



## Rosicrucian Manual

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We are more concerned with its introduction into the New 'World. We find here, too, many books and records which give reliable and precise details of the coming to America of the first Rosicrucian colony from Europe, under Sir Francis Bacon's original plan, in the year 1694, and its establishment for many years, first at Philadelphia, then at Ephrata, Pennsylvania, where some of the original buildings still stand. The first foundation here in America in 1694 (which left Europe in 1693) grew into a large and potent power of considerable importance in the affairs of the birth of the American nation, as can be seen by records in Philadelphia and Washington. The ancient law that each 108 years

was a cycle of rebirth, activity, rest, and waiting, made the great work in America come to a close, as far as public activities were concerned, in 1801 (108 years after the founders left Europe). Then for another 108 years the Order in this country was in its rest period with only certain descendants of the Last initiates passing to one another the rare records and official documents.

Then came 1909--108 years after the year 1801--and the time for rebirth and reorganization in a public form was at hand. The story of how H. Spencer Lewis, first Emperor for the present cycle of activity, was chosen to bear the burden of reorganization, has often been told, investigated, verified, and acknowledged by the highest Rosicrucian authorities of Europe and other lands.

Having had passed to him in the proper way certain knowledge preserved by the descendants of the first foundation in America, he prepared himself through various courses of study and association with scientific and metaphysical bodies, for the work he was to undertake in 1909. Then in the month of July of that year he went to France, where he was introduced to the proper authorities and inducted into the mysteries and the methods of carrying out his life mission.

Returning to America, he held many secret sessions with men and women who had been initiated into the Order in France and India and other lands, who formed with him the first foundation committee. Together they labored for six years so that in the seventh year of preparation they could announce to the American public the reestablishment of the Rosicrucian Order. The first official manifesto was warmly greeted by a gathering of over three hundred prominent students of the ancient Rosicrucian teachings who examined the official papers, seals and warrants possessed by Emperor Lewis, and formed the first American Council of the Order. A report of that session was sent to France, to the body of men who undertook the burden of supporting the foundation work in America, and a few months later the Grand Council of the Ordre Rose Croix of France recognized the Emperor for the Order in America.

Thereafter further organization meetings were held until a point was reached when two officials of the International Council of the Order visited America, approved of the organization as established here, and, upon their report to the International Convention in Europe, the American Order was made an independent Jurisdiction coming directly under the guidance of the International Council of the Order instead of under the sponsorship of the French Jurisdiction.

And this gave the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (AMORC) of North America a representation in the International Council, in its National and International Conventions and Congresses, and made the American AMORC a part of the AMORC of the world. Therefore, the A.M.O.R.C. is today the ONLY Rosicrucian movement in America having such authority and connections,

However, there are other Rosicrucian movements in America. They use the term or word Rosicrucian, but none of these Rosicrucian movements or publishing companies or societies use the term ROSICRUCIAN ORDER, nor do they use the title Ancient and Mystical ORDER Rosae Crucis.

In August of 1934 in Brussels, Belgium, a special conclave of the highest officers of the fourteen outstanding mystical, arcane, and metaphysical movements of the world was held. The object of the conclave was to perpetuate, by the forming of an international organization, the traditional rituals, teachings, laws and principles of each of the respective organizations, and to establish such rules and regulations and method of procedure as would identify each of these outstanding organizations as being authentic and genuine, as distinguished from the number of movements of a clandestine nature throughout the world.



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A book might be written upon the subject of the Symbology or Mystical meaning of the Rose and the Cross. The most popular explanation of the two symbols--the one which writers in encyclopedias love to use with great show of seeming authority--is that the Cross and the Rose have much to do with dew and other alchemical terms. This is simply a fanciful, though satisfactory, explanation for the casual reader. It is not the Truth, however.

As far as legend is concerned, we are informed in our own records that man first used the Symbol of the Cross when, in Egypt, or possibly Atlantis, a Mystic stood at sunrise upon a plain, and, looking toward the East, he raised his arms to a level with his shoulders in adoration of the Sun--the giver of life. Then, turning to face the West to salute the place where life ended, symbolically, he found that his arms and body, while in the act of salutation, formed a shadow on the ground before him, cast by the rising sun. The shadow was in the form of the Cross, and to him it meant that life was but a shadow--the shadow of the Cross.

An explanation, often offered by the wise, is that the origin of the Cross was in the crux ansata of the Egyptians--the cross with the oval opening at top, often seen in Egyptian designs and used symbolically in Egyptian and mystical Eastern writings. The crux ansata, called the cross of life, was designed by the Egyptians and Mystics to represent the continuity or immortality of life. The statement that in time the oval, or upper part of the crux ansata was closed into one perpendicular piece, thereby giving the original of the Cross we use, is a mistake, for in our records we find, as will others and, on the oldest Egyptian records of Mysticism and history, both crosses used in the same period. They seemed to come into existence about the same time at that time when the Master Minds of the Orient were originating and creating symbols which would have definite meanings in the minds of the learned students.

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There is but one answer: By taking the preliminary and graded steps in the earthly schools of the Masters and attaining the degrees of readiness through directed preparation. Hence the establishment of the arcane schools in all lands; hence the Great Work allotted to them by the Masters.

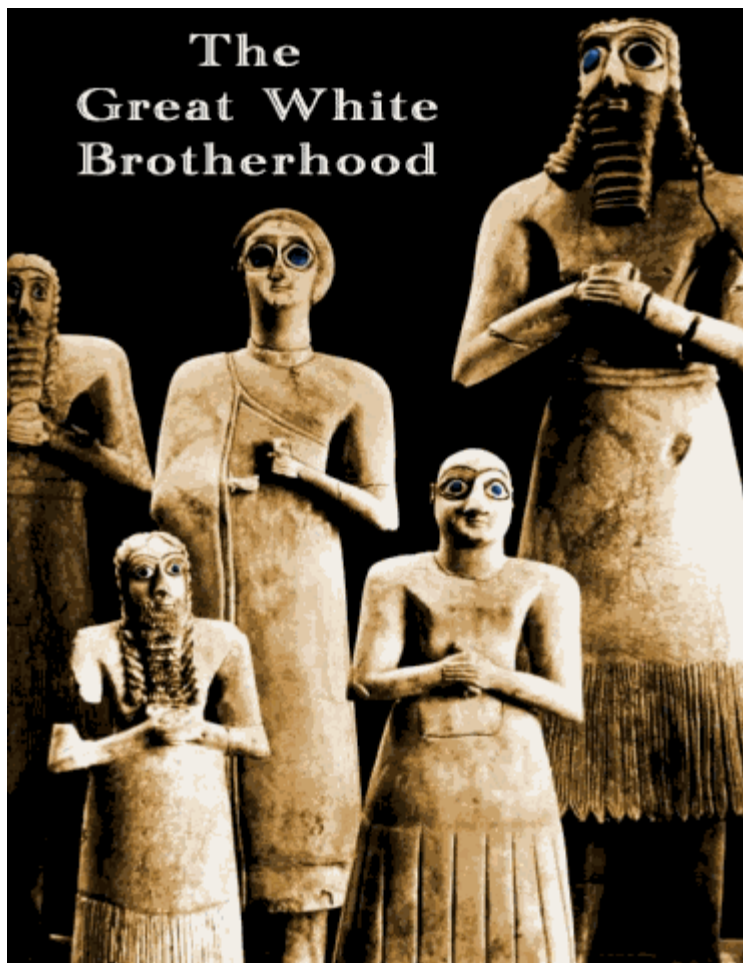
Where are the Great Masters and how are they contacted. Here we find more difficulty in answering, not because our knowledge is meager, but because language is inadequate to express the sublime facts. There are some conditions of Cosmic life which even the language of the Shakespeare gems could not describe. We may comprehend, we may apprehend, and there may come to us, through words, some faint conception of the beauty, magnificence, and divinity of the Cosmic scheme, but never a complete realization until we have made the personal contact and found Cosmic Illumination. Know, then, that there is a wonderful union or assembly of Master Minds, Master Personalities, who constitute the Holy Assembly of the Cosmic. One of these masterful characters, Kut-Hu-Mi, the Illustrious, is shown in a portrait in another part of the Manual. He was one of the two Masters referred to by the ancient mystics and made somewhat known to advanced Theosophists by the late Mme. Helena P. Blavatsky, who was one of the personal students of the Master.



## THE GREAT MASTERS

The Master K-H-M is Deputy Grand Master of the Great White Lodge of the Great White Brotherhood. He was at one time known on earth as Thutmose III of Egypt, and at one time resided at Lake Moeris (Morias). He was referred to in the Zend-Avesta as the Illuminator and was also known in Egypt as the Kroomata (Kai-Ra- Au-Meta) from which comes our Rosicrucian word used in our rituals and salutations: Cromaat. (It is interesting to note that if we take the initials of the title of our Order: The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, and reverse them, we have CROMAAT.)

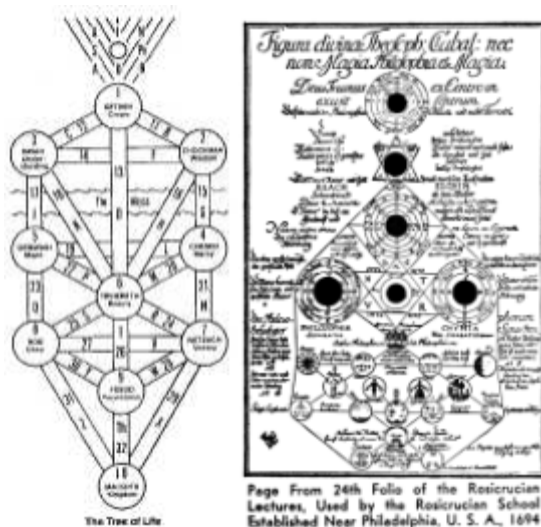
The Master K-H-M (often called "K-H" passed through a number of reincarnations and was an important character on this earth many times, and has lived for over a hundred and forty years in many incarnations. During his most recent incarnation on the earth plane, he lived at a secret monastery and temple near Kichinjirgha, called variously Kichinjirgha, Kich-jirg-jargha, or Parcha-jarg-hatba by the Tibetans and Sikimese.



## THE GREAT WHITE LODGE

There are a number of other Masters; some are on the Cosmic Plane, carrying on their great work while awaiting their next incarnation, and some are on this earth plane directing the physical work while developing for the Cosmic Plane period. Under their care a certain group of high Initiates are prepared in each incarnation for still higher work in a next incarnation, and some of these are assigned the duty, the service and the real labor, of maintaining the positions of Imperators, Magi, and Hierophants in the several branches of the Great White Brotherhood organizations, of which the Rosicrucian Order is the highest. These Imperators, Magi, and Hierophants in various lands, together with the Masters, compose the Holy Assembly of the Great White Lodge.

The Great White Brotherhood, on the other hand, is the school or Fraternity, of the Great White Lodge, and into this invisible Brotherhood of visible members every true student on the Path prepares for admission. The Great White Brotherhood has no visible meeting place. Its members never physically assemble. Any physical organization therefore, claiming to be the Great White Brotherhood is false. (See "Divine Illumination" and "The Work of the Great Masters" on page 148.)

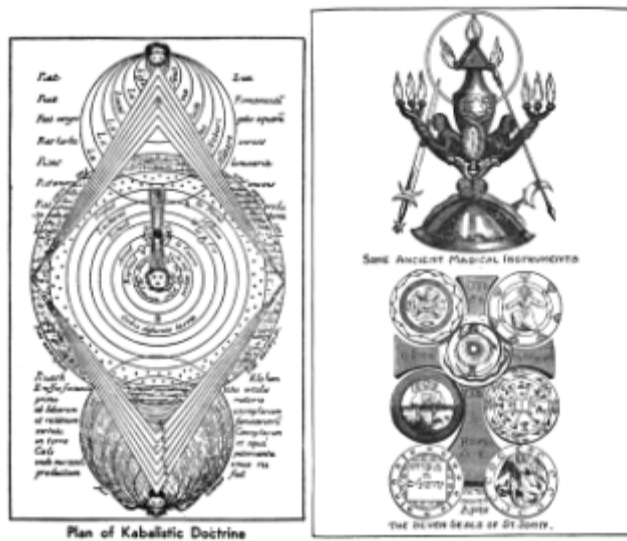


## COSMIC INITIATION

Hence, the real preparation of which we are speaking is for the purpose of ultimately being admitted, by Cosmic Initiation, into the Great White Brotherhood, that herein the Master will appear to the student who is ready, to take him under personal instruction, and lead him (or her) on to higher development, where, some day, Mastership in the Great White Brotherhood is certain, and assignment to service as Imperator, Magus, or Hierophant in some phase of the work on earth will then bring affiliation with the Great White Lodge.

How is such instruction given by the personal Master? It is, truly, personal, and is given through the media of the Cosmic. In other words, it becomes what is generally referred to as Cosmic illumination, or Cosmic Consciousness, for at certain hours, days, or weeks of one's life one becomes conscious of some new and astounding knowledge, often with, and sometimes without, being aware of the presence or contact of the personal teacher.

The student, who attains membership in the Great White Brotherhood, after due preparation and real worthiness, first discovers this by becoming conscious of having passed through a series of events constituting a true Initiation. Often these occur during the night, or while he is on periods of rest and meditation in the mountains or valleys, away from active worldly affairs. This consciousness is accompanied by an influx of Divine Apprehension and Spiritual Awakening, affecting even the physical body to such an extent as to bring about a real rebirth of the body with rejuvenation, increased vigor, restored functioning in organs and parts that were tired, depleted, or subnormal,



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The fact that some minerals are "naturally" magnetic, as iron of a certain nature, while others can be made magnetic, indicates that magnetism is not a result of the atomic or molecular structure of matter, but rather of an electrical action that is taking place within the substance or which can be set up in the substance. In electrical science we are instructed how to induce magnetism in a metallic body by surrounding it with an electrical charge; but this further illustrates the law that magnetism results from action in the aura that surrounds all matter. This aura is fundamentally an essential part of the electron, and the molecule, therefore, has an aura which is a mixture of the auras of the electrons composing it. Some auras are positive, some are receptive or repulsive, and some are alternating in their action. Those which are not passive cause a manifestation which we term, in physical science, magnetism, with either an attractive or repulsive tendency or positive or negative polarity.

The cells composing the human body are surrounded by an aura and the body of man also has an aura. This aura can be made active, radiating its magnetic energy, or passive, or even repulsive or receptive. The human mind, with its control of the electrical energy in the body, is the guiding factor in the process of exciting the electrical charge that arouses the aura of the human body to its fullest power. The word mind is used in the psychical sense.

Master--the term is used in several ways in our work, but we will not touch upon the use of the word to indicate one who is an officer of a Lodge or director of a Degree of the work. Otherwise the term is used to represent one who has attained some degree of perfection in evolution, or a high sense of mastership of laws and principles.

Cosmic Masters are not deities. They are intelligences who were once mortals. They became masters by learning how to awaken and apply the powers of self so they could direct the affairs of their life consonantly with cosmic purpose. By such development, they rose to that soul personality development where it became no longer necessary for them to incarnate in physical form.

Invisible Masters, on the other hand, are those who have passed from this plane to the cosmic plane and from there project their personalities to the psychic plane and never function or express upon the earth plane until reincarnated. In order that we may sense these masters--not see them with objective eyesight--we must attune ourselves to the psychic plane completely. Our physical bodies are dormant or inactive then in all functioning except that of a purely physical nature as when asleep, in a passive state, or in a deep and profound meditation. At such time contacting the personality, minds, and messages of the invisible masters is possible. One cannot expect that a Cosmic Master will literally be assigned to him as a personal servant and guide combined! Until we have prepared ourselves, we are not worthy of the assistance the Cosmic Master can give.

