

Conscience never deceives us and is the true guide of humanity. She is to the soul what instinct is to the body; whoever follows her pursues the direct path of nature and need not fear being misled.

Jean Jacques Rousseau
French philosopher



H. Spencer Lewis

MASTERY OF LIFE



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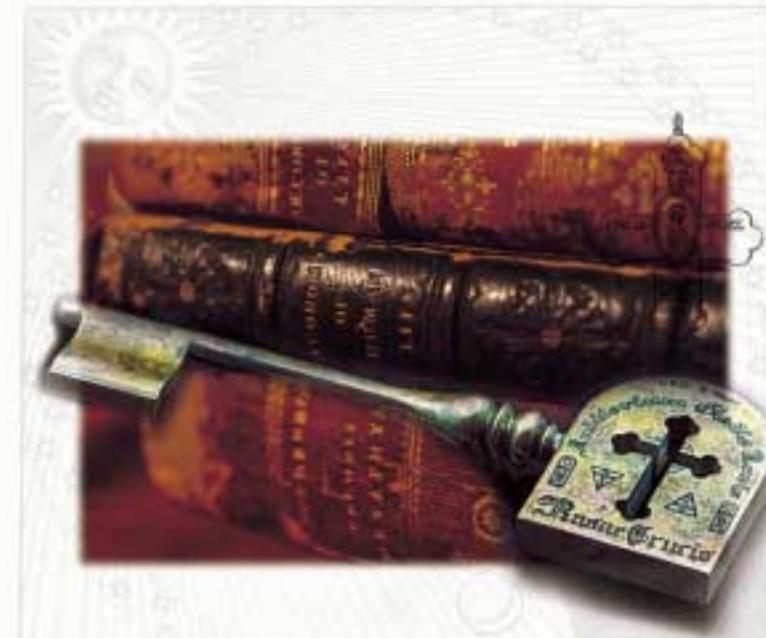
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experience is the sensation of the mystical.

It is the sower of all true science. He to
whom this emotion is a stranger, who can
no longer wonder and stand rapt in awe, is
as good as dead. To know that what is
impenetrable to us really exists, manifest-
ing itself as the highest wisdom and the
most radiant beauty which our dull facul-
ties can comprehend only in their primitive
forms ~ this knowledge, this feeling is at
the center of true religiousness.

— *Albert Einstein*



We welcome you and thank you for your interest in learning more about the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. Your reading of this booklet indicates that you have felt an urge from within, a special something that drew you to the Rosicrucian Order. Perhaps you have already explored the vast sea of metaphysical and self-help books, programs, lectures, and seminars, and you may have found yourself wondering how to make sense of it all – how to put it all together in a way that is practical and truly relevant to you.

You can acquire a lot of information from books, lectures, and classes, and you may even discover some very useful techniques for improving certain aspects of your life. But this approach to self-improvement is always incomplete, because most books, seminars, and study groups have a limited focus, such as personal prosperity, improving relationships, meditation, spiritual attunement, or developing psychic abilities. And focusing on one area of study doesn't provide balanced development. The Rosicrucian system is unique — it provides a foundation that ties together all of the different aspects of metaphysical study, and demonstrates their interconnectedness. To our knowledge, it's the only system that does this. Understanding the natural laws that govern all realms — physical, mental, emotional, psychic, and spiritual — leads to true prosperity and peace of mind. This is exactly what the Rosicrucian Order provides — a systematic approach to the study of higher wisdom that empowers you to find the answers to your questions about the workings of the universe, the interconnectedness of all life, your higher purpose, and how it all fits together.

Much of the material found in the Rosicrucian teachings cannot be found anywhere else. If you've already spent many years studying metaphysics, you'll find that the Rosicrucian system organizes this information in a comprehensive way and acts as a unique

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catalyst of skills and accomplishment. The knowledge you've already acquired attains a higher dimension of meaning when you can place it in the context of a powerful whole. Further, this knowledge also translates into increasingly focused, skillful action and attainment in life.

If you're completely new to this area of study, you'll find that this comprehensive approach makes your learning easy. As you progress step-by-step through the Rosicrucian course of study, you'll see how each subject relates to all the rest, giving you a sense of completeness and confidence in your understanding.

Through simple weekly lessons that you study at home, you'll have the opportunity to learn useful techniques which you can use on a daily basis to awaken your higher faculties, leading to improved health, better life situations, more harmonious personal relationships, and an increased sense of happiness and peace. You can achieve these goals through a process which Rosicrucian students call *self-mastery*.

What exactly does self-mastery mean? It means learning how to chart your own course through life. How to find the means to make the right choices and decisions. It means seeing your present circumstances as unlimited opportunities for growth, because you do have the ability to change your situation. It means being able to take charge of your life and help those around you to achieve a happier and a healthier existence.

The Rosicrucian teachings are not based on the ideas of any one individual. Unlike many New Age movements, the Rosicrucian philosophy has been developed over centuries from the combined efforts of many great minds. Ancient truths are incorporated into practical time-tested techniques which you can begin to use immediately. The lessons are structured in a sequential system to provide safe, gradual development of your natural psychic and spiritual abilities. This is a school of practical mysticism, which encourages you to be open-minded, questioning, and to test the value of the principles you are learning by actively using them in your daily life.

Is the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, a Religion?

No. AMORC, which stands for *Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis*, is not a religion and does not require a specific code of belief or conduct. Rosicrucian students come from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds. Becoming a Rosicrucian student does not in any way require

you to leave your church, join a church, or change your religious beliefs. Some Rosicrucian members do not subscribe to any specific religious beliefs at all. For students who do, we encourage them to participate in the religion of their choice. As a result, Rosicrucian students come from every religious denomination, and through our teachings, many find a greater appreciation of the mystical principles underlying their individual religious and philosophical beliefs. Those who do not belong to any particular religion often discover a sense of connection with a higher intelligence that was missing in their lives before.

The Rosicrucian path incorporates both metaphysics and mysticism. Metaphysics is that which falls beyond the five physical senses; for example, intuition, visualization, and healing techniques. Mysticism does not refer to anything mysterious. Mysticism is simply the process by which you may eventually experience direct, conscious union with the Absolute, Divine Mind, Universal Intelligence, or what some Rosicrucian students call the *God of their Hearts*. This is not done by adhering to specific tenets or beliefs, but by learning and applying natural laws which, over time, allow you to experience Divine or Cosmic Consciousness. The Rosicrucian Order does not attempt to define the nature of the deity. Rather, you will remain free to discover this through your own reflections. This same approach applies to everything that is presented through the Rosicrucian teachings.

We don't expect you to accept anything on faith. We want you to think for yourself, to learn how to draw upon the higher knowledge already within you. What we provide are simply the tools to enable you to accomplish this. The Rosicrucian teachings contain practical exercises and experiments that allow you to demonstrate for yourself the principles presented in the lessons and to access your own source of inner wisdom and guidance. As you do this, you'll begin developing natural abilities that may have been left dormant throughout your life. Almost immediately you'll begin to see your life in a different light.

How Is the Organization Structured?

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is a non-profit, educational charitable organization which is classified by the United States Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(3). Its activities and services are supported by dues and donations received from Rosicrucian students. After expenses are covered, all additional funds go back into the organization to further benefit its students, allowing us to expand our services, develop new programs and other projects that will help us accomplish our humanitarian goals.

Being a genuine esoteric school, AMORC provides an opportunity to learn how to consciously work towards awakening to one's purpose in life. Just as with any mathematical relationship, active and intentional application of the ancient Rosicrucian exercises in the day-to-day affairs of life leads to a state of equanimity, wisdom, and freedom in which one operates with true compassion and nonattachment. For me, the Rosicrucian teachings are priceless rules to successful living, for through them, I am attaining Peace Profound.

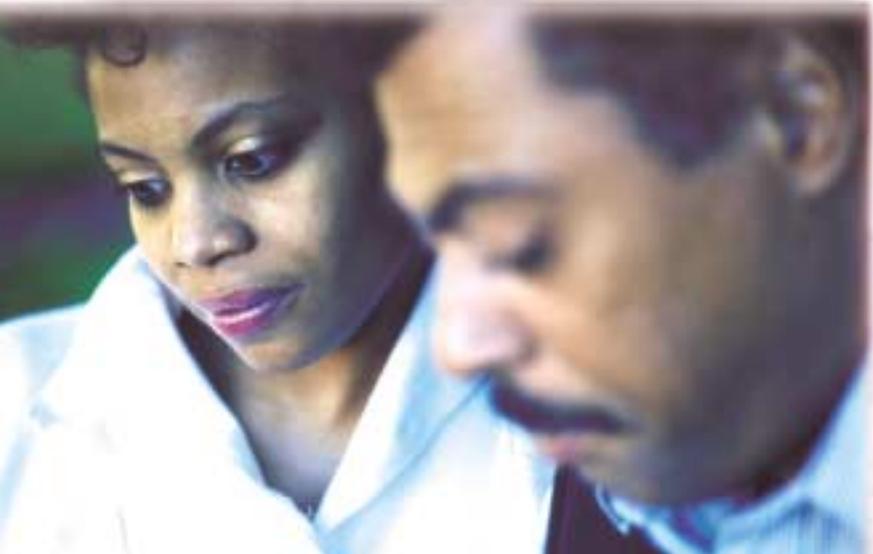
Michael Jon Kell, M.D.

The Order has given me the knowledge to look at myself in a manner that I may see who I am, and decide from there what I want to be.

Edward Burke
U.S. Army



Benefits of Membership



The Rosicrucian studies offer you access to a vast storehouse of profound wisdom carefully preserved for centuries. The Rosicrucian system of study enables students to achieve their highest potential and bring about a transformation on all levels of being: physical, mental, emotional, psychic, and spiritual.

ON THE PHYSICAL LEVEL

Discover how to achieve vibrant health and increase your vitality. Experience more of the joy of life by acquiring specific techniques to reduce stress and speed up your body's natural healing processes.

ON THE MENTAL LEVEL

Learn how to bring into physical manifestation the life you've dreamed of, whether it's happiness and peace in your personal life, or success in your business. The Rosicrucian studies give you specific knowledge of metaphysics, mysticism, psychology, parapsychology, philosophy and science not taught by conventional educational systems or traditional religions. Learn techniques for relaxation and meditation, how to use visualization as a tool to achieve your goals, and much more.

ON THE EMOTIONAL LEVEL

Develop a greater sense of confidence and inner peace that comes from knowing how to tap into your inner wisdom to find the answers to life's challenges. This inner peace helps you remain calm, centered, and focused in the midst of crisis, makes you a source of strength for others, and promotes more harmonious personal relationships with your friends and loved ones.

ON THE PSYCHIC LEVEL

Awaken your deeper psychic sense, a natural faculty which is dormant in most people and only needs to be developed. Enhance the strength and power of your inner being, bring it to a higher standard of operation, and open up a whole new resource for increased intuition, insight, creative inspiration, and innovative solutions to problems.

ON THE SPIRITUAL LEVEL

Achieve a gradual inner awakening, leading to a permanent awareness of the unity of all creation and your personal relationship with the "oneness" of the universe. This leads to an integration of all aspects of your being. From this spiritual foundation, from your connection with the greater whole, everything else flows. The Rosicrucian studies aid you in developing a workable and practical philosophy of life and the inner peace that comes from understanding the nature of the universe and your relationship to it.



I credit the teachings of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, for increasing in me a sense of knowing confidence—confidence based on the results of practicing the teachings. My life so far is a testimony to the fact that AMORC's principles are effective in assisting individuals to bring into manifestation that which they envision for themselves. I have learned, and continue to learn, of the resourcefulness of listening to that inner voice within me. I credit this voice for assisting me to successfully make difficult decisions to save lives in my rural medical practice and in healing my clients. The decision to become a Rosicrucian is the single most important action I have taken to date.

*Nosa Orobato, M.D., Ph.D.
Public Health Specialist*

The System of Study

Each month, you'll receive a packet of weekly lessons, called *monographs*, to read in the privacy of your own home. The lessons, about six to eight pages each, introduce certain ideas and experiments in a straightforward and simple manner. We ask that you devote about one and a half hours once a week to study that week's lesson and perform any exercise or experiment given. For the remainder of the week we encourage you to periodically think about the important ideas contained in that lesson, and make repeated efforts at accomplishing the exercises. We ask you for this simple commitment because the lessons are not just a body of knowledge, but a way of life. If you only read them and don't attempt the experiments or practice the techniques, then you're only learning theory, just as you would be if you only read a book on how to play the piano, but never practiced playing one.

It takes a special sort of dedication to quest for the knowledge of the Universe. It's essential that you test the ideas and experiments, prove their validity to yourself, and then incorporate them into your life. As you do this, gradually mere theories will be replaced by real knowledge, solid skills, increased confidence, peace of mind, and an ability to successfully meet the experiences of life and to create the kind of life you want.



How is the Information Structured?

New students begin with a series of three introductory Degrees comprising an overview of the Rosicrucian course of study. This is followed by nine additional Degrees, each having its own particular emphasis. For instance, the Fifth Degree deals primarily with ancient philosophies, the Sixth with the health of the physical and psychic consciousness, the Seventh with the aura and the projection of the psychic body. The teachings are continuously updated to reflect our modern world, while keeping true to the traditions of the Order. Underlying this changing language and format is a code of natural law which forms the core of the Rosicrucian teachings and which remains constant over time.

Progression of the Teachings

The Rosicrucian system does not promise instant enlightenment. To complete our basic program of lessons, from the introductory courses up through the end of the Ninth Degree, takes approximately five years. Although in five years you will have achieved a high level of mastery over self and your environment, our teachings continue past the Ninth Degree for many years, supplementing the basic lessons and continuing to stimulate further development.

The uniqueness of the Rosicrucian teachings doesn't come simply from the body of knowledge it offers, but also from the way in which it is organized and brought to life through practical exercises and experiments to produce a genuine evolution in consciousness. Each Degree covers an important step you need in order to benefit from the following Degree. Each exercise supports, reinforces, and builds upon the preceding exercises and techniques, leading to balanced, full development.

Assistance from the Department of Instruction

As a member, you have access to the Department of Instruction, whose purpose is to answer your questions about the Rosicrucian studies. The Instructors, who have many years of experience in the Rosicrucian teachings, review your reports, provide helpful information, and direct you to the appropriate section of your studies to find the answers you seek. Of course, the instructor can only point the way; it's up to you to do the required work to achieve self-mastery.



I came to the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, through a mystical quest: I was looking for the direct experience of ultimate reality, and perceived that the Rosicrucian studies would lead me well on the way to my mystical goal.

What I could not envision in my youth was the profound transformative effect the teachings would have in my life. The teachings and the energies of the Order were there at all times, guiding my way, motivating my every step.

Now, in middle age, I can look at my life and see the impact which the Order and the teachings had on it: I have walked the world from one end to another. I pushed my way through college, working to pay the tuition that my father could not afford to pay. I went to England to gain my Doctoral Degree in one of the finest universities in the world. I was a university professor and I am now a director of research and development for a well-known international corporation in the United States. As a little child growing up in a small town in Latin America I could never have dared to dream of these things until I found the teachings of the Rosicrucian Order.

Alberto I. LaCava, Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering, Director of Research & Development



The Three Elements of Rosicrucian Membership

As a member of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, you are not simply purchasing a course of study. In fact, we do not sell the Rosicrucian lessons at any price. In the true tradition of the ancient mystery schools, the teachings were never sold, but were extended to sincere seekers. In keeping with this tradition, the Rosicrucian teachings are made available to students as a benefit of their active membership. Your membership dues support all aspects of the organization's activities, not just the lessons.

The three main elements of Rosicrucian membership are the system of home study lessons, the Order's initiatic tradition, and the fraternal activities of Rosicrucian Lodges. Additional benefits of membership are described later in this booklet.

The Rosicrucian Home Study Lessons

The teachings of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, are presented in booklets called monographs, and the lessons are divided into two main sections, the Neophyte section and the Temple section. Following is a description of some of the subjects covered in the first five years of the Rosicrucian system.



The Grand Temple at Rosicrucian Park, where fraternal convocations are held.

Neophyte Section

In ancient times, if you wished to study the great mysteries, you would travel to a Temple and petition for admittance as a student. Once accepted as a beginning student, you would be known as a *Neophyte*, and you would enter the *Atrium*, or reception chamber of the temple. In the Atrium, you would receive preliminary instructions before being allowed to enter the main Temple itself and study the higher teachings. Following the analogy of the ancient temples, the early lessons of the Rosicrucian monographs are called Atrium lessons, and beginning Rosicrucian students are called Neophytes.

INTRODUCTORY LESSONS

Right from the start, the introductory monographs present basic Rosicrucian concepts that you can apply in practical ways. One of the first things you learn as a Neophyte is that you are a dual being. In addition to your five physical senses, you also have a psychic sense. The exercises in these introductory lessons are designed to gradually awaken and develop the psychic faculty. The exercises presented here and throughout the entire



Issac Newton

English philosopher, mathematician, and Rosicrucian who discovered the law of gravity, and is renowned as one of the greatest scientists who ever lived.



Benjamin Franklin

American statesman, author, and celebrated inventor, Benjamin Franklin, like many of the United States' founding fathers, was heavily influenced by Rosicrucian doctrines in charting the course for his new country.



Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz

German philosopher, mathematician, and Rosicrucian.

Rosicrucian system allow you to discover for yourself through direct experience how these principles work. Topics include:

- Illusory Nature of Time and Space
- Human Consciousness and Cosmic Consciousness
- Rosicrucian Technique of Meditation
- Development of the Intuition
- Introduction to: Human Aura, Telepathy, Metaphysical Healing, Mystical Sounds, Spiritual Alchemy

FIRST ATRIUM

In the introductory lessons you learned about fundamental principles of consciousness. The First Atrium goes further, exploring consciousness as the organizing principle of matter, and explaining the composition and structure of matter and its vibratory nature. You'll learn how the creative power of thought affects the material world. This power is demonstrated through exercises in the techniques of concentration, visualization, and mental creation. Topics include:

- Structure and Composition of Matter
- Power of Thought
- The Creative Power of Visualization
- Mental Projection and Telepathy
- Law of the Triangle

SECOND ATRIUM

Your understanding of the connection between mind and matter will now be expanded to include the connection between the mind and the physical body. The Second Atrium explores how your thoughts influence your health, the role of proper breathing in psychic development as well as health and vitality, and Rosicrucian healing techniques. As you develop your body's psychic centers, you gradually awaken your psychic faculties, such as the ability to perceive the aura. You will also experience the mystical effect of sounds on the psychic centers as well as on the physical body. Topics include:

- Origin of Diseases
- Influence of Thoughts on Health

- Mystical Art of Breathing
- Rosicrucian Healing Treatments
- Perception of the Aura
- Awakening the Psychic Consciousness
- Mystical Sounds

THIRD ATRIUM

The Third Atrium moves beyond the physical body and the psychic faculties into the realm of the mystical. As you become more attuned with your inner source of wisdom, you'll become more receptive to the subtle inner promptings of intuition, inspiration, and illumination. These lessons also explore the nature of Soul and spiritual evolution, reincarnation and karma, and the cycles of the soul. Topics include:

- The Great Religious Movements
- The Nature of Soul
- Purpose of our Spiritual Evolution
- Reincarnation and Karma
- Good and Evil and Free Will
- Intuition, Inspiration, and Illumination

Temple Section

Having completed the lessons of the Neophyte section, you stand at an important milestone in your progress along the mystical path. No longer a Neophyte, you are now ready to leave the Atrium and enter the Temple. Your studies in the Neophyte section established the foundation for the lessons of the Temple Degrees. You have been introduced to the various elements of the Rosicrucian system and had the opportunity to practice many of the principles presented through simple experiments. Now the Temple Degrees will further develop these elements, providing additional depth and practical applications of the principles.

FIRST TEMPLE DEGREE

The First Temple Degree introduces the concept of polarity and its relationship to the subatomic world and its differing rates of vibration. It introduces the full spectrum of physical and non-physical manifestation. An understanding of these subjects gives

I have been a member of the Rosicrucian Order for 28 years; my life has never been the same since I joined this exceptional fellowship of men and women. My key life problem has been learning to ask for what I need and trusting that the Cosmic will provide. "Letting go" was not a word in my vocabulary until about 10 years ago. While I have found that overcoming this barrier to living in fullness and joy has been difficult, I can find examples of the Cosmic in action almost daily, when I take time to look. It has been proven many times, to my scientific satisfaction, that the Cosmic Prosperity Principle of asking does work. With each experience of the Rosicrucian principles working in my life, I grow to be a better, more giving person. I am truly blessed.

*Sharon C. Wahl, Ed.D.
Professor of Nursing*

I find our monographs to be the most comprehensive and well-balanced program available in the pursuit of spiritual growth and unfoldment.

*Louis Domenech, MBA
Tax Planner*



René Descartes

French scientist, philosopher, and Rosicrucian.



Marie Corelli

English author and Rosicrucian Marie Corelli was the best-selling novelist of her generation, thrilling readers everywhere with her romantic tales of mystical intrigue.



Elbert Hubbard

Writer, editor, printer, and Rosicrucian

"The Adept only converses at his or her best with the Adept. Around them is a sacred circle, and within it only the Elect are allowed to enter. The Brotherhood of Consecrated Lives admits all who are worthy; and all who are excluded, exclude themselves."

you an appreciation for the system and order of the universe, the interconnectedness of all nature, and how everything is governed by natural law. Topics include:

- Structure of Matter
- Positive and Negative as Vibratory Polarities
- Rosicrucian Definitions of Electricity, Magnetism, and Electromagnetism
- Rosicrucian Classification of Elements
- Material Alchemy

SECOND TEMPLE DEGREE

The Second Temple Degree explores the workings of the mind. You'll learn how to use your various mental faculties to strengthen your will, eliminate bad habits and establish good ones, tap into the levels of your subconscious, reason more effectively, and integrate principles of psychology and mysticism to achieve your personal goals. Topics include:

- Cosmic Consciousness
- Our Objective and Subjective Consciousness
- Mental and Sensory Illusions
- Imagination and Memory
- Physical, Psychic, and Spiritual Influence of the Subconscious
- Memory and Reasoning of the Subconscious
- Psychology and Mysticism

THIRD TEMPLE DEGREE

The Third Temple Degree explores the meaning of life on many levels, including living and "non-living" matter, life on the cellular level, the mysteries of death and rebirth, and the eternal nature of the Soul. Topics include:

- Cosmic Purpose of Life
- Rosicrucian Definitions of Living and Non-living Matter
- Incarnation of the Soul
- Transition of the Soul
- Initiatic Aspect of Death

FOURTH TEMPLE DEGREE

The Fourth Temple Degree introduces Rosicrucian ontology (the study of the nature of being), and lays out the cosmological

framework for all creation. It explores the meaning, understanding, and use of symbols as the language of the subconscious. Topics include:

- Vital Life Force and the Living Soul
- Cycles of Life and Constant States of Flux
- Time, Space, Infinity, and Eternity
- Symbols - Natural, Artificial, and Mystical
- Sacred Architecture

FIFTH TEMPLE DEGREE

A mystic, by nature, is fundamentally a philosopher. In the Fifth Temple Degree, you will study excerpts from the works of classical philosophers. Your exploration of the ancient roots of Rosicrucian philosophy will demonstrate the timelessness of these principles. Thoughts of the following philosophers are presented: Thales, Solon, Pythagoras, Heraclitus, Democritus, Empedocles, Socrates, Plato, Aristotle.

SIXTH TEMPLE DEGREE

The Sixth Temple Degree presents the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual components of health and disease. In this Degree, you'll learn specific Rosicrucian healing techniques for restoring and maintaining vibrant physical health and psychic equilibrium. Topics include:

- Spiritual Dimension of Food
- Breathing and Respiratory Health
- Cell Consciousness and Cellular Health
- Rosicrucian Therapy and Self-healing
- Personal Treatment to Restore your Psychic Equilibrium
- Physical and Mental Prevention of Disease
- Emotional and Spiritual Prevention of Disease

SEVENTH TEMPLE DEGREE

The exercises and experiments of all the previous Degrees have contributed to your gradual development, providing you with the necessary foundation for the advanced techniques of the Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Degrees. In the Seventh Degree you will learn how to accomplish psychic projection, how to develop your personal aura and perceive other people's auras,

For my husband and me, being members of AMORC and studying together has definitely been a plus.

Looking back, having studied the natural and spiritual laws in the universe and applying them in our life; and comparing our lives to others makes me realize what a difference the Rosicrucian teachings have made in our lives. Of course, with knowledge comes the responsibility to act in accordance with it; and the inspiration derived from helping others broadens the understanding of the natural and spiritual laws. Raising a large family (we raised six sons) and starting and running a very successful business, which was started and is being run using Rosicrucian principles and teachings, has provided great opportunity and I will be eternally grateful.

Maurine W. Bledsoe
Materials Control Manager,
Bledsoe Brace Systems by Medical
Technology, Inc., Orthopedic
Medical Device Company.



Michael Faraday

Considered the father of physics, had little formal schooling. His life and the lives of countless others were enriched through the inspiration of Rosicrucian instruction.



Ella Wheeler Wilcox

A writer and poet, she worked with H. Spencer Lewis to reestablish the Rosicrucian Order in America. Her profound insight into the spirituality and emotional nature of humanity was an inspiration to Dr. Lewis and Rosicrucians of that time.



Robert Fludd

English physician, mystical philosopher, father of freemasonry, and Rosicrucian defender.

and how to further develop your psychic centers and psychic perception. You will also receive a thorough explanation of the physiological, psychic, and spiritual influence of specific mystical sounds. Topics include:

- The Psychic Body and Psychic Centers
- Psychic Perception and Psychic Consciousness
- How to accomplish Psychic Projection
- Nature and Symbolism of Dreams
- The Physical, Psychic, and Spiritual Auras
- Mystical Power of Vowel Sounds and Mantras

EIGHTH TEMPLE DEGREE

The Eighth Temple Degree explores in depth the theme of immortality—the mysteries of birth and death, reincarnation and karma, and the evolution of the soul personality. Topics include:

- Universal Soul and the Human Soul
- Divine Consciousness and Self Consciousness
- Spiritual Evolution of Humans
- Mastery of Karma
- Reincarnation of the Soul
- Memory of Past Incarnations
- The Mystery of Birth and Death
- Help to the Dying, Before and After Death

NINTH TEMPLE DEGREE

If you have conscientiously studied and practiced the exercises and experiments of the earlier Degrees, these techniques will by now have become second nature, and you'll be well prepared to successfully undertake the advanced experiments of the Ninth Degree. This Degree gives you the opportunity to utilize the highest metaphysical powers in practical ways to affect positive conditions in your environment and your life in accordance with the greatest good. Topics include:

- Macrocosm and Microcosm
- The Four Principles: Earth, Water, Air and Fire
- Symbolism of the Cross, Triangle, Square, Circle, and Rose-Cross
- Mental Alchemy

- Telepathy, Telekinesis, Vibroturgy, Radiesthesia
- Cosmic Protection, Mystical Regeneration
- Attunement with the Cosmic Consciousness

Beyond the Ninth Temple Degree

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is not just a course of study, but a way of life. While the essential Rosicrucian teachings are covered in the first five years, the exploration of universal laws is truly a lifelong study. As long as we live, we never stop learning. Therefore, the Rosicrucian lessons continue for many years beyond the Ninth Degree, providing you with even greater insights and exploration of the Rosicrucian principles and techniques.



Always renewed, always flowing forth, as from a cornucopia, the knowledge of the Cosmic flows through the Rosicrucian teachings. In my many years of membership and study, I have found an endless source of new and ancient wisdom on which to feed and care for my soul and my body and the inspiration to care equally for others.

Ron Skolmen, Retired Designer, Teacher, Boatbuilder

Is there a better treasure in life than to find one's place and in developing natural talents help harmony ring round our garden world? Four years ago I sent for the Mastery of Life with some skepticism and great hope. Skepticism has vanished; Rosicrucian practice works for me.

Maryrose Carroll, Sculptor

The Initiatic Tradition

he Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is a fraternal order. As a member, you are not just taking a course of study. You are passing through Degrees of study, rituals, ceremonies, exercises, and demonstrations that have a long historical background with new information constantly being added.

Rosicrucian initiations are fraternal rituals designed to mark the milestones of a student's progress on the mystical path. In these beautiful rituals, mystical laws and principles are demonstrated in a dramatic form, in order to both inform and inspire the Rosicrucian student. Almost all of the Degrees of Rosicrucian study are preceded by an initiation ceremony, written in an impressive and brief form that can easily be performed at home during your study period. You also have the option of receiving these initiations in a more elaborate form in the Order's affiliated Lodges. You'll find that these initiations, when conferred in the Temple of a Rosicrucian Lodge with all officers participating, are even more impressive to the psyche. Both the home ceremonies and the Lodge initiations are specially prepared to introduce to you in an impressive, symbolic, and dramatic way the importance of each new Degree into which you are entering.

The origin of initiation is as old as the earliest civilizations. The ancient Egyptians learned that demonstrations, the performance of various acts, and the use of objects, help to facilitate instruction, so that the lessons are more easily impressed upon the minds of the students. Dramas of impressive ceremonies consisting of music, spectacular lighting, processions, chanting, and colorful costumes become an unforgettable experience to the participant.

All true esoteric initiations are mystery-dramas. In these dramatizations, ancient people sought to reenact certain fundamental truths of nature which they had discovered. These mystery-dramas were somewhat like the modern passion plays. In ancient times, the word mystery did not have the same connotation that it does now. It did not mean "strange" or "weird." Rather, it referred to a unique gnosis — that is, knowledge which was to be revealed to the candidate for initiation. In fact, in ancient Rome the mysteries were called *initia*. The initiates were called *mystae*. The Latin word *initiare* meant "to inspire," and *initium* meant "beginning" or "training." Thus, candidates for initiation were introduced to an inspiring knowledge that was to make an emotional or psychic impression upon their consciousness as well as to add to their knowledge. In a dramatic way, the initiation sheds illumination upon certain subjects which otherwise may not be thoroughly understood and appreciated. Further, the mystical aspect of initiation arouses your psychic and emotional response concerning the subjects you are about to study and produces an

awareness, a state of consciousness which otherwise could not be achieved.

No rite or ceremony, however, no matter what its form or how it is conducted, is a true initiation if it does not do the following; (a) cause you to engage in introspection, that is, to turn your consciousness within, to look upon yourself; (b) engender within you a feeling of aspiration and idealism; and (c) exact from you a sacred obligation or promise which you make to yourself that you will try to fulfill your aspirations. The purpose of Rosicrucian initiation is for the same traditional and psychological reasons.

Participation in initiation rituals does not, in itself, make you a true initiate, and Rosicrucian students are not required to participate in rituals. You become a Rosicrucian initiate only through your own efforts, merits, and preparation. This means that as you progress along the Rosicrucian path, it is through your personal work that you will advance; and everything that you can become, you will become through your own patience and perseverance. Even in antiquity when seekers travelled thousands of miles to reach ancient temples so as to be initiated and receive instructions from the Masters, they understood that true initiation — meaning illumination of consciousness — would come only when they were prepared or ready on the inner plane, whether or not they were in a temple or proceeding through a ceremony or ritual at that particular time. What was true centuries ago is still true today. However, it is possible to accelerate this inner preparation, and this is the purpose of Rosicrucian initiations.

Fraternal Affiliation

he Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, as a fraternal organization, maintains a system of local Rosicrucian groups to supplement the home study program. As a student of the Rosicrucian Order, you have the option and privilege of attending an affiliated Lodge, Chapter or Pronaos if there is one in your area. Here you can enjoy the company of fellow Rosicrucians, hear inspiring lectures, engage in mystical experiments with other students, and participate in beautiful ceremonies and stimulating discussions. In addition, you'll have the opportunity to attend a variety of special events, seminars, and conventions. No Rosicrucian member is obligated to associate with a local Rosicrucian group, but it is highly recommended. This is a special privilege offered to you, and provides a unique opportunity to enrich your membership experience

The smallest of the three types of Rosicrucian groups is the Pronaos, which requires at least fifteen members. The word

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, has provided a bridge for me into a dimension of life that I had inwardly and innately longed for but could not find in all of my scientific and religious searches. Within the teachings I have found an understanding of all the so-called mysteries of life—bringing me inner peace and contentment and giving to me a higher appreciation of science and religion...

Lonnie C. Edwards, M.D.
Retired General Surgeon,
Former Commissioner of Health,
City of Chicago

Pronaos comes from the ancient Greek and describes the open vestibule or antechamber at one side of a temple. Initiates were first allowed into the *pronaos* (antechamber) before full initiation into the Mysteries. A Rosicrucian *Pronaos* conducts regular meetings, called convocations, which include interesting discourses on Rosicrucian topics, accompanied by an inspiring ritual. The activities of a *Pronaos* are open to Rosicrucian students at any level of study. As membership in an area increases, a *Pronaos* may grow into a Chapter and subsequently into a Lodge.

The next larger group is a Chapter, which requires at least thirty members. A Chapter offers a more elaborate convocation ritual than that of a *Pronaos*. This convocation is open only to Rosicrucian students who have received the First Temple Degree initiation in a Lodge. However, a Chapter also offers *Pronaos*-level convocations which are open to all students at any level of study, as well as the many other activities described above.

The largest group is a Lodge, which requires at least fifty members. It offers the same fraternal activities as a Chapter, including both *Pronaos*-level convocations and the more elaborate Lodge convocations. In addition, a Lodge is the only type of local group which confers the impressive and inspiring Degree initiation rituals. Once you have completed the three Atrium Degrees of your Rosicrucian home study lessons, you will be eligible to receive the First Temple Degree initiation, which can only be received in a Lodge. (There are no fees required for Lodge initiations; an optional donation is requested.) Having received this initiation, you may then attend Lodge convocations if you wish. However, even if you have not received it, you may attend *Pronaos*-level convocations at either a Lodge, Chapter, or *Pronaos*, as well as participating in many other activities.

You may visit a local group without obligation three consecutive times. After that, you will be invited to become a member of, and be initiated into, the group. Members of a Lodge, Chapter, or *Pronaos* support the activities of their local group through nominal dues or donations which are separate from their regular Rosicrucian membership dues.

Many local groups offer regular Open Meetings, where members of the public can attend a brief lecture and meet Rosicrucian students in an informal setting. To find out if Open Meetings are offered in your area, you may call or write our Rosicrucian Groups office at:

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or check the Calendar of Events on our World Wide Web site at
<http://www.rosicrucian.org>.

Other Benefits of Membership

Rosicrucian Publications

As a member of the Order, you will receive the following publications in addition to your lessons:

THE ROSICRUCIAN DIGEST

The official magazine of the Rosicrucian Order. The Digest, published quarterly, contains fascinating and informative articles related to mysticism, philosophy, the sciences and the arts and is of particular interest to Rosicrucians and their friends.

THE ROSICRUCIAN FORUM

This quarterly publication, which supplements the Rosicrucian teachings, contains in-depth articles on aspects of the Rosicrucian studies and answers questions from Rosicrucian students. It is a private publication for Rosicrucian students only.

Council of Solace

The Council of Solace is a group of Rosicrucians who meditate daily on behalf of others who are struggling with health, emotional, financial or other challenges. The Council directs metaphysical assistance to those in need through a unique and mystical system of direct healing attunement. Rosicrucian students receive complete information about the services of the Council of Solace in their first packet of introductory materials. Anyone, whether or not they are members of the Rosicrucian Order, may request the aid of the Council of Solace. To request metaphysical assistance, write to: Council of Solace, Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, 1342 Naglee Avenue, San Jose, CA 95191 or phone (408)947-3600 and ask for the Council of Solace.

Rosicrucian Park

The headquarters of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is beautiful Rosicrucian Park in San Jose, California, USA. Fountains, exotic plants and trees, statuary and Egyptian-style buildings add to the special ambience of Rosicrucian Park. (Later in this booklet you'll read about the Rosicrucian Order's traditional history and its connection with ancient Egypt.) In addition to our administrative offices, the Park also houses the Rosicrucian Research Library, the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum and Planetarium, and our Egyptian style Grand Temple, which is the meeting place of the local Lodge. Rosicrucian members may attend convocations and other activities at the Lodge, and attend sessions of the Council of Solace, which are also held in the Grand Temple. Visitors are welcome to stroll through the Park grounds and take in the special atmosphere.

Having traveled many times to India to study first hand from the Eastern Meditation masters, and having spent a lifetime attending New Age, Metaphysical, and Spiritual Development, and Hypnosis seminars, I have NEVER come across a body of knowledge as deep and profound as that contained in the AMORC material.

Dr. Donald Burton Schnell
Co-author of "Fitonics For Life"

Association with AMORC has been the best investment of my life.

Arthur Auclair
Chemical Engineer

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum

The Museum and Planetarium offer an exciting chance to travel back in time and discover the mysteries of ancient Egypt. The Rosicrucian Order has the largest collection of Egyptian artifacts on display on the West Coast, and is the only museum in the world housed in a building with authentic Egyptian architecture. The Museum, one of the largest tourist attractions in San Jose, California, allows visitors to see the fascinating objects and ritual items the Egyptians used in their everyday life, while at the Planetarium visitors learn about various ancient civilizations' knowledge of the solar system. Rosicrucian members, along with one guest, receive free admission to the Museum



Research Library

The Research Library contains a remarkable collection of books and other research materials on most esoteric subjects, as well as cultural, scientific and other fascinating material. Rosicrucian members living in or visiting the San Jose area are encouraged to visit the Library. We also offer a special program of library membership to visiting scholars, researchers, and the general public.

Alexandria Books and Gifts

Many of our students have expressed an interest in high-quality books on mystical and metaphysical subjects to supplement their studies. Through Alexandria catalog sales, we strive to bring both Rosicrucian students and the public the best in metaphysical books from many cultures, ancient and modern. Although not everything offered is directly associated with the Rosicrucian teachings, all items are carefully selected to harmonize with the Rosicrucian tradition. The purchase of supplementary books and student supplies is strictly optional. All of the information necessary for the Rosicrucian course of study is contained in the



Rose-Croix University International

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum

Grand Temple

Rosicrucian Planetarium

Main Administration Building



monographs which students receive as a benefit of their membership.

Rose-Croix University International

Rosicrucian students are eligible to enroll in classes sponsored by Rose-Croix University International. This optional program offers in-depth courses which expand on certain aspects of the Rosicrucian studies. Its purpose is to offer Rosicrucian students opportunities for personal development and spiritual growth in a classroom environment under the personal instruction of faculty members. The Rosicrucian faculty are qualified experts in their fields of instruction and members of our International Research Council.



Our Traditional and Chronological History

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is known internationally by its traditional and authentic title, the Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, from which is derived the acronym “AMORC.” The Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis is the Latin form of the organization’s name, which literally translates into the Ancient Mystical Order of the Rosy Cross. There is no religious connotation associated with this symbol; the Rosy Cross symbol predates Christianity. The cross symbolically represents the human body and the rose represents the individual’s unfolding consciousness. Together, the rose and cross represent the experiences and challenges of a thoughtful life well lived. Thus, by our name and symbol we represent the ancient fraternity of Rosicrucians, perpetuating the true traditions of Rosicrucian movements from centuries past to the present day.

The history of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, may be divided into two general classifications: traditional and chronological. The traditional history consists of mystical allegories and fascinating legends that have been passed down for centuries by word of mouth. The Rosicrucian Order’s chronological accounts are based on specific dates and verifiable facts.

Our Roots in the Ancient World

The Rosicrucian movement, of which the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is the most prominent modern representative, has its roots in the mystery traditions, philosophy, and myths of ancient Egypt dating back to approximately 1500 B.C. In antiquity the word “mystery” referred to a special gnosis, a secret wisdom. Thousands of years ago in ancient Egypt select bodies or schools were formed to explore the mysteries of life and learn the secrets of this hidden wisdom. Only sincere students, displaying a desire for knowledge and meeting certain tests were considered worthy of being inducted into these mysteries. Over the course of centuries these mystery schools added an initiatory dimension to the knowledge they transmitted.

It is further traditionally related that the Order’s first member-students met in secluded chambers in magnificent old temples, where, as candidates, they were initiated into the great mysteries. Their mystical studies then assumed a more closed character and were held exclusively in temples which had been built for that purpose. Rosicrucian tradition relates that the great pyramids of Giza were most sacred in the eyes of initiates. Contrary to what historians affirm, our tradition relates that the Giza pyramids were not built to be the tombs of pharaohs, but were actually places of study and mystical



initiation. The mystery schools, over centuries of time, gradually evolved into great centers of learning, attracting students from throughout the known world.

Pharaoh Thutmose III, who ruled Egypt from 1500 to 1447 B.C., organized the first esoteric brotherhood of initiates founded upon principles and methods similar to those perpetuated today by the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. Decades later Pharaoh Amenhotep IV was initiated into the secret brotherhood. This most enlightened pharaoh – history's first monotheist – was so inspired by the mystery teachings that he gave a completely new direction to Egypt's religion and philosophy. He established a religion which recognized the Aton, the solar disk, as being the symbol of the sole deity – the foundation of life itself, the symbol of Light, Truth, and Joy – and changed his name to Akhnaton to reflect these new ideas. And although the earlier religion was later reestablished, the mystical idea was put

forth in human consciousness, and its flame never died.

Centuries later, Greek philosophers such as Thales and Pythagoras, the Roman philosopher Plotinus, and others, journeyed to Egypt and were initiated into the mystery schools. They then brought their advanced learning and wisdom to the Western world. Their experiences are the first records of what eventually grew and blossomed into the Rosicrucian Order. The name of the Order, as it is now known, was to come much later. However, the Rosicrucian Order always perpetuated its heritage of ancient symbolism and principles.

Early European Beginnings

It was in the time of Charlemagne (742-814) that the French philosopher Arnaud introduced the mystical teachings into France, and from there they spread to much of Western

Europe. Throughout medieval Europe mystical knowledge was often necessarily couched in symbolism or disguised and hidden in the love songs of Troubadours, the formularies of Alchemists, the symbolical system known as the Qabala, and the rituals of Orders of Knighthood.

While much of medieval Europe lay in darkness, the highly advanced Arab Civilization preserved a large body of the mystical teachings through texts translated directly from the great libraries of the ancient world, such as Egypt's Alexandria Library. Philosophy, medicine, mathematics, and alchemy were all important subjects preserved in these libraries and later transmitted to Europe by way of the Arabs.

Alchemy – the art of transmutation – came into prominence with the Alexandrian Greeks. It was then introduced to the Arabs who then transmitted this art and forerunner of chemistry to Europe. The Alchemists played a tremendous part in the early history of the

Rosicrucian Order. While many alchemists were interested in making gold, some were more concerned with the transmutation of human character. European Alchemists and Knights Templar, in contact with the Arab Civilization at the time of the Crusades, brought much of this wisdom to the West. In Europe the transcendental alchemists – mystics and philosophers – sought to transmute the base elements of human character into the more noble virtues and to release the wisdom of the divine self within the individual. Some of the renowned alchemists who were also Rosicrucians were Albertus Magnus, Roger Bacon, Paracelsus, Cagliostro, Nicholas Flamel, and Robert Fludd.

As the old saying goes, "The Truth Shall Make You Free." Consequently, those who sought Truth and attempted to expound it to their fellow humans became the objects of persecution by tyrannical rulers or narrow religious systems. For several centuries, due to the lack of freedom of thought, the Order had to



— Sir Francis Bacon, English philosopher, author and Past Imperator of the Order

conceal itself under various names. However, in all times and places the Order never ceased its activities, perpetuating its ideals and its teachings, participating directly or indirectly in the advancement of the arts, sciences, and civilization in general, and always emphasizing the equality of the sexes and the true brotherhood of all humanity.

As the Renaissance burst upon Europe with a flash of new interest in the arts and sciences, a mysterious publication printed in 17th-century Germany and called the *Fama Fraternitatis* heralded a renewed interest in Rosicrucianism throughout Europe. The Rosicrucians who published the *Fama* did so under the pseudonym of Christian Rosenkreuz, a mythical character who was said to have traveled to centers of learning in the Near East and who personified the revived interest in esoteric studies and mystical learning.

As part of this great renewal, the renowned Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626) English philosopher, essayist, and statesman, directed the Rosicrucian Order and its activities both in England and on the continent. Rosicrucian history states that Sir Francis Bacon was actually the author of the *Fama Fraternitatis* and other works that brought about the revival of the Order in Germany, and Bacon's book, *The New Atlantis*, indicates this connection.

Crossing the Atlantic

In the late 17th century, following a plan originally proposed by Francis Bacon in *The New Atlantis*, a colony of Rosicrucian leaders was organized to establish the Rosicrucian arts and sciences in America. In 1694 Rosicrucian settlers made the perilous journey across the Atlantic Ocean in a specially chartered vessel, the *Sarah Maria*, under the leadership of Johannes Kelpius, master of a Rosicrucian Lodge in Europe. Landing in Philadelphia, the colonists established their first settlement and later moved further west in Pennsylvania to Ephrata. These Rosicrucian communities made valuable contributions to the newly-emerging American culture in the fields of printing, philosophy, the sciences and arts. Later such eminent Americans as Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and Thomas Paine were intimately connected with the Rosicrucian community. In fact, many Rosicrucians played an important role in the great alchemical and social process leading to the founding of a new nation.

Throughout history, there have been periods of greater and lesser activity of Rosicrucianism around the world. While inactive in the Americas during the 19th century, the Order was very active in France, Germany, Switzerland, Russia, Spain, and other lands during this time.

In 1909 the American businessman and philosopher, Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, journeyed to France, where he was duly initiated into the Rosicrucian Order and chartered with the responsibility of renewing Rosicrucian activity in America. With Dr. Lewis as its president, the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, was incorporated in 1915 in New York City. In 1927 the Order moved its headquarters to San Jose, California – the site of present-day Rosicrucian Park.

Today there are close to 200,000 active Rosicrucian students worldwide, and over the past 75 years hundreds of thousands of people have been students of the Rosicrucian teachings. From the beginning, both men and women have played an equal role in the Rosicrucian Order, without regard to religion or race.

Throughout history a number of prominent persons in the fields of science and the arts have been associated with the Rosicrucian movement, such as Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), Cornelius Heinrich Agrippa (1486-1535), Paracelsus (1493-1541), François Rabelais (1494-1553), Theresa of Avila (1515-1582), John of the Cross (1542-1591), Francis Bacon (1561-1626), Robert Fludd (1574-1637), Jacob Boehme (1575-1624), René Descartes (1596-1650), Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677), Isaac Newton (1642-1727), Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz (1646-1716), Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790), Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), Michael Faraday (1791-1867), Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850-1919), Marie Corelli (1855-1924), Claude Debussy (1862-1918), Erik Satie (1866-1925), and Edith Piaf (1916-1963).

Today's Rosicrucian legacy consists of a vast collection of knowledge which has come down to us through many centuries to enrich the cultural and spiritual heritage of AMORC. To the knowledge passed on by the sages of ancient Egypt was added philosophical concepts expressed by the great thinkers of ancient Greece and India, and the Arab world.

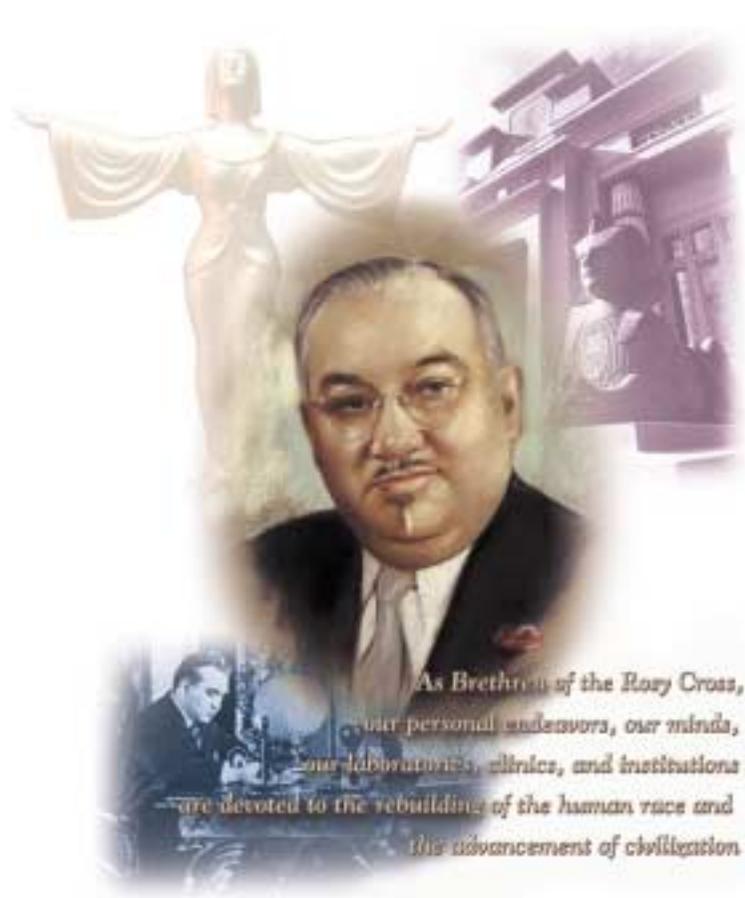
A recent independent survey indicates that:

- More than 94% of members feel that the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, meets or exceeds their expectations.
- More than 83% say that the teachings and the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, have helped them be more successful in life.
- More than 85% feel that they would strongly recommend the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, to a friend.
- More than 86% have been very or extremely satisfied with the studies they have received.
- More than 97% feel that the teachings are very meaningful to them.
- More than 87% feel that the teachings and the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, have helped them change their lives for the better.
- More than 81% feel that the teachings are presented in a way that is truly unique and can be found nowhere else in such a complete and comprehensive way.

Every man or woman who is capable of the average words of the languages in which the instructions are presented can easily master and succeed in the application of the principles taught in the Rosicrucian teachings.

The work becomes so fascinating, the study so tempting and attractive in its revelations and applications, that men and women who have little time for other studies or who cannot devote evenings to unnecessary things are happy to set aside a part of one evening each week for the study of the monographs so that in spare moments during the other days of the week, the principles can be applied and benefits can be derived in every one of their daily affairs.

H. Spencer Lewis



As Brethren of the Holy Cross, our personal endeavors, our minds, our laboratories, clinics, and institutions are devoted to the rebuilding of the human race and the advancement of civilization

Scientist, author, philosopher, artist, and mystic, H. Spencer Lewis was given the responsibility of reactivating the Order in America in 1915. Under his guidance Rosicrucian Park was built and AMORC flourished throughout the world.

Then, a few centuries later, the mystical precepts of Rosicrucian alchemists of the Middle Ages were formulated, followed by the vast expansion of knowledge which occurred from the Renaissance to the present day.

The New Frontier

As you can see, Rosicrucian ideas and our unique process and method of inner development have been developed over many centuries. Thus, a large number of mystical laws and principles which are explained in our monographs are the product of the ongoing studies and experimentation which mystics of the past have performed to pierce the mysteries of nature and the universe.

As we approach the twenty-first century, we feel strongly that these teachings will play an increasingly important role in humanity's evolution. With fast-paced technological advancement and its effects upon the environment and the human psyche, people are searching for an inner, ever-reliable source of strength and balance. Perhaps now more than ever, we are reaching out for understanding, for mystical illumination, for spiritual guidance, for harmony and peace. Through its unique system of instruction and its humanitarian ideals, the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, offers a beacon of light to all who seek the answers to life's questions by following this inner path to wisdom.



H. Spencer Lewis

How to Become a Rosicrucian Student

We cordially invite you to unite with us as we explore the marvelous frontier of self and the universal laws of nature. By accepting this invitation, you will not be agreeing to study a mere correspondence course, but you will become part of a worldwide mystical fraternity of men and women who share your spiritual interests, zest for higher knowledge, and humanitarian ideals. We welcome you to a lifetime of learning that will enable you to experience real, practical benefits on a daily basis.

To become a Rosicrucian student, simply fill out the application enclosed with this booklet and return it to us, along with at least one quarter's dues. The dues rates are listed on the application. Aside from your dues, no other fees are required, nor must you purchase any books or other supplemental materials in order to advance through the studies. When we receive your application, it will be reviewed by the Membership Committee, who will notify you by mail upon approval of your petition to receive the Rosicrucian teachings. This normally takes no more than two to three weeks.

If someone living in your household is also interested in studying with us, please don't hesitate to take advantage of our Companion Membership program, which offers considerable financial savings. Under the Companion program, two people living at the same address share a single set of lessons, magazines, etc., yet they both have full membership benefits. For further information about Companion Membership, please see the application form.

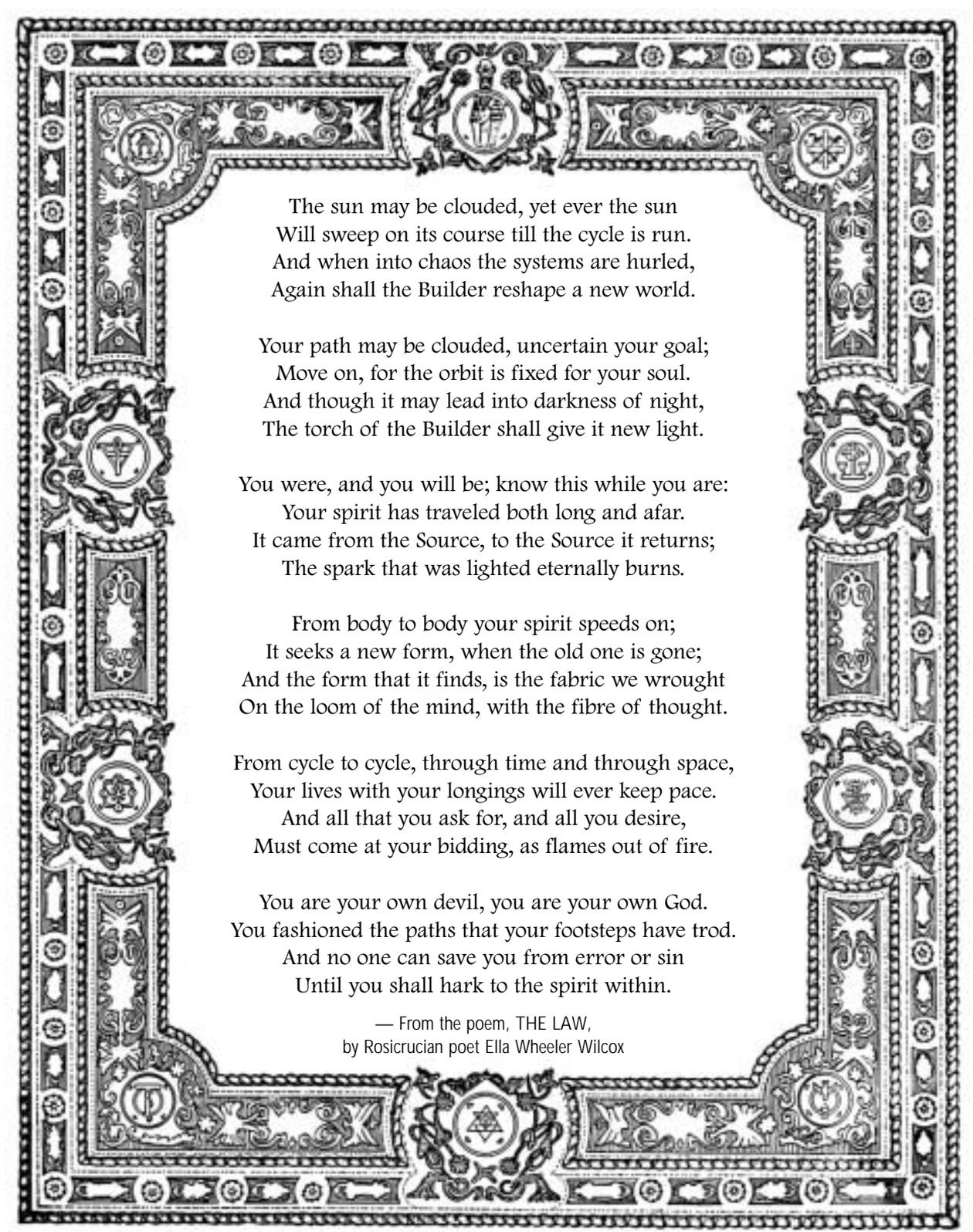
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We thank you for taking the time to learn more about us and the benefits we have to offer. If you have any further questions about the Rosicrucian Order and its teachings, or if an application was not enclosed with this booklet, please feel free to contact us.

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The sun may be clouded, yet ever the sun
Will sweep on its course till the cycle is run.
And when into chaos the systems are hurled,
Again shall the Builder reshape a new world.

Your path may be clouded, uncertain your goal;
Move on, for the orbit is fixed for your soul.
And though it may lead into darkness of night,
The torch of the Builder shall give it new light.

You were, and you will be; know this while you are:
Your spirit has traveled both long and afar.
It came from the Source, to the Source it returns;
The spark that was lighted eternally burns.

From body to body your spirit speeds on;
It seeks a new form, when the old one is gone;
And the form that it finds, is the fabric we wrought
On the loom of the mind, with the fibre of thought.

From cycle to cycle, through time and through space,
Your lives with your longings will ever keep pace.
And all that you ask for, and all you desire,
Must come at your bidding, as flames out of fire.

You are your own devil, you are your own God.
You fashioned the paths that your footsteps have trod.
And no one can save you from error or sin
Until you shall hark to the spirit within.

— From the poem, THE LAW,
by Rosicrucian poet Ella Wheeler Wilcox

THE ROSICRUCIAN ORDER, AMORC MISSION STATEMENT

The Rosicrucian teachings enable people to find themselves, turn their lives, and influence the universe. We are educators, students, and seekers devoted to exploring inner wisdom and the meaning of life. We offer an ancient time-tested system of study and experimentation which reveals the underlying principles of the universe. Our method offers practical tools applicable to all aspects of life. The Rosicrucian teachings allow individuals to direct their own lives, experience inner peace, and leave their mark on humanity.

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