

INITIATION

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Initiation and ritual are some of the most important aspects of my experience as a Rosicrucian and in my life. The first time I went to a Rosicrucian event was at the St. Louis Lodge. It was a lodge convocation. The Guardian invited me to come into the temple ahead of time to familiarize me with the gestures that we would make at certain points—where we would sit, how we would walk around in the temple—and I noticed his reverence for this place, and I felt the vibrations in this temple. The St. Louis Lodge had been meeting in this temple for decades. So, my senses were alert. We began the convocation and intoned the vowel sounds. This was something new for me—we were all chanting together. And, at one point, a bolt of energy shot up my spine out the top of my head and I was in this fountain of indescribably beautiful white light.

That was my initiation as a Rosicrucian.

Initiation is beyond what we typically experience on this plane, beyond what our five senses typically allow us to perceive and experience, and this happened during a lodge convocation; it was not an initiation, but it was my initiation.

After that, I participated in the First Temple Degree initiation. This is always presented in two parts, and we are excused between Part One and Part Two and encouraged to observe silence. So, I went home. I spent some time in a park. It was a full moon, and I was just being bathed in the moon, not really on purpose; I was just in the park, observing silence, and then my awareness shifted until I was the moon. My awareness was at the level of the moon. I had not planned this. This was not in the Rosicrucian temple and what occurred in the temple prepared me for this. The initiatic ceremony and the vibrations of the temple prepared me for the experience of attuning with another plane of awareness.

After this, I participated in a Rosicrucian Initiatic Journey through Egypt. When we experience these, we have ceremonies at different places with very special energy along the Nile in the ancient temples there. Usually, the initiations are for two or three weeks, so we move out of our typical perception, our typical awareness through the five senses. The initiatic journey in Egypt was completely transformative for me, continuing my Rosicrucian initiation.



Philae temple complex, as seen from the Nile River in Aswan, Egypt.

I stood in front of the Sphinx, and I promised at that time that any time I was asked to serve the Rosicrucian Order, I was going to say yes. And I have done that. I have served in many ritualistic positions. I have been a Guardian and a Conductor, and you name it, I have served in most of the ritualistic positions. I have served as the Technician, and I have served on the Kitchen Committee and the Open Meeting Committee. Any time I am asked to serve the Rosicrucian Order, I say yes. This too has been very transformative for me because I feel this circuit of energy between me and the energy of the Rosicrucian Order.

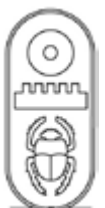
Shortly after I returned from Egypt, I was in the St. Louis Lodge, and they announced that there was a position available as the manager of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum. My professional experience had prepared me for that position. I applied for the position, but I had lived in St. Louis my whole life. My family was there, I had a good job there, and I thought if I was offered this position I would accept and if not, no problem. So, I had an opportunity right after making that promise to serve the Order, to apply it, to keep that circuit going. I was offered the position, and I came to work at Rosicrucian Park. I remember during the interview that I just walked around Rosicrucian Park marveling at the energy here. The vibrations are so powerful at Rosicrucian Park. I remember thinking, these members who live and work here are so fortunate, and I still think that every day that I am at Rosicrucian Park. It is just amazing to be able to serve in that way.

Shortly after I moved to San Jose, I became involved in the California Rosicrucian region. We decided to have one of our Regional Committee meetings at a nearby redwood forest. When I was there, one of the members, who was also a volunteer ranger at this state park, invited me to place my head on a redwood tree



that was nearby. When I did this, I closed my eyes and put my forehead on the tree and all of these symbols began moving in my mind's eye. They were revolving like a slot machine with images going up and down, but there were so many of them and I did not recognize them. They were something like the Hebrew alphabet and something like hieroglyphics, but they were not either of those. I was just stunned by this experience, and I knew that something had been downloaded but I did not know what it was. It seems that this was more of my Rosicrucian initiation.

Shortly after that, I was asked to serve as the Grand Master. I believe that this download that came to me in that way has informed me, and the decisions we are making at Rosicrucian Park about how to take care of this sacred place. For example, since I became the Grand Master in the year 2000, we have been organic, and we have removed our very water-hungry lawns and replaced them with native plants. We are



saving millions of gallons of water every year by doing that. We have achieved net zero carbon status, supplying all of our own energy now. We have installed solar panels at Rosicrucian Park. This was not my area of expertise and I feel that this download that I had at the Rosicrucian regional committee guided my decisions. That meeting, by the way, was our best. I recommend similar meetings in parks. I believe that played a role in my Rosicrucian experience.

So, in all of these cases—the opening up that took place in the first convocation I ever went to at a Rosicrucian Lodge, the First Temple Degree Initiation where I attuned with another plane and became the moon and the moon entered me, in the Initiatic Journey through Egypt where I went all in, and at the Rosicrucian Regional Committee meeting of all things—I tapped into another plane of existence, into something beyond what I typically know. I tapped into the unknown. In the Rosicrucian teachings, this source is called Actuality. The world around us that we see, everything that manifests in the universe, is Reality—a Rosicrucian definition—and Actuality is the source of the original vibrational frequency of everything that exists in potentiality. Pythagoras saw a plan for this in numbers and Plato saw a plan for this in the shape of forms. The Egyptians saw this as the Am Dwat—a magical realm of pure potentiality. This source is experienced beyond our five physical senses.

Sometimes I would ask newer Rosicrucian members: How are your studies going? I changed the way I phrase that now because our goal, with

setting up our sanctums and having our regular sanctum periods, is to set the conditions for mystical experiences, to set the conditions for attuning with other planes of consciousness. Studying is not a profound enough term for what we do as Rosicrucians.



H. Spencer Lewis

H. Spencer Lewis stated that there is a fourth dimension of space. There is the usual height, depth, and width, and there is the vibrational dimension of space. When we are attuned to something that exists in the unmanifested state, our thoughts activate it into existence. This is the field of Actuality. When we move beyond our five objective senses it

allows the flow of potential from us to it and from it to us. This is part of our initiation as Rosicrucians. These experiences happen sometimes in our sanctums, sometimes in Rosicrucian temples, and at other times, any place where we give our attention and sincerity. So, in these experiences that have been part of my Rosicrucian initiation, we have many techniques that can help to create openings—this can happen with the vowel sounds, intoning them creates an opening. We can use vowel sounds. We can practice various techniques to open our psychic centers. These are twelve centers in our being of energy and information that vibrate, and we can raise those vibrations so that they are in attunement, in resonance, in coherence with that field or dimension.

We can also perform rituals that are performed at powerful times of the year, like the spring equinox. We can attune to natural cycles and their power. There are times that are more propitious for certain activities, and we learn those in the

Rosicrucian teachings. The monographs encourage us to spend more time in nature to create this connection with the highest planes of spirituality or consciousness with which we can attune. There are rituals associated with celestial bodies. In one upper degree, there is a whole series of monographs that discuss how we can attune with particular celestial bodies and benefit from their influence.

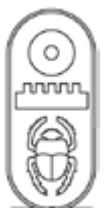
At Rosicrucian Park, we sometimes have full-moon meditations. The experience that I had with attuning with the moon between the first and second parts of my First Temple Degree initiation allowed me to attune with another plane. We can open ourselves to something new—this encourages these experiences. When I entered the St. Louis Lodge for the first time, everything was new to me – the feel of the place, the décor. The members of the St. Louis Lodge reproduced the murals that are on the mural walls at the Grand Temple here at Rosicrucian Park. It is like my fellow presenter, Leo,

said, our initiation is like the first day of school or when we travel. We are beings who thrive on novelty. Often, we cling to the known and yet we thrive in novelty. We can heighten our awareness to see something new in every moment. We must remove ourselves from our unconscious programming though because often we get going with the same programming and that does not leave space or present the opportunity for these experiences of awe.

We can also expand our perception beyond the usual limits of time and space. H. Spencer Lewis created the meditation for the Celestial Sanctum. The Celestial Sanctum is the highest plane of consciousness with which we can attune. That is a little bit abstract though so he created a technique so that we could visualize that. But first, he has us ascend above where we are seated, above our town, above our country, to snap us out of the conditioning of time and space because where the experience of awe is



The Grand Temple at Rosicrucian Park.



going to take place exists beyond time and space.

Another aspect of my initiatory process has been going all in with the Rosicrucian Order. I was so grateful for the experiences on the Initiatic Journey in Egypt that I promised to serve the Order anytime I was asked. What I did was open myself to giving. This is a foundational technique for people who are practicing attracting abundance in their lives. We do not hold on to our money hoping to get more money. We find ways to let money flow through us so that it then comes back to us. In the same way when we open ourselves up to attuning with the Divine, to tapping into Actuality, this field of potentiality gives back. We create this circuit—we give, and it gives. The more I give to the Rosicrucian Order the more I get back. I cannot keep up.

Another aspect of my initiatory experience with the Rosicrucian Order that I mentioned was the tree download. This tree downloaded something to me that I could not get any other way. And I have had some other experiences like that since then. This again taps into that field of Actuality, that field of pure consciousness.

Now we are going to practice attunement. In a moment we are going to focus on our breath which helps to communicate to the autonomic nervous system that everything is fine, and it can relax. Then we are going to intone the vowel sound OM seven times. OM causes the pineal gland in the head to vibrate. The pineal gland is considered the gateway between the psychic self and the physical self—the monographs say between the soul and the invisible plane. The pineal gland is at the level of our eyebrows but in the back of our brain. Then we are going to attune with the Celestial Sanctum, however you choose to visualize it. What we are attuning with is the highest plane of consciousness, the highest vibrational frequency that we are capable of attuning with. This is the

portal to the field of Actuality, and you will choose a symbol for this that just fills your heart with joy thinking about it. This could be an inspiring landscape like a forest or by a body of water or on a mountain or in a meadow or it could be a building like a church or a temple or a mosque or a Rosicrucian temple. So, we are going to go beyond time and space, we are going to project our consciousness beyond what we are used to, into the unknown, and then we are going to attune with this frequency. So, we will begin this now.

I invite you to take three deep breaths, becoming more relaxed with each exhalation.

Now breathe normally and focus on your breath as the air goes in and out of your nostrils. If your mind wanders just gently bring it back to the breath going in and out of your nostrils.

Now focus your attention on the back of your brain in the pineal center. Visualize a radiating ball of energy, violet in color, radiating at the pineal center.



Next, we are going to intone the vowel sound OM.

Ready? Inhale and then intone the vowel sound OM seven times.

You have created the opening to something new that awaits you.

Now place your awareness higher. Place your awareness above the top of your head. And now higher, above where you are seated, above the room you are in, the building, the city, the state or province, the country. And now look back and you see Earth as a spinning sphere.

Again, turn your gaze upward. Ascend past the sun, past our solar system, our galaxy, to the edges of space, and time, and beyond.

Now in this place that is beyond time and space see your Celestial Sanctum as you have chosen to visualize it: as a landscape or a building or something else.

Come to the entrance.

Pause in reverence and gratitude.

Place your hands on your heart.

Now enter your Celestial Sanctum, this sacred realm beyond time and space.

You notice that the vibrations are different here beyond your usual levels of perception.

Your sight perceives awe-inspiring beauty.

The harmonious sounds ring in your heart.

You experience the fragrances throughout your entire being.

Everything is vibrating at the frequency of the source, of Actuality.

Now see a ball of yellow light radiating from your heart center.

It expands and expands until you are all in, not holding anything back, completely giving of the energy in your heart center.

Now, you feel a flow of energy reciprocating from your Celestial Sanctum.

The more energy you give from your heart center, the more energy flows from this sacred source. This high level of vibrations flowing back into your heart nourishes you.

With your hands still on your heart, you know that something has been downloaded to you, into every cell in your being from the field of Actuality to you. It is like a seed planted in the purest soil, ready to take root, grow, and blossom, to flourish throughout your entire lifetime.

With your hands still on your heart, give thanks for this initiation at the level of the Celestial Sanctum.

Now, prepare to leave your Celestial Sanctum. Return toward our solar system and Earth, to the country you are in, your state or province, the city where you are, to where you are seated.

Bring your awareness back to here and now.

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