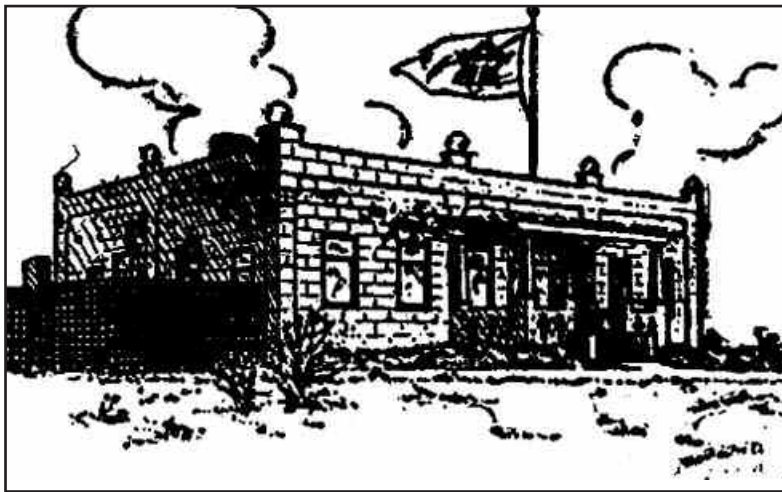
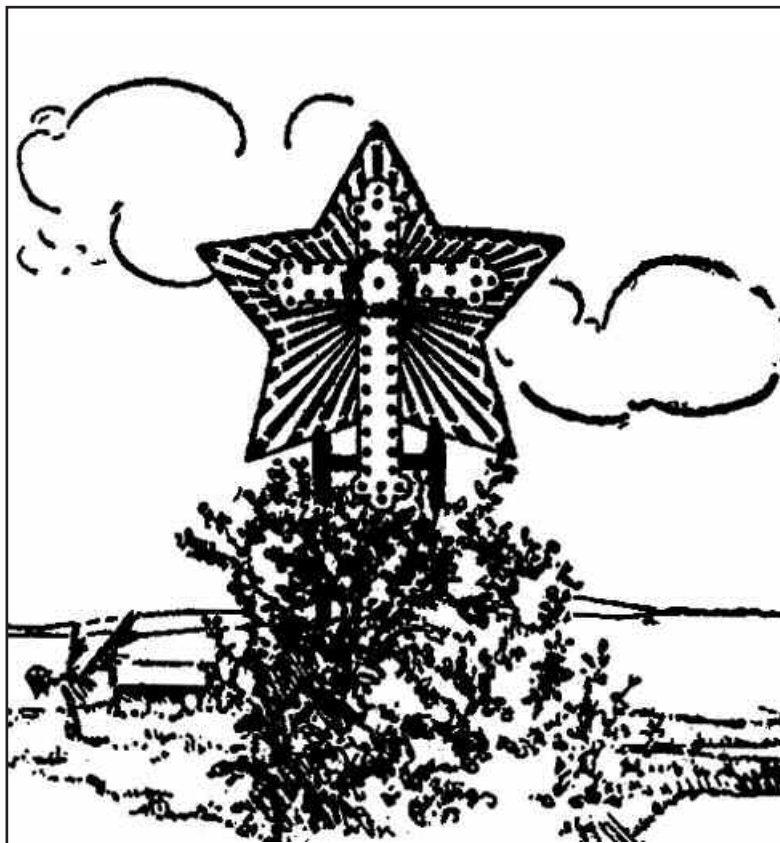


ships are often silhouetted upon the skyline as they sail by. Forty miles to the southward looms the promontory of La Jolla, a suburb of San Diego, the southernmost city in Uncle Sam's spacious realm. Eighty miles north from Mount Ecclesia we see the lovely island of Catalina with its crystal clear waters and its luxuriant submarine gardens, so strange and fantastic that they outstrip fancy and fairy tale alike. Standing upon the same spot whence we saw the magnificent marine view described above, we may behold a landscape equally glorious, varied, and wide by simply turning upon our heels and looking towards the east. Immediately below Mount Ecclesia lies the smiling San Luis Rey valley with its fertile green fields and its historic old mission; a little further away are the rounded foothills with their wonderful play of light and shade, then the mountains with their rugged contours, and farthest to the east we see the snowcapped peaks of Mount San Bernardino, Mount Greyback, and Mount San Jacinto. The first named is 100 and the last 75 miles from the coast. Thus the range of our views from Mount Ecclesia is 150 miles east and west (from San Jacinto Mountain to San Clemente island), and 120 miles north and south (from Catalina to La Jolla).

The climate is as wonderful as the view, and as incomprehensible to all who have not lived here. One may wear a white shirt-waist outdoors on every day in the winter, and although the water in our solar heater gets so hot that it cracks glass, we do not perspire on the warmest day in summer on account of the sea breeze which sweeps over Mount Ecclesia every day from about 10 a. m. to 5 p. m., cooling the atmosphere and filling our lungs with invigorating ozone fresh from the heaving bosom of the great Pacific Ocean. It is a veritable elixir of Life, and therefore this place offers such rare physical conditions for the attainment of health that it is probably without a peer.



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Mount Ecclesia is brilliantly illuminated at night, and the Electric Emblem is a unique and striking feature.

## **OUR BUILDINGS, PRINTING, PUMPING, AND ELECTRIC PLANTS**

Three years ago we started building our headquarters on this beautiful spot. We installed a pumping plant in the valley, carrying the water 226 feet up to the summit of Mt. Ecclesia and have thus an unlimited supply of water for irrigation and ample fire protection. We have built a sanctuary devoted exclusively to worship of God, an administration building wherein our general offices and printing plant are located, a commodious dining hall to accommodate all workers, patients, and pupils. We have also built a number of cottages for the accommodation of the students, and in the summer time a tent city adds largely to the accommodations during the time when the summer school is in session.

Mt. Ecclesia has also its own electric lighting plant, and every night the wonderful electric emblem of the Fellowship may be seen flashing its message of light across the country for over twenty miles in either direction. The exterior of the dining hall and Pro-Ecclesia, as we call our Sanctuary, are also electrically lighted, and thus we let the physical light shine to attract those who are seeking the spiritual, if by chance such may pass and inquire through curiosity, which afterwards turns to keen interest.

## **THE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL**

In addition to the publications of the Rosicrucian Fellowship, regularly advertised and before the public, there are two correspondence courses which furnish instructions to students, all over the world, who are desirous of investigating the Rosicrucian Mysteries, and the Science of Astrology. Upon request anyone who is not a Hypnotist, Professional Medium, Palmist, or Astrologer, will receive from the General Secretary, at headquarters, application blanks for admission to the Esoteric instructions contained in these two courses—Esoteric Astrology and The Rosicrucian Mystery Teachings.



### **THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

This building contains the General offices, the Printing plant and the Mailing Department.

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*A Brief Resumé  
Of the*

# Rosicrucian Philosophy

Sooner or later there comes a time when the consciousness is forced to recognize the fact that life, as we see it, is but fleeting, and that amid all the uncertainties of our existence there is but one certainty—Death !

When the mind has thus become aroused by thought of the leap in the dark which must sometime be taken by all, the question of questions—Whence have we come—Why are we here—Whither are we going?—must inevitably present itself. This is a basic problem with which all must sooner or later grapple, and it is of the greatest importance how we solve it, for the view we take will color our whole life.

Only three theories of note have been brought forward to solve this problem. To range ourselves in one of the three groups of mankind, segregated by their adherence to one theory or the other in an intelligent manner, it is necessary to know the three theories, to calmly weigh and compare them one with another and with established facts. Lecture No. 1 does just that, and whether we agree with its conclusions or not, we shall surely have a more comprehensive grasp of the various viewpoints and be better able to form an intelligent opinion when we have read "*The Riddle of Life and Death.*"

If we have come to the conclusion that death does not end our existence, it is but a natural question to ask: *Where are the dead?* This momentous question is dealt with in lecture No. 2. The law of conservation of matter and energy precludes annihilation, yet we see that matter is constantly changing from the visible to the

invisible state and back again, as, for instance, water is evaporated by the sun, partially condensed into a cloud, and then falls to Earth again as rain.

Consciousness may also exist without being able to give us any sign, as in cases where people have been thought dead, but have awakened and told all that had been said and done in their presence.

So there must be an invisible World of force and matter, as independent of our cognition of it as light and color exist regardless of the fact that they are not perceived by the blind.

In that invisible World the so-called dead are now living in full possession of all the mental and emotional faculties. They are living a life as real as existence here.

The invisible World is cognized by means of a sixth sense developed by some, but latent in most people. It may be developed in all, but different methods produce varying results.

This faculty compensates for distance in a manner far superior to the best telescopes and for the lack of size in a degree unreach-able by the most powerful microscope. It penetrates where the X-ray cannot. A wall or a dozen walls are no denser to the spiritual sight than crystal to ordinary vision.

In lecture No. 3 *Spiritual Sight and the Spiritual Worlds*, this faculty is described, and lecture No. 11, *Spiritual Sight and Insight*, gives a safe method of development.

The Invisible World is divided into different realms: *The Etheric Region*, the *Desire World*, the *Region of Concrete Thought*, and the *Region of Abstract Thought*.

These divisions are not arbitrary, but are necessary because the substance of which they are composed obeys different laws. For instance, physical matter is subject to the law of gravity; in the Desire World forms levitate as easily as they gravitate.

Man needs various vehicles to function in the different Worlds as we need a carriage to ride on land, a boat at sea, and an airship in the air.

We know that he must have a *dense body* to live in the visible World. He also has a *vital body* composed of ether which enables him to sense things around him. He has a *desire body* formed of the materials of the Desire World which gives him a passionate nature and incites him to action. The *Mind* is formed of the substance of the Region of Concrete Thought and acts as a brake upon impulse; it gives purpose to action. The real man, *the Thinker* or *Ego*, functions in the Region of Abstract Thought, acting upon and through his various instruments.

Lecture No. 4 deals with the normal and abnormal conditions of life such as *Sleep, Dreams, Trance, Hypnotism, Mediumship, and Insanity*. The previously mentioned finer vehicles are all concentric with the dense body in the waking state when we are active in thought, word, and deed, but the activities of the day cause the body to grow tired and sleepy.

When the wear and tear incident to use of a building has made exhaustive repairs necessary, the tenants must move out that the workmen may have full scope for restoration. So when wear and tear of the day has exhausted the body, it is necessary that the Ego move out. That withdrawal renders the body unconscious, and definite work is necessary to restore its tone and rhythm. During the night the Ego hovers *outside the dense body* clothed in desire body and mind. Sometimes the Ego only withdraws partially, is half in the body and half out; then it sees both the Desire World and the Physical World, but confused as in a dream.

Hypnotism is a mental assault. The unsuspecting victim is driven out of his body, the hypnotist obtains control.

The victims of the hypnotist are released at his death, however, but the medium is not so fortunate. Spirit controls are really invisible hypnotists. Their invisibility gives great scope for deception, and after death they may take possession of a medium's desire body, use it for ages, and keep their hapless victims from progressing along the pathway of evolution. This latter phase of mediumship is elucidated in No. 5, which deals with *Death and*

*Life in Purgatory.*

What we call death is in reality but a shifting of consciousness from one World to another. We have a *science of birth* with trained nurses, obstetricians, antiseptics, and every other means of caring for the incoming Ego, but are sorely in need of a *science of death*, for when a friend is passing out of our concrete existence, we stand helplessly about, ignorant of how to assist, or worse, we do things which make the passing infinitely harder than if we merely stood idly by. Giving stimulants is one of our worst offenses against the dying, as it draws the passing spirit into the dense body again with the force of a catapult.

After the heart has stopped, on account of the partial rupture of the *silver cord* (which united the higher and lower vehicles of man during sleep and remains unsevered for a time, varying from a few hours to three and a half days after death), there is still on that account a certain feeling if the body is embalmed, opened for post-mortem examination, or cremated. The body should, therefore, be left unmolested, for at that time the passing Ego is engaged in reviewing the pictures of its past life (which are seen in a flash by drowning persons). These pictures are impressed daily and hourly upon the ether of the vital body as independently of our observation as a detailed picture is impressed upon the photographic plate by the ether, regardless of whether the photographer observed details or not. They form an absolutely true record of our past life, which we may call the sub-conscious memory (or mind) far superior to the view we consciously store in our memory (or mind).

Under the immutable *Law of Consequence*, which decrees that what we sow we reap, the deeds of life are the basis of our existence after death. The panorama of a past life is the book of the Recording Angels, who are adjusters of the score we make under the Law of Consequence.

Review of the life panorama just after death etches the pictures into the desire body, which is our normal vehicle in the Desire World,



where *Purgatory* and the *First Heaven* are located.

The panorama of life is the basis of purgation of evil in purgatory and assimilation of good deeds in the first heaven. It is of the highest importance that this panorama be deeply etched into the desire body, for if that impress is deep and clear the Ego will suffer more sharply in purgatory and experience a keener joy in the first heaven. This feeling will remain as conscience in future lives to impel good action and discourage evil deeds.

If the passing spirit is left in peace and quiet to concentrate upon the life-panorama, the etching will be clear and sharp, but if the relatives detract his attention by loud hysterical lamentations during the first three and one-half days when the silver cord is yet intact, a shallow or blurred impression will cause the spirit to lose much of the lessons which should have been learned. To correct this anomaly the Recording Angels are often forced to terminate the next Earth-life in early childhood before the desire body has come to birth, as described in *Birth a Fourfold Event* (lecture No. 7) for that which has not been quickened cannot die, and so the child goes into the first heaven and learns the lessons it did not learn before, and is thus equipped to pass on in Life's School.

As such Egos retain the desire body and mind they had in the life where they died as children, it often happens that they remember that life, for they only stay out of Earth life from one to twenty years.

Suffering in purgatory arises from two causes: Desires which cannot be gratified or the reaction to the pictures of the life panorama—the drunkard suffers tortures of Tantalus because he has no means of obtaining or retaining drink. The miser suffers because he lacks the hand to restrain his heirs from squandering his cherished hoard. Thus the Law of Consequence purges evil habits until desire has burned itself out.

If we have been cruel the panorama of life radiates back upon us the picture of ourselves and our victims. Conditions are reversed in purgatory; we suffer as they suffered. Thus, in time, we are

When the Ego has helped to build the creative archetype for the environment of its next earth-life, in the second heaven, it ascends into the *Third Heaven*, located in the Region of Abstract Thought. But few people have learned to think *abstractly*, as in mathematics; the majority of people are therefore unconscious, as in sleep, waiting for the *Clock of Destiny*—the stars, to indicate the time when effects engendered by the action of past lives can be worked out. When the heavenly time makers, the Sun, Moon, and planets, have reached a proper position, the Ego wakes and desires a new embodiment.

The Recording Angels look up the record of all our past lives, which is stamped upon the *super-conscious mind* each time an Ego withdraws to the third Heaven, as outlined in lecture No. 7, *Birth a Fourfold Event*. When there is no particular reason why a certain environment should be taken, the Ego has choice of various embodiments. These are shown to it as a panorama, giving the great outline of each proposed life, but leaving scope for individual free-will in the detail.

Once a choice has been made, the Ego is bound to liquidate *ripe* causes selected by the Recording Angels, and any attempt to evade that will be frustrated. It should be carefully noted that evil is eradicated in Purgatory. Only tendencies remain, to tempt us till we have consciously overcome. Thus we are born innocent and *at least every evil act is an act of free will*.

When the Ego descends toward rebirth, it gathers the materials for its new bodies, but they are not born at the same time. Birth of the vital body inaugurates rapid growth from 7 to 14, ripening also the propagative faculty. Birth of the desire body at 14 gives rise to the impulsive period from 14 to 21. At that age the birth of the mind furnishes a brake on impulse and gives a foundation for serious life.

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