

Dear friends,

The great work will begin in the heart.

In the heart, the rosebud will unfold its petals.

You will not be surprised that we, as Rosicrucians, frequently use the symbol of the blossoming rose to refer to the process of the developing new consciousness.

The rose that is attached to the heart of the cross is a powerful symbol for the potential connection that exists in each of us between Creator and creature, between Spirit and matter.

The cross is our space-time appearance that was born some time ago and will have a certain end.

The rosebud is the essence of the spark of perfect Divine Light that is present in our hearts, called the Divine Spark of the Spirit.

When this Divine Spark within us is touched by the Divine Light, the omnipresent Love, it will respond to this and can then reveal itself within us. When we notice it, when we experience something of its presence, we can speak of the eyes of our heart opening.

You are all more or less familiar with the functioning of the eyes in our heads.

They enable us to perceive things when there is light.

If there is no light, or if our eyes are closed, then there is no visual perception at that moment.

We can, however, form an image of what we have seen before with our natural consciousness,.

And we also know that light, like the light from our sun,

and even that of a candle, is a very complicated phenomenon. White light passing through a prism is split into the seven colors of the spectrum or of a rainbow. Additionally, there are wavelengths of light that we cannot perceive with our eyes, such as infrared light, which we can feel as warmth.

Light travels at a speed of nearly 300 thousand kilometers (approximately 186 thousand miles) per second, which is the highest possible speed in the universe.

And just as our eyes respond to the light of the sun, so the eyes of our heart respond to light of an entirely different order.

Our ordinary eyes see what is earthly.

The eyes of the heart perceive what is spiritual.

The Light that is perceived through the eyes of the heart obeys its own laws, its own perfect order.

This Light has special properties, and we use different terms to refer to it — such as Love light, Gnosis light, seven light, or the Light force.

This Light is omnipresent and is therefore not subject to time, space, or speed. It connects us with eternity.

It knows no shadow.

It is the Love light that ignites the desire for freedom within us and protects us during the unfolding of our karma.

It is Gnosis light that unlocks the knowledge of the heart within us, the knowledge that helps us realize who we truly are.

It is Gnosis Light that permeates our bodies and provides us with the building blocks with which a new light garment for the soul is formed.

This Light is pure Spirit force.

And Spirit force is like a Divine sun. It is called Vulcan —
the sun behind the sun.

This sun awakens, restores, and guides the Divine Spark within
human beings back home.

The spiritual sun is the sun of the original Nature
and not the fiery ball we see in the sky during daylight hours.
It is the state of our heart that determines whether we can
experience that Spiritual sun.

The more pure and clean our hearts are,
the more easily the Light can penetrate into them.
The purity of our desires. The purity of our motives.
The purity of our love.

When we begin the process of purifying our hearts
and examine ourselves daily regarding our desires,
our intentions and our focus,
we will experience that the developing purity of the heart has
great consequences.

— Our ego-driven desires diminish,
— our thinking becomes less egocentric,
— and our actions align accordingly.

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As the heart becomes more pure, it becomes Light-permeable.
From the free space in the heart, the Light can then circulate
within us, and with that help, consciousness of the New life in
Eternity can arise within our space-time appearance.

In this context, we also speak of the birth of the new soul.
Our space-time appearance also has a soul or vitality,
seen as our life force or survival urge,

as the drive that moves us forward, as our character. Here we also include the totality of our desires, emotions, and thoughts, adding to that the subconscious and karma from previous incarnations. Together these form the basis of our vitality, our identity; that with which we and others identify ourselves.

We use the term ‘new soul’ as the connection that can arise between the two essences within our being: the Divine and the earthly, the eternal and the temporary. And with our current vitality and our current consciousness, we can assist that Light force to help that new soul to be born.

We can see this as the preparation phase. Because we can contribute to allowing this new soul to grow and become conscious within us.

Everything depends on the extent to which the light of the spiritual sun can shine in us and through us.

It depends on this Light being able to work so powerfully that the rose in the centre of our being blossoms fully, so that its petals unfold one by one.

The petals symbolize the different aspects or qualities of the new Soul.

This inevitably goes hand in hand with another important change, namely: a conscious surrender of who we are, what we want, what we think we need, and what we are focused on,

to the guidance of the new Soul.

What you pay less attention to, diminishes.

What receives attention can grow.

Once the eyes of our heart are active within us,
an important inner knowing arises in us.

With the eyes of the heart, we see how it is possible to connect
our temporary life with the New Life in eternity.

We begin to realize more and more intensely that we are,
at the deepest level, a dual being: with a biological-sensory
consciousness and an awakening soul consciousness.

It's as if within us, two lines run parallel to each other.
There is the line of the personality, the material aspect,
along which our life unfolds, like in timelines, life lines, family
lines, geographical lines.

And there is the line of the soul, the essential aspect,
along which our life unfolds in a timeless, universal,
and infinite development,
where unity, freedom, and love are all determining.

Where these two lines consciously meet,
they become a double thread that connects the most divine with
the most human – the universal with the everyday.

Once we recognize our duality, can conceptualize it,
and fully believe and trust in it,
we can begin to apply our currently limited consciousness
to the growth of that limitless soul consciousness.

This is a process in which we increasingly identify with the
spiritual aspect within ourselves.

Identifying with it is as if our attention shifts to another core.
Apparently, we possess that ability!

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Do we see ourselves as a time-bound creature with a Divine Spark in our hearts? Or is it the other way around?

Do we see ourselves as a growing new soul in a temporary body?

You understand that this difference in how we perceive ourselves can also make a significant difference in how we experience the events in our lives.

A difference in the decisions we make.

We realize that there are activities that promote the growth of the new soul within us.

We can also engage in things that are neutral or even detrimental in this regard.

Our lives can then transform into a stance that is increasingly soul-oriented.

Initially irregularly, like a flash that penetrates you, for example, when you experience something unusual or unpleasant. And later more like a constant background awareness of your duality.

A very effective way to further put this new orientation into practice is during, or preferably before, our sleep.

Those who sleep with soul-orientation **make the soul conscious, awaken it**. In this context, it is good to draw attention to a specific activity of the Spiritual school of the Golden Rosycross.

Since the founding of our Spiritual School, over 100 years ago, efforts have been made to form a group body, usually referred to as the Living Body.

Through the soul-oriented activity of many pupils, the group has attracted an atmosphere and energy field around it within this space-time life field, in which the Gnostic Light is highly concentrated and active.

We also call this a new life field or a pure astral sphere.

During the sleep of the body, the growing new soul consciousness can connect with this field.

Thus, during sleep, this becomes your new place of rest; a resting place where, at the same time, the building blocks of Light are present to nourish the light garment of the new soul. A pure place, without disturbances, where you can spend your nightly life, perfectly safe, in the Living Body of Gnosis.

We also refer to this as a Light bath. In this pure astral field of the Spiritual School, as we mentioned earlier, the activity of Gnostic Light is concentratedly present.

Therefore, everything we need for our development into a new human is present here.

The Gnostic wisdom, the protective Love, the active Light force. During the light bath, during the sleep of our bodies, the image of the new human is, as it were, impressed into our own astral body.

And then we can awaken with the message of the Light still clear in our minds and in the eyes of our hearts, and thus begin the day. Or as Hermes says:

When the eyes of your heart are already active within you, you will find the way to Heaven.

Yes, the image of God will lead you on that path.

For the inner orientation toward this image

has this characteristic:

those who have once begun with such an orientation,

it draws upwards to itself, as the magnetic stone draws iron.