

## READER'S QUESTIONS

### *Rosicrucian Societies in America*

**Question:** *Why is there no visible connecting link between the Rosicrucian Fellowship and other Rosicrucian societies in America?*

**Answer:** The Rosicrucian Fellowship is a reincarnation of the ancient Rosicrucian Order, of which Christian Rosenkreuz is the head. In other words, it has appeared through rebirth in an entirely new locality, the United States, for the purpose of carrying the Western Wisdom Teachings to the Western people, particularly those of the United States. It has no lineal connection whatever with any existing Rosicrucian lodge anywhere in the world. It represents a brand new start in the work of the Rosicrucian Order, which is directed from the invisible planes by the Elder Brothers of this Order, under the guidance of Christian Rosenkreuz. The other Rosicrucian societies in the United States

claim, we believe, lineal descent from existing Rosicrucian lodges in England, France, or other countries. They represent, so far as they are authentic, the present manifestation of earlier activities of the Rosicrucian Order started in earlier ages.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship has direct connection with the etheric temple of the Rosicrucian Order by virtue of the fact that it is the authorized channel or instrument of this Order for this present age. Max Heindel, who founded the Fellowship, was in direct connection with the Elder Brothers of

the Order, and attended its meetings in the etheric temple on the nights corresponding to the Initiations in the Mysteries which he had taken.

Through the Elder Brothers he received direct instruction as to the conduct of the Fellowship in order to make the Christian philosophy which it expounds the coming universal religion of the Western world and eventually of the whole world.

**Relative Development of Christ and Jesus**

**Question:** *Was Christ more highly developed than the Lords of Mind, who were the humanity of the Saturn Period? If so, then by analogy may we conclude that Jehovah is higher than the archangels, and that Jesus is higher than the angels.*

**Answer:** Yes, to all three. This conclusion may be arrived at as follows: Jesus, we are told in some of Max Heindel's unpublished notes, had taken the

Initiations of all the Lesser Mysteries and three of those of the Greater Mysteries, the Venus Initiation being his last. Therefore Jesus at the time of the Crucifixion was two and one-half World Periods ahead of our ordinary humanity, since we are only half-way through the Earth Period.

By analogy we are justified in assuming that there was a similar difference in development between Christ, the highest Initiate of the Sun Period, and the archangels, who were the ordinary humanity of that period. The Lords of Mind, who

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were the humanity of the Saturn Period, were exactly one World Period ahead of the archangels. Therefore if Christ through Initiation had progressed two or more World Periods ahead of the rank and file of the archangels, He would thereby have been one or more World Periods ahead of the Lords of Mind, which demonstrates our theorem. Certainly Christ had not progressed far in Initiation if He had not gone as far as this. By similar reasoning we may infer that Jehovah, the head of the angelic life wave, is more highly advanced than the archangels, and that Jesus is higher up in the scale of evolution than the angels. There is no direct statement in the Rosicrucian philosophy on these points; but Max Heindel has told us that analogy is the Master Key that will unlock all mysteries, and that the axiom, "As above, so below," applies on all planes of nature. Analogy shows that there is little doubt as to the correctness of the above conclusions.

It is interesting to observe in this connection that the Elder Brothers of the Rosicrucian Order, headed by Christian Rose Cross, have progressed in the past 2000 years to a point where their development is superior to that of Jesus (not Christ) at the time of the Crucifixion. The Elder Brothers have taken the Initiations of all the Greater Mysteries, the Vulcan Initiation being the last, whereas Jesus had only gone as far as the Venus Initiation. The Elder Brothers are thus three and one-half World Periods ahead of our present humanity.

### **The Mastery of Fear**

**Question:** *How can we acquire the ability to lay aside fear? The daily happenings in our lives and the life of the nation cause humanity to be in an atmosphere of fear. How can we master it?*

**Answer:** Fear is one of the four basic vibrations of the lower planes which man has to master before he becomes a superman and eligible to enter into

the higher realms, the other three being sensuality, sex, and vanity. Fear is a vibration of the desire or emotional body. The positive pole of the desire nature is will, desire being the negative pole. Therefore to master fear it is necessary to develop will power. The Bible says that "perfect love casteth out fear." This process consists in substituting a higher vibration for the lower. The rate of vibration of love is very much higher than that of fear. Therefore if the mind is vibrating to love, it automatically displaces the vibration of fear. Hence this is a most important means of mastering fear. A third aid is found through our knowledge of the constitution of man.

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The desire body, the seat of fear, is correlated to the Human Spirit, which has its home in the World of Abstract Thought. Therefore a b s t r a c t thought is the natural corrective of desire. If we will devote ourselves to abstract thought to some extent, we shall

find that we thereby obtain a measure of control over our desire nature and over fear. For instance, higher mathematics comes under the classification of abstract thought; therefore the study of mathematics will give us a training which will help to master fear.

### **Children Born out of Wedlock**

**Question:** *If, as stated by Max Heindel, souls coming to rebirth select their own parents, how does it happen that there are so many illegitimate children in the world?*

**Answer:** This is due to ripe destiny brought over from preceding lives whereby people who were responsible for illegitimate children are required to come back and live under similar conditions. In such cases the ego does not select its parents, but they are selected by The Recording angels, except perhaps in cases where the individual has made great spiritual progress in the meantime and wants to come back under such conditions for the experience to be gained thereby. □