

HOW I BECAME A ROSICRUCIAN

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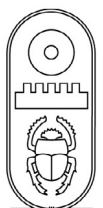


I am sure that there was always and early in my life some degree of inner restlessness, questioning, and guidance within which I was not consciously aware of. These feelings were not disturbing, nor did I desire them to stop. I was at peace with this situation and would go into stillness and silence and receive some degree or some level of understanding of a source, a purpose, and meaning of life, meaning of spirituality and of humanity that could help me to expand this restlessness and my level of consciousness in order to receive guidance.

My journey toward the Rosicrucian Order began in a straightforward manner. When I discovered the Rosicrucian Order, I was a medical doctor engaged in the practice of General Surgery. During the period of pre-medical and post-medical training, my spiritual search became stronger, more extensive, and more inclusive. I became increasingly observant of the activity of patients, their thoughts, their feelings; and of doctors and their reactions, inner thoughts, and their relationships with each other and with their patients. This contemplation led to a

deepening realization and understanding of what constituted “the patient.” The patient became more than the physical body that I was observing; was more than a physical, mental, psychological, or spiritual being appearing in my consciousness, and being interpreted as life within my consciousness. It was much more of that which I was feeling and experiencing within. The patients and the doctors were struggling to express many aspects of a wholeness of life and of being, a Unity and a Oneness. All of the above were intimately related to the inward awareness of the Rosicrucian Order and the visible and invisible guidance which it offered spiritually and mystically.

This silent and secret observation became more active during the office hours and was aided with Inner Guidance. “Secret” because meditation, visualization, and the awareness of the mind-body relationship were not part of a popular culture or a traditional medical practice. Through prayer, contemplation and meditation and supported by the sacred connection, practice, and teachings of the Rosicrucian Order, I developed and



grew a spiritual understanding of the unity of divine love and an urge to serve all humanity.

During this period of silent study, I was fortunate to have a nurse/physical therapist as an assistant in the office. One day she informed me that she had placed on my desk her astrology magazine and strongly suggested that I read one of the articles that dealt with my astrological sign. After the office was closed, I went to my desk and began reading the article. It did not gather any special feeling or interest to me. After reading the article, I began turning the pages of the magazine and came upon a small advertisement by the Rosicrucian Order picturing an elderly man reading from a huge book. The advertisement invited me, the reader, to request more information by writing to the Rosicrucian Order.

Inwardly I immediately began to feel some awakening reaction as I studied the picture and the contents of the advertisement and the name Rosicrucian Order. I had never before heard of, nor seen the name, yet I had an inner feeling that something was awakening my interest and my feelings. I decided to respond to the offer and replied in writing requesting more information. Anxiously, I awaited a response and within a few days, I received the literature. While I remained interested, I had a very busy medical practice, so I put the information aside on my desk and forgot about sending any response.

Shortly thereafter, I received a letter from an official of the Rosicrucian Order stating that they had not received a reply from me regarding the materials I had received. I quickly apologized for not answering and completed both the membership application and the accompanying questionnaire. I knew without any doubt that the Rosicrucian Order was a living presence within me.

The beautiful and sweet restlessness of the Inner was awakened.

The lessons and teachings that I received from the Rosicrucian Order served as a golden key to the Mystical Gateway and provided a path into the Divine Source and Energy of all that there is. I would take the monographs in my hand, focus my attention so that these materials became stepping stones to understanding the Source; to becoming increasingly connected with the Source. I sought to enter a state of consciousness or spiritual energy that would lead me more deeply into the true meaning of the words and not just the printed pages. I came to the realization that the lessons from the Order were present within that Eternal, Universal Source and already in life and available to everyone and everywhere.

How membership in the Rosicrucian Order and study of its teaching have enriched my life is a difficult question to answer because mere words are inadequate. Consideration of this question is overwhelming to mind, feeling, and spirit. The ways in which the Rosicrucian Order has enriched my life are comprehensive and miraculously complete. Distilled to its purest form, one answer I can give, is that I have been given the opportunity and desire to be of service in sharing God, the Universe, and all Creations.

Life itself was revealing the path that led me to the Eternal Source and growth. This Source relates all of life as a Oneness with the Creator, with the Universe and with all of humanity. The Eternal Source is Love, Harmony, Peace, and Understanding. The portal and golden key that the Rosicrucian Order presents is for accessing the Source, for drawing closer to the Oneness of all humanity, closer to Love, closer to everything that we actually are. My journey is continuous and ever-expanding in my consciousness and in my awareness. And so it is.