

THE ROSICRUCIAN  
FELLOWSHIP

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An Aquarian Movement



A DESCRIPTIVE BOOKLET  
*Giving Its*

*Aims, Activities,  
Equipment, and  
Educational  
Facilities*



MT. ECCLESIA  
*Oceanside, California*



*The Ecclesia, The Healing Temple of the Rosicrucian Fellowship.*

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### LOCATION :

The Rosicrucian Fellowship, an international association of Christian Mystics, is located in southern California, at Oceanside, forty-two miles from San Diego and ninety miles from Los Angeles.

### GROUNDS :

The Fellowship owns and occupies a tract of land of forty-six acres, situated on an eminence overlooking the beautiful San Luis Rey Valley.

The purple tipped mountains in the near distance to the east and the blue Pacific about one mile distant to the west form a wonderfully inspiring setting. The grounds are being gradually transformed into a beautiful park lined with palm trees and filled with tropical plants and shrubbery.

### ORIGIN AND OBJECT :

The Rosicrucian Fellowship is the modern representative of an ancient Mystic Order formed in Europe in the year



1313, by a highly spiritual teacher having the symbolical name *Christian Rose Cross*. It was his mission to prepare a new phase of the Christian religion to be used during *the coming Aquarian Age*, for as the world and man evolve, so also must religions change to meet the needs of altered intellectual conditions.

The Fellowship was established at its present location in 1911 by Max Heindel, its founder and leader. He had previously been made the authorized messenger of the Elder Brothers of the Rosicrucian Order for the purpose of giving to the Western World the *Western Wisdom Teaching* concerning Life and Being, which the Rosicrucians had guarded for centuries, for it was held that the world was ready to receive this advanced science of the soul, the religious philosophy of the coming age.

Max Heindel passed out in January 1919, since which time Mrs. Max Heindel has been the leader and director of the work.

Its object is the teaching and dissemination of the Rosicrucian Philosophy. The means of disseminating it are books, a magazine, lectures, and correspondence courses.

#### THE ROSICRUCIAN PHILOSOPHY:

The Rosicrucian Philosophy, the *Western Wisdom Teaching* for Western people, is a mystical philosophy, founded

upon Christian principles, and is based upon the reality of Christ and the work which He came to earth to do. In this respect it runs parallel to the doctrine of the churches, although it introduces a great deal of esoteric information which the churches do not give out. This philosophy also deals with the planes of nature which to the ordinary sight are invisible, and it therefore describes the after-death conditions in accordance with the principles which are found to govern on these invisible planes.

The motto of the Rosicrucian Philosophy is, "A Sane Mind, A Soft Heart, A Sound Body," and its key-word is "Service." This philosophy follows the path of knowledge, as distinguished from the church, which follows the path of faith. The particular function of this philosophy is to enable people to accept the Christian doctrines through the medium of esoteric knowledge, when they are unable to do so through the medium of faith. It aims to supplement the work of the churches, not to supplant them.

The Rosicrucian Philosophy teaches that man possesses a latent sixth sense which has been developed in some and which will eventually be developed by all. This sense enables its possessor to perceive and investigate the superphysical realms, where those live whom we call dead. However, we strongly disap-



prove of mediumistic methods of contacting these realms.

The philosophy also teaches that the earth is a great school to which we return life after life through rebirth, learning new lessons during each sojourn here, and thus ever evolving toward greater perfection of character and the powers which it confers. The grades attained by different individuals in this school account for the difference in fortunes which we see on every side.

#### THE ROSICRUCIAN LITERATURE:

The extensive literature of the Fellowship was written mainly by Max Heindel and is published in the printing establishment connected with Headquarters. "*The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*" was the first book of the series issued, and is primarily the textbook of the philosophy. It outlines the history of evolution from the time that man started on his pilgrimage through matter as a virgin spirit down to the present time, and also indicates the lines which our future evolution will take and the objects to be attained thereby. It includes the interpretation of many of the Bible mysteries. The second book published was "*The Rosicrucian Philosophy in Questions and Answers*" which embodies Mr. Heindel's answers to hundreds of questions answered by him while on the lecture platform. "*The Rosicrucian Mysteries*" is an abbreviated account of the

matters covered in the "*Cosmo-Conception*," together with some additional information.

Later books written by Max Heindel and published are "*Freemasonry and Catholicism*," "*The Web of Destiny*," "*Mysteries of the Great Operas*," and "*Gleanings of a Mystic*." These works give occult information of the highest value, which has never before been published in this form. A large number of lectures and lessons in pamphlets are also published.

Astrology forms a special feature in connection with the philosophy. The reality of astrological influence is proved beyond doubt, and therefore it is advised that knowledge regarding it be used as an aid to one's more rapid evolution. "*Simplified Scientific Astrology*" and "*The Message of the Stars*" cover this subject in a comprehensive manner. The latter was written by Max Heindel and Augusta Foss Heindel collaborating.

#### THE FELLOWSHIP MAGAZINE:

In addition to the literature above mentioned, the Fellowship publishes a monthly magazine called, "*Rays from the Rose Cross*" dealing with philosophical and mystical subjects and their practical application to daily life.

#### CORRESPONDENCE COURSES:

Correspondence courses are conducted



in the Rosicrucian Philosophy and astrology.

Courses in Rosicrucian Philosophy:

These include a *Preliminary Course* of twelve lessons, using the "*Cosmo-Conception*" as textbook. The completion of this course admits the student to the *Regular Student Course*, which comprises a monthly lesson and letter by Mrs. Max Heindel, devoted to a study of the philosophy in its practical aspects.

These courses are designed to prepare the student for more advanced work which will enable him to probe more deeply the mystery of Life and Being.

They are open to all who are interested.

Courses in Astrology:

To us, astrology is a phase of religion. We teach it to others on condition that they will not prostitute it for gain but will use it to help and heal suffering humanity.

We conduct two correspondence courses in astrology, the *Junior* and the *Senior*.

Anyone who is not engaged in fortune telling or similar forms of commercializing spiritual knowledge may be admitted to instruction in either of these courses.

All correspondence courses are supported on the freewill offering plan.

THE HEALING DEPARTMENT:

The Healing Department is an important phase of the Fellowship work.



The healing in connection therewith is done in a unique manner, through the aid of the Invisible Helpers, working on the spiritual planes, the Invisible Helpers being those who are sufficiently advanced in evolution to permit of their leaving their physical bodies and consciously functioning on those planes at night, thus being free to take part in the healing activities. They are under the guidance of the Elder Brothers of the Rose Cross. The Ecclesia, the Rosicrucian Fellowship Temple of Healing, has recently been completed, and is the place where the healing activities are centered.

Any person in any part of the world may apply to us for healing. He is put in touch with the healing force through his application and through successive weekly letters which maintain his connection with the Invisible Helpers.

#### BUILDINGS:

The main work of the Fellowship is carried on in the Administration Building. The first story of this is devoted to a very complete print shop and book bindery. The second story is used for offices, correspondence courses, healing department, and shipping department. The Dining Hall is a commodious building with accommodations for over one hundred members and guests. There are several bungalows and dormitories in which the people at Headquarters, num-

bering usually from forty to fifty, are housed. There is also a Library Building with a library devoted to general and mystical subjects. Devotional services are held in the chapel called the Pro-Ecclesia. The Ecclesia, the Rosicrucian Temple of Healing, is situated on "Inspiration Point," across the canyon which forms a part of the Fellowship property.

#### PRINT SHOP AND BINDERY:

This is completely equipped for printing and binding books and magazines. It includes a linotype, cylinder press, platen and universal presses, power and hand paper cutters, paper folder, stapling machine, book sewing machine, etc. Practically all the processes of printing and binding our books, magazines, lessons, and miscellaneous literature are carried on in this department.

#### WORKERS AND GUESTS:

The people living at Headquarters are mainly members and workers engaged in the various departments, although there is a continual stream of visitors, also some who permanently live at Headquarters on account of the benefits here to be obtained. The Fellowship has facilities for thus accommodating a limited number of guests.

It is expected that these will be supplemented by the erection during 1923 of a modern 20-room dormitory with electric



heat and complete shower and other bathing facilities.

#### KINDS OF WORK:

The work done by those at Headquarters comes under the following departments: (a) Office and Editorial; (b) Print Shop; (c) Healing; (d) Correspondence Courses; (e) Rooms and Cafeteria; (f) Grounds and Buildings.

Mrs. Max Heindel, the leader, supervises and directs the work of all these departments with assistants in immediate charge of each.

The extent of the work is such that thirty to forty workers are required continually. The print shop and bindery require a number of workers skilled in the various processes of printing and binding. The Correspondence Courses and Healing Department require a large amount of clerical work, including stenography and typewriting. Thousands of letters are written to those suffering from various ailments, also those desiring advice and help in the special problems of their lives.

The care of the rooms and preparation of the food require the services of a number of people. A portion of the land owned by the Fellowship is devoted to farming purposes, and on it are raised the greater part of the vegetables used by the institution. The care of the grounds—flowers, shrubbery, walks, and

drives, employs two gardeners continuously.

#### VEGETARIAN DIET:

The food served in the cafeteria is entirely vegetarian with the exception of milk from our own dairy and unfertilized eggs from our own poultry.

#### DEVOTIONAL AND HEALING MEETINGS:

Brief chapel exercises are held in the Pro-Ecclesia before breakfast at 7:15 a. m., and after supper at 6:30 p. m. The weekly Healing Concentration is held in the Pro-Ecclesia on the evenings when the moon enters a cardinal sign of the zodiac. Special healing meetings are held in the Ecclesia, the Healing Temple, at 6:45 each night. On Sunday evenings there is a special devotional meeting consisting in the reading of the Rosicrucian Service, an address, and the singing of Rosicrucian hymns.

#### SOCIAL LIFE AND RECREATION:

Social and literary entertainments of various kinds are provided for the members and guests. There is a tennis court where this game is continually used as a means of keeping its devotees in good physical condition as well as affording recreation. The Ocean-side Golf Club has a nine hole course, which makes this game available to those who desire it. The beach with its facilities for surf and pool bathing is extensively patronized.



## EVENING CLASSES:

Evening classes in philosophy, astrology, and expression are conducted for the benefit of the resident workers and guests. These are well attended and form a distinct feature of the life at Headquarters.

## MANAGEMENT:

The Rosicrucian Fellowship is a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of California. It is governed by a Board of Trustees, of which Mrs. Max Heindel is the president. It is supported largely by voluntary contributions from students and friends. This is added to by the income from the sale of books and magazines, which is devoted entirely to the work of the Fellowship, the profits thus being entirely returned to the work.

## MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is of three grades:

First, *Students*, who have completed the Preliminary Cosmo Course of twelve lessons and are taking the Regular Student Course.

Second, *Probationers*, who have been on the Regular Student list for at least two years, and who have taken a certain obligation to themselves. They perform certain morning and evening exercises designed to forward them on the path of attainment.

The *Third Grade* includes those who have been admitted to special esoteric in-

struction after having been Probationers for at least five years. These grades of membership are open to all who qualify.

FELLOWSHIP CENTERS:

The Fellowship has a number of subsidiary study centers. These are located at Baltimore, Md.; Barcelona, Spain; Boston, Mass.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Burlington, Vt.; Calgary, B. C.; Chicago, Ill.; Colombo, Ceylon; Columbus, Ohio; Long Beach, Calif.; Los Angeles, Calif.; New York City; Oakland, Calif.; Providence, R. I.; Rochester, N. Y.; St. Paul, Minn.; Sacramento, Calif.; San Francisco, Calif.; San Jose, Calif.; Schenectady, N. Y.; Seattle, Wash.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Utica, N. Y.; Vancouver, B. C.; Victoria, B. C.; and Washington, D. C.

#### THE FUTURE:

In the sleeping future dreams are being woven: A Health School, large and comfortable, where special help may be given to the afflicted and where the principles of right living may be taught is contemplated for early erection.

A "New Era" School for Children is also projected, where not only their minds may be trained but their hearts developed as well, and a true understanding of life and being attained, so that they may be fit to wage the battle for the realization of Universal Brotherhood, when peace on earth and love among men may reign in very truth.

The work is rapidly growing, and the



fragrance of pure helpfulness is slowly rising out of the Rosicrucian Fellowship and spreading itself over the face of the entire globe. It shall live and continue to grow, to warm the hearts of the saddened, to soothe the fevered brows of the suffering, to point the way to religious, social and industrial freedom, and to explain seeming injustice of the divine powers so that man may become reconciled to his God and begin to live the religious life.

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*Further information in regard to the Fellowship and any aspect of its work will be gladly furnished upon request.*

NOTE:—*This pamphlet may be had for distribution purposes upon request, free of charge in any required number.*



## **Rays From the Rose Cross**

The Rosicrucian Fellowship Magazine

*A Monthly Magazine of Mystic Light,*

Devoted to philosophy, occultism, mystic masonry, astrology, and health.

One of the foremost magazines of its kind in America.

Subscription, foreign or domestic,  
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# The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception

BY MAX HEINDEL

This book gives the *Western Wisdom Teaching* for Western people and a complete exposition of the conditions and laws obtaining upon the superphysical planes, whither we proceed after death. *You will find here an answer to the riddle of life.* It will rescue you from the bog of doubt and the slough of despond and set your feet upon a rock. 616 Pages. Cloth Bound. \$2.00 Postfree.

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BY MAX HEINDEL

16 Pages, 10 Cents, Postfree.

- No. 1. *"The Riddle of Life and Death."*
- No. 2. *"Where Are the Dead?"*
- No. 3. *"Spiritual Sight and the Spiritual Worlds."*
- No. 4. *"Sleep, Dreams, Trance, Hypnotism, Mediumship and Insanity."*
- No. 5. *"Death, and Life in Purgatory."*
- No. 6. *"Life and Activity in Heaven."*
- No. 7. *"Birth a Fourfold Event."*
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These lectures are particularly suitable for beginners. There are 12 more in the series.