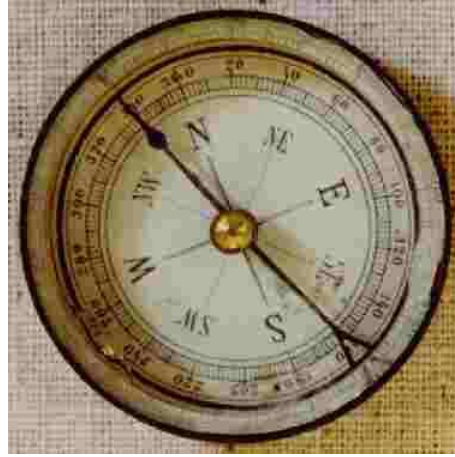


The Rosicrucian Compass

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Introduction

The student beginning on the spiritual path of Rosicrucianism is often challenged by the sheer complexity of the subject matter. There are so many differing definitions of what a Rosicrucian means that it can be very discouraging. The below is an attempt to offer some guidance in this direction. It attempts to offer a succinct opinion to the beginner in 12 points and its greater goal is to serve as a compass for the tired and weary traveler. Once in a while we all get a little lost and it is good to have a compass in one's pocket to remind us of the way. This is simply one Frater's attempt to see the forest for the trees.

I hope it is useful to you.

Lest we Forget....

The First Law of All Brethren of the Rose Cross:

That none of them should profess any other thing than to cure the sick, and that 'gratis'.



The Rosicrucian Path

1. Rosicrucianism is a spirituality which uses the allegory of C.R. in the *Fama Fraternitatis* and the *Chemical Wedding* as an analogy for humanity's spiritual quest.
2. Rosicrucianism affirms the dignity of every human individual and the divine presence in all men and women as equal and paramount.
3. Rosicrucianism holds the ancient maxim "Man, know thy self" as the essential guide for spiritual evolution.
4. Rosicrucians are a body of individuals dedicated to mutual support and to the spiritual social reform of society. Rosicrucians support changes in society in a variety of ways, to promote and defend the rights to free thought, free expression, spiritual exploration and personal fulfilment.
5. Rosicrucianism proposes an ethics based not only on "Thou shalt not ..." but also on right thoughts, right feelings and right actions.
6. Rosicrucianism accepts Christ in Jesus as an exemplar for humanity in its reintegration or becoming at one with the Godhead, in a non-sectarian way.
7. Rosicrucianism views modern religions as the result of the evolution of more ancient spiritual traditions.
8. Rosicrucianism respects all religions and spiritual paths and finds truth in all faiths: animistic, polytheistic and monotheistic.
9. Rosicrucianism accepts that all living things are ultimately one in the Godhead and is emanationist and evolutionary in its understanding of the universe.
10. Rosicrucianism affirms humanity's capacity to discover God's Will in nature.
11. Rosicrucians take pleasure in preserving and studying a body of Hermetic knowledge which includes: astrology, alchemy, Kaballah, tarot and theurgy.
12. Rosicrucianism affirms the possibility of Union with the Godhead through spiritual work, known as the "Magnum Opus."