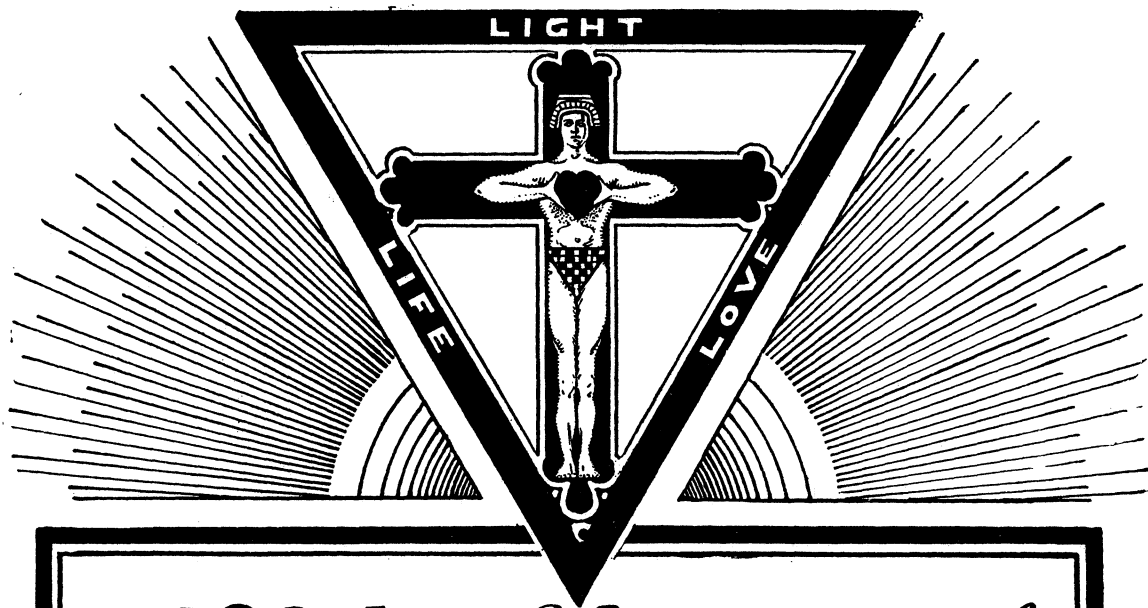


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The Creative Power of Man's Mind

*A Lecture Delivered by The Emperor to the Ethical
Culture Society of San Francisco*



It was common for ancient rulers to begin a manifesto with the words: "By the Power in me decreed, I direct, etc., etc." The idea back of this and similar phrases was that by the physical power resulting from the station they held, they directed or commanded certain things to be done.

It is a notable fact that in most cases these rulers possessed no power to force their issues or command results from their decrees other than that residing in their armed forces; and individually and personally they seldom possessed sufficient mental or physical prowess to combat the attacks of the least of their serfs.

But so great was the power of station, position, and authority that nations often trembled in fear at a proclamation.

Such autocrats, seemingly safe in their guarded environment and omnipotent with a power foreign to their own beings, have at times found themselves conquered by the command and controlling influence of a master mind.

When Raymund VI, Count of Toulouse, himself a powerful ruler of the most progressive province of France, set his mind against the edicts of church and class rule, he conquered the formidable forces of military and political mastership, as his great forebear, Raymund IV (of St. Gilles) had done in the Crusades to Jerusalem.

All through history we find record of the stupendous achievements and marvelous victories of those men, and women, who have possessed and exerted a power not physical and not dependent upon physical constitution. They have mastered kings, potentates, and rulers, and have swayed nations and empires by their seeming magnetic personalities and an invisible power coupled with a weird ability to assure a fulfillment of their desires.

What is this strange power? and how is it exerted?

First of all one must bear in mind that the greatest, most potent and formidable power this side of the Cosmic circle is resident in the very spiritual being of man.

Whatever physical power man may inherit through clean, wholesome ancestry, and whatever further power he may acquire or develop in his physical body, is, after all, dependent upon the mind in his body to direct it and exert it.

In fact the mind of man has the natural, endowed, ability and function, to attract to itself, to draw to its aid and need, such power at times as man little understands.

Man is, essentially, a counterpart of God. Created in God's spiritual and divine likeness, God gave unto man the directive, creative power, to a degree, that God possessed.

Let us look at the matter in an analytical way. Here we have the physical body of man. Clay of clay, the "salt of the earth," a wonderful organization, a marvelous piece of mechanical design. Of and by itself it possesses not even strength enough to hold its individual cells together or to hold itself upright without the power of residing solely in the spiritual consciousness or psychic body within the physical.

The psychic body, invisible to most, recognized by few, is the divine power, the only power man possesses. The physical body is its mere tool, its gross mechanism, for the accomplishment of but a few of the activities that should be the occupation and devotion of man.

We may liken this combination to the great electrical motors which operate in large factories. The creator of these motors worked diligently and carefully in designing and evolving the mechanical and organic details, even adding grace and beauty to the outer form, ever mindful of two fundamentals,—that it was to perform well and that it would be the tool of the power to be infused into it when it was completed.

But, whereas man has learned that no motor is greater than the power operating through it, he has come to look upon his own body, and its demonstrations of power, as a wonderfully independent creature, possessing in its physical constitution a power unrelated to the divine source of all power.

Truly, man has learned that his personal abilities and physical activities depend upon life,—that mysterious force which distinguishes the animate from the inanimate. But he seldom realizes that life, as a vitality of the flesh, is not the directing power that gives him the other powers he enjoys. Think, if you will, of the body of man in an unconscious state! Life, as a vitality, an energy, a chemical action, is still there; but the man is a helpless being. Life, as a vitality in the flesh, is not sufficient to make the man mighty in all that is his Divine Heritage.

Mind, the inseparable segment of the Divine Will, resident in man as the creative principle, must function in order that man may utilize and demonstrate the real power that is his.

Man has the ability to direct his marvelous creative power, in invisible waves, to all points within his body, and to all points outside of the body. When man decides to pick a lead pencil from the desk, his mind directs to the muscles of his arm and fingers the power to make those parts move. More power is directed to the same parts when he decides to lift from the floor fifty pounds of lead.

When man thinks, meditates, images, visualizes, and mentally pictures, he is directing waves of creative power to his mind centres. These waves are waves of energy and power. They can be directed

to a point outside of the consciousness more uniformly and more truly than radio waves can be directed from the antenna of a broadcasting station today.

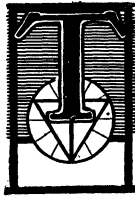
But, again, only a few know and appreciate this fact, hence, the false belief that the physical power demonstrated by the body is the only power man possesses and the only way in which personal power can be made manifest.

Once all come to know that by the concentration of the mind on one point, on one principle, on one desire, a power is radiated to that point with creative nature and demonstrative abilities, man will think more carefully, more constructively and more efficiently, and, the likeness unto the image of God will dawn upon the consciousness of man to his greater glory and the eternal worship of his creator.

The Mystical Meaning of Amen.

Its Relation to Numbers, Music, and Other Etherial Vibrations

By SRI RAMATHERIO



THE use of the strange word AMEN in Christian doctrines and literatures has often attracted the attention of mystics and caused much speculation among students of occult literature. And, when one notes that in the Christians Bible, (Rev. 3:14) the Master Jesus is referred to as "the AMEN," the origin, author, prince and ruler of all creatures in heaven and earth,—as one interpreter puts it, one realizes that there is a deeper significance to the word than is apparent from its general use, or misuse.

The word AMEN, in one form or another, is very old. It is a vital, living word, because it is an expression of certain vowel sounds and vibrations that are fundamental to life and power. Like many other words used by the ancients with understanding and full realization of their proper use, it was adopted by successive religious movements and finally lost in the collection of mere terms. Perhaps no other mystical word is used so often in the Christian religion in a purely *ritualistic* sense and with so little appreciation of its origin, intent, purpose and possibilities.

Regardless of the method one uses, after months of research and analysis of the word, one comes face to face with the indisputable fact that the word AMEN in every ancient language is a contraction of the very old and mystical word, AUMEN (AUM-EN). Learning this fact the investigator and student alike are relieved. It makes the further analysis of the word easy and interesting. It gives us a pristine thought and pure idea from which to start.

By dividing the word into its two syllables we arrive at the elementary principles.

In the ancient Sanscrit language, the language from which all languages of the Aryan race were derived, the word AUM was not only a sacred word, but a most significant one. It was intoned reverently in all holy convocations, and its strange sound was used over and over to cause certain vibratory effects which the initiates of the higher grades of our Rosicrucian teachings will readily recognize.

The A was given the number 1 by the ancients and the letter itself meant *SHIVA*, the Father, the Preserver, the Creator,—the number and principle from which all things are derived. Its sound is broad, like *ah* or as *a* in *ART*, and its music note is A natural.

The letter U was given the number 3 (in the same number system presented by Pythagoras) and meant the triune expression of form,—the body, soul, and mind in one,—the living Son. Its sound is, fortunately, difficult to present in words in *print*, and is only conveyed to the mind of another by the careful, guarded, demonstration of a Master.

The letter M was given the number 4, the square, and meant the Spirit (Brama). Its sound is also peculiar and is made by bringing the lips closely together, retracting the breath and expelling air through the left nostril more strongly than through the right one. (Bear in mind that the proper use of sound includes control of the use of the two nostrils independent of each other. The uninitiated may not know it, but all of us breathe differently through the nostrils according to our physical, psychic and mental conditions, and according to the influences of the planets upon our psychic bodies.)

By adding the three letters together, then, we have AUM. The meaning of this trinity is *Father, Son, and Spirit* (or Holy Breath, or Ghost). Here we find at once the origin of the Sacred Trinity as later adopted. The student will profit much by turning to the subject of "The Trinity" in any large encyclopedia and reading in the lines and between them the meaning of this ancient doctrine.

By adding the numerical values of the letters AUM, we have, $1+3+4=7$. Seven has always been a mystical number, representing the Sacred Cycle, or complete period, of creation.

The latter part of the word, *EN*, has the same relation to the whole world as the usual suffix added to a root word to give a final shade of meaning. Many attempts have been made to give the letters *EN* a mystical meaning, but speculation too largely entered into such attempts.

Finally, when the word AUM-EN or AMEN (AHMEN) is properly spoken it has certain relationship with preceeding musical sounds (in which case it is used as a cadence or close, as a chord of the Dominant 7th followed by the triad on the tonic); or it is given two definite musical notes of its own.

The effect of the word, therefore, in conjunction with proper breathing, is to fix or stabilize certain vibrations previously aroused in the surrounding ether and bring about a Cosmic Manifestation.

In this sense it is as though one suddenly checked the revolving discs of a machine containing colored segments, and whatever design was thus presented at the stopping of the discs remained fixed.

Hence the word Amen was used in a slightly corrupted form to express one's thought of "It shall be thus!" or "May it so be!" Properly used it contains no suggestion of plea or hope, nor even command. It is simply—and mightily—a decree containing an inherent power to *manifest the decree*.

How greatly a word of power has come to be misused through formality and ignorance of its origin! But, is this not true of many mystical words? And are we not, as students of AMORC, rapidly discovering our errors?

Impressive Ceremony in California Grand Lodge.

One of the Largest Initiations Ever Held in the West Arouses Considerable Interest



As a farewell ceremony to the membership in California the Emperor planned and conducted on Sunday evening, September 27th, the largest initiation ceremony ever held in the West by the AMORC. From among many applications for membership received, a careful survey of investigation was conducted through personal interviews and other means of inquiry, and seventy-two men and women were initiated into the First Grade of the Order after final selections had been completed. The new Egyptian temple and offices of the California Grand Lodge were crowded to the utmost by the presence of so many new members, the large staff of ritualistic officers, executive officers, and general members. It was undoubtedly the most impressive and beautiful ceremony ever conducted in any of our lodges and the ceremony itself was divided into two periods, from half-past two in the afternoon until half-past nine in the evening.

The Emperor's Address

During the course of the ceremony, when the aprons of the lodge were placed upon the bodies of those who had just been raised at the Shekinah in the center of the temple, the Emperor took occasion to make a special address to Neophytes who were being initiated under his direction. The address follows, and we feel sure that our members everywhere will be pleased to read these words from the Emperor because his lectures and official addresses are seldom published:

"Beloved Neophytes, I now address you as Brothers and Sisters who have been raised to the sublime degree of *Zealtors* of our Order. This title is conferred upon you because of the plea you made by letter and in person that you were zealously striving to find the greater light and spread that light to all mankind. You have just been raised into the first grade of our Order, at the first point of our sacred Triangle, and you have just pledged your allegiance to the Great Oath of our Brotherhood. With the officers of this lodge robed in their Egyptian regalia, and with the environment of the Egyptian temple of old, you have passed through various features of a ceremony like unto those that were held in the mystery temples of ancient Egypt. And, as a fitting climax to your elevation to the grade of Zealtor, our beloved medalist has tied about your body the apron which you now wear.

"It is necessary that I say a few words to you in regard to the symbolism and purpose of this triangular apron. It does not confer upon you any honor or dignity, it is not given to you to take from this temple, as a token of your admission into the order; nor are you ever to look upon that apron as a symbol of superior endowment. Whatever dignity or honor may ever become associated with these aprons must be conferred upon them by your actions and the life you live. These aprons are to be placed upon your bodies at the outer portal of each of our temples at any convocation or service. This is to symbolize your readiness and your preparedness for work and worship; and whenever you labor in behalf of humanity or whenever you labor in your

studies of nature's laws, within or without our temples, the thought should be in your mind that you are a servant laboring in God's vineyard. Let this be in your mind always and in this way will you glorify the symbol of the apron.

"And while speaking on this subject of work and worship and of laboring in behalf of mankind, I want to speak of one other point, and call your attention to the words of the Guardian in the outer chamber who spoke to you just before you faced the *Terror of the Threshold* in the presence of your conscience. He warned you that before you could cross the threshold and stand the test that awaited you, you must lay aside all honors and titles and with humility enter the Master's temple as a humble Neophyte.

"In selecting the members to form this large class, extreme care was exercised to make it as diversified in its physical and mental composition as possible. The purpose of this was to permit of the largest possible representation of interests and knowledge so that when the discussions take place at the close of each lecture each week, there will be a great diversity of opinion and light of experience cast upon every problem from every angle represented by the persons in this class. In this body of 72 initiates, which will form the regular Friday night class of this Lodge in San Francisco, we have 29 sisters and 43 brothers. Socially, they represent in the material world every grade of social standing from one who has been knighted in England and who has lived in the palaces of Europe, to those who are in more humble circumstances. Professionally, this class includes some who are associated with the Diplomatic Service in this country and other countries, national and city governmental officers, law-years of local and national repute, physicians of every recognized school of therapeutics, including one who is known in the East for his work in connection with medical research, magazine and newspaper writers, and writers of special articles who are well known to all of us; musicians, singers, and directors of music connected with institutions and opera companies of the East, and the West, professors and teachers of scientific subjects connected with the various schools or institutes of the West, and some of them for twenty years or more leaders in their schools, and representatives of nearly all of the philosophical, occult and metaphysical movements in the U. S. There are others who have been supporting patrons of the fine arts in this city and those who in their private way have been profoundly interested in humanitarian activities.

The members of this class also represent nine different races of mankind and the diversity in tongue is such that seven languages are adequately represented. Every religion is also represented except any which would prevent the freedom of soul and mind in thought and expression as distinctly set forth in the Great Oath. And you will note that those of various colors and countries are also represented.

"But these differences in social standing, profession, occupation, race, and religion, will have no bearing upon your advancement in your work with this Order, or your individual attainment, except as these differences will cast various beams of light

upon the laws and principle being taught and contribute through the many experiences of life those lessons which are valuable to all of us. Here in this Temple and in the mental and spiritual boundaries of the brotherhood, all are levelled to one standard and one grade of existence,—the Divine within the human body. Each shall know the other as *Brother or Sister*. Each shall extend to the other the grip and clasp of fellowship, and each shall salute the other by no other title than that of a worker and student in our sacred brotherhood.

"And so I greet you again, Beloved Neophytes, as Brothers and Sisters, and direct you to set aside in your daily lives and personal affairs, each Friday night of the immediate future as your lodge night, your class night, your work and worship night. Let it be known to all your friends, relatives and associates that you have set aside one night in each week when nothing but a decree of Divine Providence will interfere with your attendance to your duty and your aspirations. Even physical illness need not keep you absent from your class for long,

for the Order and its many workers are always ready to render that aid which will assist in a speedy recovery, and there are those within the organization, even in your own class here, qualified by the systems of various schools to render competent help, and our own principles may be invoked to assist nature in restoring perfect health, if it be the will of God. Therefore, to this particular Temple of the California Grand Lodges shall you come each Friday night at eight o'clock, as come others to this Temple on other nights of the week, and as thousands go to their various lodges of this Order in many cities of this land and other lands,—for the purpose of receiving graded lessons and instructions given by the Masters of the Lodges and participating in the many benefits that are given freely to those who abide by the promises just made at the sacred Altar. With these personal explanations and instructions we will now proceed with the remaining features of this sublime ceremony which illustrates the laws and principles taught in the first grade of our Order."

Notes for the Members

There has just been received at Headquarters two copies of the Emperor's book, "A Thousand Years of Yesterdays," translated and printed in the Finnish language. A high officer of the Rosicrucian organization in Finland cabled a few months ago asking permission to translate the book. The permission was granted by prepaid cable and now we have two copies. We expect more shortly. The Emperor's book has become a leading occult work in foreign countries as is easily seen by the way it is listed and referred to in all foreign catalogues of such books, and it has been quoted in many foreign occult publications. It has been translated into French, Italian, Swedish, Dutch, German, and Finnish, and will soon appear in Spanish. Few occult books in the past have had this distinction. We regret to say, however, that the English edition, issued in San Francisco several years ago, is now exhausted. Since the Emperor does not wish to have it reprinted, we surmise he is working on another book.

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Preparatory to moving to Tampa, the AMORC has taken over the holdings of the Oriental Literature Syndicate so far as they relate to the book "Unto Thee I Grant." After November 15th no more copies will be sold by the Oriental Literature Syndicate and all copies will be controlled by the AMORC. It has proven to be so well liked, so appreciated, that we believe we should control the book as our own.

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Here, for instance, is a letter received from Brother S. H. Cleaver, member of Delta Lodge, in Philadelphia:

"The leather bound copy of 'Unto Thee I Grant' has been received and I wish to say it is beautiful, within and without. It contains the most concise collection of beautiful and elevated ideas and ideals I have ever seen. It has ideas for every phase of life and is thoroughly practical in every particular. It contains advice and counsel for the elect as well as the average and tells it all in language plain and easily understood. It is truly the best literary production of an occult nature given to the public in many years. It should be read by every member

and I will always keep it among my most cherished books right handy for reading at any moment of leisure."

The edition is so limited that there will be no copies left for sale after December first of this year.

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Another "Swami" came to San Francisco a few months ago and advertised himself most impressively on the billboards and in the newspapers of this city. He succeeded in having one of the large churches introduce him from the platform on a Sunday morning. He made extravagant claims and lived in the most luxurious style. Now the papers announce his arrest by the police for attempting to use forty thousand dollars belonging to some elderly woman for a Temple. He admits that he also gathered together over seventy thousand dollars from the pocketsof "seekers" in this city during the past two months.

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Recognition of all the Higher Laws, which really constitute the one Great Law, is the only safe procedure. We are reminded of those beautiful words:

"In the great, strong arms of The Law I trust,
In its great, great heart I rest;
In the sun or shade, I am unafraid,
For the way IT leadeth, is best."

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We have just received a letter from our former Supreme Secretary *Analogius*, (W. C. Moore) who is in Los Angeles. He wishes to be remembered to all the Brothers and Sisters who have known him by correspondence and otherwise for many years. He is very well and happy, as is his good wife.

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Despite the fact that August was a summer month when nothing serious is supposed to be done by anyone—except planning vacation trips—the increase of membership in the month of August was unusually high. Our members are as responsible for this as our conservative though widespread advertising. Many members each week are brought into the Order through the direct efforts of our older members. That sort of propaganda is the most efficient and the most pleasing to all concerned.

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EDITORIAL

This issue of the magazine is being mailed a little later than usual and it is very possible that the November issue will be late also. Therefore please do not feel that you have been forgotten if you do not receive your November issue on time. The change of offices to Tampa will cause some disturbance in our routine work and it is likely that THE MYSTIC TRIANGLE will have to suffer along with all our other work.

Are you a student of astrology? You will find in that study many interesting principles whether you believe in all that is popularly claimed for it or not. One thing has been very noticeable to us at Headquarters during the past six months. It is the indicated effect that certain planetary conditions existing this year, would have upon the growth and development of our Order. For many months, even over a year, we have looked forward to the indicated effects, and as they manifest we become more and more convinced of the fundamental principles underlying astrology. Of course this ancient science has been grossly misrepresented and greatly abused by charlatans. But laws and principles do not suffer in that way; reputation alone suffers.

Members who receive lessons or literature each week direct from Headquarters will find the routine work upset by the moving process, but lessons will be sent to them in advance to cover a number of weeks. We only ask their indulgence in regard to the answering of letters and general correspondence. Please bear in mind that from the last week of October to the last week of November it will be impossible to handle any correspondence or conduct any of the routine work at Headquarters. Most of our material will be in crates during that time and the staff will be enroute to Florida. A completely new system of handling our work will start the first week of December and all delayed matters will run very smoothly thereafter.

Do not fail to keep us informed of any miscarriage of mail. Unless you report to us that something you expected has not arrived, we cannot investigate or rectify the error.

THE EMPEROR'S EASTERN LECTURES

The Emperor will lecture in New York City again this fall. He is scheduled to give four of the greatest lectures ever given to the largest audiences ever assembled in the interests of Rosicrucianism in New York City. Special music, eminent artists and introductory and closing remarks by prominent New York persons, are some of the features planned and arranged. Several persons well known in British and French Rosicrucian movements will be on the platform to participate in the programs and a high officer of the oldest Rose Croix Lodge in Paris will be present to speak of the work in France.

The dates of these lectures are November 17th, 19th, 24th, and 27th. Each meeting will be at eight o'clock in the evening, in one of the large ball rooms of the Hotel McAlpin, 34th Street and Broadway, New York.

Members from out of town are invited to be present and those who may wish to make further inquiries about these lectures will please communicate with the Grand Secretary of Amorc, Grand Lodge Temple, 361 West 23rd Street, New York City. The Emperor will make no other lectures in the East during this visit, for in addition to going on South the day after the last lecture, he will attend an international convention of foreign legates and representatives of seven of the oldest and most prominent mystical and fraternal organizations of Europe who are meeting in America with the high officers of another prominent fraternal organization.

During the past two years the AMORC has become a part of the work of a number of very old foreign bodies and the Emperor has been made an Honorary member and American Councilor of some of the organizations thus associated. The Emperor is to go to Europe in the summer of 1926 to receive certain honors and Degrees in three of these bodies, one being the oldest and most prominent organization in England and France of a mystical or occult nature.

Incidentally we may say that during the past year over thirty of the high officers of several mystical organizations in nine different foreign countries have become associated with the Supreme Council of Amorc. Books and magazines published in Europe have referred to these connections with enthusiasm and great praise for the Amorc.

A letter recently received by the Emperor from the Grand Lodge of Mexico states that at their recent election of new officers, the Emperor was elected Grand Master of that jurisdiction as an expression of appreciation. The Emperor accepted this additional responsibility and appointed the Deputy Grand Master of Mexico as his personal representative in that country. The Emperor is planning to accept the three year old invitation and visit the Mexican Grand Lodge this coming spring.

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Will our members please bear in mind that sending letters to Headquarters by Special Delivery mail does not save a great deal of time, for by special arrangements we receive our mail very promptly at the hands of our mail department. It is only an additional expense in postage without any real benefit. If an emergency requires immediate communication, use the telegraph.

Interesting Testimonial to the Imperator

*Members in California Express Their Appreciation
of the Executive Staff*

After the Imperator's announcement had been made in California that he had definitely decided to move the executive staff to Tampa, Florida, the members of the Grand Lodge of California, and other members in the state affiliated with the Grand Lodge, began plans for a parting tribute to the Imperator, realizing that his announcement was the result of several years contemplation and that everything had been done that could be done to persuade him to remain in the state.

The first step in their plans, which include a large reception and general meeting for the end of the month of October, was the calling of a special meeting of the officers and highest grade members of the California Grand Lodge at which a committee was appointed to make plans for the farewell meeting, and following the appointment of the committee a resolution was offered by the Chairman of the committee which was unanimously adopted. This resolution, in the form of a testimonial, is as follows:

At a meeting of the Highest
Grade Members of the AMORC
of California

held in Grand Lodge Temple in San Francisco,

Thursday evening, August 13, 1925,

it was resolved that:

Since the Imperator of the Order and Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. Spencer Lewis, XIII., F.R.C., Ph.D., has announced his intention of moving this Fall the National Headquarters and Executive Offices of the Order to Tampa, Florida,

And, since such a removal of said offices will take from our midst in this city and state the personal presence of the Imperator and his Staff,

Therefore, we, the Officers and Members of the Order in this city desire to put upon permanent record that our Beloved Imperator may preserve in his archives our expressions of sincere and profound regret at his departure from this Lodge and locality, and our deep appreciation of the Great Work he has accomplished while directing our activities in the Order and in our general affairs.

Coming to us from New York City at our special invitation in the Spring of 1918, at great sacrifice of personal interests, he moved his executive offices, family and home to this city. Often have we heard from many of the sorrow felt by the Brothers and Sisters in New York when the time came for his departure, and while we rejoiced then at his coming

we appreciate now what such a change meant to them.

For over six years the Imperator has been our close and intimate friend, companion, guide, and teacher. We have known him in his many trials and sorrows; we have shared with him many victories and glorious achievements. We have enjoyed the hospitality of his kindly home life, have spent memorable hours with him, his wife, and children in pleasant companionship, and we have also participated in his public and private plans and activities. Such association has made us conscious of his true ideals of brotherly love and impartial interest in our own problems and trials. He has pointed out to us by precept and example the true path to illumination and the high character of a real Rosicrucian.

At no time have we ever found our Beloved Imperator to shirk the most unpleasant or inconvenient duties, refuse to grant any possible request or avoid the most menial task so long as they served the purpose of the Order or furthered the interests of its members, collectively and individually. Nor have we ever witnessed or learned of any action on his part which did not add to our love of him as an Elder Brother or increase our respect for the consistently noble ideals he tries to live and glorify for us to emulate.

Therefore, we further resolve to express to him our continued high respect, love and appreciation after these many years of association in establishing the Grand Lodge of this Order in this city, of which most of us were joint founders, organizers and lodge officers, and further assure him of our future co-operation and determination to maintain the work and practices of AMORC in this city and State to the same high degree of power, influence, goodness and greatness to which it has steadily grown under his leadership. And we further assure our Beloved Imperator that this Lodge and this city and state will welcome his return and the return of his family, the members of which have assisted so greatly in the work, at any time in the future they may desire to re-establish their home, offices, and companionship with us.

Resolved and unanimously adopted on the evening stated and signed by the resolvers and other members from time to time as their presences make possible.

Attested, before the Sign of the Cross,

Chairman of the Committee,

One of those recently initiated into the First Grade of our Order in San Francisco had passed through the First Grade ceremony in Russia in 1911. He was then connected with the Royal staff and had every opportunity to see the ceremony conducted by the highest Lodge of the Rosicrucians in Russia. He explained to many of us the wonderful similarity in every detail, notwithstanding the difference in tongue. At the time he speaks of only those of the highest social and political standing in Russia were permitted to associate with any secret society under protection of the Government, and the same

conditions exist in many foreign lands today because of the spread of radicalism under the guise of fraternal societies. Our members in America little appreciate the privileges they enjoy in being permitted to assemble in private conclaves or attend to personal affairs without supervision.

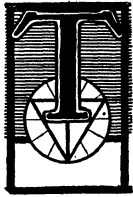
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"The Fool" is a wonderfully good moving picture and contains a number of principles of interest to our members. See it at the first opportunity and do not hesitate to take the family, for it is a beautifully clean picture.

The Science of Alchemy

*Some Popular Beliefs Regarding the Alchemists are
Unfair to the Ancients*

By ROYLE THURSTON



HE lives and works of the ancient alchemists remain today clothed in that same atmosphere of mystery which surrounded them several hundred years ago despite the fact that the past century has brought to light in various authentic books many startling facts and much dependable information.

The trouble seems to be that either these new books with their new light are not read by those who should be well informed or they are read in a superficial or doubtful attitude of mind.

We who are intensively interested in mystical and occult research can hardly believe that in these modern days there are otherwise well informed persons who still believe that the alchemists of old were not scientists or profound investigators of natural laws but dreaming philosophers living the life of a hermit, speculating wildly and idly along lines of the impossible or improbable. Yet this does seem to be the opinion of some and it is regrettable that many who have such opinions are in positions to voice them extensively, impressively, and with seeming authority.

Take, for instance, the following editorial from a recent issue of the *San Francisco Chronicle*. This newspaper is typical of the better class of papers and, undoubtedly, carries weight in the minds of many of its readers because of its learned and conservative attitude. When such a paper expresses its opinion impersonally in a featured editorial it is establishing an impression and opinion that is difficult to alter. However, as an example of mistaken idea, wrong understanding and mis-information this editorial has few equals. Here follows the editorial just as it appeared in the paper:

ALCHEMIST GUESSED— CHEMIST FOUND LAW

Success in turning mercury into gold is a good illustration of the reason why modern science has done so much while ancient science—with just as good brains—did so little.

The alchemist labored for a thousand years trying to turn base metals into gold. When he quit he was no nearer than when he started. The modern chemist—who has been at work only a little more than a century—has turned the trick.

The ancient took a chunk of lead, boiled it, stewed it, fried it, melted it with each and every one of all the odd-looking and strange-smelling substances he could find, said bookfuls of magic formulae over it—and his chunk remained lead.

The modern began by inquiring into the nature of lead and gold and mercury and all the other elements. He found out what laws they observed and eventually discovered that all are composed of the same thing—electrons—and differ only in the number of their electrons. From this he saw that to change one element into another it would be necessary only to add or

take away electrons. And by studying the laws observed by electrons he found out how to perform one of these operations—to take away electrons. Thus he reduced mercury to gold.

The alchemist did nothing but guess and swallow other people's guesses without verification. Although the ancients were very skillful at working out the principles underneath politics and art, it never occurred to them to try by exact methods to uncover the laws of nature. No one has ever improved on Plato's analysis of the fundamental principles of government. No one has been able to add anything important to Aristotle's statement of the laws of art and literature. But Aristotle's and Pliny's natural history is composed of old wives' tales.

The modern scientist goes after foundation principles and tests everything by experiment. Once he knows the laws that govern he has only to apply them. He has now worked out many of these laws—hence the telephone, the airship, the radio and clouds of other inventions.

The alchemist was only a blind guesser. The chemist is an exact scientist.

After our first few smiles at the statements made above we wonder whether the editor who wrote these lines had a cup of coffee in the morning or had recently been defrauded in the purchase of some book that claimed to tell him all of the secrets of Nature as known to some mysterious author of mystical literature.

We tried to cast out of our minds the fact that every well appointed editorial room possesses encyclopedias or other reference books which are more or less accessible to the gray-haired gentlemen who sit at disordered desks and ancient typewriters looking off into space or through the dusty windows for an inspiration that will warrant an attractive headline and many inches of space on the most important page in the paper.

We tried to think that the writer of the foregoing explosion had some sort of inner urge accompanied by a sincere belief that he was contributing truthful light to the world's knowledge and expounding some principles that were necessary to the greater illumination of his readers. All in all, we tried to consider the matter most seriously, and assumed that he expressed his real convictions and had no other motive than to assist in the general plan of informing the public in regard to facts that are not well known. With this assumption we feel sure that the editor will not take unkindly the following corrections in regard to the statements he has made but will welcome the opportunity to learn and probably disseminate the real facts regarding alchemists and their work.

All of the alchemists did not devote all or much of their time to attempts to turn base metals into gold. When this experiment was given their consideration it was but a part of their general laboratory work in connection with the study of the nature of metals and the laws of nature generally. And such experi-

ments did result in many wonderful and important discoveries leading to the fundamental processes as used by scientists today.

It was the alchemists who first discovered and announced in their writings that the manifestations of all of nature's laws were possible through the vibrations which emanated from the spirit energy contained in the *elementals* of all nature. These elementals were carefully analyzed and classified by these old scientists called alchemists to such an extent that many of their writings today prove that they had a more correct understanding of the composition of matter than had the so-called scientists of the Middle Ages.

Only a few years ago the newspapers, and such editors as the one referred to above, were greatly interested in the discovery and translations of some of the writings of Roger Bacon. If ever there was a mystic who came under the classification of alchemist, it was Roger Bacon. And yet the world was surprised to find that he had solved, hundreds of years ago, many of the scientific and chemical problems which occupy the attention and stress the profound researches of modern scientists. He was not an exception by any means.

Has our editorial friend forgotten what Roger Bacon's manuscripts revealed? And what about the researches of the Rosicrucians, as explained recently in Marie Corelli's books and referred to in the older writings of Lord Bulwer Lytton? Did not the Rosicrucian teachings of several centuries ago speak of the indivisible elements of universal energy which

composed all atoms and which determined the nature of the composition of matter by their vibratory rate and their electrical polarity as negative or positive? Is not the modern electron another name for that same indivisible element to which the Rosicrucians referred? And what about the alchemical and chemical postulations of Raymond Lully? Did he idly speculate or guess, or truly know?

Since when are Plato, Aristotle, and Pily considered as alchemists or typical of the alchemists and their work? We always looked upon them as philosophers whose business it was and is to speculate, philosophize, and write in terms of allegory and metaphors. What such men have said and say today in regard to the composition of matter or relating to any phenomenon of life is not to be considered as a scientific postulation; and to use any of their beautiful phrases as typifying their knowledge of scientific facts and through such means condemn the works of the alchemists, is simply preposterous and unfair.

We believe that the alchemists made very valuable contributions to the advancement of science and learning and we believe that science today is continuing the work of the alchemists. We further believe that such editorials as that reproduced above should not go by without comment and without serious consideration by those persons who know that every effort in the past has been a stepping stone to the advancement of civilization; and it does not behoove any writer or any person who speaks with authority to belittle the first steps in every great achievement.

Unique Public Lecture in San Francisco

One of the most interesting and unique public lectures ever given by our Order was presented in San Francisco on Sunday evening, September 13th.

Because of the removal of Headquarters from San Francisco to Tampa this Fall and because it would be the last public lecture given by the Emperor in this city for some time, he desired to make a gala night for the Order and for those who had attended over seventy or more public addresses made by the Emperor in San Francisco during the past six years.

Sunday, the 13th of September, was selected because it came at the close of the greatest festive week in the history of California,—the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Week. The city was beautifully decorated as it had never been before and there were a million visitors in the city to take part in the hundreds of special affairs.

The large Scottish Rite Auditorium was secured with its excellent stage and galleries with a seating capacity of two thousand. This unusual hall afforded opportunities for a program not possible otherwise. The Emperor planned at once to add the very highest grade of musical features to his program and decided to center his talk on the Psychology of Music as the Rosicrucians understood it, and demonstrate some of the laws with excellent examples.

To his assistance came members who are not always available. Mme. Beatrice Bowman, Coloratura Soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York and of the opera companies of Montreal and Boston, consented in true Rosaecrucian spirit to cooperate and feature some arias from various operas. This called for musicians, and it was remarkable how every person consulted went to great

trouble to assist. Several large theatre orchestras in this city offered the soloists providing the program could be arranged to fit their intermissions. The d'Alession Trio, well known for its unusual mastery, agreed to give its whole time for the evening, and several pianists also agreed to give their whole time. Others, such as a harpist of considerable repute, a well known flutist and a violinist, Mischa Violin, offered solos.

Mr. Maddern, a prominent baritone, offered to sing the very emotional selection from Pagliacci to illustrate the Emperor's points regarding this phase of music. Mme. Bowman sang in addition to Polacco of Mignon and Ave Maria, a group of French, German, English and old Scotch songs to illustrate pathos and various heart emotions.

Because of the nature of the program and the purpose of the lecture, a special costume for Mme. Bowman was designed for us by Daré, one of the most exclusive designers in America, and this costume was executed by Sonia, who desired to express in this way a master's appreciation of the affair. Even Jacques Du Valle, an artist of national repute, designed and executed a special headdress for Mme. Bowman. The Chickering Piano Company provided a special concert piano which was tuned and toned to meet the requirements of the Emperor in agreement with the vibratory scale used by us in our mystical work. The stage was dressed by the scenic department of one of the largest theatres in San Francisco and flowers were furnished by several florists.

Sir Walter Hamilton Douglas of Washington and London, well known in social circles of America, France, and England (and a very enthusiastic Rosicrucian) acted as master of ceremonies and made all

the introductions. At his invitation many notable persons who were also visiting San Francisco for the Jubilee, occupied special seats; and the elite of this city like unto hundreds in every walk of life, thronged the large auditorium to hear this lecture and witness the points brought out by the Imperator in his forty minute speech.

The program lasted almost three hours and seldom has the great auditorium been so filled, and never so charged with enthusiasm as at this unusual lecture and musical treat. Representatives of the newspapers were present as were musical critics, social news writers, feature writers, and artists.

Not often have so many eminent musicians and singers appeared on one program and never in this country has there been such a congregation of talent devoted to the work of the Amorc. It was truly a great farewell meeting given by the Imperator to his thousands of friends and acquaintances as well as Brothers and Sisters in San Francisco.

A week later the Opera Set of San Francisco, composed of the leading patrons of music and the fine arts, held a special invitation reception and honored our Imperator by making him the guest of honor.

Physical Weakness No Aid to Spirituality

By ROYLE THURSTON



It would hardly seem necessary to state these facts and certainly unnecessary to prepare an article on this subject, for it seems only logical to believe that normal health and soundness of the body are vital to any form of development that makes man more nearly approach the ideal that God had in mind when He created him.

It is undoubtedly true that God created man in His spiritual likeness and not in any physical likeness. But it is also true that God had in mind, and created, the greatest of all miracles when He created the physical body to surround and clothe the spiritual being within. "Wonderfully and fearfully" are we made in the physical sense, and the laws of God as expressed by Nature have provided for every essential for maintaining normality in every physical body that is not abused. The manner in which blood rushes to a wound accompanied by other chemical agencies which coagulate at the wound and close it to prevent the entrance of foreign matter and the loss of unnecessary blood, while other elements start a process of creating new tissue to heal the wound, is but one of the many complicated and marvelous systems used by nature under the direction of the Divine Mind to preserve the normal condition of the body and keep it at a high standard of usefulness.

To believe that the physical body should be weakened in its existing standard or broken down in its relatively important place in the scheme of things is to belittle these wonderful processes of reconstruction and to deny the omnipotent wisdom of the Creator.

But we find in much of the modern occult and mystical literature of today the inference and often the direct statement that until the seeker for light and illumination breaks down the vitality and physical prowess of the body, spiritual development and advancement are impossible! This is expressed in one form by those who insist that the seeker and the student should eat only a vegetarian diet and ignore meat in any form, because meat adds too much strength to the physical body while vegetables will just sufficiently nourish the body to a degree necessary for the maintenance of life. We find the same idea expressed by others who state that long periods of fasting and even of physical suffering for the want of food will give the spiritual part of Man a greater opportunity to function. But what shall we think of that system of metaphysics which promulgates the idea that physical disease and pain are essential to mystical attainment?

The writer has before him a pamphlet issued by

an organization located in Southern California claiming to present occult teachings supposed to be Rosicrucian in nature. Several paragraphs in this book relate to the physical illness and suffering of the teacher in this organization and the statements in these paragraphs are typical of the ideas he held and presented to his students.

It is not the intention of the writer to criticize the personal opinions and personal philosophy of this teacher who has passed on to higher illumination but rather to point out from the true Rosicrucian point of view the errors in the following statements and to warn seekers against the ideas which such statements may create. The quotations are taken verbatim from the book.

"For it is a fact that the more robust our health, the closer we are enmeshed in the physical and the less able to contact spiritual realms. People who can say, 'I never had a day's sickness in my life' at the same time reveal the fact that they are perfectly attuned to the physical world and totally incapable of contacting the spiritual realm."

We see in this paragraph the peculiar viewpoint which has spread itself so freely throughout the literature emanating from schools of philosophy and the teachings of leaders who have not received their instructions from those masters in the past who have demonstrated the true principles of spiritual development.

The idea that physical abnormality to the point of disease and suffering is helpful in spiritual development is further expressed by this teacher in referring to his attempt to ease pain and strengthen his body. He says:

"Upbuilding of the spiritual side of the nature, however, brought disharmony to the physical body; it became more sensitive to conditions around; the result was a breakdown. . . . The breaking down of robust physical health is necessary before it is possible to attain poise in the spiritual world, and the stronger and more vigorous the instrument, the more drastic must be the method of breaking down its resistance."

It is true that the more the spiritual side of our nature develops, or in other words the more developed we become mystics in the true meaning of this word, the more sensitive we become to impressions from both the Cosmic and mundane worlds. Such supersensitiveness becomes a vital factor in our daily lives and has a considerable bearing upon our poise and peace of mind. Of course, the effect will manifest itself in a greater sensitiveness of the physical mind and physical body to objective impressions and we find the truly developed mystic crying in agony at the suffering of mankind and the evils of the world one moment, and the next

moment revelling in the greatest of joy and happiness over the good and beautiful things of life. Because, the truly developed mystic lives as no one else lives! His life is full! And every moment of consciousness is charged with the vibrations of the fullness of life. Sad at times and extremely joyous at other times, quiet and receptive one moment, enthused and active the next. This, truly, is living!

To say that such spiritual development with the attendant changes in the consciousness of the physical body is disharmony or that spiritual illumination and development brings disharmony to the physical body is to wrongly state a fact or falsely mistate a law. Only when the physical body and the objective mind as related organizations are functioning in harmony, can a person be truly sensitive to the impressions of the physical world. God gave us eyes with which to see and ears with which to hear, and a sensitive nervous system with which to feel, and highly developed organs with which to smell and taste. They were given to us and are maintained within our bodies for the purpose of acquainting us with those vibratory emanations which the physical world casts upon our environment. The shutting off of one of these avenues of physical reception constitutes a breaking down of the standard of normality which God ordained for Man. The more healthy and normal the physical body and its attributes the more completely is man receptive to all the vibrations of life; and, is it illogical to believe that the inner man, the psychic self, will function more completely and more naturally if the outer man is normal and sound?

Our experience with the true Rosicrucian work has been that the physical body of our advanced and advancing students has become more and more normal and vital as the various centers of spiritual attunement have been awakened and the psychic self more fully developed. In this regard our work has been a grand testimonial to the fact that spiritual growth leads to more abundant life, physically and mentally, and that one is not independent of the other. Please note that throughout the paragraphs of this article reference is made to *normality of health* and soundness of body. This does not mean over-eating or under-eating. It does not mean building up a strong muscular body like unto the muscular automatons that we see on the stage performing feats of physical prowess, nor does it mean reducing the physical body to an etherial sylph-like form to which nothing need be added but wings to make it leave the earth and float in the clouds. Nor do we refer to any of the many fanatical and extreme methods of ating, drinking, exercising, sleeping, and thinking. When we carry our search for truth to such an extreme that we sacrifice the essentials of normal living and become fanatics in study and practice, then we weaken the normal standard of the physical body; and, when we carry our desire for physical perfection to such an extreme that we sacrifice the development of our intellect and our spiritual enfoldment, then we weaken our spiritual relationship with the Cosmic and become more of a beast than the one who has retained all of his spiritual nature but over-emphasized his physical powers.

Saneness in all things is the fundamental law of life with the Rosicrucians. If, individually, the student finds that the eating of meat enriches his blood too greatly and that a vegetarian diet for occasional periods is more consistent with the chemical processes of his body, then he is indeed a fool to ignore this fact and as a matter of principle refuses to become a periodic vegetarian. Or, if the individual student finds that because of the nature of his physical activities during the day and the re-

sulting effect upon the digestion of his food, he should occasionally fast for a few days then he would be foolish to ignore this fact because of its resemblance to principles set forth by certain systems of living. But because one finds these things true in one's own case is not sufficient warrant for the sudden determination to become a reformer and preach and advocate that everyone else should do these things. Science has not yet found any one diet that is adaptable to and beneficial for every human being, nor has the mind of man ever been able to conceive of one formula of thinking or one line of mental action that is comprehensible and applicable to and for all of mankind. We must pursue our individual paths and our individual modes to meet our individual requirements in eating, resting, thinking, and doing. This calls for tolerance on the part of those who are in a position to advise and suggest, and for saneness on the part of those who analyze their own requirements.

The teachings of the AMORC emphasize in every grade of its course of study and with every example possible of illustration and application the law of saneness. Even in regard to therapeutics the teachings of AMORC are distinctive for their human broadness and liberal tolerance. While the AMORC does teach many methods for the prevention of most diseases and the maintenance of normal health, and also gives each member a true system for the restoration of harmony and health in the body by removing the cause of inharmony in most cases, it does not lean so heavily toward the metaphysical that it ignores the other dependable and worthy means used by various systems of therapeutics. Christian Science as a religion and as a philosophical system has done a wonderful work in this world by educating the awakening masses to the danger of needless medical drugging and has also pointed out very clearly the benefit of thinking properly in regard to health and disease; but the Rosicrucians hold that not all principles which are true in a general way are true specifically in every way. Because the over-use and occasional mis-use of medicine is found injurious is no reason to condemn the entire practice of medicine as a therapeutic system. And because the mind of man is capable of controlling and directing some of the functionings of the human body at any time or all of them at some times is no reason to believe that by the use of the mind and its powers everything in and about the physical body can always be controlled by the mind. The Rosicrucians thoroughly believe and understand the principle that "If thou hast a thorn in thine side, pluck it out!" and if there is a splinter in the finger or a gallstone in the gall sack, each of these should be removed by proper physical processes as any foreign matter would be removed from any part of an organization of any kind. Mind alone will not do it and the greatest Master of all Masters used both physical and mental processes in performing His miracles.

We are, indeed, happy that we find in our work such beautiful consistency, such saneness and such tolerance. To be a true Rosicrucian is to be healthy, normal, Spiritual, Divine, strong in physical abilities, rational in mental processes, magnetic in personality, cultured in the ethical laws and principles, religious in the universal mind, tolerant in our thoughts, considerate in our desires, willing and unselfish in our ability to do, and, with all, laughing, crying, joyous, and sad, smiling and weeping, seeing and knowing, and always sympathetic with understanding. The blessings of the world are our privileges and we attract to ourselves that which we would share the most, namely, the material as well as the spiritual riches of the Universe.

Special Announcement to Our Members

Beginning with either the November or December issues of this magazine we will enlarge its influence and field of interest by the addition of two important departments.

First, we will add a section pertaining to the MASTER ARTS. This will be edited by one of the most prominent writers in this field and he will present articles pertaining to the MASTER ARTS as they relate to the development of culture and mental growth and expression. No other occult journal has ever presented this phase of our lives as it will be presented in our magazine.

Secondly, we will have a section of this magazine printed in the Spanish language each month. This will be an innovation in mystical literature in this country. Because we have a large Spanish membership in our North American Jurisdiction, which includes all of Mexico, some Central American states and Cuba and Puerto Rico, it has become necessary to have our literature and lessons translated and given in Spanish, and now we will add the Spanish section to our magazine.

Members living in Spanish countries or those speaking the Spanish language are asked to communicate with the address given at the close of the Spanish announcement below. More in regard to this section will be given in our next issue.

Una Innovacion

En vista del aumento de miembros que hemos tenido en los paises Hispano-Americanos, y con el fin de llevar la luz de nuestras enseñanzas a aquellas almas del habla española que aun no pueden dominar el idioma inglés, hemos acordado ampliar nuestra Revista agregando una Sección especial que será editada en español, la cual estará a cargo de nuestro Departamento Hispano-Americano de AMORC.

En esta Sección tendrá cabida todo trabajo literario, científico, filosófico, místico, ocultista, religioso, artístico, etc. que esté en consonancia con las leyes y enseñanzas de nuestra Orden, así como también, informes, noticias, ocurrencias y demás pormenores de todas las Logias y Grupos de nuestra Jurisdicción en esos paises.

Solicitamos por lo tanto, la cooperación de los Maestros, Secretarios y demás miembros que se sientan inclinados a esta labor, la que redundará en beneficio del mejoramiento de nuestros miembros y en general de la Raza Hispano-Americana.

Toda correspondencia deberá ser dirigida al Secretario-Redactor de la Sección Hispano-Americana de AMORC, Apartado Postal 36, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

!!Hermanos, ésta es nuestra Obra; laboremos!!

The Master Arts

Outlining the Plan for a New Department in This Magazine

By DR. WALTER HAMILTON DOUGLAS

In conducting this future department in this magazine I feel it a great honor to have been selected by the Imperator, H. Spencer Lewis, for this work. True, I have but recently entered the great Rosicrucian Brotherhood known as AMORC, but for many years on my world travels and in my official capacity abroad I have met many Rosicrucians and was at one time admitted into the first grade of the Rosicrucians with a wonderful ceremony in the royal buildings of Russia. The ceremony then, in 1911, was identical with that used by the AMORC and the one I recently passed through reminded me of the many wonderful souls I have met who were Rosicrucians and who came to me and offered their unusual help in the work I was doing.

How often these persons predicted that some day I, too, would be working through the Rosicrucian channels! That prediction has literally haunted me for some years and at last I am with you, heart and soul, and feel a new inspiration, a new incentive, to work.

The dream of my life is to carry out the great project first conceived by the late Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, and Mme. Lillian Nordica, the eminent singer. I was associated with them in their plan and in 1908, in Washington, D. C., a great conclave was held under the direction of Mr. Roosevelt. The work of completing the pro-

ject was turned over to me and to my assistance has come many eminent persons such as the Honorable Governor George D. Meiklejohn.

This plan contemplates the establishment and maintenance of a great American Academy of all branches of Music, Art, Drama, Belle Letters and Master Art Research. Such a movement as this was first established by the Rosicrucians in their wonderful center of science, education and culture near Philadelphia between the years 1695 and 1700 and it soon became internationally famous.

That such an Academy does not exist today seems almost a tragedy. I have investigated and studied the best that each country has to offer and have secured the hearty cooperation of foreign organizations. Even the Opera Comique in Paris has made an exception to its long established rules and will cooperate with our plans. When one stops to think that the United States, the richest country in the world, does absolutely nothing for art while so many of the best artists are still unrecognized and those who have attained fame here have passed on, we realize that it is truly a tragedy.

It is a notable fact that today there are only five great operatic stars. Of course, we have many very fine singers, but to be great is a distinction that few achieve, for it requires long and special preparation, and this is where the need for an American Academy manifests itself.

So, in the new Rosicrucian centre at Tampa, with its wonderful Temple and Administration Building in Rosicrucian Square, we plan to establish the world's greatest scientific finishing Academy. This will make Tampa the mecca of the artistic and social world of America and in place of a three months social season there, we will have a year 'round centre that will make Florida famous throughout the world. Thus will the AMORC, in typical Rosicrucian spirit, contribute once again to the advancement of American culture and education.

When Tampa completes its proposed municipal auditorium, the largest and finest in America, being sponsored by the Rosicrucians and their associated activities, we will produce in Tampa such opera and drama at popular prices as America has seldom witnessed. We shall also hold the great art exhibits that have inspired thousands, such as the Walker Collection now on exhibit in San Francisco.

In beautiful Mexico City music and Art are taught free by the best Masters. This may seem extraordinary to so many persons who feel that little Mexico is an ignorant and uncultured city. Their new Opera House, now nearing completion, will cost twenty-five million dollars. The best opera houses in Europe cost only five million dollars and most of them less than one million. So, it is time that we are preparing to establish something of the kind in America to represent the great spirit of this nation.

I want all of our Brothers and Sisters to feel that it is not my work, but yours. Your Imperator has thrown his whole heart into the work and here in San Francisco indicated the greatness of the plan by announcing to the public that good singers desiring to have a complete course in proper voice training under technical direction and with able assistance without fee or obligation could apply through the AMORC and would be placed in the care of Mme. Beatrice Bowman, Coloratura Soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, and others of like reputation.

And so we shall start early next year by bringing to Tampa, as part of the AMORC plans, a number of America's most prominent and finest singers and musicians and take the first steps in the establishment of the American Academy of Fine Arts, a purely non-profit and humanitarian activity. Many of the greatest artists of today are waiting for this and many men and women of wealth are ready to act as patrons. I am indeed honored to inform you that our Imperator, H. Spencer Lewis, is on the Board of Trustees with Governor George Meiklejohn and myself, and Mme. Beatrice Bowman, the sweetest and most inspiring singer in America today, who is also a member of the Supreme Lodge of AMORC, will be closely associated with our work and will sing at our various Lodges from time to time in the near future to increase our members' interest in this great work.

I am happy beyond words in being associated with AMORC and in being permitted to edit this Master Arts Department after so many years association with other fine art publications and art movements.

In the next issue I shall have some interesting facts to relate about the culture and fine arts of the ancients.

AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW

A Plea to Sincere Seekers

By W. R.

"Knowledge is power"—but it is of value only when the possessor has the energy to derive its benefit.

To control nature and her forces the operator must have a thorough comprehension of the laws involved. The difference in this comprehension makes for less or greater ability. Those who have a thorough comprehension of those laws are Masters, whose performances are so marvelous that they seem magical. The uninitiated mind is absolutely alarmed by the incomprehensible manifestations. It is these arcane or hidden, but natural laws which are studied and taught by AMORC (Ancient, Mystical Order Rosae Crucis). Nothing is taught which cannot be demonstrated. All their teachings are demonstrable. When we go from a known field into an unknown field of investigation, we must not jump to the conclusion that in the unknown field is chaos—on the contrary, the more we investigate nature, the more we find that everywhere is law and order.

Whether we investigate the microscopical, the super-micro, or the macrocosmos, *Law is supreme*. As the stars move in their orbits through space, so every man and woman is a star and has to live his own life in accordance with specific laws, but having mind man can become comprehensive of these laws and thereby become super creatures and creators.

Occultism as a science has found its end in AMORC. It is the end of the rainbow. Here occultism and the sciences are brought in harmony. The last discoveries in the atomic or electronic theory, the results of the investigation in physics and astronomy, the last works of Prof. Seelinger, Director of the Observatory in Munich, Germany, on gravitation, the Einstein theory of relativity, yes,—last but not least, the discoveries in cosmogony by the eminent Prof. Hoerbiger,—all are brought together to one harmonious working world system by AMORC. While everywhere people are becoming more interested in the arcane or occult laws in Nature, AMORC brings these laws to the people in a language which is easily understood. Whosoever has studied these laws with AMORC is so far above the average man as man is above the beast.

Under the freest constitution ignorant people are still slaves. We invite you to study with us. There is no commercialism attached to AMORC. We have no books to sell. All we ask is that you have a sincere desire to know.

These are wonderful days in California. Undoubtedly the fall of the year is the most charming and inspiring period of the whole year on the Pacific Coast, and that means a great deal, for this is truly a paradise. When the weather is becoming cold or chilly and stormy in other parts of the land, the flowers are blooming, the sun bright and warm, the sky free from storm clouds for many weeks and the salt air invigorating. Nature seems at its best and everyone is out of doors as much as possible day and night. If you ever think of visiting California—and every citizen of this country should be proud to see this state—try to select the month of May or the month of October for the visit. Certainly before visiting Europe one should see America first, and you have not seen the beauty and grandeur of America until you have seen California.

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Be sure to read the comments made on the Editorial page of this issue. They are last minute matters of importance.

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The May issue of THE MYSTIC TRIANGLE is exhausted and the later issues are going rapidly. Preserve your copies. Incidentally, the demand for the personal blue stationery containing the AMORC symbol has been so large that the great mass which we had printed is gone and more is being printed. It was highly praised by those who secured it.