



*An Introduction to the
philosophy and the Spiritual
Path.*

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PART 1

The quest for the meaning of life.

Why do human beings exist? What is the real purpose of human life?

Perhaps, you are no longer satisfied by the conventional answers to those questions!

You feel driven by a very deep-seated inner urge to find an inexpressible 'something' that can lead you to a deeper understanding of life as a whole!

Sometimes you feel the need to find out who you really are, and understand those external and internal factors that make you think, act and react the way you do, and make your life

be the way it is! Or you may want to become a more loving human being;

Or you want to find inner peace, and lasting happiness. Or perhaps you can't quite put a name to what you are looking for, but you know it's something, and you have to find it!

In fact, the urge to find that 'something' is quite powerful in you, powerful enough to drive you out of the ordinary acceptance of lifestyle, and go onto a quest that may have already led you through libraries, courses, workshops, discussion groups and all kinds of experiences.

Sometimes you feel as though you're getting near to your goal, but then, just when it looks as though it's almost within your reach, it slips out of your hands again. So you keep going. You keep trying. You keep seeking.

One of your questions may be: 'What is happening at this moment?'

The state of the world and humanity presents an image that is far from reassuring. Your observations allow you to see that humanity has reached a very concerning point in its lifestyle. So, what perspectives are actually presented to humankind?

If you are involved in this quest, you may find that the teachings of the Golden Rosycross can be a perspective for you.

It is exactly in this situation of general helplessness that a new possibility comes up to all seekers in the world. The Golden Rosycross aims to guide you through the awareness and the understanding of that spark of light that you already feel strong within you.

When this inner source of wisdom is awakened within you, and you learn to listen to it, and follow it, the path to liberation will be opened wide. In this way, the Inner Being is awakened, and you can experience a fundamental change in your life.

The dual nature of the human being



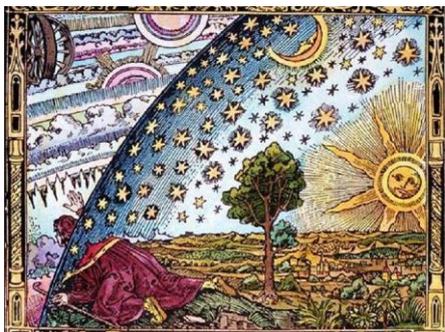
Our urge to seek, our yearning for understanding and finding the absolute truth is the beginning of a spiritual development. It's a long journey, but those who devote themselves to real spiritual development soon experience that in practice almost everything is different than they had experienced before.

In order to understand that deeply we must become aware that we are twofold beings affected by two different states of consciousness: the I-personality and the Inner Being. Both play a fundamental role in our relationship with everyone and everything that surrounds us. On this basis we strive to give expression to our inner being in daily life. The journey may be long, but everyone must begin at some point to walk this path.

When the seeker walks the path of the soul, situated between the I-personality and the Inner Being, he or she will at some point arrive at a border. What lies beyond that border? What do those opportunities seen contribute to finding the truth?

Beyond that border two paths diverge: the outer path which we have been following for so long in a life full of obstacles, hardness and doubts; and the Inner path. If the human being has already experienced a deep quest for the meaning of life, he or she will actually give shape to the Inner Being. On that path, the seeker can learn step by step how he or she can best fulfill the mission and give way to the other-one-within. However, In order to properly understand the path we should keep in mind that humans are a dual creature, a twofold being that has a mortal body and an immortal soul.

The two orders of existence



The I-personality is a human being entirely made out of this nature order where we all live. We are completely subjected and affected by the laws of Time and Space.

This nature order of existence is manifested by two opposing forces: life and death, light and dark, good and evil, love and hate, etc.

That is the reason why nothing in this world is absolute and lasting! Everything will be naturally replaced by its opposing force and vice-versa, in a life cycle, in a specific time and space.

The Inner Being within us, still dormant, on the other hand, is the only principle of eternity latent within us. It is subjected and affected by the laws of eternity: the other order of existence. That's another reason why, we humans will never reach the Absolute if we try to do so through the actions of our I-personality. The I-consciousness is not able to understand the Absolute order of existence by itself. It needs to follow a path and give way gradually to the Inner Being, who will guide us to the truth, through a daily life practical experience, awareness and real insight.

A bridge from time to eternity

The human consciousness is therefore connected with both orders of existence. One part is connected with the I-personality and covers the entire spectrum of human perceptions, passions, thoughts and different behaviors, from the highest down to the lowest.

The other part is related to our 'True Self'. This Inner Being is invisible and does not manifest itself as powerfully as the 'I', but it permeates our life like a fragmented perception that one could start seeking for something further than what is seen in natural life.

As a Gnostic school, the International School of the Golden Rosycross helps and supports its pupils and seekers, as a bridge, throughout finding and giving way to the Inner Being within them.

PART 2

The heart of religion

The philosophy and practice of the Golden Rosycross are not new. Seekers have always existed since the dawn of humans and they have found and developed fundamental methods of restoring the original Inner Being to life.

This can be traced back at the heart of all the world's original and ancient religions. Their messages are 'hidden' behind words and writings, which only those who have initiated the Spiritual path can understand. However, the I-personality will misunderstand and misinterpret those eternal teachings. In this way, all those fundamental messages regarding the spiritual path have been distorted, and the original truth has been gradually forgotten along hundreds of thousand years.

The universal path

In the original and ancient science, religions and philosophy it's asserted that: *in the beginning, human beings had a perfect connection with their origin, with the Absolute, with God.* However – for some reason we can explain later – this connection has been lost and humans have become twofold creatures and began living in a world apart from the truth, apart from the Original, apart from the Universal Creation. Thus, the Inner Being, the only witness of the Original life, has become dormant within us.

The original teachings describe a path of return to that Light-World, a method of restoring our connection with the Original. Hence the word 'religion', which stems from the Latin '*religare*', and means 'to reconnect'. Today's human being, even with their I-personalized rational and individualized consciousness, can also experience a transforming life. It depends on how strong and willing he or she can be to cross the 'inner sea' and find the entrance to the 'inner passage' towards a new life witnessed by a new state of consciousness. How does it happen? the true, original Self can grow, while the I-personality can be purified into stillness, and life can be still lived normally, but with a wider view and a deeper true meaning and understanding.

PART 3

The Two Nature Orders

Now that we have given you a brief description of some of the basic ideas and practice of the Rosicrucian philosophy, we would like to approach some of them in more details. The first one is the concept of the Two Orders of Existence, or to say:

two distinct systems of laws and conditions, in which we are affected by.

The world of 'dialectics'

The evidence of our senses tells us that everything which comes into existence in the world will someday turn into its opposite. This constant interchanging of opposites is the fundamental essence of our world. In our yearning for absolute values this may be the very first and powerful observation that we overlook as an inevitable fact! Also, the fact that everything that comes into existence will transform and transition into inexistence someday. It's a transitory life, never absolute!

We are transitory human beings of an ever-changing world. So, how come that, in spite of the inevitable two-fold life, we still yearn for a perfect life? Have you ever wondered how is it possible that, before all those facts, some human beings can still seek for absolute values?

How does the idea of the absolute, even enter our head?

Where does it come from? Along with those questions, come the fundamental ones: ***Who am I? What am I? Where do I come from? How did I grow into me? Why my life is life this?***

The concept of the 'Two Nature Orders' offers an answer to those questions. The Golden Rosycross often refers to the nature order in which we live as the world of 'dialectics.' We use the word 'dialectics' because the world we live is characterized by constantly interchanging opposites.

This 'dialectical world' includes not only the material, visible world we see around us, but also the invisible realms, and even the realms and spheres that lies in the opposite, in the after-death.

The original, divine nature order

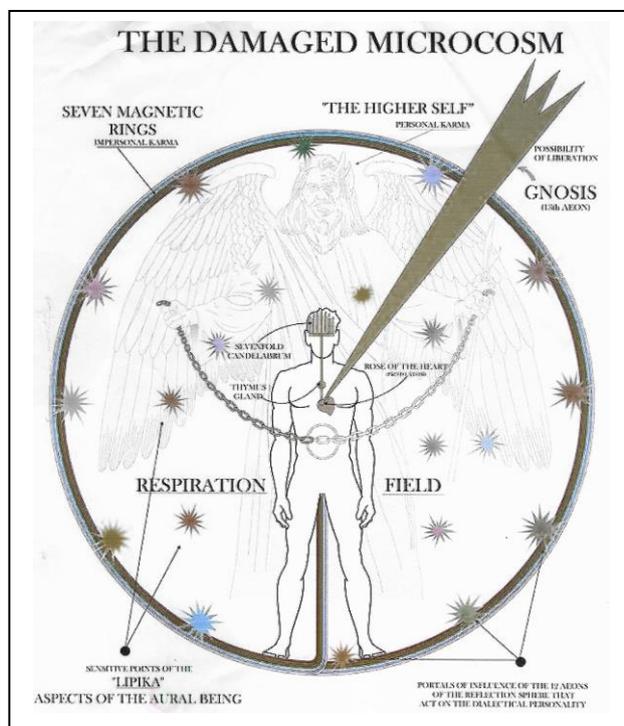
Apart from the 'dialectical world,' but occupying the same space, is another, quite different nature order. This second nature order is characterized by the Absolute. The Golden Rosycross often refers to this second nature order as the 'Immovable Realm'. Duality and the interchanging of opposites, conflicts between good and evil, love and hate, light and dark do not exist in there.

There is only the Eternal.

That Nature Order is only perceivable through the Inner Being, who belongs there and which we bear with us as a dormant spark of light.

PART 4

The human being as a microcosm



In this section we would like to give you a brief description of the human system of vehicles as they are understood by the Rosicrucian.

You will then be able to see more clearly the role played by the Eternal Spark of Light in our physical and spiritual body system.

The human being is seen as much more than just a physical body. In reality, the human being is a 'microcosm,' or cosmos in miniature.

The microcosmic firmament

The outermost layer of the human microcosm, surrounding us consists of a magnetic field known by 'lipika.' The lipika can be understood, as the 'sky' of our own microcosm. It is characterized by many magnetic points like stars.

Those magnetic points act as filters. They attract energies which resonate with the person's state of consciousness and soul. In most humans, those magnetic points are attuned only with the dialectical order of existence. Hence, two-folded human state of consciousness will build his or her personality in accordance with what their magnetic field will attract.

The subtle bodies

All Humans have four bodies, each of different grades of subtlety, all interpenetrating each other. They are the:

- Physical;
- Etherical;
- Astral;
- Mental.

The three last ones are invisible to most humans, but they are of fundamental importance, as they give life and motion to the Physical body.

The Etherical or vital body guides and controls the process of life in the material body.

Interpenetrating the etherical and the physical bodies lies the Astral body, where our desires and emotions, and our feelings of attraction and rejection are manifested and radiated outwards.

The Mental body is concentrated mainly around the head and is involved in attracting and radiating all the forces concerned with our thinking and intellectual processes.

The divine seed

And now there is one last aspect of the microcosm that we would like to approach – ‘The Rose of the Heart’, or the Spirit-Spark of Light.

The Rose of the Heart is situated right at the center of the microcosm at a point which coincides with the top of the right heart ventricle.

It is not affected by any of the forces coming from the dialectical nature order.

It is like a seed, which contains the creative information of a whole divine element.

PART 5

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit

If a human being assimilates Gnostic light forces and allows them to become active within, they will find that they bring about a completely new order. After some time, this new order will begin to reflect itself outwardly, individually as well as in groups.

Mystery Schools, like the Golden Rosycross have been founded to guide humans to fulfill the path the initiation. The atmospheric Christ Power is part of the Mystery Schools. It's available for every human being, everywhere and at all times. This power is an extremely weakened form of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore: "examine everything; hold fast to that which is good." Be prepared to abandon what seems true today for the higher truth of tomorrow, but do this in full autonomy and only by authority of the Other-One-within-yourself.

Every human being is called to discover himself as to his or her immortal Self.

In conclusion, some quotations from chapter 90 of The Gospel of the Holy Twelve.

That which is seen and received by one, is not seen and received by another. That which appears true to some, seems not true to others. They who are in the valley see not as those who are on the hilltop. But to each, it is the Truth as the one mind sees it, and for that time, until a higher Truth shall be revealed to the same; and to the soul which receives higher light, shall be given more light. Be faithful to the light you have, until a higher light is given to you. Seek more light, and you shall have abundantly; rest not until you find. God gives you all Truth as a ladder with many steps, for the salvation and perfection of the soul, and what seems to be truth today, you will abandon for the higher truth of tomorrow. Press on to Perfection

Gospel of the Holy Twelve 90: 6, 7, 9, 10.