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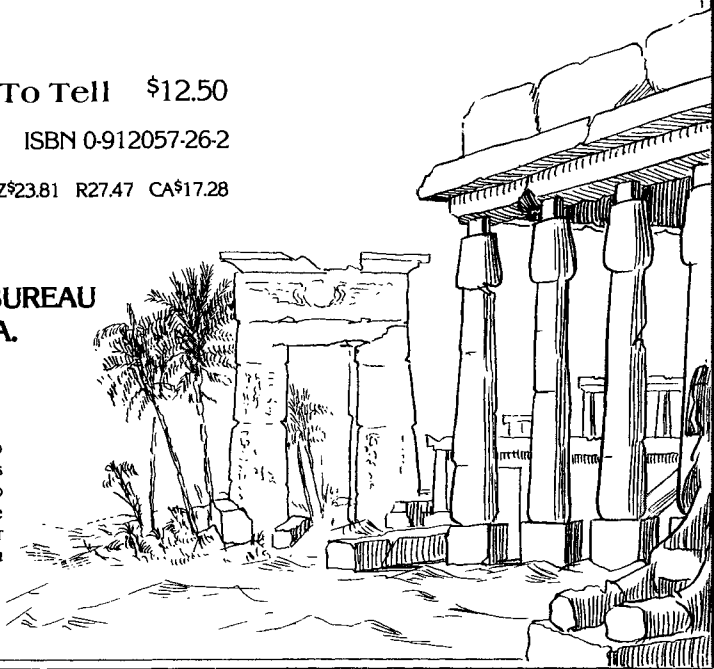
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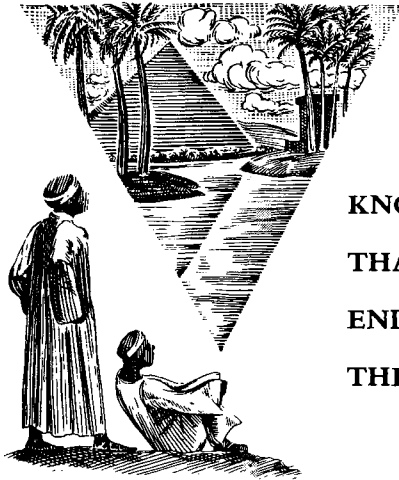
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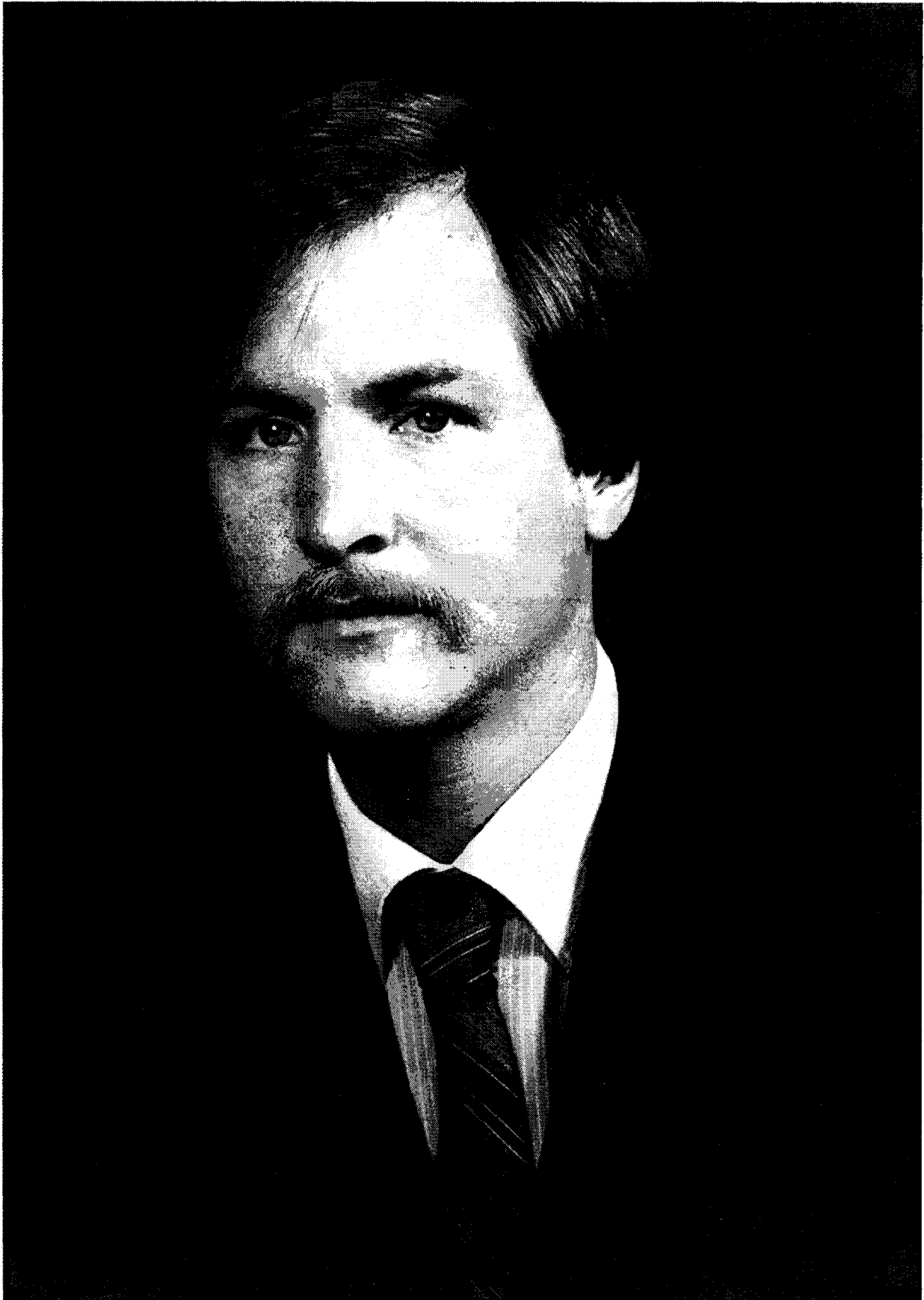
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# THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

by the Emperor

## Laws of the Rosy Cross

IN 1656 there appeared an English translation of a Latin work authored by the Rosicrucian Michael Maier. This original work was entitled *Themis Aurea* and appeared, published in English, as the *Laws of the Fraternity of the Rosie Crosse*.

In this book, Michael Maier wrote: "When there are multitudes and great diversity of Laws, we may probably conjecture that there will happen many crimes and enormities; for he that sleighteth the straight path of Nature and Reason, will certainly be misled into many windings and labyrinths before he comes to his journeys end." In reference to the Rosicrucian laws, Maier wrote: "From these inconveniences our Laws are free, as well in quality as number; they are voluntary, and such to whom all may easily assent as most Rational."

From the above, it is not difficult for us to perceive the insight that Maier had into the laws and customs of the society of his day. Also, we find in the above statements a distinction made between the necessarily complex structure of a society's legal and judicial system as compared to the simple nature of the code of ethics to which Rosicrucians adhere. What is this distinction? Was Michael Maier stating that a given society's laws were inadequate, or perhaps unjust, due to the human addition or error brought about by the deviation from a "higher" code? And was Maier inferring that the Rosicrucians, because of their understanding of this so-called "higher" code, were above a society's set of laws due to their inherent perception and wisdom?

It is quite evident that in centuries past there existed organizations which wielded enormous power of both a political and

religious nature for the purpose of shaping and molding society so as to attain some end. Unfortunately, some of those organizations felt that the desired goals justified the use of any means to attain them. In other words, the ends justified the means. Such a doctrine results in suffering, contradiction, and chaos. Subsequently, the very laws that were designed to guide humanity could also be used to its detriment.

### *Harmony and Consistency*

Such can be the nature of power if not correctly understood and *practiced* with knowledge and responsibility. Rosicrucians and allied organizations and movements have always understood this concept throughout the centuries, and have always sought harmony and consistency in *all* of our doctrines and activities. Evolving out of our understanding, there has developed an attitude of dedicated responsibility to the highest morals and integrity that was, and still is, practiced as *service* to all societies and to all of humanity. Consequently, the Laws of the Rosy Cross have not been laws by which Rosicrucians are placed *above* the laws of society, but are laws of moral integrity instilled within each Rosicrucian voluntarily of his or her own accord and because they are *known* to be for the ultimate benefit of all.

The distinction between the laws of society and those of the Rosicrucian lies within this moral integrity. It is because of our dedication to the responsibility inherent in our doctrine that we can never accept the dictate that the ends justify the means because we *know* that the ends *are* the means. We realize that if *all* of humanity is to benefit from the work of the Rosicru-

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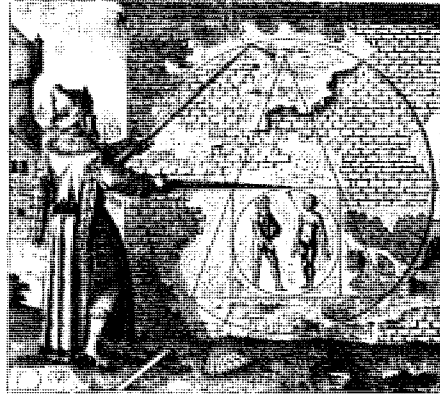
cians, there must be a consistency of action that conforms to a clear singleness of purpose.

It is this very attitude that has illustrated to the world throughout the centuries the uncompromising service given by Rosicrucians to humanity. No, we have never been, nor have we ever placed ourselves, above the laws of any society. If we were ever to do so, for whatever reasons, we would be guilty of crimes against humanity, thereby contradicting our very purpose of existence. We recognize a system that coincides with the mundane aspects of human endeavors and silently work within a given structure so that the structure may grow and evolve.

### *Integrity and Responsibility*

The Laws of the Rosy Cross, which Michael Maier reintroduced from previous times into the world of the seventeenth century and which AMORC brings into the twentieth century, are the integrity and responsibility mentioned previously. The second law stated in the *Fama Fraternitatis* and repeated by Maier best describes the attitude of Rosicrucians of the past, the present, and the future. That law states: "That none of them, notwithstanding their being of the Fraternity, shall be enjoined one habit; but many suit themselves to the custome and mode of those countries in which they reside."

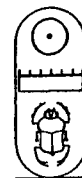
Simply stated, Rosicrucians will adapt, conform, and abide by the laws and customs of each and every country in which the Order exists. Further, we will utilize and work with the customs and traditions within each country and respect them for what they are without thought of changing them to suit some other purpose. We Rosicrucians do not see ourselves as being separate and distinct from the society in which we live, nor do we perceive ourselves as being elevated above any other person or group of people. We are not "special." We are not elite or privileged individuals, nor are we a secret society that has access to information hidden from all other persons. We simply look at what is and work in harmony with it for the purpose of bringing about a condition in the world that benefits all.



Today's world is, perhaps, unlike any other era in recorded history. Our major world powers are essentially guided in their technologically advanced societies by an economic-based ideology intermingled with splatterings of diverse forms of philosophical concepts. These concepts range from the school of rationalism made popular during the seventeenth century, to the nineteenth-century school of empiricism. Subsequently, these concepts lent themselves to the formation of a variety of economic philosophies which serve as a foundation for today's modern societies.

It appears to be the destiny of some people to arrogantly assume that the way in which we live today is so much better, so much more advanced, than it was in the past. Or, "My way is so much better; therefore, you must conform to my thinking—or else." It is true that what we have today is different from what was had in the past, as it will be from what will be had in the future. Does that mean that future generations and societies will be better than our own? Will they be more evolved, thereby making us inferior? Is the twentieth-century American, European, or African more evolved than the seventeenth-century American Indian, or the ancient Greek, or the ancient Egyptian?

Why do certain religions send missionaries to various locations for the purpose of converting people to their way of thinking? Is it because their particular belief or faith is truly better than the other? Must we have "pity" upon, let us say, Australian aboriginal society and traditions because they do not see as we do?



Or, is it possible that if we really tried, our society could benefit from certain elements of, let us say, aboriginal society, from which they find inner peace and harmony? The point is that before we can truly be of service to others, that is, before we can help them, we must be perfectly clear about our intentions and motives and be sure that they are of the highest integrity. We must always be cognizant of the fact that the process of teaching is identical to the process of learning, and that teaching necessitates learning.

Truly, today's world is unlike any other era. It is not difficult to see that standards and values are changing. But this, in itself, is not new because standards and values have always been changing. Perhaps what makes an era unique is not the change that is occurring, but rather our *reaction* to that change.

Many people have the tendency to think that we are entering into a "New Age," complete with a "New Age" philosophy. With this philosophy comes the attitude that humanity is entering into an era of enlightenment—an enlightenment characterized by such phrases as: "Who were you in your last incarnation?", or, "That is bad karma." Some people are preoccupied with having their auras read or flock to listen to a medium "channeling" words from a dis-

incarnate personality. Others join organizations that guarantee followers the personal guidance of "Cosmic Masters" to such an extent that one's salvation is guaranteed regardless of their inner commitments.

Is this attitude really unique to our era? Or, can we see parallels to medieval belief? Is this attitude a result of enlightenment, or is it a reaction based on a dissatisfaction with a technological and economic-based society?

It is indeed good and important that humanity is entering into an era in which value is being placed upon the elevation of consciousness. But let us be cautious of the sensationalism that is being placed upon psychic phenomena and its resulting fatalistic attitude, and not confuse mysticism with such sensationalism. We must always be mindful that our highest mystical ideals are built upon a solid foundation of responsibility and integrity which means nothing unless it is applied and practiced for the benefit of all.

What is occurring is not new to our age. Perhaps the sensational attitudes are new, but the traditions, integrity, and responsibility of legitimate movements have always been with us as we work silently in the Art of Service. Indeed, the Laws of the Rosy Cross are still applicable. △

### ***The Purpose of the Rosicrucian Order***

The Rosicrucian Order, which exists throughout the world, is a non-sectarian fraternal body of men and women devoted to the investigation, study, and practical application of natural and spiritual laws. The purpose of the organization is to enable everyone to live in harmony with the creative, constructive cosmic forces for the attainment of health, happiness, and peace. The Order is internationally known as the Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis and, in America and all other lands, constitutes the only form of Rosicrucian activities united in one body. The A.M.O.R.C. (an abbreviation) does not sell its teachings. It gives them freely to affiliated members, together with many other benefits. For complete information about the benefits and advantages of Rosicrucian affiliation write a letter to the address below and ask for the free booklet, **The Mastery of Life**.

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# This Month's Cover

Our cover features a detail from one of the magnificent murals found in the ruins of ancient Knossos, Crete. In 1500 B.C., while most of the European mainland was still in a state of barbarism, the brilliant Minoan civilization, centered on the island of Crete, was at its height. Known in history as "The Middle Civilization" because of its advantageous position between the high civilization of Egypt to the south and the Greek peninsula to the north, Crete's location offered the best of both worlds. For more about this fascinating civilization—its history, ideas, and way of life—please see this month's article "The Cretan Odyssey" on page 14.

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## A Special Memorial Issue . . .

. . . honoring the life and work of the late Emperor Ralph M. Lewis will be published by the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, in the near future. All active Rosicrucians will receive a complimentary copy of this special booklet.

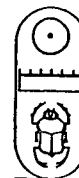
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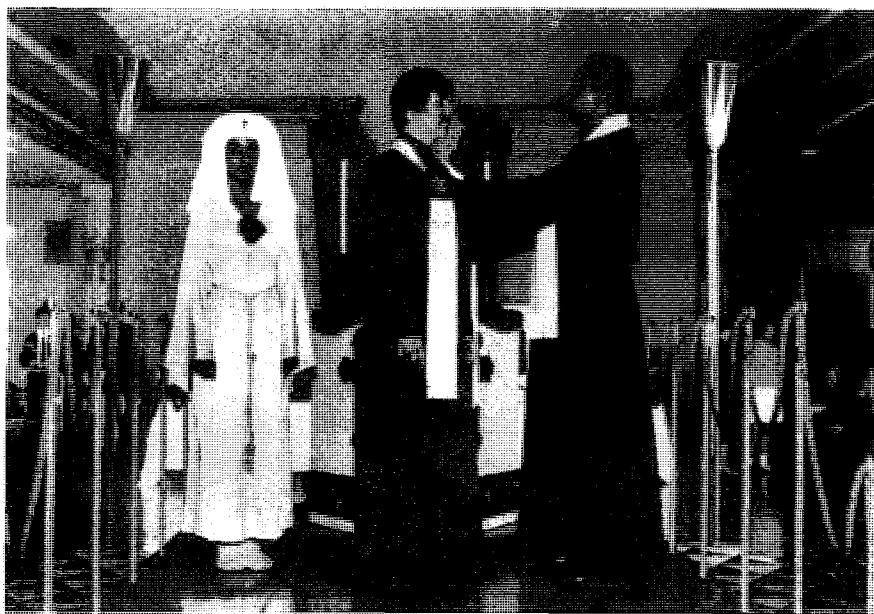


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In solemn mystical ceremony Gary L. Stewart was installed as Emperor of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, in the Supreme Temple on the occasion of the Traditional New Year Feast, March 20, 1987 (RC 3340).



## OUR EMPEROR

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ON BEHALF of all members of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, we take great pride in welcoming Gary L. Stewart to this high office. Since most Rosicrucians have already been apprised of his election to the office of Emperor for the World Jurisdiction of the Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, we take this opportunity to fill you in on some of the highlights of his life. The accompanying photos on these pages and on page 3 (opposite the contents page) will help to familiarize you with Gary L. Stewart, and you will be better able to sense his presence in your meditation and attunement periods. Frater Stewart will become more familiar to you, also, as head [8]

of the Rosicrucian family—the Superior Brother of our fraternity.

Gary L. Stewart was born in Stockton, California, February 26, 1953. His father served in the United States Air Force, and because of his frequent transfers from post to post, Frater Stewart was exposed to a diversity of cultures at an early age—particularly those of Japan and Europe. An innate attraction to philosophy and psychic phenomena motivated him in youth to read as much about these subjects as he could, and when he was twelve, he accepted reincarnation as a personal belief.

Frater Stewart relates that he enjoyed taking long walks with his dogs, since this

gave him time for reflection and meditation. In high school, he became involved in athletics and had less time for philosophy, but he never lost interest in it; and his friends, Frater Stewart says, had a habit of "accusing" him of being a philosopher.

Through the course of his life, he has enjoyed the outdoors, being an avid backpacker, hiking and scaling mountains in the great wilderness areas of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade ranges, the latter of which boasts the majestic Mt. Shasta. Other interests include training horses and dogs, playing the guitar, studying the martial arts. Fortunately for AMORC, he is a prolific writer, and is well qualified to take on that most demanding part of his new duties.

#### *Crossed the Portal*

After he graduated from high school, Frater Stewart spent five years living in different countries and worked a variety of jobs prior to entering college. It was during



*Enjoying backpacking, mountain climbing, and the outdoors in general, Frater Stewart is shown here on the slopes of Mount Shasta.*

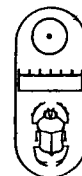


*Frater Stewart on tour in Ghana, West Africa, where he was guest dignitary representing the Grand Lodge at the Ghanaian National Convention, AMORC.*

this time that he was introduced to AMORC through a brief encounter with a Rosicrucian in Belgium. He eventually received *The Mastery of Life*, filled out an application, and was accepted into the Rosicrucian Order shortly after his twenty-second birthday.

After returning to the United States, he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from California State University, Fresno. His continuing interest in philosophy, especially the work of René Descartes, led him to return to Europe where he was accepted into a postgraduate program at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, in the Department of Logic and Metaphysics, specializing in Cartesian philosophy. However, just prior to his formal matriculation, a crucial shift in his philosophical ideology caused him to abandon university studies in preference of personal research.

Prior to working at Rosicrucian Park, Frater Stewart served the Order as Secretary of Amen-Ra Pronaos (now Heart of California Chapter) in Fresno. He also worked as a Harmony Seminar instructor until March 1980, when he found full-time employment with AMORC's Adjustment Department. After working nearly three





*In March, 1985, Gary L. Stewart traveled to Egypt as an official representative of Grand Lodge, accompanying a large group of Rosicrucians. In this photo, taken on site at Tell el-Amarna, Frater Stewart had just finished conducting the Rosicrucian New Year Ritual for the tour party.*

years in Adjustment, he was asked to participate in the Courier Car Program and spent about seven months representing the Order in cities all across the United States.

Frater Stewart's adaptability, versatility, and travel experience was particularly useful in this capacity, and continued to serve him in good stead as he was given new responsibilities. Upon concluding his Courier Car tour, he was appointed Grand Administrator for India, and in September 1984 Frater Stewart was installed as Grand Master for the English-speaking Jurisdiction. In June 1986, he was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge, succeeding Frater Raymond Bernard, and was subsequently elected Vice-President.

Other avenues of service to AMORC have included: Co-founder with Frater William Hennen of the International Rosicrucian Historical Council; Ritual Director of Supreme Temple Initiations; Chairman of the Committee for Area Activity, which [10]

serves members in the San Jose area; and member of the Traditional Martinist Order.

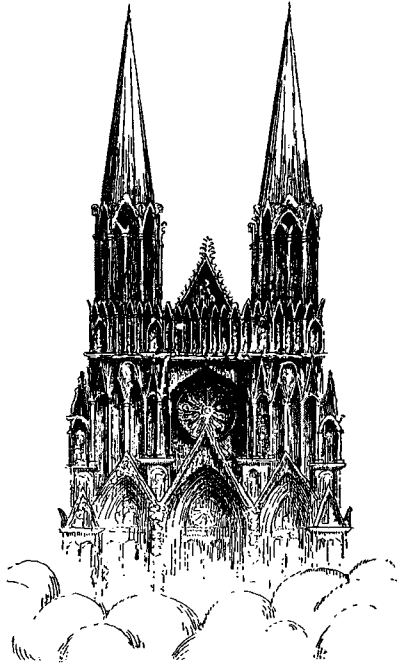
On January 23, 1987, following the transition of Ralph M. Lewis, Frater Stewart assumed the powers and duties of the office of Emperor—having been duly and legally elected to this position by the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the A.M.O.R.C. On January 29, 1987, the Supreme Council of the Traditional Martinist Order of the World transferred, and granted authority to perpetuate, the title of Sovereign Grand Master of the Traditional Martinist Order of the World to Frater Stewart. His formal installation to the office of Emperor occurred on the occasion of the annual New Year's festival, March 20, 1987.

The spirit of travel remains an important part of Frater Stewart's life as he continues to serve AMORC's worldwide membership. His travels already include Canada, Europe, Africa, Tibet, China, India, and Southeast Asia; and his future plans include not only more personal contacts with members in every part of the world, but giving members this opportunity as well, through a schedule of frequent tours to faraway places.

With his leadership, and your support, the Rosicrucian Order will complete its mission to raise the consciousness of men and women everywhere!



*Frater Stewart and his wife Phyllis enjoying the banquet at the 1986 United Kingdom Regional Conclave. As AMORC Grand Master, Frater Stewart represented Grand Lodge at this event.*



The Celestial Sanctum

# Adjusting to Change

by Dennis Kwiatkowski, F.R.C.

**I**F there is one constant in life, it is that everything changes. "Everything is becoming," as Heraclitus once put it. There is a ceaseless motion throughout the universe—throughout the cosmos. Nothing forever remains the same.

Being human, we are not always fond of change. We not only tend to take the line of least resistance, but we also adjust ourselves to the conditions of our lives in such a way as to become comfortable. We fit our routines, affairs, and activities into a pleas-

ant niche, and we are inclined to allow things to remain that way indefinitely.

Yet, the forces of nature, the undulating motion of Being, the rhythm of life, constantly push us—constantly cause us to necessarily shift and adjust. The universal life force pulsates like the waves of the ocean with their constant variation. The continuing change in the composition of all vibratory patterns requires that, in order for us to keep in balance, we must ourselves adjust and change.

### *Resistance to Change*

As human beings, we frequently try to resist. We procrastinate. Often we are indecisive and prefer the status quo. But, life is not static. It pushes us onward.

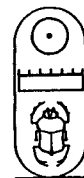
We have a choice. We can resist the push, we can try to stand still, to stay at rest, to remain where we are; or, we can choose to ride the crest of the wave of life.

If we choose to resist the ever-constant motion and rhythm of life, we will be buffeted about by the waves—thrown to and fro at the mercy of the forces of nature. If we choose to work with the natural flow of life, we can harness the force, direct it, and, no matter what the initial inconvenience, eventually adjust ourselves to experience smoother sailing, peace of mind, and accomplishment in life.

### *The Great Initiation*

These remarks are a preface to the heart of my subject—the fact that we have just recently experienced the transition of our beloved Emperor, Ralph M. Lewis. The news of Frater Lewis' transition was met with disbelief and shock, as well as grief and sadness by hundreds of thousands of Rosicrucians throughout the world. Even though Frater Lewis was of an advanced age and his health had declined in recent years, it was hoped that, in spite of this, he would once again bounce back with health and vitality as he had done before on many occasions within recent years.

The sadness experienced both here at Rosicrucian Park and throughout our world membership was more than just a reaction to the passing of the Emperor. Frater Lewis was certainly held in the highest



esteem for his character, his principles, and his insistence upon maintaining certain standards. His writings were universally admired for their insight, rationality, practical value, and their no-nonsense approach to mysticism. His consistency in leadership for forty-eight years spanned times of economic and social upheaval and turmoil. During these times, it must have been very tempting indeed to compromise standards and ideals in order to make the organization more commercially secure and stable.

Yet, not once during the most difficult times did Frater Lewis compromise the very high standards and principles which he believed in. His leadership produced a solid foundation which, along with the work of his father before him, has built the magnificent Rosicrucian organization which the world knows today.

In addition to the respect and gratitude which Rosicrucians felt toward the work of Frater Lewis, there is another emotion which has made it difficult to accept his transition. I'm talking about the deep love which the staff at Rosicrucian Park, both members and nonmembers, had for this man. It is also the love which our affiliated body members and Sanctum members throughout the world have felt toward Frater Lewis as they attuned to his thoughts and practiced the principles and teachings of the Rosicrucian Order. Frater Lewis truly gave of himself untiringly and unceasingly, and for this reason, he earned the respect and gratitude of all who knew and worked with him, as well as those who had contact with him through his writings.

To try to summarize the accomplishments of an individual such as Frater Lewis would be futile. Even a list of superlatives would fall short of his accomplishments. He was truly one of the great minds of the twentieth century. I would add only one thing, from my own personal experiences—he was, most certainly, the kindest person I have known. Along with his brilliant mind and phenomenal intellect, he had within him a very human quality, and he radiated a kindness and inner beauty which one would expect from a true mystic.

It is natural, with the passing of such a man, that we may, for a time, experience

grief. As Rosicrucians, we rejoice in Frater Lewis' attaining the Great Initiation and we are happy that he is relieved from the burdens of office and the pain and toil which he has endured. On the emotional level, we miss his physical presence, his aura, his kindliness, his friendship and companionship.

Frater Lewis, like his father, has left as a legacy his books, articles and writings, his thoughts and ideals. These ideals will remain with us and will continue to guide us.

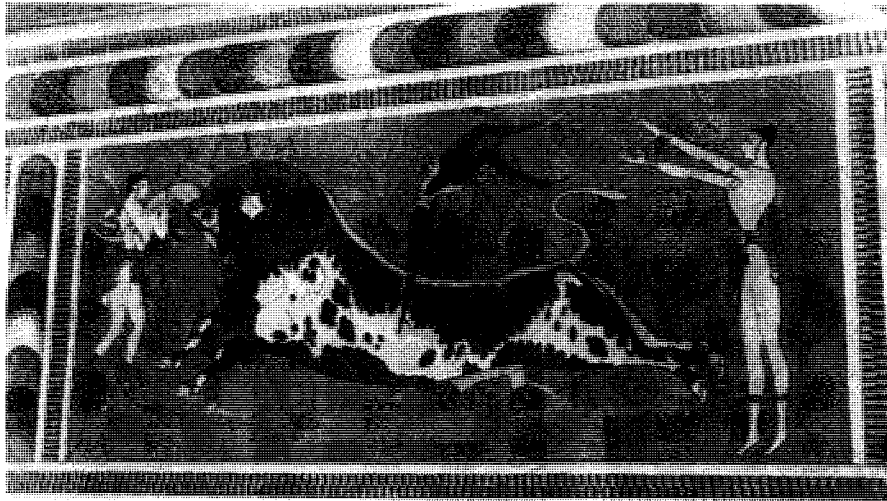
### *Facing the Future*

Although the transition of Frater Lewis meant change, we should not fear change. Change provides us with needed experiences. Change provides us with growth. Frater Lewis is no longer with us physically. However, the same Universal or Divine Mind which provided inspiration for Frater Lewis, as well as Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, and all of the great mystics of the past, continues to provide inspiration and guidance to the activities of the Order. And attunement with the Universal Mind is available to each of us.

This time of transition has been referred to as the end of an era. Certainly, the same could have been said of Dr. H. Spencer Lewis' transition in 1939. But the end of one era is the *beginning* of another. We are, at the present time, beginning a new and exciting era.

The teachings, the principles, and the ideals of the Rosicrucian Order are needed as much today as they have been down through the centuries. The abolishing of ignorance, fear, and superstition, the enlightenment of society, and the practical application of universal principles are of paramount importance in our tense, stress-filled society. Further, we must continually address our principles to the needs of the times, to the society of the 1980s and beyond.

During this period of transition, each of us has been given a charge. Each of us is a part of the consciousness of our organization. It is a time to unify, to rededicate ourselves to the noble principles and ideals for which we stand. It is a time to further the work of the Rosicrucian Order, to build



**Bull Leaping** was a major passion in Crete in Minoan times. No weapons were used in this spectacular sport. The object was not the death of the bull, but the athletic agility, acrobatics, and bravery displayed by the bull leapers—both men and women—in avoiding the charging animals.

and huge palaces, was the commercial center of the Western world. Her navy dominated the seas, and her merchant ships visited every country bordering on the Mediterranean. Travelers journeying to or from Asia Minor paused at Crete to rest and to admire its natural beauty, or to participate in its cultural activities.

Although the island had been inhabited since 7000 B.C. by a Neolithic, or Stone Age, culture, the Cretan saga did not begin until 4000 B.C. when the first invaders arrived in dug-out canoes. Who they were or where they came from is obscure. Some scholars believe they were Libyans from North Africa; others are just as positive that they were displaced peoples of Asia Minor. The ancient Egyptians referred to them as *Kestiu*, roughly translated as "Sea Peoples." Modern historians call them Minoans, after their legendary king, Minos.

*There is a land...in the wine-dark sea, a fair land with many inhabitants...and ninety cities...among them the mighty Cnosus, wherein Minos began to rule.*

The Minoans loved nature and worshiped her in the form of a chthonian Snake-Goddess, signifying her bond with the underworld. She is portrayed as wearing the fashionable flounced skirt and tight

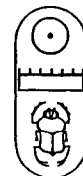
bodice of the royal court. In her hands she holds the golden serpent, symbol of wisdom and immortality. Governed by a monarch who was both supreme ruler and high priest, the Cretans developed a flourishing civilization which lasted well into the Bronze Age.

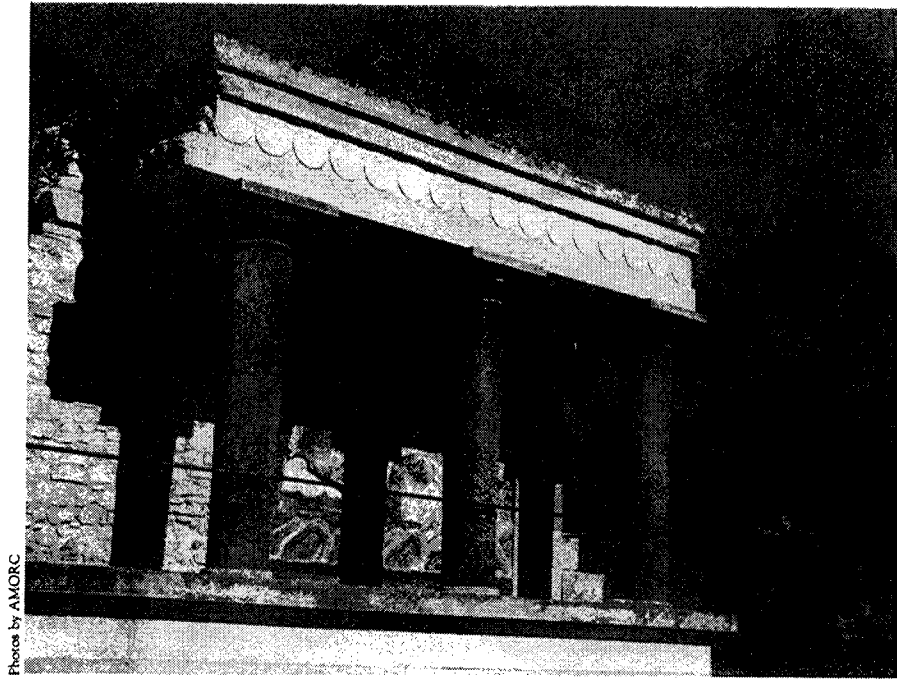
#### ***Eruption of Thera***

Around 1450 B.C., violent volcanic eruptions on nearby Thera, seventy miles to the north, caused tremendous tidal waves and earthquakes that demolished Crete's great cities. Belching lava and ash buried the huge palaces. It is thought by some that this catastrophe formed the basis of Plato's account of the lost Atlantis.

*Then listen, Socrates, to a strange tale, which is, however, certainly true....Histories tell of a mighty power...an island situated in front of the straits which you call the Columns of Heracles....Now in the island there was a great and wonderful empire which had rule over the whole island and several others, as well as over parts of the continent. But...there occurred violent earthquakes and floods, and in a single day and night of rain...the island disappeared ...sunk beneath the sea.*

With the destruction of the Minoan civilization, Crete was left desolate—its accomplishments lost to the world. As Crete's ancient written language is still





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**Palace of King Minos:** Here we see a portion of the great palace of Minos, legendary son of the god Zeus and king of Crete. This portico features the downward-tapering columns typical of Minoan architecture. Such balconies and porticoes were usually decorated with bright-colored designs and murals. Between two of the columns we can see the painting of a charging bull—a prime Minoan symbol. According to legend, Zeus, in the form of a white bull, kidnapped beautiful Europa, and swam with her to Crete. Their son was Minos.

undecipherable today, only legends carried to the Greek mainland by survivors remained to tell posterity of Crete's past glory and greatness. In A.D. 1900, the British archeologist, Sir Arthur Evans, began his excavations at the mound of Kephala, situated in a narrow valley near Knossos—the heart of the Cretan civilization and the capital city of King Minos.

Six years previous, while exploring the cave of Psychro on Mount Dicte, thirty-five miles to the east, Evans had found some small polished stones with strange hieroglyphic markings cut into them. Upon close examination, they proved to be ancient signature seals. Coupled with an earlier find of huge *pithoi* storage jars for olive oil or wine—near the port of Herakleion, these stones furnished unmistakable clues that the mythological stories of a vanished Cretan civilization were based on prehistoric fact. Evans recalled that, after being wounded by Cupid's arrows, the legendary Venus hastened to these sacred slopes to gather the medicinal healing herb, *dictamus*. Here also, on the altar at the cave's entrance, King Minos made sacrificial offerings every

nine years, in conformance to the laws; and it was here that the great god Zeus was born.

#### Ancient Creation Myth

Soon after the formation of the world, Gaea (mother-earth) gave birth to the twelve Titans (nature's furies). With their father, Uranus (the overhanging heavens), they ruled the universe. One of them, Cronus (infinite time), married his sister, Rhea (mother-nature), and seized control of the world by murdering Uranus, whose blood fell to earth and mixed with the blood of man. Fearing a similar fate, Cronus swallowed each of his children as they were born. However, Rhea secretly hid their sixth child, Zeus, in the Dichtaezan Cave overlooking the Plain of Messara, on the Island of Crete. When Cronus demanded the babe, Rhea shrewdly concealed a rock in swaddling clothes and handed it to him. He immediately swallowed it, and Zeus was saved.

Upon reaching manhood, Zeus persuaded Gaea to give Cronus a mustard-and-salt potion that made him disgorge his five children, as well as the rock that he had mistaken for his youngest son. With the aid of his freed brothers and sisters, Zeus overthrew Cronus in a fierce



battle that made the earth tremble and the rivers boil. The Titans, in their defeat, were banished to Tartarus—the Greek Underworld—and Zeus, king of the gods, established his sanctuary on Mount Olympus. The rock, which fell on the high slopes of Mount Parnassus, in Greece, marked the center of the earth. Zeus named the spot Delphi and appointed a priestess, called Python, to guard it.

In this myth, which clearly refers to the story of creation, the Titans personify chaotic forces that shaped the earth; and Uranus, Cronus, and Rhea typify the life-sustaining elements of the universe. The swallowing of the children and the rock signifies the disappearance of the various Stone Age cultures, while the birth of Zeus signals the appearance on Crete of the first Greek settlers. Tartarus symbolizes the buried cities of Crete. The battle of the gods represents the end of nature worship, and the establishment of Zeus on Mount Olympus symbolizes the lofty ambitions of an evolving humanity. The setting up of the rock, or *omphalion* (little navel), at Delphi suggests an umbilical link between Crete and Greece. This rock may still be seen by anyone who is fortunate enough to visit the sacred slopes upon which it rests.

#### A Lost Civilization

After the accumulated mass of rubble from the site at Knossos was cleared, an immense multistoried complex of buildings, containing over 1000 rooms joined by corridors, passages, staircases, arcades, and wide courts, emerged from the depths of the earth. Evans gazed in awe upon spacious storehouses, workshops, huge drainage conduits, and walls decorated with multi-colored frescoes. He was positive that this maze of rooms and passages, in which anyone could get lost, was the mysterious Labyrinth of the Minotaur that was built under the king's palace.

To insure a successful harvest, Minos appealed to Poseidon (god of the sea) to send him a bull for sacrifice. The animal sent was so handsome that Minos kept it in his herd and sacrificed another in its place. The wrathful Poseidon caused Pasiphae, the wife of Minos, to bear a son who was half-bull and half-man;

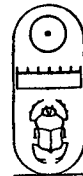


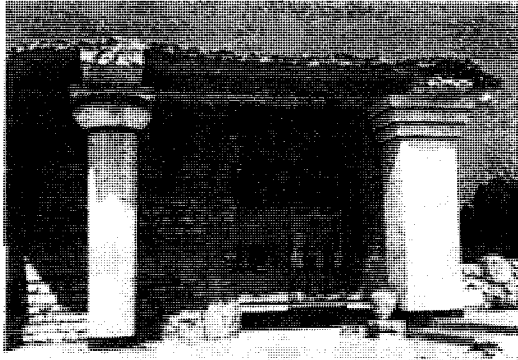
thus was born the monstrous Minotaur. The sorrowful Minos and Daedalus, a skilled architect and inventor, constructed an underground maze of dark rooms and inescapable passages into which he confined the perfidious queen and her unnatural offspring.

#### Two Different Languages

During his excavations, Evans unearthed a number of clay tablets bearing similar pictographic characters, but constituting two different languages. One, which archeologists have designated "Linear B," has proven to be a form of early Mycenaean Greek. Cut deep into the tablets are hieroglyphs depicting an inventory of the palace stores. The other tablets, using the same symbols but in a different order, are called "Linear A." They are still undecipherable, and it is believed they are written in the original Minoan script.

Although archeologists have not yet solved the riddle of why or how the "Linear B" tablets came to be at Knossos, there is speculation that about 1500 B.C. Crete was raided by Mycenaean pirates from the Peloponnesus to the north, who dethroned the Minoan king and replaced him with





**Colorful Murals** adorn much of what's left of Minos' Palace at Knossos. These particular frescoes, featuring beautiful youths bearing decorated clay jars filled with water (or perhaps wine), have retained their original colors after thousands of years.

their own ruler (see First Back Roto Photo, p. 37). As the new king and his subjects spoke different languages, it was decided to adapt the Cretan alphabet to the Greek tongue. In the process, the original Minoan script was lost and a whole new dialect was created. This situation is understandable when we remember that although the Roman alphabet is common to many countries, the manner in which the letters are grouped constitutes a different language.

#### **The Argonauts**

Jason and his band of Argonauts sailed in search of the Golden Fleece. After many adventures they reached the land of Crete. Daedalus had built a giant bronze robot named Talos who patrolled the island kingdom three times each day, spouting fire and hurling huge boulders at approaching ships, sinking them before they could reach the shore.

Through the use of guile, a small detachment of Jason's followers were permitted to land safely. They offered Talos a drink from the cup that contained the Wine of Immortality. As Talos threw back his head to drain the cup, Poias, the smallest of the Argonauts, pulled a bronze pin from the metal man's heel and released the ichor, or immortal body fluid that animated him. As his life force gushed forth, Talos toppled over and fell into the sea. Jason and his Argonauts swarmed ashore and were lavishly entertained at the court of the king.

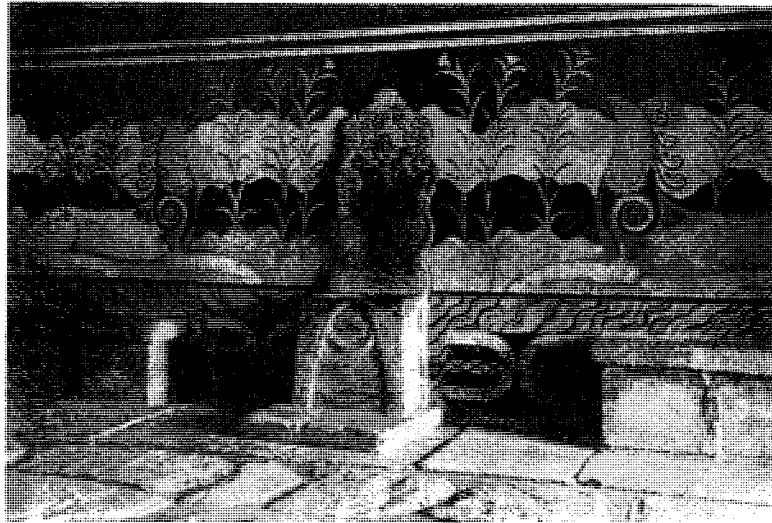
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Of all the chambers that Evans uncovered, the most intriguing is the Throne Room. Set in the center of a long russet, green, and white wall, stands a curlicue high-backed alabaster chair with a hollowed-out seat shaped to fit the body—the throne of Minos. Flanking it on either side is a long row of alabaster benches. Decorating the wall above the throne are brightly painted red and blue frescoes depicting wingless griffins—mythical creatures with the body of a lion, symbolizing political strength; the head of an eagle, signifying spiritual authority; and a long serpentine tail, representing power over the subterranean world. Evans was elated by this discovery. He had unearthed the oldest European throne known to history.

A stone-lined pit below the Throne Room was dubbed the lustral basin by Evans, as he believed it was used for religious purposes. Broken oil jars, overturned ceremonial vessels, and other disturbances in the room suggested that at the time the palace was destroyed a purification ceremony was interrupted by a brutal catastrophe.



**Minoan Burial Urns:** These huge ornamental urns, found at Knossos, were used as storage for various commodities as well as for human remains.



**The Throne Room** still retains its original alabaster throne, although the frescoes, depicting mythical griffins, are modern restorations, and possibly inaccurate in detail.

Throughout the palace, brilliantly hued frescoes decorate almost every chamber. On a column in the Queen's apartments, curly-haired, long-skirted dancing girls entertain, while schools of dolphins leap gracefully along walls highlighted by light blue ornamentation. On the staircase leading to the southwest portico, slim-waisted youths, with long curling side-locks hanging over their shoulders, pour sweet nectar from slender triangular-shaped jars; nearby, a tall, slim, muscular priest-king, wearing a swallow-tail loincloth, a fleur-de-lis necklace, and a crown topped with blue and gold peacock plumes, demands obeisance. Other frescoed scenes depict the lively gayety of family and social life; colorful birds, flowers, and fish; and beautiful women in charming affectatious poses. Not one fresco depicts war, bloodshed, or prisoners, such as seen in Egypt or Assyria.

#### ***The Earth-Shaker***

The "cult of the bull" (symbol of strength and fertility) flourished in Crete. Adorning one wall of the ceremonial gateway is a bas-relief of the head of a raging, snorting bull, and Evans found numerous statues and relics relating to this animal. Regarded as the "earth-shaker" because it was believed

that earthquakes were caused by a huge bull that shook the earth on its horns, the bull was included among the underground deities. Homer alludes to this in the *Iliad* with the statement, "In Bulls does the Earth-Shaker delight."

Once each year, a festival was held in the royal arena to select the strongest and most virile bull to serve as the legendary Minotaur. A fascinating fresco, found near the Throne Room, shows two maidens and a youth engaged in the sport of bull-leaping—a favorite Minoan spectacle in which teams of youths and maidens competed against each other in feats of acrobatic skill. One girl is grasping the horns of an infuriated charging bull, forcing its head down as the youth somersaults over its back. Behind the animal, the other girl stands poised, ready to catch the leaper as he lands. Although no harm ever came to the bulls that took part in the contest, there is no doubt that the contestants must have suffered numerous casualties from the sharp horns of the raging animals.

*Anxious to prove his manliness, Androgeus, son of Minos, entered the games at Athens. He was victorious in every event and earned the*

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# Is There A Missing Link?

by Philip A. Clausen, F.R.C.

THE GREAT TURQUOISE BALL cooled and coalesced into vibrating rock and water. Fire from the sun reheated planet earth to a more amiable temperature after its purifying and forge-like creation, making the world into a brimming, stirring stewpot. Perhaps all the elements of a living stew were already in the pot when life-inducing temperatures were reached.

Ocean empires rose and fell. Algae, sponge, snail, trilobite, and coral kings reigned and died, settling to the seafloor, forming the tilth from which future life would be drawn up by the warm face of the sun.

Next came ferns, trees, insects, fish. Then dinosaurs arose from the rich mud-clay of the restive earth. Anyone who would have stopped to look for a missing link would have promptly been consumed by a more ambitious creature. Mother Earth swelled and contracted, heaving up her floors, gushing out her waters, then contracted and squeezed—how many times we cannot know.

Ocean floors rich and green with the manures of trillions of deaths rose to the sunlight, full of the rich muds of life, pushing up again the residues of all that had gone before. There was nothing called man, but all of his processes were being tried and refined there, readied for assembly. In a way, looking through more primitive senses, he was there.

## The Search

What was the missing link? Was there a transforming ape—an ape less hairy, less boring, more genial, more daring and inventive? Because we know more of the end than the beginning we try reaching back to extrapolate from what we know now. The ape dies, the man dies. Each returns to a common denominator—the dust, the primordial clay, or, more poetically, God's flesh.

That there should be a link, a *tangible link*, between all orders of creation, from lowest to highest, would seem to be an

orderly way to make a world. Because man's mind is orderly, he desires to find world creation acting this way. Man also generously admits that his mind is a reflection of God the creator's mind. Therefore his loftiest ideas should be true; the case should close neatly. But there is one nagging detail. Where is the evidence? Where are the missing links?

Of course the world is a big place and some may still hope to find the links, but isn't it intriguing that none have been found after so many years of delving into the earth?

Sometimes if no answer can be discovered, then perhaps the wrong question is being asked. Is there a missing link between ice and water? Or between water and steam? In these two cases the various forms of water, which to an uninformed mind would be unrecognizable as the same material, really are the same material but at differing levels or rates of intensity. Is an ape then the same material as a man, only differing in levels or rates of intensity? More grandly, is *all* of the same stuff, only differing thus?

## The Evidence

The evidence is not suspect. We have it all around us and all evidence is good evidence, just as all subjects for a camera are good subjects. What must be suspected and inspected regularly are the camera and the film. Man never looks at anything directly, but rather apprehends everything through a series of filters called belief, prejudice, and canned knowledge. The face of man typically seen is the face of the rational intellect curiously mixed with the sentimental and emotional. A cleaner form of knowledge is apprehended when the rational and emo-

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tional are quieted. But this secret way of obtaining new knowledge is known only to mystics.

In its first billion and a half years Earth was a restive cauldron of hot seas, molten rock, and violent poetries. Then, in mid-youth she produced her first rough children. For about 500 million years she has been filling pastries of every description with a single homogeneous filling that contains all the tastes in the universe. Analogously, the pastry is the vibrating bodies and shapes of the earth, and the filling is the soul, the universal mind of God. It is this Soul which is not a missing link, but a hidden link, between and amidst all creation.

When the rational explorer searches for the missing links in his life, he goes outward, as all of us have done. We see ashes, dust, and the layers of profoundly long ages. This is like a symbol, like a huge monument, a mausoleum of terrible wonders to the little man who fears that death ends all. Some day after much weary searching he must come to face himself and find to his wonder that within himself is the living universe, the fountain of youth, the pearl of great price, the oracle.

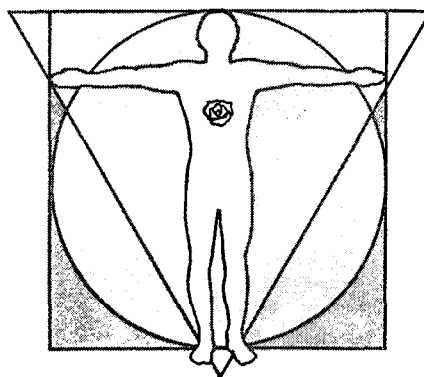
A missing link? This becomes a superfluous, a wrong question—like questing after ice in the desert—based on a fragmented understanding of life. Are species separate that they need a link when they are already linked spiritually? Are creatures on the earth or are they a *part* of the earth? Perhaps this is a more genuine and important question.

### **The Great Naming**

Adam named all beasts and things on earth. Daily this poor maligned little man got up and went to work. There was a world to name! Separation, differentiation, fragmentation was just beginning, followed by quick confusion. No doubt this was a prodigious task for one man.

Science has forever after been overly impressed with this feat and has determined to compound confusion by emphasizing differences between creatures. Aristotle was an expert at this, and since cataloging is something man loves to do anyway, Aristotle was quickly lauded.

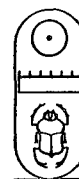
Never doubt it, old Adam was the first scientist. Aristotle popularized the technique, and a naming party was held for the next epoch, which has become quite intense in these days. Scientists will probably never give up cataloging, even though they now realize that the divisions and paperwork are infinite. Cataloging is naturally useful, but the pursuit thereof is not to be confused with the pursuit of Truth—although the one is preliminary to the other, just as exercises are commendatory as long as one does not confuse them with real work.



This old Adamic race, still alive and well today, sees missing links in something never separated, unless it was their self from God when removed from the Garden. But there is a time for separation and a time for reunion. It is this reunion of life, and thus of man-with-God, that the mystic seeks to realize within himself. And this is a matter of man remembering what he has forgotten: that he is never out of touch with God, the Cosmic Consciousness, because he is created part of It.

### **A New View**

In fact there is a new Adam who knows the spectrum of Being to be a band of existence starting with God and ending with God (ending only being a new beginning) in which a stone, a leaf, a door, and likewise dinosaur, monkey, and men are all really evolutions and revolutions of a single Idea, which is Life—the expression of God, the body of Christ in manifold forms. And this spectrum being perfect, it therefore contains no separations, no jolting links or



lapses. Lapses exist only in man's ability to understand, certainly not in the cosmic creation and order of things.

But the nagging question doesn't seem to go away. At some time in the geologic past, man, *as we know him*, did not exist. What creature gave birth to him? Since we are most closely associated with apes physiologically, this is the scientist's choice. Creationists argue that God appeared, and from the clay or dust of the earth, shaped man's form and blew divine life into it—thus giving forth an immaculate, miraculous birth.

However it occurred, the birth of first man on earth theoretically raised the level of intelligence on this planet.

#### A Consciousness Catalyst

Arthur Clarke, in his fictional work, 2001, *A Space Odyssey*, has a strange monolith, the Anomaly, sonically and mystically raise the level of intelligence in nearby apes. We know of no such monoliths, nor are we likely to find any. But in divine literature we find immaculate, miraculous births such as with Zoroaster and Jesus and a few others who, in each case, *by their birth*, and by their presence, raised the consciousness of mankind as a whole by many degrees.

Could this same miraculous condition have occurred to earth's highest life form before man? It may be a hideous idea to some that an ape could have produced earth's proto-man. However, creation does not despise itself, but rather takes the easiest path to its means of reproducing itself on higher, more intelligent levels. Could immaculate, miraculous birth then be the high mechanism for evolution on this planet?

We cannot say for sure, but are rather left with best guesses. Earth is dust and water, mixed with sunlight, over which is cast the mystic spell we are only just beginning to learn.

Man, who was made out of the same dust as dinosaurs and myriad other long extinct creatures, now walks in their place. He is still brutal, but more sophisticated—still becoming. The ageless dust is a sort of link, literally a common ground of all life. And it is not at an end. Why should it be when the most exciting time of all is yet to come? The new Adam is emerging—the one reunited with God, the one who will take care of the perfect garden forever, realizing the Kingdom of Heaven. Isn't his very body even now forming out of our bodies, out of the billions of bodies that have gone before?

And the one who is of this type—the new Adam—will he then think of himself as the crown of creation, much greater than the algae or sponges from which his dust for these 500 million years has been coming, rising, falling? Does he think himself superior to the earth that he may use it as a capricious, timeless shore?

No. The new one is different—because he has remembered the forgotten God.

We are the very creatures who must let the old nature become extinct to make the dust for the higher form, the new man who is coming.

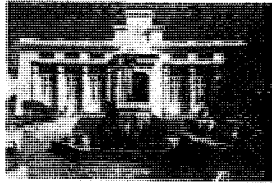
And the new Adam does come. From out of all the dust and all knowledge and experiences of the earth, he comes. He is at one with earth—thus at one with God—and sees no missing links; he is of dust, of sunlight, shaped immaculately, miraculously of God. △

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### In Appreciation

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the many good wishes and greetings received from Rosicrucians throughout the world on the occasion of my birthday, February 26. I regret that it is not possible to acknowledge all the kind thoughts personally. Please accept my sincere thanks.

Gary L. Stewart  
Imperator



# MINDQUEST

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## Gratitude

**D**R. H. SPENCER LEWIS frequently spoke of that level of experience where we are grateful. He suggested that when we pray we shouldn't just ask for things we desire, rather we can choose to express the gratitude that is already in our hearts.

Is there a mysterious power in our experience of gratitude? Can we attain such power in our own lives? What could possibly hold us back?

Gratitude is a quality of our experience that is thought by some to be a virtue and by others to be a weakness. Depending on our realities and desires, we may look at gratitude as either natural or foolish. We may ask, "Can we be grateful when we are treated unjustly or feeling despair, or when we don't have what we think we need, or what we want?"

For instance, one person experienced sexual abuse as a child. Her response to life now is anger and attack. Her experience in life is separation and loneliness, which is also her subconscious fear. Letting go of her aggressive protections is still difficult. "I'd like to escape," she explains, "but there's nothing I can do. It's scary. That's the way I always feel, though. I escape from everything I feel. I make excuses. I just don't want to do it [experience it]. I rebel!"

Like this person, some people point out, "When I feel despair, life is impossible. This is the way life is and I can't change it, then I don't feel grateful." In the words of another, "It's impossible to feel gratitude when I know life's unjust." Or, "I know it.

It's unfair, it's unjust. You want me to feel grateful for this?"

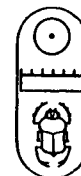
Some other comments include: "Life doesn't give me what I need. I've got to work for it, strive and fight for it." "I've earned everything I've got. No one gives me anything I need." "Gratitude isn't something I often feel except on Sunday or maybe Thanksgiving." "I can give you gratitude when I've earned it for myself." Yet, another person points out, "When I feel I've earned what I got, that sucks the gratitude right out of it."

One individual remarks: "Of course, I feel grateful when I get what I want. Only why can't I get what I want when I want it? If I haven't got what I want by Tuesday, you can't expect me to feel gratitude on Wednesday. You wonder why I'm irritable?"

### *Ask, and You Shall Receive . . .*

Mystics can discover that we ask for the experience we receive, even regarding the choice of our own parents. One member recalled for us some prenatal and childhood experiences:

"I can remember seeing myself as a round, glowing sphere. Yet, I knew that the sphere itself was not me, but merely an expression of my being. In front of me I could see two women. I knew that they were sisters—that the one I chose was to be my mother and the other to be my aunt. One of them held the attraction of love and nurturance which would have shielded and encompassed me throughout my childhood.



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With the other, the attraction was a deep sense of responsibility. I chose wisely, relinquishing this opportunity for an all-encompassing, fulfilling love. I chose for my mother the woman who represented responsibility. As I grew up, however, my biological mother became less involved in parenting, and my aunt—my psychological mother—took over the parenting role. As for my father, he was a difficult man. He was physically, mentally, and emotionally abusive.

"It was not until later in life, during an initiation ritual in the Atrium Degrees, that I truly realized the significance of my childhood experiences. During the initiation, I had a profound sense of attunement with my inner self, at which moment I felt prompted to ask some question which had been burning in my heart. I chose to ask: 'Why is the relationship with my father so very difficult?' The answer shot back: 'Because you are so much like him!' This response was gradually accepted by my outer consciousness, and over the years I have come to realize the shadow side of my personality.

"I now truly feel grateful for both my parents. Had I been raised by my aunt in a totally loving, engulfing environment, I would never have let loose of her apron strings, satisfied instead to be encompassed by her love. I would not have been desirous of entering the world at large. I am grateful for my father because through him I came to know myself. Suffering now is irrelevant. I can now experience gratitude and can now realize that I have received what I asked for."

#### *Other Comments*

The following comments from several other individuals further indicate such a realization on the part of many seekers of inner understanding: "When I recognize that I am realizing qualities of Self I have asked for, then I can't help but experience gratitude." "Often I don't feel gratitude at first because my experience doesn't fit my picture of what I think I should be grateful for. If my expectations are not met, I don't feel grateful, but later may realize that I have received what I hoped for." "I hope to experience what I can be grateful for. But

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hope is often colored by expectations that stand in the way of gratitude." "The experience of gratitude is followed by such joy that I only wish that I could always be open to that."

People who experience genuine gratitude find that it is spontaneous, natural, and free. "Gratitude is often unexpected," explains one individual. "It's just here." In the words of another, "Gratitude is always here, even though I can't always feel it." Some other reactions include: "The more I'm willing to accept gratitude as a part of life, the more intense it becomes. Then it becomes more and more natural." "I can't make it happen. I can be open to it. When gratitude is here, it's a gift."

There are joyful remarks about the experience of gratitude. One person explains, "When I am grateful I feel light, joy, connected," while others remark, "I feel centered, harmonious, peaceful"; "I feel positive toward the world, genuinely tuned into things, positive towards people"; or, "I want to experience more of life, rather than hide."

Other insightful comments about gratitude include: "Intuitively, I know it's possible to experience gratitude in all circumstances. Getting there is the difficulty." "I'm not willing to experience gratitude if I don't have my way." "I can experience gratitude in all circumstances where I'm willing to experience life as it is. This means I need to let go of thinking I know how it should be."

#### *Courage*

The willingness to be open to experiences of gratitude can take courage. One soror describes her experience as follows: "I wanted to let go of the negative emotions I experienced whenever I thought of childhood beatings. I asked my inner self for assistance. When I started to let go, my ego went crazy. It said to me, 'How could you possibly do this? Everyone would agree these beatings were terrible and wrong. If you do this, everyone will know you are crazy.'

"My inner self merely replied, 'Do you want to let go or not?'



"My ego replied, 'You've already forgiven your father. You don't need to do this.' Indeed, I thought I had forgiven my father.

"My inner self merely asked, 'Do you want to let go or not?'"

"I replied, 'Yes,' and I asked my inner self, 'What was my interpretation that is still generating my negative emotions?'"

"My inner self responded, 'The beatings were unfair, unjust, and wrong!'"

"The ego exclaimed, 'If you do this, you are going to feel gratitude for those beatings, then everyone will know for sure you're crazy!'"

"The inner self responded with the same question, 'Do you want to let go or not?'"

"'Yes, I choose to let go of unfair, unjust, and wrong.' This was scary.

"I then experienced those beatings, possibly for the first time. Letting go of the interpretation, I indeed experienced gratitude. I interpreted this to mean that 'never

again would I need to fear being beaten up by life.' This interpretation made gratitude okay in my mind."

The Tom-tom legend of the American Plains Indians teaches that to become a Peaceful Warrior, the brave must be happy, see the Great Spirit in all things, and give thanks in every situation. Half a world away, Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, explaining that to become true Christians they should "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances...."

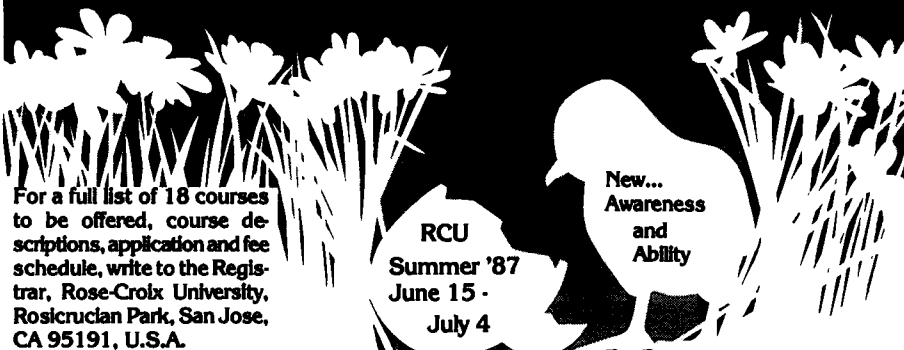
People attest to the genuine power and freedom experienced with gratitude. Dr. Lewis and our subjects demonstrate that for us gratitude is already burning in each heart. Hence, the choice we face is between joy and fear. Are we willing to experience gratitude and joy, or will we choose to remain with fear and judgment? The Peaceful Warrior and the Rosicrucian Knight vanquish fear with a courageous thrust of gratitude.

—George F. Buletza, Ph. D., F.R.C., I.R.C.  
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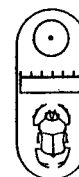
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# Modern Technology Reveals Egypt's Secrets

by Robin M. Thompson, F.R.C.

*REMOTE-SENSING TECHNIQUES developed by today's technology have brought to light an important 3300-year-old tomb in Egypt's Valley of the Kings—an undiscovered tomb that could be one of the most important finds in Egypt in many years.*

Recently, following the signals of a magnetometer, a remote-sensing device which measures the intensity of the below-ground-level magnetic field, excited archeologists dug away at a site in the Valley of the Kings. They uncovered steps leading down 15 feet into the limestone bedrock. Removing sand and rubble, the archeologists eventually found the entrance to a hidden tomb—a stone door 5 feet high and equally wide. Beyond this portal, an underground passageway led to several chambers.

This new tomb was found last December by a survey party headed by Kent R. Weeks, associate professor of Egyptian archeology at the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Weeks is the director of a long-term mapping project—the Berkeley Theban Mapping Project—which is surveying the entire site of ancient Thebes—one-time capital of Egypt on the west bank of the Nile 500 miles south of Cairo.

## **Ramses II**

Research at the site connects the tomb to the powerful and long-reigning Pharaoh Ramses II (1290-1224 B.C.). One of ancient Egypt's most famous rulers, Ramses the Great oversaw a prosperous nation, expanded the empire, married numerous wives, fathered many children, and engaged in a massive building-projects program throughout the land. This newly discovered tomb is just 50 feet away from Ramses' already-known tomb, and is probably the burial site of several of Ramses' numerous sons.

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So far the new dig has revealed a huge underground central chamber of enormous dimensions—100 feet long and 100 feet wide—supported by sixteen massive pillars. Unfortunately this chamber is badly damaged and filled nearly to the ceiling with rubble. However, the massiveness of the chamber—one of the largest ever found in the Valley of the Kings—suggests the grandeur and bigger-than-life *Zeitgeist* of Ramses' reign.

Archeologists hope that other chambers in the tomb, extending off from the central chamber, have perhaps escaped the ravages of time and pillaging of grave robbers. Perhaps these chambers will contain well-preserved artifacts—throwing further light on the highly developed civilization of Egypt in Ramses' time.

Keep in mind that this newly discovered tomb is in a vast necropolis, the Valley of the Kings—an area literally riddled with hidden chambers and passageways, all part of a huge burial ground for ancient Egyptian monarchs and nobility. It was in this same area in 1922 that Howard Carter made the spectacular discovery of Pharaoh Tutankhamon's intact tomb—which startled the world with its rare artifacts and beautiful art.

## **New Technology Applied**

Whatever may or may not be found in this new tomb, its discovery is important in itself. And what is particularly interesting is that modern oil-exploration technology was used in its discovery. New York petroleum financier Bruce Heafitz is assisting archeol-

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ogists in Egypt in applying remote-sensing techniques—sonar, radar, and magnetometry—to the search for hidden tombs. Several remote-sensing techniques have been utilized so far, including seismic vertical profiling surveys, ground-penetrating microwave radio signals, electrical resistivity tests, and magnetometer observations. All except the latter failed to detect undiscovered tombs due to various technical problems.

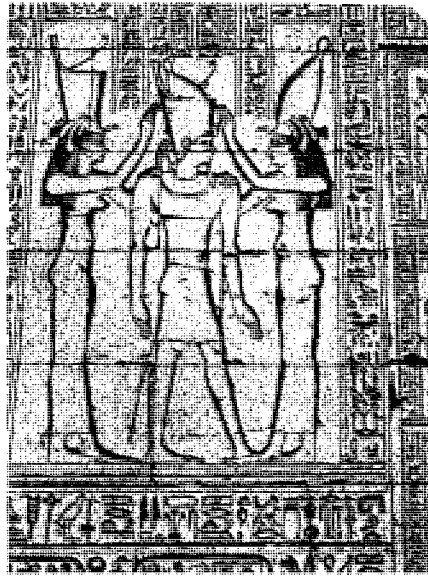
However, the magnetometer observations payed off. This instrument measures the underground magnetic field. The limestone bedrock underlying the Valley of the Kings contains iron particles (detected by the magnetometer), and where the bedrock has been cut through, as in the entrance to a tomb, the sensitive instrument records a definite dip in its read-out.

This technology is distantly related to the metal detectors used by hobbyists to find buried coins and other objects in fields or yards.

#### **Future Potential**

Professor Weeks and his team were impressed with the magnetometer technology's success in locating the undiscovered tomb. The team hopes to make further use of remote-sensing technology in their vast project of mapping the entire Thebes area—a district containing numerous tombs, temples, ruins of cities and villages, and other structures. Remote-sensing technology has been applied with encouraging results by scientists investigating and searching for hidden chambers in the pyramids and Sphinx.

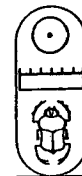
Dr. Weeks explained to me that he will be returning to Egypt in June, 1987, to continue work at the new tomb and to carry on with the extensive work of the mapping project. He also talked about the thrill he and his colleagues experienced when they entered the newly discovered tomb—crawling into the top of the tomb's central chamber which was filled nearly to the ceiling with rubble. Dr. Weeks explained that the other chambers have not been explored yet, and he expressed concern and fascination over what will be found in the tomb once the



rubble is removed—a huge job in itself. The professor also expressed appreciation to Mr. Bruce Ludwig who is helping to finance the work and research involving the new tomb.

When I visited Egypt in 1985 I was extremely impressed by the extent of this civilization and its longevity over time. Though I had studied the history of Egypt, I was still overwhelmed by the vast ruins, all dating from different distinct periods in Egypt's long history. As I visited the numerous sites the length of the Nile Valley, I constantly found myself wondering, "If this is impressive, what might be found buried beneath the nearby sand dunes or hidden high in the cliffs above the Nile?" In the heat and dust of the Valley of the Kings I wondered if other tombs, more splendid even than Tutankhamon's, might lie hidden under the rubble or behind the stark limestone walls. Though much has already been found, I realized that so much more still awaits discovery in this timeless land with its layer-upon-layer of civilization.

In the future modern technology teamed with a vital appreciation for the contributions of past civilizations will together throw more light on the fascinating civilization of Egypt.



# Joy in Tear Drops

## How A Gentle Pet Helped Me Understand

by Nellie R. McCool, Ph.D., F.R.C., I.R.C.

*SHOULD WE GRIEVE over the loss of a pet? From our experiences and study, do we believe that an animal has a soul, or a soul personality? Or, are we just reading our own values and ideas into what we experience in our associations with pets? Do you think that animals evolve as humans do? Are all things related and are they interdependent?*

Pets contribute to our health and enjoyment. Likewise, we can improve the quality of life for the birds, dogs, cats, and other animals that we take into our homes. Studies have shown that caring for and loving pets can contribute to a person's recovery from serious illness or an operation. Animals are sometimes taken to visit elderly shut-ins living in nursing homes. And quite often, patients who have not spoken for months, or perhaps years, will begin to speak to a pet and respond to its affection.

### *A Teaching Pet*

Pets can also teach us many things. A young child can be encouraged to assume responsibility for the care of a household pet, a farm or ranch animal. Through taking an active part in the life and development of an animal, children learn much about themselves, the benefits of caring, life processes, and the laws of nature. Learning from animals is not restricted just to the young. The quality of adult life can also be enriched by pets.

I would like to share with you a personal experience which will hopefully demonstrate that a pet contributed greater understanding and enrichment to this writer's life. For several years, my accountant and I exchanged anecdotes about our cats. Her cat was tricolored, with long hair and beautiful golden eyes. Two small patches of gray fur were located at the corner of each eye, resembling tears ready to drop from her eyes—hence her name, "Tear Drops." Stories related about Tear Drops' life, habits, and adventures revealed many things about her personality and intelligence.

About three years ago, Tear Drops' owner passed through transition due to a heart attack. My friend had previously shared with me her concern about Tear Drops' future—if anything should happen to her. She had no living relatives and didn't think anyone would be interested in taking in a ten-year-old cat. She indicated that the cat would have to be "put to sleep."

### *Tear Drops Comes To Stay*

Shortly after learning of my friend's death, I asked her attorney if Tear Drops could come live with me—and that is how an older cat became a part of my life.

Tear Drops soon reciprocated with love and entertainment for the care she received and the home we shared. She was a very gentle and beautiful animal. During the years that she lived with me we became most appreciative of each other and attuned to each other.

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## The Cretan Odyssey

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envy of his Greek hosts. Minos was proud of him. Then, tragedy struck! In the company of several Greek noblemen, Androgeus was slain by the white bull of Marathon. "An accident," claimed the Greek King Aegeus. "Treachery," charged Minos! He then besieged the city of Athens and demanded a tribute of seven youths and seven maidens to be sacrificed to the Minotaur every nine years.

Theseus, son of Aegeus, offered himself as a martyr. He entered the labyrinth and encountered the Minotaur. At the sight of so fearsome a beast, with a dull-yellow leathery human body and the neck and head of a bull, he shrank back. The bellowing creature charged. Theseus sprang aside. The maddened monster charged again and again, until at last it began to weaken. Theseus seized it by the horns and agilely leaped upon its shoulders. Using the Minotaur's horns for leverage, he forced the bullish head back until, with a sharp crack, the neck snapped. Then Theseus found his way out of the labyrinth by means of a magic string which he had obtained from Ariadne, the daughter of Minos, who had fallen in love with him.

As more and more structural remnants emerged from the sands of antiquity, Evans realized that it was not just a palace he had discovered, but the marvels of a lost civili-



Clay Bath Tub found at Knossos, its exterior decorated with stylized wave patterns. Often swimming fish were painted on the insides of such bath tubs.

zation. Buried just a few feet under the earth was the ghost of an ancient culture that included townhouse architecture, terracotta plumbing, registered trademarks, written archives, and a calendar based on astronomical observations.

Sir Arthur Evans knew that a tremendous task lay ahead, but he never realized that he would be digging on the same site for over twenty-five years. In his enthusiasm, Evans restored many deteriorating structures and frescoes to their original grandeur, and brought to light a mighty civilization that shaped the destiny of the Western world.  $\Delta$

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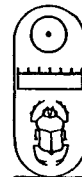
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# The Fanatic Fringe

## “Cosmic Masters” as “Soul Mates”

by Ralph M. Lewis, F. R. C.

WITHIN certain limits fantasy has value as it provides the imagination with a channel for free expression. At times the world of reality appears to have annoying restrictions. But in fantasy, the *ego* may exalt itself far beyond the possibility of realization in everyday life. Fantasy can thus provide refreshing relief from what may seem to be the monotony of the everyday. Creative fantasy can also reward the individual who shares his or her fantasy with others in the form of fictional books, films, and narrations—keeping in mind, of course, that this is simply fantasy.

However, in fantasy there also lurk many pitfalls. The individual may feel that he is incapable of providing gratification of his ego in the everyday world. He therefore wants to achieve what he seems incapable of attaining *by himself*. The fantasist thinks, if only in some way he could draw to himself an external power, a source that would personally guide and distinguish him from the masses in which he now feels lost. This type of individual may have heard of, or read of, the traditional spiritual, or cosmic, masters, who have passed on to a divine realm.

### The “Personal Master”

It is related that such beings were especially illumined teachers, come to earth, where they attracted, at one time, many devout followers. It is then thought and taught that such beings can be of assistance to humans, even though they are said to have left this earthly existence. Unfortunately, what such beings are supposed to be able to do is often contrary to the teachings and enlightenment that such teachers are said to possess.

At this point an ambivalence appears: the fantasist erroneously conceives that this “spiritual master” is now his *personal guide*.

Such an individual believes that he should relinquish his *divine creative powers*, which are the true Master Within, in favor of advice he will presumably receive from this “personal master.” Psychologically, this individual allows himself to *imagine* all his motivations or ideas which prompt action as being direct communications from the spiritual master.

The fanatical fantasist is often not willing to share his spiritual master. He is quite vociferous in claiming that such and such a master “has selected *me* as his personal channel for the enlightenment of mankind.”

Such an individual’s ego becomes more inflated; others, he believes, must now know of his endowment. Consequently, such individuals gather about themselves others—forming a group to listen to words which are supposedly being directly transmitted to the group from the individual’s cosmic master. Much of what is said is garbled subject matter which has been plagiarized from books or rituals, or from the doctrines of organizations which he once belonged to, or perhaps belongs to even now. In some cases, the fantasist is only recalling from memory what he has learned, and is so absorbed by his illusion that he cannot distinguish fact from fantasy.

In other instances, the individual *knows* that what he relates to those in his group has been copied from the private rituals or writings of other organizations, then distorted and exploited to further his own personal ends. In order to exploit their *fantasy* and *ego*, such persons cast aside all ethical principles, even violating oaths taken while affiliated with various organizations. By so doing, they demean their “spiritual master” as one who favors such selfish acts, therefore encouraging their naive followers

to do the same, saying it is "the master's bidding."

### *The Soul Mate Appears!*

The results of the mendacious acts of these fantasists reach out beyond themselves to the harm of others. To those unwary individuals who allow themselves to become enmeshed, the fantasist often claims that the "spiritual master" has declared that they have a soul mate! Unfortunately, the so-called soul mate is often said to be other than the trusting individual's actual husband or wife. Further, young children are told that their father and mother are not their true parents—the *soul* parents are the real ones! The children's confusion and the detrimental emotional impact on the children are obvious.

The fantasy of a "soul mate" is a concept which is contrary to established religion, basic metaphysics, and mystical philosophy. The soul-mate concept conceives of the soul as being *fragmented*—one part in one individual, and another in some other human. This idea is again a fantasy arising from the common experience of two persons having very similar interests—or dislikes. However, such can be explained in more rational ways than by use of the absurd concept of a soul mate. The personality of these individuals goes through various phases of development, determined motivation, association, heredity, and so on. Their thoughts and actions, therefore, may go through similar developing stages. But just because two persons share some common interests does *not* make them soul mates. Principally, if we have a substance, a psychic element such as soul, it is *not* divided.

Such beliefs as these appearing through the decades have been the prime cause of many divorces and the breakup of families. These fantasists have, under the false claims

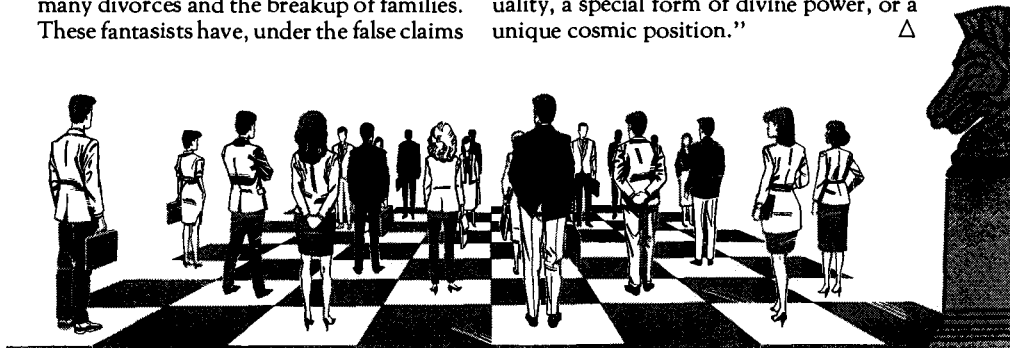
of receiving a direct mandate from a "spiritual master," justified soliciting members from other organizations to join their ranks—which action has numerous names!

I think it quite appropriate here to quote Dr. H. Spencer Lewis' comments on this subject, which appeared in this publication some years past:

"The most definite thing that they give to their followers is a list of promises which includes the ability to ascend in holy communication with the saints and spiritual beings of the past and present; the ability to become immune to all earthly problems, trials, and tribulations; the power to be superhuman and supernormal; the 'guaranteed' formula for lifting oneself quickly and thoroughly out of the average ordinary routine of life to a high, successful, and prosperous position; to dwell with the great 'Unseen Masters' in intimate association; and hundreds of other preposterous but alluring promises.

"Every one of the Supreme Officers and department heads would rather resign his position and abandon his connection with AMORC than allow members to believe that he has any especially divine Master, unique powers and abilities, or is the reincarnation of any Great Master, or is in daily or hourly companionship with an invisible Master or group of them to such an extent as to be under their control and direction.

"We want our members to look upon us as sane and rational individuals, holding our positions, not by any divine right, but by the right of diligent service, *sane thinking*, careful management, dignified conduct, and unstinted service to the members. We do not want in our organization as officer or member anyone who is beginning to think that he is developing a unique trait of spirituality, a special form of divine power, or a unique cosmic position." △





## Humanitarian Award



*Frater Dennis Kwiatkowski, AMORC's Grand Master, presents the Rosicrucian Humanitarian Award to Leah Williams for her work with muscular dystrophy patients while three officials from Dallas' Triangle Lodge look on: (left to right) Ralph P. Erie, Master; Thomas Koshy, Deputy Master; and Robert Ekstrom, Public Relations Coordinator.*

ON THE EVENING of November 15, 1986, in ceremonies at Dallas' Triangle Lodge, Leah Williams, a 21-year-old student majoring in rehabilitation science at the University of Texas Health Science Center, in Dallas, was presented the Rosicrucian Humanitarian Award in recognition of her long, outstanding work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Ms. Williams initially became involved with the association at age ten as a junior fund raiser. As time progressed, she discovered that her real talents and interests lay in working directly with the young people stricken with this disease, and she eventually became a summer camp counselor with the responsibility for the total physical care of as many as 200 campers.

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Leah Williams has expanded the traditional role of volunteer to make the muscular dystrophy patients her friends. She often takes them shopping or to a movie and frequently sponsors parties in her home. Leah is extremely comfortable dealing with the physically handicapped, and credits her volunteer work with helping her choose a career. After graduation she plans to continue her work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

In her acceptance speech made after the award presentation, Ms. Williams impressed the large audience with her humility and sincerity. In conjunction with the Humanitarian Award, the City of Dallas recognized her achievement by giving her a letter of commendation and porcelain bowl





Among the Officers and distinguished guests who attended the recent "Mystical Weekend" in Dallas are Triangle Lodge Master Ralph P. Erie (second from left) and AMORC Grand Master Dennis Kwiatkowski (fourth from right), standing next to AMORC Grand Councilor Gene Bledsoe (in dark robe).

with the congratulations of A. Starke Taylor, Mayor of Dallas.

The Rosicrucian Humanitarian Award presentation was just one event in a special "Mystical Weekend" program organized by Triangle Lodge and recognized in a special proclamation issued by the Mayor of Dallas. Rosicrucians attended from through-

out the area, and the event really blossomed into a "mini-conclave." AMORC Grand Master Dennis Kwiatkowski, representing Grand Lodge, was pleased to meet with the many fine members in the Dallas area and expressed his appreciation to Triangle Lodge and host Arvind Kumar for the inspiring weekend and wonderful Texas hospitality.

## Our Back Cover . . .

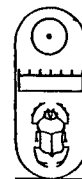
Shown in this month's back cover photograph is the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC who assembled in late January and again in March to carry forward the great work of the Rosicrucian Order. Seated around the table (left to right) are Christian Bernard, Supreme Legate; Cecil A. Poole, Vice-President; Gary L. Stewart, Imperator; Burnam Schaa, Supreme Treasurer; Arthur Piepenbrink, Supreme Secretary. Their deliberations concern affairs of the Rosicrucian Order throughout the world.

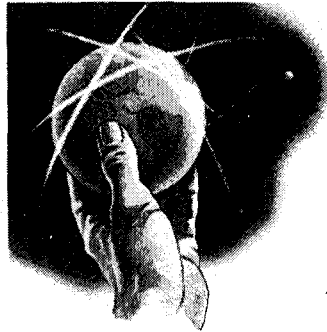
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### **Famous Lion Gate**    ➔ **Mycenae, Greece**

The entrance to Homer's "Strong-founded citadel (Mycenae) . . . rich in gold," is guarded by a monumental lion sculpture—seen above the portal. This sculpture, two lions (now headless) supporting a pillar, is the oldest example of such monumental sculpture in Greece. Mycenae, oldest of the Greek cities, dating back to at least 3000 B.C., sits atop an acropolis above the Argive Plain. Mycenae was demolished in 848 B.C. and never rebuilt. Heinrich Schliemann first excavated the city on an extensive scale, resulting in the confirmation of many of the legends of the Aegean civilization. The city was thriving in the time of Homer. (Photo by AMORC)

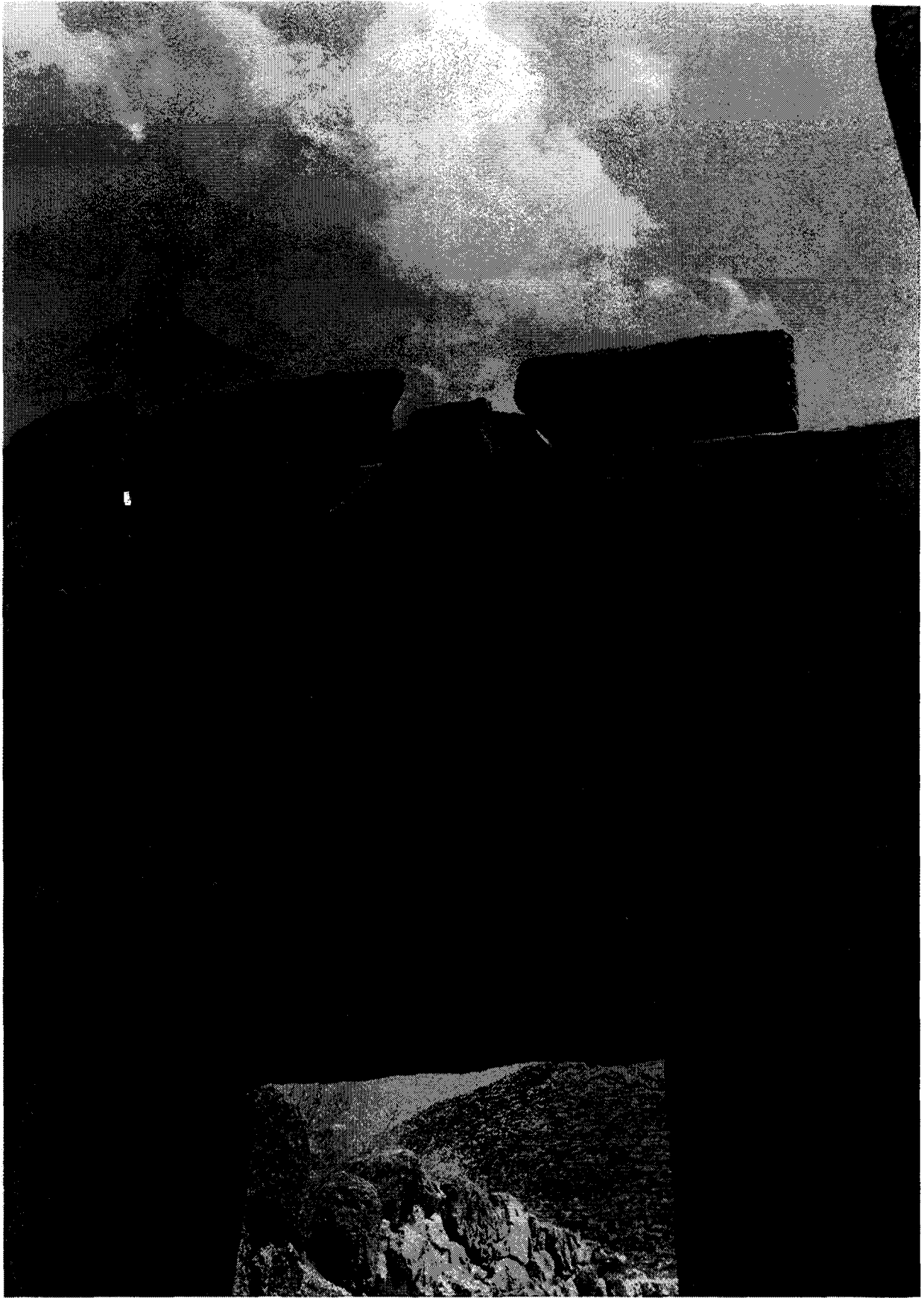
### **Guardians of the Gods (overleaf)**

In the Aegean Sea is the little island of Delos, a dry granite rock about three miles long. Delos, once the political, commercial, and religious center of the Aegean Islands, was said to be the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis. In the *Odyssey* Homer wrote a hymn to the gods of Delos. The lion statues are guardians who overlook the once famed sacred lake. Delos was noted for its oracles and many temples and shrines. (Photo by AMORC)

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#### **Erratum: *Rosicrucian Digest*, Dec. 1986, page 39.**

Regarding information in the advertisement for *The Great Vision*, a book on the life of Francis Bacon: The author, Peter Dawkins, is the Founder-Director of the *Francis Bacon Research Trust*, and a council member of the Francis Bacon Society of London.





New Cassette Program

## “The Mind as Healer”

The influence of the mind on the body has, for centuries, been an integral part of Rosicrucian philosophy. On September 27, 1986, at the invitation of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, several of the most highly qualified scientific experts in the emerging field of the mind/body relationship gathered at Rosicrucian Park to report on their researches at the First Annual Metaphysiology Symposium, focusing on “The Mind as Healer.”

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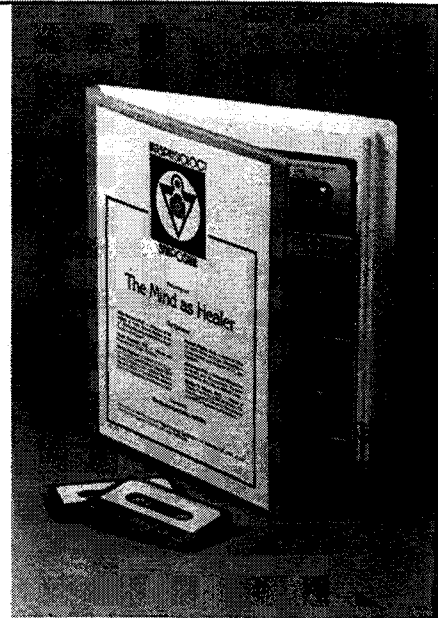
**Brendan O'Regan** — Author and Vice-president in charge of Research at the Institute of Noetic Science.

**Kenneth Pelletier, Ph.D.** — Author of *Mind as Healer/Mind as Slayer*, Researcher in consciousness, and Professor at U.C. San Francisco.

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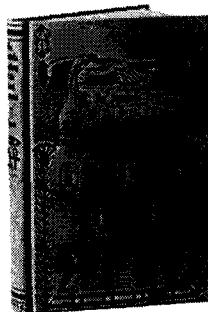
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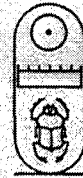
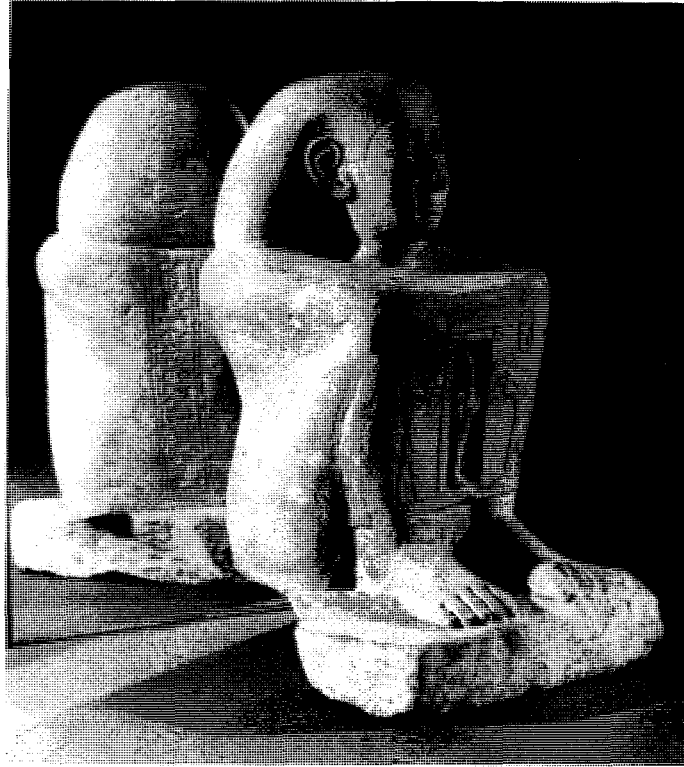
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Such stone images were carved with small metal chisels fixed into wooden handles and hammered with wooden mallets. Traces of the chisel marks are still visible on this statue. The finely carved hieroglyphics and cartouches identify the name of the contemporary king and on the back they invoke from the two goddesses, Isis and Ouadjet, a prayer of protection. A shrine of Osiris sculpted in the front is flanked by the figures of Thoth and Horus pouring libations.

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