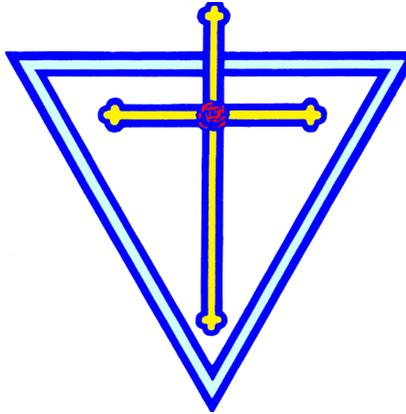


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## The Council of Solace

### INTRODUCTION

The whole Universe is governed by an Intelligence, the nature of which exceeds all that the human mind can conceive. Whatever name you give it, whether you call it God, Cosmic Consciousness, Supreme Will or Universal Energy, whatever your personal concept may be, this Intelligence exists and operates throughout Creation in accordance with a system of natural laws. These laws are perfectly fair, as they are applied in the same way and in a quite impersonal manner in the life of each being. Man is the most evolved living creature on this earth and he has at his disposal all of the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual faculties which enable him to use and apply these natural laws in order to experience happiness in his own life. In this sense he truly is made in the image of God and it is his responsibility to express the grandeur and beauty of it in what he thinks, says and does. Thus, man's life is not a matter of coincidence and is in no way the toy of blind and arbitrary forces. On the contrary, what man does with his life reflects perfectly the degree of attunement which he is able to establish with the Cosmic. The result is that most problems we face arise from our inability to respect natural laws and to master them. The aim of the *Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis* is precisely to teach its members how to use these laws and how to apply them in daily life, either for their own sake or for the sake of others. These teachings allow every Rosicrucian to define and adopt a philosophy of life which is consistent with Cosmic principles and which will result in a happy and harmonious existence.

## HEALTH

The major problem man has to face is illness. Most miseries we are confronted with are due to the fact that we are violating those natural laws which are continually at work within us. In fact, it is impossible to infringe even the most elementary rules without having, sooner or later, to suffer from our lack of wisdom. The whole process nature establishes in our body and in our consciousness is fundamentally constructive. Due to a misapplication of our free will, we can upset this process and can even oppose it. In the latter case, we create negative conditions which inevitably turn into illness or disease. The first priority in maintaining good health therefore, is to co-operate with these natural laws, modifying any behaviour which is inconsistent with the positive processes at work within our being. The basic principles underlying a correct approach to bodily health are simple. Follow a well-balanced diet, avoid abuse of certain foodstuffs and drinks, take sufficient though not excessive, exercise and ensure you are able to relax and have sufficient rest. Apart from this physical routine, we must also ensure we have a positive and constructive mental attitude because experience proves that unsound thoughts are the cause of many diseases. As ever, the secret of good health is to maintain a sound mind in a sound body.

Bad health may of course, be hereditary. In that case, we are not directly responsible in this incarnation for the distress suffered as it is not caused by a current lack of respect for natural laws. However, in this situation we should do our utmost to relieve, as far as possible, the distress suffered. We should also try to develop a spiritual advantage from the physical situation. In other words, despite the illness, we should try to adopt a positive attitude to life and should seek in mysticism, the profound joys that the body, as healthy as it may be, cannot produce. The evolution of each human being goes way beyond earthly life and depending upon the courage we show in

facing illness resulting from heredity, we can prepare for ourselves quite considerable positive karma for future incarnations. In other words, the fact that a person assumes with confidence, a physical handicap that life has imposed, brings great blessings in a future life. Every painful experience accepted with dignity will, some time in the future, bring its share of happiness.

## **THE HOME**

Happiness in the home depends on the goodwill of all those who form the family because a family is virtually a single entity, an aggregation of different personalities, every one of them having different interests, aptitudes and sensitivities. It is unfair for any one of us to impose on a family a state of mind, a conduct or a vision of life identical to our own. Such an attitude inevitably leads to a breakdown of harmony within the family. Most often, it results in conflicts, the outcome of which is unfortunately destructive. Therefore, it is always important to practice tolerance and to protect the family unit. Forgiveness should be the corner stone of the family. Before trying to reform the personalities of those who share our daily lives, we should first do our utmost to be without reproach. Nothing is more harmful to harmony than a tension growing between persons who, although they can bear each other's company, do not love each other. Man and wife are united by human laws which have been established with a view to setting a seal on their wedding and protecting the family they are ready to start. When their characters, their education, their ideals and interests do not match and if there is no common passion to make them forget these differences, there finally arises a tension between them which, as the months and years go by, undermines the sentimental and moral unity that formerly existed between them. Such a misunderstanding growing between husband and wife generates an atmosphere of discord which is like a real poison for their body and soul. When that poison also affects the children in

the home, they come to wonder why they exist and this breaks their faith in humanity. In such circumstances, it is far better to divorce, even though religious dogmas are still opposed to divorce. Whilst these dogmas are intended to protect the sacred dimensions of a wedding, they often fail to do so and on the contrary, weaken those dimensions. It is of course, well understood that a divorce should be the last recourse and, should it appear to be unavoidable, the man and woman concerned should do their utmost to limit the moral pain they will cause. Love for one's fellow man should therefore prevail in their dealings and it is that kind of love which, though it did not find its fulfilment in their home, may however, reduce the negative consequences of their divorce which is always difficult for children to accept.

## FINANCES

We live in a material world where money has considerable power. Though money does not necessarily make one happy and though wealth should not in any case be the purpose of life, we cannot deny that in most modern societies, economics plays an important part. One should realise however, that the whole subject of economics originated initially from human institutions. Consequently, in order to be consistent with Cosmic laws in our business dealings, we must first assemble all those conditions which are necessary for success. Amongst these conditions, it is obvious that honesty, fairness, loyalty, courage, perseverance and patience have in a general way, all the qualities required to justify the adage: "All work deserves to be rewarded". In all the circumstances of his life, man reaps what he sows. If he acts contrary to moral laws, there is little hope that he will receive help from the Cosmic for whatever he covets on the material plane. Furthermore, he may very well lose one day all that he obtained in a dishonest way.

As with the rest of creation, the business world is subject to the law

of cycles. Since it is in itself a living entity and since that life in all its expressions is governed by cyclic laws, economic activities are automatically also subject to peaks and troughs. With all nations now being included in a world-wide economy, the peaks and troughs in the economic activity of any particular country cannot solely reflect its own financial situation. The impact of other economies adds their own direction to the overall situation. Nobody can therefore blame the Cosmic for being the cause of the financial problems that a country may experience at certain times, since only men are responsible for this. Based on this principle, it is easy to understand that no miracle occurs in the field of economic activity. Governments should take the necessary steps to use more wisdom when managing their countries' finances. Irrespective of political ideology, every system of economics is doomed to failure if it does not take into account the requirements inherent in all human societies. If we want to obtain the support and get the approval of the Cosmic, these economic systems should, as a first priority, serve the interests of the greatest number and should facilitate the development of a true fraternity between men, whatever their race, condition or religion.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Human laws are made by man and as such, are imperfect. It could not be any other way as judges have not got the wisdom to know the ins and outs of all matters on which they have to pronounce. Only Cosmic laws are perfectly fair as they are impersonal and respond to an Intelligence which knows the past, the present and future of all beings. Those who are privileged to administer justice do not have divine omniscience. As a result, they are subject to error and may make a mistake when they pronounce a judgement. As a result, it sometimes happens that a litigant can be right and yet may not win his case in a legal matter. However, all victims of man's injustice should take heart from the fact that as Divine Justice cannot fail to fulfil

itself and as Cosmic laws are continually at work, the integrity of each human being will be recognised at the most opportune moment for personal development and evolution.

The best way to protect yourself from all forms of injustice likely to arise from the application of human laws is to adopt a behaviour that is in accordance with our conception of Cosmic Justice. Of equal importance to this is that whatever we think, say or do, we should respect the laws which exist in the country where we live. Whether in the political, economic, social or religious fields, we should not infringe certain rules without accepting the risk of exposing ourselves to the judgement of the authorities concerned. This does not mean to say that the existing institutions must remain static as everything should evolve, adapting itself to individual and collective needs. This simply means that revolution is the enemy of evolution and that one should never try to reform by making use of violence, fanaticism or intolerance. To impose one's opinions in such a way is contrary not only to human justice but what is worse, to Divine Justice and will undoubtedly bring upon one's head a very heavy karmic compensation.

The few remarks just made with regard to health, finance and legal matters are simply set forth to show you that Cosmic laws are always ready to act on your behalf provided that you do your utmost to remain in tune with them. The ancient adage that states: "Heaven helps those who help themselves" is a perfect illustration of this principle. If in your daily life, you try to achieve your best, if you do your utmost to conduct yourself in accordance with the highest ideals, you will undoubtedly receive the help of the Cosmic. It may of course occur that although you do all that you can on the human plane to solve your problems, you do not get what you want. In such circumstances, we often get discouraged, we lose confidence and in the end we create new conditions which reinforce our distress and our feeling of helplessness. It is to assist persons who feel helpless,

persons who are in deep distress, despite having done whatever they can to overcome their difficulties, that the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis makes available the Cosmic assistance that can bring the solution they hope for but which they cannot give substance to on the material plane. This Cosmic assistance is provided through the Council of Solace.

## **THE COUNCIL OF SOLACE OF AMORC**

The Council of Solace is comprised of Rosicrucians working at Grand Lodge and certain other members co-opted from time to time who, under the authority of the Grand Master, undertake a specific task on a number of days each week, the purpose of which is to invoke Cosmic assistance for all those who have requested help. Their mission consists of putting into operation, spiritual energies and directing them in accordance with mystical laws which, given the context of this brochure, cannot be elaborated upon here. However, we would like to make clear that these laws have nothing to do with magic or occult practices but on the contrary, are based on natural principles which initiates since antiquity have known and applied in the service of humanity. Furthermore, the Cosmic action initiated by the Council of Solace operates through the Celestial Sanctum (as detailed in the companion booklet *Liber 777 -- The Celestial Sanctum*) and therefore comes under the auspices of the Rose-Cross. Experience proves that its efficiency is considerable and that in many situations, it brings help and support that no human undertaking can deliver. Having said that, the Council of Solace does not work miracles. It merely sets in operation positive energies which contribute to the physical, moral and material well-being of those who request its assistance. You should also understand that certain trials are imposed on us as a result of Cosmic decree and in these cases, there is nothing we can do to prevent its fulfilment, whether those trials manifest as health problems, home problems, financial or legal problems or any other problems related to human activity. To take the example of a health

problem, the Council of Solace does not claim that it can heal all the illnesses which one can suffer from. In certain cases, it can only relieve and allay the pain resulting from these illnesses. On the other hand, it does not try in any way to take the place of medicine or surgery since although these also have limits, they do have a role to play as regards recovery from an illness.

The steps you need to take to benefit from the help the Council of Solace can give you, are quite simple. Each time you find yourself in need of its help and support, be it for health or other matters, attune yourself to the spiritual vibrations it generates at any time of the day or night through contact with the Celestial Sanctum. To achieve this, you should follow the steps explained in the companion booklet *Liber 777 — The Celestial Sanctum*. During the passive, receptive phase indicated in the instructions, allow yourself to be totally imbued with the positive vibrations set into operation. The best way to succeed in this is to visualise these vibrations in the form of luminous rays which penetrate your whole being and provide an influx of Cosmic energies which heal and inspire you and contribute to the resolution of your present problem. To symbolise this influx, we suggest that at the moment you attune with the Council of Solace, you place in front of you the yellow card entitled *Cosmic Law Fulfils* which is enclosed with this booklet. The invocation on the card is intended to provide you with a physical reminder of the help you will receive as a result of your attunement.

The Council of Solace effects its mystical work every weekday of each week from 12.05 p.m. to 12.20 p.m. local time. However, it is important to recognise that the action of the Cosmic energies it puts into operation is effective 24 hours a day every day of the year. In other words, whilst these spiritual forces are reactivated between 12.05 p.m. and 12.20 p.m. for the benefit of those who need Cosmic assistance, their positive effects continue to work without interruption. Consequently, you need not attune *only* at the stated

times in order to receive the benefit of assistance from the Council of Solace. If, for whatever reason, it is not possible for you to attune at these specific times, you are free to do so at any other time, day or night, whenever you feel able to set sufficient time aside to receive its sublime assistance. Time and space do not exist on the Cosmic plane and any attunement with the spiritual vibrations effected by the Council of Solace automatically allow benefit to be received.

As you no doubt understand, there is no need for you to write to or call Grand Lodge to obtain assistance from the Council of Solace. From the moment you follow the instructions given in the companion booklet *Liber 777 — The Celestial Sanctum*, you become attuned with the accumulated spiritual energies of the Rose-Cross and receive an influx of the most positive energies the Council of Solace can put at the disposal of man. However, if one day you feel you should want to write or call us to request more specific support, please do not hesitate to do so. This may happen when seriously ill or extremely tired and unable to attune properly with the Council of Solace. We shall not necessarily respond to your letter but your request will be acted upon by us and will be the subject of special action by the Council. You should note that the only help the Council of Solace can provide is purely spiritual. In other words, its members, whether in writing or verbally, never give administrative, financial, legal, medical or other instructions. The action the Council undertakes in the service of people who need help is metaphysical and totally transcends the help they may receive in other ways. The service provided by the Council of Solace is particularly efficient as it operates at the level of Cosmic Consciousness which more than anything else, knows the nature of your most legitimate needs and what must be done to satisfy them.

## **THE SILENT COUNCIL**

Any person who understands what the Council of Solace does and the

way it operates can therefore receive its help. The only thing you have to do is to ensure that the way you live is consistent with the principles explained by the Council of Solace and to attune yourself with the spiritual forces generated through its mystical work. In extreme cases, you can ask for their special assistance directly. Furthermore, in order to strengthen and extend the assistance provided by this humanitarian work, the Grand Master has invited all those wishing to participate in the work of the Council of Solace to join in. All you need do in that case is to retire to a quiet place at the stated time or at any other time if this is not convenient and attune yourself with the Celestial Sanctum, not to receive help from the Council of Solace but to participate in its work for the benefit of those who need help. The best way to proceed is to refer to the instructions given in the companion booklet *Liber 777 — The Celestial Sanctum* and when you feel you have reached a sufficiently high state of consciousness, visualise the earth and direct your most positive thoughts to it. In this way, you reinforce the work of the Council of Solace and contribute to the radiation into space of the positive vibrations needed to bring relief to those who suffer physically or mentally or who are in need of help for any other reason. As a result of this mystical work, many of them will receive an influx of Cosmic energy which will contribute to their recovery or provide the required inspiration to solve their problems. In a more general way, such action also contributes to the purification of the collective aura of humanity and neutralises some of the effects that negative thought and action brings into our world.

We know that at any moment of the day or night thousands of people, particularly Rosicrucians, attune with the Council of Solace to participate in the unselfish service being rendered to humanity. The group formed by these members is given the traditional name of *The Silent Council*. You can also participate in this work and feel the great inner joy that arises when you know you have been of help to others. In this way, man can do more for others using only the power of his mind than he can by extensive physical activity

which is necessarily limited. In order to understand the efficiency of the work effected by the Silent Council, just try to imagine the considerable power that is generated when thousands of people are mentally united in their intention to direct positive vibrations to the whole of humanity.

Whenever you want to be of help to a certain person, whether a member of AMORC or not, there are two possibilities. Either write to or (only in extremely urgent cases) call Grand Lodge to ask that this person be helped by the Council of Solace. Alternatively, you may participate in the work of the Silent Council with the sole intention of acting as a relay between the person and the Council of Solace. If you know this person well, you may visualise his or her face during your period of Cosmic attunement and imagine it bathed in a vibrant light filled with energy, health and harmony. Naturally, you may make use of the work of both Councils if you wish. In other words, you can entrust the Council of Solace with the case and at the same time, assist him or her through personal participation in the work of the Silent Council. Once again, you should make use of the concrete support provided by the Yellow Card which was mentioned previously.

Wherever possible, it is better that any person you want to help through the Council of Solace or the Silent Council is informed of the help that he or she will receive. It is likely that the person concerned will then unconsciously attune with the influx of Cosmic energy that will be directed to him or her and should therefore derive greater benefit from the assistance given. Naturally, it is not always possible to give such information either because the person concerned is not able to understand it or because we prefer not to talk about the spiritual help we want to provide. In that case, the combined action of the two Councils will still produce their positive effects but the beneficial results may not be so pronounced.

Each time you participate in the work of the Silent Council, either for the whole of humanity or for a specific person, conclude this work by sending for a few moments, positive thoughts to the Grand Master to assist him in the achievement of his task and the effective discharge of his duties. Once you have done this, you mentally say to yourself the closing invocation in the companion booklet *Liber 777 — The Celestial Sanctum* and return to your normal activities.

## **THE LAW OF AMRA**

Arising solely from a desire by members to use the knowledge of Cosmic laws they have gained for the benefit of humanity, the work accomplished by the Council of Solace is totally impersonal and provides assistance to those who suffer physically or mentally or who, for whatever reason, need to be helped in a manner that transcends other forms of help currently available. Consequently, the members of this Council perform their duties out of a desire to serve and not from any form of self-interest. Naturally then, they do not ask for any remuneration for their work. It sometimes happens though that those who have received help from the Council of Solace write to Grand Lodge to ask how they may give something in return for the help they have received.

The greatest reward the Council of Solace can receive is the joy of contributing to the well-being of the person who requested assistance, whether or not the person was a Rosicrucian. Knowing that one has been able to help someone recover from grave illness, to be successful in an undertaking that was of primary importance to that person, to solve a very difficult problem or to overcome difficulties that caused much distress, not only to that person but the family as well, brings one an inner satisfaction that has greater value than all the wealth of the world. Everyone knows that health and happiness are priceless. However, should you one day benefit from the work

of the Council of Solace and wish to express your gratitude in some way, you can do it by applying what, in the Rosicrucian tradition, is known as the *Law of AMRA*.

According to AMORC records, the Law of AMRA was practiced in ancient Egypt and more particularly amongst the adepts who attended the Mystery Schools. In a rather different form, this was perpetuated in Judaism and at the present time we can find different aspects of it in the Christian religion. The Law simply consists of expressing in one way or another one's gratitude for having received a blessing. We should understand however, that such blessings are not necessarily limited to material acquisitions or financial gain. In fact, from a mystical point of view, we are indebted to the Cosmic for all that contributes to our happiness and welfare. That is the reason why some Rosicrucians apply the Law of AMRA simply when they happen to spend some time in the pleasant company of interesting people. Others do it when the Cosmic helps them to overcome some moral trials. Others apply it quite naturally when they receive help from the Council of Solace. In fact, everyone has his or her own reasons to apply the Law of AMRA, since what some consider as a gift from heaven, others consider was earned by virtue of their own merit. In fact, we should realise that although we may think what we have said or done has produced such benefits, each of us is only a channel for Divine Intelligence. We have only received what the Cosmic has allowed. Consequently, to the extent we allow the Divine Intelligence to work through us, to that same extent are we able to receive Cosmic blessings in return.

Before we consider the way each of us can apply the Law of AMRA, we should make it clear that it is in no way obligatory. This means that this Law should be used quite voluntarily and without any mental reservation whatsoever. Should this not be the case, what may be given under the Law of AMRA would have no value mystically. On the other hand, whatever is done under this Law should not be tinged

with any form of superstition. In other words, one should not imagine that if one does not apply this Law, one will no longer receive help or solace. We should not use the Law of AMRA from a sense of fear. Nor should we think that we shall only receive spiritual assistance if we express our gratitude to the Cosmic by applying the Law before we have received any benefit. Acting in such a manner is in itself, a form of superstition.

As any blessing received need not necessarily be related to money or any material thing, in the same way the Law of AMRA is not systematically applied by giving away a certain amount of money or a material thing. In other words, we can apply this Law by doing someone a service he needs, by taking time to comfort someone who is in trouble, by making an effort to improve our relationship with others and in a general way, by trying to engage oneself in good works around us using our talents and aptitudes. We can also apply it by participating as regularly as possible in the work of the Council because that kind of work contributes more widely to the welfare of others. Should you choose to apply the Law of AMRA by giving money, you can do this by sending a donation to one or several people who are in need or by giving it to a humanitarian cause which you believe will use it in a positive way or to our Order to help it in its activities. In every case, it is important that you do this in an impersonal way. Of course it is not always easy to conceal one's identity especially when the gift is given by cheque to an organisation, be it the Order or a charitable organisation. What is important however, is to make such gifts discreetly without trying to glorify one's self for having made the gift. Mystically, if you boast of having contributed to the welfare of an individual or group, it belittles the merit of the donor. This is also the case when our application of the Law of AMRA is by way of service rather than a donation of money. Humility and an impersonal approach should be the norm in all activity we undertake for the good of others.

Since we have mentioned the possibility of using money to apply the Law of AMRA, it is important to understand the difference between making a donation as your application of the Law and an offering, even though there is no difference as far as the recipient is concerned. As previously explained, a donation made in accordance with the Law of AMRA, is intended to express our gratitude to the Cosmic for a benefit we have received whether of a material nature or not. An offering is not necessarily given for this purpose. It may simply reveal your desire to bring financial assistance to a beneficiary of your choice without it being an expression of gratitude for a benefit you yourself have received. In this sense, a mystic should understand that money represents a power which, like all energies accessible to man, may be used in a positive or negative way. Using money to serve a noble cause is therefore quite justified on the Cosmic plane.

Finally, in order to bring to a conclusion this brief overview of the Law of AMRA, we would ask you to give it considerable attention as not one day passes without our receiving, one way or another, an earthly blessing. In return, not one day should pass without our trying one way or another to express our gratitude to the God of our Hearts, be it only for the joy of being alive and of participating with the Cosmic in mankind's evolution. In fact, it is in recognition of the Law of AMRA that the Council of Solace undertakes its daily work because it considers it its duty to serve humanity in the secure knowledge that it will receive to the extent that it gives.

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