

ROSICRUCIAN HEALING

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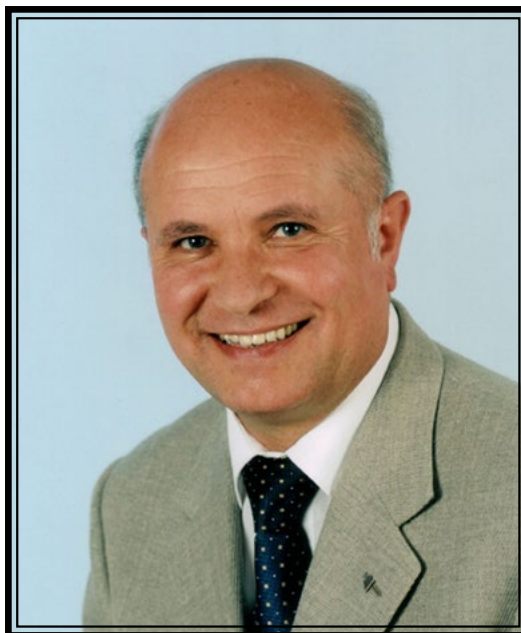
Frater Maximilian Neff was born in 1949 in Bavaria, Germany. He joined the Order in 1976 and began working at the Grand Lodge for the German Language Jurisdiction, which had its headquarters in Baden-Baden, Germany.

In 1999, Imperator Christian Bernard installed Frater Neff as Grand Master for the German Language Jurisdiction.

Frater Neff's aim has always been to preserve and to strengthen the Mystic Ideals of our Order and to make them easy to understand and put into practice. He is thoroughly convinced that the teachings and the high standard of our Order can be kept alive when it is passed on in a way that can be lived in our daily lives.

He believes this lays the foundation for the future of the Order. Of equal importance, Frater Neff feels the responsibility to maintain the rich and unique Rosicrucian mystic-symbolic tradition, originating in the past and making it valid for all times.

To those seekers of the greater Light, Frater Neff explains, "We must learn again the Mystical language, which is the language of our Inner Self on the Cosmic level. We can only find it beyond the intellectual and psychological language. The secrets of our world, of our own personality, and of our life, cannot be revealed by our rational understanding alone. We need the mystical language which has been mostly lost; however, we have the keys to rediscover it, as they become activated when we follow our cryptic teachings and our soul personality."



We meet together here with brothers and sisters from all over the world to proceed more deeply into the teachings of our Order and to live the Rosicrucian spirit, unified in harmony with the higher energies. The lodge convocation with our Most Venerable Imperator will mark the highlight of this convention. Consequently we may inevitably be connected with the spiritual Order. Having touched our hearts we may always experience that the related higher powers become available and assist us on our Rosicrucian path.

It is indeed ancient knowledge, that for as long as Rosicrucian initiations have existed, these powers are available to the initiate. However, they must often be reacquired by self-education and mystical work. This is of utmost importance because their efforts allow the initiate to



clear the spiritual channels at any time, so they will be open to these powers.

On the other hand, by their mystical work, they will be aware to use these powers carefully. Depending on their own efforts, they will be able to direct them accordingly, since their own comprehension—which may not be obvious to the outer self—will make use of these powers as necessary. These powers are strong, even so powerful that they may heal someone. However, this should not lead one to believe that professional medical help should no longer be needed, in particular when it seems to be necessary.

This mystical healing process is focused on the human soul-personality, on the psyche. It is well known that a healthy psyche is the basis for a healthy person.

This is also one of the main reasons why the teachings, the beneficial influence of the spiritual “Rose-Cross,” primarily serve the psyche and the soul-personality of human beings.

All higher development of a person, especially of someone on the spiritual path, begins in the soul-personality.

Hence, any student of mysticism can suffer from physical diseases or physical challenges. In any case, he or she is still protected, however, this challenge may be considered as a signal to become aware of something that is unbalanced and disturbing within the psyche. This disharmony may become so strong that it manifests on the physical plane in order to be recognized, treated, and healed. This type of disease normally indicates something lacking within the soul-personality.

It is frequently reported that people recovering from a serious illness demonstrate the influence of healing forces, which not only improve the

situation for their body but—to a great extent—heal their psychological condition.

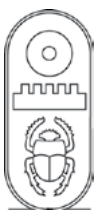
“Holistic healing” is particularly explained and impressively demonstrated in the Sixth Temple Degree Initiation. It always manifests itself on the three levels of human consciousness.

The hidden mystical message specifically of the Sixth Degree tells us that a healing process always precedes important high experiences. The word “healing” reminds us of the word “holy,” and in fact there are connections between them. That means a healing process always precedes the “holy” state of a person. Only after the initiate has experienced healing to a certain extent, may he or she be regarded as having a “holy” state. This also means that they have received healing power. The latter does not concern the body, though it may benefit as well. The process usually takes place unperceived; only a deep attachment to the soul allows its perception.

The idea of “Rosicrucian healing” is obviously incorporated in our teaching system, as the systematic approach of the Temple Degrees is part of the healing path.

The teachings themselves particularly aim at the healing of the human spirit by providing correct knowledge and advice on how to apply the teachings for a healthy lifestyle. Whoever follows the Rosicrucian path receives the necessary information on how to achieve healing of his or her body. Some of this knowledge is presented early in the Atrium Degrees. In the Sixth Temple Degree, the complete traditional system, which can be traced back to the philosophy of the Essenes, is described in detail.

Students on the Rosicrucian path also receive the complete teachings for mental healing and are then able to check and harmonize their knowledge.



And in terms of psychic healing, students will profit from their regular work in their home sanctum and from meditation as recommended in the Rosicrucian teachings. Mystical rituals, especially adapted to the individual's development, will open spiritual pathways. The latter provide messages from the higher realms of the cosmos, which on the other hand are the basis for higher forms of experiences.

In the case of disease, it will be helpful to approach the "Master Within" to understand what the illness really means, and what we need to learn from it. Also we should ask the Master Within for direction and for strength, which we certainly will receive. If medical aid is needed in this instance, it will still help considerably as a beneficial support in the process of diagnosing and finding the proper therapy and healing method.

When committed to the cosmic masters, impressions may be received, often by reflective experiences in a social environment and by giving answers related to supporting healing. Frequently students, who bear respectful attitudes, report that they easily and powerfully eliminated a disease. Also medical and non-medical practitioners—especially if they themselves are familiar with higher aspects of treatment—can observe when patients are in touch with their inner forces.

Furthermore this may be particularly experienced, when the initiate has contacted the "Council of Solace," the silent anonymous branch of the Order.

Having said this, we must always emphasize that the healing of the soul-personality is the most important. Throughout, all the teachings concentrate on this. Even working through consecutive temple degrees does not seem rational all the time. The reason is that consecutive

steps are not always relevant at the level of the soul and the manner of enfolding within the soul-personality, and do not always relate to the external patterns of a rational process.

The soul personality that we speak of is neither male nor female; it exists outside of astrological constellations for life on Earth, however, during its many incarnations both genders can be experienced including the respective male/female psychological conditions.

The soul-personality, connected to the universal soul, develops and acquires wisdom while experiencing a multitude of incarnations. It carries a never-changing individual expression of the infinite soul of the Divine at all times.

The soul-personality is our "Real Self." During our presence on the Earth-realm it provides us, in cooperation with the Master Within, those experiences needed to understand what we must learn to master.

We will become aware of these experiences, if we will leave aside our materialistic ambition, as well as our



vanity and prejudices. These attitudes do not manifest the soul-personality, but demonstrate clearly which qualities are lacking by their impact on the physical realm.

We may improve the potential development of our soul-personality by contemplation and meditation to discover why we cultivate our weaknesses, of which ambition, vanity, and prejudices are the most serious vices. Only after we have become familiar with our weaknesses, or with our “shadow” (Know Thyself!), and, when we have begun to change—never minding the related internal struggles that belong to this process—only then will we have succeeded in arriving on the intended path.

Following this, we will increasingly shake off our particular weaknesses. As a result, our soul is then able to unfold its wings to make us aware of its Divine nature.

By our own experience we will then know and claim: “Beauty can be found everywhere.” The high significance of this deep mystical statement must be experienced. We do not mean physical or sensual beauty, although they can be experienced because beauty exists on a high mystical level.

If we do experience it on this high level, we may call it an “illumination,” as suddenly we not only feel but we know that beauty is ubiquitous. This comes very close to the *Unio Mystica*, the union with the Divine.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us imagine a life situation that may still haunt us, as we have not yet completely overcome it. We all remember such events. Possibly we would have liked a better solution to a challenge, but at the time, we could not manage it. Perhaps we hurt someone.

Let us visualize the circumstances in our minds.

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Let us now release our challenges to the Celestial Sanctum. Let us raise our consciousness and ask for help there to have this burdening event cleansed. And, if there is anything we could do about it today, we ask for assistance and an opportunity to do so.

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May the Sublime Essence of the Cosmic infuse my being and cleanse me of all impurities of mind and body that I may enter the Celestial Sanctum and attune in all purity and perfect dignity. So Mote It Be!

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Let us thank the Cosmic Masters, and ask the God of our Hearts to sanctify our contact with the Celestial Sanctum.

Rosicrucian healing, dear brothers and sisters, is never directed to the body alone. A particular experience may only succeed or make sense, if we become aware of what it actually means on the psychological level. We should connect with the Celestial Sanctum and receive the healing forces from the cosmic level directly, which is the most wholesome way.

To all of you, who are on the Rosicrucian path, I send my best wishes from the depths of my heart, that you may be given the important experiences for your progress.

Let us be honest with ourselves and follow up on our studies without hesitation. We should be aware of the fact, that—besides the work in our sanctum at home and in the Affiliated Bodies—activity more than theory initiates the flow of forces. This is built into human beings. We shall observe that our own development is particularly stimulated if we direct our efforts to the well-being of the community rather than to ourselves.

