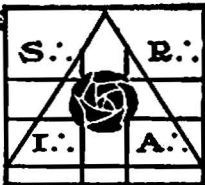


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The Ninety-seventh Stated Convocation of Metropolitan College S.:R.:I.:A.:  
will be held in the Adytum, 310 Lenox Avenue  
Between 125th. and 126th. Streets, opposite 125th. Street station, Lenox Ave. Subway.  
Friday Evening, February 28, 1919, at 8.00 precisely

### Work:

Neophytes' Class ..... Instructor, Rt. Wor. Fr. Reficio IX°

Subject: "Cosmology" and "Doctrinal."

Hermetic Class..... { Rt. Wor. Fr. Roscius IX°  
Fr. K.

Subject: "Putrefactio." (continued)

### Astrological Classes.

Sr. Progressia, VIII°.

Elementary Class, 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays.

Advanced Class, 2nd. and 4th. Tuesdays.

712 West 180th St., S P. M. Sharp.

### College Notes.

On Friday, January 10th, the Wor. Adept Fr. Reficio IX°, assumed direction of the Neophyte's Class and at the Convocation Friday, January 24th, was duly presented with the Constitutional Certificate of Authority to Teach, under the auspices of the Societas Rosicruciana In America. The Presentation of the Certificate was made by Rt. Wor. Fr. Novius, IX°, on behalf of the High Council.

### Zelator Degree 1°-10°.

On the evening of Sunday, February 2nd, the Zelatores of Metropolitan College, were convened in due form, for the purpose of conferring the Degree of Zelator 1°-10° in full ceremonial form upon a new class of eleven candidates. This is the second time this degree has been conferred in Metropolitan College. The class included.

#### Fraters

Patricius  
Apollos  
Granard

Latinus  
Henault  
Trophonius

Marcha  
Diligens  
Adeline

#### Sorores

Carita (Phoenix Col.)  
Decentia

The CAST:

#### 1st Section.

Osi.  
Herm.  
Nepth.  
Ra.  
Is.

Reficio  
Nestorius  
Lebania  
Vigilius  
Beatrix

Hier.  
Hie.  
Heg.  
Sto.  
Dad.  
Ke.

Reficio  
Irenaeus  
Cronus  
Hermeticus  
Firmus  
K.

C.O.N. Irenaeus

#### 2nd Section.

Hiero.  
Hie.  
Heg.

Reficio.  
Irenaeus  
Cronus

Sto.  
Dad.  
Ke.

Firmus  
Hermeticus  
K.

C.N.O. Irenaeus (Assisting in Cir. Fr. K.)

The Degree was conferred by the Wor. A.:. The Historical Lecture was given by Fr. K. Rt. Wor. Fr. Paracelsus, IX° at the Organ.

### High Council Communication.

The TENTH DEGREE was attained by Rt. Rev. and Rt. Wor. Fr. Nestorius in January. Ave!

At the last Convocation, Friday, February 14th, the Probationary Degree of Neophyte, 0°-0°, was conferred upon twelve Aspirants by the Wor. A.:. in full ceremonial Form.

The Regular Quarterly Business Meeting will be held in Room 1517, Masonic Temple, 24th Street and 6th Avenue at 8 P. M. February 21st, 1919.

# Standard Instruction in the Rosicrucian Philosophy.

Number Two.

## Periods, Epochs, and Revolutions.

The Status of Man-in-the-making during the various formative processes of the Solar System.

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**Stages of Earth.** In this Instruction we shall consider the stages thru which the Earth has passed during the present Day of Manifestation. The Cosmic and World Regions which have been described in the previous Instruction apply equally to all the planets in our solar System; thus, in studying the conditions of our own Earth, we are also studying those of our planetary neighbors, with differentiations as to density, velocity, chemical composition, etc., due to their different positions in Space, at varying distances from their parent Sun.

**"Planes"** We do not use the term "Plane" in these Instructions, altho it is frequently employed by legitimate occult bodies, for it is apt to cause misinterpretation of the idea it represents. Many students interpret the "Planes" of occult science as being superimposed, one upon another, whereas just the opposite is meant. The term "Region" answers the purpose much better. It must be borne in mind whenever the term "Plane" is used, that it means a "condition" or "state" and the plural usage is that they interpenetrate each other, just as one may mix several gases of different specific gravities and densities within the same space. Thus the Cosmic Regions interpenetrate each other and all the World Regions as well.

**Seven Periods** In the previous Instruction we outlined the lineage and descent of Man to the Physical World Region, or rather to the Chemical Division of the same, with its three sub-regions. In this descent Man has passed thru varying degrees of developing consciousness which will be fully described in the Instruction on Consciousness. These varying degrees of consciousness have been and will be accomplished in the course of specific periods of evolution. There are seven of these periods.

- 1 The Saturn Period,
- 2 The Sun Period,
- 3 The Moon Period,
- 4 The Earth Period,
- 5 The Jupiter Period,
- 6 The Venus (or Venusian) Period,
- 7 The Vulcan Period.

**Do not refer to the Seven Planets** These Periods do not refer to the planets for which they are named. They have received their names from the analogies they bear to conditions of creative process thru which astronomical science shows the planets of our solar system have been and are now passing.

**Re-incarnations of our Earth.** Also, when the truth of Re-incarnation or rebirth is more fully understood, these periods will be found to be the re-incarnations or rebirths of our planet Earth. Analytically: the attributes, natures, and properties of the Periods are as follow:—

**Saturn Period** Saturn Period: Warmth, darkness, Highest and Lowest vehicles of Man-in-the-making taking concrete form: Germinal Consciousness developing. (similar to the trance consciousness of the present mineral) begun in the rest period of this general period. Divine Spirit and Physical Body.

**Sun Period** Sun Period: Glowing light balls of the consistency of gas: Dreamless Sleep consciousness, Life Spirit and Etheric Body concreting.

**Moon Period** Moon Period: Moisture, hot, steam, water, Human Spirit and Astral Body concrete, Ego becomes individualized. Dream Consciousness.

**Earth Period** Earth Period: In two halves, the Mars half and the Mercury half.  
*Mars half:* Precipitation, crystallization, concretion, attainment of full waking consciousness—self consciousness. Iron elements introduced, wars, mechanical progress.  
*Mercury half:* Development of Mind; intellectual progress, emphasis of Form, Color and Tone in the application of aestheticism to human life and environment.

**Jupiter Period** Jupiter Period: Universal altruism, love of humanity, brotherhood.

**Venus Period** Venus Period: Reign of beauty in all departments of life, necessity for and supremacy of perfection of form, color and tone, as essentials to expansion and amplification of the self-consciousness in the ALL-consciousness.

**Vulcan Period** Vulcan Period: Development of creative impulse and energy in the human akin to that of the greater Hierarchies: the entering into the Cosmic consciousness of the present humanity as a whole.

**Day of Manifestation Septenary.** These periods constitute the septenary Day of Manifestation, and at their termination comes the Cosmic Night wherein the forces reorganize for another Day of Manifestation. While called the Cosmic Night it is a period of intense activity, for the cosmic operations executed on such a scale of inconceivable magnitude necessitate preparation of the most thoro nature.

**Cosmic Night** Neither does the Cosmic Night mean the end of consciousness of the present evolving humanity, for this wave of evolution will then be far advanced along still higher pathways.

**Seven Periods are dual.** These Seven Periods are dual in their application, for they relate to the seven stages of development of the solar system, and also to the seven stages of development of our own Earth.

**Earth has its own Periods.** Thus, the Earth has its own Saturn, Sun, Moon, Earth, Jupiter, Venus and Vulcan Periods, each with the characteristics above described and applying to its humanity specifically.

**Periods finished.** In the Earth's evolution we have already passed the Saturn, Sun and Moon periods, also the Mars half of the Earth Period and are now in the Mercury half.

**Four Elements.** It will be noted that the *four elements* manifested in our Earth evolution as follow :

Fire.	Saturn	Period	One Element.....	FIRE.
Fire and Air.	Sun	Period	Two Elements.....	FIRE and Air.
Fire, Air, Water.	Moon	Period	Three Elements.....	FIRE, Air and Water.
Fire, Air, Water and Earth.	Earth	Period	Four Elements.....	FIRE, Air, Water and Earth.

**Cosmic Night.** Besides the Cosmic Night at the close of the Septenary Day of Manifestation, there is also a Cosmic Night of briefer duration between each Period.

**Each Period Septenary Globes.** And each Period is septenary in its nature as well, for the life impulse makes seven complete circuits or rounds during each period. Thus each Period is said to have seven revolutions, each being spherical, and each world region being globular. Thus when the life wave has traveled once around thru all the world regions, it has made a *revolution*; and seven of these revolutions make a Period.

**First Day of Creation.** With the Seven revolutions around the seven world region "globes" the First Day of Creation is at an end; the Saturn Period closes; a Cosmic Night sets in, and after rest and assimilation of forces and experience, the Sun Period, or Second Day of Creation begins.

**777 Incarnations.** The Seven revolutions around the seven globes of the seven Periods constitute what is called the 777 Incarnations, or the Pilgrimage of the Virgin Spirits.

**Reabsorption Universal Night.** At the end of the last revolution the life wave is reabsorbed into the Body of God, the globes dissolve, and the life wave remains absorbed in God for a length of time equal to the time occupied by the activity of the whole Seven Periods. God himself then merges into the Supreme Being during the Cosmic Night, or as it is better called, the Universal Night in contradistinction to the interim between Periods. When the similar process is completed in the entire Universe, the Supreme Being merges into the Absolute, in preparation for another Great Day of Manifestation.

**Seven Creative Days.** Thus we see how the Seven Creative Days are accomplished, each Day being a distinct Period of evolution.

For the purpose of collateral reading in the Holy Scriptures the following entries may be made in the student's Bible.

<b>Biblical Parallels.</b>	Saturn	Period	.....	Genesis, i, 2nd. vs.
	Sun	Period	.....	Genesis, i, 3rd. vs.
	Moon	Period	.....	Genesis, i, 6th. vs.
	Earth	Period to 4th Revolution	.....	Genesis, i, 9th. vs.

**Epochs.** The Earth evolution now being prepared for Man's manifestation, he appears on the stage an Ego but with his self-consciousness latent, that is, in process of unfolding. This unfolding was accomplished in a series of EPOCHS. The Epochs according to the Rosicrucian teachings are—

- 1 The Polarian Epoch,
- 2 The Hyperborean Epoch,
- 3 The Lemurian Epoch,
- 4 The Atlantean Epoch,
- 5 The Aryan Epoch—Man's present state.

**Mineral-man.** In the Polarian Epoch Man had only his Physical Body, as minerals now have and is therefore called the mineral-man.

**Plant-man.** In the Hyperborean Epoch Man had his Physical Body and the Etheric Body, or the power of growth, hence he is known as the plant or vegetable-man.

**Animal-man.** In the Lemurian Epoch Man had the Physical Body, the Etheric Body and the Astral Body, with powers of locomotion, hence is called the animal-man.

**Man.** In the Atlantean Epoch Man had the Physical, Etheric, Astral bodies with MIND unfolding and in this Epoch is first known as MAN.

In the present or Aryan Epoch Man will partially develop his Ego.

**Biblical parallels.** For the purposes of Biblical notation the following references may be noted :—

1	Polarian Epoch	.....	Genesis, i, 1-9.
2	Hyperborean Epoch	.....	Genesis, i, 11-19.
3	Lemurian Epoch	.....	Genesis, i, 20-23.
4	Atlantean Epoch	.....	Genesis, 24-31.
5	Aryan Epoch	.....	Genesis, ii, entire chapter.

**Biblical creative days.** The Polarian Epoch includes the 1st., 2nd., and part of the 3rd., creative days according to the Genesis account.

The Hyperborean Epoch includes the remainder of the 3rd., and the 4th. day.

The Lemurian Epoch includes the 5th., Day.

The Atlantean Epoch includes the 6th., Day.

The Aryan Epoch includes the 7th., Day entirely.

While we have considered the various Periods of evolution pertaining to our Earth, and consequently to other members of our solar system, these planets had not as yet been thrown off from their parent Sun, altho they were forming within its sphere. Thus the

**Polarian Epoch why called.** Polarian Epoch is so-called because human evolution began at the Polar Region of the Sun. The Sun beings who were at that time the highest evolved, formed man's mineral body from the attenuated chemical matter organizing a vehicle absolutely different from that we now recognize as human. Anthropology shows us that the physical body of man of today is vastly different from that of the Pithecanthropus Erectus of Java, or the Oligocene Propliopithecus, the ancestral primates of Egypt at least 525,500 years ago. And correspondingly, the body (physical) of man 25,000 years hence will also be vastly different from that of today.

**Man's antiquity.** In the Polarian Epoch the physical body was a coarse, porous, bulbous shaped vehicle with an opening at one end. The description of these organs of the early bodies belongs to the instruction on the vehicles of Man so we will not pursue them farther at this time.

**Hyperborean Epoch why called.**

Hyperborean Epoch is so-called from the formation of surface or "crust islands" on the periphery of the Sun's sphere, islands as it were in a sea of Fire.

**When Earth left the Sun.**

After Mars, the Earth was thrown off from the parent Sun near the end of the Hyperborean Epoch, as its continued incrustation had become a hindrance to the evolutionary process thereon. Later, Venus and Mercury followed, due to the same reason. Our Earth when thrown off, also included our Moon.

**Lemurian Epoch.**

Lemurian Epoch is notable for the institution of separate personality, division of humanity into sexes, establishment of sexual relations, organization of races and tribal groups. The persistence of the name Lemuria is seen in the application of the cognomen "Lemur" to many of the anthropoids. The atmosphere of Lemuria was dense and hot like fire fog. The Earth's crust was a partial sea of boiling water, with islands and many volcanoes. Animal and vegetable growths were gigantic. During the Lemurian Epoch occurred the so-called "Fall of Man."

**Persistence of name.**

**Fall of Man.**

In his early stages man's consciousness was directed *inwards*. Thus, altho the sexes were differentiated, the propagative functions were in accordance (under guidance of creative hierarchies) with solar and lunar influences; gestation and parturition caused neither pain or inconvenience. As Man in Biblical verbiage "knew his Wife," that is, directed his senses outwardly, he surrendered to the senuous environment of propagation, and thence forth earned bread by the sweat of his brow, and womb-man or woman was made to bring forth young in sorrow and travail.

**Sixteen Races.**

We have said that Races began in this Epoch; there are Sixteen to our evolutionary wave, past, present and future, divided as follows:

- One race.....end of Lemurian Epoch.
- Seven races.....during Atlantean Epoch.
- Seven races.....during Aryan Epoch.
- One race.....during Sixth Epoch.

**Atlantean conditions.**

Atlantean Epoch was notable for marvelous climatic conditions. Midway between the icy Polar Region and the hot, volcanic southern region the atmosphere was a thick, heavy fog, thru which the sun rarely shone. Atlantean Man had a small head, no forehead, or frontal brain, gigantic arms and legs, and leaped rather than walked.

**Ego not yet indrawn.**

The Ego was not yet entirely *indrawn*. In the fully developed Man, the two cardinal points in the physical body and the Etheric Body become concentric at a place just between the eyes, half an inch below the skin, at what may be called the root of the nose. When the Ego is fully indrawn, this is its home or seat, with its ramifications of the threefold spirit thruout the circulatory system. In the Atlanteans these two concentric points occupied the positions much as we find them today in animals. The Atlanteans developed Mind especially in the aspect of cunning. They also developed Memory and attained the rudiments of language. Nations were organized, and Kings became an institution. Greatest of all, in the later part of the Atlantean Epoch man was left to guide himself. Thru the Saturn, Sun and Moon Periods; the three and one half revolutions of the Earth Period, (the Polarian, Hyperborean, Lemurian, and early Atlantean Epochs) man's career had been under the direction of the greater Hierarchies. From now on he was to develop and utilize FREE WILL.

**Nations and Kings.**

**Free Will.**

**Atlantean Races.**

Of the Atlantean Races we note—

- 1st. The Rmoahals
- 2nd. The Tlavatlis
- 3rd. The Toltecs
- 4th. The Turanians, (Original)
- 5th. The Semites, (Original)
- 6th. The Akkadians
- 7th. The Mongolians.

**Deluges.**

The condensation of great fogs in deluges of waters drove many groups of inhabitants of Atlantis in every direction. Thus the present Mongolians are said to be descendants of those so driven. It is also claimed by some occultists that the Negroes and Savage races are remnants of the Lemurians, but we do not believe the logic of facts warrants this premise.

**Aryan conditions.**

Aryan Epoch conditions are too well known to students of ethnology, archaeology and geology to require description at this time. The races of this Epoch up to the present are—

**Aryan Races.**

- 1 The Aryan.
- 2 The Babylonian-Assyrio-Chaldean.
- 3 The Perso-Graeco-Latin.
- 4 The Celtic.
- 5 The Teutonic-Anglo-Saxon.

**Future Races.**

Two races are yet to come, in this Epoch—

- 6 The Slav.
- 7 The race to be descended from the Slav.

**Sixth Epoch.**

Sixth Epoch will be marked by notable conditions relating to human Brotherhood, and from the peoples of the Americas will evolve the last Race in the present wave of evolution. (to be continued.)

### Sayings of Elbert Hubbard, No. 1.

Jehovah never did a finer thing than when He turned Adam and Eve out of the Garden, and said, "Children, get busy." *Philistine, Vol. 20, No. 1, 1904.*