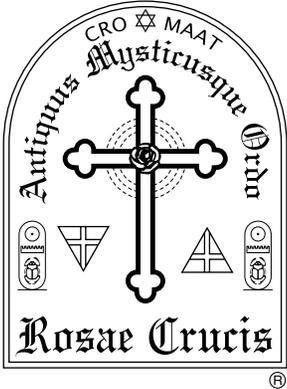




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know the universe and the gods.”*

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CONCURRENCE

In the book entitled *Traité méthodique de science occulte* (Methodical Treatise of Occult Science), Dr. Gerard Encausse, better known in the world of Tradition by the pseudonym of Papus, gives a specific example of what he calls *psychic telegraphy*. In concurrence with this monograph, dedicated to the study of telepathy as it is used by Rosicrucians, we suggest that you read this example, because it illustrates perfectly what our Order has taught for centuries about mental communication. The “elders” to whom the author refers were members of a Muslim secret society.

English reports on the war waged in India in connection with the revolt of the Sepoys relate a very strange fact. Indian bazaars always had the news of battles and of their outcome two hours before the telegram had brought them. That is traceable to the psychic communication process used by all Orientals, a process enabling them to cancel time and space. In support of this, the following is the account of an adventure which happened to M. Ferdinand de Lesseps:

“The speed with which news is transmitted in Arab countries is marvelous. Here is a striking example which we witnessed. In March 1883, M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, at the time of his exploration of the salt lakes of southern Tunisia for the Inland Sea, landed in the morning at Sfax. I led him to the mosque and introduced the Muslim dignitaries to him. We said the prayer together. Then M. de Lesseps announced to them that he was the bearer of a letter from Abdel-Kader recommending Colonel Roudaire’s plan. He read it. In the evening, he re-embarked, and the next day, at the first hour, landed at Gabès. Now, from Sfax to Gabès, it takes seven days of march by land . . . Yet, when on the very evening of his arrival at Gabès, M. de Lesseps visited the village of Menzel where waiting for him was the djemmaa, the chief of the elders, who congratulated him on the letter from the emir. The good news, he said, had reached him from Sfax during the day.”

—DR. GÉRARD ENCAUSSE (1865-1916)

Dear Fratres and Sorores,

The creative power of visualization is not limited to obtaining the realization of a desire or the materialization of a wish that is particularly close to our heart. As you will discover for yourself when progressing in the Rosicrucian studies, the creative power of visualization serves as the basis for a large number of mystical practices and constitutes the key to those “miracles” attributed to Masters of the past. Thus, you should accord great importance to the contents of the preceding monographs and let yourself be permeated by them as much as possible. In this regard, do not limit yourself to reading them only once for, as we have reminded you on several occasions, simply having an intellectual knowledge of a spiritual principle is not sufficient for you to be in a position to apply it successfully in your life. It must become a part of yourself and guide each of your thoughts, words, and actions. Constantly bear in mind that mysticism is not an intellectual pastime; it is an inner state that must be reflected in your daily behavior and attract towards you the most positive situations.

Telepathy, the process of communicating at a distance by means of thought, is among those mystical practices requiring the use of visualization. There are two basic methods used to establish such communication. The first involves a perfect mental harmonization between two individuals—a transmitter and a receiver. Telepathy is based on a transmission of thought carried out between the objective consciousness of each of these subjects. For such transmission to take place between them, it is necessary for the second person to know that the first wishes to communicate, because this method can only succeed if the two people concerned willingly put themselves on the “same wavelength.”

It is obvious that this form of telepathy, although very effective, is limited, because it implies a previous understanding between the person who transmits and the one who receives. Yet it is not always possible to bring this understanding about. That is why Rosicrucians have used over the centuries a second method which, unlike the first, does not necessitate a previous agreement between the transmitter and receiver. This method is based on a practice which consists of using the Cosmic Consciousness to project a precise mental message to the subconscious of the person for whom we intend it.



We explained to you in the Postulant Section that each human being does not truly have an individuality distinct from others, because all people are animated by an emanation from the Universal Soul and possess within them the same flow of consciousness—that of Cosmic Consciousness. We all bathe in the same vibratory ocean. We are all linked by our spiritual nature and, whether we are aware of it or not, are affected by the emotions and thoughts of others. It is precisely this relationship which allows us to communicate with one another no matter how far apart we may be. This means that we all have the power to use Cosmic Consciousness to transmit a mental message to others. Naturally, such transmission requires the mastery of a certain technique, and it is that technique we wish to present to you today. As you will note, it constitutes a specific application of the method used to obtain the realization of a desire by means of visualization.

PROJECTING A MENTAL MESSAGE:

1) When you wish to transmit a mental message to a specific person, first define the nature of the message clearly. It should be as simple and concise as possible. It is imperative that the message be composed of a minimum of words and that these words be very evocative. Finally, it involves giving the message the form of a mental telegram, which summarizes only the essential ideas you wish to transmit.

2) After clearly defining your message, visualize the person to whom you wish to send it. Take into account the instructions that we gave previously to make your visualization effective. See that person as though you were really in his or her presence. Mentally observe this person's general build, and then the face with all of its characteristics. Visualize your subject's voice, laugh, perfume (if normally worn), etc. Imagine this person with as much realism as if you were physically in his or her presence.

3) Once the visualization is quite clear and you truly have the impression of being in this person's presence, repeat your message several times, mentally or in a low voice, as if you were really nearby; speaking directly to him or her. While doing this, imagine that the individual sees and hears perfectly what you are mentally saying. See your subject smile or make a friendly gesture, showing that the recipient understood your message fully.



4) When you have repeated your mental message three or four times, while visualizing the person to whom you wish to transmit

it, inhale deeply through your nose, hold your breath for a few moments, then exhale slowly through your nose and say mentally or in a low voice: *“This message is projected into the Cosmic to the attention of (give the full name of the person concerned). If it pleases the Cosmic, it is done!”*

5) After having observed the previous instructions, forget your message and the person for whom it was intended, and place your trust in the Cosmic. The best way to succeed is to resume your normal activities. As was the case for the visualization, whose purpose was to project a desire of what we wanted to be realized, the phase of forgetting is imperative. That is the essential condition for the message to be projected into the Cosmic Consciousness so that it may, through its intermediary, reach the subconscious of the person concerned.

RECEIVING A MENTAL MESSAGE: You may have asked yourself how others receive a mental message we have transmitted to them. Most often, it appears to them in the form of an intuition that urges them to contact us. If they are particularly receptive, they may even “hear” it with the same realism as if we had said it to them verbally and they may have the distinct impression that we have spoken to them. In certain cases, the message is fully received in one of their dreams and, if they are the sort of individuals who easily remember what they have dreamed, they will wake up thinking of you and of the message you have transmitted.

In this regard, one of the best times to make mental contact is when the other person is relaxed or asleep, because his or her subconscious is then very active and faces no opposition from the objective consciousness. However, you may carry out this form of mystical telepathy at any time of the day, when you feel most receptive on the inner level. There is always an interval of time—even just a few seconds—when any individual is receptive to the vibrations of our thoughts.

Another question we may ask ourselves is this: How can the persons contacted know whether we were the source of the message they received? The answer to this question is relatively simple. The method used by Rosicrucians for communicating mentally with others is based on the premise that it is possible, no matter what the distance, to use Cosmic Consciousness as a medium to imprint certain ideas into the subconscious of an individual that we know well enough to visualize. The subconscious, unlike the objective consciousness, is



able to determine the source of all impressions it receives. Our subconscious is not limited by either time or space, and it perceives instantly the identity of any person who contacts us.

The problem is not determining the person who seeks to communicate with us, or even the contents of the mental message this person is sending to us. Rather, the problem is transmitting such dual information to our own objective consciousness. Hence the necessity to develop our intuition and, generally, our aptitude to establish a constant communion between our objective self and our spiritual self. As we become more intuitive and adept in communicating with our subconscious, the more capable we are in picking up thoughts that are intended for us with a positive purpose.

AN EXAMPLE OF MENTAL PROJECTION: Let us illustrate what we have just explained regarding the subject of telepathy through mental projection. Suppose that you want a certain person to get in touch with you as quickly as possible, because you have an urgent piece of information to ask or transmit. This is how you proceed.

Withdraw to a place that is as tranquil as possible and relax for a few minutes. Sit comfortably, with your back as straight as possible and your feet placed flat on the ground and slightly apart from each other. While you are in this position, take three or four deep neutral breaths.

Visualize the person concerned with as much realism as possible. As soon as you see him or her mentally, with as much clarity, precision, and life as if you were truly in that person's presence, say mentally or in a low voice the mental message you wish to transmit: "*Contact me as soon as possible!*" While engaged in this visualization, repeat the message slowly three or four times.

When you feel that your concentration is at its peak of intensity and that your visualization cannot be made any clearer, inhale deeply through your nose, hold the air in your lungs a few moments, and then exhale slowly, still through your nose. After exhaling, say mentally or in a low voice: "*This message is projected into the Cosmic to the attention of* (full name of the person concerned). *If it pleases the Cosmic, it is done!*"



Afterwards totally forget your message and the person for whom it was intended. Return to your activities with the inner conviction that Cosmic Law will be put into effect. You may repeat the whole process, projecting your message into the Cosmic, on

additional occasions. Simply pause for at least a half hour between sessions. In principle, two or three attempts should be sufficient to reach the subconscious of the person concerned, especially if he or she is receptive at that moment.

This is a simple application of the way in which Rosicrucians practice telepathy. We are convinced that you will understand its importance, for you have surely been in the position where you wanted to contact a person whom you could not reach by usual means of communication. Apart from this specific example, there are a great many circumstances where mental projection may prove to be very useful. During the days, weeks, and months to come you will discover for yourself that many situations may require its use.

As was the case for the visualization of a desire, do not expect to be completely successful in your first attempts. Such a faculty requires a certain training. First, you must attain a good level of visualization, and second, you must have complete familiarity with the method to be followed. Also keep in mind that the person to whom you sent your message may not be in a receptive state at that moment, or this individual will have perceived your message and yet did not take it into account or did not follow his or her intuition. Whatever the results obtained, do not be discouraged.

During the next several days, we suggest that you transmit simple mental messages to persons you know quite well and whom you will have an opportunity to meet later. To give an example: Select one person and, following the method we have just indicated, mentally ask him or her to telephone you for news or to share some of his or her own news. With another person, follow the same process in order to transmit to him or her your wish to receive a friendly letter. Finally, suggest to a third person that he or she pay you a visit.

Even if you sometimes have the impression that you have failed in the projection of your mental messages, you will probably be surprised during some future conversation to hear these individuals exclaim to you: "It's funny, but I thought a lot about you on that day!" You will then have confirmation of your success.

With best wishes for Peace Profound,

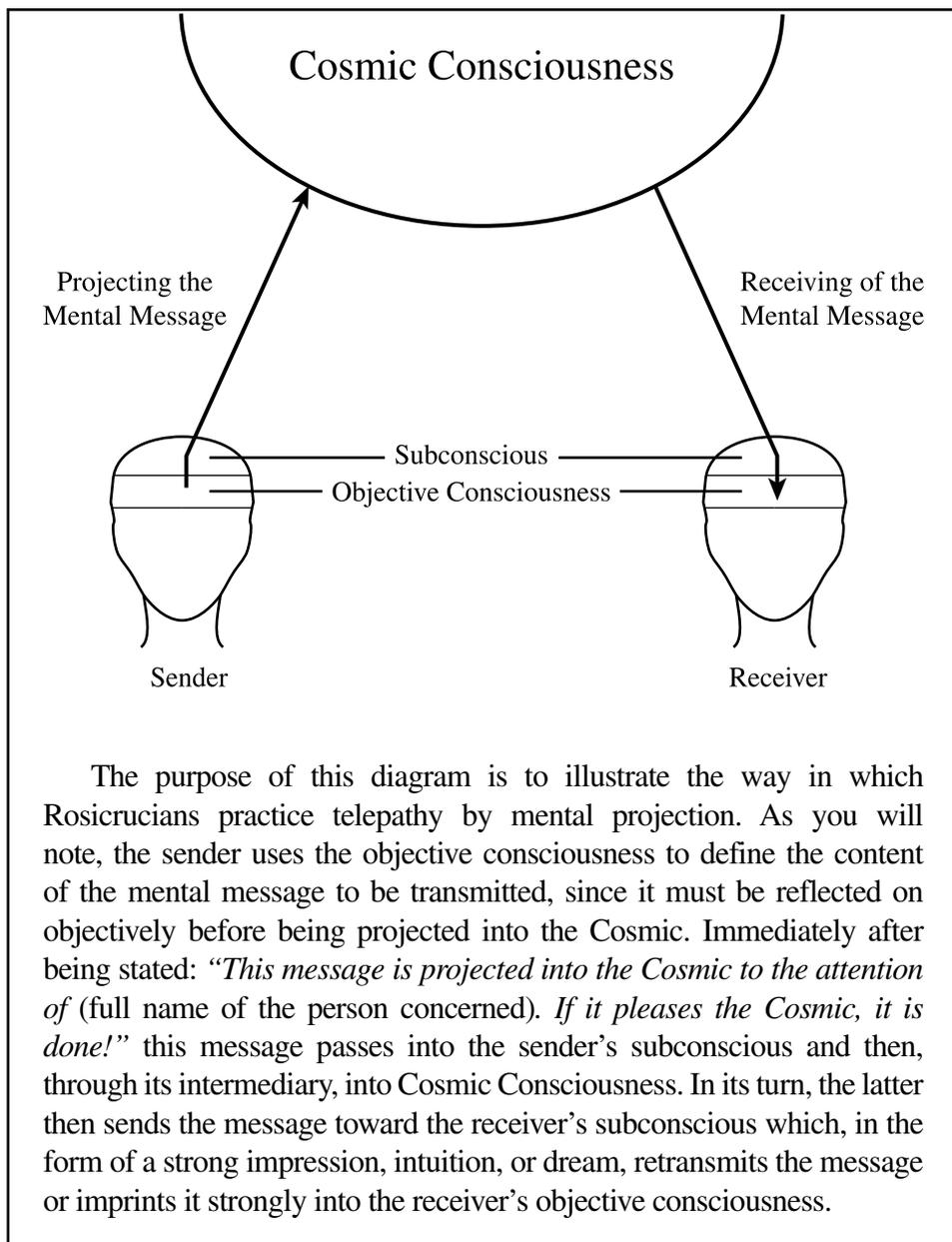
Sincerely and fraternally,

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Practical Application

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The purpose of this diagram is to illustrate the way in which Rosicrucians practice telepathy by mental projection. As you will note, the sender uses the objective consciousness to define the content of the mental message to be transmitted, since it must be reflected on objectively before being projected into the Cosmic. Immediately after being stated: *"This message is projected into the Cosmic to the attention of (full name of the person concerned). If it pleases the Cosmic, it is done!"* this message passes into the sender's subconscious and then, through its intermediary, into Cosmic Consciousness. In its turn, the latter then sends the message toward the receiver's subconscious which, in the form of a strong impression, intuition, or dream, retransmits the message or imprints it strongly into the receiver's objective consciousness.

Summary of This Monograph

After carefully reading this monograph, read the following summary. It contains the major principles on which you are to reflect and meditate in coming days. If any of the points are difficult to understand, refer to the explanations given in this monograph. Moreover, we advise you to read this summary again immediately before your next sanctum period.

- ¶ Visualization is the basis of a large number of mystical practices and constitutes the key to those “miracles” attributed to Masters of the past.
- ¶ Among those mystical practices requiring the use of visualization we find telepathy, the process of sending messages from a distance by means of thought.
- ¶ There exist two basic methods for establishing mental communication. The first involves a transmission of thought occurring between the objective consciousness of two subjects. The second method involves the use of Cosmic Consciousness to project a specific mental message to the subconsciousness of the person for whom we intend it.
- ¶ Cosmic Consciousness is a vibratory ocean in which we all bathe. That is why we can use it to serve as an intermediary to communicate mentally with all others, notwithstanding the distances.
- ¶ A mental message is generally perceived in the form of intuition, a strong impression, or a dream. In this regard, one of the best times to make mental contact is when the other person is relaxed or asleep, for the subconscious is then very active and does not face any interference on the part of the objective consciousness.
- ¶ The subconscious, unlike the objective consciousness, is capable of determining the origin of all the impressions it receives. It is not limited by time or space and instantly perceives the identity of any person trying to contact us.



First Atrium No. 13



CONCURRENCE

Theophrastes Paracelsus, an eminent Rosicrucian of the 16th century, wrote a great deal on black magic and superstition. Since this monograph is directly linked to the study of these subjects, we propose that you read an excerpt from a work that is devoted to them. As you will note, he attributed the origin of beliefs, which have kept humans the prisoners of the most primitive ideas, to credulousness and foolishness. He devoted his entire life to fighting against ignorance because, according to him, it is ignorance which is responsible for all the forms that evil can take on Earth. Centuries have passed since the death of this great mystic, yet the goal of Rosicrucian teachings remains the same: to spread Knowledge among humans, thus liberating us from prejudice and primitive conceptions which prevent us from being happy and from evolving toward a better comprehension of our divine origin.

By means of estimation and imaginations many superstitions are fulfilled, which are not impressions, or incantations, or estimations, simply superstitions capable of being understood by a similar example. I suppose myself imbued with the superstition that when I hear crows chatter on my roof I consider it the sign of someone's death (there are many similar examples which need not be quoted). This superstition may make me ill myself, or kill my sick friend, the cause whereof I set down in my treatise on Superstitions.

My method of observation is this: I regard such chattering as natural, and that it does not operate according to the foolish ideas of humans. By this means, my superstition is destroyed, for it is rendered doubtful when I attribute it to my folly. Nothing destroys superstitions more thoroughly than considering them to be follies. Thus all harm is taken out of them. It is the consensus that leads to action, and this consensus is at once removed if I think of my own simplicity and the folly of such empty credulity. And this does not happen only in the case of crows; it happens with many other things, which it is not necessary, nor would be useful, to rehearse in a treatise on long life. Enough has been said on the subject of observations.

—THEOPHRASTES PARACELSUS (1493-1541)

Dear Fratres and Sorores,

The subject of the previous monograph compels us to now consider a problem of great importance. Indeed, the method we have taught you for transmitting a mental message to another person may suggest that any individual, by following an identical or very similar technique, may project negative thoughts toward us. Thus, the question we may then ask ourselves is this: Can we come under the influence of evil practices whose aim is to harm us? Should we believe in the existence of black magic?

BLACK MAGIC: Before answering these questions, we must first ask ourselves if it is true that some people seek to do evil by means of the creative power of thought. Unfortunately, we are forced to acknowledge that such is the case. There do exist some individuals who are known as “black magicians” who engage in practices intended to harm the victims they have chosen or who have been indicated to them. Their ways of operating differ. Some of them use incantations or curses—magical words—which, according to them, possess the power to unleash demons and evil spirits against someone. Others make mysterious gestures and assert that these gestures set into motion destructive fluids capable of sowing unhappiness and grief. Still others use photographs, effigies, statuettes, or various other objects and, through their mediation, claim that they can kill their victims, drive them mad, make them ill, burn their homes, destroy their herds, etc. Indeed, each of these servants of evil has his or her own technique, and, whether through words or gestures, or even both at the same time, it is based most of all upon the power of the mind. The question is, can this power be used effectively to destructive ends?

Rosicrucian Tradition asserts that it is impossible to use mind power to harm other persons at a distance, thus denying the influence that is sometimes attributed to black magic. Of course, as we have previously mentioned, there are some individuals who do engage in evil practices against certain subjects. However, it is not these practices, which, of themselves, may cause evil; it is the fear they engender within the consciousness of superstitious individuals. Moreover, you will note that only those people who believe in their efficacy can become their victims. This may be explained by the fact that when certain people are convinced that they are under a spell, they put themselves into a negative mental and emotional state that will, in effect, harm them in the end. In this case they are not under the



evil influence of the one casting the spells; rather they are under the influence of their own thoughts. Indeed, being convinced that someone wants to harm them, they poison their own minds and, without truly being aware of it, adopt a bad form of behavior which eventually makes them ill or attracts painful situations to them.

Therefore, we repeat, it is very important to understand that the only power black magic possesses is what we give to it, because these practices have absolutely no power in themselves. Their effectiveness lies only with the persons who lend them any credence, because they subject themselves to negative autosuggestion. As we shall see in the Second Temple Degree, autosuggestion represents a great mental force which, if used wrongly, exposes us to many dangers that all originate from within our own consciousness.

The greatest destructive power of the mind lies in the negative influence that our own mental attitude can exert upon us if we give it the chance. Thus, without considering the example of black magic, it has been scientifically proven that when we constantly harbor negative thoughts, we create within ourselves psychological and physiological conditions that contribute to the onset of illness—both mental and physical. When we begin the study of the Sixth Temple Degree, a degree devoted to the study of health and mystical healing, we will explain to you why this is so and show you that what scientists are now accepting is what Rosicrucians have claimed for centuries.

Be that as it may, to protect yourself from those who claim to cause harm through the use of the mind, quite simply pay no attention to them and maintain a positive mental attitude. Any person who refuses to believe in the efficacy of black magicians will not, under any circumstance, be the victim of their evil practices. We can even add that it is the black magician who will suffer the harm they wish to inflict. Most individuals who try to harm others through malevolent practices end up by falling gravely ill, or even dying, because sooner or later they must suffer the consequences of all the negative thoughts they have entertained.

SUPERSTITION: We cannot bring up the problem of black magic without considering the problem of superstition since, to a very large degree, it is that which gives to those practices their semblance of effectiveness. It is impossible to estimate the number of superstitious beliefs that have developed over the centuries; however, one thing



is certain: All, as Paracelsus stated, have their origin in human ignorance and none correspond to the workings of natural or universal law.

Let us take a few examples to illustrate this. In many countries it is commonly thought that any person who breaks a mirror will experience seven years of bad luck. This preconceived notion is so engraved in the consciousness of certain individuals that they are terrorized by the idea that it may happen to them personally or to any member of their family. Yet, logical analysis shows that there is no cause-and-effect connection between breaking a mirror and experiencing misfortune. The best proof is that many persons who happen to break a mirror, or even several mirrors, will continue to lead a perfectly happy existence. Conversely, you know very well that many ill-fated people have never broken a mirror.

Along these same lines, it is ridiculous to think that the act of walking under a ladder will bring bad luck since, once again, there is no cause-and-effect relationship. The only reason that should prompt us not to walk under a ladder is prudence. Indeed, the presence of a ladder generally indicates that a person is working overhead and that if we walk below, we risk being injured if a tool should fall. From a Rosicrucian point of view, this kind of superstition has its origin in erroneous thinking or an incorrect association of ideas.

Among superstitious beliefs, there are many that involve animals. Thus, it is frequently said that encountering a black cat or a crow is a bad omen; that anyone hearing an owl hoot will have bad luck before long; or that it is a very bad omen to see a bat fly after the sun goes down. Such beliefs are absurd, and more serious still, they have given rise to acts of savagery. During past centuries black cats had their throats slashed and crows were poisoned. As for owls and bats, they were nailed to the doors of homes or barns. In certain regions such horrors are still committed, which proves to what extent superstitious beliefs are anchored in people's mentality. It is obvious that no animal brings bad luck and that such sacrifices are the height of human meanness and stupidity. To claim the contrary would be like saying that Divine Intelligence created animals which have in themselves the power to do evil or to transmit evil.

All animals, without exception, have their usefulness, and even if they appear frightening to us, each one has its part to play as part of the chain of evolution. In this regard, humans have no rights over them, except to respect and love them as they are. Moreover, all



those who mistreat animals or cause them to endure useless suffering—in the name of superstition or even science—create negative karma for themselves. Indeed, while it is false to believe that some animals bring bad luck, it is true that anyone who causes some animal to suffer will someday experience misfortunes intended to make that person understand the cruelty of his or her own acts.

As is the case with all superstition, those associated with animals are based on preconceived ideas and must be vigorously opposed. To return to the examples that we previously cited, it is good to remember that the cat was venerated by the ancient Egyptians. The goddess Bastet, who was represented with the features of this animal, was considered to be the benefactress and protectress of humanity. In ancient Greece both the crow and owl were under the protection of Athena, goddess of wisdom. As for the bat, it is the symbol of happiness and of longevity in many Eastern traditions. In the past these animals were regarded with much respect and were sometimes the object of a religious cult. If these creatures were later linked to negative beliefs, it was due to the ignorance of human beings and to their incapacity to understand and respect all forms of life. While the color black has often been associated with evil, it is ridiculous to imagine that any object or animal displaying that color is maleficent. Likewise, just because night, obscurity, and darkness traditionally represent the negative aspect of life, it should not be deduced that nocturnal animals are demoniacal and bring bad luck. What is involved here is, we repeat, a set of associations, or of ideas, without any philosophical or mystical foundation.

Since an animal cannot bring bad luck, it is quite obvious that no animal exists which can bring good luck. The same is likewise true of any object. Thus, fetishes, amulets, charms, talismans, medals, etc., have no power in themselves. It is incorrect to think that they can bring luck, exorcise evil spells, serve as protection, or accomplish any other action favoring the person who wears them or places them in a specific spot in his or her house. Once again, such beliefs are based on superstitions that have been transmitted from generation to generation; they have absolutely no validity.



If happiness depended solely on possessing a certain object or having a certain animal by one's side, it would imply that any individual having that object or animal could constantly violate

human and divine laws without the risk of experiencing negative consequences. It is evident that this is in total contradiction to the basic principles of mysticism, of spirituality and, in general, of life itself. It is also absurd to claim that if a person is experiencing misfortune, it is only because he or she possesses no good luck charm. When we begin the study of karma in detail, you will fully understand that human beings individually and collectively reap what they sow and that their joys and miseries are due to the way in which they apply free will. Happiness has nothing to do with the wearing of a so-called potent object or the practice of a superstitious belief.

All Masters of the past, whoever they may have been, opposed all forms of superstition, for they knew that such thinking generated fanaticism, intolerance, and disrespect for life. As a member of AMORC, continue their struggle and set the example of a balanced, thoughtful being animated by positive ideas having their source in the understanding and application of cosmic laws. In this regard, your role is very important, for superstitious practices and beliefs are responsible for many misfortunes befalling humanity. Therefore, whenever the occasion arises, you have the duty to show that these practices and beliefs have no foundation, and that they considerably damage the evolution of any so-called civilized society.

With best wishes for Peace Profound,

Sincerely and fraternally,

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Practical Application

Whatsoever thou resolvest to do, do it quickly. Defer not till the evening what the morning may accomplish.—Unto Thee I Grant

In this monograph we have explained that the power of black magic lies solely in the fear aroused by such a practice in the consciousness of superstitious persons. Yet fear, when it is reasonably founded, is an emotion which plays a useful role in everyone's life. Indeed, if human beings were incapable of experiencing this emotion, we would often place our lives in danger by engaging in acts exceeding the limits of our physical or mental potential. In this sense, fear is truly the ally of a certain form of wisdom and constitutes the foundation of the instinct of self-preservation.

What we regret is that fear has been used for servile purposes for such a long time. For centuries fear was the basis of an education based on corporal punishment. However, when fear is used as the exclusive means of forcing a child to recognize authority, whether that of the child's parents or teachers, it arouses within the child feelings of submission and frustration. The child often grows into an adult who may be dominated by false beliefs and superstition.

The power of many religions has been to maintain itself and to continue to maintain itself by the use of dogmas based on the fear of sin and the fear of eternal damnation. Such religions keep their worshipers ignorant of mystical laws and take advantage of their moral submission to cultivate in them a permanent feeling of guilt. This involves a grave error, because people can evolve only by applying their free will and by learning to think for themselves. From this point of view, rather than demanding blind submission to some commandment, religious codes should explain how certain actions are harmful to the individual or society. The spontaneous desire to do good should guide the faithful—and not the fear of doing evil. These remarks are not an unconditional criticism of religion as the vehicle of fundamental ethical and spiritual values; rather, they are the condemnation of all practices that use these values to dominate human beings by maintaining fear and through the teaching of dogmatic, if not superstitious, beliefs.

During the next few days, examine some of your beliefs and see if they are based on personal thoughts or on ideas inculcated in you by others. Evaluate the influence which the opinion of others has exerted or is exerting on you and, by so doing, act accordingly to acquire greater freedom of thought. Also take the time to analyze current superstitions and determine whether some of them make an impression on you. If such is the case, you absolutely must use your good sense and free yourself from their domination, for they have no reality outside of your own consciousness.

Summary of This Monograph

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- ¶ Only those persons who believe in the efficacy of evil practices can become its victims because, when they become convinced that they are under a spell, they put themselves into a mental and emotional state that will harm them in the end.
- ¶ The only power black magic possesses is that which we give to it; this practice has absolutely no efficacy in itself. Its effectiveness lies only with the persons who lend it any credence, subjecting themselves to negative autosuggestion.
- ¶ It has been scientifically proven that when we constantly harbor negative thoughts, we create within ourselves psychological and physiological conditions which contribute to the onset of illness—both mental and physical.
- ¶ A person who refuses to believe in the efficacy of black magicians will not, under any circumstances, be the victim of their evil practices. Evildoers are the ones who will suffer the harm they wish to inflict.
- ¶ All superstitions have their origin in erroneous reasoning or in an incorrect association of ideas that do not correspond to universal or natural law.
- ¶ All those who mistreat animals or cause them to endure useless suffering—either in the name of superstition or science—create negative karma for themselves. Anyone who causes an animal to suffer will someday experience misfortunes intended to make that person understand the cruelty of his or her acts.
- ¶ While it is false to believe that some animals bring bad luck, it is quite obvious that none can bring good luck. The same is true for any object. Fetishes, amulets, charms, talismans, medals, etc., have no power in themselves.
- ¶ Individually and collectively, people reap what they sow, and their joys and miseries are due to the way in which they apply free will. Happiness has nothing to do with the wearing of a so-called potent object or the practice of some superstitious belief.



First Atrium No. 14



CONCURRENCE

The triangle has always been used to symbolize certain mystical laws and principles. In one of the Temple Degrees we will study its symbolism in detail and see that it varies according to the traditions and religions involved. Within the framework of this Atrium, we will limit ourselves to examining the major law that it represents for Rosicrucians. Since this monograph is devoted to that study, we propose that you read an excerpt of a text found in our Order's archives. You will note the Law of the Triangle holds a significant place in our teachings.

All that has been, is, and will be is governed by the Ternary, because it is the Ternary which unites the elements that nature has opposed, so that, mutually complementing one another, they mix their potencies and give rise to what was not. At the beginning of time, the Unity existed alone in the Ineffable, yet already in its Thought, God had conceived multiplicity. Through its Verbum, it projected into infinity the Primordial Substance, and the One found in Two the mirror It was seeking. Then the Primordial Substance received the breath of Divine Essence, and it was then that out of the Fiat Lux surged the Three, and with it all the forms of life. And the human is one of the multiple reflections of the Ternary, because our Soul is only a segment of Divine Essence and our body a fragment of the Primordial Substance. And it is because we are Soul and body, One and Two, that we are a living and conscious being, manifesting in matter the third point of a Spiritual Triangle. And as we are also at the crossroads of Macrocosm and Microcosm, we are also in the center of a circle, the Universal Circle, which sets the limits of two triangles, the first looking toward Heaven and the second toward Earth.

—ROSICRUCIAN ARCHIVES

Dear Fratres and Sorores,

The method we have taught you for projecting a mental message toward a specific person leads us to a very important mystical law of the Rosicrucian Tradition: the Law of the Triangle. This method requires the interplay of three fundamental points: the sender, Cosmic Consciousness, the receiver. If you refer to the diagram in the Practical Application of monograph No. 12, the existence of these three points will seem obvious to you. A simple analysis of this diagram clearly shows that it is impossible to transmit or receive a mental message if the corresponding triangle is not formed. Moreover, it is for this reason that no one can use the power of thought to exert a negative influence over you, because Cosmic Consciousness does not relay that kind of influence. On the contrary, it contributes to the transmission and reception of any positive mental impression.

THE LAW OF THE TRIANGLE: Mental projection is only one application of the Law of the Triangle, as this law is universal and applies to all that exists, whether on the material plane or the spiritual plane. It is based on the premise that no perfect manifestation can be produced if two conditions of an opposite nature do not come together. Thus, the *One*, in the science of Numbers, represents only a beginning, a start, an initial condition needing its opposite to take on a complete expression or form. Without the *Two*, the *One* remains in a latent state and can produce no true material or spiritual manifestation. That is why mystics have stated for centuries that all of Creation obeys the Law of Duality. When *One* and *Two* are placed in the presence of each other, they mutually attract, and from their union *Three* is born, a third condition, which, in itself, is the point of manifestation of the triangle thus formed. That third condition then possesses the qualities of the first two, while constituting a distinct entity.

Let us take two simple examples to illustrate the Law of the Triangle. In nature, life, with the exception of a few plant or animal species, cannot perpetuate itself without the union of two complementary cells, male and female. As long as that union is not achieved, procreation is not possible. If we consider the human species, we see that the birth of a child results from the fusion of a spermatozoon and an ovum. That fusion is an example of the Law of the Triangle, because *One*, uniting with *Two*, produces *Three*, which is none other than the child itself. This



child, while a distinct entity from its father and mother, is genetically speaking a combination of the two.

The same principle applies to the material world. An electrical current possesses a positive phase and a negative phase, and the union of these two phases produces electricity, such as we generally use it. Once again, we see that the Law of the Triangle is the combination of two opposing conditions which produces a third, for without the encounter of the negative and positive poles, no phenomenon of electricity can manifest in a tangible manner.

Here is an important point: When *One* is put in the presence of *Two* and no internal or external agent opposes it, their union inevitably gives rise to *Three*. It is this finding that is the source of the saying “Everything comes in threes.” Many sayings, despite their simple and familiar appearance, illustrate some of the greatest laws of nature and of the universe. When, for instance, the opposite poles of two magnets are brought together, an attraction is inevitable. The application of the Law of the Triangle to the phenomenon of magnetism results. If a ball is thrown against a wall, it will of necessity bounce back since the act of throwing a ball gives rise to an active force which, when in contact with the passive condition represented by the wall, produces a manifestation: the rebound.

We could use a number of examples to show you that all manifestations result from the encounter of two conditions of an opposite nature. When this encounter occurs in the world of living matter, the two forces in conjunction are described as *male gender* and *female gender*. When it is manifested in the realm of electricity or magnetism, we speak of *positive polarity* and *negative polarity*. When it is applied to physical or chemical phenomena, we use the terms *active principle* and *passive principle*. Yet, no matter what terminology is used, the fundamental law involved is that of the triangle.

When the terms *negative* and *positive* are used in conjunction with the Law of the Triangle, it is important to understand that *negative* does not indicate a bad or harmful condition, in contrast to a good or useful condition. In reality, the two words are relative and concern two polarities that are of equal importance in the application of this law on both the material plane and the spiritual plane. If we consider once again the case of procreation, a man on his own cannot perpetuate life or give birth to children. Likewise, the positive phase of electricity is insufficient



to produce an electrical current. As we indicated previously, the negative phase is indispensable. In general, every phenomenon or every manifestation results from a duality having two poles, two aspects, or two elements whose function makes them complementary or indispensable to one another.

APPLYING THE LAW OF THE TRIANGLE: Does the Law of the Triangle have a practical value in our everyday affairs? The answer, of course, is yes. Before starting on any new project, we can mentally set out our plans in the form of a triangle and very carefully define the two conditions we must combine in order to obtain the desired result. Such an analysis generally makes it possible to discern what we should do or not do, to say or not say so as to produce the third point, that of the manifestation we desire.

Likewise, when we are confronted by a disagreeable test or situation, rather than enduring it and bemoaning our fate, we must determine what two conditions brought it about. Having done that, our task remains to cancel one of them so that this misfortune or situation may disappear on its own. In some cases it is enough to act on the human level to produce this cancellation. In other cases, it must be created in the Cosmic by using the power of visualization. Quite often it is best to join our own efforts to the spiritual aid we may receive.

The subject of health affords a good example to illustrate what we have just explained. Indeed, any illness, whether we realize it or not, manifests according to the Law of the Triangle, resulting from the conjunction of two conditions or two points. Illness is the third point of a particular triangle. The first point is none other than the sick person, for he or she is the one enduring the suffering caused by his or her condition. He or she therefore constitutes the passive principle of the triangle thus formed. The second point is defined by the cause of the illness which, in this particular case, represents the active principle. As long as that cause remains unchecked, the illness will persist. It is therefore necessary to discover the cause and then cancel it. After having established the diagnosis, a little rest and appropriate treatment generally allow healing to take place. To this “material” action should be added the spiritual aid we may receive from the Cosmic. For this to occur, the instructions given in the booklet *Liber 888—Council of Solace* should be followed. After the cause of suffering is neutralized, the corresponding triangle ceases to exist, for the second point has been canceled. Illness then disappears and the patient recovers his or her health.



To conclude our study of the Law of the Triangle, we must specify that for centuries Rosicrucians have made a distinction between its material application and its spiritual application, even if the principles involved are the same. When applied to the material world, we symbolize this law by a triangle whose point is directed upwards. In the absolute, such a triangle represents for Rosicrucians a perfect earthly manifestation. When applied to the spiritual world, we use a triangle whose point is directed downwards. In contrast to the previous one, it is the mystical representation of a cosmically perfect manifestation. It sometimes happens that the two triangles are represented together, with the two interlaced, as in the Star of David or in Solomon's seal. In this case, the symbol thus formed corresponds to the number 6 and evokes the union of the material and spiritual worlds, with all the manifestations proper to them. In the Practical Application of this monograph you will find a representation of the symbolism of the triangle as perpetuated by us in the Rosicrucian teachings.

It is with this monograph that the First Atrium comes to a close. The next, entitled the *Analytical Series*, will constitute a review of everything we have examined during the previous months. As you will note, it takes the form of a series of exercises whose purpose is to test your ability to analyze some specific situations which, in all cases, will have a direct connection with what you have studied since beginning your affiliation with our Order.

In the meantime, we ask that you pay full attention to the examination officially closing the first degree of this Neophyte Section. Read each question carefully and try to answer it as briefly as possible in your study notebook. If you have any difficulty in finding one of the answers, the subject matter undoubtedly deserves further review. In that case, do not hesitate to study again the corresponding monograph between two consecutive regular sanctum periods.

With best wishes for Peace Profound,

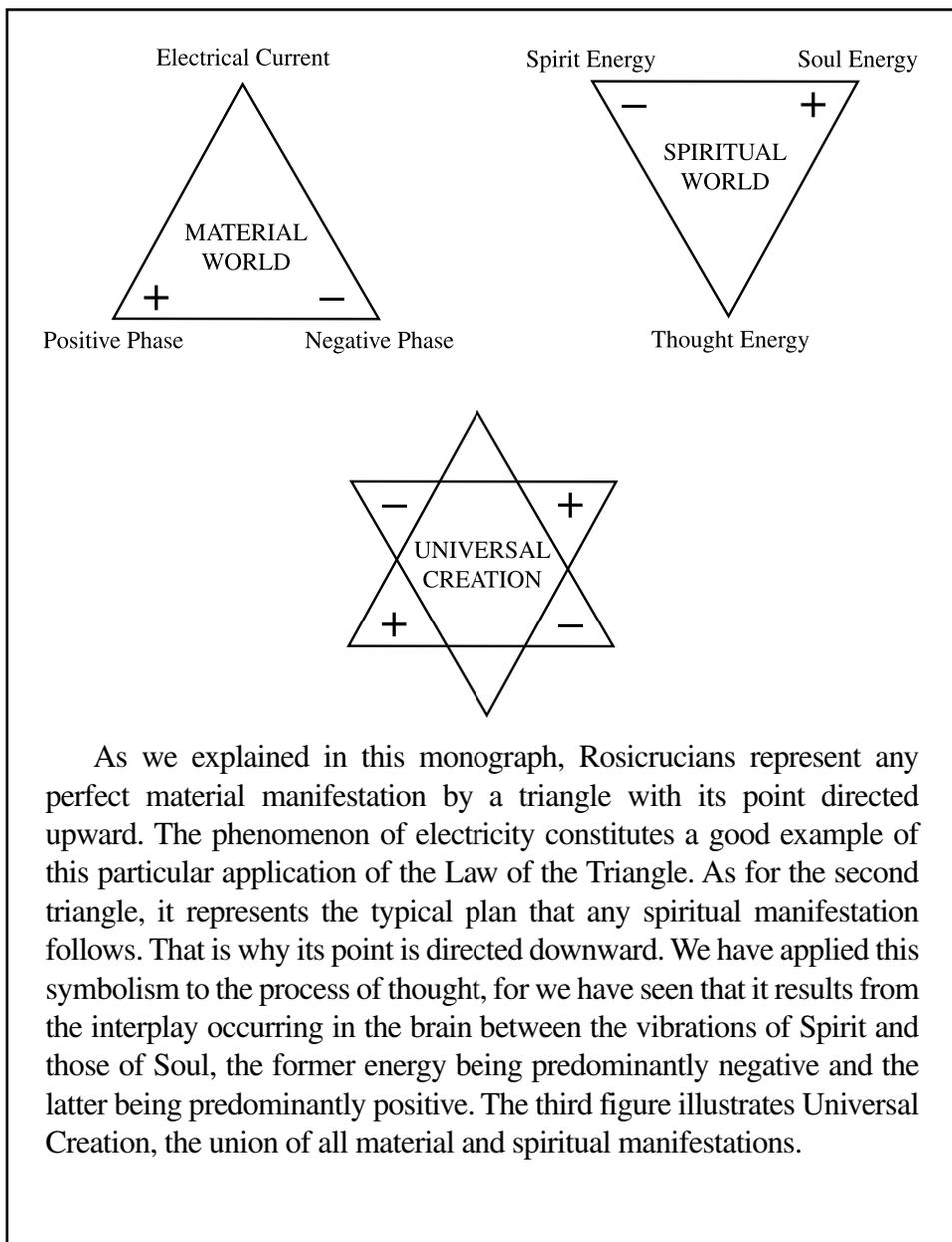
Sincerely and fraternally,

YOUR CLASS MASTER



Practical Application

Whatsoever thou resolvest to do, do it quickly. Defer not till the evening what the morning may accomplish.—Unto Thee I Grant



As we explained in this monograph, Rosicrucians represent any perfect material manifestation by a triangle with its point directed upward. The phenomenon of electricity constitutes a good example of this particular application of the Law of the Triangle. As for the second triangle, it represents the typical plan that any spiritual manifestation follows. That is why its point is directed downward. We have applied this symbolism to the process of thought, for we have seen that it results from the interplay occurring in the brain between the vibrations of Spirit and those of Soul, the former energy being predominantly negative and the latter being predominantly positive. The third figure illustrates Universal Creation, the union of all material and spiritual manifestations.

Summary of This Monograph

After carefully reading this monograph, read the following summary. It contains the major principles on which you are to reflect and meditate in coming days. If any of the points are difficult to understand, refer to the explanations given in this monograph. Moreover, we advise you to read this summary again immediately before your next sanctum period.

- ¶ The method of sending a mental message to a specific person obeys the mystical Law of the Triangle. By virtue of that law, no one can use the power of thought to exert a negative influence upon us, because Cosmic Consciousness does not relay this kind of influence.
- ¶ The Law of the Triangle is universal and applies to all that exists, whether on the material plane or the spiritual plane. It is based on the premise that a perfect and complete manifestation can occur only if two conditions of an opposing nature come together.
- ¶ When *One* and *Two* are placed in each other's presence, they attract one another and from their union is born *Three*, a third condition which, in itself, is the point of manifestation of the triangle thus formed.
- ¶ The popular saying "Everything comes in threes" illustrates the Law of the Triangle—that is, when two opposing conditions are brought together, their union results if no internal or external agent opposes it.
- ¶ Before starting on any new project, we should mentally set out our plans in the form of a triangle and very carefully determine the two conditions we must combine to obtain the desired result.
- ¶ For centuries, Rosicrucians have made a distinction between the material application and the spiritual application of the Law of the Triangle, even if the principles involved are the same.
- ¶ In Rosicrucian Tradition, a triangle whose point is directed upward represents a perfect earthly manifestation. A triangle pointing downward symbolizes a perfect spiritual manifestation. When those two triangles are intertwined, they evoke the union of the material and spiritual worlds, with all the manifestations proper to them.

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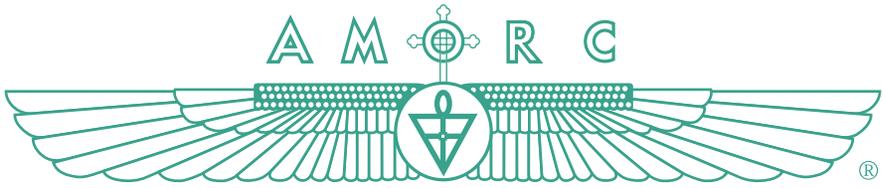
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First Atrium Self-Examination

The following questions are presented only to allow you to determine your comprehension of the important points contained in the monographs of the Neophyte Section. It is not necessary to send your answers to us, because only you will be able to determine whether you gave the required attention to the teachings of this section. Write your answers carefully in your study notebook and then check to see if they are essentially correct.

- 1) What energy acts as the basis of matter and in what forms does it manifest in all material substances?
- 2) From a mystical point of view, what causes the difference existing between one form of matter and another?
- 3) What is the very specific characteristic of human vision?
- 4) Upon what does our interpretation of material things focus and how does it operate?
- 5) What was Copernicus's major theory?
- 6) What can you say about the concept of property?
- 7) What is the Rosicrucian definition of thought?
- 8) List the four kinds of brain waves and give their approximate frequency.
- 9) What can you say about the areas of the brain?
- 10) What is concentration and in what fields can it be applied?
- 11) What is the symbolism of fire?
- 12) What difference is there between knowledge and wisdom?
- 13) What is the aura of an object?
- 14) List the colors of the solar spectrum in their proper order.
- 15) What does visualization consist of and what is its purpose?
- 16) What does the creative power of visualization depend upon?
- 17) What method should be followed to obtain the realization of a desire by the means of visualization?
- 18) What method should be followed to send a mental message to someone?
- 19) What does the Rosicrucian Tradition teach concerning black magic and superstition?
- 20) What does the Law of the Triangle consist of and what are some examples of its application?

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