

# ABOVE ALL — ACT

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**S**oror Maria Metzler was born in Krakow, Poland on March 29, 1932. At a young age her mother encouraged her to make French her primary language. She decided to be a professional geologist and mineralogist and earned a Ph.D. in Technical Sciences. She was awarded Poland's Silver Medal for her research in the Copper Belt in Poland. She has also been a translator since 1986 and was awarded the Silver Cross of Merit for her work in managing the association of translators in Poland.

Soror Metzler's profession as a mineral deposit geologist put her in touch with the scientific circles at the École des Mines in Paris and then a few years later through her employment in Algeria, she made multiple trips to France. On one of those trips, she made contact with the Rosicrucian Circle at Collioure, near Perpignan, France. Soror Metzler joined the French Grand Lodge in 1982 and later joined the TMO.

Since 1994, Soror Metzler has felt honored to serve as the General Administrator of the Polish jurisdiction of AMORC.

She has a happy and loving family—three children, who are also founding members of AMORC Poland, and her husband, a lawyer, who is the author of AMORC Poland's statutes and the legal counsel for the AMORC Poland Society.



This is an ideal occasion to meet to share with you my experience, acquired through the years while serving our Rosicrucian Order AMORC, and throughout my life.

**Throughout my life, my drive was action and perseverance, anchored in constancy and armed with patience.**

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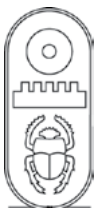
## THE LAWS

As we all know, when we have an idea to create something or attain a goal, it is not enough to simply visualize it, think, or dream about it. In order for this idea to become manifest, we must act.

It is necessary to act and do everything, for a long time and with a lot of faith and effort, to obtain the desired result. All of



It is with great joy that I am among you to feel the harmony that comes from the bonds that unite us and the powerful Égrégoré that we are forming.



this is governed by the law of the triangle, which is very simple and known by all.

However...

How many among us have hoped..., waited..., watched for..., held on, without doing the minimum necessary to at least give a little chance for the universe to help us?

Just as necessity is the mother of invention, we can say that the **idea** is the daughter of a wish.

## DISEQUILIBRIUM

When we desire something, we thus create a disequilibrium in our mind, a sort of lack or void. Our mind seeks to fill it, then **ideas** and solutions arise. All we have to do is choose the one that seems the most appropriate.

## THE GOAL

The ideas, sorted and chosen by our mind or by our free will, create a **goal**, and we just need to do everything to reach it.

Although this principle works for everyone in an almost identical manner, it is the next phase in which it differs.

Thus, many paths are open to us; a multitude of tools and methods are available to us so that we can reach our desired goal.

## ENERGY

An idea is an immaterial emanation; it needs **energy** to crystallize matter. This energy is used not only so that we can move, search, work, eat, convince, but also to model or prepare space, and to influence the forces around us.

This is where **constraint** or **motivation** comes into play.

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**Motivation** is reasoned, capable, intelligent, and very powerful. It is aimed at the emotions or the will to stimulate them, so as to liberate the forces. It acts from within. Motivation is positive, it can be very effective if it is used skillfully. It requires a periodic presence, to fan the spirit when the flame becomes extinguished.

## EMOTIONS

In the depth of our beings, we have powerful energies, which are buried or asleep. They can be freed instantly through our emotions, which provoke sparks similar to volcanic eruptions. They are extremely powerful, effective, and quick, but since they are difficult to control, they are likely to be short-lived. Bursting quickly, and asleep as quickly. Their action is **impulsive, spontaneous, and short-lived**.

## CONVICTIONS

Fruits of reflection, **convictions** are powerful tools and drive us to act with constancy. Their action is slower and tempered. Stimulated by motivation and tempered by reason, they act efficiently and long term. They self-stimulate without an external presence. Their action is **controlled, thoughtful, and long term**.

There are other important factors such as: **will, constancy, perseverance, determination, and others**, which everyone discovers on their own path to mastery.

The purpose of this short discourse is to remind us that throughout our life, these principles, these factors, and these primordial modes of operation direct and guide us in our relationships with others as well as with ourselves.

**It is good to know these principles and to be reminded of them constantly.**

I first joined AMORC driven by **curiosity** but I have remained by **conviction**. I have always been interested in mysticism, wanting to understand the essence of God and the laws presiding over Creation. It has always seemed evident to me that the world, as it is, functions through simple laws, which are hidden and therefore poorly understood.

Progressing in the knowledge of these laws, to better master my life and better understand my place in the universe still intrigues me just as much.

The work is not completed. Will it ever be? Can there be a limit in the infinite world?

The Rosicrucian teachings encourage us to search for our own answers to our questions, and not someone else's answers. Here lies the key, the secret.

One day, while I was in the South of France, I came in contact with a circle of Rosicrucians and I applied for membership in the French Jurisdiction. I am still a member after thirty-three years.

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I chose this Jurisdiction because although AMORC is present in my country, it did not offer structured teachings and did not exist as an independent Jurisdiction.

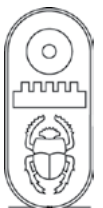
Convinced of the importance of the Rosicrucian teachings and the exactness of my approach, I then established a goal for myself. It was to do everything to create the Jurisdiction of the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC in Poland and to be allowed to provide the teachings of the Order in Polish.

My vision was based on the French structure for the "diffusion," on the model of the Cultural Center on St. Martin Street in Paris for the center for cultural activities, and that of San Jose with its Museum in the middle of the desert for its center of attraction.

At the time, the political scene in Europe was full of changes. Walls were falling and the winds of freedom were blowing over Europe. Poland became free. My motivation was to prepare the structure and to start the organization of AMORC, as soon as the objective realities in Poland would allow. The day arrived. We started with the help of the French Jurisdiction.

It was a long and difficult road, with plenty of successes and joys, but also deceptions. Alone or with those close to me, we translated hundreds of monographs, rituals, and procedures. We trained officers, created Pronaoi, and a Lodge. We published books.

We are not a very strong Jurisdiction; we do not have many members. The outcomes of a quest are rarely identical to the first aspirations, but we are financially independent and our structure is in place. We experiment every day. The work is never finished.



Recently, the Rosicrucian idea to find our own path—so very dear to us—led us to go from being an “Association” to becoming a “Foundation.” It is better adapted to the Polish culture and realities. This organization gives us more peace, tranquility, and functional flexibility.

Then we found a new facility, larger and more modern. There is enough space for the administrative offices and a permanent Temple. The Temple was consecrated in June.

Personally, I have learned a lot on the path. We must be flexible, we must listen to people, confer with advisors; analyze situations, successes, pitfalls and failures, but in the end, we must make firm decisions and act consequently. We must never delay our actions.

Perseverance requires constancy.

These three tools: **determination**, **perseverance**, and **systematic work** are the basis of every success, including within the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.

Poland is an experiment in progress. Our work in progress. Our breath.

We are experimenting with the means of communications, including electronic distribution. We are seeking the means to adapt to the new world of today. We are seeking new ideas.

At the time, Emperor H. Spencer Lewis created a modern system of sending the monographs by mail. Thanks to him, thinkers could share their ideas more easily. Today, the Internet replaces traditional mail. Communication is instantaneous.

The world has changed. This is evolution. It is amazing.

Those who are strong survive and shine. Those who do not adapt are isolated and become forgotten.

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Fratres and Sorores, we live in a particular time, marked by changes, and transformations. It influences us, whether we want it to or not. We are adapting and evolving, each in our own way, positively, according to our path and our mastery; seeking our own understanding, our own answers and convictions, which is the Rosicrucian path.

The unwavering conviction of having made the right choice does not allow the depreciation of our ideal; instead, it ennobles, it dismisses any doubts, and accelerates the progress on the path of evolvment.

The Rosicrucian Order, in its cultural unity and through its teachings, provides us with constancy and practical methods for a life of service to ourselves and to others.

Remain open, persevere, communicate, share ideas, but above all, act.

I wish it to **us** all, with all my heart.

So Mote It Be!