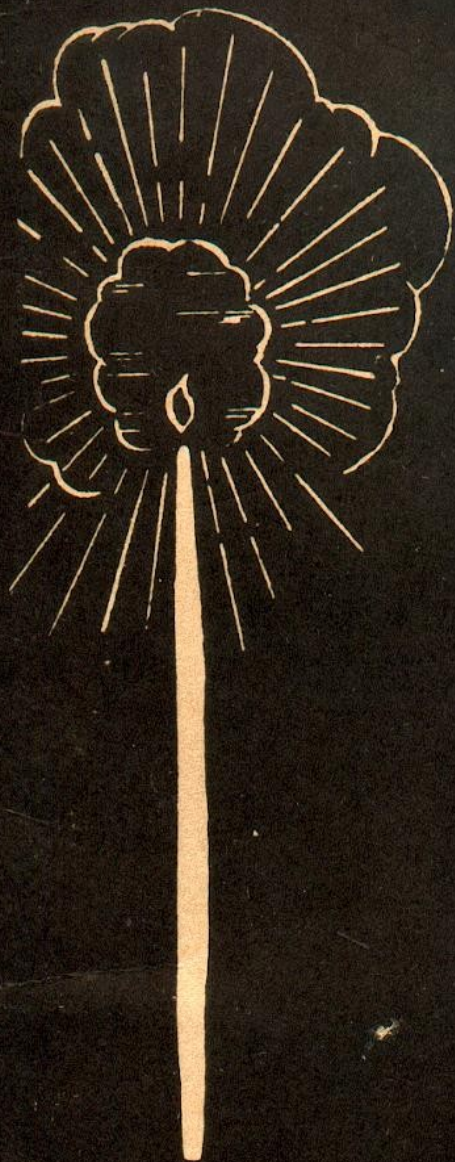
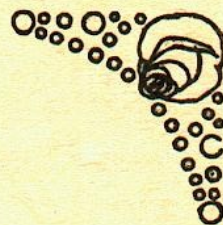


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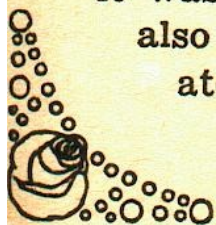


Greetings, Brethren of the Veil!

Centuries ago (the definite time has never been established), there was founded the most unusual Order named "The Order of the Illuminati." Historians not associated with hermetic brotherhoods speculated as to both its origin and nature. They say Menendez Pelayo first found the name of the Order in 1492; but traced it back, he claimed, to an early gnostic origin in Spain. The movement was found then to have spread to France from Seville in 1693 and attained large proportions. These historians go on to relate that in 1537 the Order rose to prominence known as "The Illuminati," professing, also, to be Rosicrucians and tracing their origin back beyond 1422.

Richard et Giraud wrote an extensive treatise in 1614 on their activities, alleging them to be a secret society combining with the mysteries of alchemy the study of higher esoteric principles. The Order, it is recognized, had branches in most of the countries of the civilized world, and attracted such men as Goethe and Herder; as well as persons of royalty and nobility.

The name "Illuminati" was assigned to the Order because its members were said to be enlightened, or illumined, having peculiar discernment of the Cosmic Divine principles. According to the true history, known to the mystery or hermetic schools, it was mainly composed of Rosicrucians; but it also numbered in its membership those affiliated with other humanitarian, esoteric, and spiritual orders. It is not commonly known



that ONLY THOSE who had been ILLUMINED, who attained a state of highly evolved consciousness, or who had studied the mysteries of nature and the Cosmic and acquired a certain spiritual attainment were eligible to membership in the order.

Thus, those of every order regardless of the length of time of their affiliation with their respective Order, if they had been blessed with an afflatus, would be admitted into this secret and honorable body of "The Illuminati." The Illuminati recognized all Postulants in the Rosicrucian Order who had diligently studied and eventually reached a certain Degree in the Order, as being eligible for membership in the Illuminati.

This Hermetic Order, The Illuminati, still flourishes today, and in due time you will learn of its existence and of its officers, and how the humble and sincere of the present may share in its sacred privileges and knowledge.

It may interest you to know of what this afflatus consisted, this Divine exaltation, or inspiration, which one had, and which entitled one to membership in the Illuminati. A study, made of the Supreme officers of esoteric orders of the Cosmically inspired revelations had by their membership, revealed that the illumined ones many times had truly made contact with one of the invisible host of Masters. Sometimes, through them would be transmitted words of profound wisdom, later to be found as having been written in manuscript form by a great Master before his transition, and then lost to the world to be later rediscovered. At other times the writing of the Masters, left in code and unintelligible, would be translated through a secret code or code words revealed in one of these Cosmic revelations.

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC, has collected in its archives a number of these fragments from the Masters obtained in just this manner. Some of these fragments in the past have been published, and still others have not. Then, there are those

who did not, through the period of Illumination, bring back into the conscious mind fragments of truth uttered by the Masters who had gone before. They, instead, had divinely ecstatic experiences of dwelling in consciousness in the Cosmic. So beautiful, so elevating, and transcendent are their narratives, that they momentarily lift us far beyond the mundane, and permit us glimpses of the splendor of Cosmic Consciousness.

It is, therefore, a pleasure to pass on to you periodically in this Degree of the Veiled Prophet some fragments from the Masters, cosmically revealed, as well as to relate the Cosmic experiences of those who have been illumined.


Some of these confidential discourses will consist solely of fragments from the Masters; others will in addition relate the Cosmic sensations and experiences of the privileged.

It is our sincere hope that this special feature will become an incentive for you to acquire the state of personal development which makes this true heaven on earth possible. This unusual feature of membership is afforded only to those of the Ninth Degree.

Fraternally yours in the Bonds
of Fellowship,

Imperator.





Fragments From The Masters

Selected from the rituals, lectures, and instructions cosmically revealed to the privileged, and sacred to all members of the AMORC.

When God ordained that man should learn by woe,
He too ordained the Path that he should go,
Till through the mists that clothe the Hills of Pain
He should emerge and find the Sun again.

“There shall come a day when singing, the words shall utter themselves, and they shall be strong words as of a trumpet and clear calls of a clarion.

“In those days will I be with thee to bless thee and in thy hand shall be found righteousness. Of the Word I speak and none shall stay me.

“Here abide Three. The man who slayeth his Master. The Master who saveth the man. The Spirit whose Word buildeth. And they abide as One.”

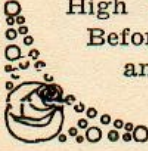
Ritual for the Dawn

Facing the East bow to the first ray preceding the Lord of Day and raising the hands, palms outward in supplication, say:

“Behold! The Darkness flees before Thee; even now the shadows depart and fade away, and here stand I and those with me, servants still of the Great Ones, having endured through the night.

“In the day about to dawn, grant us purpose and will to conceive and accomplish Thy Plan for this, Thy Day. Live in us as understanding and on the High Altar of our Hearts descend as Peace.

Before Thy Majesty let lesser purposes die and things of self flee from before Thy Rays.

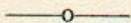


"Behold the Flame which we have lit upon Thy Altar and accept the sacrifice of the lesser self to Thee in all humility.

"Grant us courage and knowledge and strength to bear Thy Light before all men: to light the lower lanes of matter wherein men tread the ways to Christ. Through Him we approach Thee, Oh Divine!"

Stand with hands above the head and drawn down and spread abroad as though receiving and distributing from a Higher Source. Draw up from earth and hold cupped hands above to symbolize bringing matter up to be vivified and blessed.

Make the Sign of the Cross saying: "Oh! Lord of Life and Bearer of Day, purify us, heart and mind, and dwell in the Holy Place we have prepared for Thee."



In the beginning a Nameless Wonder—all perfect, all sufficient.

Of a poise so balanced, none but its Own self could comprehend All that

It was—Unknown, Unknowable!

Of a Great Splendor, Magnificence, Majesty and Power:

More than the Mind of Man can ever understand!

In the beginning was God! Then God spoke the Word

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God—

All Splendor, Magnificence, Majesty and Power,
More than the Mind of Man could understand!
And then the Word took flesh, and became the Man,
the Christ-being,

All Splendor, Magnificence and Power—
More than the Mind of Man now understands!
The Word was God, God in great Humility,
Veiled in the fleshly body of a little child—

Power hidden in the feeble clutchings of a baby's hand,
Might, Majesty, and Splendor helpless in a Mother's arms;
So great a Mystery the Mind of Man tries not to understand!

A Cross! A Love made Manifest, by yielding up itself

That Man might live; A God—exalted on a cross of Pain—

A King! crowned with a Crown of Thorns—

A-living and a-dying again; once again

A Mystery the Mind of Man should understand!

Become as little children, make your mind as simple
And as free from guile! Lay down your cares,
Your joys, your world activities, and draw apart,
And rest awhile!

All that is lovely, pure and holy, think on!
And ask in humbleness, in great simplicity, that
God will speak the Word as to that little child;
and, that which Mind of Man could never understand

To you may be revealed.

And in the silence of your meditation, a Peace
Which none save God can give, will dwell in
The Temple of your Heart;
And God the Father, God the Son, and
God the Holy Ghost, eternally revealed!

LESSON:

Read Revelations without these references to World Periods or Cosmic Unfoldings, with which things, in the concrete, Man, as such, has nothing to do. It is a great record of the slow evolution and purification of the seven principles which are the Seven Churches.

Men have been so attracted by the outer, they have failed to take due account of the inner; so

absorbed by the Not-Self, they have ignored the Self. So blinded with ignorance, they have passed the Great and Simple only to become entangled with the Gross and Complex. "Man, know Thyself" has been the cry of the Great Teachers in all ages and only here and there has man drawn inward, seeking in truth to know himself.

It is a great truth, simply stated, that until man knows himself, he cannot know the Not-Self. He cannot understand the manifestations of God until he knows God.

It is true that Revelations, in one of its phases refers to Cosmic Periods, both lesser and greater—both cycles and eons, but no man has yet approached a correct interpretation who had not first studied and found the interpretation within himself. Man, being the Microcosm of the Macrocosm, must seek the interpretation of his soul alone, but as of himself into his entire seven principles, the gift of Great, Living Intelligence, each Principle divine in itself and given to man to harmonize and make subservient to him. It is not to be supposed that man can accomplish that which is destined to make him more than man, without a struggle. Here, then, lies your proper study. And I would say the same to those surrounding you. Prophecy is a dangerous pastime. It presupposes a knowledge of the working laws of the Karmic Adjusters, a Knowledge not shared by man. As an event approaches, or comes within his aura, man may be cognizant of it and a flash of inspiration or intuition may show him the truth of an about-to-be-accomplished fact, but even here he may misinterpret. In the lower principles he cannot perfectly differentiate. Seek not for prophetic revelation, therefore. Deal with what IS as presented to your daily consciousness. Herein is your Path. Study yourself and study those about you. The divinity will become apparent as your own dawns upon you.

Observe the Spirit of the Race at its work. Listen to the voice of the Mother and put your hand unflinching in the hand of the Father. Hold your

feet steadily upon the ground. For this purpose is your Pilgrim's Staff given to you, to plant firmly and aid your feet and knees.

Holding your feet on the soil does not mean for you to become identified with passion and desire, ambition, pride, the earthly manifestations of high attributes. These have not to do with that understanding typified by the feet and lower limbs. They rise from a false identification of the Self with the Principle of Desire—"The Sea." Study the manifestations of nature in yourself and in others. You may occasionally go to the old writings for inspiration or leading, but to you it is given to apprehend new truths to be recorded in such words as are at your command and these must be found within, not in any faulty translation of long penned words. And to you it is given to clothe old truths in new form for the helping of other oncoming souls. Read the old books for rest and refreshment. The inner one knows them all but works not from them except they aid the outer one to contact the Divine Ideation. And you are in training; all this is not the work of a moment or of one lifetime. All you can give of study to train the lower mind, all you can compass of selfishness to refine the inner vehicles through which thought must pass to its concrete expression in words, all of daily duty strictly attended to, all of respect and compassion for those near you, bound with you in evolution, all will aid in the Great Work. Never confuse your own part in the work with the part given to another. Each is necessary. Through each, work the Masters of human evolution.

Study then, the manifestations of life as you find them in yourself and others, dispassionately. Refrain from carelessly attributing to one principle a manifestation having its proper seat in another. From the highest to the lowest all is ONE. Begin therefore with that which is at hand.

Revelations by the present generation should be studied from the point of view of the different manifestations of the Divine Creative Principle in

its aspect especially as manifestation of sex. With this key observe the mistakes (not sins—sin is conscious. Man is learning and his mistakes arise from ignorance and inability to direct the force given him to use). Observe the mistakes into which man falls and has fallen and the outworking of the Karma therewith connected. **Never condemn yourself or others; merely observe, deduce, record and learn.**

Through knowledge shall the earth be saved and the Great Ones walk the earth as of old. Watch the trail of the Scorpion as he falls through the air (where he first becomes visible for what he is) into the sea which becomes blood. When the Scorpion is in the earth he is there the Father Principle within the Mother. See thou tell it not. Therefore the tree brings forth, the sap rises, the leaves start, the blossom comes and the fruit follows. So the plant its bloom. So the animal, being yet of the earth brings forth its young.

But the Scorpion shall rise out of the earth, out of the Sea, through the air, carrying with it its starry crown, the redemption of humanity.



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