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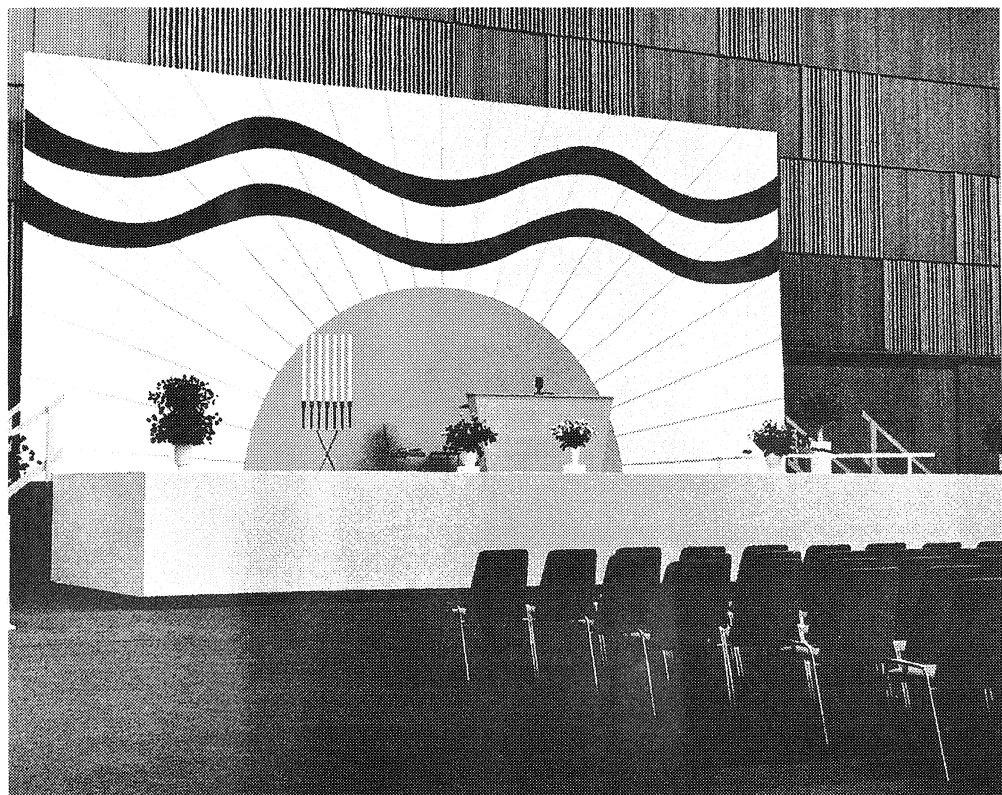
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Place of Service during the Aquarius conference in Basle

PREFACE

In this booklet the addresses and rituals of the fourth Aquarius Renewal conference, held in August 1966 in Basle, Switzerland are published.

In chapter I the text of the lecture given during a public meeting preceding the conference can be found. The text of the conference itself, held by Catharose de Petri and Jan van Rijckenborgh, is contained in chapters III to VII, while the texts of the opening and closing services, held by the Swiss Presidium, are contained in chapters II and VIII.

The content of this booklet will speak and testify for itself. No one who consciously desires to find his place in the turmoil of our time can escape a profound reflection on everything that is irresistibly being fulfilled in us and for us. This fourth volume of our series *The Apocalypse of the New Era* will serve as a guideline. We hope and pray that it may help many to understand the signs of the times and to draw their conclusions from it in time.

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PUBLIC MEETING

WHO ARE THE ROSICRUCIANS?

We are filled with great joy and deep gratitude that we have the opportunity to welcome you this evening on behalf of the International School of the Rosycross, the Lectorium Rosicrucianum. As has been announced, we would like to talk to you about the Rosicrucians and clarify some aspects related to this topic.

If we look at it from a historical perspective, we notice that during the last six or seven hundred years the Rosicrucians have again and again been talked about. However, this sublime Brotherhood existed already long before that. This Order was formed immediately after the fall of humanity and by divine revelation received knowledge of the path along which humanity could be liberated from its misery.

Although this immortal Brotherhood has worked exclusively for the liberation of mankind, it had to suffer much persecution and defamation throughout all times. There were always attempts to thwart its work and this was primarily accomplished by abusing its name and by establishing movements that adorned themselves with the name of the Rosycross, but which in reality pursued totally different goals.

However, soon the day will come when a large part of mankind will understand the truth about the Rosycross. From the net of lies and deception that has always been spun around this majestic Order, a monument of incompa-

rable and immaculate beauty will arise, namely: *the universal Christianity of the Rosicrucians*, a Christianity that was always understood by a few people only.

Soon the day will come when many, like Saul, will at a certain moment, like Paul, absorb the light and the love of the cross in holy reverence and wake up from their spiritual blindness with a new vision.

Who are the Rosicrucians?

It has already been mentioned that the Rosicrucians form the oldest known Brotherhood. The Inner Church, the Inner Community of the Universal Rosycross already existed long before the great spiritual leaders of humanity, whom we know from history, were spoken of. From this inner community of the Light, all the great and sublime leaders came forth to work for the benefit of fallen humanity. That is why the mysteries, with which the Rosicrucians are familiar, contain everything that can be known about God, nature and humanity. Every sage who has ever lived, was a pupil of this Brotherhood and has received the true Wisdom from it.

The Rosicrucians study one book only: the book of life. Their meeting place is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which permeates the entire nature. For the chosen ones, the Brotherhood says, this Temple is easy to find. For the eyes of the great masses, however, it remains hidden. All those who can receive the wisdom have free access to the secrets. Hence, the secrecy does not develop from a lack of willingness to share these secrets with others, but only from insufficient receptivity of those who yearn for divine wisdom.

In order to make humanity more receptive to the divine truth, wisdom and love, the Brotherhood of the Rosycross

works in the world. It works not only with words, but above all with a radiation power that addresses human hearts. With this radiation power it tries to awaken the spirit-spark atom in many human beings, a spiritual centre filled with secrets and situated at the top of the right heart ventricle. If the Brotherhood succeeds in kindling this hidden life nucleus, this soul spark in the human heart, a wondrous process can develop that is called the rebirth of the soul.

This is an inner process of growth, in which the newborn soul unfolds itself more and more and becomes ever more radiant, so that it can ultimately elevate itself into immeasurable glory and penetrate far distances with its brilliant light. In addition to the great liberation it grants to the individual, it also brings help and blessing to all who are still yearning in the shackles of earthly life, because the expanding soul light of divine love becomes a ransom for many.

In order to be able to achieve this lofty goal more quickly and more effectively, the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross was founded many years ago as an instrument in the hands of the Brotherhood. This School does not pass on dogmas, but a new power to accomplish the rebirth, for the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross forms a power field, a radiation field that emanates from the Holy Spirit. Such a radiation field is built up by the envoys of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross, who have attained freedom and immortality in an earlier incarnation and returned voluntarily to this earth to serve mankind.

This evening, we are very privileged to have in our midst two envoys of the Brotherhood of the Rosycross and founders of the modern Spiritual School, Jan van Rijckenborgh and Catharose de Petri. These two envoys form the

nucleus of a new gnostic Work of the Rosycross in our era.

Unceasingly, radiations of pure, astral light emanate from this spiritual focal point. Whoever approaches the Spiritual School voluntarily and wants to live out of its central fount, which is love, will be connected with these radiations and forces. He is immediately taken up in an alchemical process that begins in the heart atom and will one day culminate in the threefold rebirth as to spirit, soul and body.

The alchemy of the Rosicrucians

In the year 1919, the English physicist Ernest Rutherford succeeded in transforming atoms experimentally for the first time. By bombarding nitrogen atoms with alpha particles, oxygen and hydrogen atoms were formed. In this way modern nuclear science succeeded in transforming elements. The realisation of the age-old dream of making gold out of base metals seemed close. It was believed that scientists had tracked down the secret of the ancient alchemists and solved the old riddle of alchemy, the art of making gold. Therefore, it is not surprising that the present-day transformation of the nuclei of atoms is occasionally referred to as modern alchemy.

However, this interpretation rests on a great misconception, for true Alchemy, the true art of making gold, does not concern the earthly gold, but rather the very hidden microcosmic processes which, since time immemorial, form the core of the divine mysteries. The transformation of base metals into gold should, therefore, be understood symbolically. The true making of gold is related to spiritual processes regarding the soul, the goal of which is the complete rebirth, the complete recreation of the human being. True alchemy, therefore, concerns the gold of the spirit.

That is why the philosopher's stone, for which so many people have been searching in vain, cannot be found in the mineral kingdom, but this divine building stone lies hidden as a seed in the human heart. The Kingdom of God is within man himself. The essence of the spirit is concentrated in a hidden point of the human heart. There the philosopher's stone can be found.

As we have already mentioned, a mysterious spiritual centre, which is called the 'grain of seed of Jesus', the 'rose of the heart' or in more modern terms the 'spirit-spark atom' or the 'Christ atom', can be found at the top of the right heart ventricle of a human being. In this grain of seed of the soul, the enormous potential to awaken the inner, heavenly human being, consisting of the golden primeval substance, is slumbering.

It is a truly royal art to develop this inner human being, this light bearer. In the ordinary sense, it is not a natural, but a spiritual, an alchemical process. That is why this process must begin in the spirit-spark atom of the heart. Only the spirit-spark atom, as the golden elixir, as the philosopher's stone hidden in a human being, is able to transform the lead of nature into the gold of the spirit.

On the basis of the radiation power of the spirit-spark or Christ atom the new soul is born that constructs its soul body from its nucleus. This soul body has a glorious golden-hued radiation and envelops a human being as a golden vesture. Whoever is capable of weaving such a golden light vesture, will be linked with the divine spirit again.

Out of this union of soul and spirit, out of this 'alchemical wedding' – as the ancient Rosicrucians called this alchemical process – the Son of Fullness, the inner Heavenly Man is born.

As modern human beings we are familiar with the incredible power contained in an atom. And we also know about the terrible dangers linked with the experimental splitting of the atom, dangers of which responsible nuclear scientists are also fully aware. And yet they cannot let go of their experiments, because they are urged on by a kind of inner compulsion.

The teachings of the modern Rosycross also explain that in addition to the already mentioned atomic focus in the heart, the spirit-spark or Christ atom, there is another atomic focus in the human head sanctuary. This atom in the head, also called the luciferic atom, used to burn in the light of the heart or Christ atom. Then the luciferic atom in the head was a reflection of the heart atom, so that the unity between heart and head was a fact and human thinking was carried out led by God, guided by the spirit.

But this glorious unity was broken. Since time immemorial, the luciferic atom in the head sanctuary has disobeyed the Christ atom in the heart, has taken over the entire human life system and has completely disorganised its structure. The human mind has been kindled in Lucifer, and thus mankind is urged on in a chain reaction of forced thoughts: the nature-born human being does not live, but he *is* lived.

The alchemical process developing in him in this way is characterised by a double effect because of the unholy thought power: outwardly by explosion and destruction, inwardly by crystallisation and death. Only if humanity returns to the true alchemy, for which the rebirth of the soul is a prerequisite, it can free the inner Heavenly Man and in this way can attain eternal freedom for itself.

It fills us with great joy that we are allowed to speak to you about these things in Basle. After all, four hundred and

forty years ago a true alchemist lived in this city. His contemporaries did not understand him, but you will undoubtedly know his name: Theophrastus Paracelsus von Hohenheim, Paracelsus for short.

For a short time Paracelsus occupied a chair for physics and medicine at Basle University and at the same time he exercised the duties of municipal physician. With regard to the inner chemistry, applied for the liberation of the inner human being, Paracelsus had been given insights and powers, which made him, amongst other things, a true physician, a true healer, whose most profound task was the sanctification of mankind.

Healing, making whole, is in this sense always sanctification on the basis of the new, the reborn Soul.

The mystery of the soul

‘For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?’

These words of Jesus the Lord to his pupils form the basis of the entire structure of the true alchemy, the structure of the evangelical rebirth out of water and spirit. The soul, as the link between spirit and body, plays a dominant role, because with its pure divine essence, the spirit-soul, it becomes a brilliant interpreter of the unknowable spirit and in addition, enables the power of the spirit to flow into the body.

Without a soul there is no consciousness, and therefore no link with the spirit manifestation. That is why the yearning of every ensouled being resounds through the universe like a cry, the primeval longing for security and peace that is expressed in the words: ‘Save my soul, O God!’ This inducement to renewal and rebirth of the soul

runs as a golden thread through the gospels, and the holy language of all times is so full of references to this requirement that instinctively the question arises: What really is the soul?

The soul is a fire, a fiery principle. That is why we can speak of the soul fire. In the terminology of the modern Rosycross, this soul fire is hydrogen that burns in oxygen. We know that without fire there is no burning, no transformation of substances. In human beings, too, processes of burning and transformation of substances take place.

In the visible Universe, in the 'house of death', as Jacob Boehme calls it, an ungodly fire has been ignited, a concentration of hydrogen that does not burn in harmony with the divine plan. Of old, this ungodly fire was called Lucifer in the Universal Teachings. Every nature-born human being carries this unholy fire within him as a soul flame. Shankara says: 'Like a never-ending stream of sacrificial offerings, the objects of desire are thrown into this fire, creating the visible universe.'

This Luciferic soul principle gives nature-born mankind a certain consciousness. It is his innate natural consciousness with all corresponding thoughts and feelings. That is why we can say that the human thinking has been kindled in Lucifer and produces corresponding activity. By keeping this in mind it will become apparent why the world and humanity are as they are.

According to the Universal Teachings, the entire wide space, the universe, is filled with primeval substance. This primeval substance consists of atoms of different elements in an unprocessed state. All of creation has been and is being synthesised from this material. Thus, a human being can be compared with a pillar of atoms, because his fourfold

physical form also consists of countless atoms. These atoms of his physical form are polarised corresponding to the ungodly soul fire that burns in the nature-born human being. This polarisation points in the direction of the temporal life of this dialectical world order. And as life in this world is only sham life and appearances cannot be maintained, the human body disintegrates again and again in death, and the atoms which built up this form return to their origin. Therefore, if you want to conquer death, the atoms of your personality must be opened up for a totally different polarisation. Consequently, it is necessary to extinguish the Luciferic fire principle in you and to ignite another inner soul fire: the Christ fire.

In the centre of the microcosm, in the heart, the oft-mentioned spirit-spark or Christ atom can be found. This atom belongs to another world order than the atoms of our physical body. It is the atom, of which the poet says: 'One Divine atom should be preferred over a thousand gardens of Eden.' When this divine atom becomes active in the heart, a new, sanctifying power emanates from it. A new light begins to be manifested in the heart, which can be called the birth of the new, the divine soul.

Once this new soul light, this Christ light, begins to radiate in the heart and flows into your being, this spiritual stream will set all atoms of your personality aglow. Then the polarisation of the atoms gradually changes: they are being spiritualised. The result is a new consciousness, a new mentality. In other words, through this new Soul and the new consciousness, spiritual power flows into the body, and brings about the transfiguration of the body. That is the mystery of the evangelical rebirth.

At first, you have to be reborn as to your mortal soul, and then you have to build up the soul body. The 'gold of the spirit' will be created out of the 'lead of nature', and the

perishable will change into the imperishable, as Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians.

‘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 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.’

May we be profoundly imbued by this great Truth.

The Rosycross today

We are standing at the beginning of a new era. The period before us is generally called the Aquarius era, because the vernal equinox has entered the sign of Aquarius. Herewith a new chapter in the development of the earth and of humanity begins, because the influence of the beginning of the Aquarius era is making itself felt ever more strongly, as a result of which the world and mankind will experience radical changes.

A radiation power of a very high and increasing vibration and originating from the original human field of life is closely linked with a cosmic revolt. This cosmic revolution also affects our earthly atmosphere. As you know how intimately mankind is linked with the surrounding atmosphere, his respiration substance, you can imagine that, if the atmosphere changes, this will profoundly influence the natural, moral and spiritual behaviour of humanity. By these new intercosmic radiation influences, the structure of the earthly atmosphere gradually, and according to a profound divine intention, undergoes a significant change. If mankind

is unable to adjust itself to this change as to body, soul and spirit, it will naturally be confronted with insurmountable difficulties with regard to the body and the soul.

On the other hand, the Aquarius era also contains great and glorious possibilities. Whoever reacts positively to this atmospheric Christ power, will see the new sun, the sun of the Spirit, rise in his life. Our era contains the possibility for the liberated individual, the child of God, to return to his Father's house.

However, in order to be able to react positively to this atmospheric Christ power humanity needs a mediator, to wit the new, reborn soul. Only this spirit-soul can adjust harmoniously to the present-day cosmic development. However, as we have already established, a nature-born human being does not possess the spirit-soul, and it does not simply fall into his lap.

Only the natural soul, the Luciferic fire principle is present in man. This natural soul inevitably dissolves after death, if it has not yet been reborn during life, that is, if it has not been taken up into the glorified spirit-soul.

That is why for every human being the decisive question is: How do I achieve soul rebirth? How can I acquire the spirit-soul? After all, the pure power streams of Supernature, the power streams of the Kingdom of God, have too high a vibration to be assimilated by the natural soul.

How can this difficulty be overcome? Here the Brotherhood of the Golden Rosycross is acting as a mediator for mankind. All who seek soul renewal, are embedded by it in a power field, a radiation field, of which the vibration can be tolerated by nature-born human beings, and with which they can work for their healing and recovery. This radiation field shines in great glory and is linked with the focal point the emissaries of the Brotherhood have established on earth.

These radiations go out to all who are yearning for them, but especially to the hearts of those who approach the Spiritual School in order to be linked with these radiations. In other words: the Spiritual School is a strong electromagnetic field, in which different radiations, vibrations and forces are active in order to awaken all who enter this field of radiation to a higher spiritual life. It is impossible to participate in the divine life simply on the basis of bourgeois devoutness or of officially recognised religiosity.

Our entire old natural form must be broken up, before the spirit-soul can develop. The spirit-spark atom, the rose of the heart, must receive by day and by night, uninterruptedly, a light radiation corresponding to its essence, if it is to bloom into new life. That is why a human being stands before the question, whether he will continue to allow himself to be swept along by the intercosmic power streams that move the whole universe, in a continuous breaking up and destruction or whether he will grasp the hand extended to save him from the grip of death.

We speak of the modern Rosycross, because the School of the Rosycross transmits a radiation power that is adapted to our present time. We can no longer walk the ancient paths of liberation, because the cosmic and atmospheric conditions have changed, and present-day humanity must adjust itself to this new development.

In these days, from the 23rd to the 27th of July, the Spiritual School of the modern Rosycross holds its fourth international Aquarius Renewal Conference here in Switzerland. Pupils from many European countries and also from overseas have assembled here to experience an intensive spiritual outpouring of power.

Only pupils of the Spiritual School can attend this con-

ference. Yet, the light that will be released here during these days and that has a large sphere of radiation, will help all 'men of good will', so that those still standing on the side line will be able to find the light and walk its paths.

OPENING SERVICE
BY
THE SWISS PRESIDUM

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BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE
WORD OF GOD AND ACT ON IT

Votum

We all, taken up in the Magnetic Body of our Spiritual School, lift ourselves up to the Light of Lights, so that it releases the new soul power in us to new life. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Original Light,
which radiates from the Divine Life,
May we be hallowed by You.
May Your Kingdom come over us.
May Your Will work in our entire being
in accordance with Your Divine Nature,
and for that purpose give us each day
Your Holy Bread.

In the Power of Your Touch
we break all the bonds which resist Your Purposes,
and forgive and forget all that the world and mankind
have inflicted on us
because of their natural state.

May You erase with Your Merciful Light,
our entire Karma
on the basis of this, our new attitude of life.

Protect us, O Light, in temptation,
and deliver us from the evil one
if he should take hold of us.

In You is the New Life,
and the Power,
and the Glory,
unto Your Eternity. Amen.

Ritual

‘We must acknowledge that already in those days the world was pregnant with great commotion and, after having laboured to be delivered of them, it brought forth highly renowned and indefatigable heroes, who broke with all their might through darkness and barbarism and so enabled us, the weaker ones, to follow them. Assuredly they have become the apex of the *Trigonum Igneum*, whose flames will from now on grow ever brighter and will undoubtedly ignite the last world conflagration.

Theophrastus was such a hero, in accordance with his vocation. Although not a member of our Brotherhood he had diligently read the Book M., whereby his sharp insight was exalted.’

These words from the *Fama Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis* throw a light upon Theophrastus Paracelsus von Hohenheim, who lived and worked temporarily here in Basle about 440 years ago, but who neither here nor in any other place could success-

fully manifest himself as he would have deserved. His great life work, therefore, remained incomplete. It is an incalculable loss for humanity that his work could not be propagated and propelled to activity in the right way.

That is why Rudolf Steiner received the task from the Brotherhood to continue the work of Paracelsus. Rudolf Steiner came to Basle in 1913, and worked in Dornach near Basle until his death. The Goetheanum in Dornach is a testimony of his creative work. However, also in this case the real task of the Brotherhood remained unfinished as to its most essential aspects. This is the reason that the work of Paracelsus must be manifested in our School. This task of the Brotherhood was continued by our Grand Master during the first Aquarius Conference. And as we now celebrate our fourth Aquarius Conference here in Basle, we consider it as a sign that this task lives in our School, and God willing, may be spread in the coming years and may contribute to the healing and recovery of fallen mankind. Amen.

For pupils, who are called to be healed, that is, to be sanctified in a gnostic-magnetic Body, medical help forms only one aspect of the process of fundamental liberation. Viewed dialectically, a pupil can be entirely healthy, while he carries within him the fundamental dialectic illness expressed in death and transience. This is why the pupil is summoned to eternal life.

This fundamental healing, this sanctification, has a beginning and an end. It begins in a Magnetic Body of a gnostic Spiritual School, and ends in the new field of life, into which the thrice-reborn gnostic human being enters. A gnostic-magnetic Body is formed under the guidance of the messengers of the Universal Brotherhood, who possess amongst other things the ‘treasure of the wonderful jewel’,

the rose of the heart that has become completely active. And with this divine love power that is radiating from them, they search for and restore those who are lost in the darkness of dialectics. In such a 'grain of seed', originating from the Gnosis, the pupil again encounters his 'first love', or in other words the love of the direct link with God, from whom he once deviated in wilfulness and ignorance. Therefore, no mortal can permanently reject this 'first love', this recovery of the conscious link with God, with the Gnosis. By so doing he would reject the path and the renewing possibilities of the path.

Although the envoys of the Gnosis find followers in this earthly field, these followers often use the divine seed given to them by the Gnosis insufficiently or in the wrong way, either by lack of insight or by too great egocentricity. Then the stream of the Gnosis finds no vessel in which it can pour itself out and start the renewal.

However, as soon as a pupil is ready to devote himself completely to this gnostic basic principle of the School in selflessness and in the service to mankind, the stream of renewal will take the lead and urge him forward on the path to life. Then a new light, a new power begins to develop from the centre of his microcosm. Then the birth of the new soul is announced and, if the pupil remains intimately linked with the nucleus of the Magnetic Body, the new soul will increase daily in power and mercy.

Thus the pupil finds the serenity to which he can turn over and again, within himself. And if ever storms are raging in and around him, he will be able to shift the accent of his life to the developing new soul, to the developing inner human being. This brings a previously unknown inner joy and trust, which make him suffer even illness and physical weakness with equanimity.

'Therefore, 'brothers and sisters, 'do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.' (2 Cor.4: 17-18) Amen.

Address

'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and act on it.' Amen.

The time has now come that the great event of this so very special fourth Aquarius Conference can be revealed to all. If you have prepared well for this conference, you will have become conscious that your 'old vesture' belongs to the past. The old standards of the past are no longer valid today. And what has been left is, yes, what you are at this moment.

The Book of Life now lies open before us. Every page begins and every word is permeated with the same inner task: 'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and act on it.' Without exception, all are placed before this task in this fourth Aquarius Conference.

There is one plan underlying the entire universe. This plan has no limits. In contrast to what the nature-born person often assumes, this plan has neither beginning nor end. This plan can in a special way be distinguished by an infallible law. All beings living according to this law fulfil the inner task without exception.

An external task can be accepted or refused. Usually, a dialectic person first wants to know what kind of task it is, what

it involves, what advantages he possibly derives from it or what responsibility he is taking on. And only after he has weighed all advantages and disadvantages, will he say yes or no.

An inner task, however, is part of the plan of creation and has myriads of aspects. All these unimaginable aspects together form the unity we call the plan of creation. Not a single part can be omitted. Thus every inner task is a law unto itself because, if the entire plan of creation corresponds to a law, all aspects of it must correspond to it as well. Therefore, if a person denies the inner task, if he rejects it, he denies the God-given task too.

The human fall began when a part of humanity denied the divine law, no longer fulfilled it and refused the task of God, rejected it. Criticism was born with the first human fall. The origin of criticism must be seen in connection with the human fall. Within the plan of creation the God-Man develops. On the one hand he fulfils his task within the unity in unceasing obedience. On the other, the fulfilment of this task causes him to make progress.

Every development is a milestone itself, a test. And a test is a criterion. This is also an absolute consequence of the law. If an inner task is fulfilled in the universe in a harmonious order and according to the law, then this task can be considered fulfilled, but not finished. To a certain extent this fulfilment may be considered as an end, but in reality it is the beginning of a subsequent task.

However, this ending and beginning, so difficult to comprehend for us human beings, forms the very criterion. Stated more simply: each criterion is a test. Therefore, if a task has been finished, as we say now, the finished work is going to be tested before a new task is given. It corresponds to the divine law that every task *can* be fulfilled, and there-

fore *must* be fulfilled. That is why a Rosicrucian knows that all things are possible with God.

The word criterion can also be seen as closely related to the word criticism. If a person does not fulfil a God-given task, he passes criticism in the true sense of the word. A Rosicrucian knows that in accepting everything he is given, the fulfilment is contained.

What has a human being received, who lives in unity with God? He has received everything necessary to fulfil the task of God. This receiving presupposes that he accepts. Therefore, he only receives, *if* he accepts. As long as a human being does not accept his inner task, he cannot receive it. Then he passes criticism.

As long as a human being does not accept his Gnosis-given task, he is not free from criticism. This criticism, this struggle against the law of God is, expressed mildly, the most foolish thing someone can do.

We all know this special, holy task very well. It is not only written in the Bible, but it has also been engraved on the corner stone of the Christian Rosycross Temple for all pupils of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross.

*But to all who received Him
He gave the power
to become children of God (John 1: 12).*

If we all accept this word, we receive everything needed to fulfil our given task. That is why the entire universe is permeated by the words: ‘Blessed are those who hear the word of God and act on it.’

The holy work for God, the world and humanity is the voluntary ‘must’. Yes, it is the familiar ‘sacred duty’. But it

is also a blessing to be united here in this Aquarius Conference, in order to follow our inner calling in soul unity and 'voluntarily fulfil the will of the Father.'

'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and act on it.' As soon as a human being can hear, as soon as he is a fellow builder and is standing in the harmony, in the fulfilment and as soon as he can preserve everything he received, such a divine being is filled with glory. Such a being fulfils every criterion in gratitude.

If you accept your task, you are absolutely free of any criticism, free of any struggle. As a result, you will no longer be occupied with distancing yourselves from anger and strife, because they are no longer part of you. You no longer have to ask: 'Shall I do this or that? Shall I go somewhere or shall I stay here?' For as long as a human being walks the wide road of dialectics, the horizontal path, he will ask: 'Should I walk left or right?' However, if he is in the house of God, in the house Sancti Spiritus, such a question no longer occupies him.

Friends, we have now left behind the tiresome road through the pitfalls of nature. Having arrived on the mountain, we may forget that this journey to the top involved dangers in many places. However, for all who recognised these dangers, they were only half as dangerous.

We all have various experiences behind us. At times, some of us were surrounded by fog, so that everything came to a standstill. Wasn't it comforting then to have a moment of inner reflection, and by the power of our faith to be able to continue on the narrow path to the top of the mountain, on which the form dies?

Often you have lost a useless object and then you turned back to search desperately for it disregarding the command never to turn back. Those not turning back soon realised

that the lost object not only had become worthless, but also would even have hindered them in their progress.

At other times you were relieved of a burden. Instead of being grateful, quite a few have resisted. Then you fought tooth and nail, and in the fierce struggle of thinking and feeling you forgot the redeeming word accompanying you everywhere.

Your presence here in the fourth Aquarius Conference shows that you react very positively to the word of the Gnosis. Despite all resistance, you have enabled the Other One in you to come to this very special Aquarius Conference. Therefore, do not mourn for even one moment, but rejoice. If all your old standards are taken away, don't try to restore them again. Leave them! We have been given a higher standard. It is now among us and leads us to the mountain, on which the form dies.

Brothers and sisters, in this hour of the last doubt, may the last bitter and poisonous weeds of disbelief be dissolved. Your last, sometimes partly enormous efforts, your honest endeavours have been rewarded.

Why have we experienced so much pain? What was the reason for all this suffering? Don't we know? The Bible says: 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge'. But what would be the result, if the people of God did have knowledge, but – although called to fulfil this knowledge, this task – were not prepared to fulfil the divine will with the necessary conviction?

Just look how sadly, yes, how foolishly we would then behave. Yes friends, more than that, this would be the cause of a new fall. Can you, can we all, afford to be guilty of this again?

We all would have received this knowledge, yes everything, if we had been prepared to accept 'it'. We have ex-

perienced three Aquarius Conferences. We have become guilty three times already!

This certainly does not sound pleasant. However, it is more beneficial for us to recognise this than to continue to err. All who participated in the first Aquarius Conference at Renova can know that we were given a key. It was not an ordinary key, but a master key that opens the gates we have to pass through. The key is the readiness to fulfil the inner task.

The inner task, as we know, should not be ignored, or else we are standing in the centre of criticism with regard to the Gnosis. Did we accept this key of readiness? Did we use it?

What happens to a key that is not used, that remains unnoticed? It can be lost or be taken back from us until a better opportunity arises.

This so special opportunity arrived very quickly. It was the second Aquarius Conference in Calw in the year 1964. There in the Christian Rosycross Temple the master key was given to us for the second time. Many have received this key with gratitude. Many have begun to work with it, as many did during the first Aquarius Conference. No Spiritual School can exist without this work. Have we all used this key of readiness uninterruptedly?

For the third time we prepared for the Aquarius Conference in Bad Münders. Then something very classical happened, something you might already have heard about. It was something that shocked all of us. Before the beginning of the third Aquarius Conference, the cock crowed three times. Peter denied his Master three times. He was not yet prepared to die for his Master.

Peter could not deny his Master for the fourth time. Purified by remorse, he obediently fulfilled the task given to him. And are we, who have assembled here, who have

come here, prepared to receive this magic key of readiness and to use it in absolute obedience to the Gnosis in all eternity? We, who are intimately connected with the Brotherhood, carry within us this jewel of salvation, the redeeming word of God that grants us the possibility to receive this key for all eternity during this very special Aquarius Conference.

Our old form dies in the sign of Osiris. Readiness to make sacrifices is the law of the Universe. However, sacrifice means salvation. It is being raised up; it is liberation. Thinking as to nature cannot understand the profound meaning of true sacrifice. Whoever has been liberated from the old thinking and has passed through the gate, knows that the word 'sacrifice' means something other than the biological consciousness assumes. The sacrifice of love of Osiris is multiplied in all human beings. The sacrifice of love of Jesus Christ must be realised through the great self-sacrifice by all who are born to being truly human. If all of us have become conscious that the grain of seed of Jesus Christ can be found in the heart of every human being we encounter, we will no longer be able to strike the other one on the right cheek. Nor will it be possible to give your neighbour stones for bread.

Whoever as pupil of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross discards his old, obsolete habits during this fourth Aquarius Conference, will be able to receive the key of readiness. In our prepared hearts and our cleansed heads, the last preparations will be carried out in the coming hours. Don't allow any more leeway for base and negative thoughts. The only true danger still to be encountered is negative thinking. If only one single negative thought is allowed to arise during this Aquarius Conference, the gate to the past is opened instead of the door to liberation.

In our time much is spoken about viruses as the cause of disease. Science is still not unequivocal whether a virus corresponds more to a crystal or to a living organism, or whether it is a manifestation that cannot be described yet. We as pupils of the Spiritual School don't have to be occupied with medical or scientific research on viruses. If we are aware in which field of vibration such viruses develop and procreate, we are also aware without profound research that a virus cannot develop nor find the substrate needed to grow on in the serenity of a gnostic radiation field.

It is quite simple: a pure field of life with a high electromagnetic vibration cannot be the field of life of a virus, a lower living organism. All who are taken up in the power field of our Living Body and live and work according to its signature, need not fear the various viruses and pathogenic organisms. However, the pupil must always be conscious that as long as his thinking remains on the level of nature-born humanity, as long as his old biological thinking is still active and dominates him as it were, he is still living in a lower electromagnetic field. Such a pupil also participates from hour to hour in all causes and effects of this dialectical nature order. In fact, he even maintains this nature order with myriads of viruses of all kinds. By his thinking he perpetuates sorrow and grief via the reflecting ether of a degenerated mankind, and even increases them. Such a human being is also standing in harmony, although in the harmony of a questionable era. However, with regard to our inner task he is standing in disharmony, in criticism.

All abuse of the creative power, be it by thinking, willing or desiring, be it by speaking – all abuse of the hormonal creative power is criticism. And this criticism with regard to the Creator of all things leads to self-destruction, crystallisation and death.

What can we do during the hours lying before us: for our neighbour, for ourselves, here in the centre of Basle?

Don't do anything! Be silent, if possible, not only outwardly, but above all inwardly. Then you will automatically be silent 'outwardly'. Take care that in this high and lofty electromagnetic field of the fourth Aquarius Conference, no viruses of criticism can develop. You should not struggle with yourself in order to become free from criticism. No, you are simply free from criticism, because you have entered into the spirit of 'acceptance'.

Having become free, cleansed and completely prepared, the Living Body of the Spiritual School will now receive a new power of revelation through this fire power of the Holy Spirit, so that all can truly receive the holy, inner task. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we will accept the task of the Gnosis for the world and humanity and fulfil it in all eternity.

May we know ourselves to be united and therefore prepared to receive the task of the Brotherhood, the task of the fourth Aquarius Conference, from our Grand Masters. 'Blessed are those who hear the word of God and act on it.' Amen.

Final Prayer

Out of a thankful heart our prayer radiates to the Gnosis: to help us in all our efforts to understand the deeper significance of the coming days; to intensify, if possible, the dynamic impetus of our longing; to stimulate our predisposition toward self-surrender; to be completely open for the new attitude of life; so that we may enter the Living Magnetic Body of the School as conscious, discerning people.

It is our fervent prayer that we may clearly see the ways which lead to the transfiguration of the soul, O Sublime Hierarchy of Grace. Amen.

Final Blessing

We pray for one another that we may be living witnesses of the light forces that achieve the transfiguration in us. Amen.

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III

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE THINKING FACULTY

Opening

We know that we have assembled here at an extremely peculiar time in the development of our Spiritual School. The Day of the Lord has arrived, namely the day of the realisation of the task we have received from the Brotherhood of the Golden Rosycross. Therefore we pray that during this fourth Aquarius Conference you will be continuously open for the astral fullness, so that its active power may be seen emanating from you in a brilliant, radiant omnipresence. Amen.

Filled with profound gratitude for this sublime moment in a great event, namely to be together with about two thousand pupils in the Swiss working field, with its focal point in Basle, we welcome you cordially as pupils of our Spiritual School manifested sevenfold. May the work performed here be a blessing for all who have decided truly to walk the path of the liberating soul life. Amen, yes, amen.

Prologue

Over us a new world arch is drawn. A new Jerusalem has descended for us. A new Working place, a Holy Forge, has been opened unto us. Three, Nine and Eighteen are its aspects. The Three worlds are the Three Bodies of Doctrine, Joy and Transfiguration – of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Father supports the All.

He fulfils the All.

He propels the All.

The Son reveals the Father through His Light.

He touches us with His Light.

He saves us through His Light.

The Holy Spirit admits us into His Working Place and teaches us the Holy Craft. He unites our state of being with the new Stronghold. He leads us through the Gates. Amen.

Thus, the New Man becomes a Son of God with nine aspects. The trinity of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit have become manifest in him. And since, in this new Realm, he is man-woman in himself and all separation has disappeared, and positive and negative are fully united in him, he is, under the new celestial arch, the New Divine Man. Amen.

Ritual

Often you have heard us speak about gnostic magic. Gnostic magic is a work that can be applied only if there is:

first: a Living Body;

secondly: a dedicated group of pupils, so that

thirdly: it becomes necessary truly to apply gnostic magic. You know what we understand by a Living Body. A Living Body is a breathing creature elevated above the dialectical astral sphere. It is a mental, astral and etheric conception that envelops a group of living souls as a sphere, as a house Sancti Spiritus.

Such a system attracts atoms because of its magnetic nature. These atoms are being split in the astral fire of an intense heat, after which the energies released are combined. In this way ethers of a very special kind are formed that must be absorbed and processed by the soul community as the 'Innermost Body' of the Magnetic Body of the Spiritual School.

This 'Innermost Body' has organs, possesses an organism. All these organs determine each other, they are interdependent. Their correct functioning determines the health and therefore the metabolism of the Living Body of the Spiritual School. After all, the group of the Outer School of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum must be able to assimilate the forces released in the soul community of the Inner School. And above all, its members must be able to process them. Then the metabolism of the Outer and the Inner School work harmoniously, as meant in the plan of God.

Then the death of the Living Body will become impossible and the soul community, within the group as a whole, will reap the rich harvest. For if the members of the soul community walk this multiple path from within and in truth, they will always have a direct and complete organism of initiation at their disposal.

Therefore from now on, the Spiritual School will not only be an Outer School with seven aspects and a secular organisation, but also a very concrete and living, breathing

creation, in which all souls can participate. Yes, all who are of good will and yearn for the liberation of the spirit-soul, will be led to the liberating spirit-soul field.

In this logical way, the linking of the entire group with the Living Body of Christian Rosycross is ensured and consolidated. Amen.

First address

Earlier, we have focused your attention on an obvious psychological change in human behaviour. This change occurs ever faster and becomes more and more noticeable for everyone. This change occurs equally in all races, all over the world, so that it can be considered a universal psychological phenomenon, a psychological process that does not leave any human being untouched, regardless of where he or she lives in this world.

A wide variety of individual differences can be attributed to the personal karma of the people concerned. However, the fundamental cause is the same for all of humanity and no human being can escape this development.

We think that this psychological change started at the beginning of this century. At first, it was hardly noticeable, but now, especially during the last ten years, it has been spreading more clearly, so that we can generally speak of a crisis of humanity that has seized all, from high to low and from left to right.

If we look for the cause of this crisis of humanity, we discover that it can be found in the human nervous system that:

either shows serious degenerative symptoms, already a negative result,

or is under enormous tension due to a number of events

that are still developing, so that no ultimate results can be predicted yet,

or is busy, on the basis of various positive reactions, presenting the world with an entirely new type of human being that has the task in our day to liberate himself from the bandages of a new birth.

The nervous system has two aspects: first the cerebrospinal system, which includes the mind; secondly the sympathetic nervous system.

The cerebrospinal nervous system can, at least partly, be used by the human will. And thus, the mind can be used through the will. However, the will is an aspect of the ordinary nature-born earthly human being, and therefore is a part of the I, of the natural ego, which is wholly one with the human desire nature.

That is why the mind is in ordinary life totally victimised by the will, the natural instrument for ruling and using the mind. It is obvious that – because the will is an aspect of our desire nature – the mind is also a part of it.

The great difficulty for the striving human being is that the mind, although an indispensable factor in a more elevated human genesis – i.e. a human genesis free from the veils and shackles of gross, lower nature – is so imprisoned, so bound and damaged by this imprisonment that at best we can speak of a lower, animal state of consciousness.

And, please note that, although we know a development of the mind in which it is trained and developed in quite an absurd way from childhood on, this development can existentially and scientifically be nothing but a development of the lower, animal state of consciousness with all ensuing consequences. The continuation of this inferior development in beings destined for higher good, in beings that have already reached the limits of their degeneration in this

nature, can only lead to an enormous catastrophe, to a complete decline.

You may not yet be able to understand why this leads to a catastrophe just *now* and you may ask: ‘Why does it not occur much earlier or much later?’ Well, there is a reason why this crisis is happening and spreading *now*.

In addition to the cerebrospinal nervous system, a human being also possesses, as mentioned before, the sympathetic or autonomous nervous system. This contains, among other things, the entire serpent-fire system from the plexus sacralis to the pineal gland. This whole autonomous system was until the beginning of this century totally or partially controlled by the moon forces from the lesser brain. This factor strongly slowed down the complete destruction of the human being by the lower desire nature and very important bodily organs were saved from destruction or degeneration.

The so-called moon religions or race religions supported these efforts to save nature-born humanity. Race religions totally adjusted themselves to the specific nature of the different races. They tried by means of religion to stimulate the entities concerned to neutralise the lower desire nature as much as possible, to sanctify the will, if at all possible, and thus to enable the development of a higher and new thinking.

Until recently, the moon and race religions have, by keeping the autonomous human nervous system under control, saved humanity from a much deeper fall and have slowed down the decline as much as possible. But slowing down a decline also means to stop a development, because the task for mankind is that it must develop the true higher thinking, the liberation of the higher soul state. And it is obvious that stopping or slowing down any decline on the

path is not progress, but only a reprieve.

The moon powers have now ceased their control of the human body and the moon religions no longer exercise any power, because the negative development of the human mind has turned their help useless and has increased unbelief.

The actual situation with regard to the human being is that the human I has grown up and now his natural desires have obtained free play. Not a single power of control is effective anymore. Countless inferior influences have taken hold of a humanity that cringes under their assault in order to keep going.

This causes the crisis mankind is confronted with and against which forceful warnings have resounded through the ages. The crisis was seen as inevitable, unless humanity were prepared to take its development into its own hand in the only correct way, i.e. in Christ and through the Holy Spirit that have become manifest on our planet.

Unfortunately true enlightenment was lacking during the last centuries, resulting in an almost complete loss of the way. For centuries, life has developed in an ever-increasing storm, in which humanity has had to cross the academic sea of experience under its own power, i.e. by means of the possibilities which it received and which completely equipped it, in order to reach the opposite shore, the Caphar Salama, the City of Peace.

You probably know the great Plan underlying human existence, a plan primarily envisaging the development of a fully organised personality, so that this personality can take up its further development in a higher and wider aspect in complete self-realisation.

The seed falls deep into the soil, to the very nadir. And *after this* the wonder flower will appear in self-realisation

on the basis of scientific principles. In this way the goal of the divine creation is revealed and proven from below upwards. During this development, however, various dangers and difficulties are encountered. We will repeat what happens. The Logos designs the plan. The human being is created and wholly equipped. As soon as the first stage of this plan has been completed, and the human being is truly able to 'live', he must put himself to work. *Then* he must prove how great and beautiful this plan is in its divine fulfilment.

Thus the human being begins with the work intended for him by God. To this end, some people use all the faculties they have received from the Logos including, of course, the mind.

But the mind can be used in two ways. It can be used to guide the true thinking faculty, rising up from nature into the divine being, towards manifestation on the basis of numerous experiences gathered in the past during the development of the personality. But it can also be believed that the mind is already the divine thinking faculty – with all ensuing consequences.

We know that this idea is widespread. Among other things, the underlying reason is that the intentions of the nature religions of the past, which without exception addressed humanity in a fully symbolic way, were not understood. One of the consequences of the abuse of the mind is always destruction and tarnishing of that great instrument, the brain, so that in most cases it becomes useless for its proper purpose, as can be observed in an especially horrifying way in our time.

The Rosicrucians belong to those who have understood this and have used their intelligence in the proper way according to the intentions of the plan of God. The name Ro-

sycross indicates the path they have followed in using the instrument of their intelligence in the only correct way. And it is the Rosicrucians who speak to you in this conference.

Thus it can become clear that and why two groups have been formed in our world, which are in absolute polarity to each other in theory as well as in practice.

One group is totally focused on the intellectual development of mankind and is led by those who exclusively expect salvation from it.

The other group sharply distinguishes mind and thinking faculty. This group develops the mind to a certain limit only, so that on its basis the true thinking faculty can mature according to a certain method and with the help of an organism which is within the human being itself.

This last method is called the Royal Path, whereas the first path is the road of absolute decline in bondage to the wheel of birth and death. This is the path that in our time of the end of a cosmic period leads to total degeneration. It is the path of misery and grief. It is a path of numerous, almost endless twists.

In the next service we would like to speak to you about the wondrous jewel, the organ every striving human being can and must use in order to overcome his ordinary nature and to enter into the true Supernature.

Final Prayer

New Faculty in dedicated group now radiates,
and the whole Glory of the Gnosis scintillates.
To the young Gnosis everything must yield
where vigorously she enters the New-Astral Field.
A song, a melody ascends in hearts

of those who see
how Gnosis' Love and Gnosis' Majesty break forth
in children of this nature
who have responded to the Call
to be the Sons of God and Gnosis' true Initiates.
Prepared are they now, one and all. Amen.

Choir

*Gnosis' great majesty
rises in glorious splendour.
Hear, the time of liberation has arrived:
be baptised by God's Spirit.
Golden Rose and Crown of fire
show the throne of mystery.
You, who have long waited from afar
look, the eternal dawn is rising.*

*The square of building is prepared,
triangle's top is hewn.
Strong and unwavering,
go and build your soul.
And the Triple Alliance of the Light
sings its mighty ode.
Because it sees, as rock so strong,
the sign of God's victory.*

Final blessing

Brothers and Sisters,

May the blessings of this fourth Aquarius Conference be upon all your work. May the mercy of Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

IV

SUPERNATURE

Votum

In the name of the all and the all-pervading field of the Father.

In the name of the light-manifesting field of the Son.

In the name of the recreating field of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Father grants us the possibility. The Son grants us the light of knowledge. The Holy Spirit brings us the one all-encompassing path of salvation in the power of God and in the light of the Son. Amen.

Temple choir

*In every human heart
God has written his word of love,
and whomever this word awakens to life
has received wonderful power.
He finds the safe way home,
the path of the Golden Rosycross.
And in the new ether field
the soul awakes to life.*

God gives his love and power to those who love Him.

*And who receives Him He gives power
to gain victory over night.
The old lights are extinguished, upward soars the solar power of
the Gnosis.
Charged with new power
we enter the temple of God.*

Honour to You, O Father.
Honour to the Word of the Beginning.
Honour to the Spirit of the Fire. Amen.

Prologue

Open up your hearts in perfect purity.
Hear the inner Voice after victory.
Lift your wings and leave this sham world today.
Go up to your Father and do not delay.
The Holy Spirit's Sword slays the evil Foe,
and the Adversary will now recede and go.
Purified and cleansed the ship of life is stilled.
The Son of Fullness can now show the Requirements fulfilled.
Amen.

Ritual

'For I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I shall not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me.

Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed

between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glorify in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear omen to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict which you saw and now hear to be mine.

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.' Amen. (Phil. 1: 19-30 and 2: 12-15)

Choir

*O man, wandering through the world,
where to, where to?*

Don't you know that you are a Son of God?

Return to the true life

imprinted in your heart by God,

return to your Father and turn your lot!

*The Light descends from the Heaven high.
Come in, come in!
Fiery rays enlighten your vision,
break old ties,
open up new lands,
prepare the paths for our God.*

*Now we are received by the power of Aquarius
Go in, go in!
The love of Uranus prepares the way.
Lost in streams of power
life will be born anew.
For Love surrounds our future Being.*

Undoubtedly, you can appreciate with us the profound meaning of this fourth Aquarius Conference. What purpose does it serve?

The ordinary world and its population do not see anything of a Spiritual School but a number of pupils and workers appearing in public, for example in our headquarters in Haarlem, The Netherlands, in the conference centres, in the local centres and expressed in our literature. In a word, only the time-spatial aspects of the Spiritual School can be observed. The other and most important aspects, the inner state of the Spiritual School, can only be made visible to the outside world by special symbols as well as by the living deed. And only those who know are able to see the great reality behind these symbols and can participate in them.

On the one hand, there exists a reality in space and time. On the other, there exists also this other reality of eternity. In between there are symbols, ideas and teachings. However, you will understand that, because the eternal

reality has again become manifested in space and time, these two realities of life cannot be separated, for time and space are as much a part of eternity as sinful dialectics is a sinful part of the perfect world order.

This eternal reality, in which the pupils of the Spiritual School participate, has a dual goal:

first: to participate without sin in the life of degeneration in order to assemble all who are suffering and seeking and to stimulate them to inner life. This is the function of the Outer School, the Lectorium Rosicrucianum;

secondly: to lead those to the liberation of the spirit-soul who will participate in the inner divine soul life: the Inner School.

Thus our physical vehicle must be the servant of the soul. You clothe your body to protect it from cold and other atmospheric influences. In addition, you will diligently take care of your appearance, if your inner quality requires this naturally. The same applies to the time-spatial aspects of the Spiritual School. Our Spiritual School permanently tries to fulfil this task and the external, time-spatial organisation does its utmost in this respect. And in this time-spatial order the workers of the Spiritual School have now reached the limits of their activities, so that the Inner School of the Golden Rosycross must now continue the work. At the top there are the members of the fifth and sixth aspects of our Spiritual School, together with the seven members of the Spiritual Directorate of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum. On the one hand they reach into the depths of earthly activity, on the other they rise up to the highest summits of possibilities, so that all symbols may become and be truth and reality. Amen.

Second address

The modern person, who begins to understand something of the purpose of his existence and is going to focus on his state of life, encounters two great difficulties in the society in which he lives. These difficulties have different consequences and cause different problems. We can briefly label them as those of the past and those of the future.

The past has naturally left its karmic burden in the human being, so that he must fight a constant battle against various disharmonies in his life. If he doesn't fight this inner battle, he will daily strengthen the 'counter-human' in his personality.

The future brings a lot of worry to the person, who has become conscious of his life's task, because the path he must walk runs counter to the social rules, the habits and customs of life that are often supported by laws and official regulations, and therefore cannot be avoided. Briefly, the situation is as follows.

He has completed his natural way of life to the nadir. All tasks contained in this way of life on the basis of the scientific laws of nature have been completed in his personality. He is ready for the great journey back to his Father's House. Therefore, he could set out. He could go from the nature of death of this world to the new, the totally different nature: Supernature that is called the Kingdom of Heaven.

On his way to the nadir the human being has already received all travel requisites. He carries them within him. The only great difficulty is that a nature-born person is totally unaware of this great journey, of the development he must undertake. And society has adjusted to this ignorance by focusing exclusively on nature-born life. It has

created a society based on the idea that nature-born life and its development is the sole purpose to which all are called.

Authorities, which should know better, have neglected to inform seekers of this era about their true destination, because they themselves have often lost their insight and their power of discrimination by negation of the only-necessary. In this way they have become totally absorbed in society of the moment, speculating about life after this life i.e. about death!

In this situation, we, who have put ourselves into the service of the great divine plan of development, must seek, find and go our own path. In a state of the world that has become totally foreign to us and with an open eye for the dangers threatening and misleading us, we are going to speak to you about this great plan of development, this plan of God, which lies at the foundation of our existence.

The whole personality with everything belonging to it and included in it, in a word our microcosm, is in fact a dual being. One being has been manifested: the nature-born mortal being. The other being has not been manifested yet.

You must understand this well! Many organs of the unborn in you are present in your nature-born being, i.e. in a dense material state. And this is an absolute prerequisite for accomplishing the Great Work, because a person must realise this work from below upwards. To this end he needs physical organs in order to perform non-physical work.

This is a delicate situation, for if the organs concerned were to be applied exclusively to material purposes, everything would go awry and the development of your being as meant in God's plan would be stopped completely and your calling would be obstructed. From the above it will have become clear that such abuse would cause processes of de-

generation. This is what the Bible means by saying: 'To be *in* the world, but not *of* the world'.

The heart belongs to the organs mentioned, at least a certain part of the heart sanctuary. In addition the head sanctuary is included, of which especially the mind, the pituitary gland, the pineal gland and the cerebral cortex should be mentioned. Also other secondary organs should be mentioned, like the other endocrine glands and the cerebellum.

All these organs have a dual purpose: in the fallen world, but at the same time in the other nature order that has already been referred to as Supernature. Supernature, the other nature order, will be manifested by a correct use of the organs mentioned. Then these organs attract very subtle substances of an as yet unknown atomic structure that enter into different latent centres of your being and make their intentions known there.

In this way a new being begins to grow and develop within you with the help of the old being. And gradually the new being is revealed and makes itself felt, although in a totally different way from what you are used to in your nature-born life. It is so totally different that it cannot be compared to anything.

This development wholly corresponds to the one described in the Bible. For instance, think of the first letter to the Corinthians.

'Each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?'

In the days the above words were written down, the truth was still known, namely that both life and death exist in our microcosm. Death not in the sense of useless and superfluous, but as finite: the finite that is used to build and realise the infinite.

A striking example of what we mean to tell you can be found in our rational thinking. Rational thinking is a finite faculty, but it is considered and used as the final goal of everything. It is called the 'I am', the spirit, the soul and it is burdened with as many speculations, assumptions, unwanted extras as possible and with everything called knowledge.

As soon as this pernicious development has crossed a certain border, a degeneration of the cerebral cortex, amongst other things, can be observed and the person concerned becomes unsuitable for the ordained human development. As a result, the Great Work that must be performed in the temple can no longer be fulfilled. The storms become ever fiercer and damage becomes manifest. Therefore, reflect on the warning meant for all:

If any one destroys God's temple,
God will destroy him.
For God's temple is holy,
and that temple you are!

Final Prayer

The Soul-Rose yearns within our being
For Freedom which was promised Her.
For a great Glory She is destined,
Return that which was robbed from her.

Through striving after the endura
Your life receives an object deep.
The aim of all your sacrifice,
The Soul, will then no longer sleep.

One day you'll see Soul-being's glory
When this, your task, is at an end.
Then you will meet, in that last hour,
The Life that death itself transcends.

Enter therefore the Garden of the Roses
And deeply breathe Its scent.
The Gnosis be on all your paths.
Into the deep Peace now ascend. Amen.

Final blessing

Brothers and sisters,

We pray to you: Be prepared to follow the new paths, for the
time has come.

That all of you may recognise the awesome meaning of this
path of salvation, by which you approach the altars of the great
deliverance.

May God's blessing descend upon you and be active in you.
Amen.

THE FIRST BREAKTHROUGH

Opening Words

In the name of the Brotherhood of Life we have placed ourselves again in Gnostic service to the world and mankind. Amen.

May the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you inner strength for this. Amen.

We pray to you: May the blessings of this new day be abundantly poured out over you and in you. Amen.

Prologue

May we now, O Gnosis, set our foot upon the path. May we dedicate our lives to the Purpose for which they were given us. We have received everything for nothing and we, in our turn, should give it away to the great and glorious miracle of the soul birth.

We, who have been taken up into the Living Body of the Young Gnostic Brotherhood, we have received the Seed of the Eternal Light. Thus the Seed of the Spirit has been

sown in Nature, so that our nature would devote itself to the Service of the Spirit, and from the natural body the New Soul body would arise. Amen.

O that we all might understand the Mystery of Liberation. Amen.

Ritual

In the temples of the Golden Rosycross three symbols form the basis on which the great work of salvation in Christ must be accomplished.

First, there is the Bible as a testimony of the divine Word.

Secondly, you are confronted with the rose of the inner sanctuary.

Thirdly, there is the indispensable candelabrum that stands before God.

These three symbols are considered the three beacons each pupil of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross must strive for.

The *Bible* is the symbol of the Universal Doctrine, of the plan of God, the great goal of the perfect Earth, and hence the basis of all work to be performed for the world and humanity.

The *rose* in the heart sanctuary must be focused on this great and holy goal. We must constantly examine whether the work to be undertaken on its basis is proceeding correctly.

Next it must be checked whether the *candelabrum* has indeed been ignited. The ignited candelabrum gives us the sevenfold spirit power of the universal flame, through which the liberating goal can be reached.

This triple check supports the building erected by the workers in God's vineyard. And by the result it can be established whether the work is performed according to the divine plan of salvation.

To this end the Inner School of the Golden Rosycross was brought to manifestation. This Inner School will provide the spiritual impetus, by which it can support and carry the community of souls. --

The Inner School will, without outward activity, *with* the three lights oversee in what way the processes in the Living Body of our Spiritual School are carried out. This means that the Inner School will fulfil its task in the Magnetic Body with the released fundamental forces of the Bible, the rose and the candelabrum. This involves, among other things, that the holy fire for proclaiming the divine Word must be present and active in the Inner School.

Secondly, this holy fire must permanently be kept burning in the temple and in the inner sanctuary.

And thirdly, the Inner School will oversee what is done with the fire of the candelabrum and what the result is of the applied spirit fire.

By stating it in this way the question is kept alive: Is there a permanent unity of heart and head with the spirit-soul body of Christian Rosycross?

The process of spirit-soul development is always subjected to a threefold test.

What is lacking in the holy fire in the workers, who represent this fire?

For what reason does this fire not really make itself felt?

Even if this holy fire is completely present and makes itself felt, is the work indeed performed in a pure and therefore responsible way? If not, what is the cause for this? And what is the result?

Does the result totally correspond to the holy fire, i.e.: is complete objectivity applied? Is a totally impersonal reaction applied? Does the impersonal love of one's neighbour radiate in the power of the self-surrender that enables us to say: 'Lord, not my will, but your will be done'?

Only when all these conditions are met in a positive way will the powers released in the outermost vehicles of the Magnetic Body of the Spiritual School be used properly and without causing harm to the Living Body. By the impersonal love radiation of the Inner School, the Holy-Spirit soul fire will uninterruptedly be kindled and propelled to its proper use and application in the workers.

Thus a harmonious metabolism, on the basis of the liberating forces active in the Innermost Body, will become a reality, so that the Outer School may be strengthened in its supporting activity in the service of seeking mankind.

Completely corresponding to the quality of the Inner and the Outer School of the Golden Rosycross, the task given to us by the Brotherhood of Life will undoubtedly be successful! Amen.

Third address

Last night we discussed how a human being can severely damage the plan of God developed in him, so that at a given moment it will no longer be able to be active and the human being will have become a wholly unresisting victim of the entire karmic burden of his being. This is one of the main causes of the tremendous nervous tension of our time, as a result of which many can no longer be considered responsible for their deeds and so go from bad to worse. During the last months, this has been spoken of in the School so that we need not go further into it now. Suffice to state that in this respect humanity has reached a very serious crisis. The point is now to examine how the human being can liberate himself from this crisis by his own actions.

We deliberately emphasise: by his own actions, for if a human being were liberated from his difficulties by a foreign or divine power, he would at a certain moment be confronted with the same difficulties again. After all, only his own actions, on the basis of the organs already predestined for it within him, can truly lead a human being into freedom.

Focus your attention on the heart beating, and therefore living, in your body. May we refer you especially to the Bible? There you actually find everything you ought to know about the heart.

There are two kinds of muscle in our body: the voluntary and the involuntary ones. The voluntary muscles are subject to the will, and the involuntary ones are not. The voluntary muscles cannot contribute to the envisaged goal, because they are totally under the control of the counter-human in us. Nor can, for the same reason, the involuntary muscles,

controlled by the sympathetic nervous system, be used for our purpose.

The point is now to wage battle with the crisis that attacked you and with the hostile forces and influences threatening you. You must break through this subordination! You must obtain control over the involuntary muscle that is directly linked with the cerebrospinal system, and therefore also with the cerebrum.

The human being possesses only one such involuntary muscle, namely the human heart. A peculiarity of the heart sanctuary is that it can simultaneously be used as a voluntary muscle. It is therefore subject to two influences: it can be controlled by the counter-human in you, but also by the higher human being.

Thus we can and will speak of a struggle of the heart. You have to engage in this struggle, all people must fight this struggle. And this is what the Bible emphasises by the well known words from the Beatitudes: 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God'.

When we now reflect on the heart, we discover an astonishing process. You will know that active thinking breaks up and destroys the nerve tissues. Such destruction can and will be repaired by the blood.

However, if the human heart sanctuary has really been 'opened up' for the light of the Gnosis and has been purified and the purified blood of the heart flows into the cerebrospinal nervous system of the head sanctuary, then not only purification, but also structuring takes place. In addition, the building of the true purpose of the organs and the possibilities of the whole system of the New Man, which lies fundamentally embedded in the head sanctuary, occurs.

In the heart, a blood-purifying power can be found: it is

the power of the rose. If this power has become active in you, if you have awakened it, if the rose of the heart has truly opened up – an opening up that can be brought about by the innermost yearning for higher, liberating life together with a great longing to help others that are afflicted by the storms of life – then all the blood flowing through the hollow muscle of the heart, the blood representing the whole type of human being with all its actions, will be set aglow with this new power.

The natural blood that carries the image of our entire sinful state is purified in the heart in this way. And in order to indicate the magical, the enormous significance of this, the Sermon on the Mount says: ‘Blessed’ – that means healed – ‘are the pure in heart, for they shall see God’.

For what happens? When the power of love flows into the head sanctuary by the development of the heart, via the lesser circulation that is directly linked with the cerebro-spinal system, the blood will purify the cerebral cortex that is so severely damaged in many people.

Secondly, the pure blood will affect those brain centres that are charged with selfish purposes. It will neutralise the self-centred fantasies and then expel them from the system.

Thirdly, this pure blood power will completely cleanse all mental activities of selfishness and expel the desire nature.

In this way the activity of the new blood power will step by step make the old human being of the I-nature with his entire karma of injustice wither and disappear. And the New Man, higher nature, will be awakened.

Fourthly, after the blood stream has accomplished its work in the head sanctuary, it flows downward again and affects the entire body with the cleansed power of the heart.

Only in this way can an individual overcome the great mental damage that is the result of the state of his natural

birth and will see the veils which separated him from the living reality of Supernature disappear.

Then the first breakthrough has been realised. By the cleansing power of love the path has been cleared for the three latent centres of the head sanctuary, which can be found immediately behind the frontal bone, behind the root of the nose, another one in the middle and one at the top of the head sanctuary. By the constant activity of the pure blood, rising upward from the heart, these three latent centres open up completely.

The ascent reaches a point where the dawn becomes visible; the reborn soul is alight on the horizon. The consciousness of the frontal centre, in the seat of the golden rose, has been created. The shackles, which have held mankind captive in its lower desire nature for so long, are broken. The Ephesian, the inhabitant of the border, has broken through to the new land.

That is, briefly, the process that is called 'the first breakthrough'. However, you will understand that victory will perhaps not come as quickly as expected, but you can be assured that, if you persevere on the proposed path, you will be able to do everything in the power of Christ. For the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us of all sin.

And if you should think that we relate your needs and profound desires to a nature-religious stepping-stone and further hope for the best, we would like to show clearly what we understand by the Christ.

There was a period in the past when the path of initiation was not yet open to all people. Only those who were called by the Hierophants themselves and were led to the sanctuaries, were admitted. That was at a time when the ancient race religions were still fully active. It was the Moon Era, in which the sun, the moon and the earth still formed a

special trinity, until the moment for further manifestation arrived in the cosmic development. The Christ Spirit was in the process of manifesting itself both as a physical Saviour *and* as a spiritual Saviour.

You know that solar power is indispensable for all life on earth. It provides the whole earth and everything living on it with everything it needs. In this way mankind is wholly dependent on the sun.

Well then, the fact that a human being is a creature of God and dependent on the sun, proves that sun, earth and humanity, and the Logos itself, are mutually linked according to a plan. Because a mighty plan of development, which is being carried out, underlies the existence of humanity, showing that the material manifestation of the Sun Logos offers divine help.

The spiritual manifestation of the sun is also a fact. That is why the Christ is also called a Sun Spirit. This spiritual manifestation was only realised when the cosmic trinity mentioned before still existed. It was directly received by the Moon, and from there passed on to the earth and mankind by the Moon angels. As already said, this was the time of the race religions.

But at a certain moment, at the dawn of the Aryan Era, the spiritual sun energy was directly radiated to the earth. From then on, the Christ was directly linked with humanity either to its resurrection or to its fall. A completely new development began, a development you are familiar with. You know the myth of the star that appeared to the three wise men.

We hope and pray, that you will fathom the inescapable truth of the lines of poetry of Angelus Silesius:

*And were Christ born a thousand times in Bethlehem,
and not within you, you would still be lost.
In vain you have beheld the cross of Golgotha,
if you did not build the rose heart within you.*

Final prayer

To the task of the Soul we are all going forth.
And strongly the bow of our vessel of life
cleaves the waters of life, nature's vast seas.
And all who are going the Path of the Grail
see the Cross of Salvat
and the domes of the City on the further shore, glowing.

And behind us the past is cut off.
We see it subsiding in mists. Amen.

The Call of the Gnosis peals ever louder,
like bells that are singing
vibrating in circles of ether waves ringing
with blessings imbued.
And countless the multitude
joining our ranks. Amen.

Final blessing

That you all, in this fourth Aquarius Conference, in the light
and the power of God's Sanctifying Spirit, may follow your
calling in the name of God and fulfil your task as soul human
Being. Amen.

INITIATION AND SELF-INITIATION

Votum

Dear Friends, may the bread of life nourish you; may the wine of the spirit comfort you; may the purifying salt raise you imperishable. Amen. May the Light of Christ be constantly near to you. Amen.

Opening Prayer

To Him who has the power to liberate you according to the message of salvation and the touch of the Brotherhood of Christ, according to the manifestation of the Gnosis which was concealed since the times of the ages, but has now been manifested according to the command of the Eternal One, and who wants to lead us in obedience to the holy path: to Him, the only wise God, be glory in all eternity. Amen.

Ritual

‘Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all

sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptised into Christ have put on Christ. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.' Amen.

The aspects of the liberating path contained in the Magnetic Body of the Spiritual School form a straight harmonious development of true pupilship. They guarantee a very fast unfolding of all forces and faculties present in the entire microcosm, from the first moment a person enters the seeking field of the Spiritual School until the last moment before his liberation and entrance into the promised land.

Perequisite for all of this, however, is the absolute, radiant faith in Jesus Christ. What does that mean?

Do not think that Jesus Christ is a divine being outside you. No, Christ, the great Saviour, is hidden as a grain of seed, as a rose bud, as a last remnant of an original divine being, in every human being, already right from the beginning. And if a human being devotes himself to this last remnant of the original divine being that can only be manifested in the radiation of the universal Sun, the fount of all life, this hidden seed will be born as a Jesus human being, i.e. as a perfect soul human being. True faith involves this process, this path of the rose. Whoever walks this path has become a true child of God, progressing from strength to strength. Amen.

Let us suppose that you are yearning to walk the liberating path, but you still refrain from doing so, that the aspects of your mode of life still completely prove the opposite. Then this means that you *could* walk this path, but that you are still delayed by all kinds of delusions of your personality and their bitter consequences.

How many of you are still being sacrificed by your per-

sonality from time to time, although you are known as pupils of the Spiritual School and as such have been taken up in the Magnetic Body of the School?

This Magnetic Body possesses a great serenity and is not of this world. That is why each pupil who does not yet confess his true faith in Jesus Christ and holds on to the dialectical personality, is a threat to the magnetic system of the Spiritual School. He causes a wound in the body of the group.

This body of the group suffers almost intolerable pains. It carries the welts of all egocentric deeds. You will understand that it cannot tolerate these sufferings indefinitely. It would be destroyed before its lofty goal could be achieved. The egocentric urges could overrun the group. The pupils' journey would not result in a homecoming in the Promised Land, but rather in becoming bogged down in the desert sand. Amen.

Many of you will agree with us that the Spiritual School must have an instrument at its disposal. Its capacity of absorption with regard to these ravagings must be kept within certain limits in view of the primary goal ultimately to see all return home. This is the purpose of the law of the spiritual order.

There is immediate and complete freedom for those who truly believe in Jesus Christ. Those justified by their faith must be protected by the law of the spiritual order. The rules and regulations, the organisation, the agreements, the definitive guidelines, to which all must adhere, are valid for those who still have not reached the real faith in Jesus Christ, and who from time to time let themselves be urged on by the personality consciousness.

However, those who are free, are voluntarily bound by the faith. They are a law unto themselves. Those who have not

yet been proven to live and be in the unshakeable faith in Jesus Christ will be bound by the protective system of the Spiritual School.

Work out for yourselves whether you have ever experienced a conflict with the spiritual guidelines of the Spiritual School. If the answer is affirmative, you had no faith in Jesus Christ at the time. You carry your own moral standard with you. Are you kept on your soul-liberating path by the law or already by your faith?

If you understand this well, you will be grateful that the law judged you in order to lead you, within its boundaries, to the faith and therefore to freedom. If you understand this correctly, you will know from within that many have inflicted wounds upon the Living Body, wounds received and suffered in perfect love for the pupil.

May this explanation with regard to the Community in Christ Jesus and our participation in the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross continue to determine your way of life. Amen.

Fourth address

When the breakthrough in the sanctuary of the rose of the heart has been accomplished and the blood of renewal circulates in the head sanctuary, so that the three latent centres of your higher nature are vivified, the New Man, the superior human being, has actually been born. This pillar of consciousness, which at first could not rise beyond rational thinking that amidst the confusion of dialectics and in the grasp of the lower desire nature tried to find a way out in all directions, can now rise up to its lawful summit: to the pinnacles of the Tower of Olympus. The building of the New Man, who is called by the Logos, can now begin. And who-

ever has understood everything, and particularly today's topic, discussed in this fourth Aquarius Conference, can consider himself to be an 'initiate' in the literal sense, which means that he may consider himself to be taken up in the new development.

Do understand it well, friends. Initiation in the classical sense refers to a period in the past still often overestimated by many and from which all kinds of charlatans all over the world profit.

When the average person of the crowd was still wholly guided by the race religions, because his personality had not yet developed completely and rational thinking could still be considered its initial stage, there were only a few individuals among the different nations that were led by the race religions, who had developed further than their fellow human beings. They were initiated in specially reserved temples, because this might be valuable for individuals and for humanity. It was explained to them what was expected of all of humanity in a distant future, but was already being revealed to them as pioneers, so that they could prepare – if the proper time had arrived – for true service to mankind.

These initiations were, of course, always secret, because the crowd, due to its state of being, could not have understood anything and would, therefore, have become confused and have encountered difficulties.

Today, however, the reality is that the racial body has been perfected. The nature-born human being is equipped with all necessary faculties and is confronted with the development of his higher nature. Everything that has until now been considered as belonging to the realm of initiation, now forms the first step on the path to Supernature that must be achieved by self-realisation. If you wish to

preserve the word 'initiation', you should speak of 'self-initiation'.

All of you have received the prescription of healing, of this self-initiation. Cosmically, the Christ power, the Christ spirit is present in the centre of our planet. This power irradiates the entire earth. Microcosmically, this divine radiation communicates itself to your being. Therefore: the Christ is *within* you.

The point is now whether you will open your heart sanctuary for Him. Then this rose power will make itself felt in your head sanctuary in the way explained with all its liberating consequences. No one can take this power away from you; no one can withhold its mercy from you, unless you reject it yourself.

Just as humanity has in the past been supported on its path by the Moon Hierophants, the Brotherhood of the Rosycross will, with respect to the near future, support all who want to take their mode of life seriously, walk the path of higher consciousness purposefully and lift their blood powers to a higher level at this important moment in time. This classical and universal task has now been taken over from the Moon Hierophants and in this way the first step has been set on the path of self-realisation, for us and with us.

This is the message we had to transmit to you! From this moment on, our destiny has been placed in human hands. That is why we will know, from now on, not only the Lectorium Rosicrucianum, but also the Inner School.

The *Lectorium Rosicrucianum* will completely acquaint you with the teachings of the Rosycross. These teachings wholly correspond to and are completely attuned to the path humanity had to go in the past and on which it must be focused in future. And now that the criterion and the

goal of the ancient path have been achieved, at least with regard to the basis and the preparation, we must begin with the realisation of the future, because for teachings to be effective, they must be applied, they must be realised. This is done in the *Inner School of the Rosycross*.

In this way, teachings and life are brought into harmony. We would like to present you with a description of this realisation.

We have already explained how the purified blood power, attuned to the essence and the purpose of renewal, can be prepared in the human heart and how this purified blood power rises up to the head sanctuary. And how, in the first place, purification is accomplished there and secondly, how by this purification latent faculties are released, so that the dawn of the new day can break through.

Thus, all true candidates will at a certain moment during their upward journey arrive in the cerebrospinal part of the brain, called 'the Tower of Olympus' by Christian Rosycross in *The Alchemical Wedding*. And if you have read this part of the *Spiritual Testament of the Order of the Rosycross*, you will have understood that this tower cannot be climbed effortlessly. The candidates have ropes, ladders and wings at their disposal. But in order to prevent any arbitrariness the ballot will decide who will receive a rope, a ladder or wings. The reason for this is clear: the cerebrospinal part of the brain in its present state of being looks like a more or less damaged part of the body. That is why all of you will have a different task of purification and preparation, for the impediments are different for everyone.

However, if you persevere and follow the advice of the helpers, victory will certainly come. This victory will consist of the recovery of the ancient classical kingship of the spirit.

Epilogue

Blessings of Salvation
how great and wondrous are Your Ways!
How manifold is Your Mercy!
He who knows how to open Your Fountains
will receive, in abundant measure, the Living Water
which springs forth in a ceaseless flow
from the Depth of the Divine Creation.
Amen.

In the glorious Splendour of Your fields
we sing our hymn,
the hymn of joy, of thankfulness and worship.
For You do not cast off the reprobates.
You will acknowledge us as image bearers,
called to high purposes.
Amen.

May many taste with us the Peace of Your Touch. Amen.

Final Prayer

The earth rushes towards its end.
Only a short span of time has been left.
Use it!
Then the Lord of Life comes
with great power and glory.
To Him, the Christ,
is the New Heaven and the New Earth,
the power, the strength and the glory in eternity. Amen.

THE VICTORY OVER THE
COUNTER-HUMAN BEING

Votum

Gnosis, the Temple power of liberation:
to all who are linked with it,
with all who invoke the holy name:

Brothers and Sisters,
Mercy be on you and the peace of God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ,
in the fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prologue

Who no longer strives for earthly goals,
and light of heart will pass through nature of death,
will wake up in the soul state
in utter refinement.

Subtle of essence he will withdraw
from the dialectical judgement of men
still wandering in darkness
and only knowing the lower life as limit.

Who enters the light of universal consciousness,
and strives, in deep penetration, for the lands of the Gnosis,
will grasp the unfathomable depth,
to which the pupil directs his step. Amen.

Choir

*We approach you, Father,
radiant love, power from deep source.
Our soul will be aglow
and from tower's ramparts
God's spirit now descends in me.*

*Born of the Gnosis, the light will dawn in us.
Darkness will yield to light of day.
Jubilant our new song will resound,
We sing of a radiant future:
return to you, O Lord.*

*You bless all who once have fallen,
who blindly stumble through the night.
Shine in our hearts,
remove the delusion of our sorrow:
Enter, O Holy Spirit!*

‘Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may

have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.' (1 Peter 1: 3-9)

Ritual

The Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross undertakes everything possible to give its pupils the key that, if used properly, will turn them into spirit-soul human beings, so that the gate of gates will be unlocked to them.

Already preparatory pupils are familiar with the fact that by the use of the will alone the great fulfilment of life cannot be achieved. 'Flesh and blood' cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. The teachings of the Spiritual School affect the consciousness of the personality in this first phase. At first, it still believes in things that cannot be seen with our physical eyes.

The touch of the Holy Spirit becomes irrevocably certain when the Universal Doctrine can be accepted and assimilated in spontaneous openness and in full faith. Of the preparatory pupil, the probational pupil and the professing pupil a correct directedness to the purpose and essence of the plan of salvation in Christ is expected, so that the radiations of the Holy Spirit can be active in them and the teachings of the Golden Rosycross can illuminate their consciousness. In this way, the pupils of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum identify themselves with Zechariah and Elisabeth, two figures from the Gospel of Matthew. They lead a sanc-

tified life of service and self-sacrifice. However, this is only a short phase in the human pilgrimage that could be called the prologue to a subsequent process of development.

The second phase has a threefold touch, full of the divine prana of life. In this threefold touch by the great divine breath of life, the Joannine human being, who will in his life become the breaker and who will also be a prophet, is born.

Meanwhile, the natural I has become aware that this state of life has to be broken too, because a more exalted reality of life is beckoning. The Joannine human being knows from within that his momentary life is only a phase in the system of creation of the plan of God for the world and humanity. The aim is now: to be allowed to approach the Jesus human being.

In this third phase, the entire dynamics of the consciousness of the personality is relegated to the background of his being: the Joannine human being is led into the Forecourt of the Inner School. The universal radiation forces are directly linked with the pupil. The awakened soul, generated from totally new ether values, can be compared to the Jesus infant human being.

Then the life of the pupil will harmoniously be united with the universal doctrine of Love. The fourth phase of the development begins: the door of the Inner School is opened up for the Joannine human being. Amen.

After the door to the Inner School has been opened for the pupil, his microcosm undergoes an enormous change. If the conscious personality no longer occupies a prominent place, the soul human being Jesus can develop and grow in the microcosm in a threefold way.

First, a new astral higher self develops in the pupil's field of manifestation. Secondly, the image of the immortal one

appears in the ether field of the pupil, and thirdly, a totally new structure of power lines of the spirit-soul figure is achieved in the personality.

Because the Jesus infant human being achieves his development out of and by the Holy Spirit, he is immaculate and justified before God. Hence his testimony in later life: 'I and the Father are one'. By the complete decline of the Joannine human being a Son of Man has matured, who is *in* the world, but not *of* the world. It is the task of the Son of Man to be a living witness of a reality of life that has approached mankind.

This phase of life leads the soul human being to the eternal human being: the Christ. The fifth phase begins. Jesus the Lord dies as to nature, not because of his sinful state, but because He is the mediator of the New Covenant. He is resurrected from the grave of nature; the gross earthly has completely vanished from Him. And when He finally ascends to heaven, the spirit-soul human being, the son of the gods, the only-begotten Christ, is manifested. Only then the truly heavenly being, who has found his summit in Christ, is manifested.

The above describes the processes of transformation that have to be lived through by every human being who wants to walk the path of Christ, before the liberating path has been completed. You now know that there is a fivefold process that leads from the darkness to the eternal light:

- 1 the development from the natural human being to the cultural human being;
- 2 the breakthrough of the cultural human being to the state of the limited sanctified life, called the state of the Ephesian in the Bible;
- 3 the development of the Ephesian to the breaker of nature;

- 4 the ascent of the breaker of nature to the immaculate Jesus human being;
- 5 the development of the Jesus human being to being the only-begotten Son of God, the Christ being.

May all who have been taken up in the Magnetic Field of our Spiritual School bring the fivefold process of sanctification described to a good end. The mantra, by which you can open the gate to this path, is the powerful word: 'I can do all things in Jesus Christ who strengthens me.' Amen.

Fifth address

When the – in most people – latent centres of the cerebrum, which are linked with the higher consciousness, have been more or less vivified and awakened from their long sleep in the way explained, it can be said that the spirit has become alive.

It descends from the apex of the head sanctuary into the nature-born system. From then on, both the cerebrospinal system *and* the autonomous nervous system are controlled by the spirit-soul. Again, a breakthrough has literally been accomplished and a new power irradiates the whole body with very peculiar consequences.

If the pure spirit is revealed in the microcosm and the divine is manifested in matter, the spirit must perform a mighty work. Everything material, everything born of matter, must be purified and transformed. Every atom must obtain a different structure, another composition, resulting in the manifestation of a different sphere of action. It will be able to be manifested in matter, although in a way totally different from before, but at the same time totally different realms are opened up to the atom. It receives

what is called ‘omnipresence’.

But before this work can be started by the positive pole of the monad – i.e. the spirit manifested as the higher human being – another task must be accomplished. If the Spirit is vivified in a person, it has to show itself in two ways:

first, as a true spiritual power born of the soul,

secondly, as a rational-moral faculty based on the Spirit.

There are many people who demonstrate and prove these soul faculties, but because they can still be reached and wounded by the sting of nature-born dialectics, the soul and the reason remain below a certain level. They sin from time to time, and you know what the Bible says: ‘The soul that sins must die’.

Only when the unity of spirit, soul and reason has truly been accomplished, when this higher triangle has been drawn, can the true, the higher, the liberating work begin. Everything preceding it is called preparation.

The work to be accomplished next has four aspects: the astral vehicle, the etheric vehicle and the physical body must truly be ensouled and be placed under a truly rational control, completely corresponding to the laws of the spirit, the laws of the new mode of life. Everything natural must receive the breath of the new nature, the spirit of the new nature.

If this threefold task has been accomplished, the fourth aspect follows. Then the counter-human being must be affected and be removed from its place. You must understand this well. The counter-human being (we intentionally have chosen *this* name) is in fact counter-natural, but none the less very real. And he can at a certain moment stop the entire work of construction we have begun. We will try to explain this to you.

For an almost unimaginably long period of time, the old state of being, the ordinary natural state of being, has devel-

oped. Underlying this development was always the same idea of human genesis: the nature-born human being has to become complete, before the supernatural development could begin.

This is why in the past the whole human state of being has always been at the level of the ordinary natural development, as it is found in all of nature. The human being as we know him is in fact nothing but a higher kind of animal. You must look this fact squarely in the face, even if one has tried to hide it under the carpet. An example to illustrate this is that one occasionally tries to transform a monkey into a human being.

If the human being had remained the nature-born original creature, there would not have been any trace of a counter-human being. But since the development of the race religions, this has changed. Very cautiously and slowly, so that this process spanned thousands of years of development, humanity was taught a certain morality. A distinction was introduced between the supernatural state of life of mankind and its habits, in which no trace of sin could be found, on the one hand and another higher human being on the other. The first tiny step in the direction of a new human genesis was taken.

To the extent that this process developed, the counter-human being became gradually manifested. Everything that could be attributed to the old human being, everything that belonged to his habits, his entire mode of life, his desires and all his wishes, were concentrated into a fierce resistance, into a kind of self-defence. The counter-human being, the concentration of the lower desire nature, obviously found an ally in every mortal with similar needs and desires. And to the degree the nature-born human being adapted himself more and more to higher laws and

rules of life and his morality reached a higher level, a struggle developed between what is called the Black Curse and the divine influence, between what is satanic and what is divine in a human being, between the original nature-born human losing territory and the developing human being, who was guided by the race gods themselves.

You know the law of nature: the weak defend themselves and attack is often a form of defence. In this way we have briefly explained how the counter-human being developed. He is the product of a natural law and until this day resists the gradual unfolding of the divine plan. In self-defence he fights to his last breath.

Without exaggeration we can state that the counter-human being has now achieved its greatest power. For in the course of many centuries, during which the type of the nature-born human being has developed, and also the struggle between the upward-striving human being and the growing counter-human being in him, he became burdened by sin. The result was a consciousness of sin that has now become very powerful in many people. But on the other hand, the counter-human being has become so strong that almost all of humanity experiences a kind of surrender, a kind of resignation to the astral conditions of the present time.

Such troubled time as we are experiencing now is always proof that the natural law is thwarted by a spiritual law and that humanity, out of breath, threatens to lose heart. The burden of sin, stimulated by the counter-human being, has been piled up so high that, viewed from the horizontal plane, escape is hardly possible.

We hope and pray that you will now understand that the path of the Rosycross, to the consciousness of which this fourth Aquarius Conference is devoted, offers the only alternative for salvation. For only by going this path can the

counter-human being be removed from the microcosm without struggle. No living human being that has walked the path of development described can escape this task. The nature order in you must be terminated, now that a certain point has been reached

If this cannot be accomplished naturally, in peace and quiet and joy, it will initially occur in discord. In any case, this nature order will be thwarted on the appointed day by the spirit order of our Planetary Spirit, Jesus Christ, and the development of the past, which has become an abyss and a beast to humanity, will be bound. Else the entire universe would be denatured with all ensuing consequences.

The unholy development of science, which can be seen so clearly and has led mankind to the edge of the abyss, not only threatens our planet with disaster, but has also become an actual danger of intercosmic proportions. This is not caused by the conscious will of individuals, but rather by the counter-human being within, which is intent on affecting the Divine order of things through the thinking faculty of his victims, the scientists.

Hence you will understand that there *must* be an intervention now, as the Bible clearly shows. The ‘number of the beast’ is obviously the number of degenerated mankind. Scientifically, there is an absolute unity between these two. That is why an intercosmic intervention is developing, a process of purification and change, and a process of recovery and healing. We hear about the fall of Babylon and we hear the song of victory about it. And we hear about the defeat of the beast and its host of prophets. And we hear that the entire evolution of the counter-human being is thwarted and of the new intercosmic field that evolves on this basis.

Brothers and Sisters: what is going to happen intercosmi-

cally in and around this world – which will be considered as a great catastrophe by humanity – can be overcome in advance by those who want to go the path of the Rosycross and want to liberate themselves from the counter-human being in them. The spirit order of Jesus Christ must also thwart the nature order and its consequences in them. We have pointed out the way to this goal for you.

Jesus the Lord, after having been called to the spirit order and after having received the power to do so, was required to prove three times that He had completely liberated himself from the counter-human being within him:

*Then the devil left him, and behold,
angels came and ministered to him.*

In this way we approach the spirit order of renewal.

Final prayer

Original Light,
which radiates from the Divine Life,
may we be hallowed by you.
May Your Kingdom come over us.
May Your Will work in our entire being
in accordance with Your Divine Nature.
And for that purpose give us each day Your Holy Bread.

In the Power of Your Touch we break
all the bonds which resist Your Purposes.
And forgive and forget all that
the world and mankind have inflicted upon us
because of their natural state.

May You erase, with Your Merciful Light,
our entire karma
on the basis of this, our new attitude of life.

Protect us, O Light, in temptation,
and deliver us from the evil one
if he should take hold of us.

In You is the New Life,
and the Power,
and the Glory,
unto Your Eternity. Amen, yes, amen.

Final blessing

Brothers and Sisters,

During this fourth Aquarius Conference it was our task to transmit to the entire group of pupils the urgent request of the Brotherhood of Life to prepare themselves for the coming events in accordance with the essence of the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross. If it is at all possible, you should begin with this task, each of you on the level you are standing on as a pupil at this very moment.

Friends, may the fire of renewal touch you.
May the nature of life renew you from day to day.
May the new atom lead you to the dawn of liberation.
Amen.

Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and give you his peace. Amen.*

CLOSING SERVICE
BY
THE SWISS PRESIDUM

TRUE GRATITUDE

Votum

Lord of all Life, Light Power of Love, Universal Holy Seven-Spirit: touch us and pervade our entire being. Amen.

To you, we dedicate our prepared hearts, our cleansed heads and the energy of our hands. Amen.

May all of us be found ready at all times to fulfil your holy task, your will, in all eternity. Amen.

Prayer

May faith in the magical sense be liberated in us. May we all give evidence of the state of our faith in a threefold way: by an indestructible Hope, by a strong inner Testimony, by positive new action in a new, self-liberating attitude of life.

Then the three Gnostic Mysteries will have accomplished their first rotation within us. The first, the fundamental mystery, kindles in the heart sanctuary the Light of Hope. The second, the Christ Mystery, will send Divine astral radiations into our being, so that, through the liver, the living inner experience develops that the Gnosis is linked with us. The third, the Mystery of the Holy Spirit, will feed us with Its Holy Foods, so that we shall be able to 'live the Life' in continual singleness of purpose.

May this majestic and mighty triangle of Faith soon radiate from all of us. Amen.

Prayer

O full-glorious Divine Promise,
Great is our thankfulness for Your Wondrous Grace,
that you yourself wish to dwell within us
as a rose of roses,
that we may carry You in our heart sanctuary
from day to day and from hour to hour.
O, the joy that we know ourselves, now and later,
To be encompassed by a microcosmic
Apostolic Zodiac,
and that this twelfold Cord of Renewal
draws us onward from the Dawn of the New Morning
to the bright noon of Fulfilment.
May we soon respond to Your Deed of Love
By being completely ready.

Merciful Source of Light,
Dwell in the centre of our soul state
and adorn us all
with Your Twelfold Vesture of Light. Amen.

Ritual

We quote from *The Wisdom of Solomon*:

Justice is the path to wisdom. Love justice. Direct your thinking to the Lord your God, yes, seek Him with a pure heart. For He lets himself be found by those that do not tempt Him and He shows Himself to those that do not mistrust him.

The wisdom of God does not come to an evil soul and does not dwell in a body subjected to sin. The Holy Spirit flees from those that have a lying heart. Where deception and injustice dwell, the Holy Spirit cannot be. Wisdom is a mild spirit, but it does not let the slanderer go unpunished, for God is witness of all thoughts and truly knows all hearts and hears all words.

The universe is filled with the spirit of the Lord. He who is omnipresent, knows everything you say. Hence, he who speaks unjustly, cannot hide. The law that will punish him, cannot fail to come. Hence, beware of evil deeds, keep your tongue from the curse of lies. For what you secretly whisper to each other, will not disappear without damaging you. The mouth that lies, kills the soul. But whoever lives in justice, will live forever.

Solomon's prayer for wisdom

O God of my Fathers,
Lord of all goodness,
who has created everything by your word,
and has shaped man by your wisdom,
so that he would rule over everything created
that has been created by you;
so that he would rule over the world
in holiness and justice,
and would be led by a pure heart:

Grant me wisdom.
Let it descend from your holy heaven,
send it, so that it dwells with me
and work with me,
so that I may recognise your will.

Your wisdom perceives everything,
O, let it guide me in my deeds,
with insight and understanding,
and protect me by its glory.

For which human knows God's counsel?
Or who can surmise what God wants?
Mortal man's thoughts are
indeterminable, tempting and dangerous.
Your wisdom protects all who have received it. Amen.

Everyone receives true Wisdom who is prepared to live according to Wisdom. True Wisdom, which is with God, cannot be bought nor be learned in any dialectical school.

From God we receive the possibility, the strength of faith, the power of love and the creative power of pure action for the fulfilment of the plan of creation. Whoever partakes in the liberating power, will give it away to all who are prepared to receive it.

By giving we will always belong to those that receive. Just as the original substance grows by giving itself away, so it is with those beings that recognise, understand and act. Amen.

Address

This service ends our fourth Aquarius Conference. On the 11th of July, the work in these buildings began, so that we were able to welcome all of you on the 21st of July. It is unnecessary to tell you how much work had to be carried out, before as well as during the conference. Whoever was able to see this, knows how comprehensive and multifaceted the work program was. Hence, we sincerely thank all who contributed to the realisation of this great event.

We are also grateful to all others for the selfless help they have given. But we can understand gratitude in another sense, too. The Bible is full of praise and gratitude towards the Creator. We read in Psalm 56:

‘My vows to You I must perform, O God; I will render thank offerings to You. For You have delivered my soul from death, yea, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.’

We, too, have every reason to be grateful. During our fourth Aquarius Conference, we have been allowed to experience the abundant blessing of the Brotherhood and no one was excluded from it.

If you have not yet experienced this consciously here already, you will certainly notice it upon your return home, because all have changed in these days. Hence, at the end of our conference, we would like to give our thanks by a word of the psalmist (Psalm 28: 6-8):

‘Blessed be the Lord! for he has heard the voice of my supplications. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.’

Such gratitude, which rises up to the Gnosis from a purified heart, is much more than spoken words. From such gratitude a vibration emanates. We invoke a power by it. If we are grateful from within, from the depth of our heart, we are linked with the liberating power that cannot be anything but help for our salvation. However, this gratitude must arise spontaneously from the depth of our being and should not be premeditated.

If we are grateful out of egocentric premeditation, we resemble a drowning person, who gratefully clings desperately to his best friend, who wants to save him, so that this friend is in danger of drowning. And don't we do the

same, when we do not grasp, and thus reject, the saving hand extended to us by the Brotherhood or when we cling to it with our personality too strongly? That is why our gratitude should be a prayer arising from the heart.

We now know – as we have been again very clearly told in this gathering – what tremendous faculties are slumbering in our hearts which can be liberated. We also know that the powers released must ascend to the head, so that the latent organs in the head sanctuary will be vivified. However, we should not stop the flow of liberating powers by our intellect and our thoughts. If a new consciousness is to be attained, the golden wonder flower must begin to radiate. This is only possible when the powers from the heart can flow into the head sanctuary unobstructed.

We have also been told that the Brotherhood of the Rosycross would give us every help imaginable, if we voluntarily accept the consequences of the path of the Rosycross and perform our work in self-realisation. Courage and perseverance are necessary for this great task all of us want to accomplish. However, if we do not lose patience with ourselves, the work *will* succeed. As long as we do not let go of the saving hand of the Brotherhood, it also has unlimited patience with us.

If we now speak of the Brotherhood and want to express our gratitude to it, we not only think of all Brothers and Sisters who have preceded us and who have been taken up in the chain of liberated ones long ago. But we also think in particular of the group of emissaries, who have descended into our field of life to establish the modern Rosycross.

We think of the circle of the Rosa Mystica and above all of the two representatives in our material sphere: Jan van Rijckenborgh and Catharose de Petri. They deserve our gra-

titude for the superhuman patience and love by which they have carried the work through all those long, difficult and bitter years. During this gathering, we have been able to celebrate the crowning of this work.

We hope and pray, brothers and sisters, that all of you will preserve in your hearts and heads the rich blessing you have received from the Brotherhood of the Rosycross during this fourth Aquarius Conference.

If you have, during these days, firmly decided really to walk the path of the Rosycross, you will know for sure that the Brotherhood of the Rosycross accompanies you at all times and in all circumstances, even at those moments when you might feel deserted by everything and everyone. Should you realise this, in your entire being, you will experience great and true gratitude.

Prayer

He who keeps his soul attuned towards the Gnosis,
strikes with his staff upon the rocks of hindrance
and opens the fountains of the Eternal Mystery.

He who opens his heart for the fathomless Light,
is adorned with the mantle of Imperishable Love.

He who attunes his thoughts to the hidden Counsel of God,
will receive the Essence of Wisdom.

He who with his renewed will fulfils God's Will,
he enters the Order of Melchizedek.

He who thus proceeds to action,
will enter the New Field of Life.

Brothers and Sisters,
Let us, through this fivefold magic ministration
Honour, Serve and Fulfil the fivefold Universal Gnosis. Amen.

Blessing

It is our sincere prayer
that you may serve the Young Gnostic Brotherhood
with your total Sacrifice.

May the God of Peace perfect you
in all good works,
so that you may do His Will,
achieving within you that which is pleasing to Him,
through Jesus Christ, to Whom be
eternity in all eternity.

Taken up in the Light of God,
purified in the Mercy of Christ,
renewed through the Salvation of the Holy Spirit.

Brothers and Sisters in the Service of the Gnosis:
May your Ways be radiant as the dawn,
your Powers as those of the Strong Ones,
your Deeds as those of the Holy Ones. Amen.

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