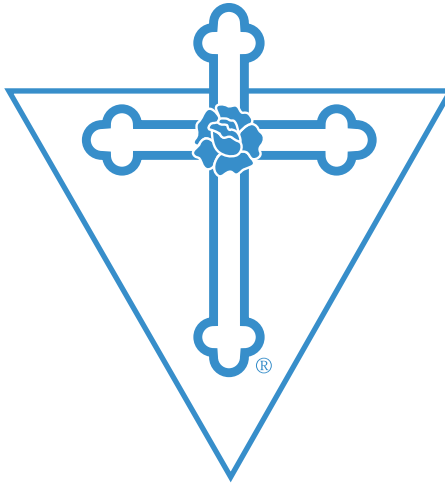


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## Council of Solace



Dear Fratres and Sorores,

The entire universe is governed by an Intelligence whose perfection exceeds anything conceivable by the human mind. By whatever name we call it—God, Cosmic Consciousness, Supreme Intelligence, or Universal Energy—and whatever our personal conception of it might be, this Intelligence exists and works throughout Creation according to a system of perfectly just laws, since they operate impersonally and in the same way for every being. Since humans are the most evolved living beings on earth, we have at our disposal all the necessary physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual faculties that allow us to use and apply these laws for knowing happiness in our own lives. In this sense, it is entirely up to us to express the grandeur and beauty of God in what we think, say, and do.

Our life is not subject to chance and is never a plaything of blind and arbitrary forces. On the contrary, what we do with our life reflects that degree of harmony we are capable of establishing with the Divine Intelligence. Therefore, most problems confronting us are a result of our inability to either respect cosmic laws or to master them. The stated goal of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis is precisely to teach its members how to apply these laws in their daily life—both for their own good and the good of others. Such teachings allow each Rosicrucian to define and adopt a “mystical conduct” that will lead to a happy existence.

## **Health**

The major problem that humans are confronted with is that of disease. Most illnesses we suffer are due to some violation of those natural laws continually operating within us. It is in fact impossible to transgress the most elementary rules of life without suffering, sooner or later, the consequences of our lack of wisdom. All processes that nature puts into action in our body and consciousness are fundamentally constructive. Yet, through an improper application of our free will, we can upset these processes and even completely oppose them. In this case we create negative conditions within us which, in turn, are inevitably expressed as illness.

Therefore, the first rule in maintaining good health consists of cooperating with natural laws and modifying any behavior that counteracts the positive action of these laws within us. Having a perfectly balanced diet in which one does not abuse certain foods or beverages; getting enough exercise while

avoiding excesses; knowing how to rest and relax; these constitute the basic principles of good physical health. This physical health must be accompanied by a mental attitude that is as healthy as possible, because negative thoughts can result in many diseases. The secret of good health, resides in maintaining both a healthy body and a healthy spirit.

Deficient health can also be due to heredity. In this case, the person involved is not directly responsible for these ills, because they are not the consequence of behavior that contradicts natural laws. Everything must then be done to alleviate suffering as much as possible and to exact the most spiritual benefit from this physical state. Thus, despite illness, we should adopt an attitude that is as positive as is possible toward life and to seek in mysticism those profound joys which the body, even at its optimum level, cannot provide. The evolution of a human being greatly exceeds the span of a single lifetime and thus an individual who shows courage when dealing with a hereditary ailment is preparing extremely positive karma for the next incarnation. In other words, the fact that one deals with some physical disability with confidence, which was seemingly imposed by destiny, attracts the most beneficial blessings in a future life, because every painful experience, when properly assimilated, brings about happiness sooner or later.

## **The Home**

Happiness in the home rests mainly on the nobility of soul of all those who make up the home, because the family is virtually a single entity. Yet, in reality, it is an aggregate of different personalities, each with a distinct set of interests, abilities, and temperaments. We make a serious mistake when we wish to impose a state of mind, conduct, or a vision of life similar to our own, on other family members because this act will sooner or later bring about disharmony within the family, generally finding its expression in family conflicts which, unfortunately, can lead to destructive results. Consequently, it is important to cultivate an attitude of tolerance, preserving the family unit by making forgiveness a keystone of the home. Before trying to reform the personalities of those sharing our daily life, we should strive to make ourselves as irreproachable as possible. Nothing is more destructive to harmony than forced relationships established between people who tolerate yet do not love one another.

Spouses are united by human laws which were instituted to seal their marriage and protect the family which they are about to start. Yet if they are

not well-matched, either in character, education, or ideals, and if they have no mutual passion to forget their differences, the result is a strained relationship which, over months or years, destroys the emotional and moral unity that they should be building. Strong disagreement between spouses or couples brings about an atmosphere of discord that constitutes a veritable poison to their body and soul. When this poison affects the children of the home, it constitutes a serious wrong to them and destroys their faith in humanity.

Under such circumstances, divorce is preferable, despite the opposition of certain religious dogmas, that, while trying to preserve the sanctity of marriage, often only weaken it. That being said, it is evident that divorce should only be used as a last resort; however, if it becomes inevitable, the spouses must do everything possible not to amplify the moral suffering that is bound to occur. The love for others in the family must then prevail in their dealings, because this love, in place of experiencing its full expression in the home, can help overcome the negative effects of divorce, which for children are always difficult to live through.

## **Finances**

We live in a material world where money represents considerable power. Even though it does not create happiness, and the accumulation of wealth does not constitute a life goal, we cannot deny that it plays an important role in most modern societies. However, it should be understood that everything concerning economic matters springs from human institutions. Consequently, to gain the support of cosmic laws in our business dealings, we must first bring together the necessary conditions for them to succeed. Naturally, among these conditions are those of honesty, fairness, loyalty, courage, perseverance, patience, and, generally speaking, all the qualities which justify the soundness of the ancient proverb: "Every effort deserves its own reward." In every aspect of life we reap what we sow. If we act contrary to basic morality, we cannot hope to receive help from the Cosmic in acquiring what we desire on the material plane. Worse yet, if we cheat others, we can expect that some day we will lose everything we have acquired.

As is true of everything else in life, the business world is subject to the law of cycles because it constitutes a living entity in itself—and life, in all its expressions, is governed by cyclical laws. Economic activities now concern

the whole world, with the result that the general economy of a country experiences highs and lows that reflect not only its own financial situation, but also the direction that financiers give to the world economy. Therefore, no one can blame cosmic laws when explaining the cycles of financial depression that occur in nations at given times, because this responsibility should be ascribed instead to people themselves.

We can deduce from this principle that no miracles take place on the economic plane, and that it is up to individual governments to show wisdom in their management of the nation's financial matters. No matter what the political ideology, any economic system which fails to take the inherent needs of the whole of humanity into account is bound to fail. To receive the approval and support of the Cosmic, the economy must therefore answer to the interests of the majority and serve to encourage a true fraternity of all people, regardless of race, condition, or creed.

### **Legal Matters**

Human laws are in the image of human beings, that is to say imperfect. This cannot be otherwise since no judge possesses the required intelligence to know all the details or repercussions that may arise from the rulings rendered on any specific subject. Only cosmic laws are perfectly just, because they are impersonal and are guided by an Intelligence that knows the past, present, and future of every individual. Those who are empowered to render justice on the human level do not possess Divine Omniscience. Thus, they are subject to error and can make mistakes in the judgments they render. It is possible, therefore, for a plaintiff to be right, but still lose a legal case. Nevertheless, all victims of human injustice should take comfort, because Divine Justice will eventually prevail and cosmic laws are constantly working so that the wholeness of each human being may be recognized, at the most opportune moment for the good of his or her spiritual evolution.

The best way to avoid all forms of injustice arising from the application of human laws is to follow behavior that conforms to the ideal we take from Divine Justice. Similarly, everything we think, say, or do must take into account all of the civil laws governing the country in which we reside. Whether on the political, economic, social, or religious plane, we cannot transgress certain rules without the risk of exposing ourselves to the judgment of the relevant authorities. This does not mean that existing institutions should remain fixed,

for everything must evolve toward individual and collective good. What we are saying, rather, is that revolution is the enemy of evolution and that one must never seek to reform things through the use of violence, fanaticism, or intolerance. Such a method of bringing about one's ideas not only opposes human justice, but worse yet, it totally contradicts Divine Justice and cannot fail to incur very heavy karmic repercussions.

The few statements we have just made regarding health, domestic, financial, and legal matters are simply meant to demonstrate that cosmic laws are always ready to intercede for the benefit of each of us, provided, of course, that we do everything possible to live in harmony with them. The old saying that "God helps those who help themselves" is a perfect illustration of this principle. If you do everything possible to manifest the best of yourself within your life, if you do your utmost to act according to your highest ideals, you cannot fail to receive the help and support of the Cosmic.

Yet we might be unable to obtain satisfaction even though we have done everything humanly possible to resolve a problem. Under such circumstances, we become discouraged, lose confidence, and finally create conditions which only reinforce our distress and feeling of helplessness. To assist people who feel totally helpless after having done everything in their power to overcome difficulties, the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis makes available to them metaphysical aid which can bring about the solution they seek, yet are unable to manifest on the human plane. This metaphysical assistance rests on the actions of AMORC's Council of Solace.

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

AMORC's Council of Solace is composed of Rosicrucians at the Grand Lodge who, under the direction of the Grand Master, participate in mystical work to bring Cosmic assistance to those who need it. The Council meets Monday through Friday from 12:05 to 12:20 p.m., Pacific Time, in the Grand Temple at Rosicrucian Park.

The Council of Solace functions by setting into motion certain spiritual energies and directing them through space in accordance with a ritual that we cannot explain within the parameters of this booklet. Please rest assured that this ritual has no link whatsoever with magic or occult practices. On the contrary, it is based on natural laws known to initiates since the most remote

antiquity and utilized to serve humanity. The action undertaken by the Council of Solace occurs on the level of the Celestial Sanctum, and is therefore entirely under the auspices of the Rose-Croix.

Experience has shown that the Council of Solace's effectiveness is considerable, and that it brings a form of help and support unavailable through any other means. This Council does not perform miracles in the common meaning of the term. As just mentioned, it sets positive energies into motion on a daily basis, and these energies contribute to the physical, moral, and material well-being of all persons requesting its action; and yet the Council does not solve every problem facing humanity.

Some trials, for instance, are imposed on us as karmic decrees and thus we cannot thwart their realization in the areas of health, family, finance, justice, or any other realm concerning human activities. In cases involving health matters, the Council of Solace has never let it be assumed that it can cure all ills afflicting us. In some cases, it can only comfort us and alleviate accompanying pains, which can be an invaluable aid. Nor does the Council try to act as a substitute for medicine or surgery. Even though these particular therapies also have their limitations, they do play a role in the processes of healing.

The procedure to be followed so as to benefit from the work of the Council of Solace is quite simple. Whenever you feel the need to receive its help and support, whether it involves health or matters of a more material nature, put yourself in harmony with the mystical work that the Council performs every day. If possible, proceed with this harmonization between 12:05 and 12:20 p.m., Pacific Time, when this work is taking place in the Grand Temple at Rosicrucian Park.

To do this, begin by ascending to the Celestial Sanctum, following the method described in detail in *Liber 777—The Celestial Sanctum*. During the receptive phase pointed out in this method, allow yourself to be fully permeated by the positive vibrations set into motion by the Council. The best way to do this is to visualize these vibrations as luminous rays which penetrate your entire being and transmit a spiritual influx that will facilitate your healing—relieving, regenerating, and inspiring you—and ultimately contributing directly or indirectly to the resolution of the problem confronting you. As a symbol of this influx, we further suggest that when you place yourself in harmony with the Council of Solace, you place before you the card enclosed with this booklet. The invocation on it, “Under the Auspices of the Rose-Croix, Cosmic Law



Fulfills," will manifest for you the metaphysical help that you will receive during this harmonization, even if you are not aware of it.

Even though the Council of Solace performs its metaphysical work between 12:05 and 12:20 p.m. Pacific Time, the action of the cosmic energies set into motion remains effective at all times of day and night. In other words, the spiritual forces are reactivated during the period 12:05 - 12:20 pm to serve those in need of cosmic help, yet their positive effects operate without any interruption. Therefore, you should not feel that it is imperative for you to always place yourself in harmony with the Grand Lodge Council of Solace from 12:05 - 12:20 pm to obtain its help. If for any reason you cannot participate at this time, you may ascend to the Celestial Sanctum whenever you have the most opportunity during the day or night and benefit from these inestimable blessings which can be obtained from the Council of Solace. Since time and space do not exist on the cosmic plane, any harmonization with the mystical work undertaken by the Council automatically results in benefits arising from its action.

As you now realize, there is no need to write or call the Grand Lodge to receive the benefits of AMORC's Council of Solace. By following the instructions in this booklet and those in *Liber 777*, you may readily harmonize with the égrégoire of the Rose-Croix and receive an influx of those very positive energies being sent out to serve humanity. If, however, you should someday feel the need to write us or call us to request special support, do not hesitate to do so. This is especially true when you are quite ill or exhausted and lack the strength to harmonize with the Council of Solace. There will be no need to reply to your request in writing; it will be the object of special care and attention.

Furthermore, we wish to remind you that the assistance provided by the Council of Solace is purely spiritual. Whether in writing or verbally, its members never give administrative, financial, legal, medical, or any other type of advice. The action they undertake is meant to serve persons in need of help; it is purely metaphysical and completely transcends any other aid that might be given. This is why this action is particularly effective, because the Council's actions are located at the level of Cosmic Consciousness, which knows better than anyone the nature of our requirements and what must be done to satisfy them.

## THE SILENT COUNCIL

Anyone knowing about AMORC's Council of Solace and the way that it works can receive its assistance. All that is necessary is to harmonize with the work performed every day at the Grand Temple in Rosicrucian Park, or, in critical cases, to request being placed on its list for assistance. In addition, to expand the activities of this humanitarian work, the Grand Master suggests that all members of the Order join in this daily work. This group formed by all those taking part is traditionally called the *Silent Council*. You too can join them and feel the immense inner joy that comes from the satisfaction of accomplishing work that is useful to others. All you need to do is find a peaceful, solitary place between 12:05 - 12:20 pm Pacific Time (or at any other time if it is impossible to find the necessary solitude at that time) and then elevate yourself to the level of the Celestial Sanctum, with the intention of associating yourself mentally with the action that the Council of Solace accomplishes in the service of all those in need. To understand the effectiveness of the work undertaken by the Silent Council, all you need to do is think of the substantial power that thousands of Rosicrucians represent when they are united mentally with the specific intent of directing positive thoughts toward those who are in need of assistance.

Here is how you should proceed when participating in the work of the Silent Council:

If at all possible, wash your hands and drink a glass of water as a sign of physical and mental purification.

Then retire to a peaceful spot and elevate yourself to the level of the Celestial Sanctum by following the method indicated in *Liber 777*.

When you feel that you have attained the level of consciousness symbolized by the Celestial Sanctum, visualize the Earth for a few moments, then direct your most positive thoughts toward all of humanity. The best way of doing this is to concentrate on words that evoke constructive ideas, such as "health," "comfort," "well-being," "harmony," "fraternity," "love," etc.

Then, if you want to come to the assistance of one or more people in particular, visualize them as though they were standing before you, and visualize that they are bathed in a light generating health, comfort, well-being, harmony, etc. If they are ill, see them healed; if they are in pain, see them full of joy; if they are distraught, see them calm and peaceful; etc.

After engaging in this visualization, mentally state the following invocation, with confidence and conviction:

*“Fratres and Sorores, brothers and sisters, who have solicited spiritual aid, your plea is acknowledged. Cosmic Law is fulfilling its work for each of you.”*

While Cosmic Law is being accomplished, intone three times the vowel sound OM, mentally or in a soft voice, on the note that seems most natural to you.

Then place yourself in a receptive state, so that you may benefit from the positive energies set into motion by the combined actions of the Council of Solace and the Silent Council.

Complete this special work by using the invocation indicated in *Liber 777* that is used to complete all contact with the Celestial Sanctum. Once this is done, resume your regular activities.

If you engage regularly in the work that we have just described, you will reinforce the action of the Council of Solace by radiating into space positive vibrations that will benefit all those who suffer physical or morally, or who are in need of some assistance. Thanks to this metaphysical work, many will receive a spiritual influx that will contribute to their healing or give them the desired inspiration to solve a problem. On a more general level, this activity also helps to purify the collective consciousness of humanity and neutralize certain forms which evil can take in the world.

As you can see, two choices are possible when you wish to help a particular person or persons—whether or not a member of AMORC. You can either write or call the Grand Lodge to ask that the person be placed in the care of the Council of Solace, or you can participate in the work of the Silent Council with the specific intention of serving as an intermediary between this person and the Council of Solace. If at all possible, it is best that any persons you wish to help be informed of the cosmic assistance that they will receive through this means. In this way the person will be harmonized subconsciously with the spiritual influx that is being directed to him or her, and will thus benefit more fully from its impact. Of course, it is not always possible to communicate this information, either because this person might not understand it, or because we prefer to remain silent regarding the metaphysical assistance we wish to give. In this case, the combined activities of both Councils will still be positively accomplished; perhaps with results less pronounced than if the person had been informed of this action.

## THE LAW OF AMRA

The work performed by the Council of Solace is completely impersonal, as its sole motivation is a desire to have the knowledge of cosmic laws serve those who suffer physically or mentally or who need to be assisted in a way that transcends all other forms of help available through normal channels. Therefore, members of the Council accomplish their task with total unselfishness, and, of course, do not request any remuneration in exchange. At times, however, some persons who have benefited from the Council of Solace will write to the Grand Lodge and inquire as to how they may express their gratitude for benefits received. We will therefore mention several specific points concerning this subject.

First, let us state that the greatest reward that the Council of Solace can receive is the joy of having contributed to the well-being of people, both Rosicrucians and non-Rosicrucians, who request its services. The mere fact of knowing that its action has permitted someone to be healed of a serious disease, or to succeed in a vital undertaking, or to resolve an important problem, or to overcome a trying experience either for oneself or loved ones, for which they had lost hope, all bring about an inner satisfaction which, in itself, is worth all the riches in the world. We all know that health and happiness, as is true of life itself, are priceless. However, if someday you wish to receive the benefits of the Council of Solace and you then wish to express your gratitude, you may do this by applying what is known in Rosicrucian Tradition as the Law of AMRA.

The Law of AMRA was a common practice in ancient Egypt, particularly among the adepts who attended the Mystery Schools. It was also perpetuated in a slightly different form in Judaism, and certain aspects are still to be found in the Christian religion. The law simply consists of expressing gratitude, in one way or another, for any benefits one has received, with it being understood that such benefits do not necessarily correspond to material or financial gain. In fact, whether we are aware of it or not, we are indebted to the Cosmic for all that contributes to our happiness.

This is why some Rosicrucians apply the Law of AMRA when they have had the simple pleasure of spending time in the company of interesting people. Others do it after having been helped by a third person during certain physical or moral trials. And others, of course, apply this law when they have received the support of the Council of Solace. As can be seen, we each have our own

reasons for participating in AMRA, because what some consider to be a gift from heaven might constitute for others the fruit of their own merits. In fact, we should consider any benefit as being ultimately what the Cosmic allows us to accomplish—even if we attribute this accomplishment to what we ourselves may have thought, said, or done—because Divine Intelligence works through all individuals and allows them to receive its blessings.

Before considering how the Law of AMRA can be applied, we must emphasize that it is never an obligation. This means that this law must be employed through one's free will, without the least mental reservation. If this is not the case, then AMRA has no value whatsoever on the mystical plane. Also keep in mind that the Law of AMRA should not be equated with any superstitious beliefs. We should not think that it is only by applying this law that we shall receive any benefits. It is true that ingratitude does not bring luck, but the fear of being unlucky should not compel us to apply AMRA. Also, we should not think that we can ensure spiritual help by applying the law even before we receive any cosmic blessings. Such a practice is in itself tainted by superstition.

Just as any benefits we receive are not necessarily translated into money or some material thing, AMRA is likewise not systematically applied by bestowing a certain amount of money or material goods. Rather, this law can be applied by helping persons in need or by taking time to comfort those who are suffering, by making an effort to improve our relationships and in general to better our environment by using our talents and abilities. We can also apply AMRA by participating as regularly as possible in the work of the Silent Council, because such work contributes to the well-being of others. If you choose to apply the Law of AMRA by means of money, you can do so by making a gift either to one or more persons whom you deem are in need; or to a humanitarian organization which will then use it in a positive way; or you can donate it to our Order to help in its activities.

In all these cases, it is important to act impersonally—although it is not always possible to act anonymously, especially when the gift is in the form of a check. The important thing is to act discreetly, without any self-glorification, when providing the gift to some beneficiary. Boasting about one's financial contributions to the welfare of an individual or a group diminishes the donor's worthiness at the cosmic level. This also applies when the application of the

Law of AMRA is translated into service to others. The rule of humility and impersonality prevails in all actions undertaken for serving the Good.

Since we have just alluded to the possibility of using money to fulfill the Law of AMRA, it is important that we distinguish between a donation and a gift made in applying this law—even though nothing is altered at the level of the individual or organization being benefited. As we have explained, a gift provided according to AMRA expresses our gratitude to the Cosmic for a benefit received, material or otherwise. A donation, on the other hand, does not necessarily pursue the same goal. It may simply be the manifestation of a desire to provide financial aid to a beneficiary of one's choice, even when this desire is not the result of a benefit that has been received. Thus, it is important to understand that money represents a power which, as is true of all energies accessible to us, can be used either in a positive or negative way. Consequently, using this means for a noble cause is well justified on the spiritual plane.

To conclude these remarks, we suggest that you give the Law of AMRA your full attention, because no day passes without our receiving some sort of worldly benefit in one way or another. In return, no day should pass by without expressing our gratitude in one fashion or another to the God of our Heart—even if it is only for the joy of being alive and a part of Cosmic Evolution. It is indeed in the name of this law that the members of the AMORC Council of Solace accomplish their daily tasks, because they have the duty of serving humanity.

May the Cosmic assist you on all levels and guide you upon the path of happiness!

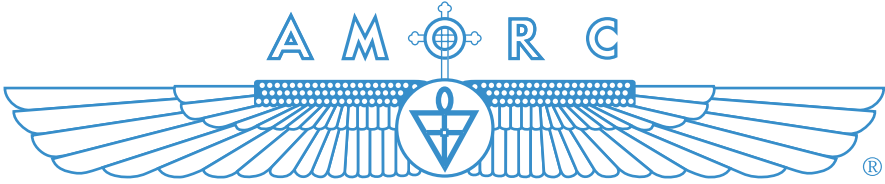
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Sincerely and fraternally,

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