

# A DREAM COME TRUE

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## **Search for Treasure**

I think that every journey begins in search of something we want. We may have a strong attraction to a definite goal, or it may be a vague sentiment. In any case, we find our adventure when there is some sense of a treasure we seek. It begins when we try to get it.

My Rosicrucian journey began in earnest at the age of eighteen. I had just started college and felt a deep-seated dissatisfaction with my life. I felt something was lacking with only a vague inclination of what that might be, and little indication of what direction to take.

One day, in my unfocused search, I happened upon an advertisement in a publication of current interest. It referred to vague impressions like presentiments and coincidences that I had experienced and could relate to. There were some interesting and mysterious symbols. It included an invitation to pursue a bold and enticing goal: "The Mastery of Life."

## **Feel the Magic**

There was something special right from the start about the Rosicrucian home study experience. At that time instruction was transmitted using printed monographs sent by mail. Occasionally there was a personal letter with additional information, or words of encouragement that let you know that the instruction was connected to a living person.

The monographs were more than written expositions. A strong emphasis on ritual instilled a feeling of participation, while their style of writing expressed knowledge with a balanced viewpoint.

They encouraged critical thinking and personal reflection.

I looked forward with great anticipation to receiving something special and new for study each week. It was a truly magical experience.

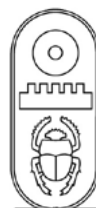
## **Look in the Mirror**

The Rosicrucian path is a journey of self-reflection. The lessons constantly emphasize the importance of exploring our own thoughts and feelings. They present a wide range of knowledge and viewpoints, with the understanding that each student will benefit according to their needs and aptitudes. I found this approach appealing and extremely satisfying.

The monographs also encourage review, practical application, and experimentation. For my part, I never seemed to have much success with the experiments. I did make a significant effort at review, as I wanted to remember what I found particularly important. I also looked for ways to apply the lessons in my life. In fact, this practice of introspection and practical application continues to play a key role in my life today.

## **Feed the Flame**

The advancement along the Rosicrucian path by degrees gave me a feeling of progress. It also helped cultivate an awareness that self-transformation requires a great deal of time and dedication. Such effort can be difficult to maintain without feeling that our experience fulfills a vital need. Perhaps that is one reason why lighted candles have a prominent presence in most Rosicrucian rituals. They have a mysterious appeal to the feeling side of our natures.



An important Rosicrucian symbol is the triangle or the number three. They represent two opposites and an intermediate condition. An equal-sided triangle can symbolize perfect balance or the “golden mean.”

Upon reflection, something seems to be missing. What is the perfect balance at any given moment, and how do we know? The Rosicrucian teachings provide hints to a mystery that each one of us can only discover for ourselves. It is suggested by expressions such as “Intuition,” “The Still, Small Voice,” and “The Master Within.”

### **Let Go**

As I paid attention to my intuition it became clearer and stronger. I felt it more and more in the experiences I was having. At the same time, my intuition came into conflict with my current way of thinking and acting. I needed to adjust to a new way of living.

I had to let go, let go of the ideas of how things are or should be, let go of the feeling that things can't change, let go of all the barriers I keep in place that prevent me from experiencing the uncomfortable thoughts and feelings within.

The Rosicrucian technique uses a graduated method to gently awaken self-awareness while dissolving obstacles in the way.

### **Try It On**

I consider intuition a kind of inner guidance. It may lead me to a new perspective or urge me to act in a certain way. I often do not realize its full significance at the time. When inspired with intuition, I try to accept the impression exactly as received, consider how it relates to my perspective and understanding, and apply it to my life.

One of my greatest obstacles is when intuition triggers a fear of failure or disapproval. Then it seems to conflict with my beliefs about who I am, what I was taught, or my perception of what others think I should be. A preoccupation with not making a mistake sometimes prevented me from acting on my intuition. In these cases, I often felt regret at not fully exploring and implementing the intuition I received.

Then it occurred to me: let go and try it on, allow intuition to move me in creative and inspired ways. If I accept failure as part of life without giving up, then I never truly fail – let the magic happen.

### **Come Home**

In the later years of my Rosicrucian studies, I reached an unusual degree of attunement. I learned the lessons of the monographs I was about to study before receiving them in the mail. Soon I realized that my life experiences had become the greatest teacher of all.

In my understanding, the Rosicrucian goal is not to recreate ourselves; it is to discover who and what we already are. We must become conscious of our ability to influence ourselves and our environment, and to feel our connection to the world. We must embrace the experience of living right now.

### **Go With the Flow**

It is a self-evident truth that change is a part of life. As we become more aware of the interaction between ourselves and others, and reflect on our experiences, life seems to flow as it were. It is a process of give and take. Life seems much more fulfilling when we go with the flow.

The Rosicrucian Order recognizes this process in various concepts, such as

visualization, the law of attraction, cause and effect, and karma. The goal is to have a meaningful, productive, balanced, peaceful, and satisfying life.

### **Be Yourself**

In the end, you are the greatest gift to the world. One cannot truly control or change another except to lead them astray. At best, we can inspire each other by expressing our true, authentic selves.

I have always loved gazing up at a clear night sky when the opportunity arises. Scientific study and observation tell me that each individual star gathers the elements of its body from the surrounding environment. Condensing to a critical mass, it ignites, projecting its very essence and energy into the entire universe as far as can be seen. As long as the force of attraction is balanced by the pressure of expansion, a star endures for eons. I feel a mysterious attraction and satisfaction gazing at the glorious luminaries above.

I compare this stellar process to personal realization and integration that modern psychology calls individuation. Perhaps this is what the Rosicrucian Order refers to by the expression “The Mastery of Life.” Once harmony is established, a better description of the ultimate experience may be “The Sweet Mystery of Life.”

### **Embrace the World**

We are not alone. Each of us is connected to the world with various ties, such as family, friends, neighborhood, government, work, pleasure, necessity, and environment. They are all Earth-based because Earth is where we are living. Our challenge is to embrace the world and harmonize our ties to it on this journey of self-discovery and transformation.

We live in a time of world-wide connection and interaction. Now, more than ever, it is critical to recognize, appreciate and value individual contribution and worth. Life is not solely an intellectual exercise. It is feeling that gives meaning, faith, hope, joy, purpose, and even a degree of certainty to life. The Rosicrucian Order has always adapted its methods to the needs of the time in service of humanity.

### **A Personal Journey**

Recently I observed and felt a significant change – a kind of transformation if you will – with an increase in feeling and receptivity. I gave expression to my feelings and shared them with others.

I am in the habit of reading books I find enlightening and inspiring. After a pause of some months, I felt a need to re-read one that moved me. In the prime of his life, the author discovered he had a terminal illness. Within a few months, he would be separated from all that he had achieved and cared for. In the short time that remained, he chose to record his life lessons for the benefit of those he loved.

While I am not in such a situation, I felt inspired and began writing in a similar format. Then I found an invitation from the Order to write. It gave a new focus to my work and a forum to share my experience with others.

This is how I live: searching for treasure, feeling the magic, looking in the mirror, feeding the flame, letting go, trying it on, coming home, going with the flow, being myself, and embracing the world. That is the magic I want. This is a dream come true.

