

IS ROSICRUCIANISM REALLY A RELIGION? THE ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP

Rosicrucianism claims that it is not a religion. The familiar advertisement with a lightning bolt above a man's bowed head, promises enlightenment and fulfilment. The Rosicrucian publication, *The Secret Schools*, on page 19 says, "Man, through his own individual and consciously-made efforts, must attain spiritual enlightenment and ultimate immortality." People responding to the advertisement find themselves drawn into a secret society embroiled in a labyrinth of Pagan mythology, mixed with Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, mysticism and the occult. Who are the Rosicrucians, past and present?



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symbolism includes a Christian-looking cross, with either a rose in the middle, or a cross surrounded by roses. However, the cross of the Rosicrucians is not the cross of Christianity.

AMORC literature flatly denies that its "Rosy Cross" represents any connection with the Christian crucifix. To them, the cross represents, "the body of man" with the rose symbolizing "man's soul unfolding and evolving". This unchristian concept is followed through into their doctrines.

HISTORY OF THE ROSICRUCIANS

Rosicrucians claim much earlier beginnings for themselves than can be documented, one faction even claiming ties to Thutmose III, about 1500 B.C. in Egypt. (Who and What Are The Rosicrucians?, p.8) Their Founder is generally claimed to be **Christianus Rosenkreutz**, supposedly born in 1378 and died in 1484. However, the *Encyclopedia Britannica* (1971 edition), says, "Some regard the story as a statement of fact and hold Christianus Rosenkreutz to have been the founder of the order. More generally it is held to be a mythical explanation of the order and Christianus Rosenkreutz is not a real person at all, but a symbolic character." In any event, the Rosicrucians are with us today, whatever their beginnings, but there are rival factions of the group.

RIVAL FACTIONS AMONG THE ROSICRUCIANS

Rosicrucians are found worldwide as well as in North America. One faction in USA known as AMORC (Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis), is headquartered in California. Other factions are found in various locations. All the various United States leaders are prolific writers, and all argue bitterly with the others, mainly over the original source of their movement, which cannot be accurately documented anyway. Past history shows a link between Rosicrucianism and the Masonic Lodge, and AMORC is set up in a very similar way. Both groups deny any connection today other than being secret societies. The Pennsylvania faction of the Rosicrucians does require their members to be Masons, however.

WHY THE NAME "ROSICRUCIANS"?

One of the proclamations in their secret ceremonies says "May the roses bloom upon your cross". Indeed, the order is often called "The Mystical Order of the Rosy Cross". The

DOCTRINES OF ROSICRUCIANISM

As we enter into the maze of doctrines expounded by the Rosicrucians, we can eventually sort out various statements and teachings concerning subjects of concern to Christians, like Jesus Christ, God, the Bible, Salvation, etc. Since Rosicrucians claim not to be a religion, and Christians might feel they could be Christians and Rosicrucians also, we present the following information.

ROSICRUCIAN VIEW ON THE NATURE OF GOD

To the Rosicrucians, God is an impersonal being composed of seven spirits, manifesting themselves as a "triune godhead". *The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception*, pages 376 and 252 include statements such as, " ... The seven spirits before the throne ... collectively, they are God and make up the triune godhead ... the Father is the highest initiate among the humanity of the Saturn " Truly, the Rosicrucian trinity is not the Christian Trinity. In the pages of the Bible, the One, True, Eternal God has revealed Himself in three ways, as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. *(Space does not permit an extensive listing of Scriptures. Please download our free E-book on the Trinity from the "Free Stuff" part of our web-shop - see over page.)*

In the Rosicrucian mail-order lessons, new members (called Neophytes) are taught to petition the "forty-two principle gods ... expressions of the principal god, the Sun-God, AMEN-RA." Christians could have no part in this blatant idolatry, as their Holy God the Father is not some "highest initiate among the humanity of Saturn". "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:24).

ROSICRUCIAN VIEW OF JESUS CHRIST

The Rosicrucian Philosophy, page 181, says of Christ, "the Christ spirit which entered the body of Jesus when Jesus Himself vacated it, was a ray from the cosmic Christ. We may follow Jesus back in

His previous incarnations and can trace His growth to the present day." Also, The Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception mentions, "...The Son is the highest initiate of the Sun." Again we see that the "Jesus Christ" of the Rosicrucians is not the Jesus Christ of the Bible, who is eternally God (John 1:1), our Creator (Colossians 1:16), and the only source of salvation (John 14:6). Reincarnation is likewise a false, Eastern philosophy directly opposed to the Bible truth of the resurrection, followed by judgement (see Hebrews 9:27). The Jesus Christ of Christianity is eternal, not reincarnated, God manifest in the flesh (Matthew 1:23), not some "cosmic spirit".

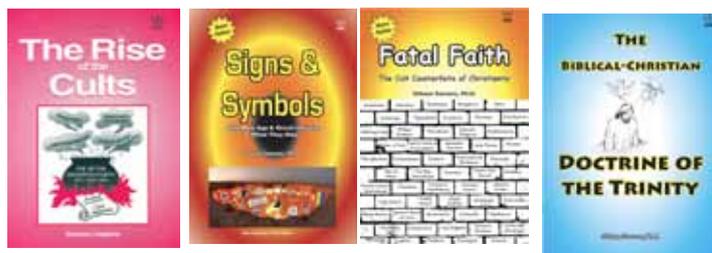
ROSICRUCIAN VIEW OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Rosicrucians regard the Holy Spirit as "Jehovah". Their writings proclaim, "... the Holy Spirit (Jehovah) is the highest initiate of the Moon ..." (Ibid., p.374.) In the Bible, God is called "Yahweh" (YHWH). "Jehovah" is a false transliteration for the name of God, often used by the cults and occult, and even mistakenly used by some Christians. The reference "Jehovah" was never used by God, the Israelites, Jesus Christ, the Disciples or the early church. The Holy Spirit is a manifestation of the One, True, Eternal God of the Bible, not some "initiate of the moon".

ROSICRUCIAN WRESTING OF THE SCRIPTURES

The Bible takes quite a beating at the hands of the Rosicrucians. For example, the book of Genesis is dismissed as a "beautiful poem". Genesis 1:1, which really reads, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," has been rewritten to read, "Out of the everexisting essence (of space) the two-fold energy formed the double heaven." Hardly similar! The Genesis account of the fifth day details the creation of marine life, and birds. (See Genesis 1:20-23.) The Rosicrucians description of the fifth day of creation differs greatly to include the creation of an Atlantis-like Lemuran epoch in which the differentiation of the sexes took place. Before that, the Rosicrucians teach, man had been hermaphrodite (both male and female), and previous to that he had been without sex! (Ibid., pp.321-333.) This attempt to combine the theory of evolution with the Bible account of creation simply will not work. The list of mutilated Bible verses could go on and on, but we believe you have the picture.

Please remember to read the Bible alone, without the



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Rosicrucian rewrite, if you really want to hear God speaking to you.

IN CONCLUSION

The Rosicrucians really are a religion, despite their denials.

DON'T SETTLE FOR A FALSE MESSIAH

You can have real Life in Jesus. You don't have to accept counterfeits. God's plan for you is simple but full of great blessing.

1. God loves you and wants to give you an abundant life. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16).

2. Man is separated from God because of man's sin. Thus, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). "... There is none righteous, not even one." (Romans 3:10)

3. Jesus Christ is the only provision for man's sin. Through Him you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.'" (John 14:6)

4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name." (John 1:12). "... Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved..." (Acts 16:31)

If you do not know Jesus Christ personally, we encourage you to ask Him into your heart, because "there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). Accept the wonderful, complete gift of love which God the Father has offered in His only Son Jesus, and you too can know the joy of "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

JESUS CHRIST IS THE REAL THING!

"Have nothing to do with the things of darkness, but rather expose them." (Ephesians 5:11)

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