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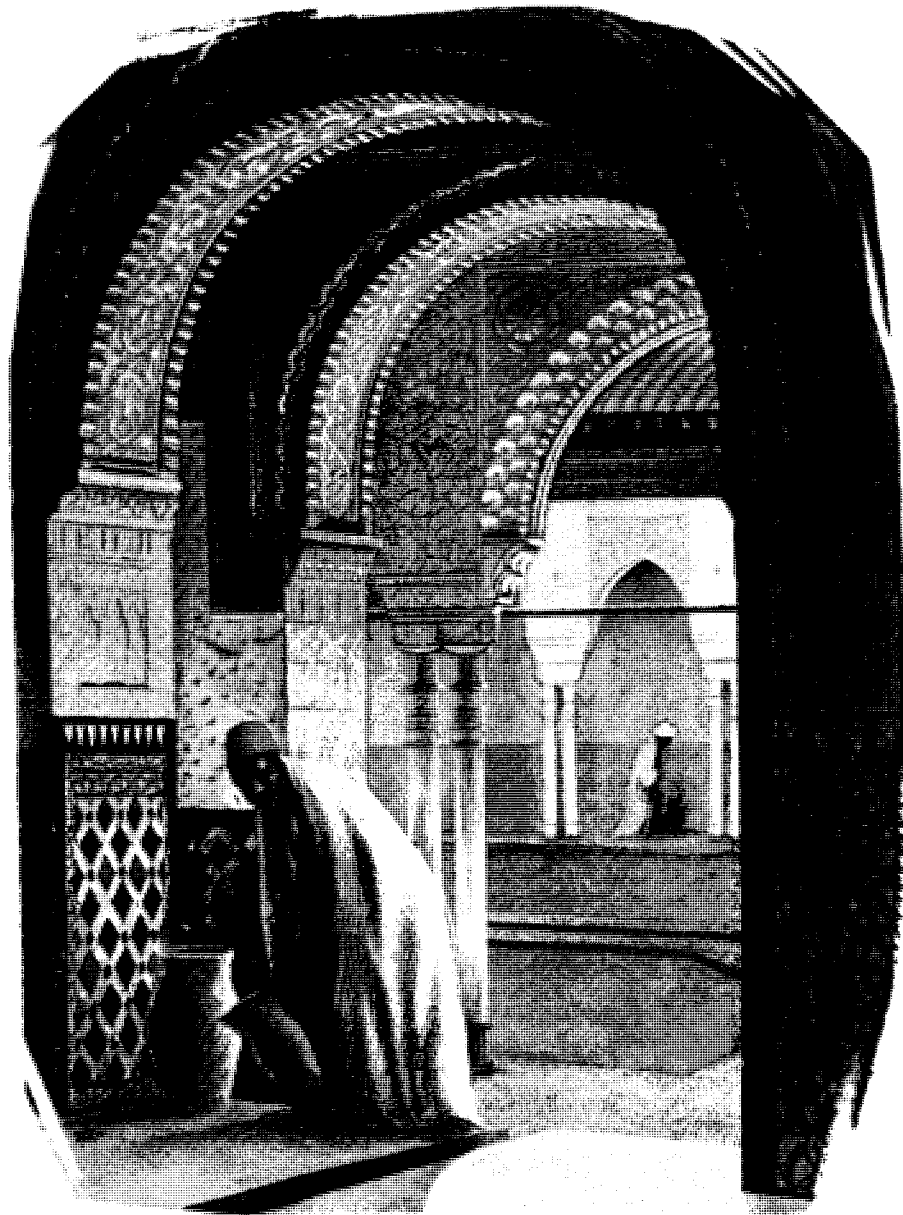
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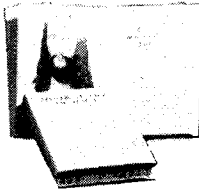
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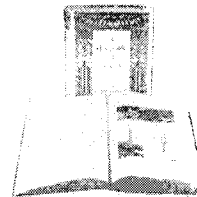
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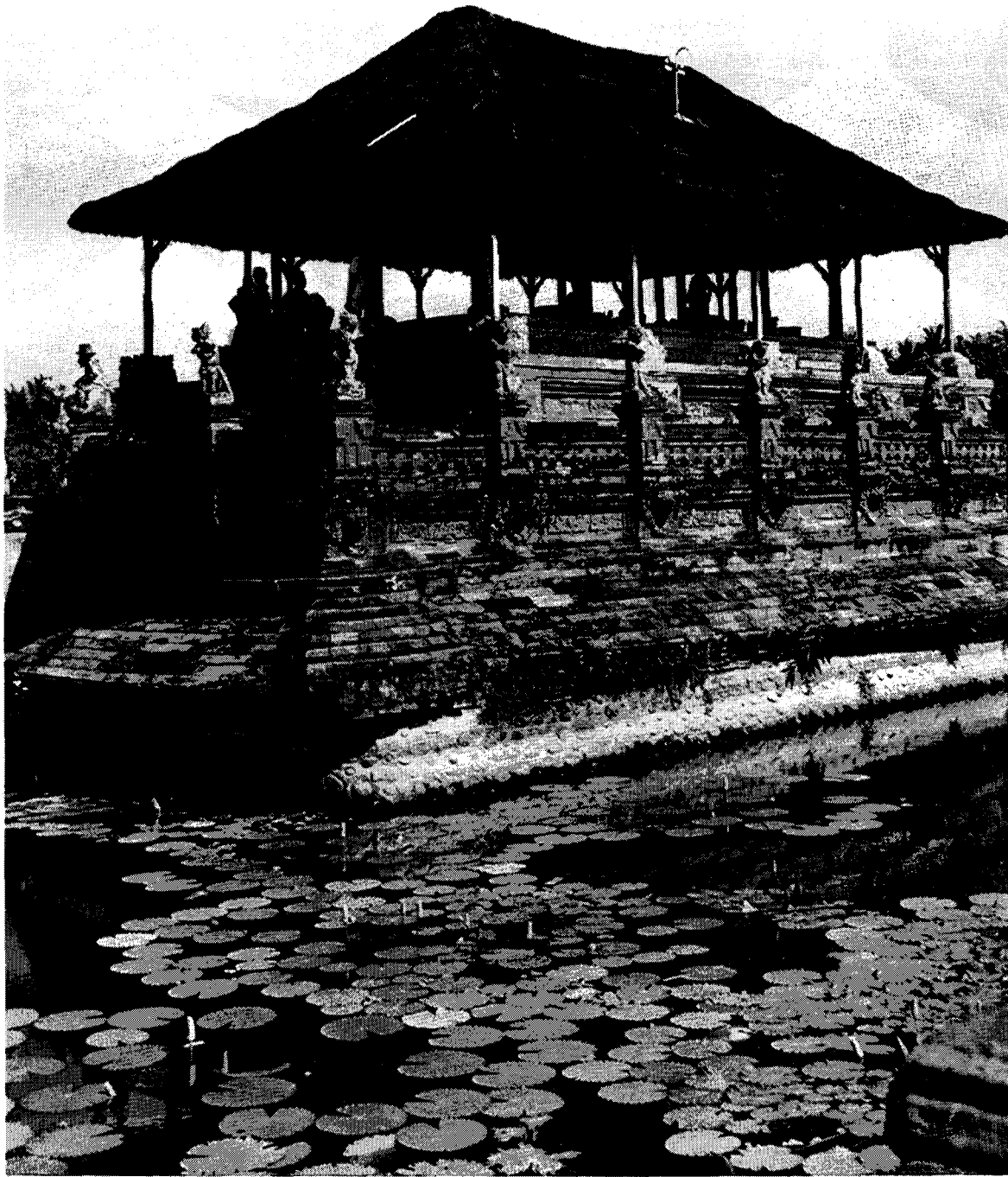
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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

By THE IMPERATOR

FUNDAMENTALS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

AS HUMAN BEINGS we share the same world, but in that world we do not share like interests. Our interests are not always along parallel lines: They frequently intersect and collide with each other. Should our interests be common so as to avoid these conflicts? Or should men in society be divested of certain of their interests for their mutual welfare? This constitutes the problem of human relations.

There are two ways to approach the fundamentals of human relations. One is the observation of facts, the study of man as we actually find him. This consists of the sciences of ethnology and anthropology, the origin of man and his dispersment into various races. It consists of inquiring into the formation of man's habits and the requirements for his livelihood.

Included in such study are the human reactions to circumstances that arise within man's habitat. What causes man to migrate from one area to another? Why do some races have distinctly different preferences?

The other approach to human relations is the analysis of man's self-obstruction. It is to try to determine what the obstacles are which man either wilfully or ignorantly places before himself. By obstacles and obstructions is meant those situations which man, by his actions and thoughts, puts in his own way.

The question immediately arises, "What is the way man is supposed to follow in life?" It is not sufficient just to study what obstructs man's progress toward certain goals. Human relations must consider as well whether man should even pursue the goals he has selected for his own good.

To know this it is necessary to determine the desires and the motivations behind the behavior and the actions of man. After all, there is a difference be-

tween a desire and the interpretation of its function and satisfaction.

The most apparent and basic desire of man, as of all living things, is a biological one. It is the urge to live and to preserve the physical being. This urge is a *dependent motivation*. It stems from the life force within ourselves. It need not be reasoned about. In fact, in the normal person no application of the will is necessary to enforce this instinct of preservation. This is fortunate because otherwise our superficial interests and attractions would cause a lessened value of life.

Though men are dependent upon the instinctive urge to live, this inclines them also to be independent, incongruous as this may seem. Men are principally independent of the interests of other men except as they may relate to themselves. Their dependence upon the necessity of self-preservation causes men to be egocentric.

Basically all their interests are centripetal, that is, reverting to the personal self. This instinct puts each human in competition with every other for such essentials as may be conceived of as necessary for life. Factually, this condition inherent in the physical nature of men makes them more than just competitors: Circumstances attendant upon gaining the prize of self-existence often make men enemies.

The Mental Aspect

The mental aspect of man's nature is yet another way by which he often obstructs his own progress. We shall refer to this mental aspect as *self*. In fact, self is the integration of the nature of man. It is all of his various expressions, but in particular it is the individual's realization of his own entity.

It is that awareness that he is, or the consciousness that I AM. However, the mental side of his being is not so defi-

nately dependent upon certain factors as is the physical. Behind the physical organism is the one insistent prodding urge to live.

The mentality of man, however, is uniquely both dependent and independent. It depends upon the mechanical functioning of particular processes: To perceive, to know, requires the functioning of receptor senses, nervous system, and the complex responses of the brain.

The independent aspect of the mental self lies in the organization of man's thought. He has the ability to synthesize his ideas at will by means of reasoning: He can reject or he can select and combine ideas independently of what other humans may do. Each has a more or less entirely different exposure to life.

No two men or women have exactly parallel experiences. This is principally due to the fact that environmental circumstances are different. Two persons living on the same street, even in the same house, may have different experiences in their contact with life. They may also form an entirely separate symbolism in their own minds to represent their experiences.

As a consequence of this independence in his thinking, the course of life comes to have varied meanings to man. Men construe different purposes for life; therefore, they assign life a value which is intimate to them alone. It corresponds to the particular evaluation which they have placed upon the events which they personally have experienced. The ideals which men have, the very reasons they want to live, are reflected in their understanding and independence of thought.

These ideals and objectives which men establish for themselves become integrated with their physical existence. It is not enough for them to live; living must be in terms of a particular significance to them. Whoever or whatever comes to obstruct these ideals and aspirations of theirs seems to be striking at their basic urge to live.

Each of us has often said, at least has heard another say, that he would not want to live if life were to be deprived of this or that. Those who inadvertently or intentionally crush the dreams of others create enemies by

doing so. It is because such acts are as harmful to the ego and self-existence as the snatching of food from their mouths would be.

The specific problem of human relations is how to reduce these conflicts that exist between men. It would seem that a voluntary and unitary action by men would be of great importance—men acting together upon an agreed objective, that is, one having a common interest. The only thing in which man is potentially free is his thinking.

As we have said, the mechanism by which men think is common to all. However, the particular arrangement of the individual's ideas and the meaning derived from them is purely individual. It is patent, then, that there can be no real compulsion of ideas from without.

No matter what force others may use to impose their ideas, an idea is never intimate unless it has one's personal agreement. External conformity to someone else's ideas, the fact that one seems to agree with them outwardly, is not absolute proof of agreement. A person may be acting with mental reservation or evasion.

Deep-Seated Resentment

Today, as in past centuries, compelling men to accept ways of life—religious, political, and economic—which in no way correspond to their personal thinking engenders a deep-seated resentment. Many comply with ideas imposed on them only because, to preserve their lives, they are compelled to suppress the instinctive urge. They are continually waiting, however, for the opportunity to reassert the individuality of their thought.

To replace the conflicts in human relations with a state of harmony, there must be individual agreement on the conduct and activities of society as a whole. This must be brought about without any extreme sacrifice of individual personal opinions, reasoning, or freedom of thought. The individual agreement must come as a consequence of some principle that appeals to his reason.

The ends established for human relations must conform to the individual's personal experience. To his mind such ends at least should have a rational



probability. But what course of living will further the welfare of the majority of men as individuals? Human relations must take into consideration that men were individuals long before they became a social unit or a political group such as the state.

What lessons have been learned from experience? What in experience has been found expedient and applicable to all men for their good? This necessitates that the future in human relations must be not divorced from the past but must be evolved out of it.

The ideals men have must be a practical construct of experience. As John Dewey, the eminent American philosopher, said: "Some end should be supreme over conduct." Conduct and thought should be so analyzed that what is best for the most men is revealed. The ideal that follows should be an enlargement of that which is found to be the best.

The ideal must always be transcendent, that is, something above and beyond the present. Further, it should never be just a will-of-the-wisp, but rather that which is actually attainable. Once the ideal has been attained, it provides men with greater mental vision. They are able then to see beyond it. Consequently, ideals when realized have served a purpose. Merely to retain realized ideals and not go beyond them is to become static in one's thought.

What are some of these practical ideals which have been discovered in human relations? For practical living, it has been found that man must recognize his dependence upon a supreme power or force in the cosmos. Science is continually revealing the phenomenal effects of nature upon our lives. No primary cause of such a power or force is yet empirical, objectively known.

In their thinking upon the subject, men have often been divided between *vitalism* and *mechanism*. They argue as to whether there is a mind as a primary cause or a purely impersonal natural force underlying all things. Nevertheless, men of both conceptions, vitalism and mechanism, have similar cherished motives. They have humility as they approach what they conceive to be the inexorable and inscrutable cause of all. Also, they both love to grow closer in understanding and feeling to

whatever their notion of supreme power is.

To insist on a single religious conception is the absurdity of presuming to know the absolute cause of all being. Further, it is a persecution to impose such a single conception upon others. For analogy, let us presume that the divine or original cause is an all-embracing circle. Further, we shall say that the human consciousness is but a dot in that circle. Any single idea of God would be but moving in one direction in that circle and no single direction in thought can ever include the whole dimension of the divine substance.

Another Fallacy

Another fallacy of thought, which proper human relations must stamp out, is the notion of a superior race.

Let us reason together for a moment. First, let us take the position that men believe in a divine being, a teleological or mind cause, called God. Believing that, it would follow that all things must be the intention of this God. Man himself would be but one manifestation of such a divine force or being. In essence, then, all men are equal. Certainly, anything coming as a divine creation, being of divinity, would not be of less value than any other thing. Either things are divine or they are not. They cannot be partially so.

Now, let us take the opposite position, the position of those who are thoroughgoing naturalists. They are the ones who state that natural law, physical phenomena, accounts for every manifestation inside and outside man. In such circumstances, of course, nature would be entirely impersonal.

Now, let us presume that one race or people is found to have an advantage. According to this view, then, others may enjoy the same advantage by adapting themselves to the same condition which brought about the advantage in others. Education and cultural changes would bring about a mere equality among peoples. Consequently, both views, the religious one and that of naturalism, lead to the same end: Superiority in man is not a racial heritage.

Superiority in people is a matter of the developing and cultivating of the intelligence and consciousness of the

individual. It further requires the opportunity of applying the intelligence. No men are superior as a class or as a group unless, as individuals, they adopt a superior method of thinking and living. Just standing in a bank lobby does not make a man wealthy; neither does one's color make him superior.

In human relations the question of human rights arises frequently. In fact, men are always prating about their inalienable absolute rights. When one comes down to it, even to live is not an absolute right. Nature provides no such guarantee. Each is merely a product of life force. He is only privileged to try to understand that life force and to use it intelligently.

Delegated rights are the authority and power which men confer upon each other. The one who delegates the authority has not received it by any divine appointment. He can only receive it from the contributing power

and recognition of other men. Thus, delegated rights extend from man to man. A true delegated right represents the centering of the personal power of many men on one man or a group of men. Consequently, in society no man should delegate to himself an assumed right to exercise against others. The only supreme right among men in society is the collective power they assign it by their unfettered wills, their own volition.

Human relations, then, is a study of mankind with the purpose of revealing and removing the basic causes of conflict. The Rosicrucian philosophy makes a most valuable contribution to human relations. It exposes men to their *real* selves. It cultivates, as well, an appreciation of their individual dependence upon the Cosmic. Likewise the Rosicrucian teachings aid the individual to preserve the independence of his thought.

Medifocus

Medifocus is a special humanitarian monthly membership activity, with which each Rosicrucian is acquainted. The significance of the personalities shown each month is explained to Rosicrucians as is the wording accompanying them.

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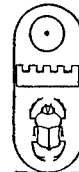
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The Ghost of Albert Ryder

On Art



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ON HALLOWEEN in the United States ghosts take over in traditional style; yet on the morning after, they have all vanished mysteriously—except those in New York's Greenwich Village!

There, according to scores of inhabitants, *haunting* is a full-time business. "The Village," explains one gentleman, who has long been studying the appearance of ghosts in the area, "because of its many old structures and colorful history, is the obvious locale for spirits of the past."

The typical Village ghost, however, is not the frightening apparition of legend but rather the pathetic individual who retains disturbing memories about a place in which he had an emotion-charged experience.

The celebrated specter of Alexander Hamilton, for instance, is said to frequent the dwelling on Jane Street to which his worldly counterpart was taken after his fateful duel with Aaron Burr.

The ghost of artist Albert Ryder, too, is declared to return every Halloween to the Albert French Restaurant on East 11th Street, where many years ago he had painted several murals.

Again this year, Ryder—or rather his ghostly counterpart—will be called upon to answer questions about his work on famous murals. Long John, an Indian medium, will try to interrogate Ryder and get the answers.

Spirit-sleuths rarely track a ghost without the company of a medium. If the medium contacts the ghost, the investigator asks several questions about its background. On the basis of the answers given, it is decided whether or not the ghost really "exists."

This kind of test will hardly be necessary for your little one-night ghosts, but in Greenwich Village (the only ghost town with a population of 8,000,000) the odds for finding a *real* one are a little better!—*Central Feature News*

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Minute Thoughts

By MARTHA PINGEL, Ph.D.

HOLES

A hole in nothing is something.
—Guy Murchie, in *Music of the Spheres*

Have you ever seen the other side of a hole? The question is not as silly as it sounds, for often great wisdom can be found in the nonsense world of children's definitions. Ruth Krauss, in *A Hole Is To Dig*, collected the sayings of kindergarten children in regard to their fascination with holes—those we grow things in, those we dig, those that floors keep us from falling into; holes for hiding things, holes that serve as a house for mice, and the like.

How joyful these concepts are compared with those adults have of a hole as emptiness, blankness, sorrow, the nonstate, or the nonbeing. Yet what would our adult world be without the dunkable doughnut with its hole? Or Swiss cheese? Or Life Savers—"the candy with the hole"?

Holes can be gateways to work. A "hole" in our knowledge spurs us to greater efforts; holes in our socks make us mend them; "holes" in our reasoning cause us to review our ideas with a view toward their constructive alteration.

Holes can be beginnings. We create them so that we may look out from buildings upon the world; so that we may bring daylight into our homes. Thus, holes move us toward a future. Without them, we would have no substance, or matter, to speak of; for matter is composed of atoms, electrons, and space (holes), without which electrons could not orbit the atom. In this case, the hole is actually the focal point around which being takes shape.

Therefore, a *hole* is something in its own right; a suggestion of something that needs to grow and has the room in which to do it; something that needs development and expansion and is given the opportunity.

Man has ever rejected nothingness as false, as a zero which neither exists nor accomplishes. Thus the *hole in nothing* is the awareness of a logical *hole*; for the *nothing* is not a thing but a fantasy, an illusion. The *hole in nothing* must, inevitably, produce knowledge that we are the creators of things, of ideas, of human relationships, of progress and change—and certainly *these* are something!

Matter and being cannot be created out of nothing, nor can thought; but out of the basic elements of a dynamic, living, *material*-filled world, in which the *hole* (or space, as Kant would have put it) becomes one of the major categories of the creative mind. Or, as Ruth Krauss put it: "A hole is to look through. . . . A hole is to dig."

Race Differences and Cosmic Law

L. BAYNARD WHITNEY, F. R. C.

THE ORIGIN of races is lost in the past. Some sacred literature indicates that before the Earth existed, somewhere in the cosmic realms there were various races, including the Gold, the Red, the Green, the Blue. Then, although man assumed human form as one species on the planet Earth, racial differences were perpetuated in a drama that has been unfolding throughout the ages.

Races have developed their own *mores* and their own leaders in all departments of human endeavor, each producing its saints and avatars as well. In the cycles of human progress all have experienced ascendancy at various times.

One of the fundamental concepts of mysticism is that mankind is evolving toward Cosmic Consciousness and that all are destined to attain the divine majesty of self-conscious godhood. The ever-increasing world-wide realization of the interdependence of men and nations argues for the practical application of the principle of human brotherhood and the attempt to establish a better world in the here and now.

Undoubtedly, man incarnates in one race and then another to gain fuller experience; to acquire a deeper understanding of himself and others; even to become capable of divine compassion. The path toward perfection is rugged and man is prone to frailty. The victim of ignorance, man becomes blinded by pride, arrogance, and disbelief. He forgets that in a previous incarnation he may have been a member of the very race he now scorns or abuses, and that in a future one, he may again find himself a part of that same race.

Dimly perceived but gradually be-

coming apparent is the realization that it is cosmically wrong as well as an offense against society to deny anyone basic civil or human rights. To deny anyone fundamental prerogatives because of race or color is to deprive all of the right to pursue happiness and to contribute to the progress of the world.

A perfect world is yet remote; nevertheless, an awareness of the need for the improvement of *all* races, as well as a sense of man's responsibility toward man, is finally becoming generally recognized.

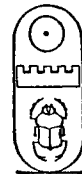
In the United States of America, for example, the Founding Fathers' dream of equality of opportunity for all and a society based on fundamental social values is reflected in decisions of its Supreme Court regarding segregation. Still, racial discrimination continues to exist, particularly in industrial and professional fields. Even so, it can be argued, that since a democracy voices the spirit of the majority, anti-discrimination policies and legislation are indicative of a growing social awareness.

The same can be said for other countries. A striking instance is the establishment of the Common Market in Europe, evidencing the fact that practical benefits are to be gained by the cooperation of nations and races.

The unrest in the world is symptomatic of a growing consciousness. A United Nations may be the forerunner of a United World. Differences of race, nationality, beliefs, traditions will become modified by the necessity of working together. All comprise a whole, and it will become harmonious when each individual—regardless of race, creed, or color—is recognized as an integral part.

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The Gift of Creativity

By ROBERT D. PAPON, F. R. C.

OF ALL the words ascribed to Thomas Carlyle, his statement that "genius is the infinite capacity for taking pains" is perhaps the most significant. In these words, we find the key to the development of a creativity above and beyond that of ordinary man. It is with this in mind that the student should seek to bring about some degree of creativity of his own.

Assuming Carlyle's familiarity with the words in Genesis: "And God created . . .", it is easy to understand his inclusion of the word "infinite" in his definition. Had he not done so, the great significance of his statement might remain hidden. The addition of this single word transforms the sentence into a revelation.

In a world that moves with the speed of guided missiles, it is more than easy to lay aside the value of human life and creation. A group of people in front of a store window watch a mechanical display. "How remarkable," they comment; yet would one grant a moment's thought to the mind that gave birth to

such an idea? Man somehow fails to pay homage to the power within himself—the divine spark recognized as the only true source of all creation.

In the biographies of those who have dedicated their lives to the betterment of humanity, one fact stands foremost. Each in his own way turned within himself and drew from the stream of infinite consciousness a single idea. There existed no great pride, no shouting from the housetops. From humility of spirit there came forth something that needed no advertising.

To such men as Gandhi, Edison, and Einstein, the small voice whispered "passive resistance," "a machine that talks," and a power "like that of the sun." It was therefore no miracle.

It has been said often enough that he who would serve God must first serve man. What better way than through the development of a single idea—an idea which is the rightful heritage of a child whose Father's wisdom far exceeds the breadth and length of the universe?



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THE FIRST IMPULSE of all human beings is to learn. Very early, either in the individual life of the human being, or in the historical life of humanity in its progress from the savage to modern man, there has been a distinction between what is known and what is unknown.

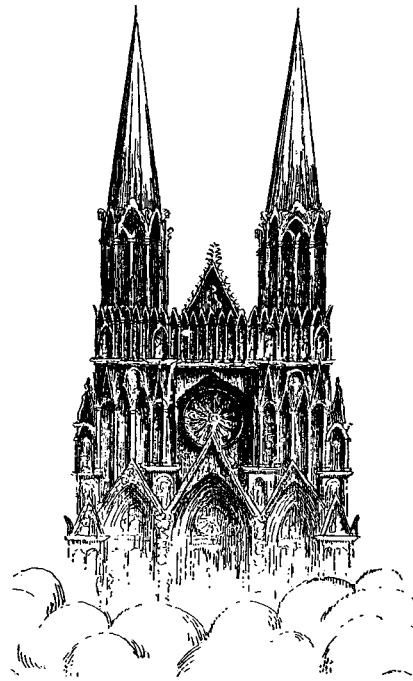
Man's method of gaining new knowledge, or—to state it in another form—of changing the unknown into the known, has followed certain patterns. In his search for knowledge, man has found that he learns best when he takes an active part in the search. The act of being a participant in any process is a prerequisite for learning.

It is psychologically true that the physical reaction of the individual, or rather, his physical preparation, will have a great deal to do with his viewpoint at the moment. Man, realizing this to a degree, began to extend his thoughts in terms of acts. Gradually, he began to formulate what he intended to do or would like to do, and in this process of formulation pictured himself and others as participating in certain activities. This process was the beginning of drama.

Many ancient dramas were connected with the seasons of the year and with the concepts of a deity. Many of them fell into definite patterns, such as the life, maturity, death, and resurrection of a god. In this dramatic process was represented the aspirations of the individual and his hope of expanding the boundaries of the known further into the unknown. As various forms of drama were repeated from time to time or upon certain occasions, its performance became established in certain forms.

The meaning of ritualism is tied up closely with the dramatic episodes enacted in tribal practices of ancient peoples. They appealed through man's physical senses to the mental states that created idealism. Drama emphasized a meaning or an idea and helped man to renew his interest in the ideals presented.

Drama gave man an overt means of expression, making it possible for him to participate with others who were also attempting to find their niche in the great cosmic scheme of which all men are a part. Ritual is a form of drama,



Cathedral Contacts

THE MEANING OF RITUALISM

By CECIL A. POOLE,
Supreme Secretary

fixed in form and action, with a definite procedure and idea to maintain.

In the field of mysticism, ritualism has reached its highest meaning. Here we find evidenced the desire of the human being not only to relate himself to those things which are unknown, but also to raise his consciousness to the fountain of all knowledge and the ultimate source of life itself. It is in this idea of the individual's raising his consciousness toward the infinite and toward reality that we see the mystic concept entering into ritualism.

The Ultimate Aim

The ultimate aim of the mystic is to identify himself with the divine or absolute. By performing certain acts physically, he places himself in a position where consciousness can be raised



and can relate itself to higher ideas and the absolute entity of the universal scheme. The steps of ritualism in which groups of individuals work together for that purpose is the process of mystical ritualism.

First and fundamental in all mystical drama is the attempt to enclose a certain area for a specific—usually a sacred—purpose. Early man probably drew a crude design on the ground, a circle, a square, a triangle, or a rectangle. He did this in order to define physically the process of limiting the sphere of his own consciousness because as man directs his attention to his inner self and its relation to a divine being, he can physically visualize that fact through a physical limitation that allegorically or ritualistically separates him from all else immediately outside that area.

After limiting an area of activity by drawing a simple symbol, early man attempted to bring to his consciousness by some type of physical process the realization that the area so designated was set aside in a special sense for a special purpose.

This he did in various ways; possibly the simplest was by kneeling. To aid further in creating effects conducive to mystical enlightenment, other methods developed, such as sprinkling water on the area and making certain sounds which changed the vibratory nature of the immediate area. Later, when the crude design by early man was replaced by a simple edifice, the lighting of a fire was used as a means by which the vibratory condition of the area could be changed.

Fire Served Two Purposes

The fire served two purposes: first, the utilitarian, to give warmth and light; and second, the mystical, to remind man of the mystery of the universe. Today fire is still a part of many religious and secular rituals. The burning of candles maintains that flame which represents the sacred flame, which, in turn, is representative of many ideas.

Much of the ritualism used today, whether in certain fraternal organizations or in the Eucharist of the church, is closely related to man's attempt to bind together all his ideals and aspirations into common movements and designs for the individuals participating.

The ultimate mystical consummation on the part of any individual is not necessarily a direct result or outcome of the performance of a ritual; but regardless of how simple a ritual may be, it contributes to the mystical development of the individual in the unifying effect and inspiration that it creates in his mind.

His emotions are directly affected by faultless ritual, and in his sincerity, all effort and all consciousness are directed away from himself and his petty problems and desires toward his true place in the cosmic scheme and his relationship to God. The perfect ideal of ritualism is to maintain the dramatic aspects and to keep ever fresh the meanings that it represents. The soul loves drama. All steps of its development are dramatic, and so the soul responds to the dramatic appeal of ritual when such ritual represents the ideals toward which it strives.

The Cathedral of the Soul

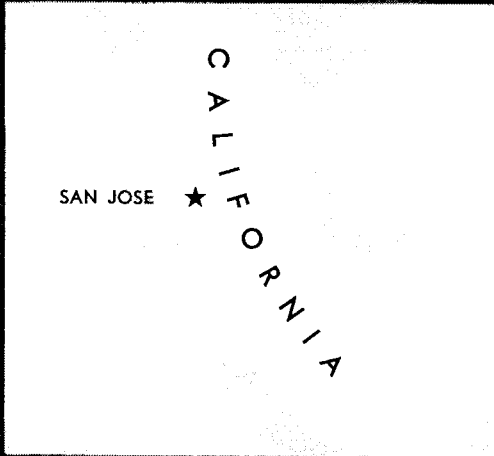
is a Cosmic meeting place for advanced and spiritually developed members of the Rosicrucian Order. It is the focal point of Cosmic radiations of health, peace, happiness, and inner awakening. During every day, periods for special attunement are designated when cosmic benefits of a specific nature may be received. Nonmembers as well as Rosicrucian students may participate in the Cathedral Contacts. *Liber 777*, a booklet describing the Cathedral and its several periods, will be sent to nonmembers requesting it. Address Scribe, SPC, AMORC Temple, San Jose, California, enclosing 5 cents to cover mailing, and stating that you are *not* a member of the Order.

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A VISIT TO



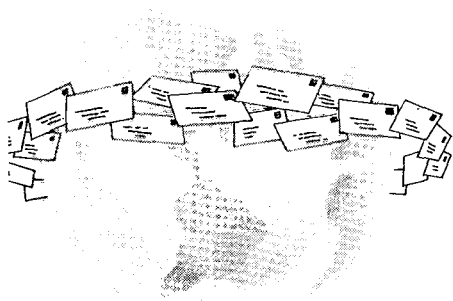
ROSICRUCIAN PARK

Nestled in the heart of beautiful Santa Clara Valley is an organization which has influenced the lives of thousands of men and women throughout the world. It is the Rosicrucian Order,

THE INSTITUTION BEHIND THE ORGANIZATION



AMORC, a *non-sectarian*, philosophical, fraternal Order. The purposes and objectives of the organization have been generally publicized. The extent of the Order's activities are not so generally known to those who have not visited Rosicrucian Park. The function of these pages is, therefore, to constitute a guided tour through the institution and its facilities.



COMMUNICATION

As a fraternal Order, the Rosicrucian organization is concerned with the lives of its members, their problems, aspirations and welfare. It seeks, through the Rosicrucian teachings, to help each individual attain personal mastery of life. Consequently, to achieve this mutual understanding, *personal correspondence* is conducted with each Rosicrucian member.

TOP: The Reading Mail Department Distribution of the thousands of letters received daily.

CENTER: Correspondence dictators. These are member consultants and instructors.

BOTTOM: Section of one stenographic department. Thousands of letters are typed here annually.





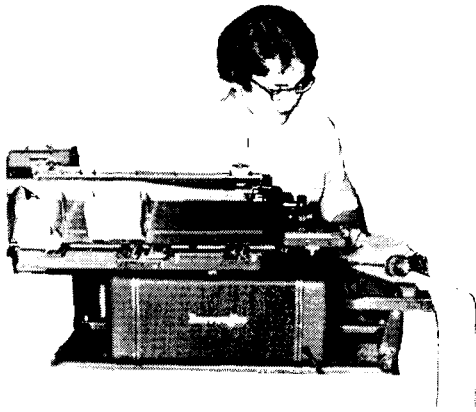
Some of the staff of young women who tabulate the study material sent to Rosicrucian members.

RECORDING

A record of every member's progress is preserved in this department. These include the degree of study, examinations, reports and other membership data—all of which is confidential. A staff of many employees is required to maintain such a practical membership facility.



Confidential membership statistics regarding each member are protected in this large fireproof vault. Members are the Rosicrucian Order's most valuable and treasured asset.



Modern office accounting and recording machines are employed as labor-and-time-saving devices.

On tables like these a staff sorts the addressed envelopes into which the private membership study material is inserted.



PREPARATION

The Rosicrucian teachings in philosophy, science, art and mysticism are never static. They are constantly undergoing extension and revision—adding new information and practical help for everyday living. Aside from an international research organization which contributes such new knowledge, there is the Research Library available for the preparation of monographs and other membership study material.



ABOVE: Reference librarian . . . at work on a research problem.

RIGHT: One of the many hand trucks containing Rosicrucian monographs, with the official teachings, which are being taken to the Mailing Department.



LEFT: After preparation, the Rosicrucian monographs are carefully filed, according to degree of study, ready for membership use.

BELOW: The Rosicrucian Research Library. This library is available to every Rosicrucian.



ROSE-CROIX UNIVERSITY

The Rose-Croix University perpetuates the early Rosicrucian ideals and principles. The Rose-Croix University makes the acquisition of knowledge for its own sake and personal satisfaction in life its first consideration.



The beautiful facade of the Rose-Croix University Science Building. Various laboratories and classrooms are housed in this edifice.

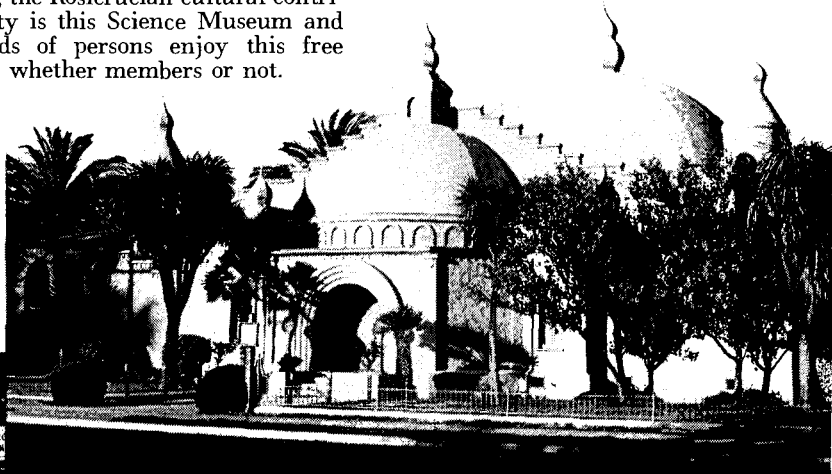
RIGHT: The amphitheatre lecture hall in the Science Building is one of several classrooms.



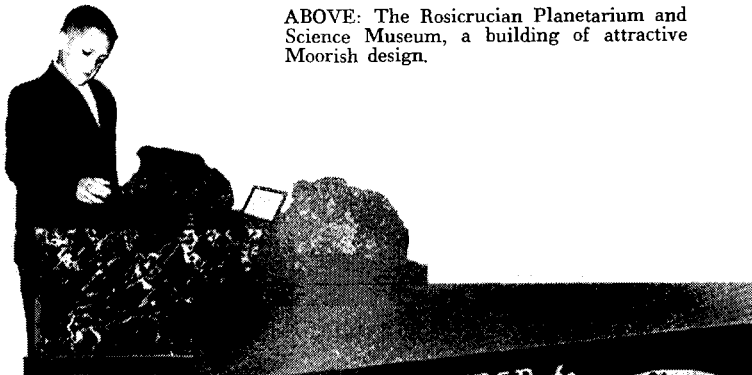
LEFT: Personal instruction and practical demonstration of natural phenomena make instruction at the Rose-Croix University especially helpful.

SCIENCE ACTIVITIES

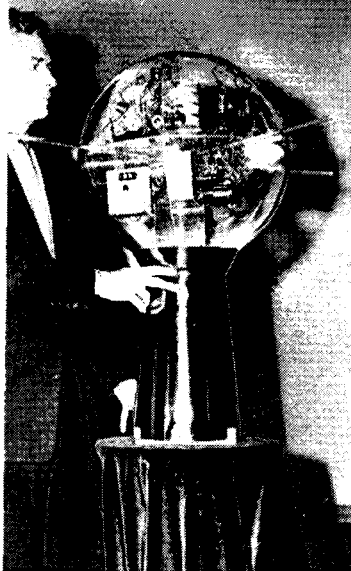
Life consists of both material and immaterial activities. In addition to metaphysics, philosophy and mysticism, a study of science is necessary to have an understanding of man's relationship to the physical universe. Consequently, the Rosicrucian cultural contribution to the community is this Science Museum and Planetarium. Thousands of persons enjoy this free Rosicrucian activity . . . whether members or not.



BELOW: A seismograph in the Science Museum registers terrestrial disturbances—earthquakes.



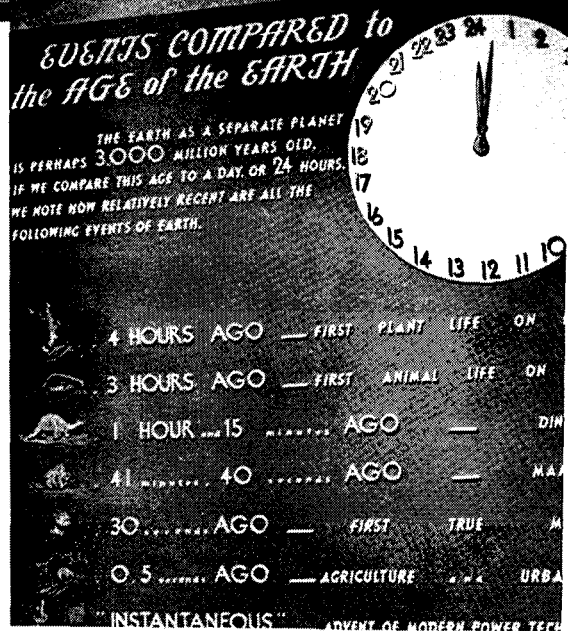
ABOVE: The Rosicrucian Planetarium and Science Museum, a building of attractive Moorish design.



ABOVE: Examining meteorites, silent messengers from worlds of outer space.

LEFT: Model of early artificial earth satellite, constructed in the Rose-Croix University laboratory.

RIGHT: If the entire time of the earth's existence could be reduced to twenty-four hours, this clock would show the approximate time for the happenings of various major events.

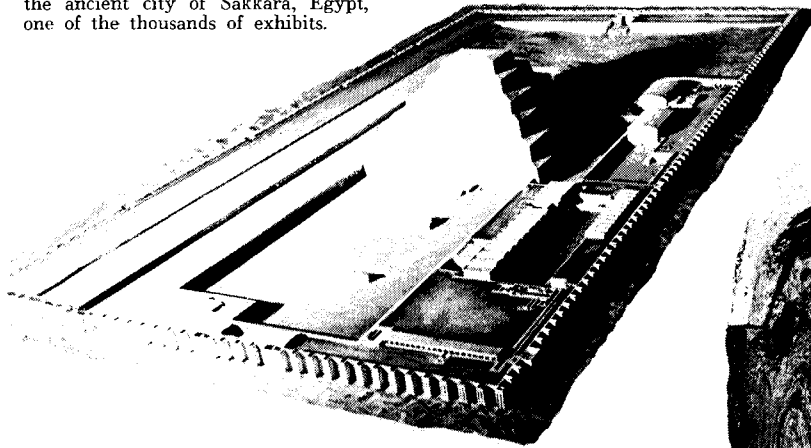


MUSEUM

The Rosicrucian Egyptian, Oriental Museum. This museum is maintained by the Rosicrucian Order, as a free cultural contribution to the public. It houses the largest collection of original Egyptian and Babylonian antiquities in the western United States. It is visited by thousands of school children and college students as well as Rosicrucians and the general public.



Model of King Zoser's pyramid and the ancient city of Sakkara, Egypt, one of the thousands of exhibits.



ABOVE: Sectional view of the interior of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Oriental Museum. The building is Byzantine style.



ABOVE: One of several Egyptian mummies in sarcophagus (mummy coffin).



LEFT: A replica of an ancient Egyptian tomb with all the realism of a visit to Egypt.

LATIN-AMERICAN

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, has an extensive Latin-American membership. In Rosicrucian Park is maintained a large Latin-American staff for disseminating the Rosicrucian teachings in the Spanish language.



ABOVE: This edifice houses the Latin-American Division of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. All personnel are proficient in the Spanish language.



ABOVE: Section of the stenographic department of the Latin-American Division. All communications are in the Spanish language.



BELOW: Personal attention to the Latin-American membership requirements is given by the Director of this Department. Many Latin-Americans visit Rosicrucian Park every year.



ABOVE: Preparation of copy for various publications requires careful checking and proofreading by staff members.

RIGHT: Opposite are samples of some of the periodicals issued by the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.

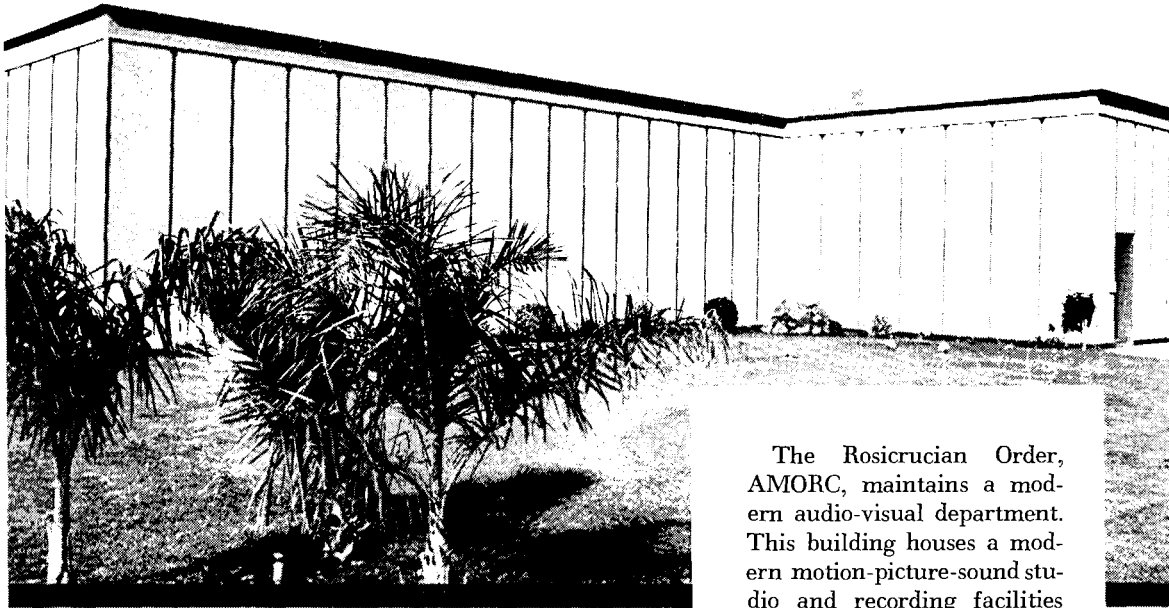
BELOW: Editorial conferences are necessary to evaluate material submitted and for progressive revision of existing material.

EDITORIAL

With the issuance of several periodicals which have a world wide circulation, dozens of books and thousands of lecture and discourses, the English and Latin-American Editorial Departments of the Rosicrucian Order are busy places. The Latin-American Editorial Department also maintains efficient translators.



AUDIO-VISUAL



The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, maintains a modern audio-visual department. This building houses a modern motion-picture-sound studio and recording facilities for magnetic tapes and professional films. Special instructive and travel films in several languages are produced here for Rosicrucians and for public showing.



ABOVE: Sound technician recording speaker in the sound studio. Lectures on magnetic tapes in several languages are sent throughout the world.

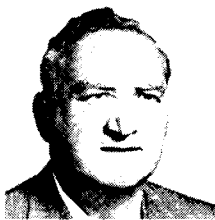
RIGHT: A scene for a motion-picture film being produced in the Rosicrucian film and sound studio. AMORC has its own technicians.





Frequent conferences concerning the welfare of the individual members and the Order as a whole are entered into in this Board room by officers of the Rosicrucian Order and department executives.

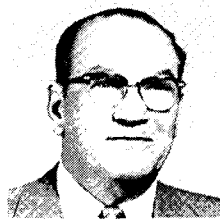
RIGHT: Dr. H Spencer Lewis, Emperor of the second cycle of AMORC in America, the founder of the present activity of the world-wide Rosicrucian Order. His transition occurred August 2, 1939.



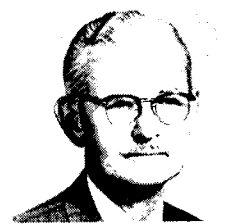
Ralph M. Lewis
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AESTHETIC



The Akhnaton shrine commemorating an initiation held in Karnak Temple, Egypt, in 1929 by more than a hundred Rosicrucians from throughout the world.



The finer sentiments and emotions of man are reached and his idealism aroused by an aesthetic environment, by symmetry of line and form, and harmony of color and design. For this reason principally, Rosicrucian Park and its edifices have been so designed as to stimulate the aesthetic sense and capture the imagination.



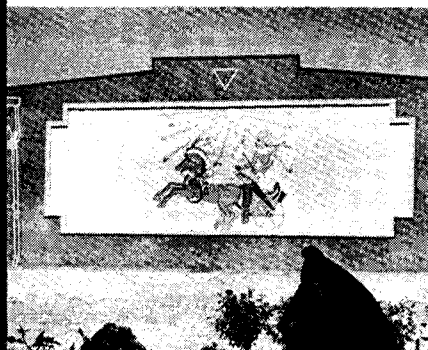
Sectional view of the Rosicrucian Planetarium.



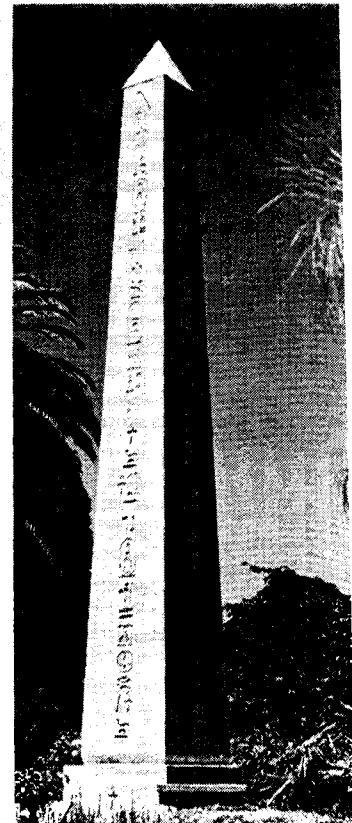
The fountain, the center of Rosicrucian Park, a rendezvous for informal meetings.



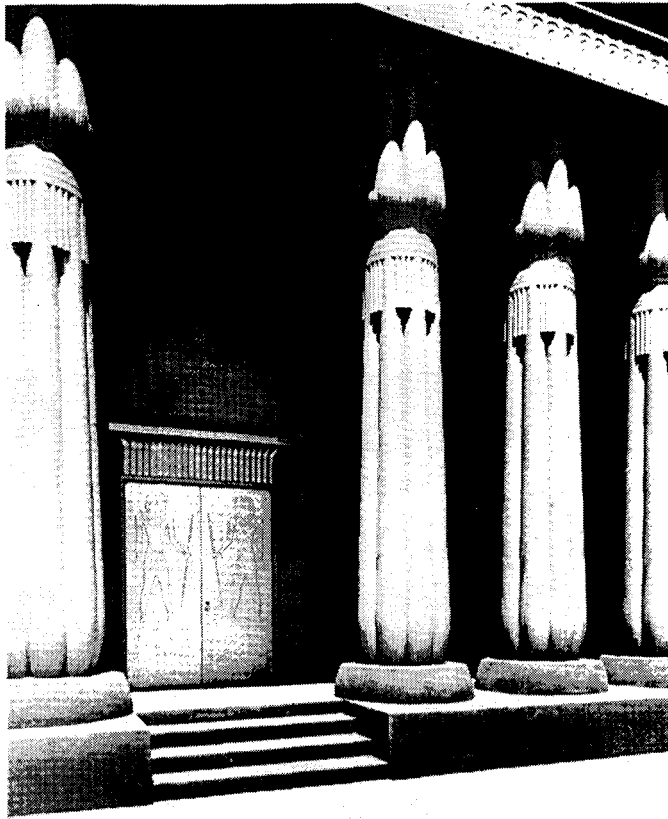
Many shady nooks invite visitors contemplate nature's beauties.



The beautiful mosaic of Pharaoh Akhnaton in his chariot.



Reminiscent of ancient Egypt this reproduction of an obelisk.



SYMBOLIC

Traditionally, the Rosicrucian Order had its origin in the mystery schools of Egypt, the very first centers in history devoted to a contemplation of the mysteries of life. Commemorating this beginning, most of the buildings in Rosicrucian Park are Egyptian in design.

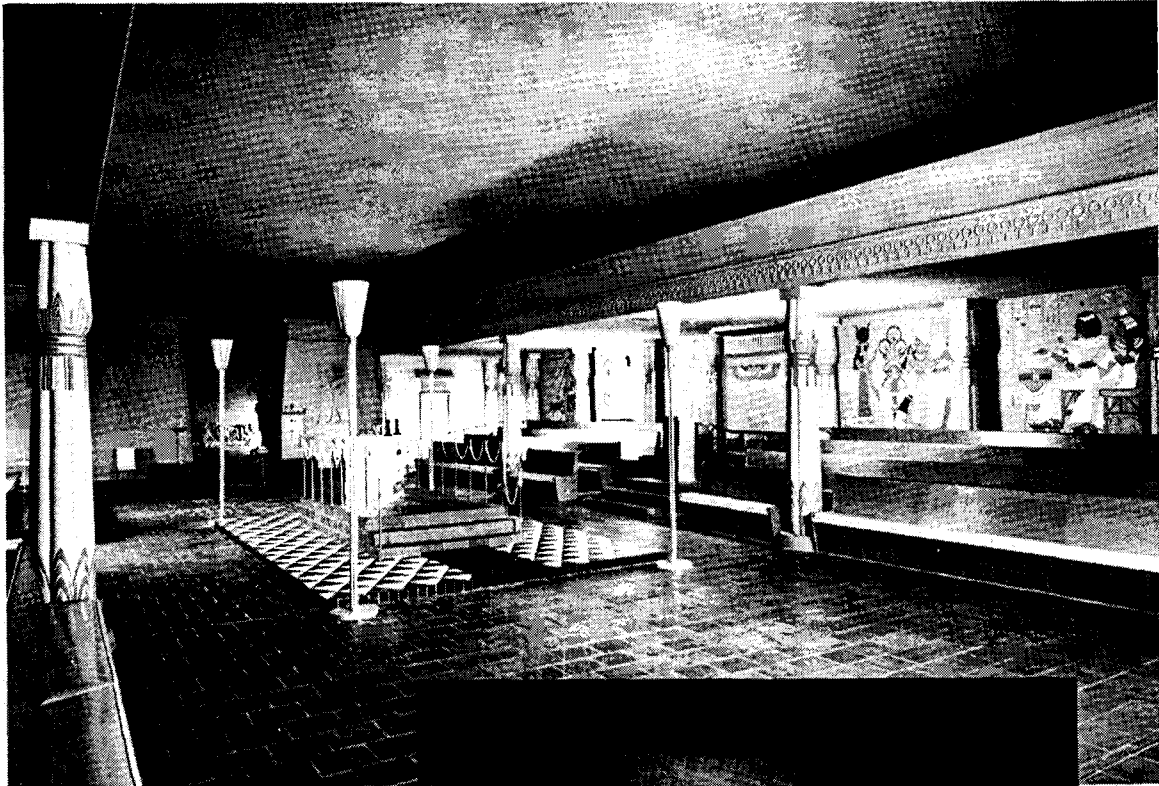
LEFT: The facade of the Supreme Temple of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. Its exterior resembles the Temple of Dendera and its interior the ancient fortress-temple of Medinet-Habu, Egypt.



RIGHT: The beautiful foyer of the Supreme Temple of the AMORC. The murals are reproductions of ancient Egyptian art.

FRATERNAL

The Supreme Temple is the heart, the *soul*, of the Rosicrucian Order, for it symbolizes the traditions, purposes and fraternal relationship of Rosicrucians everywhere. It is used as a lodge for conducting of fraternal rituals, ceremonies and initiations. It is not used for religious functions, for the Rosicrucians are not a religious organization.



ABOVE: This magnificent interior is designed after one of the processional temples of Ancient Egypt.

RIGHT: A vista across the Nile. The "East" of this temple depicts the Valley of the Kings at Luxor, Egypt seen through a pylon.



THREE BASIC IDEAS are shaping and determining the technology of the second half of our century: The use of atomic energy; computer technique and automation; rocketry and space technology. Man has proved that he is able not only to master the intricate mechanisms which alone can guarantee success in this field but also to surpass schematic mechanisms of control and observation with human ingenuity where it seems necessary.

Without questioning the effectiveness of space technology, we may ask what advancement of knowledge is to be expected from it. We have already made discoveries which otherwise would not have been possible: The Van-Allen Radiation Belt of high energy particles around the earth is one.

Our knowledge of the spectrum of the sun is another. It has been extended from the ultraviolet limit of transmission of our atmosphere down to X-ray lines connected with the vehement storms in the ionized atmosphere of the sun. These have an immediate effect upon our earth because the radiation emitted during such storms acts upon the earth's atmosphere with far-reaching consequences.

The surface of the sun has been photographed at the light of the most pronounced spectral line of hydrogen, the so-called resonance line in the far ultraviolet, which cannot penetrate the atmosphere. It should be remembered that hydrogen, the simplest of all chemical elements, is also the most important for physical phenomena on and in the sun.

The picture of the sun in the light of the hydrogen resonance line reveals the surface of the sun to a larger extent than anticipated. Much more remains to be done; the scientist requires answers to numerous questions—answers of interest not only to a few men dwelling in ivory towers, but answers which will influence the *Weltbild* (world view) of everyone.

These answers will continue to reshape our common thinking—from the realization of electrons and atoms to the discovery of the quantum structure of our physical universe and the consequences of the theory of relativity. The results of these studies will apply directly to our everyday lives. Results may

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A Man on the Moon

Why We Want Him There

be obtained which we will be unable to conceive as having lived without.

Orbiting Astronomical Observatory

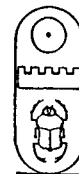
A space vehicle, the "Orbiting Astronomical Observatory" (OAO)—to serve for a series of experiments and be a model for observatories for other purposes—is already under construction. It will enable astronomers to make observations and measurements uninfluenced by the absorption or constant change of the atmosphere.

This will eliminate the restrictions of the narrow spectral window and the constant flicker-producing effect of the atmosphere. Revelations may be expected with respect to the physical mechanism of the stars and their life cycle, their geometrical shape, and even the history of the universe.

An Orbiting Solar Observatory would tremendously increase our knowledge of the sun and its functions. It may be necessary to establish a constant sun watch in outer space to make possible more accurate, long-time weather predictions.

This would necessitate a better knowledge of the phenomena in our own atmosphere and their composition, which might be obtained by an Orbiting Geophysical Observatory. Special weather satellites now under construction would be devoted to a constant watch of weather development on the earth.

War or peace might depend upon undisturbed, long-range communication through satellites in the skies. The safety of ships and airplanes likewise could be increased by the assistance of navigation satellites. This suggests the possibility of a global communication link

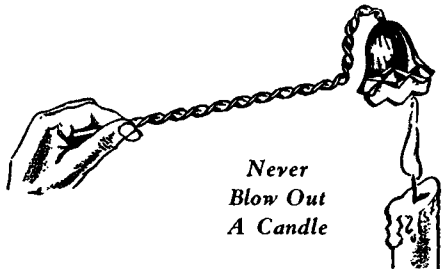


with the help of satellites, including television channels.

Why, then, a man—or three—on the moon? The moon is the natural outer-space station for continuing these tasks. If we land on the moon, we shall gain a wealth of knowledge about the moon itself, the earth, and the whole planetary system. Is the moon a planet which was attracted by the earth, or was it expelled from the depths of the Pacific Ocean? If we were able to use the moon as a steppingstone to other planets, even

the life sciences could benefit by what might be found.

Naturally, all problems cannot be solved. The age-old struggle between idealism and materialism in its many forms will not be resolved. But we may come closer to the point where it will become clear to everyone that answers to such fundamental problems can be found only within our hearts. We can begin now by subjugating ourselves to the guidance of the Supreme Cause which moves all and everything.



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The brilliant star which signaled the beginning of a new era almost two thousand years ago still stands as a symbol of hope and enlightenment. Each Christmas, the appearance of the *Star* on countless cards and decorations is a reminder that there is a WAY to peace and understanding.

The Rosicrucian Christmas card for 1962 portrays this in a nonsectarian way, depicting the omnipresence of cosmic guidance on this terrestrial sphere. A small, inconspicuous symbol of the Order also appears on the inside of the card.

These are quality cards, French fold, with deckle edge. Complete with envelopes, they are available in boxes of 12 cards each for \$3.00 (£1/2/- sterling) per box, and in boxes of 24 cards each, only \$4.80 (£1/15/- sterling) per box, postpaid.

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Demosthenes Was Right

(From a security salesman's scrapbook and used with his permission.)

By L. L. MOORMAN

FIELDING YOST, the football coach, used to tell his players that *the will to win* was important to victory, but that *the will to prepare* made that victory possible. There is no great mystery to this because the will to succeed in any endeavor depends upon concentrating mind and muscle upon those routines necessary to success.

It is the province of the conscious mind to visualize and choose. It is the duty of the conscious mind to will action to get the complete being moving in the right direction. The mind, the body, and the spirit must cooperate. United, the whole man multiplies the power of the will to create and maintain the action necessary to reach the goal.

Thinking without action is without fruit. If you are dependent for results upon yourself alone, it is only dreaming. "Action is the greatest thing in the world." Demosthenes said that and when asked what the next greatest was, answered, "Action."

It is generally agreed that the finest idea in the world is worthless until it is used. It is also basic that a positive idea tends to create action if it is accepted. The concept of the computer to solve problems is still relatively new, but marvelous as it may be, it has its limitations. Someone must select and process the information which the computer receives.

Brain vs. Computer

It is the same with a human brain. It, too, can only arrive at the right answer if it has all the facts. A computer has selected information in its memory banks. No one pours garbage into it. The memory bank of the mind is all too often a jumbled mess.

It contains all kinds of information, good, bad, and indifferent. It has information from the ages. Every evolutionary development of the senses, instincts, appetites, passions, and emo-

tions are buried in it. All experiences from environment are present. Every idea and all ideas which were not rejected by the conscious mind are there—good and bad information, relevant, irrelevant, rational, irrational, emotional, unemotional, positive, negative, and a million other ideas, including the most important idea of action and its opposite, inaction.

Selectivity of Input

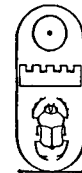
With a computer we are careful to select good, rational, relevant, unemotional, positive ideas which can be actuated. As a result we seem to get better results from a computer; but with the same selectivity of input, the mind would be much more efficient. *With both we get back what we put in.* Nothing more, nothing less.

With a computer, you push the right key. With the mind, you accept and act and the solution is there. Success or failure, faith or fear—if you affirm the positive and reject the negative in all phases of life, your power for good and service to others will expand like the universe in all directions.

All depends upon the way you process the information you put in. The subconscious in its infallible memory bank has all knowledge of the past and present. A healthy conscious mind must select, reject, and otherwise process information necessary to the solution of the problem. All contrary or unrelated facts must be excluded.

Whatever the problem, if the conscious mind can visualize an idea, desire its solution intensively and persistently, and finally will the subconscious into action, the right answer will then be produced.

If you receive a new idea and want to accept it, put it into action immediately and repeat your action again within twenty-four hours. After that, Emerson says, *it belongs to you.*



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Behind the Curtain

SILENCE is the curtain behind which the Supreme Intellect secretes knowledge of absolute Truth. When man's intelligence has developed to an acceptable degree, he may penetrate that curtain and probe more deeply into the geometry of infinite secrets.

Absence of knowledge creates a vacuum: A material object, a condition, or an effect is a mystery only when the mind has no knowledge of it. As soon as the facts about it are learned, the mystery becomes nonexistent.

Mystery is comparable to night: In the presence of light, both vanish. For centuries, mankind feared the fulgurant bolts of electricity. When air rushed into the vacuum created in the atmosphere, the resulting roar caused frightened reactions. Illiterate minds conjured up fearsome monsters and angry gods who blustered about the sky.

Mystery immediately enveloped that power as soon as its presence was detected by mind. Then mind, through the persistent prodding of curiosity, probed its mystery.

Such is the Creator's way: A veil of mystery is draped around His secrets. Man's curiosity sparks exploration, and the hunt for correct answers is set into motion. When the purpose of so-called mystery is understood, it proves to be God's way of making man aware of his lack of understanding.

Man has the privilege of choosing whether he shall press swiftly to the next higher rung of evolvement or move aimlessly as flotsam upon a sea of lethargy. He may in a moment of doubt logically ask: "To whom or to what should I turn in order to lift the veil of mystery?"

The voice that whispers to the inner man is perception—the power to perceive. It is ever present, but the major-

ity are aware of it but slightly if at all. The voice is not audible to the physical ear. One has to train the mind to be attentive and receptive.

Nature's Keys

Nature possesses the keys to all formulae. She is willing that man learn of the wonders she commands, but she will not tolerate deviation nor attempted corruption of the laws in her trust. At times, her ways may seem mysterious, but only because we fail to understand what she is doing. We lack the curiosity to discover what she is busy with. We say, "It's a mystery to me," and let it go at that.

While nothing is new to nature, the "initial discovery" makes something seem new to man. Newness has infinite duration because one of Divine Mind's fundamental laws is "change." Change produces newness by creating perpetual difference in arrangement during material cycles. Things may seem stable and possessed of monotonous sameness, but actually unending change is causing them to be always new. And mystery is continuously generated by variations in the material as it passes through its cycles.

Newness affects the incorporeal as well as corporeal, in that mental enlightenment and self-enhancement bring change. Every experience adds newness and enhancement to the evolving intellect of the extended image of divine intelligence—man.

Man has access to the only solution of all mysteries—the power to perceive. Perception is the interpreter. On the positive plane, it makes fundamental laws and truths understandable; and on the negative, translates messages of material sensations into usable information.

It is through correlation and coordination of all inflowing, informative messages that the mind removes the veil of mystery. Only Divine Intelligence, primary conception, truth, and fundamental law are immutable.

The profound—the omnipotent truths—reside beyond the curtain of silence, and mystery is the barricade-moat that must be bridged by one's own power of perception. Man is the greatest of all mysteries. When he knows himself completely, he will no longer need to experience earthly incarnation.

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Since thousands of readers of the *Rosicrucian Digest* have not read many of the earlier articles of Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, first Emperor of the present Rosicrucian cycle, each month one of his outstanding articles is reprinted so that his thoughts will continue to be represented within the pages of this publication.

DR. H. SPENCER LEWIS, F. R. C.



Discovering New Worlds

*Columbus and the Unexplored
Worlds within Man's Own
Consciousness*

THE STORY of Columbus and his discoveries as reported in school histories and popular encyclopedias is so erroneous in important details that were it not for its fairy-story nature, it would have been altered long ago. Various records and historical documents have pointed up the errors, but the fictitious story remains.

That Columbus was not a mere adventurer, seeking only mercenary benefits for himself and others, there is ample evidence. His name was not actually the one that is attributed to him, nor was he of a family whose humble position in the world supported the other elements of romance.

Columbus was the son of a man learned and respected, who had been knighted and whose heraldic arms were recorded in several countries. Like his father, he, too, was knighted. He was learned not only in the art of navigation but in many sciences and particularly in ancient sciences and mystical arts.

It is generally overlooked that Columbus was the author of a number of books on mystical philosophy having naught to do with navigation; these books are still in existence and preserved. Of importance to us is the fact that he became a Knight of the Order of the Temple, an affiliate of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood.

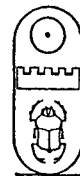
Like many other eminent mystics and philosophers who had been admitted to the Knighthood of the Temple, he wrote and left a number of manuscripts in mystical cipher as a heritage. For over a century, researchers have been puzzled by the mystical signature which Columbus added to his regular one on the personal records of his journeys and discoveries.

A New Jerusalem

Columbus did not arbitrarily decide to venture on the seas for the purpose of finding a shorter and better route for international trade.

We have called attention to the fact that scientific men in Columbus' time were aware of the earth's true form, and that Columbus' incentive to voyage into "unknown seas" was *not* to prove a particular theory of some kind. There is evidence that even in the ninth century, Alcuin, the mystic philosopher and teacher, possessed a globe representing the form of the earth with continents marked upon it.

Tradition records that the mystics of Egypt also left evidence in the Great Pyramid showing all the continents on the face of the earth as they now exist, with various signs and symbols allocated to them. At any rate, the writings



of Columbus reveal that he knew positively what he would find on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

His writings further prove that he contacted the mainland of America long before the incident recorded in the popular histories. The letter and record he prepared for the Queen of Spain were intended to satisfy the commercial and mercenary demands of the state and its people. The record he kept, carefully signed and sealed, revealed his other and earlier contacts with several points of the North American continent and the purpose of them.

A Story for the Future

But all of this is a story that will be told when the time is right. We have referred to it a number of times vaguely in order to establish the fact that this knowledge regarding the real explorations of Columbus is known and has been examined.

Columbus and those who fostered the original plan for his journeys sought to carry out an old mystical decree to establish a *new* Jerusalem in the Western world. This had nothing to do with the Jerusalem of Palestine, but was in keeping with the ideas promulgated several centuries later by Sir Francis Bacon in his book, *The New Atlantis*.

In fact, what Bacon wrote was merely an extension of the original plans familiar to Columbus and many others. When the Rosicrucians first came to America in 1694, they carried out the second coming in the spirit of the new Jerusalem.

As centuries passed, we have come to learn what the mystics of antiquity

always knew, that within man and his consciousness—within the reach of his psychic and physical faculties—lies a greater world of exploration than this poor old earth has provided for all the venturesome travelers of the past.

There are new worlds and greater worlds to explore and to conquer in the heart and mind of man himself. Another greater world lies above us in the cosmic space. Man has as a birthright the ability to reach to the greatest heights inside and outside the universe.

The richest rewards that have come to man throughout the ages of civilization have come as a result of explorations in the mental and spiritual world rather than in the material. The greatest asset of life is life itself, and the second gift of God is the ability to comprehend and understand, to achieve, to master, to attain.

In the processes involved, however, lie the many fields of investigation, research, and exploration. Every minute in sailing the seas of life, in contemplating its mysteries, brings man untold benefits which the wealth of the world cannot buy or take away.

Therefore, while we celebrate Columbus Day and fill our thoughts with the marvelous changes that have come to the Western world through the so-called discovery of America, let us ponder the greater achievements accomplished by those who have explored man's inner nature and have made discoveries of God, His spiritual laws, and the divine principles of life.

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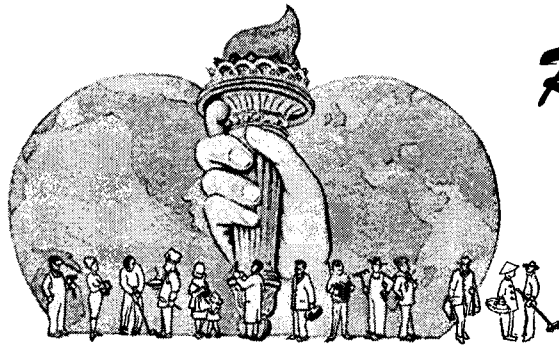


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Rosicrucian Activities

*Around the
World*

THE ROSICRUCIAN Art Gallery's visitors during August viewed an exhibition of water color paintings by Vernon Nye, long-time free lancer and illustrator of books, whose seascapes, landscapes, and portraits have been exhibited widely on the East Coast. His first-time showing in this area brought favorable comment, and since Mr. Nye is now director of art at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, it is predicted that he will have other showings for West Coast art lovers.



Visitors to the 1962 Darwin Show in Australia's Northern Territory found a Rosicrucian stall flourishing once more. Frater Duke Alley, Extension Volunteer, shares with *Digest* readers a bit of the surprising history of the growth of the Order in Northern Territory in these past two years.

In 1960, Darwin's four known members were meeting only socially. But the presentation of the Order's Humanist Award to a local jeweler, Mr. Max Tite, drew some comment, and a stall at the annual Darwin Show aroused great interest in the Order.

By January, 1962, when Imperator Ralph M. Lewis and Grand Regional Administrator Arthur C. Piepenbrink stopped briefly in Darwin, there were sixteen members on hand to greet them.

Shortly after, *The Mastery of Life* program made its debut on radio station 8 DN. This made friends for the Order as did the second Humanist Award to Mrs. Billie Pitcheneder, presented in behalf of the Order by the Right Worshipful Mayor of Darwin, Mr. N. H. Cooper, before a group of 170 persons.

The event was duly publicized and a tea followed.

That same afternoon an organizational meeting of members was held, resulting in the formation of Darwin Pronaos.

Now you understand why the visitors to the 1962 Darwin Show were so much interested in the Rosicrucian Stall.



Mestre Mória Chapter, Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil, was well represented at the 2nd Annual Rally of the São Paulo Lodge, São Paulo, according to the Chapter's Bulletin, *Illuminate*. The event, offering both instruction and entertainment, was enjoyed by members and officials from all over Brazil.



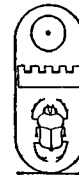
From the Pretoria Pronaos Bulletin comes word that Frater Gerald Bailey of the AMORC International Lecture Board has conducted a very successful series of lectures there. Last year, it may be remembered, Frater Bailey was in Australia.



On August 19, Colombe-in-waiting Jenny McLellan became a full-fledged Colombe. She is the third generation of a family of six active Rosicrucians. Her father, Frater G. R. McLellan, was Master of Francis Bacon Chapter, London, England, 1961-62. Her mother and grandmother are members of the London Initiation Team, and her grandfather, Frater E. L. L. Turnbull, is its Master.



In July, both the Francis Bacon Chapter, London, and the Brighton Pronaos joined in honoring the eightieth birth-



day of Frater Raymund Andrea, Grand Master of Great Britain for more than forty years. Of course, there was a cake—and a card signed by all present.



If you remember your Latin, *quo* means “where” and *vadis* “you are going.” As a question in the present instance, it may read: “You are going someplace—where? Let us help you decide.” And that would be a very neat phrase for a travel agency, wouldn’t it? That’s just what it is—THE QUO VADIS TRAVEL AGENCY, newly established by Frater Albert T. and Soror Madge Conyers Doss of San Jose, who arranged the recent Rosicrucian Egyptian Tour.

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PRIMITIVE THRESHING

The threshing of rice on the tropical island of Bali is untouched by automation and mechanization. The light wooden poles, which the women rhythmically raise and drop, produce a varied musical tone as they strike the hard ground.

(Photo by AMORC)



MOUNTAIN OF THE GODS

Mt. Parnassus in Greece, shown above, was sacred. According to Greek mythology, Apollo and the nine Muses, daughters of Zeus, dwelt there. Upon its southern slopes was Delphi, shrine of the oracle, as well as the Castalian Spring in which those seeking counsel of the oracle purified themselves. *(Photo by AMORC)*

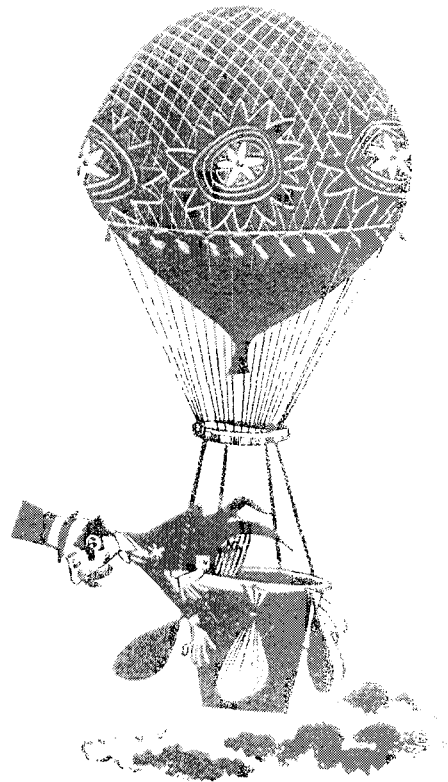
Along Civilization's Trail

KNOW THYSELF—In last month's issue of the *Rosicrucian Digest* there appeared an outline of a new study program at Rosicrucian Park. Although reserved for Rosicrucian members, the program shows a development in educational theory upon which educators everywhere may well reflect. The entire Rosicrucian system of guidance is unique in these times and warrants honorable mention with other developments in human progress *Along Civilization's Trail*.

Emblazed on the great Temple of Apollo in Ancient Greece was the most succinct advice ever given to man: "Know thyself"! Of all instruction in the art of living, this was the most needed, the most promising path. *Self* is an outlet for universal forces and principles. Within the consciousness of each individual is a gigantic screen upon which is projected the drama of life. No more intimate or meaningful study of human experience can be made than that which is made within the confines of self.

Self is the sounding board against which all experience is sorted and evaluated. More important than the experience itself is this nerve center of conscious existence where experience acquires meaning and value; where experience can relate to the goals and desires of the individual; where it can be applied for the attainment of wisdom, health, prosperity, and happiness.

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, has always sought to direct the energies of its members



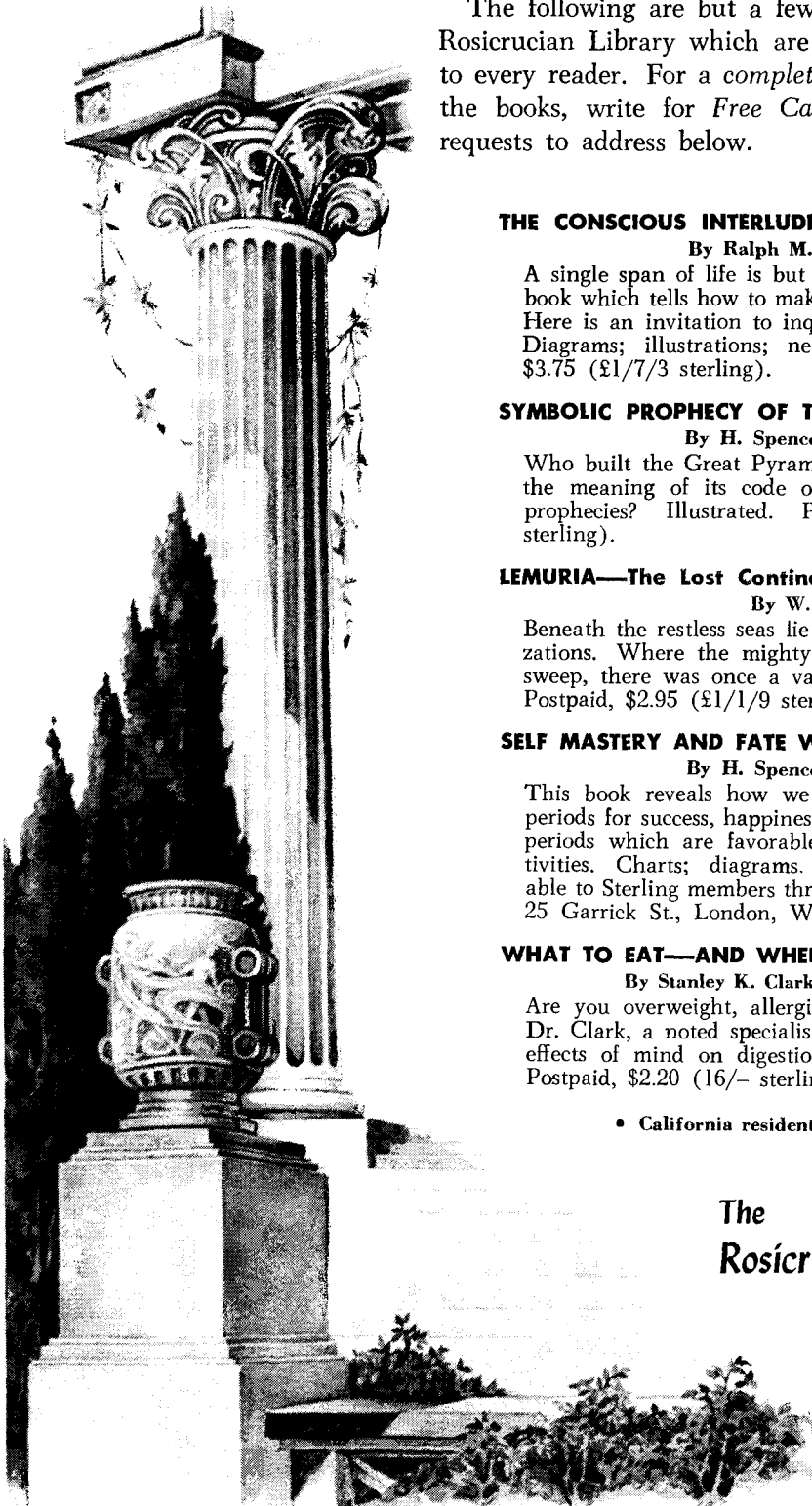
into channels that both explore and evolve the pattern of Self. Its system of instruction emphasizes self-analysis. It teaches its members to draw on their own store of experience and talents as well as on external information and events. The *Rosicrucian Way* is unique in these times, and constantly proves itself to an ever-increasing membership.

Supplementing the familiar home instruction of an AMORC member are specially designed programs of study at *Rosicrucian Park*. These are perhaps the most satisfying and appealing learning situations in which any member can take part. Free from the pressures and complex schedules necessary to the objectives of academic institutions, these classes are an experience in the free exchange of ideas, facts, and opinions.

The fraternal aspects of a summer program at Rosicrucian Park cannot be minimized. The spirit of brotherhood, the intoxicating beauty of the Park itself, the opportunities for meditation and contemplation in the serene atmosphere of the gardens and edifices here all lend to a complete experience.

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