



13-LESSON INTRODUCTORY COURSE

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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International School of the Golden Rosycross

Lesson 1 A Fundamental Misconception

"Look around you, and you will see how people are constantly trying to satisfy this primordial desire for fulfilment and perfection in all kinds of ways, and how they never quite succeed. And if success so constantly eludes them, surely it must be because their picture of the world lacks some fundamental piece of information? At the root of the problem, there must be some fundamental misconception, and that misconception is: that it is possible to find perfection in our perishable world.

We call this a misconception because, on the plane of existence on which we live, the perfect life can never exist".

Lesson 2 Self-knowledge

Lesson 1 focused on two of the most fundamental aspects of the Universal Teachings:

- the perfect life that we all are searching and yearning for cannot be found in this cyclic world we live in, and
- the human being, being a perishable being, will for that reason never be able to reach the perfect and eternal life.

"Confined within the cycle of existence in this sunken world, the human being seeks. But what is he seeking, then?

He is seeking a life that the true Human Being lost long, long ago. But the earthly personality does not know that life. It is not conscious of that life, since its own consciousness is only the result of a particular combination of atoms. That is why his life and consciousness remain confined to matter. He cannot perceive anything else.

This, then, is the state in which the present human being exists, completely cut off from God. Nevertheless he is constantly disquieted and goaded onward, by that last remnant of divine-human life within him. The feelings of 'primordial yearning' or 'pre-remembrance' one experiences are attempts by the spirit-spark, the primordial atom to communicate with the I-being."

Lesson 3 The Two Life Fields (1)

This lesson touches the most fundamental aspect of the Universal Teachings: the existence of what is called "the new life field" or "the original domain of life", in the Bible referred to as "the kingdom not of this world".

We will learn in this lesson that we are still connected with our high origin by means of the spirit-spark atom, this special nucleus in our heart, that propels us through life, stirs our hearts and from which emanates this special sensation that we call "homesickness".

In lesson 3 it says:

"So two life fields exist. The higher one penetrates the lower one, but not vice versa. However, they both occupy the same cosmic space.

So liberation in the real sense is never escapism; it does not mean 'fleeing the world'. Rather, it means returning to reality - the one and only reality.

Both life fields can be perceived, provided one possesses the appropriate sense organs. However, as dialectical human beings, our senses are very limited and enable us to perceive only what belongs to dialectical nature.

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That is why, on earth, we can only perceive the result of God's works, but we cannot see the power behind them. We can only speculate about it and express ideas about it. That is why the world is so full of contentions and contradictions about the nature of God and eternity. That is why there are so many religious interpretations, hypotheses, arguments, wars and persecutions".

Lesson 4 The Two Life Fields (2), the Human Being as a Microcosm, Reincarnation

Lesson 4 elaborates on the topics of karma and reincarnation, and on the essence of the human nature:

"When people use the words 'human being', they often mean only the self, the I-personality with its body and mind. But in reality the human system is much more than that. In fact, the human being is a microcosm, a miniature world.

The microcosm is spherical and sevenfold. One can say that it comprises seven fields of existence rotating concentrically, one within the other, with the primordial atom as the central point. In this microcosmic field we can distinguish two beings, the 'auric being' and the 'lower self'. The auric being is clothed in a magnetic shell in which the past is recorded. Into this shell are etched the experiences and results of many lives (incarnations), and that is why we call it the 'lipika' which means writer or recorder. In the lipika the results of all the microcosm's life experiences are concentrated into magnetic power points, like stars.

The past is engraved in the lipika of the auric being and expresses itself as karma in the lower self or personality. So the fate, character and inclinations of the personality are determined by the auric being."

Lesson 5 The Microcosm and the Personality and Macrocosm, Fundamental Reversal

In the previous lesson was explained that the earthly personality consists of four bodies:

◎ - the **body of gross matter**

◎ - the **etheric or vital body**, which is less dense and for most people invisible. It interpenetrates the material body and protrudes from it by a few centimeters. It is also

sometimes called the energy body, because it makes possible the movements and activities in the material body.

☉ - the **emotional or astral body**. This egg-shaped body surrounds and penetrates the two other bodies. It is also called the desire body.

☉ - the **beginnings of a mental body** or thought body – **the thinking faculty**.

This fourfold personality system manifests itself in what we call the 'respiration field', which is the field connecting the auric being and the personality. The personality breathes and lives in this field. It is also in this field that the interaction takes place between the personality and the results, experiences, tensions and unresolved desires from previous incarnations recorded in the lipika.

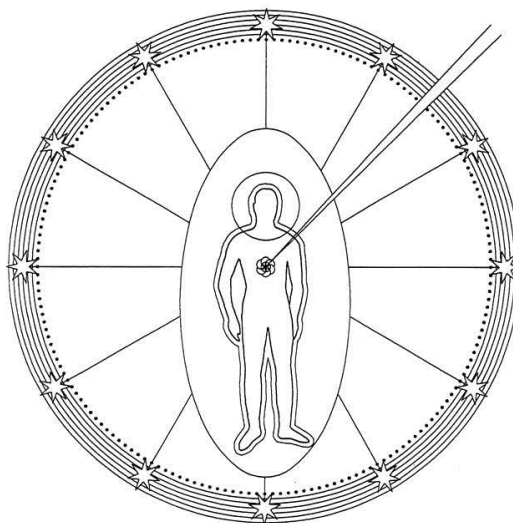
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The lipika is a collection of magnetic centres, power principles and radiations. It is the 'microcosmic firmament' under which the personality exists as the 'microcosmic earth'.

Lesson 6 The Task of the Earthly Personality

We will learn how our complete biological system with its organs and faculties, is 100% equipped to cooperate in the process of renewal. How our organs have latent spiritual faculties, making the mortal personality playing a key role in the process of transfiguration!

Also will be explained what happens with the four bodies of the personality and the microcosm after decease. This immediately relates at what is being called reincarnation and karma and therefore at the exit of the ever turning wheel of life and death.....



Lesson 7 Some Practical Guidelines, The Endura

Where the previous lesson confronted us with the task of the well-equipped personality to restore and free the microcosm we live in, this lesson provides very detailed practical guidelines to do so.

These guidelines encompass very simple but at the same time very fundamental life style modifications that are solely meant as initial easy-to-practice measures to keep the bodily system suitable for its highest purpose: giving birth to the new Soul-body.

From this lesson:

"The metabolic processes going on in our bodies are also involved in the process of fundamental reversal. Every insight, every step forwards, means a change in the hidden characteristics of certain organs.

In this way, the auric being also changes and the microcosm is made increasingly receptive to the forces that will ultimately lead to the rebirth of the soul.

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A key point to remember, though, is that the suggestions given in this lesson are only really useful if they are part of the whole process of following the path of liberation.

As ends in themselves, they [the life style changes] are not able to liberate human beings from matter. Important though they certainly are, our rational, moral and ethical motives for lifestyle changes such as vegetarianism are not enough.

We also need to have spiritual motives.

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The inner disquiet arising from pre-remembrance will then be understood, and will change into yearning for salvation. And that yearning is what admits the gnostic light forces into your microcosm. With the help of those renewing gnostic forces, you will find that you can make these basic lifestyle changes quite naturally, without putting any undue pressure on yourself.

You will even want to make these changes, and though your blood may take a little time to adjust, it certainly will, given time."

On top of that, this lesson gives deep insight into forces that you may well recognize in your daily life, once described.

Lesson 8 Prayer, Transfiguration (1)

In this lesson we will go deeper into the aspects of something that is commonly known as "praying".

Do we really know what we do when we pray, do we have any idea of the forces we attract while praying and how the influence our connection with the dialectical world?

We probably don't.

That's why this topic of "praying" is again a very fundamental aspect of the universal gnostic teachings and that's why we treat this in your orientation course.

Having a good understanding of what we do so often out of habit and with the best intentions, can help us liberate ourselves from habits that very often bring a stronger connection to the dialectical world instead of freeing us from it.

Lesson 9 Transfiguration (2), The Alchemical Process

We all carry a fragmented image of this Self within the heart, a memory of a lost state of being. A very strong memory though that has the power to propel us into a new direction, trying to find exit and entrance. For the nature born I-being it is a very unnatural task to give up his self-maintenance. This natural force had kept him alive for ages in the dialectical world. But on the spiritual path, the will become obstacles for a higher form of life.

That is why the whole cosmos, all helping forces from the life field of Living Souls are there to support the personality in his efforts to overcome himself:

"Even the tiniest effort made by the I-human being to give up his self-maintenance always invokes a response from the primordial atom. If the son takes even one step on the path of return, the Father comes two steps towards him".

All possible assistance has been offered to mankind since the beginning of time. It is up to man himself to grab the hand that is offered to him and start the alchemical process of leaving this world.

Lesson 10 The Powers of Delusion, the Cosmic Revolution

'No man is an island'. Like it or not, we are all connected by the web of life. Though we often imagine ourselves to be separate and independent from one another, our thoughts and feelings, our attitudes and emotions, affect our fellow human beings in subtle ways, even though we may not be consciously aware of it. This is true, not only of those who are alive in the visible, material world, but also of those who have died and whose subtle bodies are therefore in the process of dissolution in the domains on yonder side of the veil. And, among human beings who, whether through ignorance or self-will, seek to maintain the I-central self, this fact has some rather serious consequences, as we hope to show in this lesson.

This lesson reveals much of the influences of the unseen parts of the dialectical world that keep mankind imprisoned in a state that is opposite to the freedom man is looking for.

Unawareness of these influences can be a great obstacle on a spiritual path leading to liberation!

Lesson 11 The Universal Doctrine, the Bible, the Eternal Path

“Words are no more than contact possibilities. The radiation of the Universal Doctrine is only experienced when one begins to work with it. By following the path greater and deeper understanding arises. Knowledge acquired from external sources, without inwardly assimilating and working with it, is intellectual only and gives no admittance to the true Life.

The Bible speaks in this context about the ‘inner’ faith that gives life. Such inner faith does not mean the acceptance of teachings on authority. Faith in the sense of the Universal Doctrine is an ‘inner knowing’. It is the result of the awakening of the primordial atom and of being touched by the radiations of the Gnosis. Such faith makes it possible to have an ever-deepening contact with the power behind gnostic words and symbols, with the Source of the Light itself.”

Lesson 12 The Power Field of the Gnosis in the World

During the history of humankind, the dialectical life-field has been touched repeatedly by the Gnosis. The eternal touches the world of the temporal, touches the world of relativity.

The obvious question is: how can two incompatible qualities connect themselves?

We have seen that in the human being lies a principle that is not bound to the imperfect, the perishable; it belongs to the field of the Gnosis, originates from it and does not belong in the dialectical life-field. This spiritual Principle urges us to return to the field-of-origin. However, the presence of this spiritual Principle does not yet guarantee that we will consciously experience it. Therefore an activity arises from the gnostic Field to build a bridge between the two fields. This is done by messengers who form the *source* of an intermediate field, a bridge.

Lesson 13 The Gnostic Path, the Spiritual School of the Golden Rosycross

The earth rotates together with the entire solar system through the twelve signs of the zodiac, and each of these twelve signs links the solar system with new, different radiation values. The influence of the preceding zodiacal radiations gradually decreases, and new influences assert themselves increasingly in turn.

Each sign of the zodiac opens up new possibilities in the development of humankind, possibilities made known to it by the example and the teachings of initiates, messengers or via mystery schools. These possibilities have a purpose: they place humankind before a particular task. The task in the Piscean era for instance was to develop a new vehicle, to ‘weave’ a soul garment. In the Universal Doctrine this garment is called ‘the Garment without seam’ or ‘the Golden Wedding Garment’, as you know.

To make this possible, at the beginning of our era, humankind was linked till into the blood with the teachings and the life of the Christ, with the Gospel and with the Sermon on the

Mount that contains the essence of what the human being needs to acquire in the way of soul qualities.

When this task has not been heeded and the essence of the original Christianity has been distorted and from this a doctrinal, dogmatic system has been developed, orientated to self-maintenance and to outward appearance, then the task linked with the Piscean era has not been fulfilled. Then the situation of the human being is like that of the five foolish virgins, who have no oil in their lamps at the moment when the Royal Wedding begins inside and they find the door shut (Matthew 25). Then the human being will be found unprepared when **the radiation-field of Aquarius** increases in strength and begins to break up all material structures.

The purpose of this new radiation-field is to liberate the human being from the restrictions of the material life-field. The planet earth has now entered the Aquarian era, an event taking place once about every 26,000 years. The result will be a fundamental change in the four basic elements of our cosmic nature: namely the elements water, fire, air and earth.

The gnostic body of the Mystery School of the Rosycross contains truly vivifying treasures. The classical Rosicrucians spoke of 'the secret Power of the Rosicrucians'. This Power concerns the field of radiation that is directly connected with the Gnosis, with the Universal field of manifestation of the Christ. The radiation values of this gnostic-magnetic field represent forces and possibilities that can be assimilated by every human being, provided the right basis is present for this.

Course round off

Each course of 13 weeks will be finished with a special festive **course round-off** session at which occasion you will be introduced to some practical and spiritual aspects of the International School of the Golden Rosycross, by means of a visual presentation.

Your options after the course

Although the course is quite extensive, it is merely an initial introduction and behind every topic is much more to discover with as well as the heart as the head.

You may discover that the Path of the Rosycross is a highly spiritual but in the same time a very practical Path, that can be practiced every second of your day-to-day life. Because, the imperishable Light of the Gnosis can only spread itself into the darkest places of our three dimensional world by means of perishable human beings who strive for Light and are willing to adjust themselves as good as possible to attract this Light.

We hope that the topics treated in this course are appealing to you. Your yearning to learn more on the Universal Teachings as represented by the International School of the Golden Rosycross may have increased after finishing the course.

We are happy to offer you 4 options:

- take a next step and **become member** of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum,
- take a **subscription** to our bimonthly **magazine Pentagram**, € 30,= per year.
- **stay in touch** with us to keep yourself informed on our lectures and other activities
- **unsubscribe** yourself from our mailing list so that we will stop sending you information of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum in Ireland.

What is membership?

Members of the International School of the Golden Rosycross are offered the possibility to visit a wide range of activities like Temple Services, conferences, special members meetings for further deepening, orientation and discussion. A monthly membership fee of € 10,= applies, which includes the Pentagram subscription.

Membership is merely a phase of orientation on all aspects of the Golden Rosycross. After membership, the possibility of pupilship is open those who feel the inner desire thereto.

At the **course round-off** we will of course inform you extendedly about the spiritual and practical aspects of being a member of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum.

We look forward to your reply and hear about your wishes or requests.

We wish you a very inspiring course!

With most cordial regards,

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