thus experience a very exceptional emotion. If you are locked up in the darkness and you still have memory of the Light, when you still carry with you a rudimentary Light-Principle and you hear a call that speaks to you about the Light and about the Kingdom of Light, would you then not react? Would not you then feel a gripping interest? Then you would pay heed, not so much to what is said about the Light, but you would know only that the Light is being discussed. Even the word, the sound, "Light," takes you off your dialectical balance. This spontaneous reaction naturally brings with it a danger and many of us have stagnated seriously in the course of our life through the development of that danger.

In order to place this clearly before you, let us take an overall view of the situation. There is a magnetic radiation from the Universal Brotherhood. This radiation is nameless and soundless. It has the task to disquiet you by means of the contacted original atom, so that you cannot accept the nature of death and you begin to seek. Now the voices of your fellow men are raised; they speak and testify of light and you are immediately inclined to join them, even though they might speak the greatest nonsense. The fact that they speak from the same stirrings of the heart as you experience causes you to accept them as brothers and sisters. It is obvious that in this way a very significant retardation can occur, for many clever servants of this nature know only too well that as long as one talks a great deal about the light to light seekers, blinds them

by organisations and churches and sects, and surrounds them with a legion of speculations and important sounding words, countless numbers of unsuspecting seekers will remain caught in that refined net. There is no mortal being in heaven and earth who can pull the original atom, the Rose of Roses out of your heart sanctuary. But what is possible is to play on the reaction of the rosebud which, by means of its natural state of being, longs to return to the eternal sunlight, and then to sidetrack it into illusion. Just as flowers can grow in greenhouses by means of artificial sunlight lamps, so we can surround the rosebud with the false glitter-golden light of metaphysical speculations. In this way it is possible to give an apparent gratification to millions of rosebud carriers for many incarnations. On this side of the veil it is done by creating sidetracks to yonder side, where heaven and Christ the Lord are supposed to be. Once taken in by this delusion and having arrived on yonder side, reincarnation is absolutely certain because it is a biological process of the microcosm. For this reason the whole refined magic, the entire age-old magic culture of dialectics springs onto every child of the Rose which seeks the Universal Light for its tender bud. And this nature-magic makes use of everyone and everything for the attainment of its goals. It can do that; it can also make use of this School and of transfiguristic words of Jesus the Lord and the other great ones. You can be captured by this nature-magic at the same moment as you reflect on the one reality.

When the modern Spiritual School of the Rosycross has brought to you a contentment, an inner tranquillity, the state in which you find yourself at the moment, then your Rosetree has arrived in the greenhouse of nature-magic's nursery. For it is out of the question that a spirit-spark-entity can find rest and peace in the nature of death. If that is the case then something is definitely wrong. How can a child of the Light possess rest and peace when it has not come home to the Light? We do not mean that fear, worry and anxiety or a continuous discontentment would have to be present in such a person, because a child of the invisible Light can be very joyful and well balanced

in the certainty that he is on the way to the Father's House. But easy-going placidity and the readily obtainable peace of the compromise with this nature are quite out of the question. A child of the Light has the experience of Jesus, he finds no hollow for his foot and no stone on which to lay his head. It is fundamentally impossible to find that. For this reason, if you are a pupil of the Spiritual School of the Rosycross, you should ask yourself, "What is the School doing in me? Is it still disquietening me? Is it still generating in me that gasping for spiritual breath, or is there no longer any emotion? Does the Doctrine brought to me go in one ear and out the other?" Are you still standing in the process or have you meanwhile been put out of action by your satan - your higher self - your auric being?

We should ask ourselves that because we should know that we are in danger at every hour. Those of us who do not realise that and say, "Come, come, don't be so dramatic," do not possess the signature of elementary pupilship.

When the Son of the Rose enters the world, he will find no recognition; he will find nothing that he can call his; he will find no hollow for his foot and no stone to lay his head on, in short, he is an utter stranger. If he begins to seek liberation in order to find his divine natural destination again, it will be attempted to hold him back in the realms of his alienation, by pacifying him with false sounds and flashes of false light. That is the danger! And that danger, that unique danger of blinding and counterfeiting takes shape in that which calls itself "church", but is not the Church.

Now you as a pupil will no doubt think, "Oh, they can not get me, I belong to the Rosycross," but the magic tentacles of the church reach further than you think. They also have a radiating power. A crystallizing influence goes out from this power, a curdling influence to all who seek Light. And the organisational apparatus is only incidental to this. Through all the ages a conspiracy has been set up against all who wish to bring the Rosetree to flower. That conspiracy always poses a danger; that danger is acute at every hour. We are not suggesting to you a belief in devils and we are not trying to make

you frightened, but we want to drive you to an experience of elementary self-knowledge. If you, as a true seeker of Light, still feel disquieted; if you know yourself to be the object of combat and if you therefore stand in the turmoil of a very great activity so that you vibrate with it; if you have in you something of the tension of the Psalmist who, at one moment, rejoices and the next moment, feels threatened to the deepest depths of his soul; if you feel the walls around you, then you stand in the mercy of the living pupilship. If there is nothing but tranquillity in you; if you are sitting down without any living activity in you, then the crystallizing influence has gained power over you. It has taken the soil away from your rosetree.

If you still have the inclination, you should try and find the cause. If we have been able, reader, by this article and by all our literature and addresses to hunt you into that old disquiet; if we have succeeded in that, we are very grateful, for then we have wrestled you away from the strangle-hold of your particular enemy.

Every person with a Rosebud is hit in the heart by the elementary radiation power of the Gnosis, and a great disquiet arises. And now servants from the Gnosis go out; they speak of the Light; they testify of it. They do not wish to still your disquiet, but they want to give it direction. That is the signature: the placing of the person concerned on a Path in the right direction. Because behind that disquiet is the realization of your alienship, for you do not belong here. If that disquiet were to be taken away from you, the dynamic energy that is needed to make progress on the Path of Liberation would of course immediately be destroyed. Anybody who is no longer disquieted, who accepts, who resigns himself, is from that moment a victim of the church, which is not the Church.

So may it be that we have given you something back or have awakened in you some of that necessary tension, of that fundamental disquiet which must characterize the sons and daughters of the Gnosis.

## CONSCIOUS LIBERATION OF THE HEAVENLY SOUL ON THE BASIS OF THE UNIVERSAL LAW OF LOVE

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Existing ideas, things and concepts with which one has become so familiar in dialectical life, are systematically taken away from the pupil in the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross.

From this stems the exclamation: „Just as I have become familiar with a certain idea or concept, there is a new idea, or knowledge that surpasses the preceding ones.”

Of course it is not very pleasant to be startled time and again just when we think we have arrived safely.

We know that many of you are thus shocked, but you should understand that the School advocates no other purpose but to open your heart to a New Astral Radiation Force.

The Insight into an entirely new dimension, in which a wholly new Soul-life is revealed, is what mankind should become conscious of. There are aspects in our present life of which we think: „But that is absolutely elementary”; „that is the basis of the All-existence”, yet it appears time and again, that we have to change or even abandon these thoughts.

Thus there is for instance the firm conviction of the greater part of mankind that the glory, the task and the vocation of women lies practically exclusively in motherhood as we know it in this dialectical nature. This motherhood is lauded by the poets, founded in the minds of numerous philosophers, and glorified by the ecclesiastical Religion. The State and the Church do everything within their power to safeguard the essence of natural motherhood. In romanticism motherhood is highly exalted. In fact romanticism is practically based on it. The happy and unhappy motherhood is presented in all its aspects.

In young women there is the unconscious longing for motherhood. In men, less primary, but also strongly present, the

longing for fatherhood. The desire to form a family is the longing and purpose of countless people. With the old Jews for instance, the childless family was a damned family and could be a ground for divorce. There are many women who, being childless, fall into excesses. As far as this is concerned we can see numerous examples, but all those are only expressions of the loveurge within them. Then there are parents who are entirely attuned to their own child. Quite logical: it is one's own flesh and blood that speaks.

Connected with the formation of a dialectical family is the thought of education and equalization with norms of civilization; fashion-instinct. What sort of a job will my son or daughter get, good or no good, reasonable or unreasonable, as long as it can be labeled with the term „civilized”.

However one should realize that the preservation of the race is a natural law. And in this natural law motherhood and fatherhood are a joy and a duty. Moreover, the family can possess a very high degree of spirituality. Through God's unlimited Grace, the Light-Brotherhood most certainly comes to people in natural marriage, and in the love-radiation of two people the child is sanctified.

The Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross demonstrates repeatedly how much she is convinced of the necessity that a younger generation will be able to take over from the older one shortly. Furthermore, the Spiritual School affirms the marriage as a Sacrament. The Spiritual School also knows the Sacrament of Baptism.

Yet all these things will have to become objects of painstaking consideration, at least if you strive to become a new Soul-man. For have you ever felt the urge-within-you to a DIFFERENT motherhood, a DIFFERENT fatherhood, than the normal dialectical one? The motherhood of this nature is the result of the fall into this emergency order. If it should be your serious intention to go the Path of Transfiguration, then this problem comes irrevocably to the fore.

In the Soul-life of a person who is freed according to dialectical standards, a new motherhood is affirmed, and every

female pupil of a bona-fide Spiritual School should begin to long for that Heavenly Motherhood. It is however necessary to know what this Heavenly Motherhood entails. And only when one inwardly knows about it, can one live towards it, without forcing the issue.

The first woman mentioned in the Holy Scriptures, is EVE. She is for us the proto-type of the Original Soul-man, in its female Manifestation. Who is EVE? EVE means MOTHER OF LIVING SOULS. She is the bearer of the human life-wave in the Omnirevelation. As ADAM is understood by the cabalistic figure 9, - figure of mankind -, so EVE is understood by the figure 7, - figure of the Holy Spirit -. If you let the word-images of Adam and Eve affect you, in the sense of the Holy Scriptures, a world of Knowledge will open up to you. We will see the Soul-man in his twofold manifestation; in his male and female aspect in the microcosm.

When we let the word-image of Adam affect us, we see in it that there is a Divine Wisdom, a Divine Plan, that by means of the right key should be brought to completion. This completion will only become manifest when there is: first of all the purest intelligence and secondly the Holy Fire that ignites the Idea of God in the great life domain.

That is Man according to His Heavenly existence, his Heavenly Manifestation. But this Heavenly Adam cannot fully reveal himself, if there is not the feminine pole EVE, the MOTHER OF LIVING SOULS.

Thus where there is a freedom and a tremendous dynamic force, the creation must be moulded in accordance with the demands posed by the Omnirevelation, viz. Manifestation IN and THROUGH the All-Love! The dynamic force, the High-Priest, the Will must obey the great Plan of God and the key which the primordial Adam possesses, fits only within the scope of the Unspeakable All-Love. And there, where both rays of our life-wave, the male and female pole, are united in God's Omnirevelation, to ignite and radiate the Holy Fire of purest Intelligence there EVE celebrates her great Motherhood. She protects the Holy Fire against all attacks, by her Love-offer.

And thus She becomes the Priestess of the Holy Fire. This is the way the female aspect of the Soul-man works in the Kingdom of Heaven. This is the way She carries the world, the world-order, the world-course.

The male aspect of the Soul-man is the obedient one, because he KNOWS the Plan of God. He knows that his dynamic force, his higher Will forms the basic key with which and through which the unspeakable All-Love can be disclosed and thus come to Manifestation.

There are many women in this world who have had intuition of the world-motherhood. But lacking the right Insight in relation to the Plan of God, they expressed until this day their feelings in a humane way, with the result that their well-meant striving comes to nothing at all. What then is the great calling of the woman who in truth wants to go the Liberating Path?

Conscious Liberation of the Heavenly Soul, on the basis of the Universal Law of Love! Without the Priestess in the process of evolution, there can be no harvest of liberated souls.

It is generally known that the great success of the Essenes, the Manicheans, the Albigenses and the Siddha was due to the female members of these Orders. We pay this tribute with profound thanks to the holy women of all centuries. With a prayer in the heart that in the Gnostic Kingdom, in the present, an Imperishable Temple of the Holy Fire may be erected, as a token of thanks to all those women, who, realizing their holy Vocation and accepting the world-motherhood, made the truly Everlasting Liberation possible. Where the man has an urge of manifestation in a UNIVERSAL sense, this can only be accomplished by the All-Love, active in and through the woman! May the reader sooner or later experience the Enlightenment of this Divine task.

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