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Preface

The mission of this book containing forty-six separate, unrelated chapters is to bring the message of the Living Salvation - that can be found in the Gnosis - to all who are yearning to lift themselves up from their physical soul state to the state of the Spirit-Soul human being by a process of transmutation.

However, the path of the liberation of the soul must be realised by everyone individually. How and in what way the path of the liberation of the soul must be walked, has been described extensively in this book.

May the content of this book become a Living Word for every reader!

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Daily walking with God

The question of whether God is far, far away from us or whether he is so close that we can feel his touch is one that is centuries old and has stirred many emotions during human existence. The practice of life has certainly proven that for one person God is infinitely far away, as in a distant future, while for another person God is so close that he feels like a child in God's house.

No matter how divergent these two ways of experiencing God may be, in fact they give both types of people the same perspective and the same result. We shall try to approach this urgent question as closely as possible.

What could be meant by the expression 'walking with God'?

As the human being is equipped with a respiratory system we could immediately conclude that every human being without exception partakes of God's love, God's light and God's power, even though he may not be aware of this.

You probably know that mystics know for a fact that during inhaling it is not only oxygen that comes in, but that also spiritual and etheric forces enter the human system. In addition, improbable as it may seem, a person can spread God's power, God's light and God's love again through his exhalation. If a person were able to allow the inhaled divine forces to be properly active via his blood stream, then thinking focused on love, a purified will, and just actions would emanate from him.

And as far as inhaling and exhaling are concerned, everyone is equally close to Him. The only difference is that everyone spreads Him in his own way according to his state of inner development. Everyone breathes Him out in accordance with the nature of his more or less purified blood system.

Hence the important words of the Bible: 'Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth', for that determines his current state of life. God approaches us all, and without any hesitation we take Him up into our damaged system. And with our hearts, chilled to a greater or lesser extent, and with our brains, degenerated to a greater or lesser extent, we want to spread God, we want to walk with God, daily if possible.

In the world of mystics the term 'walking with God' is used a great deal. With his heart the sensitive mystic seeks the hidden communion with divine forces. With his 'I' he experiences his fellowship with God, which gives rise to the thought that there is a harmonious link between him and his Creator, and so he tries to accomplish that link in this way.

When we as thinking people focus on this, it turns out that such daily walking with God is impossible and at best can only be a daily reflection about God.

This subject concerns everyone, both men and women. Women are just as important as men are. In the Spiritual School the important thing is that female pupils, just like the holy women in the Holy

Scriptures of all ages, acquire understanding of and insight in their enormous power and their priestly calling. This is a work in the service of God's Hierarchy and all who understand the laws of the divine light are called to this. When the New Jerusalem descends from heaven, then know that all who belong to the Kingdom of the Light have worked for the establishment of the New Era.

Accordingly both men and women, in the past as well as the present, are called to this task. The present shows them breaking through and shaking off all inferior limitations, thus enabling them to raise their inner Christ into the unwavering light.

Whether you are indeed standing in the Light of Truth, you can check for yourselves in all your actions by looking at the results of your activities: do the results create fetters? Or are they liberating?

If the effect of your action creates fetters to this nature order, it is the dynamism of your natural desires that is operating. If the results of your activity are liberating, it is the principle of Life - the Light of Jesus the Christ - that is doing its work in you and you will be working on a totally new reformation of life.

Then you will be entering a totally new structure of life. Then you will be co-operating in the realisation of the new soul human being within you. Then you are a fellow builder in the realisation of a new Heaven-Earth.

As every activity takes on a concrete form, a new structure can be built up within you by the activity of the element of the free will that is borne by the Holy Spirit.

It is above all this element of the renewed free will that aims for the realisation of a radiant new soul life and that will take you from there to the all-encompassing wisdom, enabling you to manifest yourself totally in the present.

In this way you will build up the structure of the imperishable soul human being within you, in your purified ether field, after your old natural state has been broken up completely. In this way, through the activity of the Holy Spirit, the Divine Man, to whom you have given your body as a temple, will rise up within you, so that He can do His work in you and through you - His work which has no other aim but to link you to God.

Because someone who is reborn as to the soul cannot work in a place that still reeks of the waste products of the decadent human being, we hope that it is clear to you why your body must meet the requirements of a renewing life before it can serve as a temple.

Once you have declared yourself to be ready, once you realise the radiant soul life, once you penetrate to the divine wisdom, and once you wish to manifest yourself, then He, who has been resurrected in you, will become the Mediator.

For this Divine Man in you makes you walk in the light as He is in the light. And He who is in you will increase as you allow the 'I of your self' to decrease; as you know yourself to be less and less in this world.

Then He, the One reborn as to the soul, will be nearer than hands and feet, for He is in you. He will walk before you, and in his footsteps you will follow the Resurrected One, the totally Renewed One within you.

On this basis you will be taken up into his daily fellowship. There will no longer be any mystical, hidden faith, but a strong bond of love between God and the human being, and there can be no separation, because He, who was born and resurrected in you, and the Father are one.

By fulfilling the law of the light in your own life you will soon be able to walk with God, who is light, love and power, until the Christian delusion is totally transformed into true Christian experiencing.

You will have understood by now that everyone is being activated for this task which is so comprehensive that words cannot express it. Be aware: the highest place in the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross manifested sevenfold can be occupied by both man and woman, provided they meet the required conditions.

May the time soon arrive that everyone will share in this and that the dove of peace, with its new message, will overshadow you with its imperishable light! So be it!

The fourth dimension

It has appeared repeatedly that there are still many pupils for whom it is very difficult to form a correct image, and hence a correct understanding, of a microcosm which, although an eternal being, can nevertheless be broken and damaged. This is why we would like to discuss this now.

A life wave of souls or microcosms is generated by and born out of the divine thought irradiating the surrounding astral original nature, in the same way as our thoughts cause the formation of sparks in our astral body. Having been born, the microcosm goes on in a process of self-realisation, for the divine thought drives the astral spark. Thus ethers are released in the field of manifestation of the microcosm and these concentrate around the nucleus or rose of the microcosm and adopt the form of the thought image that underlies its creation. In this way the true human being was once created out of eternity, and he was naturally and spontaneously linked to the Father.

But the human being, which in primeval times abused his freedom and has proven his resisting nature, knows only too well what has become of him. The original glorified body is not able to manifest itself. It disappeared, because an etheric-physical body has the property that, if it is not formed out of an astral mother field, it will evaporate into nothing. The result is that the original ensouling factor, the microcosm, the soul, has then become inactive and empty and is not able to manifest itself. And the Spirit that caused the original miracle has withdrawn.

By an earthly birth process a personality is now born and linked with a soul. That personality is in itself another miracle of God's love, for it should be seen as part of an emergency order plan to bring the original fallen human being back to life. The calling of the earthly personality as a temporary phenomenon is to liberate its soul, its microcosm, from its imprisonment through self-surrender and by merging, through the endura, into the Other One, who must be resurrected.

At present the microcosm is bound to its system of time and space, but when the Spirit, the soul and the transfigured personality are reunited, the microcosm will be fit to re-enter the divine state of omnipresence. Until then the microcosm remains broken and damaged. This is why the call resounds continuously for everyone to accomplish this great work of salvation in and through the great power of the original nature.

In the first place this great and holy light power should irradiate your entire body. The mode of life that is required of you is that of becoming enlightened. Just like Simeon you must become a soul that seeks the Spirit. You must bring your whole life into harmony with that. At a psychologically suitable point of time the light will make its great entry into your microcosm and be seen by you. For this it is necessary that you place your feelings, thoughts and acts of the will under the radiation power of the holy breath, so that the soul can come to life in the vital body and link up with the Seven-Spirit. The inner Christ will then take over the government of the Joannine human being and where the devoted 'I' cannot succeed, the soul will end all the difficulties in the personality's existence and lead it to the victory, namely Golgotha, the prelude to the resurrection. Then the first task of Jesus Christ in the human being has been accomplished.

Possibly you will understand what happens when the candidate in the Gnostic mysteries is able to raise his soul state up to the Father and to tear himself loose from the nature aeons, due to the urge of the call of the Spirit. Having stepped into the temple of his deepest inner self, he beholds. He sees the living Other One. And in experiencing this pure 'vision' he also beholds the process of development of every fallen child of God, leading from the nature of death into the liberating life.

The new vision is so intimately connected to intuition that it is virtually indistinguishable. You will understand this completely, if you begin to discover the purpose and the nature of this true vision. The development of the intuition is truly the awakening of the soul, and is connected to the true birth of the soul and the installation of the soul in the open space behind the frontal bone.

Awakening in the Spirit-Soul field and entering the pure astral sphere of the magnetic Living Body requires an absolutely new vision, namely seeing and entering what we call the fourth dimension, the fourth measurement of space.

We know three dimensions: height, length and width. We experience our living space through these three dimensions. No matter how wide we make or imagine this three-dimensional space, it always has limits, it always has restrictions and it always means imprisonment. This imprisonment is experienced unconsciously in our time, as we can see in the scientific attempts to reach other planets, our earth being known completely from a three-dimensional point of view. In the indomitable pressure which evolution exerts on humanity, the three dimensions are becoming too restrictive, too oppressive. Science reacts to this oppression in a three-dimensional way, by trying to make the three-dimensional space as spacious and as wide as possible.

It is clear that the difficulties connected with this would cease immediately if there were a fourth dimension and this were to be experienced as a reality by science.

That fourth dimension *does* exist! It is the dimension that could be called the absolutely passable. We would like to describe it as the reality of Omnipresence. It is the dimension that completely eliminates time, distance and past, present and future, the now and the soon to be.

If humanity could possess this fourth dimension, there would be absolutely no need to go to the moon, Mars, Venus or Mercury, for example, because reflecting about the moon would mean, seen in the fourth dimension, *being* on the moon. In short, possessing the fourth dimension means having the faculty of omnipresence.

It is very curious for a human being with three-dimensional sight to imagine such a faculty. Yet the fourth dimension is only the door to the fifth, sixth and seventh dimensions.

These seven dimensions lie at the basis of the atom, which has seven aspects. The human being, which is made up of atoms, is in principle fundamentally omnipresent. But he is not conscious of this, for his consciousness and his present faculties are three-dimensional.

The omnipresent consciousness bestows the capability of being conscious anywhere it wishes to be, although it remains in one particular spot. Intuition is the gate to this. The new vision is the first step in the realisation of the fourth dimension.

After this explanation you will understand how fatal it is to leave oneself open to the astral influences of ordinary dialectical nature. The human field of life is totally polluted. The atmosphere of human life with its astral and etheric causes and effects is totally saturated with them. As your field of life is also your field of respiration, you are imprisoned in this down to your very seed, down to your progeny.

How true therefore are the words in the Old Testament that the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children to the third and the fourth generation. Why only to the third and fourth generation? Because a cause of sin can at most extend to the third or fourth generation. But a new cause is usually implied in its results.

Whoever does not commence the changed mode of life on the basis of the awakened soul and persevere in this, will never reach any gnostic goal. Every type of magic is achieved by means of the breath. Whoever is incapable of protecting himself against harmful astral influences will be victimised absolutely.

To the extent that the form of the personality is gradually extinguished by a positive new life, is changing and is being ruled by the soul, the fifth ray of the Seven-Spirit will begin to carry out its task. Then the summit of the mountain has been reached. A new, wondrous light begins to touch and charge the pupil. And this light is active in a purely mental way. For the first time in his life the pupil can truly think purely, because his mental organs have been opened up for this.

Sensory renewal is accomplished in perfect harmony with the manifestation of the seven rays of the Seven-Spirit - provided the pupil does what the inner process requires of him. He will be supported by the liberating Universal Doctrine.

The mind corresponds to the fifth ray. If you are led into the sphere of the activity of the fifth sense, you will immediately discover that the mind is much more than a sensory organ. The mind is the vehicle for and of thinking. The mind is the vehicle of the mental body. When the rational mind begins to be aroused, this means the birth of the mental body which is as yet lacking in every human being of the nature of death. It is only as a result of this birth that true human genesis begins.

In the ancient teachings a human being was sometimes referred to as *Adamas*, which is related to the word *Man* or *Manas*, i.e. *Thinker*. The co-operation of the pupil standing in the new mode of life, with the fifth ray of the Seven-Spirit means nothing less than the birth, the true manifestation of the mind as meant by God, of the true mental body, and hence: the manifestation of the rational mind.

We are very conscious of the abridged nature of this explanation. However, we hope that there will be enough soul power present and active in your head sanctuary to enable you to understand and grasp all this.

The three fundamental rays of the Seven-Spirit

The root of the serpent-fire system, the plexus sacralis, is connected either to the light-power system of dialectics, the system of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, or to the light-power system of the universal Seven-Spirit, the system of the tree of life.

You must realise clearly that by means of the streams of light, root substance of a particular composition is being radiated to you and is entering your system. Root substance is building material, cosmic material. The threefold serpent-fire system absorbs this building material via its root system, draws it upward into the head sanctuary, and fills the seven brain cavities with it.

It is out of these seven elementary building materials that a human being lives, that a human being *exists* as to his or her entire state of being. They determine the density and nature of the various vehicles of the personality. It therefore makes an enormous difference with which spaces and states of root substance a human being is connected.

When we say 'God is light', we mean that the Logos sends building materials to us via his light, and with the aid of these we will be able to carry out his plan for us and for the All-manifestation.

There are seven different divine light streams and so there are also seven root elements out of which a human being must live. The ancients called them the seven harmonies. The candidate in the Gnostic mysteries must completely be able to react to these seven harmonies. He has to be able to possess them completely and to store them in the seven brain cavities, the storehouse of his state of life.

The true human being, which possesses an active threefold serpent fire, absorbs a fundamental threefold prana via his threefold tree of life. This threefold prana is concentrated in the three higher brain cavities and, being fundamental, it opens up the rest of the system for the four other streams of life.

In the dialectical human being, in whom the two canals of the sympathetic cords are not connected via the plexus sacralis, only one fundamental stream of life can enter in the way mentioned above, with the result that the three higher brain cavities are filled with one and the same 'breath of life'. You will be able to imagine that a disturbance in such a fundamental organism will not only make a human being abnormal, but at the same time will make him in all respects different from what is included in the plan.

The three fundamental breaths must co-operate in the three higher brain cavities if there is to be any question of original human genesis. These three can be indicated, outside of the mysteries, by the numbers 1 - 5 - 7, or by the Trinity: Father - Son - Holy Spirit.

The group of dialectical people that can react to the *first* ray only shows the signature of having an ineradicable drive for a religious mode of life. The group of dialectical people that can react to the *fifth*

ray only constantly strives for the expansion of the intellectual faculty, and the group which is completely attuned to the *seventh* ray is constantly busy performing activities with great energy.

How is it possible that in such a disturbed organism the longing for the restoration of what was violated, for the liberation from the wheel of birth and death, can emerge?

At a certain moment this longing rises up from the human heart. Firstly, the heart is closely linked with the three higher brain cavities. And secondly the heart is the seat of the spiritual Human Being, as the Universal Teachings tell us. We know this is correct. We know about the original atom. We know about the reflection atom and the rosebud enclosed in the heart.

For this reason the human being will at a certain moment, when he has been beaten long enough and hard enough by the lashes of Nemesis, i.e. by the original power, begin to hear a strange voice speaking in his heart. It is the voice of the Sphinx that is almost buried in the desert sand; it is the voice that calls and pleads for liberation.

Whoever responds to this voice in piety and godliness and follows the path shown to him year after year, will be able to restore the threefold serpent fire. And from that moment on the three higher brain cavities can be filled with the three fundamental rays of the Seven-Spirit.

This has marvellous consequences. For example, the often discussed pineal gland is situated in the sixth brain cavity. As soon as this gland receives its divine nutrients, great things begin to occur in the life of the pupil.

Perhaps it is a good idea to explain these things a little more closely. One of the functions of the pineal gland is that of an atomic reactor. By this we mean that the pineal gland determines the nature, the structure and the essence of the atoms which form the foundation of the construction of the personality. The atoms the human body is composed of possess a certain quality; they correspond to a certain crystallisation factor. The pineal gland determines and produces this quality and all its consequences. The pineal gland emits atoms with great generated force.

It will be clear that when the threefold serpent fire is restored and the three fundamental rays of the Seven-Spirit can fill the three higher brain cavities with their radiations, the pineal gland is stimulated to start a completely new activity. The atomic generator will produce new atoms and spread them throughout the whole being. You will realise that this must result in *transfiguration*.

The Spiritual Testament of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross speaks of the sixth candlestick that must be lit. That sixth candlestick is the sixth brain cavity containing the pineal gland. Hence when a Rosicrucian ignites the sixth candlestick this means the beginning of the transfiguration in him.

A certain Dr August Stern has written a newspaper article about the building blocks of nature. He says: 'The building blocks of nature play a determining role in our brain. [...] It is a pity for all scientists who study the human consciousness and who have no knowledge of the physics of atoms and atomic nuclei. They will have to return to college to learn to understand the physics underlying the mental processes taking place in the brain.'

To sum up: as all pupils together form a focal point of the young Gnostic Brotherhood, they reflect the Spiritual omnipresent light. With increasing urgency you are being called, and with increasing vigour you are being impelled towards the new creation, towards the conscious manifestation of the new creature, by means of a conscious mode of life based on the Soul, in gnostic-magic living, starting with the new activity of the heart in the physical body, and ending with the extinguishing of the last vestiges of the old astral life in the astral body.

Your attention is drawn ever more urgently to the need to free the astral body from the astral sphere of the nature of death.

In the name of God you are being prepared for the ascent of the Spirit-Soul into the electrical fire ether, the fifth ether, released by the Holy Spirit, so that the awakened Spirit-Soul can breathe, live and work in it.

We therefore hope that very fresh impulses will spring from the heart as a result of your gnostic directedness and your sensitive susceptibility to the inflowing forces and radiations.

May you receive these as a new breath from and through the Holy Spirit, in harmonious attunement to the Spirit-Soul light of the field of resurrection.

May the change from an outward person to an inner Man soon be 'complete'.

The seventh seal

John the Baptist's journey through the desert culminates in his encounter with Jesus the Lord. There, at the Jordan, at the nadir of the path, the two are confronted with each other. At that moment the nature-born consciousness is lost as it were; it is erased from the personality, and the soul, the living soul, the Jesus creation, has taken over the flame of consciousness. The soul *lives* and the Spirit has entered. The voice of God speaks fully in and through the pupil.

The soul human being, while still living in the old Joannine dwelling, is prepared and used for many purposes. Taken up into the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood, he brings the message of Jesus Christ down into the very depths of the realms of the night. Thus the Joannine human being works in the field of service, serving the great work of liberation that always was and is being undertaken in this world by the Gnosis.

The Book of Revelation relates how John the Baptist, John of Patmos, encounters 'the Other One'. At a certain moment 'the Other One', the heavenly human being of the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood, is standing before the Joannine human being. At that same moment, after this confrontation, the young brother is accepted by the Universal Gnosis. From that moment on, therefore, he demonstrates the type of the Brother of the Order of the Perfect Ones.

Revelation, chapter 1, describes how this newly born worker receives a task. He has to address the seven churches which are in Asia. He has to send letters to the seven churches. These letters warn, admonish, and also console. The Brother of the Order has to begin by developing a sevenfold activity that is a preparation as it were for and of everything that is to come.

The concept of *Asia* has many meanings. For example *Asia* is used to indicate all those who still live in the dialectical nature-born body. However, it more especially refers to all those who nevertheless possess an exceptional signature. What is spoken of here, is people who can be classified into seven types, i.e. seven types of entities susceptible to the Gnosis.

Our book *Dei Gloria Intacta*¹, in the sixth paragraph of the introduction, emphatically states that it is directed at people who have remembrance of the lost sonship and the lost Fatherland. These people have an irrepressible urge to investigate. They are searching for Light.

The seven letters to the seven churches in Asia address all the seven types living in the present field of life. This is a preparation for everything that is to come later in the dialectical world and for everything that has to happen with respect to the young Gnostic Brotherhood, the Brotherhood that is trying to go the path to the eternal Fatherland in order to reach its goal. Hence the Book of Revelation contains the unveiling of everything that has to come and its genesis in those gathered from the seven churches.

The revelations begin with the unveiling of a heavenly vision. God, sitting on his throne in all his majesty, is praised by his heavenly host with exultant jubilation. In his hand is the scroll sealed with seven seals.

After the publication of *Dei Gloria Intacta* the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross also continued its revelations. In many lessons and in the literature, the School has for many years recorded the glorious goal of the holy future, the great goal of the pilgrimage to the liberating Spirit-Soul field, and, what is more, has anchored that goal wherever possible in hundreds of pupils. The why and wherefore have been explained in great detail. The scroll sealed with the seven seals was and is being read to them in many ways.

But, as you know, reading and listening is not enough. That is only to give direction and to determine the goal. What matters is the goal itself. What matters is the living *being* of the Golden Rosycross. And that is what the breaking of the seven seals refers to.

But who dares to open the scroll? What dialectical mortal is capable of doing that? Nobody, surely? Not even the delusion of that is left you.

But nobody, no mortal, needs to worry, says the Book of Revelation, for the Son of the Father, the Son of Him who sits on the throne, has the power to liberate you. A tremendously powerful radiation field is thrusting you to realisation. And in addition you are being guided in a liberating sense along every step of the way. The reborn soul which has died in Jesus the Lord and has been resurrected with Him, that reborn soul, united with the Spirit, precedes you, I-centred being, on the path of salvation.

That is why we speak to you of the Universal Gnosis, of that divine power of beatitude, and of the Son of the Light. It is to that end that you must turn yourself towards the Gnosis. That is the reason you, as a pupil of the Gnosis, have devoted yourself to the Gnosis. That is the reason you have decided that one day you will be a *Pistis Sophia*. That is the reason why the Lamb, the living soul, appears, and breaks six of the seals one after the other. And the multitude rejoices!

But because of the breaking of the seals intense disasters are poured out over humanity. Six severances need to develop in the inner life and in the outward life of every person. The most severe severance is no doubt the sixth tribulation that breaks loose over the candidate.

Read the Book of Revelation for yourself and try to verify it in your own life. This will enable you to know how far the process of genesis has progressed within you, what you have already passed through, what you are possibly passing through now, and what you have shrunk back from until now. Obviously every candidate of the Gnosis stands in a process of breaking up. Thus all the six seals are being broken for every one of us.

Finally the seventh seal has to be broken too, for the last phase is nigh. That is always a critical point in the development of every Gnostic Brotherhood, for the breaking of the seventh seal signifies such a tremendously dynamic process accompanied by such an enormous unleashing of power, that first all the servants of the Lord have to be sealed upon their foreheads.

Revelation, chapter 7, tells us what the angel of the seventh ray says. He calls out: 'Wait!' He is calling out to the six other angels who have cast the six rays over the heads of humanity, and who now also have to realise the seventh aspect. The angel of the trumpet says: 'Wait till we have sealed the

servants of our God upon their foreheads', which is to say that the nascent soul, the basis for the new state of consciousness, must at least be put in place in the heart and the head.

The first step to this will be the magnetic link with the gnostic-magic life, with the Holy Spirit, with the Comforter, with the universal Christ being. This bond of Light will have to be totally free of dialectical blemishes. Only when that tie is established, will the absolute ascent of the Spirit-Soul human being be possible.

The yearning in the human blood will stimulate and cause a corresponding mode of life. This longing for liberation supports and simplifies the process of giving form to the new mode of life, which is the only method of reaching purification of the blood and raising the level of its vibration, with the aid of the pituitary hormone.

However, you will understand that this longing of the inner being has to be supported consciously and intelligently because it is a magnetic state. Then the organ of intelligence in the head sends out magnetic rays to which the radiation field of the Gnosis, the super-terrestrial field, responds. In this way the magnetic link with the Gnostic astral field is realised

- firstly: from within, via the reflection atom in the heart,
- and secondly: externally, via the pineal gland in the head sanctuary.

This magnetic link, which means 'being enlightened', and which is experienced as the highest bliss, is a link between the nerve ether and the etheric field of immortality. It means total liberation from matter. In this way you can consciously and immediately experience eternity in time.

1 Jan van Rijckenborgh, *Dei Gloria Intacta*, p.21. Rozekruis Pers, Haarlem, The Netherlands, 1980.

John on Patmos

In this chapter we will try to explain that true, absolute life emanating from the original Spirit and from the true, absolute form of manifestation, must be born from the totality of the seven microcosmic planes of existence. You must be clearly conscious that a Seven-Spirit has vehicles that have been created out of the seven times seven, i.e. forty-nine aspects of absolute Existence. This means that a vehicular state born from only a few of these aspects will necessarily be a caricature. Hence an ideal dialectical body is impossible.

That is why transfiguration is concerned with the rebirth of the absolute being. What this being looks like is symbolically told in the Bible in many different ways. It is, for example, described in the Book of Revelation. We are referring to the vision of John on Patmos.

John is the brother and companion who radiates love for God and His Brotherhood and for his fellow men. This is the love that is totally impersonal in its radiation power and highest potency.

The sevenfold radiation power of the Gnosis can be distinguished in three forces. These three forces play a role in what is called the second sidereal birth. The achievement of this sidereal birth can be distinguished in three stages. The first stage is called the touch, the second the formation, and the third the fulfilment.

The Holy Scriptures call the first stage *faith*. The touch of the Holy Seven-Spirit creates a bridge as it were between the pupil and the new life. When the pupil of the first stage hears about the new life, it is as if an inner voice is speaking to him. This first stage of the second sidereal birth immediately has a completely immunising, protective and shielding effect against the violence of the things to come. This is why the Gospel says, *Fear not, your faith has saved you*. Only from this faith can the touch of the Holy Spirit develop.

In the second stage the formation develops from the touch. The touch completely alters the pupil's whole being. We can see this change as a preparation for transfiguration.

The second process brings the pupil closer to his goal. He increases in grace with God. He increases in new life energy. This new life energy is called *hope*, the hope of eternal life. It is the new astral power breaking through into the head sanctuary.

Fear not, your faith has saved you: the first stage. The hope of eternal life becomes true new life to the pupil: the second stage.

Out of that new life comes the fulfilment. The second sidereal birth becomes a fact. The process of transfiguration can begin. It is only then that the pupil stands in *love*, which is the highest. His faith saved him. He began to live in hope, but in and through love and in and through the fulfilment he received power: the third stage.

All those who enter the new life in this way receive the power to become children of God again. Having that power means: having freedom. Having that power means: being endowed with an inalienable heritage. Paul refers to 'becoming fellow heirs of God'. As soon as the pupil has become a fellow heir of God he possesses power. The holy flame of this positive possession shines from him or her like a light. The pupil has become a servant in the Chain of the Brotherhood, a fellow heir of God.

Such a person was John on Patmos. He saw bodily before him the prototype of his true, higher Soul-self that was born in God. He saw the first and the last, who had died and is alive again.

I John, your brother, who share with you in Jesus the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit in the Lord's day and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet (Rev 1:9-10).

Seeing clearly what the liberating path required of him, John arrived on Patmos. Patmos means: nothingness, loneliness, complete isolation, absolute dissociation. John had passed through the three stages of the second sidereal birth: the touch, the formation and the fulfilment. And so there came the moment of his complete ascent into the light, the moment he becomes a fellow heir of God.

As a confirmation that the second sidereal birth had completed the third stage, he was confronted with his heavenly soul-self. This climax in the development of the pupil is called the 'Day of the Lord', or the 'Seventh Day'. It means that on the Day of the Lord the pupil celebrates the link with the light radiation of the Gnosis.

This light stream of power enters the pineal gland, continues on into the cerebellum, and, via the pituitary gland and the medulla oblongata, it goes down through the serpent-fire channel, causing a fierce burning at different points of the channel. In this way the fire of the Spirit is radiated into the pupil like a burning sword.

During this tremendous experience of the storm of the Spirit, John hears the trumpet-like voice saying: *Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades (Rev 1:17-18).*

John was permitted to receive the absolute seal of the new genesis. This confirmed the establishment of a permanent inflow of forces of healing for eternal life. In this state of being the pupil begins to perceive in what is called 'absolute being'. He reads this like an open book. He sees and he understands. As the power of love shines through him, he hastens to wake up others and to etch into the human heart blood: 'Hurry, before it is too late'.

That is how you should regard these words too. It was not our intention to inform you as to this nature, but to point out to you the path to life as with a fiery arrow in the night, so that you will go this path very consciously, to your Day of the Lord, to the Seventh Day.

May the Lord of all Life, the Holy Seven-Spirit, lead you through the night of time into the unwavering light. God be with you.

The mission of the Spiritual School

Undoubtedly you have repeatedly heard the sayings: *You will do greater things than Jesus the Lord did before you*, and *You may approach the gate of the Gnosis without fear*.

Why is this said to you so lovingly again and again? Because you can comply with these words if you go the path ever more completely with ever greater self-surrender, but at the same time take care that you don't take your own difficulties and tensions and the often fierce inner struggle out on the group.

No doubt you have gratefully experienced the power of the gnostic magnetic field, even more so if you view the spreading capacity of the magnetic radiation field as being of world-encompassing significance. We are now in a new spiritual year. The manifestation of a new era has commenced and the Christ radiation wants to reconnect humanity with the original divine order by means of a creative synthesis of that order. This divine Spirit, not bound to three-dimensional limitations, leads the soul human being to a life in the highest, divine meaning of the word.

The Spiritual School has the task of confirming the Mystery School of the Young Gnostic Brotherhood in time. However, we always need to keep in mind that all our labour bears the stamp of transience. You must consciously be aware of this. Servants of the Gnosis come and go, and return again at set times. Hence there is a time of beginning and consequently, in the time-spatial sense, a time of ending.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 says: *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths*.

But when you, as a serious pupil of the Spiritual School, harmoniously attune yourself to the living, pulsating radiation field, you will have a corresponding vibration and undergo the in- and exhalation process as a life-giving, stimulating activity for the renewal of your whole system as to Spirit, soul and body. At that psychological moment all those who are part of the electromagnetic field of the Spiritual School will begin to devote themselves to a totally different work.

It has been *known* through the ages that it is possible to work in the realms of tears and sorrow for a limited time only, because it relates to a recurring phenomenon in time. But because of his inner enlightenment from above the true pupil will first of all recognise his own self due to the spirit and the truth in his own inner depth. Indeed, the Brotherhood of Life itself will clearly demonstrate itself to him as active light power.

How is this power manifested? If there is a difference of opinion about the way a certain task should be carried out on the time-spatial plane, but yet one or more parties are trying to keep everyone on good terms with each other and, above all, if by an absolute faith in the one Light that heals everything and by a correct directedness the one high aim of the Spiritual School is not lost sight of, the

Brotherhood of Light will receive the opportunity of demonstrating itself with its light power of love to those concerned.

In that light and in that power the dialectical personality learns to see all his self-built barriers. The irrational resistance of the personality gives way and the pupil gradually begins to adopt a new directedness, consciously or unconsciously. He begins to be involved spiritually, without effort. What was first not considered possible, now just happens of its own accord as it were. The power of the love radiation Christi thus leads those concerned closer to each other on a firm basis.

However, in order to be able to succeed adequately, the following conditions need to be met continuously:

firstly: keeping everyone on good terms with one another;

secondly: showing absolute goodwill;

thirdly: in unity being filled by the one, all-encompassing Spirit.

What the personality could not accomplish intellectually before, is achieved by the power of the divine love itself, at least if the personality is open to this love power.

Turn the wonder flower within you into a radiant rose of the gnostic mysteries. Be faithful!

We pray that you will be able to experience all these things consciously.

O death, where is thy victory?

We quote 1 Corinthians 15:35-49:

But some one will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' You foolish man! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body which is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as He has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is alike, but there is one kind for men, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are celestial bodies and there are terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown in a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

Thus it is written, 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit. But it is not the spiritual which is first but the physical, and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have born the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Having read this you will certainly not ask the question presupposed in the letter to the Corinthians: *But some one will ask 'How are the dead raised?'* For now you know that it is absolutely impossible to raise a dialectical soul, a dialectical ego and a dialectical personality imperishably.

Every living entity in these realms of the nature of death, every living organism, be it plant, animal or human being, obeys one and the same law, namely that the fluid which ensouls it is a certain state of the magnetic forces of dialectics. And not one of these entities, irrespective of the situation in which it might be, can be compared in any respect whatsoever to manifestations in, out of and by the Gnosis. Whatever awakens out of the Gnosis can manifest itself only when all that was, has first been crucified, has died, has been buried, and can never be made alive again.

When Paul says that one day we shall bear the image of the heavenly human being, he doesn't mean that you, as a dialectical ego, will one day enter that state of renewal. No, he means that after the rebirth of the soul, i.e. after the rebirth of the ego - the threefold I of thinking, willing and feeling - your personality, your vehicles, will temporarily bear the new soul and the new I, just as Jesus the Lord did after his resurrection. In that phase you will have lain aside the image of the physical human being, and you, i.e. your vehicles, will then bear the image of the heavenly Man.

This is why Paul goes on in 1 Corinthians 15:50 by emphasising that 'flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God'. What is sown is perishable, dishonourable and weak, but what is raised is the

soul truly living in the Gnosis. That is the great mystery of salvation: your dialectical personality can be the basis for the tremendous initial process of transfiguration. The main thing is that the pupil understands this mystery of salvation, that he enters into the process, and that he breaks through to the goal.

'Lo!' says Paul, 'I tell you a mystery; I will initiate you into a mystery, namely the mystery that we shall not all sleep in the ordinary dialectical sense, but we shall truly be changed.'

This twofold mystery can apply to you also if you will walk the required paths. Listen to Paul's mystery, which is always topical and hence always new.

Whoever starts off on the path, very seriously and with great dedication, is linked to the Gnosis as you know, and something of the immortal soul state will immediately manifest itself in him.

If the personality of such a brother or sister dies during this process of preparation, they will lay down their physical body in the usual way. Yet there is a mystery connected with such a pupil, for the seed of immortality was already active and had already started making progress. Therefore this deceased pupil will not be totally dissolved like all the phenomena of ordinary nature, but will continue his process of salvation in that part of the Magnetic Body of the Spiritual School that we call the sanctified soul-ether field. Hence all our dead ones, who die in the Lord in this way, will one day be raised imperishably.

You still have your personality, and although it is one of dishonour, weakness and perishability, you can already partake in the rebirth of the soul in the present, with the rightly focused help of the soul, and you can gain all the advantages of this.

And so there is a twofold mystery. Whoever commences the path can completely rest assured. Either he will die naturally and awaken later in the soul-liberating field of life, or he will already be resurrected in the new soul state in the present. In both situations the resurrection is certain and absolute.

Therefore it is a glorious certainty for all that truly walk the Path of the Mysteries that the real death of absolute termination is vanquished right from the start. And so every serious pupil can joyfully exclaim:

Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? The sting of living in the nature of death has been removed.

O death, where is thy victory? The victory of death has been rescinded.

Therefore be steadfast, unwavering, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour, your self-freemasonry, is not and never will be in vain.

The kingdom of the sons of the serpents

The essence of the new soul realisation is brought closer to the pupils of the School of the Golden Rosycross than has ever been possible before. The group of the Spiritual School of the young Gnostic Brotherhood has reached a new step in its development, a step which will take it into totally new, unearthly situations, which will nevertheless be very real. Things and values, which according to the Bible either took place in the distant past or will take place in the distant future, will become a living reality and a living present to the pupil.

In the Old Dispensation there were many who lived under the cloud, i.e. a specially prepared astral field, and in the New Dispensation, we are told, the Son of Man will return on or in the clouds. And Paul exclaims to his pupils: 'One day we also shall be taken up into the cloud', i.e. into the Gnostic astral field.

Now these same things are also being discussed with the pupils of the Spiritual School and they are also facing the same tasks. The past and the future have become the present and the pupil now knows what the cloud, on which the Son of Man is enthroned, means. He knows that this is to be associated with the astral aspect of the new gnostic field of life, and he knows he is able to experience and see that cloud.

We would now like to take an aspect from the overflowing dish of revelations which is continually set before you. For many reasons it is necessary to shed some light on this aspect, namely the growth and manifestation of the new soul body.

You know that the manifestation of the new soul consciousness, due to the concentration and activity of the Mercury element in the head sanctuary, also means the birth of the head of the new soul body. And only with that soul body you can exist in the cloud, the gnostic astral field. The pupilship and the touch of the gnostic currents inhaled by the heart and the liver produce much pure soul quality which is concentrated in the fourth brain cavity.

When the Mercury power can be released in sufficient quantity and this in turn prepares the head sanctuary, the accumulated soul quality can be applied as a principle of the new state of life like a breath of life. The head sanctuary of the soul body begins to be formed. It is concentric with the dialectical head and sticks out beyond it like a halo. This halo is the flaming adornment of the Pentecostal Fire. Surrounding this fiery head is a refulgent light which ends at the bottom like the tail of a comet and gives the observer the sensation of seeing a fiery serpent which is continuously moving and which glitters like sunlight. You will now undoubtedly understand the expression 'Son of the Serpents', and also the worship of serpents.

In the old veiled stories in the Biblical Book of Numbers there is a part where the pilgrims, who have entered the Promised Land from the desert and who have a task to perform there, behave incorrectly towards a certain kind of inhabitant of this land. The meaning of this story is as follows:

On the way to carry out a task and thus having to contend with certain kinds of difficulties, it can happen that at critical moments the pupil slackens his activity and deflects his directedness. The consequence of this is that wrong soul quality is produced, which blocks the process of participation in the kingdom of the Sons of the Serpents and causes the process to stagnate to such a degree that the body becomes ill and the pupil dies.

The story says (Numbers 21:6): *Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.* As a medicine the survivors were advised to set up a bronze serpent; and if anyone were bitten by a false serpent, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

You will possibly understand this tale completely. The bronze serpent is the symbol of the true, newly born principle of the soul body that is born from the life of the truly devoted pupil. Whoever bears this principle cannot permit himself to return to the old state of life, under penalty of death. This is why all of us need to look again and again at the bronze serpent. In other words: to focus on the path correctly in daily service in order to accomplish the process.

May we all become children of the serpents and receive the power not to leave the one path.

*The birth of the caduceus**For reflection*

The divine salvation *must* be proclaimed, despite the opposing cosmic forces, and despite the fight against the nature aeons and archons.

The basis of the caduceus is situated in the sacral plexus. If a pupil is truly and completely focused on the new life of the soul, a current will begin to flow from the solar plexus to the heart sanctuary. The muscle of the heart is thus filled with special blood.

This blood is aimed at the head sanctuary and begins to circulate there. The head becomes purified and becomes soul-conscious, or at least the basis is laid for this.

On this basis the process of change commences and contact is established with the living Spirit. The pupil daily focuses his mind on the higher, liberating soul life, on the Spirit. If this initial process is harmonious, soul growth arises and hence the link with the Spirit.

The caduceus is born.

The link with the living soul state has started.

The pupil enters the liberating Spirit-Soul field.

The resurrection of the human temple

It is expected of the pupil that he activates the process of transfiguration in his life with great inner energy, and that he possesses the right, pure insight about the state of the reborn soul.

Why is this expected of the pupil? Because the soul state is the basis for and of what is truly human, as intended in the Divine Plan. This is why every pupil needs to become clearly conscious of the divine science of sanctification. Via the pineal fire circle there should be sufficient openness and purity for the touch of the Seven-Spirit and the original Man, who lies hidden in the microcosm.

The one goal of the human personality should be to attain the Spirit-Soul state. The personality is the being of time and space out of which the eternal form, the Spirit-Soul human being, must rise up. It is John, from whom the Jesus man must awaken. Hence the I-being, John, is necessary for the manifestation of the imperishable Spirit-Soul human being. Only when the Jesus man has been realised, can the Spirit-Soul human being begin to be manifested. Then we can speak of Jesus, the Christ.

In the mystery of 'Man' there are in fact two lives, one of which has to rise up out of the other.

The Spirit-Soul human being is liberated from matter. The soul human being is an entity with an etheric form. The physical human being is an entity bound to matter unless he has transfigured. The soul human being is an unassailable 'cross of light'. The physically born human being is a separate entity; he lives in himself and is himself. For the soul human being there is no separation because he lives in absolute unity.

What is meant by absolute unity in this sense?

We could imagine it as follows. A group of entities living consciously in the new soul nature has united Spirit and soul. Wherever the imperishable soul is present, the Spirit is also present. When Spirit and soul are united in this way as participants in the group, and they think, live and work in seven rays, a mighty astral concentration, which has acquired a form, will develop. Such a concentration will express completely what God is, what God wants, and what God does, with a degree of exaltation corresponding to the quality of the group.

It is not simple to live in this universal truth and in this one light as a physically born human being, for the one truth forms a kind of shadow activity in this lower material nature. We could also put it like this: the ordinary mental reasoning of those who are still in and of physical nature nearly always forms an opposition. It is nearly always opposed to the one truth of the Spirit-Soul nature.

The human being can be clearly distinguished as a twofold being, namely: the human being who is a physically born instrument, and the human being who grows from the interaction between the heavenly and the earthly that has transcended nature, namely the soul human being.

At the same time the soul human being has a third aspect: the Spirit human being. The nature-born human being can never be a creature of evolution. The nature-born human being is only preparing the way, the Joannine human being.

We could see it like this: when the soul begins to awaken, it assumes its right of life and its state of life. That means that it is constantly focused on its Fatherland.

There are pupils who are blessed with soul quality and pure insight, but who nevertheless allow their lives to pass by. Their bodies weaken and they fail to make use of their possibilities. At the very least they have lost a whole incarnation and are faced with a whole series of uncertainties, such as:

firstly: the loss of time;

secondly: the question of how the world will be in the next immersion in the world of matter;

thirdly: at what point of time their soul quality will arouse the memory powerfully enough;

fourthly: which indeterminate karmic influences will throw up obstacles.

That is why we say to you: take the opportunity and make use of the possibilities that are being offered to you now! Use them!

The greatest danger is the one mentioned so emphatically in Matthew 16, verse 26: *For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?* If the awakened soul human being can remain in his pure state of being; if he can remain watchful, and is thus strengthened, the moment will come when the soul must be liberated and released from the cross of nature, and, in a totally free and unassailable state, be able to enter and leave the temple of the nature-born body.

Please note carefully: the temple of the nature-born body is used to awaken the soul, and the place for this is the etheric or vital body. This is of the same form and shape and has the same organ structure as the physical body. This is why our Spiritual School says that, when the soul has matured in the vital body, the soul human being is linked with it. This is natural and logical.

This is why these two, the physical body and the vital body, must be separated when the time has come for this. The vital body must be taken down from the cross of nature. This descent from the cross is a very meticulous and special procedure. It requires both vehicles to be preserved and resurrected and it draws your attention to six places, six points in the personality, namely:

- to the heart,
- to the head,
- to both hands,
- to both feet.

The soul vital body is connected to the rest of the vehicles at these six places. The heart is the seat of the rose. The head is the seat of the mind and the Spirit. The centres in the hands are the organs of action and the centres in the feet are the organs of movement.

This whole system can be symbolically represented by the five-pointed star, the Star of Bethlehem, the Star of Golgotha, by the way of the cross of Christ. This way of the cross is and was never a death by torture but an absolute resurrection. The way of the cross of Christ is the resurrection of the soul

vital body and at the same time the great celebration of accomplishing the goal of the human temple. For the temple of the nature-born body and the soul human being dwell in and are surrounded by the same microcosm. As such they are one and yet not one.

This sublime work was the goal of the Preceding Brotherhood, the Cathars, and is now the goal of the young Gnostic Brotherhood. The mighty things that happened in the cave of Bethlehem in Ussat-les-Bains in the South of France were related to the separation, the release of the soul human being from the natural human temple. Only from that moment on can the temple human being be a true priest. Whatever violence could or would be inflicted on such a true priest, it would be totally ineffective in harming the soul human being. He or she is liberated forever!

Hence you too should strive for the possession of the liberated soul human being of the vital body as Brother or Sister.

The struggle, the purpose and the realisation of life

Struck on the one hand by the terrible reproaches directed at God by those who deny God, reproaches perhaps arising from misunderstood world-wide suffering, or perhaps from a feeling of sympathy for the world and humanity, and on the other hand by the manner in which the representatives of the church defend the love of God for his creatures, we have decided to write to you about the purpose of life, the purpose of your individual life.

No matter how much human opinions may diverge, everyone agrees that life cannot be without meaning, for the simple reason that the human being was created by God. Everything God has created in his great world, He has made with a great and wise purpose, even though human beings cannot always discover that purpose, and cannot always understand the things they see happening around them.

How could a human being understand God's purpose, while his thoughts and deeds are still so individual? How could a human being approach God's sublime purpose, while his centre of gravity is still bound to physical things? Can he presume to pass judgement over God who is purely and solely Spirit?

And yet, this is what is being done, precisely now that self-maintenance is reigning supreme and people are fighting each other as never before. Precisely now that the cries of horrendous suffering are rising up, God is being reproached that He cannot possibly be love, for if He were love, people are saying, He would not allow all those atrocities to happen in this dark world.

These are the cries of those who have lost their faith and their confidence in humanity itself and who have suffered so much because of all the grief and injustice around them that they have decided to go their own way, without God and without their fellow human beings. They say they will go the hard road on their own, seeking all their refuge within themselves and watching the turmoil from a convenient distance.

People who think and act in this way are by no means the most insensitive, because hard reality has made them what they are, and because they cannot approach the holy light, which they call God. They will eventually discover that they cannot achieve anything alone, and that they have been placed in the physical world in the middle of the turbulent sea of human life because that is where they must perform their service to humanity.

We have learnt that these so called atheists are by no means the worst type of person, for far worse are those people who have resigned themselves to everything and let others do the thinking for them.

You are undoubtedly familiar with other people who are convinced that God knows what's good for them, or who repeat like parrots what their spiritual leaders have told them. History has shown repeatedly that these spiritual leaders are also unable to provide answers to the many questions asked by people disappointed in God. If they *were* able they would say without mincing words that, if a

human being wants to find a solution to every riddle of life, he should start with focusing on action in his own life. Action is the only thing that provides experience, and experience provides expansion of the consciousness.

The gullible, resigned people are often lukewarm. Nothing makes them hot or cold, and they get into hot water only when danger threatens them personally. But these compliant people are not concerned in the least about their struggling brothers and sisters, and can even look down disdainfully on fellow creatures who are fighting for their own and others' survival. Never forget, however, that it is through this *struggle* for life that the human being has to reach the right understanding of the *purpose* of life. Only after he has acquired this, he can achieve *realisation* of life.

There are three aspects in which every human being, without exception, participates: the struggle for life - the purpose of life - the realisation of life. Every human being is directly involved in the struggle for life. People do sometimes ignore this temporarily, but one day everyone has to accept it. Everyone pursues a goal, and everyone likes to see that goal realised. The only difference between the human cycles is the spiral that has been attained.

What is the struggle for life for one person may be of no significance to another. The purpose in one person's life may not have the least value to another person. And the realisation of life of one person may be a viewpoint left behind by another. Yet everyone without exception lives within these three concepts.

It would take us too far to reflect on these three conditions of life in one chapter, for then there would be the danger of using a lot of words only to scratch the surface. We would therefore like to restrict ourselves to three groups of people that are all striving for the realisation of life, each in its own way.

First of all, our thoughts go out to those people who want to give their lives for their brothers and sisters purely out of a feeling of being human. These are the ones who fight for their own and others' survival. These are the people who cannot tolerate the injustice in this world. These are the men and women who feel the harrowing suffering in the world and who feel they must help carry it. These are the people who know little about the why and wherefore of things, but their physical thoughts are dominated by reality; their physical eyes see reality and that is enough for them to jump into the midst of it.

Do you consider it strange, therefore, that they take up arms with the same weapons as those by which their feelings are dominated and which their eyes can see? Many of these people are indeed indifferent to the concept of God, because to them the highest goal is physical realisation.

Is it then not better to fight with the weapons to which one is ennobled than to adorn oneself with the holy varnish of false piety? Is this pretence not intended to hide something? Is it not intended to give the appearance of having a stance? They are birds of different feathers who seek satisfaction in false piety, but they hermetically cover the roots of their own being; they do not plough the fields of their own being nor do their thoughts become more profound. Remember that you have the meaning of your life in your own hands! If you really yearn for life renewal, you will have to tear up the holy pretence that is without soul.

Then there is the third group. These are the people we mentioned in the beginning. 'Why doesn't God manifest himself in a different way?' they ask. 'If there really is a higher purpose behind

everything, why is everything as it is? Why can't the power of God penetrate and break through everything, and wipe away everything that is evil and unjust?'

These people certainly feel that their lives cannot be without purpose, but their lives are made more difficult because they do not identify with their brothers and sisters who fight only for physical life. Their down-to-earth view of people makes them reject the second group instantly. This is why they decide to go their way alone. It is the road of bitter experience, in which they have to learn to become human beings in the true sense of the word. In becoming true human beings they experience that God is Love, God is Light.

Doesn't God make it abundantly clear to his children that He has a grand plan for the world and humanity? And do we not know the truth of the words that 'God does not forsake the work of his hands'? The plan for us, his children, must be carried out. All the tensions and all the woes in this world are the result of the resistance of humanity against the divine plan, the resistance against his acts of love. The protest against the divine love originates in delusion and in the ignorance of the plan that radiates in the power of Christ.

In that power and in that light you will experience that the love of God will envelop you like a mantle whenever you are in spiritual distress, for God leaves no prayer unanswered.

You may very well answer, 'But I *have* prayed. I have begged God for help with my whole being. I have struggled, but have never had an answer.' The reason for this is that the window of your soul has not been open to such an answer in the right way.

We want to place before your imagination a person who was called to place his shoulders under the work of world liberation. He was called to serve, but he thought to himself, 'Let me get up a little higher first, then I can be in a better position to do the work.'

It was a difficult path he had chosen for himself. It was very steep and full of hidden crevices and sharp edges, but he felt he had to do this because he thought that before he could help others he had to be very advanced himself.

The place of service to which he was called was much closer and not very high at all, but no, first he wanted to achieve something. With almost superhuman effort he did indeed achieve his goal, despite the sharp outcrops of rock that time after time nearly made him plunge into the abyss.

But, O bitter disillusionment, having arrived at his place of attainment, he sat there in cold isolation, estranged from the people he had left behind. Nobody needed him now, and far below him his teachers, who he thought would do their work from a highly exalted position, were busy giving their invaluable service with the energetic help of those who had not aimed so high. He had thought he would have been able to understand and carry out his task better if he stood above things, but there, in his splendid isolation, he learned that serving humanity is done on the ground, right amidst the struggle of life itself.

He sat there, completely empty. The words that were being spoken far below him at the foot of the mountain were totally inaudible to him who had sought such a high goal. He watched with idle hands and, isolated and alone, he stared and stared into the blood-red sun on the horizon. His work was not needed then, despite his enormous effort.

What conclusion can we draw from this example? Our conclusion should be that people with a fighting nature, who are driven solely by the love of humanity to fight for the improvement of physical well-being, will either revert to complacency after a certain degree of satiation, making them completely useless in the long term, or, due to their steadfast striving, they will gather so much soul quality that they necessarily attract the forces of the Light which will teach them the way that Christ went before them. Soul quality will lead them to the recognition of the Light, the recognition of God.

The person who thinks he can achieve this solely by means of inner purity and spiritual knowledge, without the rest of the crowd, will experience after a bitter lesson of life that individual growth has not brought him any closer to understanding God, but that individual and collective action go together and must come into harmony with the link between head and heart, so that the soul-liberating path that leads to spiritual achievement can be travelled to a good conclusion.

The realisation of your life therefore lies in the development of your inner faculties by the collective uplifting of humanity in Christ.

If you continue on my way, says the Christ, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

The three fires of grace

When the pupil who has been awakened by the Light decides to bid farewell to his old nature and his old state of being in order to become a new creation and a new creature, he begins his way of the cross. He follows in the footsteps of Jesus the Lord. His old nature has to disappear, must be crucified and discarded. Paul explained this in his positive declaration to his pupils: *For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.* These words contain what the Spiritual School has been teaching in all possible ways for so many years.

When a person decides to follow the light wherever it leads him, he has to accept the way of the cross. Whoever begins to do this in the power of the fire of Christ is a Rosicrucian from that moment on. For then the Father fire, the root fire, breaks open the rose, resulting in the well-known inner unease. Whoever dedicates this rose to the way of the cross is a Rosicrucian: a human being who attaches the rose to the cross. The rose is called by the Father fire. The entire being goes the way of the cross through the second fire: the Christ fire.

Whoever goes this way of the cross, impelled, led and carried by the two fires, whoever accepts and professes the consequences of this twofold touch, for example by means of the deed of the covenant, and whoever signs all this truly with his blood, and hence adopts all the consequences as his mode of life, will immediately arouse the third fire: the fire of the Holy Spirit.

For as soon as he commences his way of the cross, his way of the cross of the rose, transfiguration sets in. The great change begins: that is the third fire, the holy fire that changes and renews, the fire that accomplishes the great transmutation, the fire that urges the candidate to realisation. That is the new, gnostic-magic life. Then the fiery triangle, the *Trigonum Igneum* flares up in the candidate.

The Father fire is burning in you. The light of the Son shines for you and in you. You are already linked to the circle of eternity through the Father fire. The light of Jesus the Christ has endowed you with all you need to possess and know in order to be able to go the way of the cross. And if you then decide to go the liberating decline in Jesus the Lord, the Holy Spirit will immediately descend on you. That is the power that makes everything new and that will lead you as a new creature to a new creation. It is this experience of the beginning that is required of the gnostic person, in view of the present development of the living body of the young Gnostic Brotherhood.

Only when the three fires burn in you in this way, you can truly say: *The old has passed away, behold, the new has come* (2 Cor.5:17). For when you have become a Son of the Fire in this way; when you have drawn the fiery, flaming triangle; when the *flamma, materia, mater* of Paracelsus radiates from you, then as a result six new faculties will emanate like a new fire from the three sides of the triangle, two from each side.

These six emanations of the fire illuminate and surround the entire head sanctuary - Calvary, the place of the skull. Then Calvary radiates light, the light of the three fires. Then the candidate speaks his *Consummatum est*. The right conditions for construction have been created. The candidate has been resurrected in the new life. The Pentecostal Fire is blazing!

Only then will the candidate be able to start building in a truly renewing sense. Only then he is standing on the carpet in the full meaning of the word. Hence gnostic magic is born from holy fire. Unless one possesses this fire, no gnostic work can be done and service cannot be the keynote of one's life, nor can one be a true pupil in the true meaning of the word. Without the holy fire one cannot walk the path of liberation, because it is out of the fire of renewal that everything has to begin and be generated.

For this reason the heart of the preparatory pupil must be adorned with the root fire right from the start. Without the presence of the flame of the Father fire the pupil will never be able to understand the teachings of the fire nor will he ever be able to understand the behaviour of the 'Children of the Fire'. Whoever does not possess this flame, or in other words, whoever does not possess the rose of the heart will not be able to understand the teachings of the fire. He will never understand the activities of the children of the fire. All kinds of difficulties arise in the life and the work of the Spiritual School, if people who totally lack the holy fire are nevertheless admitted into the School.

You will perhaps wonder, 'But what is lacking now can surely come one day? The Fire can surely be kindled in them after they have been admitted into the School?' No, that is impossible! One is either a child of the fire at birth, or one is not! 'Becoming' one is impossible.

You should become accustomed to the idea that there are different types of human being on earth. There is the type that due to its inherent nature does not feel at home on earth, and there is the type that, right into every cell of its being, is born and grown out of this dialectical nature. Bringing such people into the School is irresponsible.

It is possible for a child of the fire to stray. A child of the fire can commit sins and therefore become totally lost. Nevertheless such a person remains a child of the fire by virtue of his microcosmic structure.

The auric being of a microcosm has a focal point. This focus or centre of the microcosm corresponds with the heart of the personality. And now this is the point: which principle is burning in the heart of the personality? Is it the original light principle of the Immovable Kingdom, or is it a focal point totally in tune with this fallen nature? That is what determines the state of being and the true nature of a microcosm.

This is the reason why the School always has the greatest patience and shows great clemency to those who bear the signature of the fire but have strayed. For the Brotherhood of Life bases its actions on the absolute knowledge that as soon as a stray child turns to the soul-liberating path, he will soon overcome the damage done to his own being and begin to dedicate himself to his regenerative potential.

How can we say this with such great certainty? We can do so because of the properties of the fire. You know that fire burns and consumes. When the root fire or Father fire has been kindled in a person because he has set foot on the soul-liberating path, the process of burning and consuming sets in. If your microcosm is placed on the square of construction, you will be able to kindle the burning and consuming fire on it.

Suppose that you, a child of the fire, have made numerous errors on your square of construction. You have been a very unwise master builder! Suppose that until this very moment you have totally messed up your life and your potential, seen gnostically, then this would be most regrettable. But you have become aware of this and now you are beginning to draw your fiery triangle. That is what the Spiritual School expects of you as a serious pupil. You turn to the Gnosis with the prayer:

*Fires of Grace, enter me now.
Set free the new life in my microcosm.*

At that very moment the answer comes and the process begins. The Gospel of John says: *He who follows the Son follows the Father. He who follows the Son also calls up the Comforter.* This means that the three fires do not begin to burn one after the other, but simultaneously. In other words, the person who begins to walk the path instantly draws the *Trigonum Igneum*: the flaming triangle starts to burn immediately.

You know that the mystery fire is the most important and most sublime symbol of God, of the Spirit, of the Gnosis, of the circle of eternity. The rose within you is the potential of the God in you. As soon as this holy fire begins to burn, a fiery process begins. God Himself enters into you. God Himself raises his voice.

The ancient Manichaeans had the idea that in the children of the fire the light was mixed with darkness. We know that this is completely true. Due to his birth in nature, a human being has many dark elements. These are mixed with the elements of the light.

However when you begin to walk the liberating path, the newly lit fire attacks the darkness in you. A fire process begins. God himself enters into your being. This is why Paul says to such a pupil: *Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?* And he adds: *If any one harms God's temple, God will harm him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are* (1 Cor. 3:16-17).

What does Paul mean by this? He is not referring to being harmed by others, because others cannot harm a pupil on the path. When the Father fire burns in you, no mortal is able to extinguish that fire. No, you are the only one who can harm yourself. As soon as you go the path in the flaming triangle, you are obliged to go and stand on the square of construction in a totally new way. A completely new mode of life is essential. Without this you will harm your own temple, the temple which is God's.

Paul says in 1 Cor.3: *For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble - in other words, with any kind of dialectical aim whatsoever - the fire will test who will receive reward and who will suffer loss.*

No doubt you will understand that if a pupil of the Spiritual School puts the emphasis on numerous incidents and on all kinds of dialectical values, he would build up an enormous resistance in himself. If you kindle the holy fire and at the same time clutch to the things of ordinary nature with both hands, the fire that has come to consume all that is old and unworthy to God, will meet far greater resistance in you.

This is the reason why many pupils of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross sometimes despair at all the difficulties in their lives. In their ignorance they put up resistance against the fire of liberation they themselves have invoked! So - let go of what must be given up.

If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and stubble - each person's work will become manifest. The day will prove it, because it will be revealed by the fire that you yourself have lit. The fire will test your construction.

If the work survives the inner trial of the fire, says Paul, you will receive a reward. But if anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss. He himself will be saved, but through the purifying fire.

A journey through the Morning Land of the Spirit

Ephesians 2, verses 1 to 10 read:

And you he made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the Spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience. Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

When you read this part of the sublime letter of Paul, you will discover that Paul is testifying of the tremendous gratitude and joy that the Brotherhood, the Church of the Ephesians, has been taken up into the merciful magnetic field of the Christ-centred fullness. With regard to these pupils of the Spiritual School Paul is speaking of being 'made alive'. He gives us a short sketch of the process of liberation.

'Previously you were part of the essence of death through your misdeeds and sins', he says. These misdeeds should not be seen as terrible offences against the moral and statutory laws of ordinary dialectical society, but they represent the fundamental signature of wrongdoing with regard to the Gnosis. Every human being therefore bears the signature of 'following the course of this world' and of 'following the prince of the power of the air'.

If humanity does not meet its calling as the image bearer of God, and as such does not overcome the world, this results in the development of counternature, both on the physical plane and on yonder side. Everyone carries the blemishes of this in his blood and in his karma, and so bears the sign of the sons of disobedience. Hence all the pupils of a transfiguristic Spiritual School are by nature 'children of wrath'. This is not just a mystical truth but also a fact facing you as naked truth and depriving you of any opportunity of talking about this in an emotional way.

Whoever understands all this and, with profound insight, can experience this as being true, will feel a wondrous happiness tingling through him. He will be speechless with gratitude when he discovers that in the Spiritual School his death as to this nature and his fundamentally useless and heavily burdened existence are transformed into total salvation, and moreover into a guiltless ascent.

Only then life has real perspective. Only then does a future unroll before a human being, namely to show the overwhelming wealth of the power of the grace of Christ in the centuries ahead. For whoever has been taken up in the Magnetic Body of the young Gnostic Brotherhood, whoever experiences the seven rays of the Universal Spirit and ignites his seven-armed candelabrum in them, is taken up in a process of genesis and transformation that will take many centuries seen from the point of view of time and space. Together with his brothers and sisters he will begin a journey from here into the divine astral field, and, proceeding from strength to strength, he will go on until the gates of the Immovable Kingdom swing open. This whole journey is a journey through the Morning Land of the Spirit.

All this is made possible by the sublime gnostic gifts of salvation. All you have to do is put your foot on the path of the new consequences of life, and, touched by the fire of grace, transform this holy food into energy and so enter the life of the Spirit-Soul, charged with this vitality.

Truthfully we have to tell you that, although many pupils in the Spiritual School receive this power daily and are nourished with this food every hour as it were, it appears that these dynamic possibilities are insufficiently utilised. All pupils who truly yearn for the Gnosis have become very rich due to their continuous link with the Magnetic Body of the Spiritual School manifested sevenfold, yes, they possess great treasures, but they are not sufficiently aware of this. They look too much at their dialectical results and consider them insignificant.

But notice how Paul makes it clear to the Ephesians that they have been saved by grace and that they are laden with riches that cannot be explained by their dialectical state. He says, 'It is the gift of God. It is not your own doing. It is not because of your works.' For this reason you, as people touched by the Gnosis, should regard these things completely differently, in the sense that 'we are created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.'

If you understand these last words of Paul, you will be heading in the right direction. Paul means, 'do not confuse the things of ordinary nature with those of the Gnosis, because you can't change ordinary nature. You are charged with new possibilities of living according to a totally new mode of life that has nothing to do with ordinary nature. *That* is what you should walk in.'

On the basis of this soul revolution you could ask, 'How do we put this new mode of life into practice?' Our answer is: You can adopt this new mode of life in group unity.

The voice of the silence

*And then to the inner ear will speak
the Voice of the Silence and say:
If thy soul smiles
while bathing in the sunlight of thy life;
if thy soul sings
within her chrysalis of flesh and matter;
if thy soul weeps
inside her castle of illusion;
if thy soul struggles
to break the silver thread
that binds her to the Master;
know, O disciple,
thy soul is of the earth.¹*

If we wish to follow a pupil on his path, we need first of all to see where this path begins. The path begins where the pupil succeeds in rising above his nature-born prison.

This rising above the nature-born prison is possible only if the longing of the heart is strong and pure enough, if the head sanctuary has been purified of the ordinary dialectical motives and aims, and if the growing thinking faculty has been freed of the lower intellect, which should then be guided by reason.

This transmutation within the personality will enable the pupil to experience soul growth and to become a truly living soul. If the soul lives, the path can begin. Then the pupil is pulled from the pit of death by one of the seven cords.

Having found the path and entered it, the pupil hears for the first time the voice of the silence, the voice of his Master. This Master is his own inner God, the virgin Spirit, called *Christos* by the ancient Gnostics. This Master has to begin to speak to the pupil. Without that voice no other helper or teacher will be able to do anything for him whatsoever.

The Christos is the descending Spirit that will link itself to the nature-born personality through the soul. This eternally Perfect One turns mainly to the soul, for everything depends on the way the soul behaves.

You should clearly realise the very special task and position of the soul, for the soul is being attracted by two worlds, two life fields. The soul has to act as a mediator. On the one hand there is the reality of the lower world, which *The Voice of the Silence* so rightly calls 'the Hall of Sorrow', and where every possible attempt is made to ensnare the pupil in the delusion of the 'great heresy'. On the other side of the soul is the life order of the Spirit. The soul therefore has to express itself in two worlds.

This will undoubtedly help you see that the soul has to be trained. The soul has continually to be enabled to make the right choice, for every wrong decision can cause great harm. In this light you should understand the Biblical warning: 'The soul that sins shall die.' Hence when the pupil hears the voice of the silence, this voice will always act as a guide to the soul. And only when the soul follows and obeys this voice will the pupil be able to pass through that extremely dangerous first stage of the path.

The warning voice speaks of a practice with which everyone is very familiar. There are numerous ups and downs in nature-born life. When a person is young, healthy and strong, and he is riding on the crest of a wave, as they say, and he is 'bathing in the sunlight of his life', he will sing in his chrysalis of matter. Who would begrudge him that?

But very soon there are the many moments when he feels his imprisonment in his castle of illusion. One moment he is absorbed completely by the world's turmoil, the next he is listening to the roaring voice of the great illusion. He is struck by the hot tears of suffering and he is deafened by the numerous cries of anguish and distress. Hence at one moment there is cause to confront life anew full of optimism, the next moment he is overwhelmed by the great terror of it all.

And now the voice of the silence, the voice of the Christos, says to the pupil who has come to the beginning of his path: Do not allow your soul to enter and be drawn into all those fluctuating moods of the nature-born being. Rise above joy and sorrow. Do not enter into the ephemeral pleasure of the present moment or into the short-term anguish of today. If you allow yourself to be dragged along by the great turmoil, how could you then belong to eternity?

Remember this, brothers and sisters! If your soul sways with the turbulence of every moment of the day, and is constantly being affected by this, it will *break the silver thread that binds her to the Master*. Then it is unable to stand in silence with Him, the Christos.

Without becoming indifferent to the fate of nature-born people - for how could the soul do that? - it needs to be freed of every kind of agitation, both joyful and sorrowful, constantly directed at the supernal link with the Christos, knowing that this is the best way to help for the Spirit, the Soul and the Body, which must become one.

1 From: *The Voice of the Silence*, p.3, by H P Blavatsky. The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, Ill., United States, 1992.

The Triple Alliance of the Light

The inner laws of the Spiritual School are based on the nucleus power and its effect in the various aspects of the sevenfold Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross. You should therefore understand that a Gnostic Spiritual School is not a personal matter.

When a Spiritual School has fully developed, it has a sevenfold Living Body. It is built up of living stones. That is to say: it is built up of some thousands of souls who expect their entire salvation from the living Christ. It is to Him, the living Christ, that such a Spiritual School belongs, and only in his astral power, in his glorified blood, can the great work of liberation become a reality.

For this reason the true servant will never place himself at the centre, even though he might fully devote himself to the work of the Spiritual School. Just like Christ, the true servants say: 'I have nothing that is my own. All I possess and all I say I have received from the Gnosis, the Brotherhood of Life, which is concerned with me through the medium of the young Gnostic Brotherhood.' Or as Christ once said: 'All I possess and all I say I have received from my Father who is in heaven.' This is the deep meaning and the deep basis of Christ's words which his servants teach and prove with their lives: 'Lord, not my will but Your will be done.'

When a seed from the heart of the Universal Gnostic Chain is planted in the dark soil of the nature of death, we know that the complete revelation of salvation lies hidden in this principle of life. This principle is the starting point and cannot be ignored.

The same applies to the soul-liberating path that you intend to go. Before you commence your path, everything that is needed for the practical realisation of the path is hidden in the heart of the Spiritual School.

In the beginning there were the Chain of the Brotherhood of Christ and the two Spiritual Leaders, together forming the Triangle, from whose apex the Christ Light, the sanctified Light, radiates in the service of all who long for it.

And so Mr J van Rijckenborgh and the author one day made the unanimous decision to clear in the revealed holy Light of Christ the way to the seventh aspect of the Spiritual School, the field of the resurrection, so that the ascension of all the brothers and sisters going with us and all those still to come will one day be 'perfect'. That is why this is the vital rule: obedience to this holy, universal work.

The Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross, of which you as a pupil are a part, has its origins in a Fellowship of twelve brothers and sisters of the Universal Gnosis. To be exact, that Fellowship already existed at the beginning of the twentieth century, and it still consists of twelve members.

In the last part of the nineteenth century the Triple Alliance of the Light had made the decision to start the development of a totally new global activity according to a completely new method that had never been possible before. This activity had to have its base in Europe and from there find its way throughout the whole world.

If this work were to succeed, its development would have to have an unmistakably threefold nature.

As you know, the Triple Alliance of the Light consists of:
 the Brotherhood of the Holy Grail,
 the Brotherhood of the Cathars,
 and the Brotherhood of the Rosycross.

These are the three Communities that together, as the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood, execute the great plan of God throughout all ages in the service of God and humanity:

the knowledge of the Divine Plan,
the genesis of religious consciousness,
and the vital art of realisation.

At the dawn of this century the decision was made to undertake this completely new work in a threefold way. About seven hundred years ago the Fellowship of the Circle of Twelve, which belonged to the last harvest of those liberated by the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood, was given the enormous task to begin this work of the Triple Alliance of the Light, in unity with the activity of the Brotherhood of the Cathars in the land of Sabarthez in the South of France.

This tremendous subject has been discussed in several temple services and we cannot enter into this more deeply now, but we can say that the great miracle *has* been accomplished. The rose of the great self-surrender to the Holy Work has taken root on the bare rocks of the nature of death. And now we are seeing the growth of the one building: the temple wall that rests on the one cornerstone - the Christ. Layer after layer is being added to this universal temple wall.

And in our time, with the full blessing of the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood of Christ, the work is being developed further in order to turn the manifestation of the living Spirit-Soul into a harvest feast of the liberation of seeking souls from the darkness of the ages - into the positive entrance through the door of the holy temple of Christian Rosycross.

*O sevenfold fire,
in this holy hour
of Gnosis' Elohim,
burn deeply into our being.
In the lustre of the upper room,
the Light of your majesty
in all-encompassing radiance
Is spreading in supernal refulgence.*

*Galaad has risen again
from the ancient tomb of kings.
The Gnostic Brotherhood's hosts
bear witness once again.
And filled with true longing
our hearts are singing
of the new covenant and the new power.
The work is being crowned.*

*The call is being made
in all the ancient land:
'Come, let us join the group
united, hand in hand.'
Forged is the living chain
of conscious knowledge of the soul.
Let's sing this song of triumph,
as Aurora's light ascends.*

Any change has to begin in the blood

In this chapter we would like to highlight some aspects which can be of great value and significance for every pupil. For this reason we would like to pose the question: is there enough consciousness present to be able to fathom what the Spiritual School is really all about.

You should therefore work out for yourself whether you are capable of reacting to the lofty objects and essence of the Spiritual School in the right way. We have no doubt that you have absorbed intellectually what has been said to you up to now from our places of service. You will certainly have developed a certain amount of understanding from this intellectual grasp. And you have probably been able to retain this understanding as a synthesis of all that has been discussed.

This is all very good of course, but in the framework of your participation in the Living Body of the School it is not sufficient. Why not? Because in addition to your intellectual comprehension you need also to gain consciousness.

The great mission of a Spiritual School is to bring the message of the living salvation that is to be found in the Gnosis, to all those who wish to raise themselves up from their physical soul state to the state of Spirit-Soul human being by a process of transmutation. If you can show understanding and are gnostically sensitive, the leadership of the School will be very glad, for it knows that understanding and consciousness will lead you to good results in the near future. Of course we must not neglect the less essential things, for there will be pupils far above the average while there will also be pupils of below average understanding and consciousness. For this reason we would now like to highlight some points directly concerning the transmutation process of the personality.

You should know that any kind of change begins in the blood and that purification and alteration of the blood is the first requirement. In addition we start off from the idea that everyone lives out of a central principle of life. This central living or liver principle is in the human blood. It has seven aspects and the entire personality can be explained by it. This sevenfold aspect of the central life principle we would like to indicate as follows:

- 1: the idea,
- 2: the astral force,
- 3/6: the four ethers,
- 4: the gluten factor in the physical personality.

Now you must understand that the blood is mortal and destructible, and so you should be completely familiar with the fact that every human being drinks from the cup of corruptible blood forces.

Possibly you will also ask: 'Do I also drink from the cup of corruptible blood forces?' The answer has to be: 'Yes, because everyone lives out of an increasingly satanic sphere of life, as there is an exchange between the human being and the atmosphere surrounding him.' That has always been the case in this dialectical atmosphere of life.

It was well known in the past, too, that any change begins in the blood. That is why it was attempted, by artificial means, to purify the blood forces of the atmosphere in which humanity lives, and at the same time to keep the life principle in the human being at a certain level.

Obviously this was only partly successful. For what did, for example, the priests do in ancient times? Note that these ancient priests did not know of the activity of the sanctifying, healing radiations of the Christ Spirit, and so could not be aware of them.

Let us have a look at the sacramental acts performed by the priests of the Old Testament. Firstly you should know that the blood of many animals contains a life principle which, seen from a dialectical point of view, is of a very innocent nature. There is nothing of what we call evil in the blood of sheep, lambs and cows.

In the ancient temples large groups of people were brought together who lived completely as ordinary dialectical human beings, as indeed they were, and who overindulged in all sorts of expressions of their sinful nature. These masses had produced around themselves such sinful and lethal astral clouds that the worst was to be feared constantly.

What did the priests of those days do? They brought these masses together into temples and there they burnt scented offerings that brought people into a certain state of openness of the blood. After that animals were killed on the altars so that the blood ran into vessels. Thus the temples were filled with blood vapour and scents, and by the addition of herbs the life forces in the animal blood were inhaled by the people. Sprinkling the people with the ashes of the burnt animal bones ensured a kind of blood purification in these people.

If a doctor today administers medication prepared from animal liver, he is in fact doing exactly the same as the ancient priests. The only difference is that the modern patient receives his animal liver extract through a needle or in a capsule. The purpose of this animal liver extract is to reinforce the life principle and so ensure protection against the rigours of life.

By the same token we should remark that eating meat could be seen as the salvation of the masses to some extent, because this food daily purifies and tranquillises the blood, which is being pushed up to constantly more disastrous passions.

You will probably understand that the vegetarian way of life is also meant to be purifying, for the juices of plants also have a central principle of life. It therefore doesn't matter very much whether a person who doesn't want to go the path of Spirit-Soul liberation purifies his blood passions and keeps them in equilibrium by means of animal blood or the juices of vegetables. Both means of purification are to be rejected fundamentally in the light of the pupilship of the Spiritual School.

We in the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross are vegetarians in order to find, in the natural human state, the road of least resistance towards a totally different purification of the blood. For the time being we will ignore the moral and ethical motives of our vegetarianism.

We now focus on the purification mentioned in the Gospel, namely the purification of the blood by means of the blood of Jesus the Christ. 'The blood of Jesus the Christ cleanses us from all sin.' (1 John 1:7)

Who is the Christ? Or rather: what is the life force of Christ?

The Christ is the radiation fullness of the Universal Gnosis. When the purely focused magnetic heart of the astral body invokes this force, it becomes concentrated in the etheric body and affects the whole physical self. It is a force that completely renews both the head and the heart. It is necessary that you become conscious of this, gnostically conscious.

Becoming gnostically conscious means attaining the pure unity of the reborn soul with the Spirit. That is the true central idea. It is necessary that you begin to live from this blood, the blood of Jesus Christ. This blood has to be absorbed by the liver. This blood has to be inhaled by you. This blood needs to be the source of your life and existence. This blood is the Gnosis calling you. It is called blood because it is drunk by the heart as light force that causes the blood to change.

This blood, this light force, must begin to replace the central principle of life so that a totally new human being can rise up from this blood force in the field of resurrection. 'Truly, truly, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sins.'

It is our fervent prayer that you will one day be able to enter into this new Covenant of the Blood.

In connection with the above we quote two chapters of the Old Testament:

Hosea, chapter 4 - directed at unfaithful priests and an unfaithful people.

Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel; for the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or kindness, and no knowledge of God in the land; there is swearing, lying, killing, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds and murder follows murder. Therefore the land mourns, and all who dwell in it languish, and also the beasts of the field, and the birds of the air; and even the fish of the sea are taken away.

Yet let no one contend, and let none accuse, for with you is my contention, O priest. You shall stumble by day, the prophet also shall stumble with you by night; and I will destroy your mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

The more they increased, the more they sinned against me; I will change their glory into shame. They feed on the sin of my people; they are greedy for their iniquity.

And it shall be like people, like priest; I will punish them for their ways, and requite them for their deeds. They shall eat, but not be satisfied; they shall play the harlot, but not multiply; because they have forsaken the Lord to cherish harlotry.

Wine and new wine take away the understanding. My people inquire of a thing of wood and their staff gives them oracles. For a Spirit of harlotry has led them astray, and they have left their God to play the harlot.

They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and make offerings upon the hills, under oak, poplar and terebinth, because their shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the harlot, and your brides commit adultery.

I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot, nor your brides when they commit adultery; for the men themselves go aside with harlots, and sacrifice with cult prostitutes, and a people without understanding shall come to ruin.

Though you play the harlot, O Israel, let not Judah become guilty. Enter not into Gilgal, nor go up to Beth-aven, and swear not, 'As the Lord lives'. Like a stubborn heifer, Israel is stubborn; can the Lord now feed them like a lamb in a broad pasture?

Ephraim is joined to idols, let him alone. A band of drunkards, they give themselves to harlotry; they love shame more than their glory. A wind has wrapped them in its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their altars.

Isaiah, chapter 1 - judgement over the sinful people of Israel.

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: 'Sons have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owner, and the ass its master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people does not understand.'

Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, sons who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged. Why will you still be smitten that you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and bleeding wounds; they are not pressed out or bound up, or softened with oil.

Your country lies desolate, your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence aliens devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by aliens. And the daughter of Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a lodge in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. If the Lord of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we should have been like Sodom, and become like Gomorrah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! 'What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?' says the Lord; 'I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of he-goats. When you come to appear before me, who requires of you this trampling of my courts? Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and the calling of assemblies - I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

When you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.'

'Come now, let us reason together,' says the Lord: 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and

obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

The Apocalypse and the mission of the Spiritual School

The School has repeatedly discussed the development of the flaming triangle, the triangle formed by a connecting line of astral radiations between the liver, the spleen and the heart sanctuary. This triangle has to be vigorously vivified in the candidate-pupil. This means that astral radiations of a refined nature have to be drawn up into the heart, causing a new power to ascend from the apex of the triangle. This power will fill the entire head sanctuary.

When the flaming triangle is radiating in the head sanctuary, the genesis of the soul has begun. Then the basis has been laid for the new consciousness. The golden rose can unfold. After this preparation the seventh ray can become active in the pupil.

During the last few years the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross has been engaged in applying the sign of the Son of Man to the foreheads of all its pupils, from the members of the Forecourt and the youth work to the members of the inner degrees. A mighty labour has started to develop within the Spiritual School.

Hence, some time ago the moment arrived for the Seventh Seal to be broken. Six angels come forward with trumpets, says the Book of Revelation. The golden glow of a new judgement has commenced. The six angels are blowing their trumpets. Mighty radiations are being released in the entire dialectical sphere. You will no doubt have understood that this refers to six mighty gnostic radiations that are once again causing a great break-up.

All these radiations concern the twelvefold division of the human body. The nervous system has twelve aspects. Think of the twelve pairs of cranial nerves that are spread from the head sanctuary through the entire body. Six of these twelve aspects have a positive task; six of them have a negative task. Hence the six negative radiations will have a certain effect on the pupil, and the six positive ones reinforce the process that has started to develop.

The whole nervous system with its twelve pairs of cranial nerves must be attuned to the Joannine process. Hence twelve break-ups will also have to take place. The fifth and sixth angel in particular cause severe experiences, symbolised by plagues of locusts and terrifying hellish horses - symbols referring to the astral turmoil in the respiration field of the candidate-pupil in the gnostic mysteries.

Finally the sounding of the last trumpet, announced by seven thunderclaps, must be awaited. These seven thunderclaps relate to the holy science of the seven rays. This concerns a touch of the Seven-Spirit as a herald to further development.

To this end the pupil has to eat a scroll which is very bitter. This refers to a very important nadir through which the pupil of a Spiritual School has to struggle in loneliness until he has reached the end.

After that he is told, according to the Apocalypse, to measure the boundaries of the Holy City. *Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, but do not measure the*

court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample over the holy city for forty-two months (Rev 11:1,2).

And so the young Gnostic Brotherhood has projected the gnostic field of work. It has measured and built up the new temple of God. And all who belong to the Gnosis have been placed in it.

But the Spiritual School has made an exception for one of the basic aspects of its organisation, namely the Members. The group of Members will have the task eventually to remain behind in the dialectical working field to function as an assembly place for those who are unable or unwilling to walk the path with the School.

We are living in a period in which the gnostic Spiritual School has to be confirmed in time. It all begins in the Apocalypse. But soon the nature aeons and all their vassals come to pounce upon the servants of God. Two horrible beasts loom up, one from the sea and one from the land, to destroy the entire world.

But what happens? The whole world worships them! The work of the Spiritual School makes very little progress while the world rushes with breathtaking speed towards its perdition. At this juncture of time the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross stands in the confirmation of the gnostic working field. And during this period the Spiritual School has had to endure many fierce attacks.

But for the sake of these necessary and understandable experiences the Christ is born. That is to say: the soul is coming to 'life' in the system of all those who are faithful. The flame that has been kindled in the head sanctuary begins to expand and take up a greater amount of space. This flame begins to renew the head sanctuary and its organs completely, so that at a certain moment the Seven-Spirit can fully descend into the system. And so Jesus the Christ is born. The soul is linked to the Spirit. This is accompanied by a wondrous and glorious unveiling of the entire magnetic firmament.

Then the pupil in the gnostic mysteries sees the appearance of the Lamb, surrounded by the redeemed ones on Mount Zion. The gnostic astral field opens up before the young brother or sister. You will understand that this development, these radiations, will break through all hindrances. The radiations of the Seven-Spirit, released in and by the new astral field, stimulate activity. These radiations of the Seven-Spirit pour out the entire content of their bowls over the earth, over the pupils who are prepared for the gnostic life. This destroys all dialectics. All that is of the earth earthy and has to disappear weeps and moans in anguish.

But from the new heaven a song of praise brims over and resounds in praise of God: the millennium begins. The abyss is kept away from the Gnostic Kingdom. Pupils, Spiritual School and gnostic working fields stand in the world as rulers.

And after a certain amount of time, when the entire harvest that can be redeemed from the earth has been gathered, the last ordeal commences. The beast is released from the abyss and rushes towards the camp of the sanctified.

But of course the beast is defeated. The resurrection of the dead now takes place. And the new heaven and the new earth show themselves, not just in the existence of all those who belong to the Order of the Perfect Ones, but in and to all who belong to the gnostic working field. Then the work of

the Order of the truly Living Ones has been accomplished again. Think of the magnetic Living Body of the Spiritual School. Think of serious pupilship.

If you could be called a truly serious pupil of the Gnosis within the foreseeable future, then the seal of the 'truly living one' has been placed upon you. That is to say: if any amount of new soul power can be found in you, you belong to the group that is protected by the power of the Living Body of the School. The new heaven and the new earth will unfold, not just for the perfect ones, but for all who belong to the sevenfold Spiritual School. Then the work of the Order of the truly Living Ones will have been accomplished again.

What counts in the first instance is not whether you know the teachings, but whether your mode of life corresponds to the gnostic laws and whether you live up to the requirements of the Gnosis. What counts is a mode of life that is directed in total purity.

We have tried to place this Apocalypse before you as a Book of Revelation of the young Gnostic Brotherhood. You should try to see this wondrous book as the constantly returning and glorious programme of service, the programme that is the foundation of all Gnosis. We want you to experience deeply how much the present Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross, in accordance with this programme, is rushing forwards in the direction of the inexorable victory.

You can examine for yourself at what stage of development you are. You can determine for yourself whether the Spiritual School has been true to its task up to now, or whether it is deviating from the liberating path and its teachings. And you will no doubt be prepared to understand that whoever is found to be faithful need never despair. He or she *will* be liberated.

No servant of the Holy Brotherhood, irrespective of the time in which he or she works, has ever put one foot outside this path, mindful of the mighty words at the end of the Apocalypse:

If any one takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. He who testifies says to these things: Yes Amen.

Truly, this joyful message is revealed to all those who wish to belong to the Gnosis.

The secret of gnostic magic

We have explained to you many times that you should understand the whole Christ epic, the way Jesus the Lord travels from Bethlehem to Golgotha, as being completely applicable to you personally. Whoever wants to be a Christian in the true meaning of the word, has to imitate the Christ in every footstep, from beginning to end, from his birth to his death, from his death to his resurrection. All holy language points this out to the seeker who wants to orientate himself on the one way of life. All the deeds of salvation are intended to draw your attention to events that have to be accomplished in your own life.

The beginning of the Bible tells of the Tree of Life standing in the middle of God's Paradise, of which tree Adamitic humanity was permitted to eat, and of the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil. You know that the Adamitic human being ignored this necessary guideline and what happened to him when he, together with his fellow sufferers, turned the garden of the Gods into a nature of death.

But the end of the Bible tells about the restoration and the great glory of the renewal of the tree of life. And when we read about this in Revelation 22, we are struck by the fact that this tree appears to be threefold. From the throne of God a mighty river flows forth, a stream of living water. The tree of life is in the middle of the river, but at the same time it is on both banks: *through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit.*

This description is more than enough for the pupil to understand what is meant by this threefold tree, namely the human serpent-fire system with its three channels: the serpent fire itself and the two strings of the sympathetic nervous system. The serpent fire itself is the street in the middle; the two sympathetic channels form the two sides of the river. It is important to draw your attention to this once again, because the correct activity of this threefold system, or to put it in a better way, the restoration of this correct activity, is directly linked to the great event of the resurrection, and indeed, with all the events of the Christ epic.

One of our books gives a detailed description of how the new stream of life at a certain moment, when the pupil has linked himself to it, descends from the head sanctuary along one of the strings of the sympathetic nervous system to the plexus sacralis, breaks through it, and then ascends along the other string back to the point of departure, the head sanctuary.¹

The advice or commandment given to original humanity to eat only the fruit of the tree of life referred to the necessity of not disturbing the circulation process of the serpent fire. For if this process is disturbed, the flow of living water immediately stagnates. In order to understand this you must realise that the plexus sacralis is the root of the human personality. The plexus sacralis is linked to the seven spheres of the auric being, and, via the sevenfold auric being, with the Seven-Spirit, the seven universal streams of the all-manifestation, in other words with the eternal river of God, the river of living water.

It will no doubt be clear to you that, when one who is called to be a child of God deviates from the plan of God, from the Spirit of God, - and this is just what original humanity did - there is an immediate and intense disturbance in the human root system - the plexus sacralis. You will also realise that when such a disturbance occurs, this is manifested at the top of the tree of life, because the twelve fruits of the tree, the twelve nervous streams emanating from the head sanctuary, will immediately propel unholy and disharmonious forces through the entire system, one of the results of which is a crystallisation and degeneration of the whole being.

This is why the pupil in the gnostic mysteries must understand that his first task has to be the imitation of Christ, i.e. the complete restoration of the circulatory process of the tree of life, the serpent-fire system. This is why he should open his heart sanctuary for the light of the Gnosis in true piety and with the courage of unshakeable conviction, and so celebrate his Bethlehem.

After that he has to take up his cross and carry it to Golgotha, the place of the skull. There the pupil in the gnostic mysteries has to die completely as to his I-being.

On this basis he will then celebrate his truly Good Friday, which is the first day of his path of mortification.

Having completely died as to the nature of his dialectical state of life, he needs to descend with new light power from the top of the tree of life, down to the deepest depths, right into the plexus sacralis, in order to link this root heart to the Seven-Spirit: the second day of his path of mortification. He has descended to the realm of the dead.

And then the victory begins. On the third day the new stream of life, linked to the throne of God, rises up and breaks the sepulchre open at the top, showing the new fruit. The resurrection can be celebrated.

You now know that the purification of the threefold serpent fire makes the resurrection of the candidate in the world of the living soul state possible. The original Seven-light must be able to be absorbed directly by the roots of the tree of life. Only then will a servant of the Golden Rosycross be able truly to live from the fruit of the tree of life that stands in the middle of God's Paradise.

To be able to understand this you must realise that the plexus sacralis, the root system of the serpent-fire system, is always and uninterruptedly absorbing light power, life force. If the root system of the serpent fire is unable directly to absorb the life force, the living water of the seven original streams of God, it will absorb the other light power produced in our field of life. This is the light power of ordinary dialectical space, of the planets and their moons, of the sun, and of the signs of the zodiac.

Anyone who has practised astrology will be able to tell you that the astrologer has to take into account positive and negative influences with good and bad radiations, which could be caused by, for example, the angles of incidence in which they reach our vital systems. It will be clear to you that such a situation entails living directly out of the power or the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

All those familiar vicissitudes of life which you suffer daily are the consequence of the fact that the root system of the serpent fire absorbs the twin forces of dialectical nature and infects the twelve fruits

of the tree of life, the twelfefold nervous system, with it. Whoever continues eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil cannot expect to return to God's Paradise, the living soul state.

Certainly it is not only evil that is being absorbed into the human system. That was never the point. As a nature-born being he demonstrates a mixture of good and evil. These twin forces are present in his life as an inextricable tangle resulting in great fatigue, misunderstanding, sickness, crystallisation and death. These consequences are inescapable, and the classical warning: *the day that you eat of it you shall die* is only too true.

But now the question: Is it really possible, in a practical sense, to turn away from the twin forces of dialectical nature, and is it possible to force the plexus sacralis, the root system of the serpent-fire system, to absorb the other light power, the divine light forces of the seven original streams, into the body?

Yes, that is possible! It is in that very possibility that the Gnosis has its power. This is why the young Gnostic Brotherhood speaks so frequently about the seven original streams that emanate from the Father. These seven original streams show no mixture of good and evil, light and dark. They are uninterruptedly omnipresent and their power is unvarying.

If the young Gnostic Brotherhood can succeed in having a significant number of servants and pupils living out of this universal Seven-power, a very special, new and unearthly power will emanate from this group within the group. This power will be a holy food, a pure white manna, produced every day on the fields of the new Gnostic Kingdom.

What, then, is the secret of gnostic magic? It is: radiating light power of an unearthly composition due to the fact that the servants, who raise these torches of light in the darkness of the nature of death, have freed their serpent-fire systems from the light forces of good and evil, and have opened them to those of the universal Seven-Spirit.

1 See Jan van Rijckenborgh, *The Coming New Man*, Chapters II, V.

The travellers to Emmaus

As soon as the light radiation Christi has touched you, that is, as soon as it has been led into your respiration field, a reaction from you will follow, and this reaction will inevitably be followed by a process within you.

Let us assume for a moment that this touch of the light really were to take you into the process of the resurrection, the ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit. Then your consciousness would increasingly become more aware of its limitations, its restrictions, its barrenness, its half-heartedness, its emptiness and its imperfection in this earthly life. But because you have experienced something of the majestic beauty and grandeur of the Heavenly Kingdom due to the touch of the divine radiation power, your consciousness as to this nature knows that it will have to die.

And, with the help of the Spiritual School, the pupil initiates the process of 'letting the Other One in him increase', so that the received light power can begin to manifest itself in his system.

And what happens in your microcosmic system? Until this moment the Holy Spirit has not lived and worked in your microcosm, for what is usually called 'spirit' is just the consciousness nucleus that is manifested in the active power of the heart, the head and the natural soul. But as the light process advances in the microcosm, the astral forces of the Christ Hierarchy receive the opportunity of penetrating more deeply into the structure of the life of the soul human being via the pure life ethers which have meanwhile developed from out of the astral field.

You know that the divine seed atom lies hidden in your microcosm. As the living, vibrating holy ether radiation enters you, this seed atom is revived by the power with which it has polarity by virtue of its potential. This is how the consciousness nucleus of the heavenly soul is aroused. And once awake, it will, by virtue of its strongly magnetic capacity, keep attracting pure new ethers so that one day, as a vibrating ether cloud above the sanctuary, it will commence a journey of development to resurrection. This journey to heaven lies within your reach, if you are willing to prepare a place for these radiations of the Holy Spirit. This is how the mystery of the rebirth commences.

The point is whether you understand this mystery, or whether you will be just as surprised as Nicodemus when you hear about these things. Nicodemus understood nothing about this problem of life. He could grasp the meaning of personality culture, and was prepared to do a lot and to give up a lot for that. He imagined himself to be already on the liberating path, and the Lord of all Life was allowed to help him along on it - just as many pupils want to use the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross as a lever to get to the life of the Spirit-Soul.

However the issue is the rebirth out of 'water and Spirit' as Jesus explained. The pupil needs to understand this requirement very thoroughly, for it is the compendium of the Golden Rosycross.

The rebirth out of water is the resurrection of the soul human being in and by the four pure ethers. And the rebirth out of or in the Spirit means that only the original Holy Spirit, which is of God, can

enter the imperishable Kingdom. Only this Holy Spirit leads to life in the highest sense. It is out of this Spirit that you must begin to live through the Christ. This is what the Bible calls the 'daily walking with God'.

This reminds us of that beautiful story of the travellers to Emmaus. You can find this story in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 24, the verses 13 to 35. This story places us in the time immediately after the resurrection of Christ. The disciples are very excited. The great problem for most of them is, 'Is the resurrection really a fact? Will this event, announced for so long, really develop?' And especially: 'Will I, or will humanity in general, be sufficiently open and ready to notice this resurrection?'

The sevenfold Living Body, the Gnostic Body, has been prepared. The gnostic astral field has developed into a new soul-life field, and this new life field has opened itself up for the seeking and longing person. Driven by and burning on the forces and activities of feelings and mind, the advanced pupil of the Spiritual School tries to keep his consciousness continuously active in it.

Surely every pupil, not only the advanced pupil, is longing for the new consciousness? Surely every pupil wonders: 'Will I too be able to ascend into that gnostic astral field? Will the door be opened in the Circle of Eternity?'

Why would He who said 'I am the door' not manifest himself in you? As soon as you have arrived at this focal point of consciousness, i.e. as soon as you experience your link with the glory of the eternal peace, which is the Gnosis itself, then He will go sixty stadia from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Whoever is capable of reading the Holy Scriptures will know that this journey indicates that the pupil concerned is on the way to the border between the two nature orders.

He is pulling himself up into non-being and is facing Emmaus, i.e. the hot, fiery spring of gnostic fullness.

He is standing there first of all with his not-I of the personality and secondly with his soul state which has been opened up by the gnostic fullness. And so 'both' are walking to Emmaus. But long before they have reached this place, and while the soul and the not-I are discussing their relationship to the fullness of God, the Resurrected Jesus comes to them. But they do not recognise Him. Jesus is with them, but their eyes are kept from recognising Him, and so they do not know who He is.

Jesus asks them: 'Why are you so sad? What is keeping you so seriously occupied?' Every pupil who is travelling to Emmaus in such a state of being will perceive the whisperings of the voice of God. Their purpose is to give the pupil on the path new courage and to urge him to persevere in the last stage of the process. For isn't one of the two companions called *Cleopas*, that is to say, victor?

But the victor himself is not yet conscious of the victory. Hence he protests. He reproaches Jesus for his apparent superficiality and ignorance. He, Cleopas, expresses his unrest. He says of the Resurrected One: 'His tomb was apparently empty. Some say that He is resurrected and that they have seen Him'. All the wavering doubt of the as yet veiled soul comes to the fore.

But then, because Cleopas is heading for Emmaus, and is not doubting the aim and essence of the Gnosis in its current development, but is doubting only himself in this, the whisperings of the voice of God are becoming more powerful. The vague touch of Jesus is now gaining substance. The voice is

getting louder and louder, and is becoming very powerful. The six emanations are beginning to flame like fiery tongues:

Create, by means of the Fire, the thinking faculty.
Generate thoughts by means of the fire.
Call forth, by means of the Fire, the Voice.
Speak, by means of the Fire, the Name.

The light of ordinary nature is beginning to dim. The sun of birth is setting. Evening falls. The crisis is imminent:

So they drew near to the village where they were going. Jesus appeared to be going further, but they constrained Him, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When He was with them at table He took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them.

Jesus enters and breaks the bread of eternal life and gives both his companions to eat what they are capable of tolerating. The voice has spoken the key words: *Enkindle by means of the fire, the deliberation.*

The door of the Circle of Eternity flies open. And Cleopas, the victor, beholds. He *has* won. And the voice raises its magic sound for the seventh time: *Create, by means of the Fire, the reason.*

He who has an ear; let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna.

The central position of the etheric body

Dialectical life can be completely explained by the astral fire of this world. The mortal soul lives completely out of this fire, as do all nature-born human beings. It is also everyone's experience that this way of living brings only discord, anguish and disillusionment, due to the self-maintenance of the I.

There can be no way of truly living as originally meant, as long as we do not live, work and strive out of the fire of divine grace, and as long as we do not enter the fundamental reversal and try to come into harmony with the gnostic-astral force, the fire of divine grace.

The pupil, who begins to become conscious of this, experiences a kind of anguish that is totally different from the sorrow of this world. This is the anguish that drives the pupil to new knowledge, so that there can be an end to this fundamentally disharmonious state, this apparently endless succession of rising, shining and fading.

This liberating knowledge, this science of liberation for which the pupil longs, is available for everyone. With unparalleled grandeur this knowledge has come to dwell among humanity. Everything you need to know lies literally spelled out before you. The question now is, whether you understand this wisdom, and whether you, having ears, can indeed hear.

Everything you hear in the Spiritual School consists not merely of philosophical dissertations, as was the opinion of many pupils in the past, but is a constant and urgent call. In the past we may have been told of coming events, but at the moment humanity is in a situation in which drastic changes are occurring in the astral atmosphere and a reaction has to come, be it positive or negative.

For this reason you should make an effort and should open up completely, not only to hear what is occurring with respect to astral turbulence and change, but also and especially to let your innermost being fathom the inevitability of the consequences. And above all you should grasp the helping hand which is being extended to you again and again.

You need to gain a deep understanding of these changed atmospheric conditions and of what they have to tell you, so that in great humility you will react positively by taking positive action, without delay. If you don't do this, you will lapse into a negative reaction. There is no middle road.

Try to gain the necessary fundamental gnostic-philosophical knowledge and the right insight into the situation in which the human life wave, and the pupils of the Spiritual School in particular, find themselves, so that on this basis you can determine the liberating mode of life for yourself.

The human personality has a very complex structure. Apart from the physical body there are also an etheric body and an astral body. Fourthly there is also a mind, a mental body, which is still in a very elementary stage of development.

The purpose of the gnostic process of development is to give back to this fourfold personality its original destination as intended by God, and to make it completely subservient to this destination, because only on that basis is Divine-human life possible.

Striving to enter this Divine-human state of life in an uninterrupted flow of new manifestations of life is the essence of the gnostic aim. All of this aims for the unification with the Christ.

No doubt your self-knowledge is great enough for you to experience tangibly the great chasm that stretches between your fourfold personality and the Christ. If you can experience even the slightest part of this divine greatness, you will feel completely unworthy. Hence you will know, and see it clearly and distinctly before you, that unification of your fourfold nature-born personality with the Christ is unthinkable. That would mean the burning up of your personality.

And yet an encounter with this supreme power of liberation can neither be avoided nor postponed. Actions to slow down progress cannot be catered for in Gnosis' great processes of development, because these processes of development of the world and humanity have to continue; they have to run their course as determined by the Logos, with or without the co-operation of the entities concerned.

For this reason the atmospheric changes and developments that are occurring at present form a situation of the greatest urgency for all of humanity. It is no use any mortal trying his best to cultivate any aspect of his personality, or to achieve a splitting of the personality, in the expectation of thus achieving unification with the Most High, because due to the present and future atmospheric developments all imitations will be completely unmasked.

It is therefore necessary to draw your attention once again to your fourfold nature-born personality, and the etheric body in particular, also called the etheric double or vital body, for this vehicle contains the centre of gravity of the development in the period that has now commenced.

The present astral atmospheric conditions and the current exchange of the inflowing and outgoing radiations of the Holy Seven-Spirit, of the Gnosis of fulfilment, force every human being to a very radical reorientation of his directedness, and a multifaceted shift of interest, from the physical body to the etheric body. For there, in the etheric double, in the 'vehicle that is in the middle', the nucleus of the liberating consciousness has to be anchored.

When we speak in the Spiritual School about soul rebirth, we mean the creation of a new soul consciousness, emanating from and living in the etheric body. This consciousness will begin to guide the entire personality, while the matter-born I must be fully prepared to entrust itself completely to this guidance. Only then will a total transfiguration of the whole personality be able to begin. The personality is now still held prisoner by all the chains of matter.

The current change of the radiation conditions has consequences not only on the physical plane, as you will understand, but also on the astral and etheric planes. More complicated and more polluted than the physical plane is the etheric plane of life that is populated by myriads of beings. All life and activity in the etheric planes is being hounded by the new radiation values of Uranus, Neptune and Pluto, causing all these beings in the tenuous planes to seek refuge in the physical plane.

On the one hand we have humanity in which the etheric double is in the process of being vivified, but which, with a few exceptions, is totally unconscious of this vehicle of the personality. On the other

hand there are the forces and powers which are seeking a safe refuge and are swooping down on the developing etheric vehicles of the great masses. This is the only explanation for the senseless crimes being committed in all parts of the world and in all strata of society, apparently without any reasonable explanation.

It is not only great criminality that seeks our attention in this context; it is also all the strange, often illogical and impulsive behaviour that takes place on the edge of or just above the criminal or at least very questionable sphere.

Now you may be inclined to focus your attention on criminal elements outside your own immediate sphere. Or perhaps you could think of someone you know closely and who, in your opinion, is behaving strangely, and to whom the above description could very well apply.

But no matter how much your perception of things outside yourself may confirm the urgent distress of humanity - in the first instance you should include yourself in your perception. For as long as you are not living out of the fire of divine grace, out of the gnostic astral forces, you are forced, with your disturbed magnetic system, to live out of the astral sphere of death and the ethers that develop from there, with all the resulting consequences. Just like every other human being you are open to the ordinary dialectical ethers which are saturated with undivine life.

The choice will therefore be quite apparent to the true pupil of the School of the Golden Rosycross. In self-surrender to the soul he will try to live, work and strive on the basis of the fire of divine grace and thus serve a twofold cause:

firstly the new soul state will take shape in him or her, thus in principle liberating the soul,

secondly he will thus become a living stone in the group of the young Gnostic Brotherhood. This group will be strong both inwardly and outwardly and possess a conscious Spirit-Soul.

He will testify and prove that everything humanity still experiences as a time of great distress, can be turned into a blessing. After all, that is the purpose of the atmospheric developments in the great order of things.

As a pupil of the Spiritual School you have frequently heard about the sevenfold Living Body, and of the realm of living souls. Those pupils who have left behind everything that has any kind of connection whatsoever with the nature of death may enter this realm. May the essence and the nature of these things radiate before your consciousness, so that you will know everything that is necessary for your eternal peace.

We know from the Holy Scriptures that Jesus stays with his disciples for a short time after his resurrection. That is to say, he manifests himself several times; he stays in their midst several times, and he finally ascends into heaven.

If we view this ascension within the framework of the pupilship of our Spiritual School, this means that when the pupil has celebrated the resurrection, and the holy Pentecostal Fire radiates in the sublime light of the Brotherhood of Life, the Light of Christ, this light is still undifferentiated.

It can be observed as a vibration. It is not possible to accomplish the structural rebirth with this single vibration, because the total human being is a very complicated and sevenfold organism. Through perseverance and single-minded pupilship this one overall vibration must begin to divide, must begin to split into seven clearly distinguishable radiations, so that they can form the seven building materials for the process of transfiguration.

You know that the Holy Spirit is also called the Seven-Spirit. You also know that Jesus the Lord says to his disciples: *When I am gone I shall send you the Counsellor. He will bear witness to me.* In other words: the ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit refer to the holy process of the activity of the Brotherhood, namely to the fact that the one power of the holy fire received from the hands of the Brotherhood is converted into a seven-power, a sevenfold vibration field. The Christ power is converted into a seven-light of the Holy Spirit, the Counsellor, the Paraclete.

This work of conversion is carried out in our School by the pupils of the inner degrees, and, we hope, is also accomplished successfully in our Spiritual School manifested sevenfold.

Ex Deo Nascimur: kindled by the Spirit of God.

In Jesu Morimur: died in Jesus.

Per Spiritum Sanctum Reviviscimus: reborn through the Holy Spirit.

*Human respiration**For reflection*

The right assimilation of the divine ether activity is fundamental to all new genesis.

Hence the pupil of a Spiritual School shows intense gratitude for the tremendous grace offered to him, namely that such pure ether concentrations can develop in his respiration field. It has become clear to him that this concentrated ether activity is the only thing capable of approaching the heavenly sun nucleus in his microcosmic system. The Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross constantly reminds its pupils of this pure ether activity.

Theoretically it is possible for approximately five litres of air to be displaced in one in and exhalation. However this hardly ever happens, and only about half a litre of air is breathed in and out each time. This means that about three litres of air and ether constantly remain in the lungs. This means first of all that only a part of the atmosphere in the lungs is renewed, and secondly, that our respiration depends on a mixture of the air remaining in the lungs and a little fresh air.

You can see that every human being is equipped with a system for inhalation and exhalation, and with this, God's love light and power are also absorbed. Spiritual and etheric forces enter our system during the inhalation of the oxygen that fills our lungs, and theoretically we spread his power, his light and his love by breathing out.

If the human being were capable of allowing the inhaled divine forces to do their work by means of the blood circulation, all that emanated from him would undoubtedly be pure and filled with love. His actions would be in harmony with it. But reality shows that everyone absorbs and spreads the assimilated substances and forces in his own individual way and in accordance with his inner state of being. This means that everyone is breathing out the divine power in accordance with the state of his blood - purified or not. 'Not what enters the mouth defiles a person, but what leaves it', for that reveals the image of his current state of life.

To be precise, the respiration system causes an exchange of substances from the blood into the air and vice versa. Carbon dioxide and water vapour are passed from the blood into the air, while oxygen is absorbed, as well as ethers and Spiritual forces. The blood in the capillaries is constantly being refreshed, because the pulmonary arteries are continuously delivering de-oxygenated blood while the pulmonary veins are conducting oxygenated blood to the heart. However it is not only the blood that is being refreshed; the air in the lungs is also being replenished, and this is achieved by breathing in and out.

Thus, what matters is the in and exhalation of the air and ethers that flow in, and the air and ethers that are expelled. The sublime being in whom the soul light is shining begins to radiate into his own life field only if the inner manna which he has won is expressed in every aspect of his life, in keeping with the law of neighbourly love. Only then does the soul-light human being stand upright in the heart

of his sanctuary, in order, as light, to radiate life. That is the aim of the Spiritual School: to lead humanity to heart renewal.

Hermes' song of praise

The eighth book of Hermes Trismegistus ends with a song of praise which is so remarkable, so special, and so different from other songs of praise, that it is a good idea, and in fact, necessary, to have a good look at it.

*Who could praise You too highly, or in keeping with Your worth and value?
Where shall I turn my eye for my praise?
Upward, downward, inward, outward?
There is no way, no place, not a single creature,
That is located outside You; all is within You, all is from You.
You give all and You receive nothing,
For You possess everything and there is nothing that does not belong to You.*

*When shall I sing Your praise?
For it is impossible to grasp Your hour and Your time.*

*And why should I sing Your praise?
On account of the things You have created?
Or on account of what You have not created?
On account of the things You have made manifest?
Or on account of the things You have kept concealed?*

*And with what shall I sing Your praise?
As if I possessed anything!
As if I had anything of my own!
As if I were anyone other than You!*

*For You are whatever I may be.
You are whatever I may do.
You are whatever I may say.
You are everything; there is nothing but You.*

*Even what does not exist is You.
You are all that has come into being,
And all that has not come into being.
You are Spirit when You are beheld by the SpiritSoul.
You are father when You give form to the All.
You are God when You manifest Yourself as the active, universal power.
You are The Good because You have wrought all things.*

*The subtlest part of matter is air.
The subtlest part of air is the soul.*

*The subtlest part of the soul is the Spirit.
The subtlest part of the Spirit is God.*

The essence of this song of praise is actually the realisation of impotence, impotence to sing praise to the Father of the All in a truly satisfactory, responsible manner.

The Godhead is both transcendent and immanent, i.e. He irradiates all the cosmic planes, He manifests Himself in all things and all beings, while at the same time He is outside the All-manifestation in that which cannot be known. He is therefore both the Knowable and the Unknowable, both time and eternity.

If we base ourselves on this reality, it will be clear to us that they who penetrate into the gnostic mysteries, turn to the Godhead in worship, praise and thankfulness in quite a different way.

You know that the ordinary naturereligious person makes a mental image of the Godhead with greater or lesser majesty. To the extent a person is primitive or a bit more cultivated, he turns to a God which he imagines to be somewhere, usually above. When people want to contemplate something, such as God, in worship, praise and thanks, they need a focus. Perhaps you know from your own experience how you always look for a focal point for your contemplation. You turn to a temple, a place of service, or a fountain in the temple.

But where should a gnostic turn who has been initiated into the essence of things? No focal point can be found anywhere for God the Father, unless it were a part, an infinitesimally tiny detail of the Divine manifestation. This is why Hermes says:

*Where shall I turn my eye for my praise?
Upward, downward, inward, outward?*

The transcendent, which at the same time is the immanent, cannot be pinpointed in any dialectical manner, neither by time nor by eternity, nor by any distance, nor by any direction. Not in any manner whatsoever.

In addition the question arises in this song of praise, expressed by Hermes: *Why should I sing Your praise?*

Is the I in any way independent? Is the microcosm autonomous in any way? Seen in the greater context, does the microcosm possess anything of its own?

Is it not so that the microcosm, your soul state, and the personality, are just infinitely small particles, unimaginably small aspects of the manifestation of God?

God is everything we are or ever can be. Thus we sink into the depths of the ocean of the Divine manifestation in a state which far exceeds any praise, thanks or worship. For is the Divine manifestation, this ocean of eternal fullness, not immeasurable itself?

The subtlest part of the physical manifestation is the atmosphere, the air. In its most tenuous subtlety, this atmosphere is pure astral substance. And it is of that substance that the soul consists, the soul we all love.

However, the sphere of the soul also has degrees of refinement. Its top merges into the vibrations of the Seven-Spirit, which gives birth to Pymander, who fuses with the soul to form the SpiritSoul. And doesn't the Seven-Spirit emanate from the eternal, unknowable Godhead?

*For You are whatever I may be.
You are whatever I may do.
You are whatever I may say.
You are everything; there is nothing but You.*

*Even what does not exist is You.
You are all that has come into being,
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You are Spirit when you are beheld by the SpiritSoul.
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You are the Good because You have wrought all things.*

There is only deep, deep bewilderment; there is only the submergence into the ocean of the Divine manifestation in speechless veneration and inexpressible joy that it is granted to us to know this manifestation with the eyes of the inner being, just as God knows Himself.

The birth of the mental body

Times are speeding up, as we know. The rate of this acceleration cannot be predicted or determined. However what is certain is that the manifestation of a new era has begun.

It has also been proven that the son of wisdom, through his inner enlightenment, will recognise himself through the Spirit and the truth in his innermost being. He will activate the inflow of the divine light in him, and, in humility and by denying his own dialectical will, he will constantly follow the light of the divine nature, thus making the conversion of his earthly nature into a celestial one possible.

After all, the divine light wants to be part of your being. The Chain of the Universal Brotherhood of Christ has descended into our midst with its latest link, and now you should place yourself at the level where the radiation power of Christ and the breath of the Holy Spirit can descend into you and manifest themselves as an active power.

You will understand that you will have to watch that you do not allow the power received to dissipate or to flow out onto the indigestible, dialectical level of life. Hence, correct understanding is necessary for the execution of the great divine plan for the world and humanity. The great divine plan of God has been thought out by powers of enormous wisdom working together, and it is now being carried out by vast numbers of entities who are able, through divine enlightenment, to help in a true sense. This is where you should show correct understanding.

Because there are still many uncertainties about this divinely enlightened consciousness, the most divergent questions are often asked about this. For example, 'Why have the members of Gnostic Brotherhoods nearly always made sacrifices of life and limb?'

In order for you to be able to understand this clearly, we must draw your attention to the aeonic cycles. Just as there are manifestations of the seven streams of the Seven-Spirit, so the astral streams of the corrupted salnitre are also kept moving. These currents, too, show a periodicity in their coming and going. Their eddies transport forces of hatred and menace and atmospheric doom. The book *Aurora* by Jacob Boehme explains what is meant by the word *Salnitre*:

'The other principle arises from the eternal centre of nature, just as light emanates from fire.

When the seven original Spirits flow together in harmony and in power, they cause a drought.' This drought Jacob Boehme calls the 'divine salnitre'.

'The human being has been created from all the divine energies, from all the seven Spirits of God. However as he is corrupted [...] the corrupted human nature does not understand this yet.

Adam had a heavenly form when God created him, before Eve was created out of him, but the corrupted salnitre in Adam fought against the powers of the tree of life.

The Holy Spirit does not allow itself to be bound by the sinful flesh but shows itself like a flash of lightning, just like a spark when one hits two stones together. However if this flash of lightning is captured in the heart, it ascends through the seven spirits to the brain. It rises up there like a rose-coloured dawn. And that is the aim. In this light the one spirit sees the other, it hears the other, and to each of them it is as if the entire divinity is revealing itself in it.'

Now you will probably understand why the demonic forces are constantly being taken along in the astral currents. If these currents of the corrupted salnitre did not operate, the earth would in a very short time become absolutely uninhabitable for any rational life.

But you will understand that what is being kept in motion is not necessarily gone. The evil unleashed by humanity can be only partly kept away from the danger zone. It is merely kept on the move and hence there is a periodicity in the coming and going of these currents; times in which the dangers are exacerbated and times in which they strongly decrease, like rest pauses in human activities.

'But', one could wonder, 'would it not be useful to get to know the periodicity of these currents, so we could take measures to avoid being caught unawares by them?'

The answer would have to be that such knowledge would never be taught by a gnostic Spiritual School, because those who live truly in the light of Christ can never be struck by the darkness without the will of our heavenly Father. Could it be the will of God that so many, wanting to serve humanity, were struck by suffering? And why has a whole series of Spiritual great ones been murdered? Why did these exalted people, living in the divine light, offer their tremendous blood sacrifice for the world and humanity?

The answer is that by their death mighty forces were released enabling unheard of waves of seekers to be lifted up into the liberating life in the course of a process. The blood they shed thus became a blessing, a great and glorious blessing for all of humanity.

And we, as conscious participants in the overarching magnetic radiation field of our Spiritual School, having this sublime and liberating example before our eyes, can only hope and strive consciously to gain a share in the supreme radiation values of the seven times seven currents of the Holy Seven-Spirit, working in the power of the Christ, so that the link with the universal magnetic light field of Christ can never be severed.

The present severance and division between God and creature must be rescinded. The Seven-Spirit will do anything to restore the original link between God and the human being and to impel the disharmonious creature to a renewed balance.

It is therefore essential to understand how absolutely fatal it is to be open to astral influences of a dialectical nature. The human life field is totally polluted and the atmosphere, in which the humanity lives, is saturated with the astral and etheric causes and effects of this. And as its life field is its respiration field, humanity is held captive by it down to its seed, i.e. down to the following generations. How right are the words of the Old Testament: 'visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation'.

Why only to the third and fourth generation? Because the causes of sin apply at most to the third or fourth generation. However the effects usually contain new causes.

Whoever does not commence, apply and persevere in the changed mode of life on the basis of the awakened soul will never reach any gnostic goal. Every form of magic is achieved by means of the breath. Whoever is unable to shield himself against harmful astral influences, will be victimised absolutely.

The more the form of the personality dies due to a positive new mode of life, and the more it changes, and hence the more this form is being controlled by the soul, the more the Seven-Spirit will begin to carry out its task. A wondrous new light begins to touch and fill the candidate. That light is active purely in a mental capacity. For the first time in his life the pupil can really think in a pure way, for his mental organs have been opened up for this.

The sensory renewal proceeds completely corresponding to the manifestation of the seven rays of the Seven-Spirit, at least if the candidate in the gnostic mysteries does what the inner process requires of him.

This process is supported by the liberating Universal Teachings. To be more exact: the mind corresponds to the fifth ray of the Seven-Spirit. Led into the sphere of the fifth sensory organ, you will immediately discover that the mind is much more than just a sensory organ.

The mind is the vehicle for and of thinking, of the mental body. When the rational mind begins to awaken, this signifies the birth of the mental body that is lacking in all human beings in the nature of death.

In the ancient teachings Man was called *Adamas* to which is related the word *Man*, or *Manas*, which means: Thinker. The co-operation of the candidate in the gnostic mysteries, standing in the new mode of life, with the Seven-Spirit, and with the fifth ray in particular, means nothing but the birth, the real manifestation, of the mind, of the true mental body intended by God. And this means: the manifestation of the rational mind.

We would like to conclude this word with the fervent prayer in our heart that there be enough soul power present and active in your head sanctuary to enable you to understand all this completely and hence to grasp it.

The fundamental principle of good

No matter in what direction we might try to expand or cultivate the human consciousness, it remains an animal consciousness under all circumstances and in every situation.

One of the most powerful arguments that could be given in favour of this statement is the fact that the entire human life field is equipped with consciousness. The whole nature of death is one great pulsating ocean of life. By this we don't mean that many different forms of life are expressed in it; no, the field of the nature of death itself is life, is consciousness. For this reason everything emanating from that consciousness and that life is of one and the same nature. Gnostic philosophy teaches that the human consciousness is composed of and by all the atoms that make up the human system. This therefore establishes the same fact. If you add a dye to a glass jug full of water, all of the water in the jug will be coloured by the dye and will be given its characteristics.

The Universal Teachings call the fact that a field of life as a whole has and is consciousness 'the principle of substance'. The principle of substance or the consciousness of the nature of death gives all its creatures a consciousness out of that collective consciousness.

This great consciousness can divide itself infinitely, and all these divisions or creatures can also multiply themselves or split up infinitely, but the results cannot dissociate themselves from that great consciousness. They wouldn't want to do that; they could not desire to do so. They have arisen from the law of the great nature consciousness. On the basis of that one consciousness the human being and the animal are motivated. They are both creations from and by the great consciousness of nature. Hence it is quite clear that no liberation is possible whatsoever in the realm of nature.

If there were a possibility, it would have been found long ago. If it were a possibility, the Christ would certainly not have spoken the words: *My kingdom is not of this world*.

So what is the nature of death, and what is the signature of the great consciousness that operates in it?

It is the signature, the consciousness of good and evil in their unleashed manifestations of power. It is a universe broken away from its moorings.

It would be insane to claim that there is no good whatsoever in the nature of death, but it is a nature in which good cannot maintain itself. It is immediately annihilated in the interplay of changes. The values of good of the nature of death are therefore either delusion or they have no fundamental power.

What could in fact be the fundamental principle of good? Nothing other than the Spirit itself. Hence if the Spirit is lacking in the nature of death, and if this nature is separated from the Spirit, this proves that this nature is not pure and unsullied, in spite of all its goodness.

That also proves that the nature of death must originally have been a totally different nature or must have belonged to a totally different nature and been separated from it due to some incident.

The truth is, as all holy scriptures try to make clear to us, that the original nature and its principle of substance were absolutely neutral. They were not good, nor evil, nor a mixture of the two, but simply neutral, completely unsullied, pure, in absolute rest. There was unmanifested life or consciousness.

They who know something about nature will be familiar with the fact that every nature contains extremely delicate and explosive substances and forces, which can easily explode, easily run out of control, and once unleashed, can keep themselves in manifestation. This is why the first human being was told to use these forces under the leadership of the Spirit only, to go his path with the fruits of the tree of life and not to deviate from this under any circumstances.

The present-day human being is a product of the disaster that was once unleashed. He possesses the nature of that disaster. He participates in the disaster. He has great knowledge of good and evil.

We deny that good. We also deny that evil, because it is not real.

Humanity suffers the sorrows of delusion. It is tortured by unreality. It lives in time, but time is fiction, and so it does not live absolutely.

Lost in the depths of his microcosm a spark of the Origin is left. If that spark is not totally extinguished, a call can be heard like a voice from far, far away. This is a call to return to the original nature that exists in its unsullied state, and where the Spirit can be active, where the Spirit *is* active.

Delusion plus delusion *remains* delusion. The Spirit does not descend into it to associate with it. First the volcano has to become extinct. The unleashed fire has to burn itself out and cause its own extinction. Jacob Boehme says of this that God has closed off unholiness.

However this does not deny the fact that many divine sparks are imprisoned in this unholiness. This is why the Lord of all life, and the Gnosis standing in his service, comes to lead his own out of the burning fire. For the aim is the kingship of the Spirit, the alchemical wedding of Christian Rosycross.

The powerful drama of the nature of death is that every human being is led to the consciousness and the experience that he is living in a hell. As soon as that consciousness has become yours in the violent storms of good and evil, and that consciousness is an absolute knowledge formed out of experience, you can make an attempt to seek and find the true state of consciousness in unity with God.

*The endocrine system and its significance
in the course of human development*

As a pupil of the Spiritual School you know that the world and humanity have reached a crisis and how urgently necessary it is that all pupils, both individually and as a group, make a firm decision about their mode of life and their new activity. We would like to show you this necessity by means of a number of facts.

The microcosmic astral field corresponds completely with the astral field of the nature of death. In short, it corresponds with the human field of life. This means that all the unholiness with which the astral plane of our field of life is filled is very close to us. Because the astral plane is the great cesspool of all the injustice, the untruthfulness and the sins committed on the physical plane, we could consider it a miracle that any true life is still possible at all on the physical plane. After all, the link between these two planes of existence is so intimate that it is hard to imagine a more intimate one.

The fact that we can still call our existence 'life' is due to the wonderful construction of the physical body. The physical body has a system for resisting and excluding as much as possible the consequences of all the dangers that threaten us from the astral plane of the nature of death. This protective system is the endocrine system. One of the functions of these ductless glands is to act as guardians and protectors.

Every pupil of our Spiritual School knows that the astral substance of the human field of life enters our physical system both in a direct way, namely through the liver, and in an indirect way, namely by means of the four ethers. For the latter, the spleen is the most important entrance, but it is important to realise that the entire body 'breathes' ethers. This means that every second of the day the astral substance of our ordinary field of life has the opportunity to enter us. If there were no protection we would be totally lost.

However the endocrine system takes care that the body can absorb only those forces and influences to which our consciousness, our hereditary tendencies, and our karma have ennobled us - *or* to which they have subjected us.

You could compare the ductless glands to resistors which admit radiations within a certain scale of vibrations and which reject everything above or below that scale. If a person operates within the norms of an ordinary mode of life and so lives in the way to be expected from the type of person living in the ordinary emergency order, his endocrine system will reject those influences from the etheric planes that are too harmful or hostile. This is why we can still carry on our personal and social lives and why every life can offer each mortal a chance of salvation.

However you should keep in mind that all the organs of the human system, including the endocrine system, operate and manifest themselves in accordance with the natural laws that apply in and are meant for our emergency order. If these laws are violated, the endocrine system can no longer ward off

the attacks. We can see in ordinary life how a person can incur harm to the endocrine system by violating natural laws and thus suffer the consequences in the form of illnesses or astral overpowering.

You will probably understand that when the astral states and conditions are seriously disturbed, for example by applied nuclear science, the natural conditions of our emergency order are completely thrown off balance, and so everyone's life is directly attacked in a disharmonious way, namely in the endocrine system. The endocrine glands cannot withstand such violent attacks and are forced to admit influences into the system, which do not originate in the human being. The extremism of nuclear science is causing the veils between here and yonder to be literally torn down and numerous very sinful forces are now being given the opportunity of manifesting themselves on the physical plane.

Young people especially are being victimised very directly by all this, for their endocrine system has not yet fully developed. The endocrine system does not reach full maturity until we are at least 28 years old. This is why nowadays the newspapers are full of stories of criminal assault, robbery and mental breakdown, with all their consequences, committed precisely by young people. And when the judge confronts them after their arrest with the consequences of their acts they are sometimes shattered, but mostly they are totally indifferent because the process of weakening and burning has advanced too far.

We should not view these young people as being predisposed to crime, or as the harvest of our century. On the contrary, we should see them as victims, made sick by applied nuclear science among other things, with all its disastrous consequences on everyone's endocrine system.

All this makes it clear how important it is that humanity switches to an intensely renewing mode of life, by which it is no longer dominated by the astral field of the nature of death but, on the contrary, is protected by the astral field of the universal Living Body and so will also receive the protecting light of the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood of Christ.

Hence the crisis of this century is a very personal issue for every human being.

Jesus and John

As you know, the original glorified body is no longer able to manifest itself. It has disappeared, because an etheric-physical body has the property of dissipating completely when it is no longer nourished by an astral mother field. The original ensouling factor, the microcosm, the soul, has become inactive, void, and incapable of manifestation. And the Spirit, responsible for the miracle, has withdrawn.

Now a personality is born through the earthly process of reproduction and is linked to a soul. This personality is itself another miracle of God's love, for it must be seen in relation to an emergency-order plan to revivify fallen original Man. The earthly personality as a temporary phenomenon has the task of saving its soul, its microcosm, from its imprisonment, and, by self-surrender and through the process of the endura, of merging into the Other One who has to be revivified. And so there is the call to everyone to accomplish this great work of salvation in and by the great power of the original nature.

As you know, the beginning of the Gospels presents two characters to teach and exemplify to humanity the path and the great and glorious purpose of self-surrender. These are John the Baptist and Jesus the Christ, two men, two prophets and saviours, who reveal to us in actual practice the Christian teaching of liberation, from its beginning, through its continuation, to its supernal victory.

John is the nature-born human being who, just like you, has made the irreversible decision to walk the path of the great liberation and to accept wholeheartedly all the consequences. This person is making the greatest sacrifice possible for a human being, namely the sacrifice of his self. Nevertheless he is called a prophet and a baptist. He is proclaiming the one path of liberation possible for a creature of this emergency order.

As he is living this path as an example for others, a great power emanates from him. This is because through his purification he is linking himself with the original fundamental nature again. In this way he is able to convey this wonderful power to others. This makes him at the same time a baptist, i.e. a transmitter of power. Nothing is as infectious and inspiring towards dynamism as a person who does what he says and puts into practice what he teaches. And so we see John representing the prototype of the true pupil of a Spiritual School.

All the gnostic Brotherhoods that have done their work since the beginning of our calendar state emphatically that the appearance of Jesus the Christ was just an 'illusion' and that his crucifixion was therefore impossible. What they are trying to say is that Jesus the Christ was not a nature-born person, and so could not possibly possess a crystallised personality of flesh and blood like that of an ordinary human being. We know that the Joannine person will naturally and obviously merge into and become the Jesus human being when he has fundamentally completed his task.

But who is Jesus the Lord? In a certain sense He is the same entity as the one called John the Baptist, for when John completes his journey through the desert, it is inevitable that when he has reached the nadir, the criterion, he meets Jesus at the Jordan. That is to say, the Other One, the original

etheric-physical vehicle is beginning to manifest itself once again in the microcosm of the Joannine person. From that moment on there are two beings in the microcosm: Jesus and John, the Original One and the nature-born one.

How is this possible? As a servant of the Holy Grail John will purify his intellectual brain consciousness and his astral body completely, and he will bring them into harmony with the divine nature. The Spirit, the call of the Father, will then manifest itself in the microcosm. In his heart John sees the face of the Original One as in a mirror.

Initially there is a certain amount of confusion in this amazing encounter: Jesus asks John to baptise Him, when it would seem more appropriate the other way around. You too might ask: 'Why did Jesus have to be baptised by John?'

The answer is that a marvellous mystery lies at the bottom of this.

The Other One, the Original One, is manifesting Himself in the natural form of John, who is standing in the endura, and who has completely surrendered himself to Him with the words, 'He, the Other One, must increase and I must vanish.' It is obvious that the reborn soul of John, which has become a divine soul and thus has revealed his inner Jesus, has placed his nature-born Joannine power at the service of this inner Jesus the Christ in order to enable Him to reveal Himself to humanity in absolute sacrifice.

In this way Jesus the Lord accepts His way of the cross in the Joannine person in order to revivify everything that has been crystallised in the microcosm during many ages and thus purify the whole microcosm. This was truly a historic event, however not in one single person, but, thank God, in many millions who have gone before us.

And so the death of the cross of Jesus in John is the very last sacrifice to John, who was already beheaded long before. From this follows the resurrection in eternal life.

May you too meet Jesus the Christ in this sense. May you too follow Him, to the glorious end.

From nature birth to Divine birth

Every Gnostic Brotherhood has to watch carefully the time in which it is manifesting itself. It has to assume whatever task the time requires. The human consciousness has to be totally turned around, and that is possible when the divine aim can be seen clearly.

The young Gnostic Brotherhood sees itself as placed before the execution of a very topical task at this juncture. This mission, this task, is at the same time totally classical. It is to do everything possible to release in human hearts the Christ, the Christ radiation and the whole magnetic potential of the Universal Seven-Spirit. It is to help true seekers on their path to the Spirit-soul liberating life, which can be accomplished only in the radiation power of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Every pupil who has been introduced into the teachings of the Golden Rosycross knows that this radiation power of Christ must awake in and rise up from the heart, because the root is situated in the heart.

The enlightenment and the resurrection take place in the head sanctuary. Only after that, when the ruler of the outer form has given way, will the living soul human being stand refulgent in his appointed place. And so one of these three signatures etches its sign in the mirror of the forehead:

the sign of the I-being,
the sign of the soul which has received the promise of grace,
or: the sign of the Son of Man.

The purification of the heart is a task consisting of seven stages. The process of change is also made up of seven activities. When this sevenfold process reaches its completion, the pupil ascends to his Spirit-Soul rebirth, which is the victorious Rosycross. The Gate of Eternity is opened wide.

Hence it is very important that the pupil make an example of him or herself. This is possible by serving 'the Other One' in you and yet at the same time being of service in this world. Unity, responsibility and having a pure aim are the signposts along this path. Love and truth must under all circumstances accompany the magnetic radiation field.

We know that you too have as your single-minded aim the inner experience of the radiation of that great and pure gnostic light power. That is obvious, for if all the working fields of the Spiritual School manifested sevenfold behave according to the laws of the magnetic radiations that come to us from the gnostic astral field, every pupil individually will be aware of being part of a power field in which work can be done under optimal conditions.

The many years of labour in our working fields have released in every pupil the possibility of letting the stream of gnostic fire do its work. We are very happy in the knowledge that the radiation field of Christ and the overarching radiation field of the young Gnostic Brotherhood are not separate units. Neither is there any separation between the working fields among themselves. All serious

pupils can rest assured in the knowledge that they have been taken up into and are protected by the magnetic radiation field of the School that is accompanied by love and truth whatever happens.

If the words of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross have a pure resonance in you, we know that by your right reaction you are surrounded by the firmament of a new covenant. You give evidence of that by the openness of the soul that has awakened in you. The soul experiences the call as power.

If your personality wants to be led by the new soul power in you, and wants to co-operate with it wholeheartedly and with your entire head sanctuary, then that is the basis on which you will be able to serve the mighty work.

If you can learn to distinguish whether it is really the soul that has taken the reins in your life, you will subsequently learn to understand its voice inwardly and to obey it. You will then begin to get conscious of the existence of a divine astral field: the respiration field of the original source, in which all the atoms are filled with divine force.

These atoms form the seed of the divine serenity in which your Spirit-Soul principle can breathe and by which your being will one day be attuned to the rhythmically pulsating radiation field of the Brotherhood of Life, the Universal Brotherhood of Christ. The bond with the Living Body of Christ will then have been made.

Because of this bond the inflowing source of spiritual light will be reflected in you and from you and so in this way you will assist in developing the associated processes on the physical plane. The electric fire ether will become active in you. The reflection of the Invisible One, the Divine Idea, commences its activity in the awakened soul human being. The new day has begun.

Be assured that the love fire of the cosmic Christ pours out its rays over all who dedicate their whole state of being to the building of a new Christ cosmos and who thus devote themselves to this new Day of the Lord. This is how the work is being done for the world and humanity since the dawn of the Adamitic fall in order to take away the consequences of sin completely and to restore the ravaged Paradise to its glory of yore.

Lift yourself up, therefore, in the one great love that seeks to meet us and embrace us in the Sons of God. It is certain that, when the Gnosis succeeds in saving your soul and in confirming you in the power of the eternal choice, your entire prison and all your chains, no matter how heavy, will be destroyed by the tremendous power of the Sons of God, by the one key that opens all prisons.

The gnostic Spiritual School does not bring initiation for the human being, but the total liberation, the transfiguration of his whole being. Everyone who wants to go the soul-liberating path and learn to react to the extremely refined vibrations of the higher fields of life can be lifted up out of this dialectical nature.

To be more specific about all this we would like to put it like this: The Power, the Might and the Idea of God work in the high, serene fields of life. He, the Lord of all life, reveals his Idea for the world and humanity in a part of the astral root substance. In the planetary astral space the Spirit of God impels what is solely good to a certain manifestation.

As the Spirit of God in the earthly planetary field is aimed at the nature-born human being and his task in the planetary manifestation, and as that Spirit of God is the mightiest power in every possible state of existence, it is obvious that in comparison to the innumerable difficulties of life, we can very easily establish a link and a relationship with that great power of God. The only thing that is needed is the inner fulfilment of the divine law of the Spirit, the law governing our mode and fulfilment of life.

You may rest assured that the result of this fulfilment of the law will prove itself in everyone's life, directly and absolutely. However, love will also bring very painful experiences. For isn't there a great deal in you that has to be burned away? Hence the pupil must be prepared to be attacked and purified by the fiery blaze of divine love.

Behold how the Creator makes things and how these things develop: in heaven God sows immortality, on earth changeability, and in all of creation life and movement. Try to understand this, for the whole Gnosis is revealed in this.

With respect to the Holy Earth, the Divine Order of things is that there are two aspects: birth and immortality. The pure birth, in which the soul has to be the centre, is subject to continuous change. The purpose of this change is to progress from birth, through growth from strength to strength and from glory to glory, in one continuous immortality.

However, this birth is opposed and obstructed in natural birth by passion and its consequences. This is why sickness and death continually accompany natural birth, which is the death of breaking up and destruction.

And so this is the lesson which each and every pupil has to learn and carry out: switching over from natural birth to Divine birth by self-surrender.

Let us conclude with the words of the classical Rosycross:

Being born from God - that is, awaking to direct, new life;

Dying in Jesus - nullifying the whole nature-born life and entering the path in new birth, in order to be reborn by the Holy Spirit in absolute immortality.

Kundalini: the power of eternity

We live in times of great turmoil. We are living in a stage of development in which new demands come to the fore from time to time. This is a new era that naturally thrusts itself forward when there is opposition. Because of the chaos prevailing everywhere, the world has come very close to an explosion. Humanity is experiencing world events, just like watching and 'living' a film as shown in some cinema.

And so we want to lead you in your imagination to the biggest cinema in the world. This is a cinema in which people readily pay for the right to wait in the queue of the insatiable, after which they are admitted to the temple of moving images.

There you see one great glittering illusion, one great imitation of everything that perhaps once was considered real or true. What you see there is the delusion of which the human being with his clouded vision is proud, because the image shown him in the bewitched darkness seizes him like a hypnotic trance. It is all ostentation and pretentious display produced by soulless machines for an audience that appears to be soul-forsaken.

Like cattle being led to the slaughter the crowds are pushed into the queues inside the guide ropes. When, after an overwhelming burst of music and darkness, a sufficient number of stupefied people has left the cinema, those waiting make room for an ever swelling stream of new people, so that everyone gets the opportunity of being swallowed up into the monster's gullet.

The people are watched painstakingly lest anyone escape the abyss of oblivion. The whole show is one great draught of oblivion as the images rapidly follow one another and a stream of false gratification flows continuously on, for no one is allowed to get bored. No one may wake up from his doze which is like that of cattle chewing the cud. Nor is anyone allowed to think, and so the events have to succeed one another without allowing a spare second.

He cannot be allowed to wake up, let alone realise that all this is totally alien to the one true soul life that emanates from God.

He must not realise that this poisoned food is served to the human race to prevent any spark of light from flaring up.

This is why events must succeed one another with frenetic speed, so that people don't have time to see what they are being served.

These ingenious machinations, composed of intelligence without any conception of deeper values, these machinations of stupefaction and decomposition, are controlled by the powers and forces of this world.

No matter how tragic this may sound, humanity is experiencing without any essential depth the emotions of this existence in a world that is meant to be a house of transition to the eternal reality. The majority of people is constantly waiting for new sensations. A human race totally imprisoned in the inebriated atmosphere of inferior astral turmoil in the universe: *that* is the state of present-day humanity.

The human drama has its cause in astral disturbances. What are astral disturbances? They are light forces made of root substance. Astral power is atomic power, or in other words, astral power is made up of atoms in a certain state. Astral light power is a current, an amalgamation or concentration of atoms which are absorbed by the human chakra system and spread throughout the whole personality, causing it to react to and live out of this.

In the following formula Paul in his letter to the Ephesians points to the essential cause of the continuous dramatic turmoil which characterises this world order and in which humanity, contrary to its own nature, thoughtlessly takes sides and, precisely because of that, keeps the astral turmoil going. In Ephesians Chapter 6, verses 12 and 13, we read:

For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the Spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Generally the human heart proves to be totally closed because of the chain of wrongly oriented feelings and thoughts. This is why it no longer understands anything about the works of God, let alone the power of faith in Christ.

Do you see it any differently? Do you think the majority of humanity, having been affected by the psychosis of fear that is sweeping through practically the whole earth, could possibly be open to the liberating forces of God's Kingdom not of this world?

This is not obvious to the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross, although the leaders of the Spiritual School are convinced that there are countless numbers of people in the world who are yearning for a totally different field of life. Through its focal points the Spiritual School has been sounding its soul-liberating call in the world since 1924, but the purposely contrived increasing acceleration of events helps to nip in the bud every call emanating from the Gnosis.

The Christ once said: *Because I tell the truth you do not believe me.* The Spiritual School too, and many of its pupils, is not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers and world rulers of darkness, in short, against the malevolent forces of the universe.

How could anyone, who is chained to the earth on all sides, possess the faculty to distinguish between the works of good and evil? How could anyone with a heart that lacks warmth be receptive enough to believe in divine intervention, or in the liberating radiation of Christ, or in a Brotherhood that totally dedicates itself to humanity?

We do not intend to make you feel gloomy, but it is important that you fathom deeply the reality of all these things. The Christ Hierarchy knows all these things and so bitter truths have to be stated by its

servants so that one day the true Christian will awake from the slavery of dark thinking and accept his pilgrimage to the new Heaven-Earth.

Every one who stands in this process knows only too well that this journey of development is not simple. Nevertheless we may say that in many of us the power of the Father has already turned into light.

What does this mean? When a pupil is kindled by the Light of Christ and he begins to arouse the divine forces of the Father fire hidden in his being, his actions will produce light and warmth. Then the divine forces in him have been released. The smouldering spark has ignited into a supernal radiation.

The pupil becomes conscious that the new Soul human being is being born within him according to the power structures of the Divine order, and the Spirit of God is about to illuminate the new soul being - that is, if he is striving earnestly to become a light shining for others and if he is willing to hold wake over the fiery pillars of the Spiritual light that the Spiritual School has lit by means of its focal points.

This journey passes right through bitterness and many disappointments, and no servant who has been driven by his inner soul being to proclaim the light of Christ has ever been an exception to this. But through all the trials and tribulations every pupil will one day celebrate the victory.

There is nothing to fear if you try to respond to the divine law of love, because then you will be found worthy of fulfilling the highest human calling, i.e. to serve the world and humanity. There is no other way of reaching new and broader insight that will ultimately take you to the core of the Spiritual light.

What was said by the two rulers Festus and Agrippa to Paul when he stood before them and testified of the Gospel of the Light? They said that 'he must be mad to talk such gibberish'.

Not only the blinded ruler Festus spoke in that way. People speak that way today also. If the servants of a bona fide Spiritual School did not speak from inner conviction they would long ago have been turned over to the 'God of this century'.

Many charlatan apostles and false servants present themselves as workers, right to this very day. The Christ once said to such people: *You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. [...] But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me* (John 8: 44-45).

The Holy Scriptures also tell us that even Satan can disguise himself as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). So what can we expect from his vassals? Therefore, if you dare to act as Paul, scorn and ridicule will be your reward. But let this be your consolation: *It is not he who commends himself that is accepted, but he whom the Lord commends* (2 Corinthians 10:18).

We see the confirmation of this truth in Paul when he faced Agrippa. Paul had a radiantly enlightened heart of love, but his hands were tied, for his works were not of this world. Agrippa on the other hand, showed a completely opposite picture. He was a ruler of this world; his heart was chained, but he was free to act because his actions conformed to what the world has to offer. Paul with a liberated Spirit was fully conscious that he was facing slaves of this sinful world.

However Agrippa, by means of his worldly power, was able to keep Paul's hands chained in order to stop him at all costs from making God's works great. But nothing and nobody could stop Paul. How could it be any other way, for anyone who has been able to kindle the true spiritual light in himself can dare to show himself openly, and whoever considers himself capable of this in God's power will receive the reward of having the chains fall off his hands.

The young Gnostic Brotherhood does not spare any effort in giving its pupils insight into the divine plan for the world and humanity, and it shows the way to be liberated from the principalities, the astral forces, and the ensouled powers of the nature of death.

It is of primary importance that you know that the human being lives in a field of existence in which every activity has a reflection, a side effect. That reflection is a mirror image; it is unnatural and a caricature. The great goal of all of life is projected and reflected in the astral world. The great reality of the life of the divine soul is depicted there, but also the aspects and the consequences of lower life in all its motley patterns.

When the Logos manifests Himself in His triplicity, a threefold caricatural reflection of it is created in our field of existence. Hence after the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, the principalities, powers and world rulers manifest themselves. Why is this?

Of the four vehicles of the personality the astral body is the most important because it is the fundamental one. That fundamental body in fact determines the state of the whole personality. It is by means of the astral vehicle that the human being is linked to the magnetic body around him, to the forces within it, and to the various astral currents.

By astral exhalation the human being passes on to his environment what he has absorbed. This also applies to the pupils of our School of course, and our Spiritual School takes this into account. It has to do this, because from time to time the School admits people who could present a certain amount of danger to it and who could thus slow down the work. These people, especially at present, bring fatal astral influences into the Spiritual School.

Our opinion about this needs to be based on the fundamental vehicle, i.e. the astral body of the people concerned, and not on external appearances, for example whether they appear to be sympathetic, nice or loving. In this respect too, it is not humane feelings that ought to guide the worker, but pure insight. If this is still lacking in a worker or pupil, he must keep strictly to the Spiritual School's rules, which must not be departed from.

Thanks to God that many of our pupils are already occupied in reaching the state of the reborn soul, after which they can begin to build the vehicles of the new Spirit-soul state.

The Spiritual School wishes to make every pupil conscious of the fact that he is called to cooperate in the execution of a great plan, a plan of liberation that embraces the world and humanity. This making conscious is something you should understand clearly. It is not simply a case of 'passing on knowledge' about a coming event or its development, for there would be little sense in that. But, for example, if you become conscious that you have helped to vivify a radiant, luminous line of force that is beginning to encircle the world like a girdle, then you will understand that by walking the soul-

liberating path every pupil of our Spiritual School can make an extraordinary and necessary contribution to the vivification and crowning of the great, holy work of the Brotherhood in Christ.

'Can I do that?' you will possibly ask. Yes, as a pupil you can do that, because as a pupil you have also become a member of the Living Body of the Spiritual School. This Living Body completely surrounds you with its love radiations, with its magic-gnostic power. That power, that love enables you to penetrate to the deepest depths of self-knowledge and wisdom.

This is because your heart atom has an astral-etheric link with your microcosm. It is a fiery power, a radiant faculty that breaks into your blood and nerve fluid.

In the heart sanctuary, in and around the place where the primordial atom rests, is the source of the purifying and soul-realising kundalini. In our philosophy we call this kundalini the electromagnetic power of salvation, the power of eternity, the power which enables the pupil to rise up through and over the astral plane. The kundalini that rises up from the plexus sacralis is called the fiery power that transfigures the personality system.

In that rose power the pupil can accomplish all things.

In that rose power he will one day receive the new name.

In that rose power he is called after Christ the Lord and he is named Christian Rosycross.

If you, as a pupil of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross, help to forge this golden crown of fulfilment, the gratitude, the love and the power of the whole World Brotherhood will be poured out over you.

Intelligence and intellect

There will probably be no one amongst our pupils who will deny that a cloud of anguish covers the world, a cloud so unspeakably sombre that it seems impossible that it will ever lift. Behind it the sun is shining; behind it the radiant beams are trying to pierce the black piles of cloud, but the egocentric driving of humanity makes new cries of anguish constantly rise up, feeding the cloud more and more, and humanity as a whole is silent. It submits and remains silent, simply because it has nothing positive with which to counter all this.

But pupils of a Spiritual School would not be able to carry their name as messengers of the light with honour, if they, too, allowed the voice in their hearts to be silent and let the unconscious state of the human being stay what it has been up to now.

Those amongst humanity who are receptive can let their hearts join in sympathy to a large degree in these turbulent times, but does this achieve any soul-liberating results? Certainly not, for if receptivity is not immediately accompanied by dynamic energy, there will only be surrender to indefinable desires.

There is a sea of light, but humanity cannot see it because its consciousness is obscured. Impulses come to humanity from the light, but humanity reacts negatively. People are induced in a thousand ways to waste their thoughts on useless aims, so they can be shut off from the flow of soul-liberating impulses that are continuously being sent to humanity.

Intelligence is needed to recognise the attacks of the darkness that turn the pure atmosphere of your environment into a dark, troubled and stifling atmosphere in the wink of an eye.

Did you know that the powers of darkness preferably speculate on your pure, but nevertheless extremely dangerous kind-heartedness if this is not irradiated by the light of pure reason? If you truly wish to become a valuable servant of Christ, you will have to navigate your way around numerous cliffs and avoid many quicksands. You will need to think about every action, especially those that appeal to your kind-heartedness, with extraordinary attention. If you truly wish to become a servant of the Christ, you will need to be, in one word, intelligent.

It is clearly demonstrable that everything that is not intelligent seen from a Christ-centred point of view is doomed to failure, because the relationship of the threefold divine manifestation will not be harmonious. If you are capable of bringing the threefold divine manifestation in yourself to a harmonious development, no matter how imperfect to begin with, every attack of the powers of darkness on you will have to fizzle out as they lack one of the three aspects, namely the light or love.

The threefold being must open itself receptively and, driven by the love of God, it must be completely prepared to go into action. Every action, if it is to be intelligent, must be born out of God, kindled in the wisdom of Christ, and purified by the Holy Spirit. The invisible power of the Father fire

must be immersed in the love of Christ and, refulgent with light, it must be fructified by the form-giving power of the Holy Spirit.

In this physical world the Idea must be raised up from the Divine Plan laid down in the planes of abstract thought. After that the Idea must be illuminated and adapted to our circumstances in time by the wisdom of the love realised by human beings, so that after fructification by the creative powers of the Holy Spirit that turns it into a liberating action, it can be written in the Book of Life.

An intelligent person does not necessarily have to be outstandingly developed intellectually. It is important not to confuse intelligence and intellect. Unfortunately most people understand intelligence to mean intellectuality. According to this definition every professor would have to be intelligent, an assertion that is rejected by the Spiritual School.

Intellectuality is simply a well-trained brain. Intelligence on the other hand requires a skilled mind, a mirror of the human spirit illuminating the reason, a mirror polished by the correct reactions to the divine impulses.

If the world could have been saved through the intellect, many would have already reached liberation. But unfortunately humanity is trapped in the pit of irrationality more deeply than ever before.

All that is not intelligent is doomed to perish sooner or later. All that is not willing to relate harmoniously to the threefold divine manifestation will be destroyed. A human being is so easily occupied by the masquerade of facts that he is blind to the joy that ought to fill him. The brighter the sun shines the starker the shadows. The eyes of human beings are like those of moles: so blinded by the darkness that they do indeed see the revealing manifestation of the powers of darkness, but do not know that the cause of this lies in the more powerful manifestation of the servants of the light.

If you wish to be truly intelligent, you should never shut your eyes to the clear reality. However you will then be compelled to search for the causes that lie at its basis. Not only the degree of knowledge and insight determines your intelligence, but also the way you use it. Your intelligence requires a skilful systematic way of thinking and acting as well as a strong determination and insight into the divine plan, as exemplified in the life of Jesus the Christ.

But what is intelligence? Intelligence is purified Power of the Holy Spirit, *Epigenesis*. It is the divine impulse to use the mind and the emotions, the will and love in the plan for the liberation of humanity. It is the magic staff of Moses, the liberating power of Mercury that shifts the consciousness to the spiritual planes.

But perhaps you will ask: 'How can the powers of darkness be intelligent?'

They can do that only because they extract the necessary love power from the soul blood sacrificed by the Christ, and from the people who serve these powers, consciously or unconsciously. But the day will come that the liberated Christ and liberated soul humanity will banish them for good.

Try therefore to live more consciously every hour. Never forget your divine origin. Liberate yourself from the horror of death through the liberating power of the Christ. And, by means of the refulgent radiance of your sanctified spirit, magnify the glory of God's majesty. *That* is intelligence.

May the dark earth be illuminated by the radiance of your sanctified life.

A new Shamballa

We would like to quote to you from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 24 verses 3 to 14 and verses 23 to 31.

As He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?'

And Jesus answered them, 'Take heed that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the sufferings.

Then they will deliver you up to tribulation, and put you to death; and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.

And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come.

'Then if any one says to you, 'Lo, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Lo, I have told you beforehand. So, if they say to you, 'Lo, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out; if they say, 'Lo, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven.

Then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Then He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

You will undoubtedly be familiar with the words quoted above, of which not only the Gospel, but also the letters of Paul and the Book of Revelation testify: *In those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

At the juncture of time in which we live it is important to draw your full attention to these words.

If the human endocrine system is forced in any way, one of the most obvious consequences is an increase of the sensory sensitivity. What this sensitivity can involve and often causes you know quite well.

There can be many causes for human sensitivity. It is usually either hereditary factors or karma that play a major role in this. It is also possible for people to bring their endocrine system into a disharmonious and hence undesirable state, for example by doing occult exercises. There are innumerable people who can be called more or less sensitive in some part of their sensory system.

Generally speaking sensitivity can be found
in the emotional sphere,
or in the sphere of hearing,
or in the sphere of sight,
or in the sphere of the intellectual organism.

The sensory activities can then be called 'deeper'. They are 'more sensitive', their sphere of action is greater, and they can successfully encounter a higher radiation factor.

This supernormal sensitivity in some direction need not necessarily be dangerous, provided the person concerned does not pursue this with his whole I, and regard himself as being in a state of grace, a chosen one with extraordinary gifts. For quite obviously this supernormal sensitivity is always one with respect to the astral plane of the nature of death, because that astral plane is the life atmosphere of humanity.

You will therefore realise that almost all illnesses connected with the nervous system and leading to highly abnormal behaviour are caused by sensitivity that totally breaks down the endocrine system when it is driven on by the I. A door is then opened for forces on yonder side of the veil, with all the regrettable consequences. These facts, which have always been known, can be an introduction to the following:

Many people, especially doctors and psychiatrists, have been struck by the increase, around the world, of the number of supernormal or paranormal people, and that keeping pace with this is an enormous increase in excessive sensitivity.

The causes of this must be quite well known to you by now. The astral revolution in the human biosphere, caused in a forced way, has first of all seized all the negatively sensitive people in all their diversity or is doing so. This is the reason why all over the world the institutions that care for such sick people are overflowing.

But this is only the beginning of the trouble, because in the period which we have now entered we will be confronted by the fact that every human being will be made sensitive by the extremely abnormal conditions of the astral field of life. Almost every human being will begin to suffer from

forms of above-normal mental expression, which will lie within the sphere of action of the pituitary gland. That means: on the one hand expansion of the senses of sight, hearing and feeling, and on the other, being seized by various baser passions, with all the consequences for body and soul.

In other words, the masses will be made 'involuntary clairvoyants' as it is called in the School. That is to say that these phenomena will occur outside of the autonomous nervous system. Then a situation arises in which the vast majority of people will be able to perceive much of what goes on in the ether world, and experience this in a rather unpleasant manner.

In addition the time of the false Christs will commence. False Christs and false prophets will arise. They will show signs and miracles so as to lead astray the chosen ones, where possible.

You will understand that such a horrible paranormal life, aroused in such an artificial manner, is not accompanied by any reasonable discriminatory faculty whatsoever, nor by any capability of resistance, and so will create a perfect foundation for the great imitation.

The false prophets will praise human progress very highly, especially the results of nuclear science.

However every development has two sides and offers two possible results. Forcing the astral sphere of life will inevitably give rise to a mighty inflow of astral waves from the astral plane of the Holy Earth.

The light power that arises from this will obscure as it were even the brightest, clearest light of the Sun and the Moon. The mighty fire, appearing with great power, i.e. with an enormous vibration, will suddenly strike dumb the false Christs and prophets. To their great bewilderment the masses with their paranormal sight will suddenly see much of the new manifestation as long as that is possible, albeit for only one short hour.

One short hour - for in this firestorm a geological reaction of great violence will take place as a last response.

And in this mighty violence the bewildered masses will behold something of the sons of God, the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood of Christ, which will save its last link, the young Gnostic Brotherhood, and watch over it for the founding of a new Shamballa.

Mode of life

As you probably know, the nature-born personality is only one third of the divine creation. It is the creation of the instrument of the perfect human being. However, this human being can be called 'Man' only when the two other aspects of the true human being can unite with the instrument or bodily form, resulting in the manifestation of the threefold Man, consisting of the spirit, the soul and the body.

For this reason the nature-born human being, who is aware of his calling, must in self-surrender find and forge the holy link with the other two - the soul and the Spirit. It is the purpose of the Universal Gnosis to go this way and to apply this process.

The fundamental principle of liberation presupposes the possession of the soul body. This soul body is born as soon as the new soul state can and does link up with the Seven-Spirit. A fiery, radiant, in other words, luminous, field is formed around the pupil, like a spherical vesture. This refulgent, sparkling field is the tremendous principle of renewal.

When can the pupil look forward to the link with the Spirit and the soul, with its glorious consequences? This is as soon as the soul has taken up its position. Where is the seat of the soul? It is the open space behind the frontal bone.

However, the soul cannot take up this place automatically. That space has to be conquered, for in the nature-born body the sinus cavity is the seat of the I, the nature-born consciousness. If the pupil does not succeed in replacing the I with the soul, the Spirit will not be able to descend in a realising capacity and the wedding garment, the soul, will not be able to manifest itself.

The first thing needed is the longing for liberation, which must be accompanied by the inner detachment from the world of deception. That will cause, secondly, the entrance of the soul into the heart sanctuary. The third task is to make the soul ascend, which is possible only through daily, applied I-denial. The fourth task is the unification of Spirit and soul in the sanctuary, resulting in the manifestation of the new soul vesture. The fifth task then is the transfer of the newly born consciousness into the new vesture, with the awakening of the Pymander, as Hermes calls this new state of consciousness.

The pupil who has mounted these five steps will control and govern his whole system on a totally new basis of life. In that state Hermes says: 'I went out of myself into an immortal body. So I am now no longer the one I was before, but have been begotten of the Spirit'.

This was a brief sketch of the birth of the fivefold soul vehicle, the five-pointed radiant star of Bethlehem, the going out of the self on the path to life. Do you see the grand possibilities of liberation present in the human system? Whoever lives in the soul vehicle has been reborn as a child of God and has entered eternity.

Whoever makes this his one goal understands why we speak of the Triple Alliance of the Light, namely the Brotherhood of the Rosycross, the Brotherhood of the Cathars and the Brotherhood of the Holy Grail.

It is a Triple Alliance which is united to become ninefold, the aspect of what is truly human. And what is truly human in the divine sense is to apply what one has learned and professed, and to serve the world and humanity with its fruits. We believe that this is the great call emanating from the young Gnosis:

to receive the teachings,
to demonstrate the mode of life clearly,
and to work in a liberating way with the results.

Now that nuclear science has generally been turned into applied science, and nuclear reactors are present in many countries for various purposes, world and humanity enter a phase of dematerialization in a very accelerated way. And so the days of Atlantis will be revived.

There is nothing new under the sun. The old legends tell us of the two islands of the Atlantean civilisation: the Black Island and the White Island. We can now clearly see the contours of the Black Island again in the Aryan civilisation.

Can we also clearly see the White Island? Is there in fact a White Island? Is there a region, a sphere, a current of life, to which all people of good will can be admitted in safety and in another development?

Do you see clearly that such a fortress of security and liberation will have to demonstrate its presence in the very near future? Do you feel the urgency of this?

What has to be done? We need to possess a group of living souls as large as possible.

A living soul is a human being who possesses the wedding garment. Such a living soul has become a child of God in the true sense. Such a living soul is omnipresent, stands in eternity, is unassailable, and in addition still possesses the nature-born body as an instrument for gathering the harvest.

How do you, as a pupil of the Gnostic Spiritual School, achieve this living soul state?

Meet the standards of the Triple Alliance of the Light. You have the teachings. Apply them from now on, every moment of the day, from hour to hour, in your daily life. That is: mode of life. Then the fruits will soon become apparent. Then these fruits will be eaten by many that are hungry. The pivot on which everything depends is: mode of life.

The teachings, the life and the way of the cross of Christ

An address to the workers of the School

We all know how the human mind is changing and entering a state of crisis; how everyone is becoming increasingly afflicted by fear, nervousness and ill health; how much the church and the state are searching for ways in which they can keep the whole of humanity in their grasp, as was the case in the past. We also know how rapidly people are turning away from religion and the churches. The state is degenerating and humanity is facing the problem: 'What will happen now?'

We know the causes. Humanity has arrived at the border: to a resurrection or to a fall. It is a sign on the wall; a sign you should understand. You should realise that you are very personally involved in this.

The great process of change of all of humanity is developing faster than ever before. And it is our task, along with the great World Brotherhood, to achieve the great turn of events.

Surely you can see the nervous state of the public around you every day? It is very difficult to approach the public in this state. The public is in a profound state of psychological upheaval, with many people seriously afflicted as never before, and with heart and/or head seriously affected. If ever the great World Brotherhood needs us, then it needs us now to establish contact with the public as a whole. Humanity is involved in the fermentation processes of the great change, without being clearly conscious of it. Hence the Brotherhood needs a community which is aware of it, and lives and acts accordingly. That is why we have been called together, and to this purpose every one of you is called.

Are we going to succeed? Do you know what you have to do as a worker of the Spiritual School of the Rosycross?

During the last few years everything possible has been done to try to destroy the workers and our efforts, both from within and from without. We know the attempts from without are obvious and to be expected, but do you know about the processes from within, which cause so many difficulties?

For we are facing the clash between the growing soul consciousness and the ordinary natural personality. The power of faith stems from the soul; what is simply natural is no more than an animal. That is why the situation is so complicated. A person can possess faith as far as his soul power reaches. For the rest he is always in a state of confusion. We can therefore appeal to you: stand *with* us in this world hour in the service of the Brotherhood of Life - to the extent your soul power allows you to. And you have already proven that!

We are now facing a new working season once again. The important thing now is to prove the words: *If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move.* We are referring to the magic based on this power of faith. That is why you should constantly ask yourself: 'What weapons, based on faith, do I possess?'

The words addressed to you today have undoubtedly made it clear to you that you are all standing before a period that will have radical consequences. It is certain that only from an unassailable state will you be able to radiate impersonal love for all those who are entrusted to your care.

In doing so you will need to be elevated above what people could be trying to do to you. You could become very tired and grief-stricken, but if you make use of your energy in a well-thought-out and intelligent way and allow any possible inferior force cast at you to rebound from you magically, you will prevail. Such a love sacrifice does not mean your downfall but a victory. In the first place you should take care that no one can harm you. And that *is* possible.

There are three ways in which you can participate in the life of Jesus the Lord:

firstly: through his *teachings*, and by seeing his teachings as the most sublime;

secondly: through his *life*, and by truly applying it in your own life;

thirdly: through his *crucifixion*, by realising the way of the cross; that is a conscious way of sacrifice as to the flesh.

God permitting, a large number of friends are ready to begin a new working season.

It is our request that you support one another with your purest thoughts, your prayers and your deeds. Show a clear understanding of all that is necessary to enable the great plans of the Spiritual School to succeed. No matter what happens, don't be disappointed for even a second, for the Brotherhood of Immortal Souls and its holy labour will call you according to your possibilities and merits, at the right time and at the right place. And so: 'Not I, Lord, but You are the aim of the work.'

We hope fervently that you will all find spiritual rest, soul harmony, and physical development in your work, and that as workers in God's vineyard you will be able to create a healthy, honest and pure atmosphere entirely corresponding to our Spiritual ideals. If you can do that, God's blessings will be upon all your work.

It is also our prayer that our youth workers, and the youth directorate in particular, will be able to protect the young people entrusted to them and to lead them in and through the radiation power of the one true life. May they thus be able to produce workers for the future.

We would also like to bring to your attention that the twelve members of the International Spiritual Directorate have the task of taking care that the teachings of our Spiritual School are brought to the seeking public in their fullness in the various working fields of the School and that the fundamental basis of the work is not corroded by any worker of the Spiritual School. In addition they have to take care that the liberating goal of the Spiritual School - namely: the process of Spirit-Soul liberation in the human being - remains pure in its development, and that the contents of the literature, possibly woven by you into your public lectures, is not bent towards the horizontal plane.

What else would you, as servants of the young Gnostic Brotherhood, want to bring to humanity and the pupils other than what has already taken shape in the Living Body of the Spiritual School? Surely you can't bring teachings which deviate from that?

In all the work which you perform in the service of the School, think of His teachings, His life and His crucifixion, so that through your work in Christ's power you can realise His life within yourself: *I have nothing of myself. All I give to you is my Father's*, says Christ Jesus our Lord. And would you place yourself above Him?

Now, with humility and quiet gratitude in our hearts, and with great determination, we have closed off the period lying behind us, and together as workers we have reopened the public work of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross. And we have resolved to leave behind us everything that is half-hearted and primitive.

*The responsibility of the worker**For reflection*

An organ that is sick cannot be vivified by the central nervous system, for the reaction emanating from the sick organ has a destructive effect on the central nervous system.

For this reason every worker of the Spiritual School should be conscious of his or her great responsibility. One sick organ can make the whole body sick and paralyse it as it were.

And so, in this Spirit and in this consciousness we stand together time and again before the commencement of another task.

A weak worker or one without understanding can also spoil the entire effort.

The Spiritual School as a body is often a very delicate precision instrument. A small detail can cause a great disturbance in the body.

May the workers in God's vineyard constantly keep this in mind and accept its consequences.

The mystery of the Sphinx and the Pyramid

The eternal reality of the Immovable Kingdom cannot be described. In the world of dialectics there is no form, no sound, no colour, no feeling, and no thought whatsoever that can be compared with it.

The eternal truth can never be told in its entirety. It cannot be passed on from mouth to ear, nor can any pen describe it. That is absolutely impossible, even for the highest initiate. There is only one possibility: that the human being find the answer to the suffocating and urgent questions of life in the sanctuary of his own heart, in the innermost depths of the divine touch, when the delusion of the I has died.

The truth and the reality of the lost Fatherland have always been hidden under the shadow of the so-called seventh seal. If a human being tries to humanise the eternal mystery and to press it into the straitjacket of dialectics, he violates it and it escapes from him. What is left is impotent and devoid of liberating power. The most it can achieve is to chain the human being to the wheel of the great illusion.

The truth can to a certain extent only be exemplified. Whoever wants to know it must live towards it. A person cannot say: 'Tell me something about the truth so I can decide whether to approach it or not.' Whoever wants to know the truth has to turn to self-activity.

Embracing wisdom is a question of pilgrimage right from the start. When a ray of the universal wisdom begins to reveal itself in a pilgrim, this has the sole purpose of enabling him to become active in a calling, saving and helping capacity. That is the secret of the path. God is love.

Such a pupil in fact begins to arrive in an almost impossible position, because he is rent in twain as it were. On the one hand there is the absolute impossibility of making the light known to people, but on the other there is the obligation and the drive to testify of it. These two aspects exclude each other almost absolutely.

In the ancient, absolutely universal symbols such a situation was represented by a human animal, for example the Sphinx, a creature with a divine countenance staring into the indeterminate distances of the dawn, but for the rest an animal, clawing into and imprisoned by the desert sand.

We should not see the Sphinx as being unconnected to the pyramid and its mystery. In ancient Egypt the classical kings received the epithet: 'living sphinx image of the Lord of the Universe'. That is a Sun God, descended into matter.

Perhaps you understand this symbol. The human being is a fallen angel in a state of cleavage: one part of the microcosm imprisoned in the original life field, totally incapable of any activity; the other cast down into the dialectical urge for survival. The human being is the Sphinx!

The knowledge of this has repeatedly been lost and not a word of this is mentioned in the Holy Scriptures. It has been lost, just as the sphinx has repeatedly been totally covered by the desert sands.

This sign, hewn out of rock and spanning the ages, is gaped at by tourists. It is said that they feel respect, but they do not understand.

Probably many will begin to understand when their illusions of existence are torn to shreds in the impending world developments. Then they may very well remember the column between the front paws of the Sphinx. The story on that column is briefly:

Prince Thotmes, the son of an Egyptian king, had ordered the Sphinx to be excavated from the desert sand. He was used to riding around the desert and hunting for wild animals. On one of those hunts the prince went to rest in the shadow of the Sphinx in the afternoon. He fell asleep and dreamt that the Sphinx began to talk to him. He said:

'Look at me, my son Thotmes, I am your Father. My face and my heart are turned towards you, for you belong to me. Behold my state of suffocation. I am in danger of being buried by the sand of this desert on which I am lying.

I have waited until you will do what was in my heart, for I knew that you were my son, my protector.'

As a pupil of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross you will understand the language of the Sphinx. You too have excavated the Sphinx and it is speaking to you ever more clearly.

The old, lost knowledge of transfigurism has been excavated again in this century, not by studying or reading books, but by pilgrimage, by the process of life, by really going the path, by real exertion, by the radiations of the magnetic power field.

You too clearly see the situation of the dialectical human being as that of someone who is held in a suffocating grasp. The grip of this nature is constantly on the point of burying you. The human being is a god who has become a human according to this nature.

Let us pose the obvious question, the one logical problem: 'How can the fallen human being become a god again? How can the prodigal son Thotmes return home?'

This problem and its solution is given in every Universal Philosophy: we are humans who are to become gods. The great messengers of humanity were gods who became human in order to show humans how to become gods.

If this problem stands clearly before you, you will know it was born 'in conflict', and that the road to it was toil and trouble. Like Prince Thotmes you have to excavate your Sphinx, which will pose the great problem to you personally. If you neglect your work for one moment, you will sink back into the bottomless depths of this nature. Then you will feel at one with this world, and you will become accustomed to it again. You must understand that for the defeated soul the question: 'How does the fallen human become god again?' will develop enough motivation to be able to go the path as a pilgrim to seek the answer to that question.

Hence we can say: Whoever has seen the Sphinx will enter the Pyramid.

The Pyramid is a temple of resurrection, and not of worship. It is a temple not for symbolical acts but for instruction. It is a sepulchre. People can create a lot of mystification about it, but as the Pyramid is hewn in stone its essential language cannot be destroyed.

In our opinion everyone who has seen the Sphinx from within and everyone to whom the Sphinx has spoken, like Prince Thotmes, will be able unconditionally to understand the stone language of the Pyramid. Let us try to understand some of this language.

The Pyramid is a huge and impressive construction. You can imagine this if you keep in mind that its height was originally nearly 147 metres and that the length of its sides is 230 metres. This created an enormous surface. The interior - to the extent that it is known - is rather strange. There are parts of the Pyramid that are completely unknown and in its totality we can discover the complete picture of the microcosm that has to transfigure. In addition it shows the way the process must be undertaken and led in complete self-freemasonry.

The original name of the great Pyramid was 'Horizon of Chufu'. We could translate this as the complete perspective on the path that is offered in the Pyramid.

To be able to understand this we will have to study the Egyptian concept of *Chuf* or *Chufu*. This concept is that of dialectics; the fact that there is an absolute division, an unbridgeable chasm between this world and the original Kingdom. In addition Chufu points the way to liberation. It lifts the candidate up into the life of the soul. We would speak of the radiation of the Holy Spirit that enters the microcosmic being, not only to point out the path to the candidate, but also to help him.

In that ancient world of thought Chufu was thought to be active in the east, in the land of the dawn. The candidate was the 'son of the sun', who was headed for the rising sun. With the help of Chufu he was lifted up into the aloe field of Ra, the Sun God, the Christ. The symbol of the aloe is obvious. Aloe is a type of wood with a very pleasant fragrance and is the most valuable incense in the east. Thus the candidate was led into the lands of the imperishable food mentioned in the Book of the Dead. You have undoubtedly heard of *The Egyptian Book of the Dead*. That is what we call it today. In days long ago this wondrous book was known as *The Ritual*. We could also say: *The Process*.

These days it is called 'The Book of the Dead' because it apparently describes the journey of the dead through the transition planes; the breakthrough of the dead into the heavenly planes of yonder side. But if you were to hold this view, just like many Egyptologists, you would be making a big mistake.

Just as the modern religious person imagines the Kingdom of Heaven to be in the spheres behind the veil, so the adherents of the Egyptian cults thought exactly the same. Just as there is lack of knowledge about the Universal Teachings today, so it was then. In the same way as there are imperishable traces of the Universal Teachings in our lands, and the transfiguristic witnesses speak to us right through everything if only we will listen, so it was in the lands of the Nile, those glorious ancient realms of a faded civilisation. One of the eternal witnesses of those days and of today was and is: *The Ritual*, *The Process*, or *The Book of the Dead*.

The Book of the Dead is not Egyptian. It existed long before there were any Egyptians. It is a remarkably pure building block of the Universal Teachings. It is so hieroglyphic, so veiled, and so exclusively comprehensible to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear that the priests of dialectics

judged it unnecessary to mutilate it. However it *was* used as a basis for the creation of all sorts of cults of this nature, but these were explained in other scriptures. And so we can say that far above the ancient Egyptian culture tower three tremendous witnesses:

1. the Sphinx,
2. the Pyramid or Horizon of Chufu,
3. the Ritual or Process.

And, O marvel, these three witnesses form a unit. They belong together.

We said that the *Sphinx* makes the call and that the *Pyramid* points out the path. And it is the *Ritual* which teaches the process of how the path must be walked.

We could say, therefore, that the Pyramid is a stone monument of the Process. Everything of which the Ritual testifies is represented in the Pyramid. The Ritual explains everything that is hewn into the Pyramid. What the Sphinx invites you to do, namely to liberate the heavenly Man, is explained by the Ritual and the Pyramid, step by step, from beginning to end, in minute detail.

We have told you that the Sphinx stares towards the east, towards the eastern horizon, towards the horizon of Chufu, towards the aloe field of Ra. Well, in *The Ritual*, the King's Chamber of the Pyramid, the final goal of the path, the homecoming of the candidate is called: 'the Chamber of the Great East'. The aim to which the Sphinx tries to awaken us is realised in the Great East.

It is certain that if you begin to study the old classical Ritual, and enter the Pyramid on this basis, it will seem to you as a pupil of the Spiritual School, as if everything is very familiar to you. Then it will turn out that in an unsuspected way the School has been wanting to go the path with you for many years, the path that is the same yesterday and today, the path that was walked thousands of years ago already by our predecessors, the path which they have hewn in stone and described in a Ritual, a heritage that has been saved for us up to this day, and with which we can serve others in the international work of our School.

It will be clear to you now that the time has come for clear awareness of and certainty about all the work to be done, that the result will be all the sounder and mightier. And it will also be your task as a pupil to attune yourself more and more to that awareness and certainty.

The Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross teaches that the chronology of the Pyramid refers to the activities of the Helping Brotherhood on earth. The work of this Brotherhood is carried out with clockwork precision, according to a definite plan, from epoch to epoch, without any obstacle. And as a kind of reflex we see it taking place in the course of dialectical humanity, from epoch to epoch.

The development of the new era started in August 1953 and will become clearly apparent around the year 2000. Whether that era will turn out to be what people imagine is a thing we very much doubt, even though many cries of joy will fill the air.

Let us prepare ourselves to make our Spiritual School meet the demands of the coming urgent work.

Blessed are they who yearn for the Spirit

Fortunately we can establish that great numbers of pupils of the young Gnostic Brotherhood are engaged, under the urge of the call of the Spirit of God, in raising their soul state up to the Father of Lights and in tearing themselves loose from the nature aeons, thus giving their soul faculties a greater radius of action, and this enables them not only to presume the Spirit of God, but also to know him.

However, no matter how important, the knowledge of God must always be only a means and not an end in itself. For what counts is: the possession of the Spirit-Soul. The only thing that can make you a true human being, a truly spiritual person, is possessing the Spirit-Soul. Even your renewing soul state can never make you truly happy, for even the renewed soul remains a seeker, a yearner, as long as the Spirit does not kindle it. If you seek the soul - and that is what you are doing by virtue of your soul being - you can be truly happy only when you find the Spirit, when you receive him and he is revealed in you and by you.

Blessed are they who yearn for the Spirit. This is how the sublime words of the Sermon on the Mount begin. You know these words and you are linked to them in a very special way, for we can say without any fear of exaggeration that every pupil of a Gnostic Spiritual school was a 'yearner for the Spirit' long before he joined the Spiritual School. Only he doesn't know it. Most of the pupils presently belonging to the Spiritual School are not aware that they are spiritually yearning. They know only that they are seekers, innate seekers.

This is why the words of Jesus: *He who seeks finds* appeal more to them. This is something they can understand. They seek in order to find. They are looking for a life which better meets their state of being and can give them satisfaction.

The nature of this state of life does not really interest them initially. They are not able to formulate this, because if they had 'known' sooner they would have 'found' sooner.

Being a seeker is really a state of illness, a mental defect comparable to the effects of being homesick. And so all our pupils, with perhaps one or two exceptions, are seekers, seekers for the lost temple. That is how it begins. And we say to you: in deepest essence you are seeking the Spirit of God. You are yearning for the Spirit. That is why you have commenced your pilgrimage.

Every day for many years you are being confronted in our School by the call of the Holy Spirit. It is a call which is becoming ever louder in our Spiritual School. It is also a call which many people find very disconcerting. They ask themselves, 'What are we supposed to do about this call? We have hardly begun the path. There are many shadows clouding our view and we are still very slow on the uptake when it comes to the many perspectives the Gnostic philosophy is opening up for us. How then can we respond to the call from the Most High?'

Nevertheless it is a fact that many pupils have been 'yearning for the Spirit' for a long time. The difference between now and previously is that their yearning and the call of the Spirit have come

closer to each other. The Spirit wants to have contact with them. Hence there is no reason for being disconcerted; there is only reason for tremendous gratitude and joy.

Surely the manifestation of the Most High in a School like ours can only facilitate the finding, deepen the insight and accelerate the tempo? In addition no pupil can or shall be pushed for even one instant, or be overwhelmed by a power to which he or she is unable to respond.

To help you see this we would like to speak to you about the Living Magnetic Body and its formation. A great deal has already been said about this, but in our opinion there are still many misunderstandings.

You know that we speak about a fivefold Living Body that can be clearly seen in the world of matter. Just as in a physical body every organ and every member play a role, so also do the five aspects of the Living Body active here in matter.

The Youth Work and the group of Members are the reception centres of the Body of the School for all those who are to any degree seekers, and therefore, in essence, yearning for the Spirit. It is completely obvious that in those reception centres seekers are not burdened by the most serious requirements of the Path as immediate necessities, as millstones around their necks. In those centres there should simply be a dignified reception in which the breath of the Spirit fulfils the role of tranquillity, peace and love, the role of a serenity which can be found only in the places of work of the true Brotherhood.

In those places of work the Spirit responds from the very beginning to the words of the Christ: *Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* Rest is the characteristic of the true beginning. It is the rest for the weary, ever agitated seekers. This rest of the Spirit, as the signature of our reception centres, must flow down from the top of the mountain, the top of the Living Body.

This rest is at the same time a protective vibration against all those seekers who still need to be purified some more by the grip of nature. No person can or will be forced by the vibration of the rest of the Spirit, and yet it is a confrontation with the Spirit itself. Hence, whoever has taken this first step has already met the Spirit.

Whoever has experienced the vibration of the spiritual rest, and therefore must have needed it, in other words, was up to it, will of course enter the second aspect of the Spiritual School. This is because the rest of the Spirit, as a perceptible stimulus for an often heavily shocked nervous system, causes a yearning that is more powerful than ever. He or she has seen the Path and so desires to know, to comprehend completely. For this, he will enter the Lectorium Rosicrucianum, the second aspect of the School.

However, no one could say that the signature of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum is 'rest'. To the contrary, after the rest comes the storm, the storm of wisdom and of the knowledge of God. In this storm, this intense power wave, the Path must not only be seen, but also recognised. We deliberately talk about a 'storm' because in the Lectorium Rosicrucianum a vibration field has to be maintained which is capable of keeping every ordinary aeonic astral impulse at a distance. That storm has to rage for the sake of the pupil who is still imprisoned completely in the grip of aeonic nature.

You know by experience that you are not left alone in the Lectorium Rosicrucianum and you are not given the time to fall into a mystical slumber. With the regularity of the adopted plan the blows fall now on your heart, now on your consciousness. You are continually being seized and confronted by the consequences of your pupilship. The full light of day is made to fall on your path of life. This is the second confrontation with the Spirit.

Then comes the third confrontation, namely in the School of Higher Consciousness. This aspect of the Living Body is only for those who have withstood the storm and have decided to walk the Path, to climb the mountain, and hence firstly perform the most vital work, namely: the endura, the great self-surrender, of which Jesus the Lord once said: *He who loses his life for my sake will find it.*

It is clear that all those who may enter the Sanctuary of the School of Higher Consciousness are linked to the third radiation of the Spirit, which is aimed at those centres of the personality that are connected to the possibility of the rebirth of the soul.

Should that process succeed in a pupil, the nature of the Path will change completely from then on. Until now the pupil has only been receptive; he has been passively confronted, and all his activities were within the realm of self-surrender and of his fundamental departure from the state of life of the aeons.

But now, on the next step of the Path, the fourth, the pupil of the mysteries is given a task, namely the task of concentrating Light for all those who are in the Living Body. The pupil of that state should enter into the group unity and into the service of the Soul. This is truly a priestly ministry!

It should now be seen whether there has indeed been a rebirth of the Soul. If not, the pupil must return to the third aspect of the School, for, as you know, no one may be forced in his progress.

This fourth aspect is one in which a radiation of the Spirit is directed solely at promoting and reinforcing the growth of the new Soul and at enabling the pupil to be strong during the attacks of the adversary. The signature of the fourth Spirit radiation is power; it is receiving the power truly to become a child of God. This power is concentrated in the magnetic field of the School as a fount of blessing for the whole Body.

And then the gates will open for the entrance into the fifth aspect: the top of the Living Body as it works in the physical world. In this aspect of the Living Body the pupil arrives at the level at which his soul receives the nourishment it has yearned for from the beginning. In the fifth aspect of the School the power and the radiation of the Holy Spirit are consciously found and experienced. All roads lead here and the conscious link with the Gnostic-astral field comes into being here.

The work of the brothers and sisters of the fifth aspect in the service of all who are in the Living Body has as its signature: working from and with the seven flames of the Seven-Spirit itself.

This process can arise only on the basis of the nucleus principle Jesus Christ. The Spiritual School has during all the years of its existence tightly held on to this nucleus principle, and it is on this liberating nucleus principle that the entire revealed teachings of the School have been built.

*The good that does not perish**A word to young people*

We would like to discuss 'the good that does not perish' so that this may expand and deepen your consciousness. For transitions in life are gradual, but people can become conscious of them suddenly.

It is not simple to contemplate spiritual good when one is attached with one's whole personality to the things of the earth. This wouldn't be such a bad thing if people weren't making such a bad mistake. What mistake? The mistake we make in usually holding the opinion that it looks stupid for a cultured person to admit honestly that he can't think broadly enough. And when in this state we begin to get interested in the things of the Spirit, we nurture in ourselves that sham piety, that hypocrisy, that insincerity, that makes a person seek the Kingdom of God with his mouth but the Kingdom of the Earth with the rest of his being.

These few words contain the secret for understanding all the difficulties under which the present world lies buried. The mouth professes the Kingdom of God: 'Yes, but I can't lose sight of the fact that I do live on this earth and so I have to have a few certainties in life. I do have my obligations to the people around me.'

If that is the way you think, then where is the end? Is it the earthly good that will provide the absolute guarantee that your physical body will henceforth be protected against all unforeseen circumstances? You no doubt feel that this is not what is meant by 'the good that does not perish'. But what is? Let us try to investigate this.

The Bible tells us: *Go and preach the Gospel to all the nations of the earth.* But in order to bring a Gospel we first have to understand and live according to it ourselves. Or in other words, no one is capable of carrying out constructive work without first having started on it himself.

As a participant in the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross you have the certainty that the creative Hierarchies, with wisdom and deliberation, cause a person to be born in an environment, country or race where he belongs by virtue of his spiritual quality. Every movement in which the leaders and the adherents do not meet this requirement is doomed to collapse like a house of cards, or has to be maintained either by physical violence or by black magic.

If we are to achieve the building of an imperishable soul - i.e. the good that does not perish - we will have to meet the following three requirements:

In the Old Testament God gives us the idea we should live up to, through the mouths of His prophets.

In the Christ He gives us the example to follow.

In the Holy Spirit He gives us, by means of His creative power, the possibility of following this example.

What does all this mean? That first of all we should open ourselves up to the divine idea to do the work in accordance with his plan of creation. That secondly we should offer our love, totally and without self-interest, to the realisation of this idea. And thirdly that we must carry out and support the work with all the energy with which the awakened power of the Holy Spirit endows us.

To make the building of the soul succeed we have to know the secret of its structure. All the visible things God has built have a skeleton around which the body is constructed. In the same way invisible things - and here we are referring to the building of the Spirit-Soul - have to have a skeleton, for soul substance also can be formed around a skeleton only. What skeleton? Of course: the cross - the cross around which seven new force centres, seven chakras develop in a new serpent-fire body.

Consider carefully: without accepting the cross of the Christ you will never build the soul, because it would lack the skeleton. To be able to build the soul you must sacrifice your personality; note well: sacrifice it with love.

But if you are to succeed you will also have to leave behind in it all the soul power gained. You will have to sacrifice for this the pure forces, the forces of pure astral-etheric light, for thus you will give your building work a new body, a new etheric body, enabling it to live and bear fruit. That is building the soul. That is the good that does not perish.

Do you, older reader, feel the importance of more expansive knowledge? Our younger generation learns early on what older people took a whole lifetime to gain. This will mean that children at the age of eighteen will possess the ripeness of Spirit of many an older person. This is why it is so necessary that there is an intimate contact between the 'Great Work' and the youth and its leaders, so that the experience gained there can be passed on. If it is evident that there are ripened spirits among our children, they can be given important work at a fairly early age. This will stop or at least limit the danger of crystallisation.

This is precisely what is so tragic about mature people: they often receive the teachings too late to be able to grow into pioneers by putting them into practice. Keep in mind that without workers produced by our youth groups it will probably not be possible to maintain the 'Great Work' at the achieved level and to raise it up from there. Work such as ours needs to have a dynamic youth work behind it, otherwise it becomes top heavy.

And so, boys and girls amongst us, the value of our work will be demonstrated by your activity, perseverance and exemplariness. Be enterprising. Accept the challenge of life. Whoever consciously accepts life in order to draw from its lessons, even though they be bitter, will find that all things will work for his good.

You must offer your love, totally and without self-interest, to the realisation of this idea. You must carry out and support the work with all the energy with which the power of the received Holy Spirit endows you. For young people have only one task, to speak in the language of a young poet:

*With the greatest courage of its greatest love,
to dare all - to gain all.*

Transfiguration in the time of the end

For millions of years physical humanity has been wandering around on the earth. For millions of years fallen humanity has been occupied in breaking through the nadir of materiality and thus converting its involutory course into an evolutionary one, in order finally to resume its journey to the Father's House. For millions of years divine entities have been trying to impel humanity fully to develop the mental consciousness that is organically present and to use it for its exalted purpose, namely to achieve transfiguration.

In order to save it from crystallisation, how many cataclysms have already struck earthly humanity that has not yet gone the path of transfiguration, but, to the contrary, clings on to the earth?

Lemuria, that enormous continent reaching from the southern part of the Pacific Ocean to Africa in the west (Madagascar, the Himalayas, Sumatra, Australia and Easter Island are remnants of it), was destroyed by volcanic eruptions, by fire. With it went the group of Lemurians known as the sons of darkness who had to perish as, in their self-maintenance, they committed the most horrendous crimes, while the other group of Lemurians, known as the sons of light and wisdom, escaped.

Atlantis, situated at the location of the present Atlantic Ocean (the British Isles and the Azores are remnants of it), served as a field of development for fallen humanity. Seven races developed in Atlantis and from one of these had to develop the root race for the seven races of our present Aryan epoch. It was the fifth sub-race, the original Semites, which was chosen for this purpose, because the germ of the mind was present in them. It was from this that cunning developed in Atlantis, Atlantean craftiness that degenerated into evil.

Long before Atlantis was submerged those members of the Semitic race that were designated for it were led eastward. First they were led to a region where such countries as Israel are now situated; later on a small group was led to the Gobi Desert. Atlantis disappeared from the earth, swallowed up by the ocean. Just as was the case in Lemuria, only the godless Atlanteans of the Black Island perished, while the Atlantean inhabitants of the White Island escaped the flood.

To ensure the formation of as pure an Aryan root race as possible, very severe laws were made. For example it was forbidden to marry into other races. However many members of the chosen group disobeyed this law. This is why the previously mentioned small group left the present Middle East for the Gobi Desert.

About a million years ago the Aryan root race was formed there, and when this new race had grown to a large population through the incarnation of increasing numbers of entities, the first mass migration took place about 200 000 years later.

The Aryan race migrated southwards and mixed with the inhabitants of India, and from this the first sub-race, the Indo-Aryan race, was formed. After that the following were formed: secondly: the Babylonian-Assyrian-Chaldean sub-race,

thirdly: the Persian-Greek-Latin sub-race,
fourthly: the Keltic sub-race,
fifthly: the Germanic-Anglo-Saxon sub-race.

The first four sub-races all had their outstanding cultures. We can at best read about them in books or see their expressions in museums, but for the rest they have become lost in the course of time.

What is the situation with the European, belonging to the fifth sub-race? In it the germ of the intellect has reached full maturity.

To what end has the European used his intellect? To develop the highly esteemed European culture! To war on each other with the most refined techniques. To invent the nuclear bomb and the hydrogen bomb! To think up lugubrious projectiles that are shot into space to land on the moon or one of the planets! Or to damage the Van Allen belts and thus disturb the harmony of the universe! Till now the European has used his intellect to maintain his godless, unholy life.

Is it a wonder that the unholy fire is blazing in the highest heat sphere and is threatening to overwhelm humanity? Is it a wonder that cultural philosophers predict the end of the Occident? Is it a wonder that it was predicted long ago that Great Britain and Europe would go down in fire? Surely not!

Our School makes a real distinction between initiation long ago and now, between initiation before the Christian calendar and after. For the person who was born before the commencement of the Christian calendar the possibility existed to realise soul rebirth. The person born in the period of the Christian calendar is able to accomplish transfiguration, i.e. to call into being the Spirit-Soul Man. Transfiguration can be achieved by all because they have a mind. The mind enables the human being to become a Gnostic, i.e. one who possesses knowledge of his true destination, one who knows. The Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross makes it possible for its pupils to go the path of transfiguration in a practical sense and thus rise above the coming flood, by means of the Magnetic Living Body, by the Ark built in the last seventy-five years.

Have you ever wondered why The Netherlands was chosen for the formation of the Spiritual School?

It has been said that the reason is that the Dutch are the most individualised nation, in other words, the most crystallised. But there is another reason as well. You may know that The Netherlands stands under the sign of Cancer, the crab. But on the famous zodiac of the temple at Denderah in Egypt Cancer was depicted as a beetle, a scarab. It was the emblem of the soul, and in ancient times as well as by modern mystics, Cancer was deemed to be the sphere of the soul, the gate of life, in the zodiac.

Cancer is also the sign of the nadir, the foot of the cross that must be planted in your life, and in this sign you must celebrate your victory. For this reason in *Christianopolis* by Johann Valentin Andreae the candidate sails across the Academic Sea in the ship Fantasy bearing the flag with the sign of Cancer.

In the same way will you, as a pupil or future pupil, plant the cross in the nadir of your life and enter the new field of life through the gate of life, the Spiritual School? That is the decisive choice facing you.

You will probably know that the Moon rules the sign of Cancer. If you now choose the earthly life, you will be ruled by the forces of the dying heavenly body that you can perceive with your eyes. Should you choose the way to Life, you will be ruled by the Lunar Angels, the forces of the Holy Spirit.

We assume you have chosen the life of the soul. But are you not victimised constantly by the daily grind, by the habituation of life? As far as this is concerned you can sigh along with Paul, *For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.*

As a pupil of the Spiritual School you are accepted into the Living Body. This means you are irradiated by pure astral and etheric forces. Therefore that other saying of the initiate Paul also applies to you: *I can do all things in Christ who gives me power.* Hence in the power of Christ, through self-freemasonry, you will be able to withstand any attacks which phantoms might make on you.

It is high time to come to this realisation and to enter a new mode of life which we have presented to the pupils for so many years. We are living in great times now that the Age of Aquarius has begun its course and the Water Bearer is pouring his pitcher of living water out over humanity. Who can now say, 'I cannot go the way to life'?

Why postpone? The times of the end have commenced! You can tell by the events and the degeneration in the world around you. You can tell by the many mysteries unveiled to the pupils in our School. This unveiling is happening so that the words might be fulfilled from the *Confessio Fraternitatis R.C.*: 'One thing, O mortals, must now be explained by us, namely that God has decided to restore to the world - which not long after it shall perish - the truth, the light and the dignity which He once ordered to depart with Adam from Paradise, in order to ease the misery of mankind.'

What are you going to do now? Are you going to allow yourself to be dragged along by the flood soon to come and will you take your microcosm, already chained to this earth for so many millions of years, back to a new Lemurian beginning, and so keep it imprisoned for a few more millions of years in this nadir of matter?

Or will you rise above the flood with the celestial ship, the ark, the Living Body of the Spiritual School, by finally turning the teachings given to you into practice of life, and by fulfilling them at last?

Then you are a Master-Builder, for you are achieving a union between fire and water. You could compare the teachings with the element water and the fulfilment with the element fire. Then you are really putting your Christianity into practice. Only then are you really going the path to life.

As a John the Baptist, you are making straight the paths for the God in you. You are arousing the rose, the Christ in you, to life. You continue your path. You go the way of the cross, the way of the Rosycross. You go through your crucifixion, but: you go on and celebrate your resurrection. The Spirit-Soul is born.

Then finally there is the descent of the Holy Spirit. The union of Soul and Spirit takes place. You celebrate the Alchemical Wedding of Christian Rosycross.

Then the human being who has been wandering on earth for so long, who has been imprisoned on earth for so long, will be liberated. And as a true Soul Man, a Manas, a thinker, a thinking being in the absolute, highest meaning of the word, he will continue his journey to eternity.

Then transfiguration is no longer just a possibility for you, but a reality. Then, like Paul, you can exclaim: *Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting?*

Then you have overcome death and you will live in all eternity. May this soon be true for you!

The fire of the Holy Spirit

You will know that every action we carry out is based on the nature of the astral sphere, of the astral force which enables us to perform this action. If there were complete harmony between all of us, and if consequently that harmony were present in all our magnetic systems, we would all cause similar magnetic currents and so keep each other in balance. However the magnetic systems are disturbed and the macrocosm feeding these currents is undivine. This causes our needs to differ; we thwart each other and so we face each other in fundamental, biological and hence structural hostility and we unintentionally cause resistance. Even where we face each other as pupils in our Spiritual School.

Everyone will understand that the pupil is required every day to have pure aims, to have the concentration and use of pure, clean forces to be able to break up the resistance in order to make his way through life. Even if you were to be the most modest person and go your way through life with the greatest timidity, you would still be guilty of nature magic, because there will always be situations in which and because of which you will be forced to act. It is therefore important to know that whenever you use a concentration of astral force, no matter how, this will have an earth-binding and destructive effect.

You will feel that in such a situation there can never be any question of goodness. Social and moral good is always linked to evil. How true appear the words of the Christ: *No one is good but God alone*. Indeed! You can probably also imagine the lament of Nicodemus: *Lord, who can be saved?* It is quite a frightening problem.

It is urgently necessary to drive the awareness of this oppressive problem into the heart of your soul, for we need to solve these things in the short term. We repeatedly draw your attention to the fact that time is pressing for a radical, far-reaching change of your entire mode of life. If the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross is to achieve any real meaning in your life, if your striving as a pupil on the path is to show any liberating prospects, it is time that you, too, ask yourself, 'Lord, who can be saved?'

No one is good but God alone. No one is good if he is judged according to the nucleus being of the nature of death. Good born of this essence can never build and realise adequately. The works of this goodness are three-dimensional and therefore finite. No matter how cultivated our goodness, no matter how heart, head, or soul warming, it remains earth-bound, bound to the essence of death.

The measure of this goodness differs between individuals. This goodness will always cause you to experience a limitation, a crisis. And time and again the Brotherhood of Life invites you and draws you up to that all-encompassing 'Other'. Every brother and every sister who wants to go the liberating path therefore has to make himself ready for his or her ascension.

Surely you will agree that there is a solution to every problem of life? If there were no solution why would the Chain of the Brotherhood have approached the work fields of the Young Gnosis?

The solution to the problem of life is not just a philosophical one, but first of all requires a seriously directed mode of life, and a corresponding behaviour.

The Brotherhood of Life descends to every pupil, who then needs to turn towards the Gnostic astral field through the process of purification. If he does so, in deep longing, the emotional person will become inwardly tranquil, the temperamental person will begin to control himself, and in pure directedness they will learn to become still and to listen. They will listen so carefully that they will begin to understand what Nicodemus did not understand because he thought he already knew it all.

In the days around Pentecost our thoughts are drawn to the Fire of the Holy Spirit. How does this fire work in the human being? In the first instance the Holy Spirit descends through the holy breath. The forces of the Holy Spirit enter the respiration field through the fire of grace. These forces fill the chambers of the pulmonary system. Next they enter the blood, and if the blood has attained sufficient consciousness, this causes a new knowing in the head sanctuary, a new sixfold sensory perception, which emanates from the person like flames, like tongues of fire.

When Paul says in his First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 3: *Each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it*, he means that the fire of the day will disclose it. The day always discloses whether a person is living out of the power structures of the Gnostic astral field, or whether he is being lived by and in the fire of the world of dialectics.

Today humanity lies cast down in the hell of this development, tortured by the infernal fire. It is probably clear to you that this state of torture, because of the properties and the contrasts of this nature, is everlasting as long as human beings wander around in the world of dialectics. Every state of suffering can be followed by even worse suffering.

Rising and falling can be discerned in this world. There is a rising that can give you joy and gratitude, but in your wanderings here in matter have you ever known a joy, have you ever known a gratitude which was unqualified and was not followed by an inevitable decline?

How is all this suffering experienced? Why is it borne and fought? Why does it carve such deep traces in the human being?

It happens through fire. All your experiences, every single experience, comes about through astral fire. It is that astral fire that enables the human being to live. It is also that astral fire that enables the mortal soul to live. That astral fire maintains the human I. If the human being takes pride in his I and places his I in the centre of everything he does, he proves that he lives by the infernal fire. The day will always disclose it!

Can a person determine this for himself? Yes, that is possible. Every mortal being will always be able to do this, for everything that is disclosed by the fire of this world will sooner or later cause pain and anguish, and will not give satisfaction, but make hunger and thirst more violent and intense.

Myths and legends tell us that in the realms of hell, beside unbearable suffering, there is a continuous war, so horrendous and appalling that even an author like Dante was unable to describe it. Conflict is caused by suffering, by hunger and thirst. Suffering, sorrow and deprivation cause a person to take leave of his senses, and in this insanity he throws himself upon others in order to attack them and harm them in like manner.

It is good to understand that there are national leaders who know the social needs of humanity and try to put an end to them in order to make conflict impossible in this way. This is a very good idea, and is worthy of realisation as much as possible in this nature, but the causes of suffering, hunger and thirst in this world will never be removed. The fire will keep burning - Sisyphus and the barrel of the Danaids prove it - until the human being begins to live, work and strive out of the fire of divine grace.

When the place of construction has been purified sufficiently in this striving, on this way of the cross, the immortal soul will be born as the very first gain of renewal.

Psalm 16:10 says of such a soul: *For thou dost not give me up to Sheol, or let thy godly one see the Pit.* And in Psalm 18:4, 6 and 17 we read: *The cords of death encompassed me, the torrents of perdition assailed me. In my distress I called upon the Lord. He delivered me from my strong enemy.*

Whoever is able to arouse the new soul state through the breath of the holy fire, has been delivered from hell. He can ascend from Purgatory, and sing:

*In the forecourts of the House of the Lord,
In the midst of thee, O new Fatherland,
O Jerusalem - Hallelujah, Yes, Amen.*

Prepare yourself for the great Day of the Lord

Science teaches us that the Earth's position in space is determined both by the gravitational pull of the Sun and by the repulsion of its light radiation.

Like attracts like. No matter how much a person might try to release himself from the gravitational pull of the Earth, as long as he is a physical, dialectical human being this is out of the question. Without the gravitational pull of the Earth he would not be able to maintain himself on it.

This gravitational force is so strong that it vibrates through every fibre of the body. A person might stretch his hands beseechingly at the light; however, it will make no difference. It will pull him back relentlessly and make him small.

A simple example will make this clear. Take two similar plants and plant one in a sunny garden and the other on the windowsill of your lounge. After a while you will notice that the unrestricted rays of the sun will cause the plant in the garden to grow low and wide while the one in the room has grown to be tall and thin.

When God the Father separated the human race as independent divine sparks from himself in his immeasurable spaces so that the human race could commence its pilgrimage from unconsciousness to All-consciousness, the position of the human being in space was determined by the degree to which his perceptive faculty became intimate with the physical density of the planes in which life put him. The more intimately the human being connected himself to the Earth, the more deeply the light pushed him away from itself. As long as a human being is dark and is able only to absorb light and warmth, the Earth will hold on to him within the force of its activities.

However the human being was born a divine spark, a child of the Light, and so he becomes sick in the continuous cherishing of the Earth, or to put it somewhat more sharply, he eats himself to death in its allure. But he has to return to the light, whether he wants to or not. The Spiritual School has repeatedly mentioned the fact that in the earliest stages of the development of the Earth the Lunar Angels played a role in the plan of human salvation. The spiritual values a person affirms in his life flow forth from sunlight aroused in his innermost being by lunar forces. This inner sunlight awakens as a golden circle around the dark fire power: the Father aspect, the divine inheritance in his being, the inheritance the prodigal son used only for egocentric self-maintenance - until, experiencing his lost state, he stood up in deep disillusionment with the words: *I shall arise and go to my Father.*

The more you grow, the more you will become aware of the appalling power of delusion. Just as Judas betrayed Jesus to the scribes, so the delusion is one of the twelve forces on your path of life, and this force will continually betray you until you see through its essence to the fullest extent. Then it will flee like Judas, and, relieved of its pernicious influence, you will once again tie yourself to delusion to collaborate in the liberation of humanity of which you are an inextricable part.

If you cannot give up Judas, if you cannot release yourself from delusion, you will continue to rotate within the circle of your twelve possibilities. But should you succeed in liberating yourself from that, the broken link will form the possibility for the ascent to a higher spiral of life.

In the story of the crucifixion we can read: *It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour; while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two* (Luke 23:44-45).

See here the greatest victory next to the deepest disillusionment. This is a struggle every human being who wants to realise Jesus the Christ in his deepest self will have to live through.

The physical person who is still rather primitively attuned will long for the gratification of the senses, until one day, deeply disillusioned, he will turn away from this, only to throw himself even more deeply into the arms of a new delusion. For example he could turn to all legitimate and illegitimate means to accumulate physical possessions. Until once again, he turns away from this deeply disappointed.

Driven by the fierce beatings of life, such a person might grow to an admirable way of life until, once again disenchanted, he gives that up too. Possibly he will then become involved in a Christian church until, bereft of every illusion, he begins to understand what the sacrifice on Calvary requires of him.

Having arrived at the highest top and hanging, in pure love of humanity, on the cross of self-denial, he will experience that even the radiant light of the sun is illusion. For the mighty Fire Angel, who once enjoyed God's highest regard, is a spirit of immeasurable influence. This influence is so far-reaching that, burned in self-overestimation, it pushed the Sun out of its path and drove it from the centre of our system so that its rays are impregnated with its poisonous fiery breath.

This is why all creatures who live by the grace of sunlight are caught in the web of illusion. It is the artificial light to which Lucifer opened our eyes in order to tie us more tightly to the world of blindness. For in comparison to the liberating, radiant light of Christ, the physical Sun is darker than a candle flame in an immeasurable cellar.

But alas, human eyes are as blind to this refulgent Christ light as the eyes of a mole are to sunlight.

If you accomplish your way of the cross, if you persevere in climbing Mount Calvary - by that we mean: if you persevere in climbing to the top of the highest attainment in life - and enter Aquarius after your sacrifice in complete impersonality in order to extend the water of life to everyone who needs this, then the curtain of the temple will be torn in two. Then, truly disillusioned for the first time, you will behold the full glory of the universal Christ Light, and you will experience your union with it; you will identify yourself with it.

Through the newly flowering power of the Holy Spirit you will learn to purify the received sunlight from the treacherous breath of the devil. And the Father-in-you, the unsullied fire of Saturn, will break forth in radiant Uranus lustre, or in other words: in radiant universal love.

But never forget who made this new life possible for you. It is the living power of the Christ which penetrates the whole earth. It is the eternally true and indestructible Father fire, made manifest by his

Son in absolute love, but unfortunately invisible to the human being caught in illusion. The Father caused this light to be born out of himself. The Son explained it to us and said: 'Follow me.'

You can accomplish this task only in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit offered itself to humanity in and by the active forces of the Lunar Angels. But these also were not spared the treacherous influence of the desiccating fiery glow of Lucifer, the angel of doom. This is the reason that the human spirit, at the expense of the love of Christ, can develop in two ways:

Either it can manifest itself, impelled by the Luciferic angel of doom, in soulless sagacity, in fiery hankering after possessions, in cold lack of love, in hot passion, in mutilated religion in which Christ is either denied or is represented to it as a good-natured man and in which his tremendous suffering is talked to death in light-hearted emotions of a Good Lord who suffered so much on the cross on Golgotha, but especially in the ingenious multiplicity of disseminated ideas and ostentatious charity.

Or, where the sanctified Spirit begins to manifest itself, it will, impelled by the universal Christ Spirit, express itself in simplicity; it will not talk Christ to death but make Him manifest in His works. It will magically apply the light power at its disposal for the realisation of the divine plan of liberation, and pull down the palaces of unholiness like a Samson.

But can he do that? And how?

He can do that by means of the Mystery School of the young Gnostic Brotherhood which serves the Christ and converts the light received by it in the Magnetic Field of the Spiritual School and radiates it on the required level of vibration. To this end the Mystery School helps seeking humanity to apply the holy creative power, which rises up from the purified field of nature, to inner soul development, to the illumination of heart and head, and to the liberating deed of the hands.

If we regard the heart as the solar nucleus of our own being, we see how here, too, the heart begins to die as to nature, and how, by the touch of the sanctified Spirit, the heart sanctuary, irradiated by the rays of Christ, begins to awaken more and more.

If the physical heart is completely receptive to the will of the heart centre touched by the Gnosis, the grip of evil will be completely overcome. Then the pupil will be able to carry out his God given task. Then he will be able to eat his Passover Lamb and help lead humanity back to the House of the Father in completely altruistic friendship. Then the words of Mark 14 will come to reality in his life:

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him: 'Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?'

And he sent two of his disciples, and said to them: 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the householder, "The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I am to eat the Passover with my disciples?" And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.'

And the disciples set out and went to the city, and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

The Lectorium Rosicrucianum prides itself, as a channel for the Mystery School of the young Gnostic Brotherhood, in fulfilling a lunar function in the life of humanity. The Lectorium Rosicrucianum does not bring you solace, but teaches you to take part in Spirit-Soul liberation. It teaches you by which deed you can overcome the duality of the forces of attraction and repulsion; how you can dwell on earth and at the same time be attracted by the Christ light in order to be able to take the first steps on the path of the God's original plan of creation.

However, for that you need pure insight. And to have that, you must live *on* the earth, but you must not be *of* the earth. To this end you must be able in all honesty to turn your back on everything the earth offers you, so that you can apply the light power received and pass it on to those who want to go the path of Spirit-Soul development with us.

Out of mercy you will be liberated by the power of the Holy Spirit in Christ, in order to arouse the true Man, with the purpose of bringing greater glory to the Father of Lights.

When you have united the light of the Father and the love light of the Son through a purified, dedicated life, you will receive the inner strength to cast the prince of this world out into the dark, and you will be able to give the living water to all who thirst for it.

Make use of the favourable wind which the Mystery School of the young Gnostic Brotherhood blows over the earth with God's help, by means of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum. The battle may be fierce but victory is certain, because:

*The sun shall be turned to darkness,
and the moon to blood,
before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.*

And all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.

(Joel 2:31-32).

What should I abstain from doing?

The following discussion took place at a Centre meeting, at which the writer of this had the pleasure of being present. After the usual lecture by the speaker, the audience was given the opportunity of asking questions about the subject of the lecture.

Among the pupils was a very aged lady who had a problem, and according to her she was speaking on behalf of the majority of the audience. Her question was: 'What should I abstain from doing? I know what I should be doing, because all the School's books are full of that. I just want to know what I should *not* be doing.'

Of course the simplest would have been to answer in one sentence: 'You should abstain from doing anything that interferes with your doing.' But this pupil would not have been satisfied with that. She had not yet reached the level of self-knowledge that Paul had when he was faced with this problem in a different way. He said: 'What I should do, I don't do, and what I should not do, I do.' But our friend answered this statement of Paul's very decidedly with: 'I know what to do. I just want to know what not to do.'

Things were getting difficult, for she wanted a positive answer. If she had really known what to do in a Gnosis-directed state, she would undoubtedly also have known what to abstain from in order not to disturb her actions. Hence we could say: 'Abstain from everything that keeps you away from the Gnosis.'

We do what our human duties give us to do in this world of dialectics in as harmonious a way as possible, without becoming fanatical or overwrought! For example our conference centres bring many cares and duties, including dialectical ones, but nevertheless they have been built purely and simply to serve the pupils and possibly any seekers for the Gnosis. That is the goal we make ourselves subservient to. In this way all our work in the conference centres and in every other aspect of the Spiritual School is work purely aimed at the Gnosis, even if we work only with a broom and dustpan.

The following example is equally valid: If I need to prepare an address I will not go to a cinema beforehand to see a film and to mix with a crowd of people out for a sensational thrill. I abstain from doing so for the reason that the cinema only provides entertainment on the dialectical plane while the writing of an address requires absolute one-pointedness of direction at the service of the Gnosis. In other words, to do the one thing that is Gnosis-directed I will not do the other thing. As a personal word I would like to add that by its very nature I don't go to the cinema, except under very exceptional circumstances. And exceptions have occurred.

To summarise: the serious pupil will not do anything that could in any way interfere with actions that need to be done in directedness at the Gnosis.

Our aged friend next wanted to know what the new field of life looks like. Oh dear, how do we answer that? She looked very militant and wanted a definite answer.

Initially the answer given was a philosophical dissertation about the Divine Spirit and his nucleus: the Divine Sun, and the plan that the Logos has for us humans. An analogy was made between the Divine Sun on the one hand and the consciousness flame of the dialectical human being on the other, as they both attract an etheric respiration field around themselves.

The former respiration field is divine and pure, while the respiration field of the dialectical personality still has to be purified by a process of change. Only then does an attempt at conciliation follow from both sides. The Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross manifested sevenfold has appeared among us as a mediator.

However the lady asking the questions had not in fact asked for a philosophical dissertation about the creation of the new field of life. She simply asked 'What does the new field of life look like?'

It would have therefore been simpler to answer in short:

The new field of life can be compared in an atmospheric sense to highly illuminated small clouds in a sky brightly lit up by the sun. Such highly illuminated clouds are without any shadow or darkness just as the Gnostic field of life knows no darkness or shadow. This atmospheric field can be discerned by a very refined, focused eye as a tenuous ether substance irradiated with light.

Perhaps this example can provide something to hold on to. Sometimes we need something to hold on to in order to remain open to the sevenfold radiation power of the Universal Gnosis so that it can serve for our eternal well-being.

Epilogue

O, give us people!

*O, give us people full of strength and courage,
people, purified in hallowed glow,
strong as heroes in resistance and combat,
quiet and patient in suffering and distress.*

*O, give us people, as clear as the mountain air,
faithful and true to the depths of their being.
People in whose eyes heaven declares
the joy of the soul in radiant shine.*

*O, give us people linked to God,
who have won the victory over themselves under the cross.
Sun people who give themselves away,
in whose beings we experience God.*

*O, give us people full of love and strength,
giving service in deep humility.
People who dare all things in deep faith,
praying and borne by God.*

*Where are these people, I hear you ask?
O soul, accept this:
Only one was perfect on earth,
all others... are still growing.*

*Do not look around you, but see within!
You yourself must vanquish that
which can make you a human being for God's use,
by diving into the sources of life.*

(By an unknown Dutch author)

The coming of God's people on earth

All human beings living in this earthly field have to return to the starting point of the immortal soul state. They have the choice between two ways:

returning to the dialectical starting point, in illusion, as a 'soul of death',

or returning to the Adamitic starting point, as a living Spirit-Soul.

They who choose the first option simply have to link themselves permanently to this field of existence.

They who choose the Adamitic starting point have to go the path that takes them to a totally different field of life.

It is a radiation field that enables them to become children of God again. To be able to belong to that field of life, to be able to return to that starting point which the Brotherhood of Light shows us, it is necessary for us to become Christians.

The word *Christ* means anointed. Christian therefore means: to be an anointed one. In order to be able to go the soul-liberating path, we need to be anointed; we need to be hallowed, initiated. But inner power is needed for this.

To be initiated is to be exalted as understood within the laws of mortal nature. This anointing signifies the receiving of soul radiation by means of a new serpent-fire essence. This anointing is also received by means of the Word of God. Abstractly: by the Word of God. Concretely: in an impersonal way, through servants accepted by the Brotherhood of Light.

What is the Word of God? The original meaning of the Word of God is: the radiation power of the Gnosis. It is a radiation emanating from the Brotherhood of Light.

The prologue of the Gospel of John says: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.*

The compendium of the Word of God is: the Breath of God that emanates from the Gnosis, from the Kingdom of Light, from the Brotherhood of Life. Therefore, the Word of God is a radiation. That Word is and will be 'in the beginning' of every new period of time. The absolute life is in that radiation and that life is the absolute light for all human beings. It is the light that leads to Spirit-Soul liberation. *That light shines in the darkness.*

Although the light comes to everyone, although the Gnostic sun shines over everything and everyone, the 'darkness' cannot see that light. For this reason the Word comes in a different way to His

own, in order to make the unknown, that which is very abstract to the dialectical human being, concrete.

That happens by means of the servants of the Word. In other words: the Brotherhood comes to humanity. Where humanity is not capable of coming to the Brotherhood, the Brotherhood comes to humanity. In the same way the servants of the Mystery School of the young Gnostic Brotherhood prove themselves to humanity.

What is a servant of the Word? A servant of the Word is one sent by the Brotherhood, one taught in the Mysteries of the Light. When he comes to humanity such a servant of the Word will bring the Light. He will spread the light radiation of the Gnosis in this dark world and link it if possible with the hearts of human beings.

A servant radiates the light of the Brotherhood in a horizontal, transmuted way. Dialectical humanity is struck by this horizontal radiation and those who turn out to be susceptible to it and can react to it are broken open as it were by this horizontal light radiation. In this way people are opened up to the vertical light, the abstract Word of God. In this way it becomes possible for a human being who has been affected by a servant of the Gnosis to learn to see the light of the Word of God. When the vertical light has descended into the transmuted horizontal radiation, the cross has been planted in the human being. Thus the cross is literally planted in the pupil through the appearance of the Brotherhood in the darkness of this earthly existence. The path of transfiguration, the vertical upward path, is therefore open to every serious pupil.

The Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 4 verse 12 says: *For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and Spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

The purpose of this is the tearing asunder of the dialectical natural soul. The sword is planted in the natural soul. The natural soul is torn asunder as it were and space is created in the serpent fire for an upward progress in life. The old soul state is destroyed by this thrust of the sword. The space that is left by this allows the new soul to be born. We can see the two-edged flaming sword emanating from the mouth of God as a twofold activity of the Brotherhood: a vertical and a horizontal inpouring of light power.

The Word of God is a living, vibrating and unassailable reality. If you can profess this unassailable reality you will understand the letter of the truth. Knowing the letter of the truth then also means knowing the process of transfiguration.

Entering the Truth, uniting the truth with the heart's blood, means to say that he who knows the letter of the truth becomes one who applies the truth, who realises the truth. Thus we have:

- firstly: knowing the letter of the truth,
- secondly: opening up the practical truth,
- thirdly: experiencing the truth.

If you understand this trichotomy, you will have rediscovered the threefold Word. God's blessing will then rest on you and the power of the Community of the Spirit will be your reward.

Together the servants of God form the nation of God on earth. All holy scriptures mention this 'nation of God'. We offer no opinion as to whether Jesus the Lord was a blood-born servant of the Gnosis in the ordinary sense, however the Holy Scriptures say of Him that He was a high priest in the order of Melchizedek. That is a state of being elevated far above blood, race and nation. Hence the nation of God is a community of servants living in all the countries of the world, and belonging to all races and nations.

This serving Brotherhood may be seen as the vanguard of the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood of Christ. They are all occupied in the same task. You can recognise them by the fact that none of them wishes to establish the Kingdom of God in *this* world. They will inevitably point back to the Adamitic starting point of the living Spirit-Soul.

This is a very true statement, because the spark of the eternal Spirit lives in you. For this reason many have already drawn a sharp distinction between matter and Spirit.

However the word 'matter' should not bring to your mind all that you have left behind in gross material attachments. You must draw the concept of matter into your own being. Then you will come to the conclusion that matter is nothing but the opposite of Spirit.

Negative and positive molecular forces prevail in matter. But because of dialectical attachment to matter, there is a continuous process of breaking up in the body itself. Within matter there is a continuous life that consists of building and breaking up.

In the Spirit, positive and negative forces work together to achieve an unknown unity allowing the formation of a completely new body. As the Spirit is eternal, breaking up is an unknown factor. There is a continuous growth, a creation forever in motion.

That is the process in which every serious pupil of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross should start to participate. In every pupil the spark of the eternal Spirit lives. In this spark lies perfect life - that is: life without decomposition.

We said before that the choice is up to you: truly participating in the imperishable life of the soul, *or*: continuing in the prison of matter and so continually building anew and necessarily breaking up again.

Is it not true that everyone who still lives in the personality and so still thinks from the point of view of the personality unconsciously continues to participate in matter? If you had truly made the choice you would have risen above all that misery, all those obstacles that sometimes rest so heavily on your shoulders.

Let us establish: You are living your pupilship. You are striving seriously for the liberation of the soul, but the insistent voice from within and from without: 'Make your choice and let go of your last reservations' is still often being ignored.

As long as you still expect anything of this world, as long as you have not yet come to terms with yourself, as long as you still chase after all sorts of dialectical perspectives, you should know that the School will not put pressure on you in any way. That wouldn't do any good, for you yourself will go your own way to its logical conclusion.

Hebrews, chapter 13 verses 7 and 8 puts it like this: *Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.*

Try to understand therefore that it is high time consciously to take a serious look at and accept your participation in the House Sancti Spiritus.

Do you dare to undergo, in the state you are in now, the reception of the holy fire in the heart of this, our house?

If you can say 'yes' to this, the coming hours and days will prove this. Then the whole group of pupils will manifest itself as one closely-knit unity and the results will not keep us waiting. Then we will be able consciously to greet the approaching, purifying and cleansing soul-ether field with a cry of joy. Then you will recognise 'Him who is to come' as being from the same Spirit field as the one to which you are trying to raise yourself up and of which you have experienced the inner touch. Then all inner pain will have been dissolved in what is completely new and joyful. Then the encounter will be celebrated consciously.

Surely the choice is not difficult for those who long for this inwardly? May the Gnosis therefore grant you the soul courage to carry out your choice. If you are willing to die as to nature in order to be resurrected in the Spirit-Soul life, then you will know that the Light of Lights will be with you.

And then, when you stand immovable 'in the light', the great miracle will happen. Then the sword will be driven into you, the flaming, two-edged sword, and you will hear the voice:

*I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

You are then taken up as an active participant in the Holy Grail as it has taken form in the Mystery School of the young Gnostic Brotherhood, the latest link in the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood of Christ.

The first and the second path

You will know that it is expected of the pupil that he bring the process of transfiguration into his life with great inner strength, and that he possess the right, pure insight about the reborn Spirit-Soul state. The Spirit-Soul state forms the basis for what is truly human as intended in the divine plan. Hence the advanced pupil in the divine mysteries needs to be clearly conscious of the divine science of sanctification.

We would like to take you to the pre-Adamitic state, which the Holy Scriptures call Paradise. We would like to take you back for a moment to the situation where the original human being still had the free choice of going two ways: either the way of the tree of life, or the way of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. You will know that the first path is the way of complying with the one plan of God as to body, soul and Spirit, in complete harmony and in unity with the corresponding order of things. Humanity knows the developments and results of that path only theoretically.

You will probably be able to imagine that this first path has two aspects, a positive aspect and a negative one. The positive aspect is: full of faith and actively complying with and merging into God's plan, and collaborating with it very positively in the Spirit field, i.e. fully in the Spirit. The negative aspect is: abandoning oneself in a certain state of bliss, losing oneself in reflective negativity and mysticism. The two types of the first path are sometimes indicated as belonging to the virgin Spirits.

The second path also has two types: firstly the positive type who goes his own way outside of the plan of God, forcing both himself and nature. He goes his way without the Spirit, but still on the basis of the soul, with the aim not of serving himself, but in reality to magnify God, His creation and His creatures. This type, however, lacks the link with the Spirit, although he does know the Spirit.

The second type of the second path regards himself as autonomous. This second type lives nearly completely out of the activity developing in himself and so his aim is to serve himself and to aggrandise himself, although he does not know the Spirit, let alone possess it. That is why this type is called the negative type of the second path.

We want to draw your attention to the fact that for both types going the second path is accompanied by much suffering. You know the words: *In the day that you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall die.* There is no need for us to repeat all the aspects of the nature of death here, but the fact is - and you should be conscious of this - that many pupils of our Spiritual School stand in the nature of death as far as their consciousness and their egocentricity are concerned. We need to keep this in mind.

As a pupil you have decided consciously to return to the original Father's House. After wandering around for aeons a longing has arisen in you - after soul cultivation and knowing the Spirit again - to become the first type of the second path. You want to do so in a life of self-

transformation and nature renewal, but only completely autonomously, i.e. with your self-rule intact. However you are prepared, as an I-personality, to lend a sympathetic ear to the teachings of the Mystery School of the young Gnostic Brotherhood, and, on this basis, to bring practical life into harmony with the teachings. Should you represent such a type of person, you will unfortunately remain the same as you were before. This means that you will not transcend suffering, anguish and death's essence.

We have entered a period in which the rays of the Seven-Spirit are poured out over humanity. Its first ray is the ray of will and power and you need to realise very deeply that this influence will strongly stimulate you to become positively active on the second path. However in the present stage of activity you are in the position of *knowing* the Spirit and not of *having* the Spirit, and so you would fall into a deep mire of suffering.

For this reason we regard it necessary to radiate this warning into the Living Body of the School mentally. The breath of God, the Gnosis, the young Gnostic Brotherhood, wants to take you back to your divine Father's House as a positive human being in possession of the Spirit. Hence your mode of life should clearly give testimony of an absolute turn around.

As we said, you are inclined towards the positive activity of the second path, which activity is characterised by knowledge of the Spirit, but not by possession of the Spirit. This positive activity is still mainly situated in the material soul. Hence you cannot enter the world of the living soul state, the holy vibration field of the tree of life, the field of the soul life.

In the mystery of the human being there are in fact two lives, one of which must be generated from the other. The Spirit-soul human being is raised above matter; the soul human being is chiefly an entity with an etheric form. The physical human being is an entity chained to matter - unless he is transfigured.

The Spirit-soul human being is an unassailable 'cross of light'. The matter-born human being is a separate entity: he exists in himself and is himself. For the Spirit-soul human being there is no separation because the soul human being stands in the absolute unity.

You could imagine it like this: a group of entities living consciously in the soul nature, not of this world, has united Spirit and soul. For wherever the immortal soul is, there is also the Spirit. With soul and Spirit united and the participants thinking, living and working in seven rays, a mighty astral concentration naturally develops, and this concentration has a form. Such a concentration will express perfectly what God is, what God wants and does to a degree of sublimity in accordance with the quality of the group as a whole.

However it is not so simple for a human being born in matter to live in this one universal truth and in this one light, for the one truth casts a kind of shadow activity in the lower or physical nature.

Recognising this there ought to emanate from the advanced pupil a totally new mode of life which is attuned to the positive type of the first path and which *possesses* the Spirit as well as knowing it. It is the mode of life of the true religion, the Religion of the Spirit, the religion of thought, which the pupil in this stage of development ought to enter.

Unfortunately the ordinary world religions have forgotten this one essential thing. Certainly a great effort is needed to serve the world and humanity. Certainly an ocean of humane-ethical work is being done - but the suffering of humanity remains - and is on the increase. You will know this from the practice of daily life.

The cause? The lack of the Spirit through the neglect of service to the Spirit. That is why the Religion of the Spirit is the return to the original plan, to the absolute life. There is no other way.

You must enter the feast of absolute devotion to the Spirit by support and vivification via the Spirit order. The aim is nothing less than the formation of the Holy Grail, the field of resurrection. Therefore, keep in mind every day the words in the *Rosa Mystica*:

*The purity of your mental fire
will give your soul expansion, set her free.
Will give her life in the new-astral field
forever and eternally.*

*The time has come**An address to the members of the Inner School*

We regard it as a great privilege for the Spiritual School that it has been able, with the indispensable help of the radiation power of Christ, to form a truly Gnostic Magnetic Field which is becoming ever more raised above what is earth-earthy and in which real, profound peace reigns besides dynamic purposefulness.

Such a situation can be realised only when every participant in such a Magnetic Field goes the path ever more fully and in total self-surrender and watches very seriously that he does not transfer his own difficulties and tensions, arising in his own sometimes very fierce struggle, on to the group.

Undoubtedly all of you, as members of the nucleus of the School, gratefully experience such a gnostic Magnetic Field, and you will do so all the more fully if you view the ability of the Magnetic Radiation Field to spread itself as being of world-encompassing significance.

Because the astral field of the kind that the Spiritual School has, is coming closer and closer to the Gnostic radiations, and the membership of the young Gnostic Brotherhood to the Universal Brotherhood Chain of Christ has become a fact, it has been made possible for you to realise the Gnostic consciousness. We can therefore say on this basis that with the members of the Inner School we have reached a new spiritual phase and together we have entered it.

The liberation of the human being longing for light can be achieved solely by means of a creative synthesis of the original Divine order, i.e. the Holy Spirit, which will be poured out over all. Only then will the human be able to reflect perfectly the spiritual light that is omnipresent.

You must realise thoroughly that a creation is maintained as long as there are a few who can convert their possibility into a positive result. But times are accelerating! However, as this course of the world and humanity is accelerating much faster than could have been suspected, we can describe such things as 'coming' and 'developing', but their vibration and their speed depend on many factors far above and beyond the status of this world. Or rather, we cannot predict and determine that speed. However, what is certain is that the manifestation of a new era has commenced. It is in this that the Christ radiation will once again link the human being with this creative synthesis.

Not restricted to the three-dimensional world, this divine Spirit will guide the soul human being to a life in the highest spiritual sense.

It is out of this Holy Spirit, in the light and the power of Christ, that we in our Inner School will try to live in what the Bible calls 'daily walking with God'. If your life were to be really attuned to that divine light, your being would be affected by an counter-protein power, or put differently, by a totally new first connecting substance which in the end will have to express itself in the reality of your life. For the development and the circulatory processes of the life forces which are primarily

necessary, the members of the Inner School are asked to work with the new etheric building substances according to an orderly plan that has been projected in advance.

As pupils of the Inner School you are assuming an exclusive position in the various aspects of our work and the working field, in which pupils are living and working on a daily basis. It is attempted to carry out the work without the many painful incidents that always accompany work on the physical plane. The inviolability of the Magnetic Body, the Spirit flowing in on this basis, and the blessings of the Chain of the Universal Gnostic Brotherhood can be ensured only when the astral field of each one of you and that of the Living Body of the Spiritual School remain completely unmoved by the influences of this nature, and when your high calling from God is attuned to that.

Every astral disturbance in you, usually caused by turmoil in your emotional state and your mental activity, causes a corresponding disturbance in the astral sphere of the Living Body of the School. This results in a disharmonious merging of that sphere into the ordinary astral field of the nature of death. You can see what could be the consequences of that: a severance of the Magnetic Body and its entire population from the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood of Christ and from the Spirit. And the result? Immediately the Living Body and all its members would be given over to the aeons of the nature of death and all their powers.

Try to realise why you, as an exceptional group, are constantly being exhorted to make a positive and definitive decision to make your life meet the minimum requirements for soul human beings who truly long for the entrance of the Spirit.

We have the mission of establishing the Mystery School of the Golden Rosycross in time, but we need to be mindful of the fact that all such work has a temporary character. You need to realise this very consciously.

The Servants of the Gnosis come and go and return again at certain times. For this reason there is a beginning and, seen from the point of view of time and space, always an end. For example there is a time when there are seekers and the ears open up for the voice of the Gnosis. And there is a time when the ears are closed again. Hence there is a time when the work must be taken in hand, and in which the mission must be carried out with vigour and devotion, and everyone and everything must be made use of - because the end is coming.

The time is coming when the work will have no effect and the net can no longer be cast into the human sea of life. This time is very close.

At that psychological moment, all who have been accepted into the electromagnetic field of the Mystery School and so will join the journey away from here, will devote themselves to a totally new work; one that has nothing to do with the work here in enemy territory. The fact that the possibility of working in the vale of tears and sorrow is only temporary has been known at all times because it is a phenomenon occurring at all times. Read what Paul has written about this in his second letter to Timothy, Chapter 4, verses 1 to 7:

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching.

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths.

As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Please note: this statement - and that is why we are quoting it - has once again come into effect in the present stage of the Spiritual School.

All of you have become very familiar with the work of the Spiritual School and all its aspects. You have experienced how much this work is characterised by the realisation: 'Now it must happen, for now the time has come.' That is why the work of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross always has that image of intense activity, of that ever recurring 'now'. For each one of you, the 'time' could be there at any moment, notwithstanding individual differences, for in the goodness as to the Christ there is individual growth.

We have reached a crisis in our collective radiation field long ago, as you know. And as our collective radiation field is a unity in which individuality is preserved, you will have to make a conscious, individual decision. The question is this: either you will move and live with Christ in the Spirit-Soul field, in the absolute new essence - or, with the name of Christ on your lips you will continue to make use of His power for the benefit of dialectics.

Be willing, therefore, with the clear understanding of our present time, to accept the task given to you by the Brotherhood of Immortal Souls, and, in willingness to serve, to dedicate yourselves fully to the goal that the Inner School holds up before its members.

You know that the heart sanctuary, the head sanctuary and the sanctuary of life - that is the power of the nucleus of the developing soul - are of the utmost importance in the life of the servant in the Divine vineyard. The heart is, because of the presence of the heart atom and the kundalini force concentrated around it. The head sanctuary is, because all the threads of self-realisation come together there, and because the whole new genesis depends on the cavity behind the frontal bone opening up for the soul radiation, as this place is the altar for the golden wonder flower. And thirdly it is clear to you that the developing soul state requires your absolute and continuous attention.

It is absolutely possible during your entire daily life, irrespective of what activity you are engaged in, to hold on to the nucleus power and its principle in the background of your being, and to make it radiate right through everything, in your heart, in your head, and in your soul.

Will you therefore persevere in trying to lead the Gnostic aim of life as presented to you to a good end, with the help of the guidelines developed in this service and with the whole thrust of the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood of Christ behind you?

If you decide to do this from within and before your inner tribunal, you will receive the blessings in store for you with this new impetus of life. Turn the golden wonder flower received by you into a

radiant rose of the Gnostic Mysteries. Be faithful, just as the Brotherhood of Immortal Souls - among whom is our leader of the young Gnostic Brotherhood, Jan van Rijckenborgh, who is closest to us - will be faithful to you in all eternity.

Whoever has ears to hear has today heard what is soon to happen.

Inner enlightenment

An address to the members of the Inner School

The mode of life, which has become imperative for all pupils today, is that of becoming enlightened. The Mystery School itself, in the form of the Holy Grail, has always been such an enlightened etheric body. Our outer School has been of a more dialectical structure up to now. Hence the many dangers of rise and decline which the Spiritual School has experienced.

The important thing in the Inner School is that the light and the power, emanating from the Gnostic astral field, will make themselves felt in all aspects of the Spiritual School through the magnetic system of the serpent-fire staff and the nucleus of the whole nervous system, the nucleus of the system of 144,000.

To the transfigurist, the state of enlightenment can be found only in a conscious link with the fraternal field of immortal souls, or in other words, with the field of the resurrection of the soul. The Inner School must serve to accelerate and dynamise this process for all its members, and also gain enough power and strength to resist the adversary. It has been granted to the Inner School to achieve in unity the state of the touch of the Light and the link with the Light of the Gnostic astral field in the original meaning of the word.

The first step to this will be the magnetic link with the Gnostic-magic life, a link with the universal Christ being, and a link with the Holy Spirit. This link must be totally free of dialectical blemishes. Only when that link is established will the absolute ascent of the Spirit-Soul human being be possible again.

It gives us great joy to be able to tell you that the first signs of this sublime ascent have appeared visibly in our midst. As visible proof of this we received a testimony from within the circle of pupils. We would like to share this with you:

‘In the heart of the Spirit-Soul Temple of the Holy Grail is the fountain of living water. It is the liquid crystal, which is formed by the flowing together of the original Divine light, that is discharged as a mighty Spirit fire into the waters of true soul ascent.

It is the fountain which places all links of the Universal Chain up to this day in the eternal present, the eternal now, the original word, the light that shines in the darkness.

It is the mystery of the light that reveals itself through the mighty fire of the Spirit. It is the mighty fiat, which is pronounced in the holy atmosphere. It is the soul water above which the Spirit hovers. It is the holy earth of true human genesis.

Thus the living, vibrating Grail Light has commenced its triumphal march in the Magnetic Field of the Living Body of the Spiritual School. It is the sign that appears in the Aurora of the morning of the resurrection.

It is the nucleus group, which from now on will commence the labour of God. It is the labour of Gnostic magic. It is the nucleus group that will establish the Living Body in the heart of the Spirit-Soul Temple of the Holy Grail.

It is the morning of the resurrection in the Holy Grail. It is the entrance into the first temple of the Holy Trinity. It is the temple of the fire ether. It is the temple of the quintessence: the fifth basic element. It is the entrance to the life field of immortal souls.

The living seed, sown in the field of the Magnetic Body, will truly prove its regained soul birth, for a hermetic application of the process of reversal will certainly ensure entrance into the second and third temple. And the question of the pupil on the path, "Father, will every creature be saved?" will certainly be answered by: "Yes, all will be saved," like the blast of a trumpet on the morning of the resurrection, calling us to begin our Divine Labour.'

This testimony makes us realise more than ever before that we are hanging on a fiery cross, the fiery cross which we need to revivify every day, for through this revivification we reinforce the experience.

Hence what is needed most of all is a positive mode of life, through labour, in complete faith and trust, at the service of humanity, as real gate keepers. When we have completed our Via Dolorosa, the way of the rose and the cross, the morning of the resurrection will finally come.

Then the descent from the cross will follow. The fire body, the Spirit-Soul body, is liberated, although it is still linked with the purified personality in a very special way. And we experience this descent from the cross, this initiation, as a wondrous sensation, for eternity is linked to time in a very positive way.

May your fiery body, your soul body, one day be filled permanently with the holy vibrations of the Holy Spirit through your pure directedness at the one goal in unity, freedom and in the love power of God. God be with you and bless you.

*Unity - responsibility - directedness**An address to the Community of the Golden Head*

Within the magnetic radiation field of the Spiritual School there are an Outer School and an Inner School. In the first aspect of the Outer School we have the youth work, the preparatory pupilship and the probationary pupilship. In the second aspect of the Outer School we have the professing pupilship.

In the Inner School there are the School of Higher Consciousness - the third aspect - and the work of the Ecclesia - the fourth aspect. The Grail Community develops from the fourth aspect. The process of development of the Grail Community takes the candidate to the first inner degree of the fifth aspect of the sevenfold Spiritual School, the Community of the Golden Head. Then finally there are the sixth and seventh aspects of the Spiritual School.

If we want this hierarchical structure of our Spiritual School to succeed, then you as servants need to co-operate with this and fully realise your responsibility for this. The whole process of transfiguration lies enclosed within the ascending lines of the Christ Hierarchy for everyone who wishes to go the path of soul liberation. Christian Rosycross, for example, proves to be an individual who, although he testifies of this in all modesty, goes through all the trials of physical life, soul life, and spiritual life by means of the fully awakened power of the Spirit-Soul.

In this context it should be clear to you that the degree of maturity determines the radiation activity of the Spirit-Soul. However, every true Rosicrucian, no matter in what situation he might find himself in life, should feel himself, and should know himself, to be called to activity. The purity of the magnetic Living Body, the radiations of the Spirit pouring in on this basis, and the blessings of the Chain of the Universal Brotherhood of Christ can be ensured only if both the International Spiritual Directorate and the Community of the Golden Head are attuned to the plan of God and to their divine calling in absolute unity. Whether this is so, is up to you.

Our Spiritual School, and with it and because of it, the workers of the School, are in a continuous state of tension and are constantly being tried. This is logical, because all of us are again and again being subjected to personal testing. Seen in the light of the task of life given to you, and in the framework of the Spiritual School, these things come to you so that you can prove your faithfulness to the Gnosis in actual practice. It is expected from each of you that, unlike the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, you will not be found asleep at a most important and critical moment in the Spiritual School. It is for this reason that again and again some very urgent demands have to be made in a very positive and direct way.

For example, you should realise deeply your unity as the Community of the Golden Head, and live out of that. Everything has to be subservient to that unity. In this respect you need to behave as true brothers and sisters, with all its ramifications.

By a sacrament you were linked, in the Sanctuary of the Fifth Working Field, with the field of the Brotherhood of Immortal Souls on the basis of complete unity and according to the measures of high, pure and true friendship. This immediately resulted in the fact that you, through this link, also were going to share in the suffering of Christ, because at the same time this sharing meant that you voluntarily bound yourself to humanity for the sake of faith and salvation.

For this reason the task is given to you to be true to each other in unity, come what may. That is your way of the cross. That is your Calvary, in which you will perish bodily and through which your life is totally interwoven with the suffering of the Christ. It is only by this sacrifice that you can lighten the sacrifice of Christ, that you can help the Christ, and that you can help in the enlightenment of the Spirit-Soul, both for yourself and for others.

The Community of the Golden Head has members of the first, the second and the third inner degree. In addition the third degree has four sub-degrees. In total this makes seven stages, seven degrees of development that lead to the field of the resurrection.

However, what counts in the first place is the realisation of your responsibility for everything that takes place in the Spiritual School. If you were to intervene in a situation arising in the School, this would not come under the heading of the principle of 'not stepping into someone else's mandate'. It would have nothing to do with not being allowed to interfere in some one else's private life.

What it does have to do with, is that you take care in the first place that you apply the law of the spiritual order in the absolute meaning of the word, both in your private life and in your standing as a servant of the Spiritual School.

If any servant of the Gnosis keeps to the imitation of Christ, i.e. tries to live according to the law of the spiritual order, gives witness of this, and thus is a living example for others, then with everything such a servant says and does, the pure spiritual life will radiate from him.

For this reason the law of the spiritual order can be followed only when we stand in the full faith of that law and in the pure process of the endura. A harmonious interchange with the magnetic radiation field of the Spiritual School can take place only when the trinity of Unity - Responsibility - and pure Directedness at the one liberating goal is present. Only in the fulfilment of this law of Unity, Responsibility and Directedness can the sevenfold manifestation of the Spiritual School succeed in the Gnostic-philosophical, the organisational, and the material sense. In all this the law of the spiritual order adapts itself to protect the candidate, who is being instructed in the Gnostic mysteries or in the higher inner degrees, from any possible damage when the teachings and the practice of life cannot be brought into harmony by, for example, a certain mode of life.

You are being called with ever more urgency and you are being thrust with ever more power towards new creation and to conscious manifestation of the new creature by means of a conscious mode of Spirit-Soul life in Gnostic-magic experience. This begins with the new activity in the heart in the physical body and ends with extinguishing the last burning remnants of the old astral life in the astral body. For this reason every pupil, and in particular every servant of God, needs to free his own astral body from the astral sphere of the nature of death.

The vanished wisdom of God lies hidden in the deepest human self. It is buried behind the seven doors of the microcosmic mystery of God. Only when the wisdom of God has been set free can the holy of holies be unsealed, and can the human being, who has meanwhile become a stranger as to this nature, enter the temple of attainment.

You as a Community should be conscious that together you are forming a focal point of our Spiritual School. As such you could see yourself and your Community as a mirror. That mirror will show you how you are at the moment that you look at it. The mirror of the Community of the Golden Head will show you how and what the Spiritual School is, but also how and what you are yourself.

As the Community of the Golden Head is, so is the Spiritual School. After all, the Community of the Golden Head is the result of the Spiritual School manifested on the physical plane in a fivefold way. What you are as Community of the fifth working field is the undeniable open book of the Spiritual School. As such the Community of the Golden Head demonstrates the entire qualitative state of the entire School. For this reason the Community of the Golden Head carries the yoke of our communal quality, both in the positive and in the negative sense.

It is an undeniable fact that the liberation of the human being longing for light is only possible by means of a creative synthesis of the original Divine Order, i.e. the Holy Spirit, which will be poured out over all. Only then will the human being be able perfectly to reflect the Spiritual light that is omnipresent. The person who truly lives in the radiation force of Christ will win back his ancient divine glory through the creative essence of the Divine Order. That is to say, he will become perfect in new sevenfold corporality. May they who can understand this Gnosis word, understand it!

However, if this is not yet possible, the servant of God cannot bind himself tightly enough to the law of the spiritual order. No one who abides by the law of the spiritual order, be he a pupil or a servant of the Spiritual School, can be harmed by a spiritual law. To the contrary, the total salvation of their higher soul life lies ensured in this, and also their ascent into the higher, purer sphere of life.

The aim of the Spiritual School is solely and exclusively to make its pupils capable of ascent as Spirit-Soul beings into the electric fire ether, the fifth ether that is released out of and by the Holy Spirit, so that the awakened Spirit-Soul can breathe, live and work in it. To this end it is necessary that the outer human being change completely into an inner human being. And as this can be achieved solely by means of the electric fire ether, you should watch seriously that you are not burned.

If you truly wish to follow Jesus the Christ on His way of the cross and to be accepted into the holy Order of the Souls of Light, your directedness at the liberating goal will have to be positive.

Women's calling

Existing ideas, things and concepts which have become very familiar in earthly life are systematically taken away from you in the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross. We often hear the sigh: 'I have just become used to a certain idea or concept when a new image or truth overtakes everything.'

Of course it is not pleasant constantly to be startled by new ideas just when we think we have landed safely. We know many of you have been startled in this way, but please try to understand clearly that the sole purpose of the School is to open your heart for an entirely new astral radiation force. The idea is for you to get pure insight into a new dimension in which a totally new soul life can operate.

There are aspects in your present life, which you assume to be totally elementary. 'That is the foundation of all existence,' you might think. But time and again it has been shown that you have had to give up such aspects.

For example there is the firm conviction in the vast majority of humanity that the glory, the task and the calling of women lie almost completely in motherhood as understood in earthly nature.

This motherhood has been extolled by many poets, it is the foundation stone in the consciousness of innumerable philosophers, and it is acclaimed by ecclesiastical religion. The church and the state do their utmost to safeguard natural motherhood.

Romanticism also exalts motherhood. It is in fact the hub of romanticism. Both happy and unhappy motherhood are presented in many situations.

Young women have an unconscious longing for motherhood. Men have a less distinct but nevertheless strong longing for fatherhood. Hence the longing for forming a family is the desire and goal of innumerable people.

For example, to the Jews a childless family was a cursed family and infertility was in fact ground for divorce. How many childless women there are who go to all sorts of extremes just to be able to express their inner need to give love.

There are many couples that are completely focused on their children. That is only logical because it is the voice of their own flesh and blood speaking. Based on the natural concept of families they think of the upbringing of their children and of the social standards according to the prevailing social fashion: 'What will my son become? And what about my daughter?' It might be good or not good, reasonable or unreasonable, as long as it can be called 'civilised'.

You should realise clearly that the preservation of the species is a natural law. In this law motherhood and fatherhood are a joy and a duty. In addition a family can have a very high

spirituality. You can be quite certain that in natural marriage the Brotherhood of the Light certainly comes to human beings through God's unlimited mercy. And the child is sanctified in the love radiation of two people.

The Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross repeatedly shows that it is utterly convinced of the necessity of a new generation taking over the task of the older one within the foreseeable future. In addition we have in our Spiritual School the sacrament of marriage as well as the sacrament of baptism.

Nevertheless, if you are striving to become a new soul being, you should make all these things the focus of painstaking consideration. For have you ever felt the longing for a *different* motherhood, or a *different* fatherhood than the earthly one?

The motherhood as to this nature is the consequence of the fall into this emergency order. If you are really serious about going the path of transfiguration, this problem will inevitably crop up in you. For in the human soul life that has been liberated from earthly standards, there is a *new* motherhood, and every female pupil of a bonafide Spiritual School must begin to long for that new, heavenly motherhood.

It is necessary to know what this motherhood signifies. Only when you know about this inwardly, can you live and approach it, without any strain.

The first woman to be mentioned in the Bible is *Eve*. To us she is the prototype of the original soul human being in its female manifestation.

Who is *Eve*? The name 'Eve' means, 'Mother of Living Souls'. She is the bearer of the human life wave in the all-manifestation. Just as *Adam* can be indicated by the cabalistic number nine, the number of humanity, so *Eve* can be indicated by the cabalistic number seven, the number of the Holy Spirit.

If you let the word images *Adam* and *Eve*, in the sense of the Bible, affect you, a world of knowledge will open up for you. You will then see the soul human being in his two manifestations, in his male and female aspects in the microcosm.

If you let the word image *Adam* affect you, you will see in it that there is a divine wisdom, a divine plan, which must be brought to perfection by the right key. This perfection will begin to manifest itself when there is:

firstly: the purest intelligence,

secondly: the holy fire which the idea of God kindles in the great domain of life.

That is the Man, according to his heavenly existence, his heavenly manifestation.

But this heavenly *Adam* cannot be fully manifested without the female pole, *Eve*, the Mother of Living Souls.

Hence, where there is freedom and a tremendous dynamism, the human being has to be kneaded according to the requirements of the all-manifestation, namely: manifestation in and through universal love. The dynamism, the high priest, the will, must obey the great plan of God, and the key to which the original Adam has access, fits only in the framework of ineffable universal love.

When both the radiations of our life wave, the male and the female pole, are united in God's all-manifestation to kindle and make radiate the holy fire of purest intelligence, *Eve* celebrates her great motherhood. By her love sacrifice she protects the holy fire against all onslaught. Thus she becomes the Priestess of the Holy Fire.

This is how the female aspect of the soul human being works in the Kingdom of Heaven. This is how she bears the world, the world order and the world course.

The male aspect of the soul human being is the obedient one, as he has the knowledge of the plan of God. He knows his dynamism, his higher will, forms the basic key with which and by which the ineffable universal love can be opened up and by which it will therefore manifest itself.

There are women in this world who have sensed world motherhood, but because of lack of the right insight into the plan of God, they express their feelings in a humane way until this day, as a consequence of which their well-intended striving comes to a dead end.

So what is the great calling of the woman who wants to go the liberating path? Her calling is: conscious liberation of the heavenly soul on the basis of the universal law of love.

*Without the priestess in the process of ascent
there can be no harvest of liberated souls.*

We regard it as well known that the great success of the Essenes, the Manichaeans, the Cathars, and the Siddha was due to the female members of these orders. We bring this tribute to the holy women of all centuries with profound gratitude.

And now it is our fervent prayer that in the present, in the Gnostic Working field, an everlasting Temple of the Holy Fire will be erected as a tribute to the women who, realising their holy calling and accepting world motherhood, have made eternal liberation possible.

If then the man has the urge for manifestation in the universal sense, this can be accomplished only by the universal love of the women.

*May all of you, sooner or later, experience
the enlightenment of this divine task.*

*May the Gnosis be ever present with you
on your further path of life. Amen.*

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The Living Word

Catharose de Petri

Syllables in a certain order form the written word. But the word only becomes alive when it is the carrier of a power far exceeding our earthly dimensions - the power of the Gnosis.

It has been granted to Catharose de Petri, who has devoted her entire life to the service of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross, to make her words the heralds of this Gnostic power.

Hence the forty-six individual chapters of this book will prove to be the ever-flowing fount of power, a truly Living Word for all seekers who are yearning for the liberation of the soul.