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# LECTORIUM ROSICRUCIANUM

There exists a golden thread, which leads out of the labyrinth of our broken reality and towards the Truth. The Lectorium Rosicrucianum, or International School of the Golden Rosycross, aims to help seekers find and form a living connection with this shining filament, which is woven of love, wisdom, knowledge (gnosis) and action.



Most importantly, this golden thread is a Path that can actually be walked, a Path shown by all religions in their original form. No Master or Initiate can give the Truth to another. It can only be approached by our own efforts, and by persevering throughout all the obstructions and difficulties we encounter on the way. And it can only be reached through an inner process of transformation called 'soul-rebirth', or 'transfiguration'. A bonafide School points out the Path of transfiguration and teaches its pupils how to follow it.

It is not the I-central self, or personality, that profits from the process of transfiguration as meant here, but the inner, divine Self, which is awakened and enabled to become increasingly active. This has tremendous results for the personality: he or she becomes an instrument, a servant, of another Order, the Divine Order, the 'kingdom not of this world', and in that state is able to stand right in the midst of the world in the service of every human being.

The Lectorium Rosicrucianum is a modern organization in the sense that its message is adapted to the strongly individualized consciousness of twenty-first century humanity. However, it has deep roots in the past, for it is part of the long and ancient tradition of Mystery Schools, and is a development of earlier impulses of spiritual awakening such as those of the gnostics, Cathars and classical Rosicrucians of the 17th century.

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# PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

## CANADA - English

**April 28 - 7:00 pm**

**REINCARNATION: The Circle of Life and Death**

North York Central Library

5120 Yonge Street

North York, Ontario, Canada

Tel: 416-817-6304 | [toronto@goldenrosycross.org](mailto:toronto@goldenrosycross.org)

## IRELAND

**March 13 - 8:15 pm**

**Title: To Be Announced**

Aras na nGael,

45 Dominick Street (1st floor),

Galway, Ireland

[info@goldenrosycross.ie](mailto:info@goldenrosycross.ie)

**March 14 - 8:15 pm**

**Title: To Be Announced**

The Lantern Centre

17 Synge Street, Dublin 8

Dublin, Ireland

[info@goldenrosycross.ie](mailto:info@goldenrosycross.ie)

**March 15 - 8:15 pm**

**Sunday Morning Meetup**

Jury's Inn Hotel

Anderson's Quay

Cork, Ireland

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# THE KEY TO THE TREASURY OF THE LIGHT

*The magical prologue to the Gospel of John states that the eternal Word emanating from God, is the golden key to all mysteries. It is the eternal mystery that encompasses the whole Universe. It is the nucleus of the spiritual Light of the Solar Body, of both the macrocosm and the microcosm.*

This Word of God is the creative Fiat, the Sound, the Trumpet that causes the downpour of monadic flames and manifests Life in infinite, multicoloured vibrations and shades of colour. Life can bathe in the Universal Heavenly Arch that reflects the radiant Light of the All-Love. This mystery surrounds and contains the Universe. It is the 'Word of the beginning' that also resounds today and will resound forever. 'From this mystery,' Jesus says, 'I came forth.' The seven emanations of this word form the Light garment of the Light Man. It is the one great mystery that lies hidden in the whole of creation and that can only be unveiled by the religion of true knowledge, the religion of the pure Gnosis. This Gnosis is nothing but the combined emanations of the monadic flame that link the Spirit with the Light soul. That Light soul is present in the human being. That is why Jesus said: 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise in the Christ, who shall take you up into His Light.' The Gnosis will be born in your hearts and will manifest the fruit of the living knowledge in your heads. This fruit is the Gno-

sis, the knowledge of the Light soul. This knowledge will enlighten you and grant you the key to the Treasury of the Light.

## LIES TAKEN IN WITH OUR MOTHER'S MILK

These words and other fragments from ancient texts circulated in the religious and philosophical world at the time of the beginning of the Christian era. They lead us into a totally different way of thinking and into an entirely different religious experience than those that have emerged from the historical report about Jesus of Nazareth, which the church fathers and their followers have fabricated centuries ago.

Around Christmas, bonafide Rosicrucians will not be occupied with the romantic story of Christ's birth as it has been presented to humanity year after year. That romantic story and those historical 'facts' have in the meantime been fiercely attacked from different angles. Historical Christianity is seriously accused of having abused Christian teachings for its own purposes. In bygone centuries many have already exposed this treason, but their protests were always stifled in blood. However, today humanity lives in an age of unmasking.

Many things from which the cover has been removed do not present a particularly pleasant sight. Naked reality shows how deformed society, science and religion of the human being, who has created his own world, are. Hence it is not surprising that on the one hand people recoil

The light breaks through the darkness to show humanity the way.  
Photo Pentagram.





when such facts are uncovered, while on the other they greedily want to know them, because humanity is searching for Truth.

#### IGNORING THE FACTS?

Whoever analyses the diverging ideas of the authors of the Bible and writes his conclusions down, can be assured of a growing audience. However, in this context we could also wonder whether personal interests are not playing a role with those who are popularizing the Gnosis in this way. We are convinced that all who are unmasking these things in our time, are working with total sincerity on the basis of their inner drive. However, as they ignore the fact that there is a modern gnostic Spiritual School, in which the process of rebirth as to body and soul has been taught and practised for more than 75 years, this gives rise to serious thought. At least it is remarkable that it is systematically suppressed that long before all those modern publications appeared, the modern Gnostic and transfigurist Jan van Rijckenborgh spoke and wrote about the Gnosis as 'the source of inner knowledge and freedom'. And what is more, that he founded a purely Gnostic community which is nowadays active in more than 30 countries and is drawing a lot of attention of the true seekers for the one Truth. Jan van Rijckenborgh often quoted the following words by the mediaeval mystic Angelus Silesius:

*Though Christ a thousand times  
in Bethlehem be born,  
and not within yourself  
your soul will be forlorn.  
Truly, the eternal Word  
will still be born today.*

*Where? Wherever a soul has lost itself  
within itself.  
Through the Gateway to bliss can only  
tread  
he who is reborn to the new life.*

*Do you ask, o human being,  
where God has placed his Throne?  
There, where He was born in you...  
as Son!*

*When you, born of God,  
gives birth to Him into a new being,  
then you step out,  
and He steps in.'*

In the first edition of *The Coming New Man* (published 1957 by Rozekehuis Pers, Haarlem) Jan van Rijckenborgh says:

*'First of all we have to broach an old subject discussed abundantly in our circle by stating that Christ is not a Hierophant of majestic stature, residing somewhere outside the dense material world, but is first of all an impersonal, unlimited Being, manifesting Himself as Light, as Power, as a mighty Radiation Field. This Radiation Field of Christ which has appeared among us, giving no rest or peace to this dark world order, exercises a great influence, even a whole series of influences.'*

## THE GNOSTIC LIVES ACCORDING TO WHAT HE KNOWS

Many years before the concept of Gnosis was generally accepted by a large number of seekers, Jan van Rijckenborgh explained the Gnosis of the Egyptian Mysteries, of the Manichaeans, the Esenes, the Bogomils, the Cathars and the classical Rosicrucians in temple services and lectures. He also showed the Gnostic aspects in the teachings of Hermes Trismegistus, the Buddha, Lao Tzu and many others who truly belonged to the Gnosis. He stimulated his pupils to investigate for themselves what he had investigated, so that they themselves could recognise what is Gnosis, and what is not.

Over fifty years ago he published *Dei Gloria Intacta* – a complete compendium of the path of liberation. In May 1945 – a few days after the end of World War II – Jan van Rijckenborgh used the first chapter of this book for the first post-war address in the Temple in Haarlem. It was *his* Fama Fraternitatis! It was *his* direct call and *his* appeal to the pupils to detach from nature-religious, historical Christianity. In a masterly way he led his pupils from the darkness of ecclesiastical thinking into Universal Christianity. He explained the path of rebirth which is contained in the Gnostic-Christian mysteries, and that can be walked by everyone in imitation. That is why he writes in *Dei Gloria Intacta* (God's Glory is Unassailable): '*Christianity should be seen in a much wider context. It did not begin in Bethlehem, but many thousands of years before, while we should view the universal*



*Christ intervention over a period of millions of years.'*

### THIRTY-THIRD DESCENT OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The descent of the divine Light is related to the cosmic clock of the Universe. By the end of the twentieth century, the intercosmic radiation field that has descended for the thirty-third time in our age will have passed through another degree of the zodiacal cycle. This last minute of the zodiacal clock is extremely significant, because humanity has in the meantime matured for a spiritual revolution, for a fundamental revolution of a spiritual nature. Humanity is in the last phase of a cosmic cycle of more than 6000 years, a

Opening of the burial vault of Christian Rosycross.

phase in which a new consciousness will be manifested and achieve a break-through. This break-through is the result of profound experiences during intense struggling and suffering in the realms of Time. You and we are floating on top of the waves of the ocean of life. We are tossed to and fro by magnetic hurricanes that affect our field of life from the Solar cosmos. We know that radiation touches and influences everything, and passes through almost all elements. The radiation from the Solar cosmos touches all forms of life, influences them and cannot be stopped by anything. This means that the consciousness of countless people will be touched and that a cycle of new experiences and sensory perceptions will develop from it. We are dealing with a virtually all-encompassing, new orientation in an attempt to explain the change of the consciousness. It is accompanied by very harrowing and humiliating phenomena. Many turn away from society as it appears nowadays. Good and evil are standing face to face in increasingly grotesque forms, while a new time is cutting its path right through everything.

Many resist and try to destroy everything, while others are using this resistance to transfer old and mouldered philosophies and theologies to the new time. And again another group doesn't want to have anything to do with this kind of change and renewal and dismisses it all with the bromide 'New Age'.

But the fact remains that the 'new age' has already started! The new age is breaking through with dramatic phenomena. Yet we are living in a very interesting

time. We experience the moment that humanity is turning against the walls that hold it captive and that it wants to break out of the prison of historical Christianity and similar religions in which it is locked up.

Tens of years ago these great changes have already been announced and discussed in the Spiritual School. We are standing in the middle of a great cultural revolution which is taking place in all countries and in all nations. The consciousness of humanity and of the individual is changing accordingly. Because the new Light radiation of the Solar macrocosm not only affects the astral body but also the etheric or vital body, the whole personality is involved in the changes of the new time. This force that is still strange to many people enters the human respiration field via the auric-magnetic field. We inhale these forces as it were and cannot escape them. They open our consciousness for hidden aspects of nature and stimulate us to shift our priorities.

NOW FINALLY THE UPWARD PATH?

Through the great changes that are caused by, among other things, the rapid



development of electronics (computers, telecommunication, navigation, etc.), humanity buries itself ever more deeply in matter. In addition there is a rapidly growing group that on the basis of the cosmic influences on their consciousness

begins to suspect that there is a totally different worldview. Although in the beginning confusion and uncertainty about the loss of old standards crop up, there is an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, for insight into the origin of humanity, for certainty concerning the goal of humanity, for information about original humanity. People want to penetrate into the secrets of the cosmos and uncover the roots of existence.

The old historical god is dying and the heart is turning towards the new, spiritual horizon. And there many dangers are lurking! For the mighty cosmic impulse of renewal cannot be fully understood by people whose eyes are still blindfolded. And so along come the exegetes and interpreters who know everything already, but hide the essence. They bend that impulse and are leading humanity into a new prison.

Thus many groups and movements, called false prophets in the Bible, present

themselves. They preach *their* truth and arrange everything to suit this truth in order to maintain it. They cannot do otherwise as long as they do not truly turn towards the one Light of Lights.

Aquarius,  
Lausanne Cathedral,  
Switzerland

#### THE ORIGINAL WORD TOUCHES HUMANITY

How do these people arrive at their exegeses and explanations? They are reacting to the outpouring of the omnipresent spiritual Light that is being linked to the world and humanity in an entirely new way. This spiritual Light emanates from the Word that has touched and flowed through the All from the very beginning until the present day. It is the prana of the other life, of that other world that touches us in every single cell, so that the harvest can be brought in from the fields.

The harvest has been prepared for so long! The seeds for this harvest were sown a very long time ago, and what germinated has now ripened in the fields of life. What will the fruits be like? How will they be harvested? Will they be harvested in Christ? What does that mean: in Christ? It means that the Word, which is the Life and the Light of humanity, rests on three mighty foundations. The Word is not only the fundamental force of creation. It has also been described in all Holy Language as the manifestation of the knowledge that teaches us about the essence of the Spirit and the Soul. This Knowledge is the Gnosis, the Word manifested.

The Word has been brought to humanity by many messengers who not only spoke about the Light, but who could





also release it in themselves and spread it. They founded communities in which the Light could be revealed as a powerful, vibrating radiation field. During the whole development of humanity there have been shorter or longer periods in which the Light power of that other, pure world, also called Supernature, was concentrated into a Light field in the earthly spheres, into a new atmosphere in which life was granted new possibilities. Through this Light field, the speed with which humanity could develop spiritually could be greatly increased.

Thus the descent of the Light keeps pace with the progress of the zodiacal clock. Once again humanity is experiencing such a wave of divine intervention. And all in whom something of the immortal soul power is speaking – however weakly – will be accepted by the Light of the Gnosis in the harvest field. With this certainty in mind, the emissaries who founded and developed the modern Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross, wanted to form a group of pioneers, a gnostic Brotherhood with the task to reach such a high level that they could cooperate with the descended Light field.

#### DOES CHRISTMAS STILL HAVE A MEANING?

Now we ask three fundamental questions:

*‘What is for us, Rosicrucians, the meaning of Christmas, the feast of the Light?’*

*‘What does the birth of Jesus of Nazareth mean to us?’*

*‘What is for us the peace of Bethlehem?’*

Are they still only outward symbols, secular events that no longer possess anything of their original meaning? Or do we consider them quite differently nowadays?

Certainly! For Bethlehem is our heart in which the Light of the Rose, the Light of the Primordial Atom, is born. The celebration of Light is the great miracle breaking through in the head sanctuary, when the monadic flame is united with the kundalini of the heart in the pineal sanctuary. Then all who have walked this path can say: *‘The Father and I, the living Soul and the Other One, my Monad and I, are one!’* When, in the service of the living Soul, the Light can circulate in the personality, the path of the cross of roses, the Via Dolorosa, can be travelled as the victory over death.

#### PREPARING FOR THE BIG STEP

Jan van Rijckenborgh wanted to found a Spiritual School in which a group of pioneers, as a Young Gnostic Brotherhood, would form a focal point, in other words a community capable of receiving and reflecting the omnipresent Gnosis Light; a community in which the Gnosis Light would be kindled into a mighty fire that would go out to all who are seeking and are willing to open their hearts for the Gnosis.

How can we belong to this community? By liberating the astral body from the astral spheres of dialectical existence and entering into the Other Light, the one Light that is the Gnosis. This Light is nearer than our hands and feet. It touches

the human being incessantly. It irradiates us, embraces us, permeates us behind and before. Whoever becomes aware of this and wants to live in that Light, must first take a few elementary steps. He must purify himself, make himself suitable and capable of leading Soul and Spirit to unity.

How does a person achieve this state of inner enlightenment? By devoting himself completely to it, by attuning his whole life to that process. By liberating himself from the old, dialectical nature and by consistently shifting the emphasis from the mortal I to the life of the immortal Soul. By detaching from and renouncing his old nature. If he doesn't do this, everything will remain as it was. Then he simply remains an outsider, at best a believer – or even an unbeliever – but he will never become a transfigurist!

#### HIGHER OCTAVE OF INNER PERCEPTION

The power of the Rose is an inward and an outward radiation. It is a perceptible fluid, an emanation of the prana of life. In that power, the Word, the Life and the Light of humanity are manifested. This touch in the heart sanctuary is the birth of Jesus in the purified cave of the heart, made possible by the Christ who is the Light of the World, the omnipresent Light field of the Holy Seven-Spirit. The cause of these exalted processes that surpass ordinary understanding, is the Love of God, the leaven of the All, the root of Creation that, still unknown, recognises itself in the new Soul. That is the virgin birth! That is true inner enlightenment.

This inner enlightenment is not some-

thing reserved for saints and masters. Here we are dealing with the igniting of the Light force atoms in the seeker for Truth, so that his consciousness will be irradiated and a new dimension can be manifested. This generates a new power of perception, a higher octave of inner vision in which the divine wisdom, the Gnosis, speaks. This Gnosis is the Gnosis of the Light spark in a human being, of the Soul that communicates with the Light field of the Gnosis. This force lifts the human being above his limitations and moves the focus of his life to that other world that belongs to the Living Soul. That is the Christmas that is not extinguished in ordinary everyday life.

Hence, at Christmas we may behold the dawn of a new harvest period of the Gnosis. A new universal touch is breaking through. A divine breath is going through the nature of death to touch and awaken the lost Divine sparks, and to lead them back to Supernature. Whoever can understand this message, may he raise the torch of Light, so that his fellow human beings may recognise and follow him. Then Christmas will be a truly Gnostic Light feast.

International Spiritual Directorate



## THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE

*'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' This quote from the Gospel of John explains that creation has been and is formed and vivified by the Word of God. The Word created the human life wave that received the task to maintain and develop the divine plan of creation. Through harmonious co-operation of all, the divine Idea could be realised.*

However, many creatures abused the

freedom embedded in this basic idea. The harmonious interaction between God and his creatures was broken by the human being. That is why the wilful beings were excluded from the divine field of life. That is why the Holy Language and many legends speak of a fall, of a necessary separation. But the Word radiates. The power, the light of the beginning, penetrates into the darkness in order to lead fallen humanity back. Thus a rescue plan developed, so that the fallen microcosms would not sink into chaos, because they were weak and without direction in

the earthly sphere, because the primordial atom in their centre was living-dead. For these disoriented microcosms, this rescue plan anticipated the creation of beings that could serve as vivifying and ensouling elements. Only in that way they would be able to live in this foreign life field. These beings have gone through many processes before attaining the stage of mental development of modern humanity.

#### THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS

It has been an unimaginably long process of development, in which numerous life waves, more developed than the human life wave, have co-operated. Attaining consciousness is the aim of this process of development. For a long time humanity had to be guided by spiritual leaders, because its own mental development was not yet sufficiently ordered. The stronger these beings became aware of their state, the stronger their feeling of being separated from something. That is why their spiritual leaders exerted themselves to point the awakening consciousness to the original Fatherland, to the source from which it had come.

These spiritual guides were Rosicrucians. They were not members of a group that called itself Rosicrucians, but they were people who had overcome their self-maintaining being in and by the power of the cross, so that the primordial atom, the Rose, the immortal divine source in their microcosm could become active again.

*Once born from the source of life,  
the human being now returns to  
the source of all life.*

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With the victorious power of the cross, they worked in the service of humanity.

Over and again they showed humanity that wilfulness would prevent the return of the fallen microcosm. Wilful self-overestimation is the separating factor between God and the human being. In the biblical story of the fall we can read: *'He wanted to be like God.'* Hence, wilfulness existed, but reason, the pure knowledge of the plan of creation, was lacking.

#### THE IMMORTAL JEWEL

Every fallen microcosm received a source of divine power. This immortal jewel is a propelling force that stimulates, calls and insists that the human being set out on the homeward path. Human beings unconsciously experience these impulses and the vague suspicion that they are born of God and do not belong to the earthly world. But they are mistaken in believing that this call concerns them, and not the microcosm they should serve as an instrument. A vague notion of the true connection is the cause that they understand the impulses from this divine jewel incorrectly and want to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. This path leads them through much turmoil and experiences. That is why happiness, peace, freedom

Fountain in the  
Rose garden of  
Noverosa. Photo  
Pentagram.



and harmony – attributes of the divine human being – will always remain illusory in earthly life. When a human being has attained more consciousness through many negative experiences, this divine jewel can become his criterion, by which he begins to understand that all so-called states of bliss and values cannot, or only temporarily, be achieved on earth.

The mediaeval Rosicrucians also spoke of the knowledge hidden in every human being, which originates from this jewel in the heart of the microcosm. *‘But,’* we can read in the *Fama Fraternitatis*, *‘the scholars of Europe rejected this offer. They feared that they would have to recognise that their earthly knowledge was insignificant and empty.’*

#### DUAL CONSCIOUSNESS

The mediaeval Rosicrucians and the modern Spiritual School speak to all who have ears to hear that the human being has a dual consciousness. Firstly, there is the rudimentary consciousness that is nourished from the eternal source, and which can blossom forth to full maturity if we do not turn away from it. Secondly, there is a dominant consciousness stemming from human wilfulness. By this ‘normal’ consciousness, the egocentric human megalomania, a concentrated central force has been formed from which a human being can only be liberated by knowledge, insight and self-surrender. In general, a human being lives from this second source, which wells up forcefully, because the idea of wanting to be like God is still dominant.

For this reason, the Love power of God nor the efforts of those who have al-

ready travelled the path of the cross, will diminish.

No one knows enough to say when the fall occurred. The Rosicrucians say that the fall has happened more than once.

The separation from the divine life field, and hence also the encapsulation of the inner divine knowledge, is still continuing. This explains why questions as: How old is the Rosycross? When was this community founded? cannot be answered. For the same reason, new spiritual schools will always be founded on the basis of the Divine Spirit Power. For the power that surrounds and penetrates the earth is the Christ power that wants to lead the fallen creatures back to the plan of creation.

The preparatory stages often extend over thousands of years, such as the world religions of the Aryan era, the teachings of hermetic wisdom, the times of the Old Testament, and of Greek wisdom. All those religious impulses are the expression of Him who is, who was, and who will always be: God, the Gnosis, the source of all life!

#### GNOSIS MANIFESTED IN EVERY HUMAN BEING

All who truly understand something of the Divine plan are standing in the service of this power, of this wisdom, which has left its traces in all religions. For this reason we cannot speak of an amalgamated knowledge of the Rosicrucians. They did not obtain this knowledge through study. Every human being can penetrate to the source, when he prepares for it.

In the three Manifestos written by the mediaeval Rosicrucians, they emphasise

the fact that the divine knowledge can be manifested in every human being, provided he is prepared 'to die in Jesus'. Whoever wants to enter into freedom, we read in the *Fama Fraternitatis*, must become conscious of his imprisonment. Only then a reformation is possible.

The Manifestos of the Rosicrucians were born from the driving and propelling of the divine fire. The divine love resounds in these writings. They initiated a development that awakened many people and led them to reflection. These calls were accepted spontaneously by quite a few mature souls and made them write about the dawn of a new humanity. Many books and articles have appeared on this subject, which are still read by religious people and seekers. Although this movement was greatly curbed by the misunderstood efforts of the Reformation and the turbulence of the Thirty Years' War, it was necessary as a preparatory phase for the Age of Aquarius.

#### TURNING POINT OF THE CENTURIES

The preparatory phases also form the transition to another era. The period of the Old Testament ended with the transition from the Aries era to the Pisces era. The Christ radiations intensified. Now human beings could be linked directly, that is without religious intermediaries, without a priesthood, with the divine power. They had become sufficiently mature to know where they came from and where they were going. That is why the religious impulse and the desire for a Saviour were transformed into practical Christianity. People touched by this intensified divine intervention assembled in the first Christian communities, with



the Bogomils, the Manichaeans, the Albigenses and the Cathars. For hundreds of years, it seemed that the flame had been extinguished, but again and again there were people who could draw from the eternal fountain and who passed on the divine wisdom. The activities of the mediaeval Rosicrucians testify of this.

In our time, humanity is under the influence of the Age of Aquarius. Aquarius means unmasking and stimulates the striving for wisdom. Will humanity, under the influence of these forces, now also understand the Manifestos of the Rosicrucians and recognise and comprehend that wilfulness keeps it imprisoned in this

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world? Will many experience that the holy fire in the innermost depth of their being can only be released, when they speak from pure insight and longing: *'Lord, not my will, but Your will be done.'*

#### ALCHEMICAL PROCESS MEANS PURIFICATION

At that moment the process the Rosicrucians call the alchemical process can begin. It is a process in which the *sal menstrualis*, the divine purifying salt, neutralises everything impure, self-glorifying and God-denying. Through this alchemical process, the impure metal, the earthly human being, dissolves, and the divine gold, the original human being, will begin to radiate again. This means: *To be reborn by the Fire of the Holy Spirit!*

However, the mediaeval Rosicrucians also said – and the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross says the same – that this process can only begin with insight and self-surrender. Thus the mediaeval Rosicrucians prepared a development that has influenced the lives of mature humanity until this day.

The three Manifestos have opened up paths of knowledge that had been closed off for humanity until then. It is a journey of experience that confronts people with the debris of their wrongly-understood human existence. Now the human being recognises that he has reached the limits of his I and that his egocentric attitude will lead to the abyss. That is why many people are, perhaps still unconsciously, seeking another mode of life, another

meaning and purpose of life, more corresponding to their inner knowledge.

The longing for new human genesis leads many seekers to the Spiritual School of the Modern Rosycross, to a power field in which the Christ power works more forcefully. In this power field, they become aware that an egocentric, wilful attitude is the obstacle that separates the human being from the living water of recognition. Then they also become conscious that Jesus Christ does not deliver people from an unfulfilled task, but rather stimulates them to accomplish this task, a mission summarised by these words: *'Follow me.'*

Whoever walks this path achieves inner peace. Then the hectic, insatiable longing for earthly happiness or even resistance against the divine plan no longer exist. Then there will be understanding of the words from the *Fama Fraternitatis* that they have perhaps often heard, read and spoken and that now can be transformed into action:

*'Being ignited by the Spirit of God,  
Dying in Jesus the Christ,  
Being reborn by the fire of the Holy Spirit.'*

Once born from the source of life, the human being now returns to the source of all life.