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TO A.M.O.R.C.

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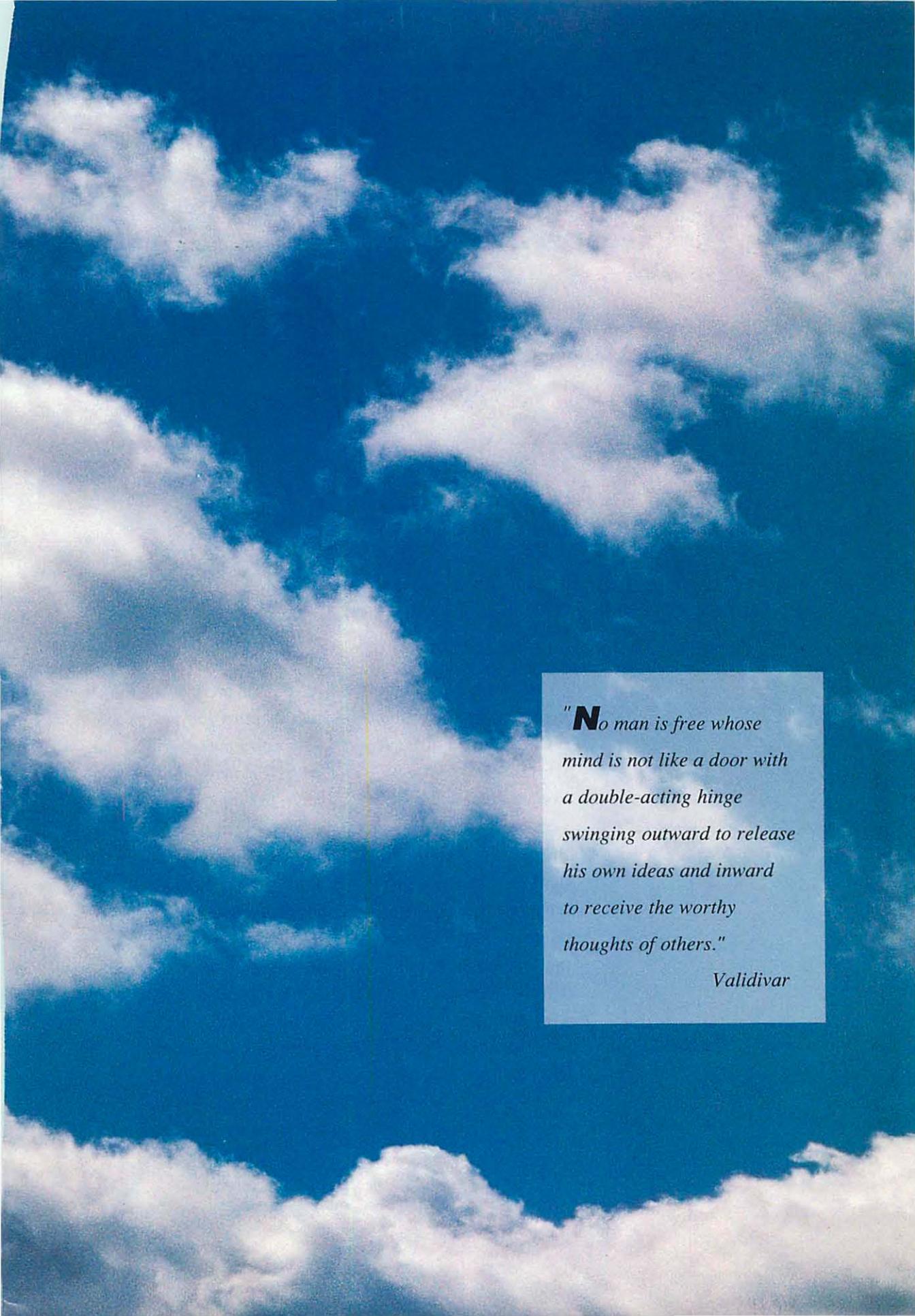
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*"**N**o man is free whose mind is not like a door with a double-acting hinge swinging outward to release his own ideas and inward to receive the worthy thoughts of others."*

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*ELCOME  
TO THE  
JOURNEY  
INTO SELF*

It is with great joy that we welcome you to the outer threshold of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. We are indeed pleased by your presence, for the fact that you are reading this booklet shows that you have felt an urge from within to improve your present condition in life. This is the first step on the journey into self and if we may offer you assistance in this most personal quest then we will have served our highest purpose.

By sincerely embarking on this inner journey you earn entry onto the mystical path. It is here that you learn to direct your destiny, develop your own philosophy, and master your life in every sense of the word. How motivated you are by this desire will determine your degree of success.

For some people such an undertaking can at first seem awkward. Every Rosicrucian has gone through their own trials and tribulations, yet, let us assure you that there is nothing more fascinating, inspiring, and rewarding

than embarking on the journey into self with a centuries-old organization like the Rosicrucian Order to act as your guide.

### **Our Service to Humanity**

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is internationally known as the Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis. We are a non-sectarian body of men and women devoted to the investigation, study and practical application of natural and spiritual laws. Our purpose is to further the evolution of humanity through the development of the full potential of each individual. Our goal is to enable everyone to live in harmony with creative, cosmic forces for the attainment of health, happiness, and peace.

To assist in this attainment, the Rosicrucian Order offers the world's foremost system of instruction and guidance for exploring the inner self and discovering the universal laws that govern all human endeavor. It is based on the collective ancient wisdom

and current knowledge of many of the world's most respected philosophers, artists and scientists.

Through our teachings you will gain specific knowledge of metaphysics, mysticism, philosophy, psychology, parapsychology and science not taught by conventional educational systems or traditional religions. This profound wisdom, carefully preserved by mystery schools for centuries, is transmitted today through the Rosicrucian Order to every sincere person with an open mind and a positive motive. Its great power can be applied to the affairs of your life with startling results.

Imagine having the ability to actualize your highest potential in all areas of life including family and social relationships, career, health, and personal development. Imagine developing greater creativity and discipline to overcome life's problems. Imagine

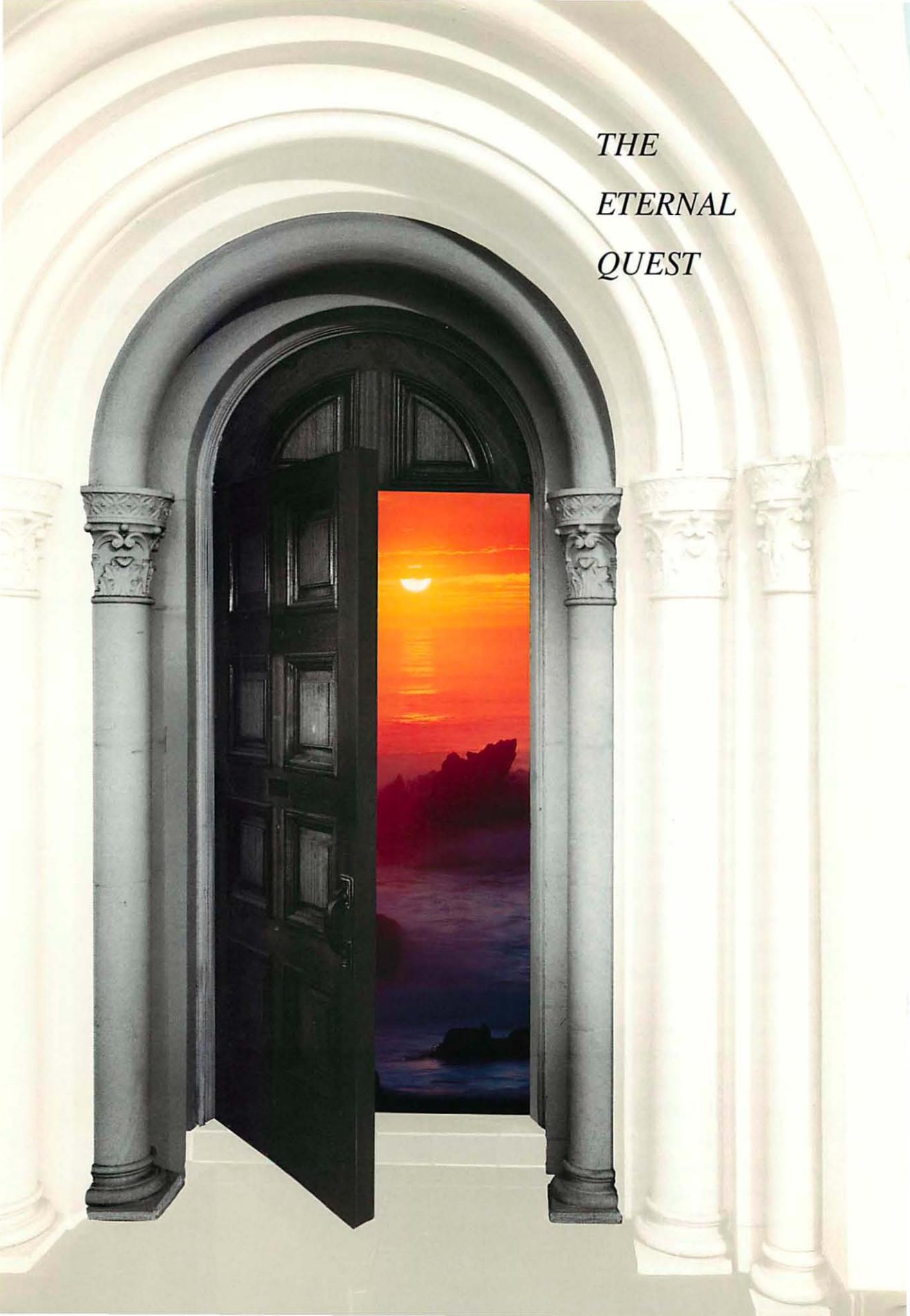
setting a new course for your future; one that promises to be more in line with who you really are and more fulfilling than anything you've previously experienced!

### **A Word to the Wise**

Be assured that our teachings do not attempt to dictate what you should think. We do not propose a belief system, nor a dogmatic decree, but a personal, practical approach to living that each student must learn and master through their own experiences. We want you to think for yourself. What we provide are simply the tools to enable you to accomplish this. With that in mind, we invite you to continue your journey through the pages of this booklet.



*THE  
ETERNAL  
QUEST*



Since the dawn of civilization, humanity has embarked on the eternal quest of self-discovery. This urge to know usually begins in the form of questions universal to every human being. Questions like: Who am I? Why am I here? Is there a unifying Force in the universe? Are there higher and consistent laws that give order and direction, or do things occur at random?

Certainly you have asked yourself these questions in some similar form as you've looked back on your past or contemplated your future. Chances are you first attempted to find the answers from someone or something **outside** yourself.

The answers have been and always will be within you. As Plato once remarked, "Seeking and learning are in fact nothing but recollection." Hence the

inevitability of you at some point in your evolution taking the journey into self.

### **The Challenges of Life**

"All life is suffering" said the great mystic Buddha. He was referring to life's constant challenge of overcoming obstacles that stand in the way of creating a better family life, developing a successful career, securing material needs, maintaining one's health and even coping with death. This eternal struggle should not be cause for despair for it is through successfully overcoming challenges in life that you **evolve**.

The key to successfully meeting these challenges and the purpose of the Rosicrucian teachings, is to learn how to find the answers within yourself. Inspiration, energy, and even specific answers to all challenges of life are available when one learns the proper techniques.



**S**ir Francis Bacon, English philosopher, author and Past Imperator of the Order, was just one of the many famous Rosicrucians throughout history.

*"If a man will begin with certainties, he will end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he will end in certainties."*

*Sir Francis Bacon*

HORUS "THE HAWK", WAS AN IMPORTANT DEITY IN DYNASTIC MYTHOLOGY (3500 B.C.), UNITING THE COSMIC PRINCIPLES OF MALE AND FEMALE. TODAY, HORUS EXEMPLIFIES THAT OUR QUEST FOR UNDERSTANDING THE MYSTERIES OF LIFE, HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE DAWN OF CIVILIZATION.



Many mistakenly think that embarking upon an inner quest requires removing themselves from the challenges of worldly concerns and ascending to the proverbial "mountain-top" to discover who they really are. While this helps to get in touch with certain aspects of the inner self, the real challenges of life remain to be faced.

### The Lost Self

Almost from the time of birth, we begin hiding our inner self away in order that we may adapt and **survive** in the outside world. Society as a whole is geared towards

this end. Our families and peers teach us socially acceptable behavior. Our educational system teaches us language, math, science—the technical and social skills we need to sustain a material life. As adults we are thrust into a society of business and government geared towards materialism and maintaining the status quo. One generation produces another and the cycle of focusing only on the outer world continues.

Rarely, especially in the early, formative years, are we taught inner development; with an emphasis on subjects such as intuition, the subconscious mind, independent thinking, self-esteem, self-confidence, psychic or inner spiritual growth. Is it any wonder the inner self becomes lost!

The unfortunate result is that most human beings occupy commonplace positions in life, never attempting or accomplishing their real desires be-

cause they are unable to hear or unwilling to listen to the voice within—the voice yearning to direct them to their real mission in life.

Yet despite these seemingly insurmountable obstacles the inner self remains alive in everyone, and many are ready to heed its call. That is why the Rosicrucian Order is in existence today and has been for centuries, offering people a way to realize their own infinitely powerful and divine nature.

### Hope for the Future

You should not be discouraged by outside forces that keep many from actualizing their inner self. Instead, we invite you to consider the possibility of accelerating your own inner evolution. By working towards this goal, whatever unique talents

you possess will be brought into prominence and matured, and it will not be long before you find ways and means of applying these abilities along lines beneficial to yourself and of value to the world. In this way **you** become the hope for the future!

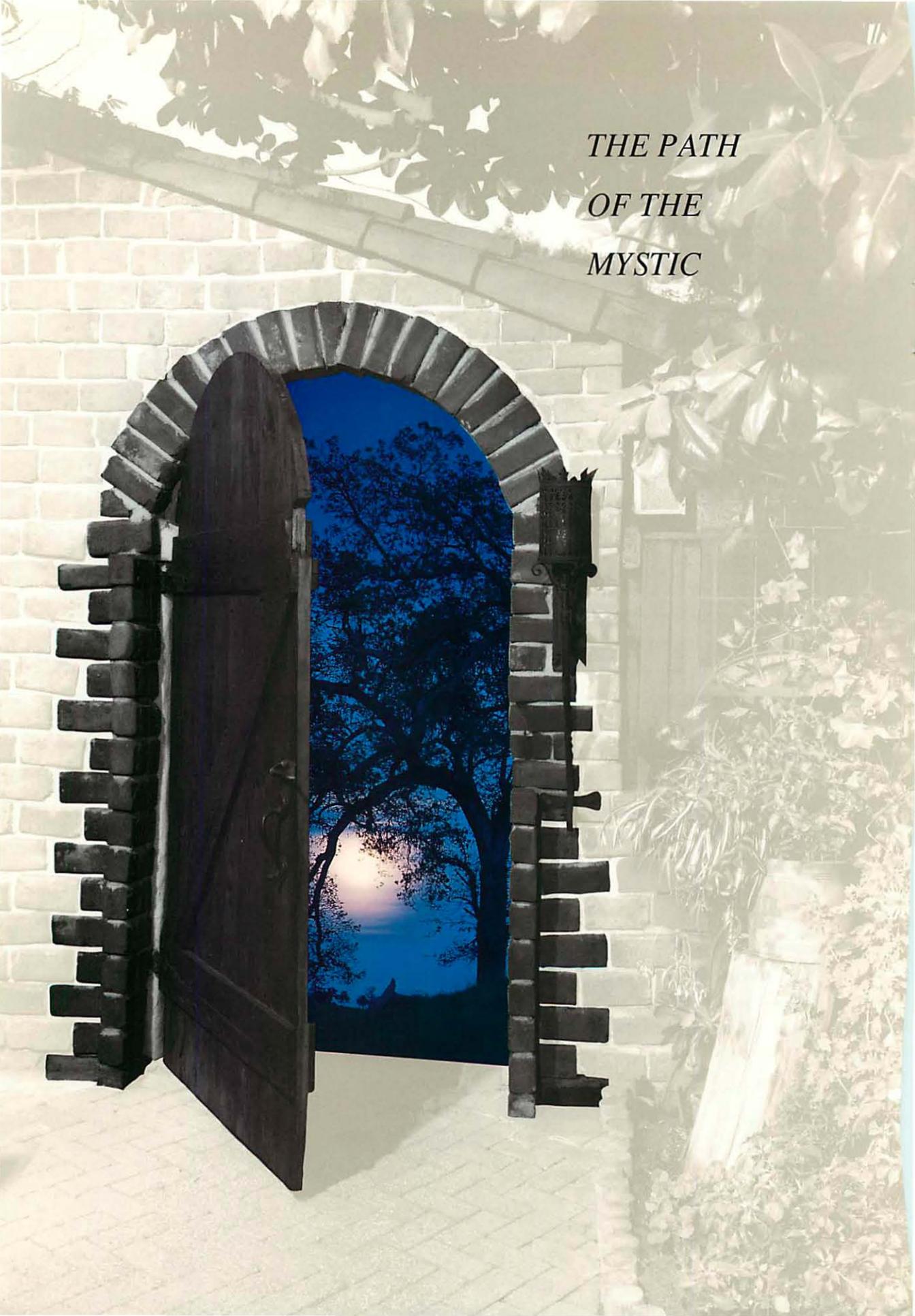
And what is this hope? It embodies the highest purpose of the Rosicrucian Order: **the personal responsibility to serve humanity in its evolution towards higher levels of consciousness.** The work you carry out to this end, done in your own special way, will help secure a better future for us all. This is not only the hope for the future, but the promise.

Now that we have examined the eternal quest of self-discovery that manifests in the forms of questions, challenges, and rediscovery, we invite you to look into the possibilities awaiting you on the journey into self in the next section of this booklet. 



**A**merican 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.

*THE PATH  
OF THE  
MYSTIC*



As a Rosicrucian student, you will be walking along the path of the mystic. It is a path traveled by a relative few at any one time. Yet, it is the path that has given us many of our greatest minds, enriching the world with their physical inventions, scientific discoveries, beautiful works of art, music and books, but most importantly, their personal approach to life. And it is the path each must travel in their own time if they are to reach their ultimate personal evolution.

### “Demystifying” Mysticism

Before attempting to explain where this path leads it is important for you to understand just what is meant when we use the word mysticism. A proper definition has always been elusive or vague. For the record, mysticism can be defined as an experience where one personally knows, through direct knowledge, the Source of all Being. Many call this source God; others, the Cosmic. The point is, the

experience is *noetic*. We know, not believe through faith that we know, or know only through scientific observation, but we simply know. The art of mysticism and the work of the Order, is to initiate the student to the technique where mystical knowledge can be readily attained. This knowledge when properly accessed is ultimately rational.

Yet, many still view mysticism as an “irrational philosophy” based on ideas of pure conjecture and beyond intellectual comprehension, thus they dismiss it as self-delusion, or confusion of thought. Others view mysticism as a belief in the supernatural.

That neither view is correct, is self-evident when you examine history. For centuries men and women, through mystical attunement ascertained and introduced many new ideas and phenomena to the world such as electricity and the laws of gravity. Many



**T**he most beautiful and most profound emotion we can 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, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty which our dull faculties can comprehend only in their primitive forms - this knowledge, this feeling is at the center of true religiousness."

Albert Einstein



**T**he 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."

*Elbert Hubbard  
Rosicrucian*

suffered ridicule and even imprisonment for their ideas. Only later did mass society accept them as intellectually rational.

In the end mysticism isn't a *belief*. It is simply an art of knowing. The mystical experience transcends nature and often the person will receive a *feeling* that far surpasses anything which could be conveyed by word of mouth. Furthermore, this insight, devoid of ego, is thoroughly comprehended even though one may not be able to express it in words. You simply know the truthfulness of the experience.

### **Developing Your Highest Potential**

A goal of the Rosicrucian Order has been to develop a system of study for those who walk upon the path, enabling them to achieve their highest potential on all levels of being: the physical, mental, psychic and spiritual. It is in this attainment that one secures the deepest and most all-embracing sense of peace and harmony with

self and all of creation.

The Rosicrucian teachings help you to accomplish this through numerous exercises and experiments designed to discipline your five physical senses and awaken the deeper psychic sense, often left dormant within you.

On the physical level, we point out ways and means you may begin bringing about a harmonious level of interaction within your body. Through these processes you can relieve yourself of headaches, tension, stress and learn methods of speeding up the natural healing process of your body.

On the mental level, we clarify the various levels of your consciousness; their functions and possibilities. Through these processes you can learn how to mentally bring into physical manifestation whatever you strongly and rightfully desire.

On the psychic level, the strength and power of your deeper aspect is

enhanced and brought to a higher standard of operation enabling you to experience a whole new dimension of your being.

Finally, on the spiritual level, an inner awakening is gradually achieved through personal application and methods of attuning. Using these processes you learn to elevate your consciousness to a point where you experience the Cosmic—your personal tie to the oneness of the universe.

### **Awakening Your Psychic Faculties**

Mention the word psychic and most people roll their eyes in disbelief. Perhaps this is because much of society's experience with the psychic comes from people publicly claiming to have such power, yet possessing little, if any, knowledge of its natural workings. Nevertheless, everyone has psychic faculties. We've all had uncanny premonitions of future events or situations. We've all experienced

positive or negative "feelings" upon meeting another person or entering a new place. These personal, psychic occurrences are simply brief glimpses into our psychic self and work through little-known natural laws around us.

Much that seems strange or mysterious about the psychic self and other psychic phenomena become commonplace and natural once they are understood. It is only ignorance, prejudice, and superstition that keep these natural functions in the dark. Yet, once awakened through understanding, and **practiced** through the experiments in the Rosicrucian teachings, your psychic faculties can be one of the greatest powers within you.

### **Applying the Laws of Nature**

There is nothing "supernatural" about the supernatural. Everything occurs by the governing of natural laws. To the unawakened consciousness, all is chaos; nature itself seems without

purpose. To the unfolding Rosicrucian student, nature is harmonious, all aspects are ONE. This all-encompassing view finds nature flowing around and *through* us according to higher laws.

The difference between those who learn to apply these laws and those who don't, is the difference between those who are radiant with health and those who are seemingly always ill; the difference between people who are seemingly "blessed with good fortune" and those who suffer the old adage "if it can go wrong it will"; the difference between those who operate "in the flow" and those who do not.

When all of the aspects of your being are functioning in accordance with the Cosmic and its laws of nature, you are in a state called Harmonium. Attaining this state of **PROFOUND PEACE** and how to apply it in your life are thoroughly explained in the Rosicrucian teachings.

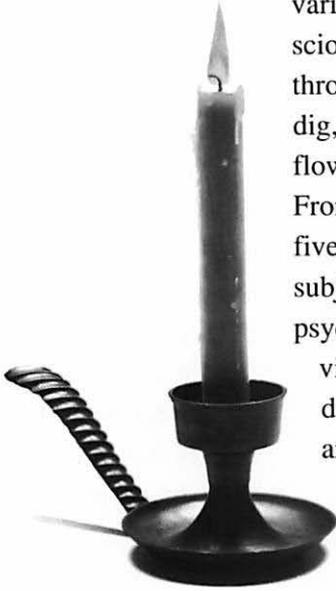
### Attaining Cosmic Consciousness

Those on the mystical path learn to view the various aspects of consciousness not as layers through which one must dig, but as a stream which flows in ever deeper levels. From the objective with its five physical senses, to the subjective of the mental, psychic and spiritual, we view them all as ONE, all deserving equal respect and all reflections of the soul-personality.

Attaining Cosmic Consciousness is the point of **arriving** on the journey into self. It is here, after first experiencing the inner desire to know and then making the long journey seeking it, that you finally find and experience **Divine Intelligence** by bringing it forth through your own conscious effort.

This experience is intuitive. We've all had the experience of an intuitive impression; insight which flashes suddenly into the consciousness. Rare is the individual who can call upon it **at will** to help solve daily problems or gain knowledge.

Through Rosicrucian teachings, you learn the errors of relying **totally** upon the objective senses. Instead, you are constantly taught, much like the five finger exercises of a pianist, or the repeated strokes of a swimmer, how to *listen, recognize, and respond* to inner guidance; that "still, small voice within". Slowly your intuitive faculties rise from a state of dormancy to a state of awakened power and confidence. This magnificent synthesis produces in varying degrees, and in accordance with your own personal development, a consciousness of cosmic grandeur.



MYSTICALLY, CANDLE ILLUMINATION DEPICTS THE GREATER LIGHT THAT PERMEATES THE UNIVERSE.

## The Benefits of Inner Enlightenment

The awakening of the intuitive sense to solve life's problems, the unfolding of inner talents, achieving more meaningful relationships, the finding of a higher and more selfless purpose in life, and much more, are the benefits of inner enlightenment and the hallmarks of a rational and straightforward system such as AMORC offers to the student on the mystical path.

Just as with the autumn leaves, superstitions, false lessons, and illusions which cloud the consciousness fall away with a greater realization of inner enlightenment. In fact many students on the mystical path are surprised at how many misconceptions have controlled and limited their lives. It seems almost as if everything you once thought was completely reversed from

actuality. To the evolving student this only emphasizes their greater awareness and closer attunement to Cosmic Consciousness.

The raising of the consciousness however, does not bring with it a guarantee of freedom from problems; indeed as we said before, it is the solving of life's problems that assist you in advancing on the mystical path. But if you can joyfully face the future, stand up to life's turbulence and not be overthrown, unafraid of even death itself, if you have a sense of *purpose*, then you can truly be called a "success in life".

Now that we have discussed the possibilities available to you on your journey into self, we invite you, in the following section of this booklet, to discover the history of the Rosicrucian Order and the role it plays today to help sincere men and women like yourself accomplish self-enlightenment. 



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

*"The will of each man and woman is like the compass of a ship—where it points, the ship goes."*

Marie Corelli

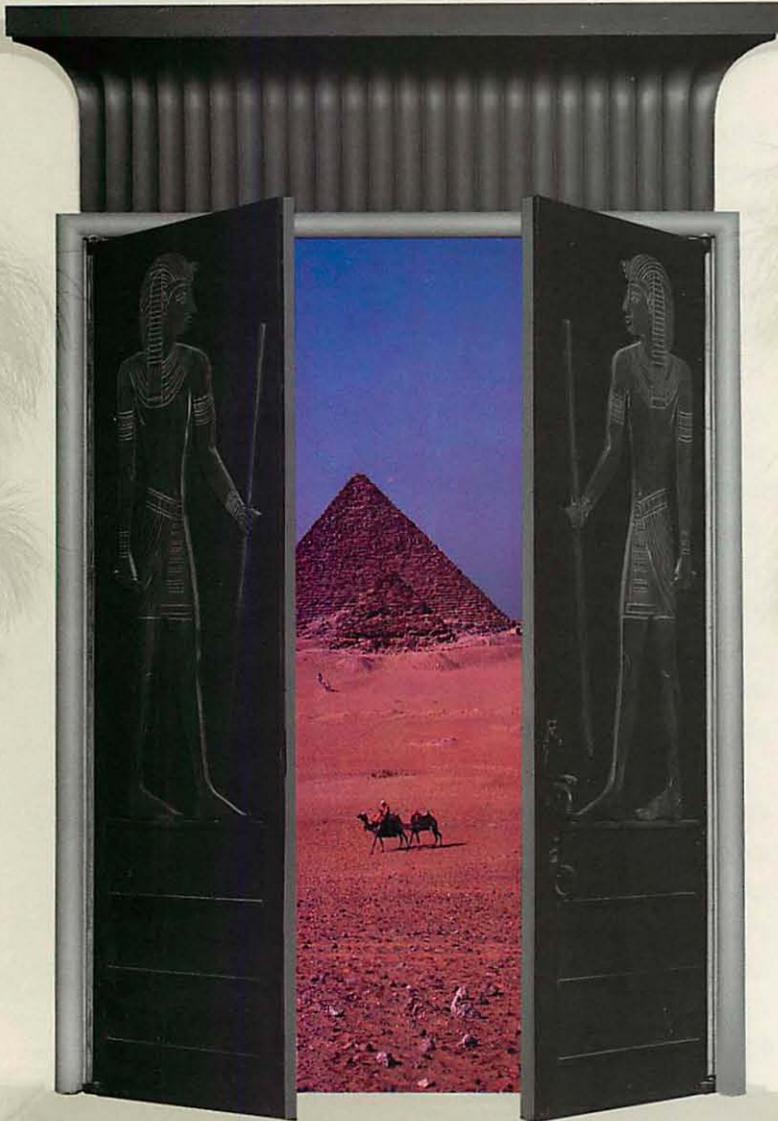
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The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is internationally known by its traditional and authentic complete title, the *Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis*. The exoteric name “Rosicrucian” is derived from the Latin words *Rosae Crucis*, which literally mean “of the Rose Cross.” The word “cross” in no way holds the same religious significance as it does in Christianity, but represents, according to ancient mystics, the experiences and challenges of life. “Rose” refers to a red rose centered upon the cross, symbolizing the spiritual unfolding of the human being. By our name we represent the Ancient Fraternity of Rosicrucians, perpetuating the true tradi-

tions of Rosicrucian Movements from centuries past to modern day.

### **Our Esoteric Tradition**

The history of the Rosicrucian Order can be divided both traditionally and chronologically. Our traditional interpretation demonstrates that the mystical movement—what later evolved into Rosicrucianism—had its roots in the mystery traditions, philosophy, and myths of ancient Egypt from approximately 1500 B.C. However, the Rosicrucian movement is eclectic and uniquely draws upon the diverse mystical traditions of ancient Greece, China, India and Persia. The result is a consolidation of mystical principles which focus on a purposeful direction for the future. That being **the enlightenment of humanity by way of establishing a mystical study of knowledge.**



**P**haraoh Akhnaton, the first great personality in history, was the Traditional Grand Master of the Ancient Egyptian Brotherhood (circa 1350 B.C.). He is known for establishing a monotheistic religion—the belief in a sole God.

## **Our Chronological History**

Rosicrucianism is primarily a Western phenomenon and its chronological history can be traced to Europe in the Middle Ages. The popularization of the movement came about in the early 17th century, with the publication of three Rosicrucian Manifestoes. These documents established the methodology and purpose of the Order that is still used today, though adapted to correspond to the needs of modern society.

Since the 17th century there has been a consistent existence and perpetuation of the Rosicrucian Order. However, its structure has often been elusive because in past centuries various conditions and persecutions

necessitated that limited public awareness of the existence of the Order be maintained. A more detailed history is available through our teachings and publications, as well as through other sources available in bookstores and libraries.

### **AMORC Today**

Today the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is a thriving non-profit, educational, cultural, and fraternal organization consisting of thousands of men and women in over 100 countries throughout the world. Our members come from every race, creed, culture, and profession. To reach such a diverse membership, AMORC is divided, by language, into ten jurisdictions known as Grand Lodges. These Lodges publish Rosicrucian teachings in thirteen languages, including English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Swedish, Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Dutch, German, Italian, Greek and Japanese.

In many ways AMORC embodies the highest hopes of humanity: a world where men and women of all nations can come together in harmony and peace.

The Order's world headquarters and that of the Grand Lodge serving the Spanish and English speaking members is located at Rosicrucian Park in San Jose, California. This beautiful complex, established in 1927, houses several Egyptian-style buildings on a five-acre, park-like setting featuring broad lawns, palm trees, rose gardens, and exotic plants from around the world.

Nestled in these lush surroundings is the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum and Planetarium—the only museum in the world designed in an authentic Egyptian architectural style. As one of San Jose's most popular tourist

attractions, the museum features one of the largest collections of Egyptian, Babylonian and Assyrian antiquities on display in the U.S.—the largest on the West Coast. Next door, the Rosicrucian Planetarium offers year-round programs on everything from ancient astronomy to the Voyager space flights.

The centerpiece of Rosicrucian Park is the Supreme Temple where members can participate in mystical initiations and convocations. As the spiritual and mystical home of Rosicrucians throughout the world, the temple is used for fraternal and not religious purposes.

Other facilities include Rose-Croix University International, the Rosicrucian Research Library, the Francis Bacon Auditorium, and several administrative offices; all working to

spread the light of knowledge to the far corners of the earth.

Our purpose in today's world is as it has always been throughout history: to further the enlightenment of the individual and humanity, to assist in establishing harmony among all people with the laws of Nature, to enhance education and culture, and to emphasize the importance of mysticism to all human beings.

Now that you have discovered the history of our Order and the aspects that make up our organization, we invite you to turn the page and discover the complete system of guidance offered by the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, and how it can work for you.



**S**cientist, 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.

*"As Brethren of the Rosy 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."*

H. Spencer Lewis

*AMORC:  
A UNIVERSITY  
OF LIFE*



As a member of the Rosicrucian Order you'll belong to one of the oldest movements for the betterment of humanity in the world today. Our organization resembles a university in that we provide several colleges of study, teachings structured to build upon each other, and degrees of attainment. Yet unlike most universities, we recognize and develop the *dual* aspects of human nature, namely, the spiritual and the material. In this way we truly are a university of life, for life itself is not composed of only one or the other, but is harmoniously balanced between the two.

### **The Rosicrucian Teachings**

The Rosicrucian system of teachings is intended to produce what few educational institutions even dream of attempting—the offering in breadth and depth of both the ideal and the practical, the ancient

mysteries and the modern sciences, the body and the soul, towards a transformation both subtle and profound—enlightenment.

Through a well-balanced blend of science, mysticism, philosophy and metaphysics, the weekly lessons present for your consideration a review of the foundation of humanity's knowledge. Interspersed within this intellectual framework of ideas are experiments or exercises which will gradually develop your psychic and spiritual awareness.

### **Curriculum of Study**

The body of mystical knowledge unfolds spirally by way of degrees. By following a spiral outward from its center, each succeeding pass around the spiral, (i.e. each degree) establishes a larger, more all-encompassing circle. This circle may be compared to the reality in which each of us finds ourselves. The larger our reality, the more freedom, the more true choice we have in life.



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

Upon being accepted into the Order, you will begin a series of three introductory degrees over-viewing the Rosicrucian course of study. This is followed by nine specific 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 bodies, the Seventh with the aura and the so-called projection of the psychic body.

Through each degree a Class Master is available as your personal guide to the Rosicrucian teachings.

Any questions you have or points in your lessons that need further clarifying will be happily answered through correspondence with your Class Master. They will also periodically check on your progress and will assist you in your development in any way possible. Of course, the teacher can

only point the way, it's up to you to do the required work to achieve self-enlightenment.

As you might have gathered, ours is not a system promising 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. And although in five years you will have achieved a high level of mastery over self and the environment, our teachings continue on past the Ninth degree for many years, supplementing the basic lessons and continuing to stimulate further development.

You might ask, why does it take so long? Two important points come to mind. First, even though the studies do cover many years, you will enjoy, almost immediately, knowledge with which to help you better yourself. Secondly, ask yourself, in what field of study *does* a



THE BURNING OF INCENSE ESTABLISHES A PSYCHIC CONDITION CONDUCTIVE TO DEEP STUDY OF THE ROSICRUCIAN TEACHINGS.

person receive instant attainment? Whenever you are learning something new, whether it's another language, or how to play the piano, it takes time to develop the basic skills and even longer to master them to the best of your ability. The same holds true for mastering your life. Yet in time, through our teachings, you can accomplish this and once you do, you will never regret the time you spent in this endeavor.

### **Your Weekly Monographs**

Each degree is composed of weekly lessons called monographs. The monograph is the basis of our home-study system. Each month you will receive a packet containing your lessons. These monographs, averaging six to eight pages in length, introduce certain ideas and experiments in a straightforward and simple manner. No special degree of intellect or collegiate training is required.

### **Time Well Spent**

You are asked to devote roughly one and a half hours of one evening each week to the study of your monographs. During this time you should carefully read that week's lesson and perform any exercise or experiment given. For the remainder of the week you should periodically ponder on the important ideas contained in the past lesson, and make repeated efforts at accomplishing the exercise(s).

We ask 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 are wasting your time, just as you would be if you only read a book on how to play the piano, but never practiced playing one.

However, by testing the ideas and experiments presented, proving their

validity to yourself, and then incorporating them into your life, superstitions, old fears, and mere theories, will be replaced by a new reality based upon your own personal observation and experience. Through this personal knowing, each day it becomes more possible for you to "live in truth."

### **Your University at Home**

A unique aspect to our training is the ability to embark on this personal quest in the privacy of your own home. For centuries people had to travel from afar to the ancient mystery schools of Europe, Egypt and the Orient to **hear** such lessons. Even in the beginning of this century, knowledge of this kind was only available in the lodges of the Rosicrucian Order.



**M**ichael 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.

With the modern privilege of home study comes the request that, upon acceptance into the Order, you devote a small corner of your home to a study area where you can, on your selected study night, contemplate the lesson of the week in quiet and away from outside interference. By doing this, you will be able to better focus on your studies and perform simple rituals and experiments without bothering or being bothered by anyone else.

### **The Importance of Ritual**

Many people shy away upon hearing the word "ritual" without realizing that they perform rituals every day. Ritual is habit. Your morning routine is ritual. The way you go to work is ritual. The time you eat lunch is ritual. So it should be with your Rosicrucian studies. That is why it is suggested that you pick a specific night of the week to study, in a specific place in your home, and to perform simple rituals before you begin your study period.

Through ritual, which speaks to the subconscious mind in the language of symbolism, you naturally focus your attention on the task at hand and establish a condition conducive to attuning with your inner self. In this way you develop better concentration and self-discipline, and are mentally prepared for your lessons.

### **The Benefits of Our Techniques**

Along with the steady growth in enlightenment from actively participating in the Rosicrucian techniques, come many additional benefits, perhaps less spiritual, but undeniably practical. Personal inspiration, creativity, stronger will power, more self confidence, the improved ability to concentrate, better memorization skills, and mastery of the art of visualization and meditation are

just some of the many benefits you'll enjoy as a sincere student of the Rosicrucian teachings.

### Food For Thought

The following are but a few of the hundreds of fascinating subjects taught and thoroughly investigated as part of the Rosicrucian system of guidance. The limits of space herein make it impossible to list more of these topics which will be extended to you in easily understandable lessons.

- Care of the Body
- Intuition and Judgment
- Using Mental Powers at Will
- The Mysteries of Time and Space
- The Five Senses
- Human Consciousness
- Drawing on Inner Forces
- The Nature of Soul
- Mystical Laws and Principles
- Mystery of Matter
- Ancient Symbolism

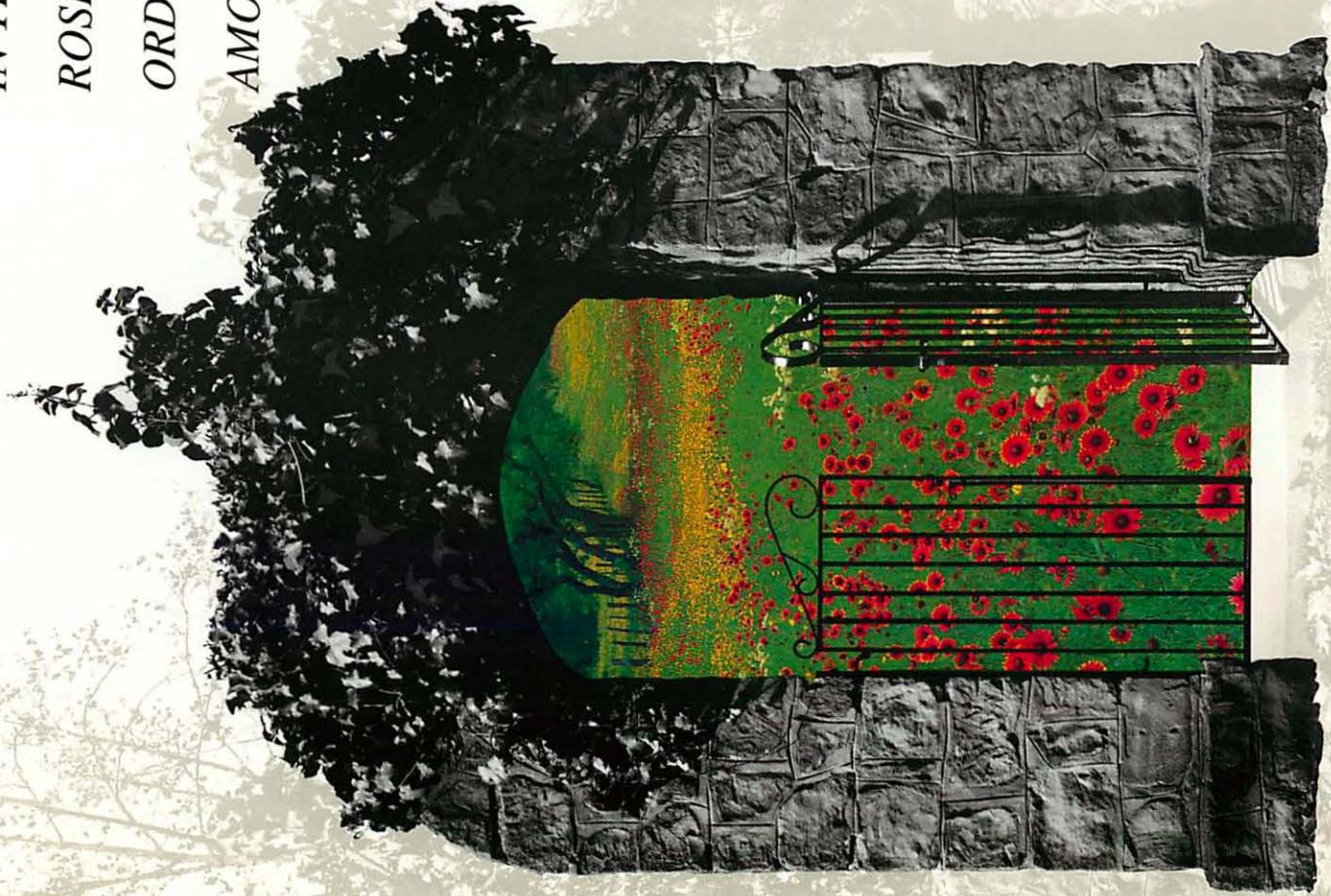
- Developing Personal Magnetism
- Mental Attunement
- Teachings of Oriental Mystics
- Human Aura and its Vibratory Effect
- Reincarnation
- Refuting Superstitions
- Thought Transmission
- The Creative Power of the Cosmic Mind
- How to Improve Your Daily Affairs

Now that we have shown you the foundation of our work we invite you to discover the many additional privileges you'll enjoy from membership in our ancient fraternity.



EXAMPLE OF WEEKLY MONOGRAPH. LESSONS ARE ACCOMPANIED BY ALL NECESSARY CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN INTERESTING SUBJECTS.

*MEMBERSHIP  
IN THE  
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As a Rosicrucian member you will belong to a worldwide family of people all sharing a distinct and ageless philosophy—one that is a constructive force for good and truth in the world.

Upon acceptance of your application, you will receive a membership card establishing your affiliation with the Worldwide Jurisdictions of the Rosicrucian Order. This card entitles you to admission into the various Lodges and Chapters of the Order, (in over 450 cities in the English- and Spanish-speaking worlds alone), where you can enjoy the intimate association of being with those of like mind for friendship, conversation and the exchange of ideas.

You will also have the opportunity of personal association in a Rosicrucian assembly, where you can participate in mystical convocations, lectures, meetings, conventions and other various activities.

The valuable benefit of intimate association will not only bring you the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships, but will further aid you in growing inwardly and in accomplishment.

### **Various Departments at Your Service**

Your membership card also allows you to tap into a wealth of resources at Rosicrucian Park to contribute to your personal enlightenment. Through the Department of Instruction any correspondence or questions concerning your lessons will be promptly answered by your Class Master.

AMORC's Rose-Croix University International offers ongoing educational programs through a worldwide panel of distinguished scholars. Lectures, seminars and advanced courses are offered to members and nonmembers alike in San Jose and most major cities. In connection with the University, the International Research Council provide members with new insights

into such areas as parapsychology, physics, and the humanities.

The Rosicrucian Research Library offers members, upon request, information from its vast selection of books on nearly all esoteric subjects, as well as cultural, scientific and other interesting material.

On a more personal level, the Council of Solace provides aid with personal problems through a unique and mystical system of direct attunement. And the Child Culture Institute and Junior Order provide parents an opportunity to ensure that their children can have the best possible chance to develop to their highest potential.

Together and separately, these departments offer you an almost inexhaustible supply of help, information, and knowledge to better enlighten you on every aspect of human thought. Furthermore, almost all information is given to you freely as part of your membership.



### Rosicrucian Publications

Another benefit of membership is a **free** subscription to *The Rosicrucian Digest*, the official publication of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. This leading periodical, also distributed freely to hundreds of public libraries throughout the world, features well-written, simply presented articles containing useful knowledge which, regardless of your station in life, can be most beneficial.

You will also receive *On Park*, an informative, newsletter that brings you up-to-date concerning the staff and activities at Rosicrucian Park and the Order's activities throughout the world. Finally, for a

nominal charge you can subscribe to the *Rosicrucian Forum*, an open question and answer periodical dealing with current topics of interest from around the world, as well as subject matter from the Rosicrucian teachings.

### AMORC Books and Supplies

Besides all the information and knowledge available to you through the weekly monographs and the various departments of the Rosicrucian Order, a selection of AMORC books are available for purchase directly through the Order. Educational discourses, home study supplies, audio and video cassettes, and a host of gift items are also offered to members as a pleasant accompaniment to their studies. These books and supplies are offered for sale **only because of the demand for them from our members** and in no way are you under any obligation to purchase any item.

## **AMORC: Ancient Wisdom for the Modern World**

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, and its educational program of mystical and physical philosophy, seeks to aid you in the expansion of your *consciousness* bringing about, therefore, a more exalted view of the true and enduring values of life.

We do this by taking the collective knowledge of humanity, both ancient and modern, and developing a life-long program where you can learn how to utilize every aspect of your being to achieve your greatest potential. We now know that people use only a small portion of the brain's total capacity. Imagine being able to expand that use by tapping into a vast network of inner faculties! The benefits derived can be applied to your daily life, bringing much happiness and success.

Yet it is important to ask, by what yardstick do you measure success? Is it the attainment of greater wealth, a larger home, a faster car, wider political power, or more influence socially? Neither the attainment of vast wealth nor the accomplishment of unlimited power can compensate for the lack of an unevolved consciousness. The simplest and humblest mystical student who has experienced *Cosmic Consciousness* is far richer than a person of material attainment alone.

We hope that at the very least we have been able to shed some light on the subject of mysticism and the Rosicrucian Order. Much has been misconstrued through the ages due to ignorance, superstition and fear. The light of knowledge will always face the adversity of darkness, but with persistence and fortitude the light will grow, elevating the minds of men and women to higher and higher degrees of illumination.

In an effort to further clarify who we are and what we have to offer, we have included a selection of answers to some of the most commonly asked questions. We invite you to seek further understanding, and then if you so desire, to set foot on the path to greater wisdom by applying for membership in the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC. 

# QUESTIONS

AND

ANSWERS

**Q. How does my membership in AMORC or its teachings, affect my religious beliefs?**

**A.** Since AMORC is non-sectarian, and therefore *not* a religion, membership does not in any way require you to leave your church or change your religious beliefs. In fact, we encourage our members to participate in the religion of their choice. The result is that members of our organization come from every religious denomination and many find, through our teachings, a greater appreciation of their particular religious beliefs.

**Q. I've been studying metaphysics and mysticism for years, can I get on an accelerated program or begin with advanced degrees?**

**A.** The uniqueness of the Rosicrucian teachings doesn't come from the

body of knowledge it offers, but in the way it is organized to produce a genuine evolution in consciousness. Hence one reason for the word *order* in our name. Each degree covers an important step needed to derive benefits from the following degree. Because of this, it is imperative, regardless of your previous study, to begin at the beginning.

**Q. If the Rosicrucian teachings possess such truth and knowledge, how come they're not more popularly known?**

**A.** Why we aren't known in all walks of life, or featured predominately in the mass media, is easily explained. First, as we mentioned earlier, mainstream society is focused mainly on outer aspects of life: materialism, politics, social concerns, etc. Therefore, the Rosicrucian Order, which concerns itself with inner development, is not going to attract the majority of outer

attention. Secondly, most people are not ready in their evolution to take the necessary steps to gain control of their lives.

Yet, it should be pointed out that the Order has endured for centuries. Perhaps with the major breakdowns of old systems occurring throughout the world today, and the ability to communicate globally, we shall witness a new renaissance of interest in our methods of evolution. It begins with one person at a time and you are that person.

**Q. Do I have to spend years of studying before I will realize any benefits in my life?**

**A.** No. Almost immediately you will begin to see your life in a different light. A mind stretched by new knowledge can never go back to its prior form. And with this knowledge you will begin working on whatever areas you need or want to improve. Furthermore, our early exercises will get you developing

parts of your brain that have been left dormant throughout your life. This will facilitate even greater knowledge and power to help you deal with the situations in your life.

**Q. Why aren't the Rosicrucian teachings freely disseminated to the world?**

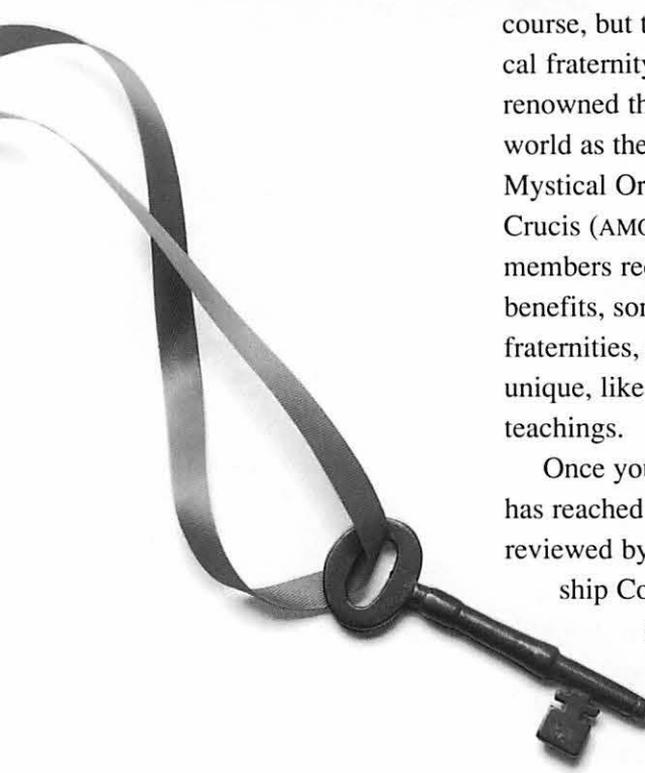
**A.** The Rosicrucian teachings are disseminated freely to anyone who becomes a member of the Order. Membership dues, which are set at the lowest price possible, are used to pay for administrative expenses like salaries, postage, printing and taxes. It is a fact of life that material things and people's time cost money. However, we believe that no other organization, unless they have government or business funding, provides the scope of services, for the amount that we charge. 



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LORD EDWARD  
BULWAR-LYTTON  
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You are invited by the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, to unite with us in the fascinating research and investigation into self and the universal laws of nature. By this invitation you are not being solicited to simply take a correspondence course, but to join a mystical fraternity, historically renowned throughout the world as the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (AMORC). Our members receive many benefits, some distinct to all fraternities, and others quite unique, like the Rosicrucian teachings.

Once your application has reached us, it will be reviewed by our Membership Committee. If you are accepted as a member, all the privileges and benefits, many of which have been outlined on preceding pages, are made available to you at once.

**Fees and Dues**

As mentioned, the Order is a fraternity, and like fraternities there are membership dues, plus a nominal registration fee. This fee contributes towards the extensive process of establishing your membership file, credentials, initial orientation material, and your assignment to a Class Master. Your dues, payable quarterly, contribute to the general operating funds and administrative expenses of the Order.

All the fascinating, useful, informative lessons and graded instruction you will receive are extended to you as a benefit of membership. The lessons and teachings cannot be purchased or contracted. They are, therefore, **extended freely** to every active member.

Also, since the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, is registered throughout the world as a *non-profit organization*, no person or group of individuals can profit from your fees and dues. The money

accrued by the Order pays only for the expenses outlined. If expenses are covered, than any extra money goes back into the organization to further benefit its members through the development of new programs and materials.

The Supreme Council has purposely made the Registration Fee and monthly dues very inexpensive so almost everyone, regardless of financial standing, can participate and benefit from our organization. These fees and dues include all the benefits of the Order's activities.

**There are no other assessments or books which must be purchased in order to study.** Furthermore, all lessons and fraternal benefits will continue for as long as you maintain your current dues status and express a desire for active membership. For the amount of the Registration

Fee and Dues payable in your country, please see the Application Form attached in the rear of this booklet.

### **Companion Membership**

As members in our own families, we recognize the need some may have, both financially and personally, to join together. Therefore, we provide a Companion Membership program at a cost significantly less than the cost for two individual memberships. As companion members each of you is recognized as a separate, independent member of the organization, with all the separate privileges of membership. The only difference is that one *Digest* and one set of monographs is sent for both of you to use. Each of

you, however, is required to study the lessons individually and make separate reports on your progress.

The two requirements for companion membership are that both persons be members of the same family, (i.e. husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, father or mother) and that both persons live at the same address. If *both* requirements are met than you and your family member may request a companion membership by checking the appropriate box in the application form. 

# FINAL

## INSTRUCTIONS

This booklet is intended for careful and discreet distribution to only those who seem sincere and worthy of admission into the Order. There are several ways in which it may have come into your hands. If this booklet came to you accompanied with an Application Blank attached, it is then a **direct invitation for you to become a member**. In cases where there is no application blank, and you are sincerely interested in joining, please write to AMORC Services Department at the address on the title page of this booklet.

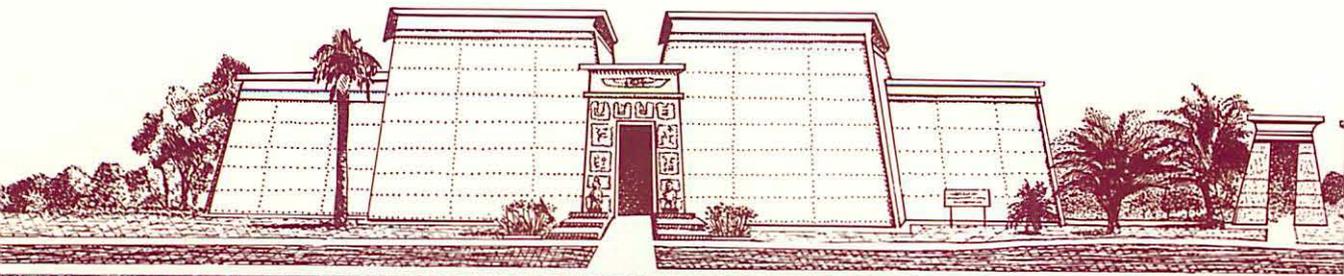
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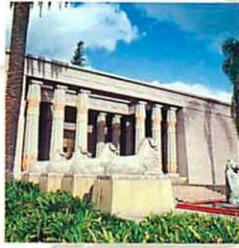
**FIRST:** Carefully fill out the Application Blank. The answer to each question is important and will be treated as strictly confidential.

**SECOND:** Having answered all questions in the Application Blank, sign it accurately and enclose your Registration Fee, payable by check or money order to **AMORC FUNDS**.

**THIRD:** Mail your Application and Registration Fee promptly to the address on the application. Our acknowledgement should reach you within four to six weeks or less.

We thank you for taking the time to get to know who we are and what we have to offer. If there is anything else you would like to know about AMORC before applying for membership, please feel free to write. Every effort will be made to answer your questions. Regardless of whether or not you decide to become a member, we wish you a long, happy life, filled with Peace Profound. 

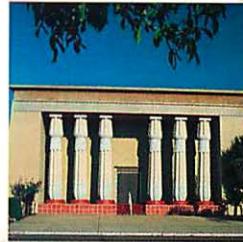




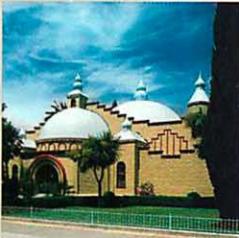
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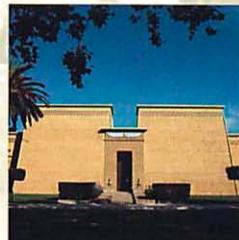
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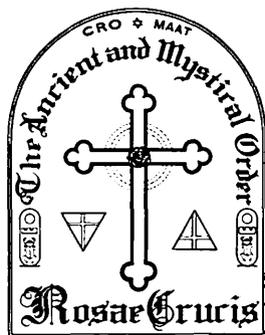
*Rosicrucian Planetarium*



*Main Administration Building*

VIEW OF ROSICRUCIAN PARK, THE INSTITUTION BEHIND THE ORGANIZATION. IT SERVES NOT ONLY AS THE WORLD HEADQUARTERS FOR AMORC, BUT IS A MAJOR TOURIST DESTINATION ATTRACTING OVER 500,000 VISITORS ANNUALLY.





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