

How I Found the Rosicrucian Teachings

IT ALL STARTED about seven years ago when I found myself in Madrid, Spain for my summer vacation visiting my mother and sister who live there. One morning the daughter of my mother's closest friend (Rosa), with whom my sister and I had shared many adolescent years together, came to visit. We were both very pleased to see each other after many years of separation.

I don't know how, but all of a sudden, there we were, talking about life after death and the many things she had learned and experienced since she had become a member of the Rosicrucian Fellowship. She was the happiest I had ever seen her and, although I knew very little about the Rosicrucians, I was impressed and somewhat shocked to see that I shared her same enthusiasm and eagerness to learn about the esoteric side of life's mystery.

When I returned to the United States, I began searching for Rosicrucian books to learn more about their past and present history, but I was not very successful in finding them in our "conventional" bookstores. By the time I had finally given up looking, my sister called me to inform me that she had purchased two texts of the *Rosicrucian Philosophy in Questions and Answers* by Max Heindel (in Spanish) that appeared to answer many of the questions that I had so long been asking. I was filled with joy and anticipation! Since then, my sister has become my Rosicrucian book provider and supporter with *The Cosmo-*

Conception, Simplified Scientific Astrology, The Message of the Stars, and many more. But there was one big problem: these books were from the 1920's, and I had no way of knowing if everything taught by Max Heindel in these books was still practiced today

One night while reading, I saw in the back of *The Cosmo-Conception* that there was an address for the Rosicrucian Fellowship in Oceanside, California. I couldn't believe my eyes! I had lived

all this time only forty minutes away from the International Headquarters in Oceanside, and my poor sister had been sending these books across the Atlantic Ocean for two years!

Needless to say, soon thereafter I made a "special" trip to Oceanside to appease my curiosi-

ty, and I was very pleased to see "Mount Ecclesia" still standing and in operation. As you can guess, my first stop was the bookstore and information center, where an extremely patient and soft-spoken lady answered all my questions. After enrolling in all the correspondence courses, subscribing to the *Rays*, and purchasing several books, I left filled with happiness and satisfaction.

I know today that Rosa's visit was not accidental, nor were the events that took place later that aroused my curiosity and led to my subsequent discovery of the Rosicrucian Fellowship Headquarters in Oceanside. One phrase comes to mind when I think about my personal quest for enlightenment: "Those who seek shall find." □

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