



The Fruit of Evolution



hen the wind blows over a new-mown hay field it absorbs and carries with it the fragrance of a myriad of flowers; it is laden with the incense peculiar to that field. In another place, where the wind blows through a garden of roses or of orange blossoms, it gathers a different scent.

Similarly with evolving spirits: each one, during the fanning process in the evolutionary field, gathers the aroma of its individual experience. At the end of evolution, when as

Prodigal Sons we return to the bosom of the Father, each one of us will carry the aroma of his particular and individual experience on the evolutionary journey.

This composite essence, then, will be amalgamated with the great divine Spirit of the Father; we shall then all partake of one another's experience. Thus there will be a distinct gain for all concerned, for besides having evolved our own individuality we shall learn and partake of the knowledge and experience gathered by all of the other Spirits in our life wave. **MH**

INSPIRED BY THE WRITINGS OF MAX HEINDEL

Finlandia

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friends of the Rosicrucian Spirit Conclave
May 27 - May 29, 2016
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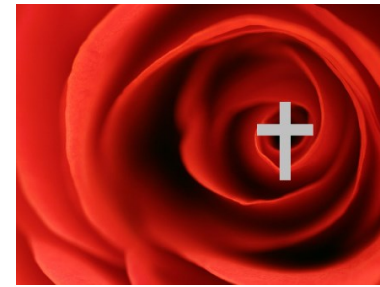
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July 10 - July 24, 2016
2222 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA USA
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Aug 4 - Aug 7, 2016 Pescia, ITALY
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Mystic Christianity in the Twenty-First Century

Self Reliance:

The Most Essential Virtue



nly as a man puts off all foreign support and stands alone, do I see him to be strong and to prevail. He is weaker by every recruit to his banner.

Is not a man better than a town? ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson, transcendentalist. *Self Reliance*, Born May 25, 1803, 3:15 p.m., Boston, MA

The Rosicrucian method of attainment differs from other systems in one especial particular: It aims, even at the very start, to emancipate the pupil from dependence upon others, to make him self-reliant in the very highest degree, so that he may be able to stand alone under all circumstances and cope with all conditions. Only one who is thus strongly poised can help the weak. ~ Max Heindel. *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, p 531, Born Carl Louis Grasshof, July 23, 1865, 4:32 a.m., Aarhus, Denmark

Today many of the world's citizens find themselves orphans in a turbulent world; with supporting structures collapsing, they are left adrift in an unfriendly sea, even literally.

Acts of God or the vicissitudes of destiny toss us to and fro, leaving us as children to our own devices. In the wilderness we discover who we are. We reach deeply into ourselves for talents, strengths, and abilities that we don't believe we have. The reaching becomes the tiniest growth-spurt in the evolution of one's soul; a small step toward deification. Finally, the pilgrim, in his realization remarks, "I didn't know I could do that."

That which each can do best, none but his

Maker can teach him. No man yet knows what it is, nor can, till that person has exhibited it.
~ Emerson

There may be an altogether different outcome for our child in the wilderness, one more humbling, as suggested by Heindel's report regarding the conclusions of the Elder Brothers in their quest to determine the spiritual requirements of future generations.

They "judged that 'pride of intellect, intolerance, and impatience of restraint' would be the besetting sins of our day. They formulated their philosophy so that it satisfies the heart at the same time that it appeals to the intellect and teaches man how to escape restraint by mastering self." ~ Max Heindel, *Teachings of An Initiate* p 143

One who reaches a final destination of desperation after a lack of strength and talent confirms self-reliance insufficiency, reaps the greater growth spurt in the evolution of the soul. Outcomes of adversity stir compassion for the fellow traveler (heart), a resolve to prepare oneself against future challenges (will and intellect), and the faith born of desperation (wisdom); so, prudence and enlightenment. Retrospection before, or purgatorial experience during, an individual's transition produces an essence of the experience to remain as soul-material or conscience in the aspirant's succeeding lives.

In the words of one German theologian, philosopher, and mystic: *The price of inaction is far greater than the cost of making a mistake. And... Be willing to be a beginner every single morning.* ~ Meister Eckhart, Born Eckhart von Hochheim, circa 1260, Thuringia, Germany.



As he stumbles along, the weary traveler may surmise – there may be some advantage or at least comfort in collaboration. He decides to work with a group.

Our unsuspecting friend knew nothing of the psychological research regarding a phenomenon known as “*Groupthink*”¹. It occurs within groups of people in which the desire for harmony or conformity in the group results in an irrational or dysfunctional decision-making outcome. Group members try to minimize conflict and reach consensus without critical evaluation of alternative viewpoints, suppressing dissension. Moreover they isolate themselves from outside influence. Individual creativity and independent thinking diminish. Furthermore, resolutions formed by groups carry less individual responsibility than decisions formed by one flying solo.

At this juncture, in the midst of “like-minded friends” our disappointed pilgrim first hears the aphorism, “A camel is a horse designed by a committee.”

Even now one rarely hears of people achieving great things unless they first stumble in some respect. ~ Eckhart

The occultist believes the purpose of evolution to be the development of man from a static to a dynamic God -- a creator. In order that he may become an independent, original Creator, it is necessary that his training should include sufficient latitude for the exercise of the individual originality which distinguishes creation from imitation. *Evolution.*
~ The Rosicrucian Fellowship

After many lifetimes, multiple experiences, and an embarrassment of temptations, our seasoned, strong-armed Helmsman tacks into the wind.

When an interviewer asked Maya Angelou for her opinion on what she thought was the most valuable character trait for anyone treading a spiritual path (gazing seaward),

Angelou replied, “*courage.*” Certainly, courage had been a necessary and abundant quality invoking her to endure the laudable yet sharply criticized; diverse, even violent, experiences of her life.

All my work, my life, everything I do is about survival, not just bare, awful, plodding survival, but survival with grace and faith. While one may encounter many defeats, one must not be defeated. ~ Maya Angelou, African-American poet and author, Born April 4, 1928 at 2:10 p.m. in St. Louis Missouri, Died May 28, 2014 at age 86

In the West, the Elder Brothers never urge, never praise, and never blame. The urge must come from within the pupil, and they teach him to judge himself. At certain stages upon the path they require him to write impartial opinions of his own conduct, so that it may be known how far he has learned to judge correctly. Thus in every respect they educate him to stand upon his own feet without leaning on them or anyone else. For the higher we attain, the greater would be the disaster of a fall; and only as we cultivate equipoise and self-reliance coupled with zeal of devotion, are we really fitted to go on. ~ Max Heindel, *The Rosicrucian Philosophy in Questions & Answers II* p 226

In his discussion of earth-bound spirits, Heindel cautions: *But self reliance is the most essential virtue to be cultivated by us at this stage of our evolution; the mystic maxim, “If thou art Christ, help thyself,” always sounded in the ears of those who endeavor to tread the true path. Hence we ought to guide ourselves without fear or favor from any spirit.* ~ Max Heindel. *Web of Destiny* p 36

In the process of individuation, the pilgrim emancipates himself from race spirit; thus, he frees himself from the inhibiting confines of ethnicity and culture. Blue sky replaces do’s and don’ts, shoulds and shouldnt’s.

Mixed blood makes for independence of outside help. [from clan or race spirits] A God (creator) must be independent. ~ Max Heindel, *Occult Principles of Health and Healing* p 25



A man should learn to detect and watch that gleam of light which flashes across his mind from within, more than the lustre of the firmament of bards and sages. Yet he dismisses without notice his thought, because it is his.
~ Emerson

Until he has ears to hear and the confidence to trust his inner voice, he will for a time rely on the guidance of others, but Heindel understood the unforeseen difficulties in that dependence.

Those who are themselves deceived are in their sincerity most convincing to others, and though they may call themselves “teacher” and be well intended, Heindel cautions they are unreliable and should not be trusted. Every Elder Brother of The Rosicrucian Order possesses Jupiter consciousness and unless the person in question calls up living pictures in the consciousness of the observer, he cannot be infallibly identified as such.

Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string. Accept the place the divine providence has found for you, the society of your contemporaries, the connection of events. Great men have always done so, and confided themselves childlike to the genius of their age, betraying their perception that the absolutely trustworthy was seated at their heart, working through their hands, predominating in all their being. And we are now men, and must accept in the highest mind the same transcendent destiny; and not minors and invalids in a protected corner, not cowards fleeing before a revolution, but guides, redeemers, and benefactors, obeying the Almighty effort, and advancing on Chaos and the Dark. ~ Emerson

...the higher we climb, either by evolution or initiation, the clearer we see ... and the better we are fitted to walk and climb alone.

If we have within ourselves sufficient love of all things, we can do no harm, because that love would stay our hand at any action, our mind at any thought which might hurt another. As yet



we have not reached that advanced stage of consciousness. If we had, there would be no need for our existence here, but all of us are seeking and advancing toward that state of glorious perfection. It is surprising how rapidly an individual may advance along these lines if he is truly serious in his effort, trusting not in his poor personality alone, but having implicit faith that by the example and teachings of Christ he may be enabled to unite himself with his divinity within. ~ The Rosicrucian Fellowship *Evolution*

Saint John of the Cross listed four benefits which the sojourner derives as he endures THE DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL: “*the delight of peace; a habitual remembrance of God and solicitude concerning him; cleanness and purity of soul; and the practice of virtue.*” ~ Saint John of the Cross, Born Juan de Yepes y Álvarez 1542, Fontiveros, Old Castile. Spanish Carmelite mystic friar and priest. *The Dark Night.* circa 1578, describes the painful experience that one endures as he seeks to grow in spiritual maturity and union with God.

In the second century, Saint Polycarp spoke to the Philippians and, referring to Paul, said: *he wrote you a letter which, if you carefully study, you will find to be the means of building you up in that faith which has been given you, and which, being followed by hope and preceded by love towards God, and Christ, and our neighbor, “is the mother of us all.” For if any one be inwardly possessed of these graces, he hath fulfilled the command of righteousness, since he that hath love is far from all sin.* **ER**

¹ word coined by William H. Whyte in 1952