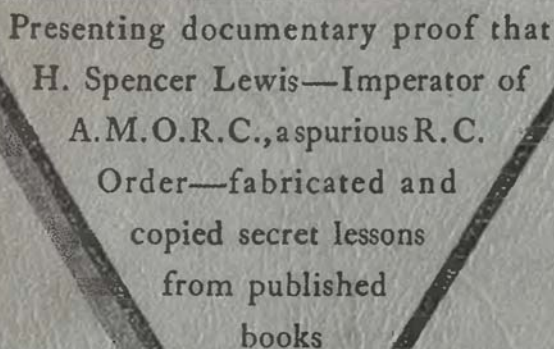
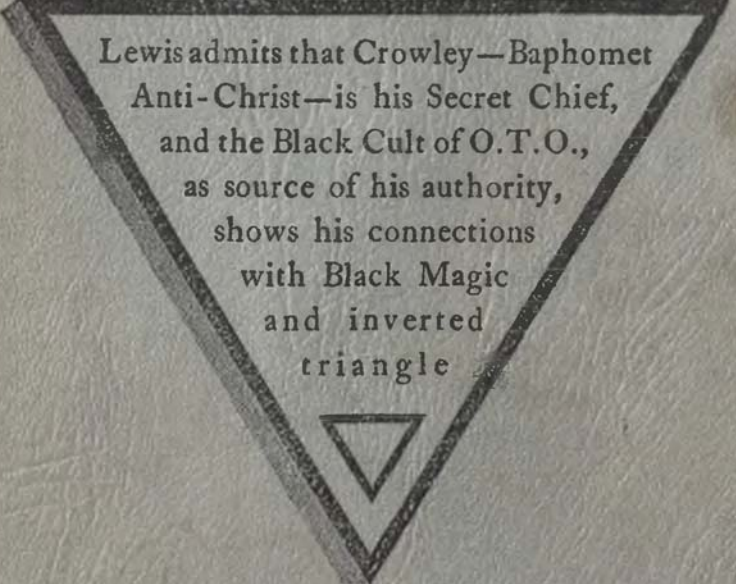


Not Under the Rosy Cross



Presenting documentary proof that
H. Spencer Lewis—Imperator of
A.M.O.R.C., a spurious R.C.
Order—fabricated and
copied secret lessons
from published
books



Lewis admits that Crowley—Baphomet
Anti-Christ—is his Secret Chief,
and the Black Cult of O.T.O.,
as source of his authority,
shows his connections
with Black Magic
and inverted
triangle



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AN EXPOSÉ
OF
THE IMPERATOR OF A.M.O.R.C.

*His Pilfering Charlatanism and
His Connections
with*

ALEISTER CROWLEY
Notorious Black Magician

AND

O.T.O.
ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS
Despised Black Cult



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PREFACE

This brochure presents and makes available to all students of the occult sciences and mysticism; members of secret schools, societies and fraternities; churchmen and the churches; serious seekers of the Rosy Cross, and especially to all members of A. M. O. R. C., a picture in miniature of the astounding career of a most successful deceiver, a vile impostor, a clever charlatan and a crafty sorcerer, who, having formed in 1915 an organization under the stolen name of a holy order, under the false pretense that it was an authentic Rose Cross Order—an order of White Magic and of the White Brotherhood—while he was at the time of such organization, at all times since, and is now a member and affiliated with the O. T. O. (*Ordo Templi Orientis*), a notorious Black Cult of the Black Brotherhood; who, since 1921, *has been acting under the authority of a charter issued by the O. T. O.*, by or under the direction of *Aleister Crowley*, its founder and *Secret Chief*, a notorious and despised Black Magician, and who has, *evidently*, long intended and now, *as it is clearly indicated*, is attempting by a process slow but sure to convert his organization—the A. M. O. R. C.—into a Cult of Black Magic, under the dominion of Crowley—*Baphomet*—THE ANTI-CHRIST—whom he acknowledges to be his *Secret Chief*.

It deals with H. Spencer Lewis, the Emperor of A. M. O. R. C., and contains *fac-simile* reproductions of the documentary proof of his pilfering charlatanism—the use of *published books* to make the *secret* lessons of A. M. O. R. C.; of Aleister Crowley, the notorious Black Magician—Baphomet—the Anti-Christ, *the establishment by Crowley of the O. T. O. as a part of his A. . . A. . . and its objects, nature and activities; of Lewis' O. T. O. charter, the written confession of his connections with the O. T. O.*, his acknowledgment of its Secret Chief as his superior, and of his indicated intentions and bold attempt to eventually convert the A. M. O. R. C. into a Black Cult of the notorious O. T. O.

As the Supreme Grand Master of the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity and Brotherhood in America, we have known that Mr. Lewis possessed no Rosicrucian authority; that he had no right to

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use a Rosicrucian name for his organization; that he is not a Rosicrucian; that he came not by way of the Rosy Cross; that he has none of the inner teachings and profound secret work of the authentic Order, and that he did not and could not impart such teachings and secret work to his members. As the protector of Rosicrucian traditions and its sacred honor, we have protested against the use of its holy name by an impostor; we have challenged Mr. Lewis' right to use Rosicrucian names, titles and appellations in connection with his spurious and questionable activities, and in a recent contest with him in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania it was legally determined that the authentic Order of the Rose Cross, which we have privilege and honor to represent, is entitled to the exclusive legal right to use *all* Rosicrucian names, titles and appellations.* As the spokesman at the Door of the Temple of the Rosy Cross, doing what we believed to be our sacred duty, acting for and on behalf of the Rosy Cross and all other schools of White Magic and orders of the White Brotherhood, speaking solely in the interest of and for the protection of all sincere and earnest seekers of the Path—of the *Way* to the higher Spiritual Kingdom and *especially* those seeking the Way to and of the Rosy Cross, we have, from time to time, in magazine articles, pamphlets and brochures, advised all those interested as to the spurious nature of A. M. O. R. C., advised its members that their Imperator was not giving them the true teachings of the authentic Order and have warned all seekers of the Rosy Cross and those who desired to associate themselves with an order, society or brotherhood of White Magic against the deceptive wiles, the insidious trickery and the dangerous practices of Mr. Lewis.

However, it was not until recently that we were in a position to prove to others by documentary evidence and otherwise, absolutely and to a certainty, that which we knew to be true concerning Mr. Lewis and his activities.

We knew Mr. Lewis and understood his ways; we expected him to afford us an opportunity to put him to a test. The opportunity came as anticipated. On December 12, 1933, he challenged us to public debate. We accepted our opportunity and invited him to join us in a complete and sweeping investigation before a compe-

* See monograph, *Randolph Foundation the Authentic Body, Has Exclusive Rights in Use of Names.*

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tent and impartial tribunal composed of high Masons. He declined.* Since he refused to join us in a secret and dignified investigation, we are forced to publish this brochure as our only alternative in advising interested parties of the true nature of Mr. Lewis' activities and to warn and to put all on notice of his dangerous practices.

We regret the necessity of making this public expose and the publication of even a small part of the evidence that reveals the true character of the activities of the Emperor of A. M. O. R. C. and his Black Magic connections. Those who read this brochure will quickly see and fully understand the reason why Mr. Lewis would not—*could not*—submit to a complete and searching investigation.

In spite of any and all appearances to the contrary, we have no malicious feeling against Mr. Lewis; we hold no grudge and entertain no personal animosity against him. We sincerely regret that the necessities of the case have required the means pursued and the remedies used. We have experienced no personal delight in the use of the harsh terms and odious adjectives necessary to accurately describe his activities, to properly advise all interested parties and to adequately warn all innocent seekers of the Way to the Rosy Cross or of the Path to the Higher Spiritual Kingdom against his deceptive double-dealing trickery and dangerous practices.

As the result of our past acquisitions, information given and actions taken to expose and make known his insidious methods and practices for the benefit of his innocent victims and the protection of the uninformed against his bewitching sophistry and fraud, he charged in a suit in California, *to which we were NOT a party*, instituted by him in the name of A. M. O. R. C. against two of his former members that they had maliciously conspired with us and others, to wrongfully injure A. M. O. R. C. and its Emperor.

We deny and denounce the imputation of conspiracy on our part. The charge of conspiracy carries with it the willful and malicious intent to wrongfully injure another. We have entertained no such intent. We have entered into no such conspiracy. The information we have supplied to others about Mr. Lewis' activities *is true*, and all co-operation and joint action with others to expose his illegal

* See monograph, *A Challenge and the Answer*.

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and fraudulent activities and wicked practices have been fully justified, entirely proper and legitimate in every way. His recent booklet issued under the title of "GUILTY" making certain false charges and imputations against us will have befitting attention in due and proper time.

Let us make our position clear, that none may misunderstand. We have in the past, we will continue in the future, to co-operate with and to assist any person or persons, any organization or organizations or any member or members thereof to expose and to put to an end the pernicious activities and alarming practices of Mr. Lewis by any proper methods and by any and all legitimate means.

If anything that we have said or done appears to be a reflection upon or in condemnation of the members of A. M. O. R. C., we desire to disclaim any such intention or purpose and to make due apology. We do not impute the iniquities and misdeeds of the Imperator to the members of A. M. O. R. C. They are victims of his iniquities. They have not knowingly or purposely participated in his wrongdoing. That which we have said and done has been intended for the benefit and protection of said members—and not in condemnation of them.

This brochure is of special interest to and should be of great value and lasting benefit to all paying members of A. M. O. R. C. We trust they will avail themselves of the use of this information for the benefit of themselves and all mankind.

It is and should be of intense interest to all students of the occult mysticism, to all Masons, fraternal societies and White Magic organizations. It is our hope that the information contained in this brochure will be fraternally used as it is

Fraternally given.

R. SWINBURNE CLYMER.

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ADDENDUM

EDITORIAL NOTE: Mr. A. Leon Batchelor, former Grand Treasurer of AMORC, has made an extensive *Exposé* of the Lewis methods, his management of AMORC and his alleged misuse and misappropriation of its funds and property. The *Exposé* is in the form of a letter written to Mr. Lewis, challenging him to submit to a complete investigation, in which he charges Mr. Lewis with much wrongdoing and several serious offenses against the laws of the land. Of course, Mr. Lewis could not submit to such an investigation, and Mr. Batchelor gave out his letter for publication. Mr. Batchelor resides in Mr. Lewis' home town. His address is Post Office Box 785, San Jose, California. The letter is lengthy and the charges are many and serious. We have made a brief *résumé* of this letter, with a few observations, which we have appended hereto, immediately following the text of this *Brochure* and *Exposé*. The reader will note that the ex-Grand Treasurer of AMORC substantiates and corroborates practically all we have said about the practices and methods of the Emperor of AMORC.

THE TEACHINGS AND TRAINING OF A. M. O. R. C. ARE NOT ROSICRUCIAN

We have maintained at all times since Mr. Lewis launched and organized A. M. O. R. C. in 1915 and gave it a Rosicrucian appellation, that it is spurious and does not possess, and cannot give to its members, the genuine Rosicrucian teachings and training.

We have not been alone in our position. Many others, not members of or in any way connected with the authentic Rose Cross Order in America, have also and likewise charged and maintained that A. M. O. R. C. is not a genuine Rosicrucian institution and that it does not teach Rosicrucian philosophy or give to its members the real Rosicrucian training.

When we charged, insisted and often reiterated that Mr. Lewis is not a Rosicrucian; that he never had at any time any right or authority to organize or conduct any kind of a Rosicrucian Order or institution; that he fabricated A. M. O. R. C.; that he took or stole a Rosicrucian name for it; that it is a spurious and not a genuine Rose Cross Order; that his methods are deceptive, his claims false, his practices destructive and in no sense Rosicrucian, but contrary to and in conflict with every true precept of genuine and noble Rosicrucianism, and that he has deceived, defrauded and misled thousands of true, sincere, though uninformed, seekers of the *Rosy Cross* by leading them into A. M. O. R. C. under the belief that they were joining the authentic Rose Cross Order and that he could and would make them Rosicrucians—of course, *Mr. Lewis knew that all these charges were true*. How did he meet those charges? He is the most cunning charlatan, most brazen pretender and greatest bluffer of this age. He immediately assumed the attitude of injured innocence, severely scolded us and boldly issued a challenge for a public debate. We knew he was bluffing. We offered to join him in a complete and searching investigation *into the truth of our charges, the authenticity of the Randolph Foundation of the Rose Cross Order in America, and the genuineness of our secret teachings and inner Rosicrucian training*. Did he accept? He did not—he could not face a real test—a genuine investigation—so he

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ducked as artfully as he could and ran at the first mention of a *real* investigation. We have dealt with Mr. Lewis' artful and insincere challenge to a public debate, and our offer of a full investigation in a recent booklet, which may be read with interest in connection herewith.*

When some of his own members found, upon investigation, that they had been completely misled, grossly deceived and defrauded, they charged that Mr. Lewis had invented, formulated or simply manufactured all of the teachings of A. M. O. R. C.; that he had copied them, or a large portion of them, from published books, and that none of his lessons and teachings were the genuine secret lessons or teachings of the Rosicrucians. *Mr. Lewis also knew those charges to be true.* What did he do? He employed his favorite trick—his first line of defense. He issued a challenge to those obstreperous members and shamed or bluffed them out of making a real and thorough investigation.

The challenge above referred to was printed in the *Cromaai*, "a monthly monograph privately published for members of A. M. O. R. C.," about the year 1918, written by Profundis XII° Imperator, being the "Imperator's personal message and annual address to all members," in which Mr. Lewis explains the paramount problems of the order, which evidently were many, since the major part of his personal message was devoted to answering charges made against himself and criticism leveled by the members against the order. The rest of his message is devoted to self-laudation, and bolstering and building himself up, as a shrewd lawyer bolsters and builds up a weak and poor witness whose character is questionable and whose testimony is unworthy of belief. We here reproduce page 11 and part of page 12 of said *Cromaai*, setting forth the members' charges and Mr. Lewis' answering challenge (*being facsimile Reproductions Nos. 1 and 1A*), as follows:

THE SOURCE OF OUR TEACHINGS

Perhaps the most important, because interesting, though most absurd, of all charges made against the Order, or rather the Imperator, was that he had, personally, alone or with the help of others, invented, formulated or simply manufactured all the teachings in our Order from pages and paragraphs

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Crowley's
Equinox.

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Two years ago the charge was made by an Englishman posing in this country as a man of high and enviable Masonic repute that all our teachings were taken from one (!) book called *The Rivers of Life*. Absurd as this proves to be to any one who reads that book, still the difficulty in getting a copy of it for examination should have induced our genial censors and critics to add that book to the above list.

THE EMPEROR'S CHALLENGE

Has used
recent books.

Will quit if charges
can be proved.

Just a bluff.

One will note that the books mentioned are either old or rare books, such as are not to be found in every library, if, indeed, they can be found in any library in small cities. This makes it most difficult for those who hear the statement to examine the books and make comparisons with our Temple lectures or teachings. The Emperor has not examined all the books listed, but he has made this reply to the charge and now puts it upon record in black and white: if anyone can prove that one or more of our lectures containing our fundamental teachings, or that all or part of our principles, terminology, laws, rituals and demonstrations were taken from one or more printed, typewritten, engraved or handwritten books or manuscripts printed and published or made public before our Order printed its first magazine and literature, the Emperor will immediately concede the charge as true, incriminating himself as a plagiarist and false pretender and permit, without opposition or further action, his impeachment and removal as Emperor, officer or member of the Order. A legal agreement between the Emperor and any body of men and women as

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an investigating committee, or with any individual as an investigator, will be made, setting forth this same promise and challenge, if such is sincerely desired prior to any complete and exhaustive investigation; and every facility and assistance will be freely rendered by the Supreme Grand Lodge, its Council, Officers and Imperator.

If I have failed to mention any book in the foregoing list which should be included because it has been used by those making the charge, I will gladly announce the titles of such books in the next issue of the *Cromaat*.

AN EXCEPTION TO THE CHALLENGE

There is always
an exception.

One exception I must make in regard to the challenge: It is this: no publication is to be included which contains a veiled but very complete outline of our R \dagger C teachings written and published under a pen-name of *my own*, thoroughly authenticated, but little known, and duly and properly copyrighted in its entirety by me many years ago. This was done in order to protect our teachings and secure a copyright on them *before* the Order started without revealing them to those who should not have them. Therefore, such a publication written by me, copyrighted by me, cannot be used as evidence. This will probably surprise one or two who have been planning to bring this old and rare publication to light, not knowing that the author's name is my own and the copyright also my own. But, again—foreknowledge has singular advantages not realized by the unthinking, prejudiced minds.

As to who—
he does not care—
any book will do.

As to *who*, in regard to person and personality, prepared, wrote or formulated the original draft of the laws, the principles, the symbols, rituals, phrases, words, signs, etc., I cannot tell, for I do not know, and, in true Rosaecrucian spirit, *do not care*. I feel quite sure, however, that not one or a hundred minds prepared these things, but many scores of great minds in various ages.

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a zealous American patriot, and Sister A.,—born in Denmark, a trained nurse and one who has for many years devoted her time and unusual services to patriotic American humanitarianism. The falsity of such a charge is apparent the moment one meets this body of twenty-five educated, refined, cultured men and women.

That the Councilors paid no attention to the charges made against the Order, the Emperor and themselves is due to the fact that their intimate knowledge of the facts and the truths, made them unaffected by the petty, mean, untruthful statements made by those who sought first, to disrupt our Organization, and secondly, in the resulting chaotic condition to pose as saviors of the Order, reformers of a great evil and slip into power and office, and control the organization. The miserable failure of such a plan will explain the conditions and actions on the part of three or four members or ex-members whose plans and moves we anticipate and await during the next six months with absolutely no fear; again, being forewarned will not prevent, but will neutralize.

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A CRAFTY CHALLENGE

Just a Big Bluff

A careful reading of the foregoing will reveal that this, like all of Mr. Lewis' challenges, is carefully, skillfully, deftly and dexterously worded, so as to leave him a sure avenue of escape in event of its acceptance. However, as above indicated, it was not made to be accepted; that was not the idea or intention of Mr. Lewis. Had it been accepted he would have wiggled out of it in some way, somehow—that you can accept as a fact. It was not, in fact, a challenge at all; that was a misnomer. It was really a barrage of words to scare and disarm critics—a boast and plea to silence

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clamorous tongues and to pacify and satisfy disgruntled or doubting members. It was a bold and successful bluff—a crafty trick that worked, since, apparently, no member accepted his challenge. Hence, he went merrily on his way deceiving others, gaining and losing members, making other false claims and expanding and varying his misrepresentations and his artful methods of deception.

WHO MAY ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Perhaps we cannot accept this challenge. If we did, he would reply that the challenge was not made to us, or to the public, but that it was a "private" communication made solely and only to members of A. M. O. R. C., but *we can and we do* herein produce the proof—the *positive and irrefutable proof that the charges under consideration are true—absolutely true*, which will enable the sincere members of A. M. O. R. C. to accept the foregoing challenge of the Emperor to test his sincerity and to prove beyond all doubt that the lectures and lessons of A. M. O. R. C. are *not the inner secret teachings of the Rose Cross Order*; that they are *not from Rosicrucian sources*, but that they were *invented, formulated and simply manufactured* by Mr. Lewis and that he, *in his pilfering, plagiarizing charlatanism* COPIED all or a major portion of them from published books, some old and rare, but most of them modern and available.

MEMBERS OF A. M. O. R. C. CAN ACCEPT

We Will Furnish the Proof

WE CAN AND WE DO, with the material and proof presented herein, establish the truth of the charges under consideration beyond all controversy and place the sincere members of A. M. O. R. C., who realize that there is something rotten in their organization, who feel that there should be a housecleaning from within, in a position to accept the Emperor's—Mr. Lewis'—challenge and to demand of him that he "*immediately concede the charges as true, incriminate himself as a PLAGIARIST AND FALSE PRETENDER and permit without opposition or further action his impeachment and removal as Emperor*" according to his own offer hereinbefore reproduced.

WE CAN AND WE DO warn the interested public and put all sincere seekers of the Rosy Cross on notice of the true nature of

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A. M. O. R. C. and the true character of H. Spencer Lewis, who formed, fabricated and launched it in 1915 under a false and deceptive Rosicrucian appellation, by demonstrating and proving herein, beyond the peradventure of all doubt, that Mr. Lewis is not a *Rosicrucian*; that he has no Rosicrucian authority; that his authority, if any, comes from the O. T. O.—*Ordo Templi Orientis* (Order of the Temple of the Orient, or Oriental Templars) founded by ALEISTER CROWLEY, "*the Most Illustrions, Most Illuminated and MOST PUISSANT BAPHOMET X° Rex Summus Sanctissimus 33°, 90°, 96°, or, in other words, from O. T. O., founded by Crowley—the Most Illustrious Master of Black Magic and a Most Adept Black Magician, and that his teachings, lessons and lectures are not Rosicrucian at all, or from authentic Rosicrucian sources, but that they were invented, manufactured, fabricated or pilfered, plagiarized and copied from published books.*

May we dispose of the latter question first and then deal with the source of Mr. Lewis' authority?

AMONG THE ROSICRUCIANS

By DR. FRANZ HARTMANN

A Student of Occultism

In the year 1887, Dr. Franz Hartmann, *the theosophist*, published a pure fiction, entitled *An Adventure Among the Rosicrucians*. This book, a most interesting and intriguing piece of fiction, passed through several printings and at least three editions, and is available today at all book stores carrying occult books at a small price.

The entire contents of this book, *with one notable and a minor exception*, to be pointed out, was copied by Mr. Lewis, *word for word*, in Lessons Nos. 44 to 60, both inclusive, of the eleventh grade of his *A. M. O. R. C. Teachings*.

Since A. M. O. R. C. is represented to be and most of its members believe it to be a Rose Cross Order, it is reasonable to suppose that after a member or student has been enrolled for many years, paid dues through the first ten degrees and has been tenacious enough to attain the eleventh degree, next to the highest and last degree or grade, that such student is entitled to be taught the higher truths and instructed in the final inner and most secret work of Rosicrucian philosophy, principles and training—BUT IT IS NOT

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so—far from it! On the other hand, these students and members in the eleventh grade or degree of A. M. O. R. C. teachings are being fed in rapid succession a mixture of the teachings of *Theosophy*, *Mysticism* and *Cosmic Consciousness*—however good these may be—copied from published books, under the guise and label of Rosicrucianism.

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Dr. Franz Hartmann and the Great Paracelsus

We are greatly intrigued—no doubt you will be also—by a statement of Mr. Lewis which serves as an introduction to his Lessons 44 to 60, both inclusive, of the eleventh grade of A. M. O. R. C. teachings, copied almost in *toto* from Dr. Hartmann's *Among the Rosicrucians*, which we reproduce from his said Lesson No. 44 (being *fac-simile Reproduction No. 2*), as follows:

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at the age of 17!

As stated in my last lecture or talk, we are now at a point where I want to introduce to you the words of another person and this time it will be the words of a very eminent Rosicrucian who was really a great mystic. I refer to Dr. Franz Hartmann. Little is known about his private life except that he was a physician and very early in life became illuminated and not only followed very closely the Rosicrucian studies until he mastered much of them, but he delved deeply into all of the Oriental philosophies and sciences, and was a truly learned man. It was he who went to Basle, Switzerland, to study at the old Rosicrucian university. It was there Paracelsus had been a student and later a professor, and later a great master, and while in Basle, Dr. Hartmann had the opportunity of being the personal physician to Mme. Elavatsky, who was hidden away in this wonderful, alluring, beautiful city high up in the Alps and along the banks of the Rhine River. The many times that I have been in this city and have been in the same hotel and same old house in which Mme. Elavatsky stayed for a time, and where she and Dr. Hartmann had so many consultations over the manuscripts she was preparing to give to the world, I have felt the vibrations of this mystic city and even all of those who were with us on a trip one time to this city agreed that there was no more fascinating place we ever visited than this old-fashioned town, which is now becoming a very active center of many international affairs.

Many eminent Rosicrucians in the past had made this town their hide away place while preparing manuscripts and consulting the marvelous library at the university. It was here, too, that the great masters first came to Mme. Elavatsky and helped her in establishing her plans for the foundation of the Theosophical Society and Dr. Hartmann no doubt helped in this also, because he always held a very warm place for Mme. Elavatsky's work.

Introductory statements made by H. Spencer Lewis in Lesson 44, of the Eleventh Grade, A. M. O. R. C. Compare the above with *Reproductions Nos. 3 and 4*. Note carefully that Dr. Hartmann himself states that in 1827, when the first edition of his book *Among the Rosicrucians* was issued, *not even an attempt had been made to establish such an institution as Mr. Lewis would have us believe had long existed.*

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CLEVER PREVARICATION

Let the reader please note Mr. Lewis' statement and claim that Dr. Franz Hartmann was a Rosicrucian; that there was and still is a Rosicrucian University at Basle, Switzerland; that Paracelsus had been a student and later a professor in that university and that there is a marvelous library at that university, which many eminent Rosicrucians have consulted in preparing manuscripts—not a single one of which is true—all of them are false. Perhaps Mr. Lewis knew them to be false, if not, he could have known that they are not true, and should have known before he undertook to instruct advanced students in Rosicrucian teachings.

What are the *facts* so easily ascertained?

DR. HARTMANN NOT A ROSICRUCIAN

Dr. Franz Hartmann was not a Rosicrucian. He never made such a claim. He was a *Theosophist*, heart and soul, and never made any other claim. No scholar or knowing person would represent Dr. Hartmann to be a Rosicrucian. It is true that he wrote the book *Among the Rosicrucians* herein referred to, and translated and made a *reprint* in English of old and valuable German manuscripts under the title of *The Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians*. These titles and the use of the word "Rosicrucian" therein may lead the careless, the presumptuous and the gullible to the erroneous conclusion that he was a Rosicrucian, but they will not mislead the student who looks deeper than the surface.

The book *An Adventure Among the Rosicrucians* is a fiction, pure and simple, so *admitted* to be by its author, and is so understood and classified by all scholars and by all real students of occult literature. It was written, not by a *Rosicrucian Initiate*, but by a well-known and prominent *Theosophist* and is only a picture of his imagination—an admitted dream of his soul.

To show that Dr. Hartmann did not claim to be the author of *The Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians*, and that it was only a translation and *reprint* in English of German manuscripts, we reproduce the advertisement of said book that appears in the 1890, second edition, of *Among the Rosicrucians* (being *fac-simile Reproduction No. 3*), as follows:

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+ No Rosicrucian does .

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THE SECRET SYMBOLS OF THE ROSICRUCIANS

OF THE SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CENTURIES,

WITH A TREATISE ON THE

PHILOSOPHER'S STONE.

COPIED AND TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN BY

FRANZ HARTMANN, M.D.

The plates of the Secret Symbols, 27 in number, have been colored by hand, exactly duplicating the originals which Dr. HARTMANN secured during his researches among ancient Mss. and occult works in Germany.

"The publication is timely, and cannot fail to attract and entertain many persons who seek the symbols of eternal vitality in these mysterious paths. Whether or not the Rosicrucians ever existed as an actual secret confraternity is an open question with the public; and those who are best entitled to speak with authority are significantly silent in this particular. But no competent occultist or mystic has any doubts, or will ever fully divulge the esoteric facts in the case. The volume is handsomely gotten up, showing both taste and enterprise on the part of the publishers; and Dr. HARTMANN has already won enviable space in the literature of occultism which he is, from his connection with the Indian Branch of the Theosophical Society, well fitted to adorn."—PROF. ELLIOT COWES, F.T.S.

DR. HARTMANN A THEOSOPHIST

Attention is directed to the statement of Prof. Elliot Cowes, Fellow of the Theosophical Society, quoted in the above reproduced advertisement, wherein it is authoritatively stated that Dr. Hartmann was a member of the Indian Branch of the Theosophical Society.

It must, therefore, be concluded that Dr. Hartmann, as we have stated and here repeat, was a *Theosophist*. It should not and cannot be concluded that, because he was an occult investigator who wrote fiction under a Rosicrucian title and translated and reprinted manuscripts dealing with Rosicrucian symbols, such action on his part made him a Rosicrucian. We repeat, without fear of successful contradiction, that Dr. Hartmann was not a Rosicrucian and that he did not attempt to give—did not claim to give—any of the inner or secret teachings of the Rosicrucians in his book which Mr. Lewis copied in his lessons and gives to his eleventh grade members as the higher secret work and profound inner teachings

Hartmann was Grand Master
of F.O.T.O. in U.S.A.

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of the Rosicrucians. Thus have members of A. M. O. R. C. been deceived, beguiled and betrayed by the cleverest, yet the most damnable, chicanery.

A ROSICRUCIAN UNIVERSITY

At Basle, Switzerland

Mr. Lewis has created, *in his imagination*, several ancient Rose Cross Colleges and Universities, none of which ever *existed in fact*. He had one of them—we believe it was a Rose Cross University or College in France—confer upon him the academic degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

So, even so he glibly talks about the old Rosicrucian University at Basle, Switzerland, with its marvelous library, where the great Paracelsus and Dr. Hartmann were trained and where many eminent Rosicrucians hid away while preparing manuscripts. The same place where the great masters first came to Mme. Blavatsky and helped her in making the plans and establishing the Theosophical Society. All of this is *absolutely false*—an intriguing deception—an unadulterated sophistication. Yet this is a fair sample of the “*stuff*” which he has regularly and constantly dished out and fed to his members since he first organized his order (A. M. O. R. C.) and plagiarized a Rosicrucian name for it in the year 1915.

Every real Rosicrucian knows that a Rosicrucian University never existed at Basle in the beautiful Alps, or elsewhere in Switzerland at any time. However, to prove to those not informed on the subject, who for some reason or other erroneously believe that Dr. Hartmann was actually describing such a university in his book *Among the Rosicrucians*, instead of a fictitious monastery—a *dream, not a reality*—we reproduce Dr. Hartmann's own statement, published as an appendix to his book, appearing in the second edition, 1890, and all subsequent editions (being *fac-simile Reproduction No. 4*).

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APPENDIX.

A ROSICRUCIAN INSTITUTION IN SWITZERLAND.

SOME time after the first edition of the foregoing pages appeared, an attempt was made in republican Switzerland to carry into effect these ideas. In the midst of the mountains, among the most sublime and picturesque scenery, upon a secluded hill near the shore of the most beautiful Italian lake, extensive grounds were purchased, and it was proposed to build a house whose object it was to serve as a refuge for those who wanted to cultivate spirituality pure and simple, without any admixture of priestcraft and superstition. It has not yet been finally decided whether this undertaking will be a success or a failure; but the latter is more than probable, as the method of thinking in old dilapidated and dying Europe is too narrowminded to permit of grasping such an exalted idea; which

This Appendix appeared in the *second* and *third*, the 1890 and 1895, editions of Hartmann's book *Among the Rosicrucians*. Compare these frank statements with the utterly misleading introductory remarks (*Reproduction No. 2*), which form part of Lesson 44, Eleventh Grade, of the A. M. O. R. C. lessons. In 1895, when the third edition was published, not even an attempt had been made to establish such an institution.

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This statement, made by the author of *Among the Rosicrucians* in the second and subsequent editions, is clear enough for all to understand. Dr. Hartmann—the Theosophist, extensive traveler in the old world, occult scholar, author and interpretative investigator—was very frank in telling his readers that such a *university did not exist*. He made it very clear that the *Monastery* or the institution about which he had written in his book *An Adventure Among the Rosicrucians* was only an idea—one of his hopes—one of his dreams. He tells his readers of an attempt that was made to carry out his ideas after the first edition was published and expressed the serious doubt of its success in Europe and declared that youthful, free and clear-seeing America alone held forth such a hope.

It will be noted and observed that even at the date of the last edition (1893), in which the foregoing statement of the author appears, not even a house had been constructed. As a matter of fact, Dr. Hartmann's idea—his dream—was never carried out. There never has been and there is not now such a Rosicrucian University in Switzerland. That is simply one of Mr. Lewis' clever and crafty misrepresentations built around Dr. Hartmann's fiction.

"THE THEOSOPHICAL MONASTERY"

As a matter of fact, Dr. Hartmann did not describe a university—not even one of fiction—wherein he or anyone else attended as students. In the second chapter the fictitious institution is referred to as "*The Theosophical Monastery*," and the headline of that chapter on all odd numbered pages from 25 to 77, both inclusive, is: THE THEOSOPHICAL MONASTERY. When Mr. Lewis copied Chapter II into his lesson, he deleted and omitted the word "THEOSOPHICAL" and simply headlined his lesson THE MONASTERY so as to leave the false impression that Dr. Hartmann was describing a *Rosicrucian Monastery*. Such simple trickery to which some charlatans resort! (See *fac-simile Reproductions Nos. 7 and 8.*)

PARACELSUS AND MARVELOUS LIBRARY

Paracelsus, a great occultist, master, adept and perhaps the inspiration for the Rosicrucian Brotherhood—so far as Mr. Lewis knows—was born in 1490 and departed this life in 1541, some 73 years before the August Fraternity became known as the Brother-

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hood of the Rosy Cross or by any other Rosicrucian appellation.

This being true, just how could Paracelsus attend a Rosicrucian University before the Fraternity of the Rosicrucians existed—a university which did not exist when Dr. Hartmann wrote his *Adventure Among the Rosicrucians* in 1887 or thereafter? And just how could “many eminent Rosicrucians in the past” consult the *marvelous* library at the University that *never existed*? Nobody knows but Mr. Lewis—and HE DOES NOT KNOW—he just said so! A mis-statement of important facts is not important—at least does not matter very much to this arch-pretender and pilfering charlatan who built his spurious Rosæ Crucis Order on a foundation of falsehood with a superstructure of ingenious, crafty deception and cunning misrepresentation.

THE ADEPT PLAGIARIZER ALSO AN EXPERT EXPUNGER AND DELETER

Do you feel that the foregoing language is too severe and that the serious charges are not justified in fact? If so, then may we show you a clever bit of expunging and deleting by Mr. Lewis and explain—make exceedingly clear to you—his reason for deleting and omitting the use of one paragraph, while otherwise using, except as noted, the entire contents of Dr. Hartmann's *Adventure Among the Rosicrucians*?

As before stated, Mr. Lewis copied the entire contents of the above-mentioned book into his Lessons Nos. 44 to 60, both inclusive, of the eleventh degree, with noted exceptions, *the notable exception* being the omission in his lessons of Dr. Hartmann's mention of *Johann Valentin Andrea*, to whom he gave credit for founding the Order.

The part omitted—the only major part of the entire book so omitted from his lessons—appears on pages 39 and 40 of *Among the Rosicrucians* (second edition, 1890), and is as follows:

THE OMITTED PARAGRAPH

“The Emperor again, reading my thought, corrected my mistake. The name ‘Rosicrucian Order,’ or the ‘Order of the Golden and Rosy Cross,’ he said, is a comparatively modern invention and was first used by *Johann Valentin Andrea*, who invented the story

Andrea author of

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Fama Fraternitatis,
founder of the
Order.

Meaning of name.
Then pre-empted by
Order of the
Rosy Cross.

of the knight, Christian Rosenkreuz, for the same purpose as Cervantes invented his *Don Quichote de la Mancha*; namely, for the purpose of ridiculing the would-be adepts, reformers and gold makers of his age, when he wrote his celebrated *Fama Fraternitatis*. Before his pamphlet appeared, the name Rosicrucian did not mean a person belonging to some certain organized society by that name, but it was a generic name, applied to all occultists, adepts, alchemists, or, in fact, to anybody who was or pretended to be in possession of some occult knowledge and who was, therefore, supposed to be acquainted with the secret signification of the *Rose* and the *Cross* symbols which have been adopted by the Christian church, which were, however, not invented by her, but which were used by all occultists thousands of years before Christianity was known. These symbols do not belong exclusively to the Christian church, nor can they be monopolized by her. They are as free as the air for anyone who can grasp their meaning, and unfortunately very few of your Christians know that meaning; they only worship the external forms and know nothing about the living principle which those forms represent."

THE REASON FOR THE OMISSION

Why did Mr. Lewis omit from his lessons the matter above quoted when he copied and used (except as noted) all of the rest and remainder of Dr. Hartmann's book? Because, in the omitted matter, Dr. Hartmann attributed the authorship of the celebrated *Fama Fraternitatis*, which announced the formation and existence of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood or Order, to *Johann Valentin Andreae* and thereby accredited him with being the founder of the *Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis*, or the Order of the Rosy Cross, which is a fact known to be true by all real Rosicrucians and accepted as true by all correctly informed investigators and writers on the subject.

IT WAS OMITTED BECAUSE IT CONTRADICTED AND DISPROVED MR. LEWIS' CLAIM THAT SIR FRANCIS BACON WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE ROSICRUCIAN ORDER. (See *fac-simile Reproductions Nos. 5, 5A and 6*. Compare carefully.)

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DR. HARTMANN ACCEPTED AS A ROSICRUCIAN AUTHORITY BY MR. LEWIS

Mr. Lewis apparently accepted Dr. Hartmann as an authority on all Rosicrucian matters and affairs, except on the important question as to who founded the Rosicrucian Order, and inasmuch as Dr. Hartmann's correct ideas and accurate information on the subject did not agree with Mr. Lewis's false claims and the great amount of false propaganda which he has released upon the same subject, he simply deleted it—CONVENIENTLY OMITTED IT—and proceeded, except as noted, to copy all the rest of the book, and having done so—without a twinge of conscience—he informs his members that:

In its entirety,
Italics ours.

"We have now finished the *wonderful manuscript* that I wanted you to have *in its entirety*."
(Lesson No. 60, page 2, Eleventh Grade.)

"IN ITS ENTIRETY"

Having *deleted* and *omitted* a notable portion of Dr. Hartmann's text and, in doing so, having concealed an all-important fact, he led his members to believe that he had given to them *in its entirety* a *wonderful manuscript*. Why did he not tell his members the truth—*just the simple truth*? Why did he not tell his eleventh grade members—whose confidence he surely had and abused—otherwise they would not have stayed with him through all these years and paid him \$2.00 per month while passing from the first grade through the tenth grade—we ask: why did he not tell his eleventh grade members that Dr. Franz Hartmann, an eminent and learned occult writer, an honored member of the Theosophical Society of India, had written a beautiful and interesting FICTION about the Rosicrucians, but containing principally *Theosophical teachings*, under the title of *An Adventure Among the Rosicrucians*, which they could buy in almost any book store for about \$2.00 per copy, instead of copying all of Dr. Hartmann's book, *with the one notable exception*, and another minor change, into his lessons and charging his members \$2.00 (dues) per month for sixteen (16) mimeographed lessons containing the same matter?

Let us see. At the rate of four lessons per month at \$2.00 per month, Dr. Hartmann's book made into sixteen lessons will bring \$8.00; at the rate of two lessons per month, will bring \$16.00, and

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at the rate of one lesson per month, will bring \$32.00. Thus we see—now we know—*why* Mr. Lewis did not tell his members *the truth*. It did *not*—and it will *not*—pay.

Authors of occult and popular *fiction* can learn a lesson in salesmanship from Mr. Lewis, and members of A. M. O. R. C. will learn to their astonishment, chagrin and misfortune.

THIS MANUSCRIPT

Several Versions

And then, after having pilfered and misused Dr. Hartmann's text, except as noted, and in a manner recognized Dr. Hartmann as the author, he showed his deep appreciation, his profound gratitude and expressed his thanks—acknowledged his debt to Dr. Hartmann—by questioning and throwing doubt upon his authorship in these words:

"I have learned lately that there are several versions of this manuscript, probably translations by several different mystics, and that these versions vary only slightly in an occasional word." (Lesson No. 60, page 2, Eleventh Grade.)

That statement and every implication, insinuation and innuendo that it carries with it is as false as Satan. Dr. Hartmann was the author—the originator of the fictitious work which Mr. Lewis pilfered, misused, misrepresented and sold and is selling to his members at so much per lesson. That was Dr. Hartmann's own "dream child"—the product of his own mind—an expression in words and written language of the fondest hopes of his soul. It was not a translation "by several different mystics" of an old or prior existing manuscript.

When a person steals the work of a man, sells it to others under rank misrepresentations for a price and then undertakes to discredit the author whose work he stole and sold—what shall we say of such practices—of such a person?

There are not words or combinations of words sufficient in intensity of meaning to fully express the utter contempt of honest, upright men for such a person and the use of such tactics and methods! We do not know what to liken it to. We have never seen the like. In the face of such contemptible actions and despicable methods, the wanton acts of all other pilfering, plagiarizing charlatans pale into insignificance.

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"ROSIKRUCIAN SOCIETY"

Mr. Lewis presented the text of Dr. Hartmann's book *Among the Rosicrucians* as being descriptive of the actual Rosicrucian Order, Brotherhood and Fraternity and as being inner and secret teachings of the Order. To be sure, this is erroneous, a complete misrepresentation which carries with it false implications, leading to confusion and misunderstanding.

The imaginary institution around which the author built his fiction, into which he interwove the story that constitutes the theme of the book, was described by the author as "*This Rosicrucian Society*."

To make this matter clear and understandable, we turn to pages 29 and 30 of Dr. Hartmann's book and also refer members of A. M. O. R. C. to Lesson 46, page 2, Eleventh Grade, where the exact words of Dr. Hartmann's book are copied into said lesson, viz :

This refers to a mythical temple, not to the Order of the Rosy Cross.

"Yes," answered the stranger, as if he had been reading my thoughts, "you have fallen into the hands of the Adepts, of whom you have thought so much and whose acquaintance you often desired to make, and I will introduce you into our temple and make you acquainted with some of our Brothers of the Golden and Rosy Cross."

Imperator.
Rosicrucian Society,
not Order, Brother-
hood or Fraternity.

I scanned his face, and now it seemed to me as if this man were not a stranger. There was something so familiar about him as if I had known him for years, and yet I could not find a place for him in my memory. In vain I tortured my brain to find out when or where I had met this man, or at least some other one resembling him in appearance. But again the *Imperator* of this *Rosicrucian Society*, for such he proved to be, answered my unspoken thought by saying, "You are right; we are not strangers, for I have often been in your presence and stood by your side, although you did not see me."

The author of *An Adventure Among the Rosicrucians* was not undertaking to describe the Rosicrucian Order proper as we understand it today, or in the sense to which it is commonly referred at this time, or at the time when the book in question was written. Reference is made to the paragraph of the author's text beginning on page 39, ending on page 40, shown in *fac-simile Reproductions*

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Nos. 5 and 5.A, which we have also heretofore quoted in full, being the same paragraph eliminated by Mr. Lewis when he compiled eleventh grade lessons and cunningly omitted said paragraph therefrom. In the omitted paragraph referred to, Dr. Hartmann made it clear that he was not writing about or undertaking to describe the ROSICRUCIAN ORDER, or the *Order of the Golden and Rosy Cross*, which he declared to be a comparatively modern invention of Andreæ and took the pains to explain that prior to the founding of what is today known as the Rosicrucian Order, the name "Rosicrucian" did not mean a person belonging to a certain organization by that name, but it was a generic name, applied to all occultists, adepts, alchemists or others possessing occult knowledge, or who understood the secret signification of the *Rose* and the *Cross*. Thus it becomes doubly clear that Dr. Hartmann was dealing with the term "Rosicrucian" in its generic sense and not to its particular application to the Order of the Rosy Cross.

Perhaps it was also because of this very clear exposition by the author of the difference in the meaning of the term generally and its special application as the name of a particular order, which also clearly shows the author's purpose, that caused Mr. Lewis to omit from his lessons the particular paragraph referred to.

IMPERATOR

It will be noted from the foregoing quotation that the word "Imperator" appears. As a matter of fact, this term is used by the author as one of his chief characters, through whose mouth he causes to be spoken the principal part of his story, thereby giving to the reader the lesson he essays to teach and the doctrine which he expounds in his book. The title "*Imperator*" occurs with frequency throughout the entire book, which raises the question: Was it from this source that Mr. Lewis learned of the title "Imperator" and was this his inspiration for conferring that title upon himself when he fabricated A. M. O. R. C. and launched it in 1915 under a Rosicrucian appellation, or did he actually learn about "Imperators" from Crowley, master Black Magician? Later we shall see.

We do not desire that anything we say herein shall be construed as an adverse criticism of the *Theosophical Society* or the *Theosophical teachings* so ably presented by Dr. Hartmann in his *Adventures Among the Rosicrucians*. The point is that Mr. Lewis

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has deceptively presented such teachings to his members, not as Theosophical teachings, which they are, but as being *higher Rosicrucian teachings*.

REPRODUCTIONS

To aid the reader and investigator to follow us and to make his own investigation and comparisons, we reproduce pages 39 (*fac-simile Reproduction No. 5*) and 40 (*fac-simile Reproduction No. 5A*) of Dr. Hartmann's book, to be compared with Mr. Lewis' Lesson No. 47, page 2, Eleventh Grade (*fac-simile Reproduction No. 6*). These reproductions show the omitted or deleted paragraph heretofore quoted and discussed; page 25 of the book (*fac-simile Reproduction No. 7*), to be compared with Lewis' Lesson No. 46, page 1, Eleventh Grade (*fac-simile Reproduction No. 8*), in which Mr. Lewis eliminates the word "*Theosophical*," and page 107 of the book (*fac-simile Reproduction No. 9*), to be compared with Lewis' Lesson No. 54, page 1, Eleventh Grade (*fac-simile Reproduction No. 10*), in which all of the contents of page 107 of the book is lifted and copied *verbatim*. These reproductions which follow will be of real interest to members of A. M. O. R. C. and to all interested readers and investigators.

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FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 5

THE THEOSOPHICAL MONASTERY.

ground and pyramids at a distance; it was of a more gloomy character than the former, probably on account of the desert places by which it seemed to be surrounded. The next picture represented a similar building, situated in a tropical and mountainous country, and the Adept told me it was one located somewhere in the *Cordilleras* of South America. Another one showed a Mohammedan temple, with minarets and the *half-moon* upon their tops. I expressed my surprise to see all the various religious systems in the world represented in these Rosicrucian orders; for I had always believed that the Rosicrucians were an eminently *Christian* order.

The Imperator, again reading my thought, corrected my mistake. "The name 'Rosicrucian Order,' or the 'Order of the Golden and Rosy Cross,'" he said, "is a comparatively modern invention, and was first used by *Johann Valentin Andreae*, who invented the story of the knight *Christian Rosencreuz*, for the same purpose as *Cervantes* invented his *Don Quichote de la Mancha*; namely, for the purpose of ridiculing the would-be Adepts, reformers and gold-makers of his age, when he wrote his celebrated 'Fama Fraternitatis.' Before his

Here we reproduce page 39 of Dr. Harimann's *Among the Rosicrucians*. Beginning with the first line of the second paragraph of this page and ending at the first paragraph of page 40 (*Reproduction 5A*), all the material of an entire paragraph was eliminated from the lessons by Mr. Lewis. All else was included almost *verbatim*. (See *Reproduction No. 6*.)

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FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 5A

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pamphlet appeared, the name Rosicrucian did not mean a person belonging to some certain organized society by that name, but it was a generic name, applied to all Occultists, Adepts, Alchemists, or in fact to anybody who was or pretended to be in possession of some occult knowledge, and who was therefore supposed to be acquainted with the secret signification of the *Rose* and the *Cross*; symbols which have been adopted by the Christian church, which were, however, not invented by her, but which were used by all Occultists thousands of years before Christianity was known. These symbols do not belong exclusively to the Christian church, nor can they be monopolized by her. They are as free as the air for any one who can grasp their meaning, and unfortunately very few of your Christians know that meaning; they only worship the external forms, and know nothing about the living principle which those forms represent."

"Then," I said, "a spiritually enlightened man may become a member of your order, even if he did not believe in any of the so-called *Christian* dogmas?"

To this the Imperator answered: "No man can

Reproduction of page 40 of the Dr. Hartmann book *Among the Rosicrucians*, which H. Spencer Lewis used almost in its entirety for his lessons, with the *one notable exception*. He conveniently omitted practically all of the above page. (See *Reproduction No. 6*)

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FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 6

ELEVENTH GRADE

AMORC - Rosicrucian Order
TEMPLE LECTURE
NUMBER FORTY-SEVEN

PAGE TWO

form of an Indian, dressed in shining white robes, with a turban of pale yellow silk upon his head, stepped out of that door. I immediately recognized him to be one of the Tibetan adepts whom I had seen in my waking dreams. He, too, seemed to recognize me, and smilingly nodded his head, while I bowed reverentially before him. A fine-looking horse was brought forward by some attendant, which he mounted and rode away:

I was speechless from astonishment, but the Emperor smiled and drew me away, quoting a passage of Shakespeare, with a little modification; for he said, "There are many things in Heaven and Earth which are not understood by your philosophers."

We passed on to another picture, representing Egyptian scenery, with a convent in the foreground and pyramids at a distance; it was of a more gloomy character than the former, probably on account of the desert places by which it seemed to be surrounded. The next picture represented a similar building, situated in a tropical and mountainous country, and the adept told me it was one located somewhere in the Cordilleras of South America. Another one showed a Mohammedan temple, with minarets and the half-moon upon their tops. I expressed my surprise to see all the various religious systems in the world represented in these Rosicrucian orders; for I had always believed that the Rosicrucians were an eminently Christian order.

"Then," I said, "a spiritually enlightened man may become a member of your order, even if he did not believe in any of the so-called Christian dogmas?"

Compare the above with Reproductions Nos. 5 and 5A, pages 39 and 40, of Hartmann's *Among the Rosicrucians*. It will be noted that between the paragraph ending with "Christian order," page 39, and the paragraph at bottom of page 40, beginning with "Then," Mr. Lewis eliminated a long paragraph dealing with the real founder of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. TYPICAL LEWISTONIAN TRICKERY. His motto is: "*I cut out the truth when it contradicts your Emperor. Your Emperor can do no wrong; he is the A. M. O. R. C.; his word is law. Long live the Emperor, Most Perfect Master Profundis!*"

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FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 7

THE THEOSOPHICAL MONASTERY.

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II.

THE THEOSOPHICAL MONASTERY.

I FOLLOWED my weird companion, and soon we regained the path running along the bed of the creek, which flowed tranquilly over a bottom covered with white pebbles, and the shallowness of the water seemed to indicate that we were not far from its source. As we approached the mysterious mountain the stone walls appeared to rise perpendicularly before us, and there was no place visible where any other being but a bird could have ascended; but as we came still nearer, I noticed a rent or break in the side of the wall, opening like a cave or a tunnel. This tunnel we entered, and I saw that it penetrated the giant wall and led into another valley beyond. A few steps brought us to the other end of the tunnel, and an exclamation of joy and surprise escaped my lips as I beheld the beautiful sight which was presented before my eyes.

Before me was a valley surrounded by mountains

Reproduction of page 25 from *Among the Rosicrucians*, by Dr. Franz Hartmann. Compare this with Reproduction No. 8, which is page 1, Lesson No. 46, Eleventh Grade, A. M. O. R. C. lessons. In comparing, note that Dr. Hartmann heads his Chapter II THE THEOSOPHICAL MONASTERY and that Mr. Lewis heads his Chapter II THE MONASTERY. Why did he omit the descriptive word THEOSOPHICAL? Oh, the word "Theosophical" might mislead the members of A. M. O. R. C. It might lead them to believe that Dr. Hartmann was describing a Theosophical institution instead of a "Rosicrucian University."

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FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 8

AMORC - Rosicrucian Order
ELEVENTH GRADE TEMPLE LECTURE
NUMBER FORTY-SIX

PAGE ONE

Beloved Members, Greetings!

We now continue the story of "An Adventure Among the Rosicrucians" by Dr. Franz Hartmann, beginning at a point where we discontinued last week:

Chapter II

The Monastery

I followed my weird companion, and soon we regained the path running along the bed of the creek, which flowed tranquilly over a bottom covered with white pebbles, and the shallowness of the water seemed to indicate that we were not far from its source. As we approached the mysterious mountain the stone walls appeared to rise perpendicularly before us, and there was no place visible where any other being but a bird could have ascended; but as we came still nearer, I noticed a rent or break in the side of the wall, opening like a cave or a tunnel. This tunnel we entered, and I saw that it penetrated the giant wall and led into another valley beyond. A few steps brought us to the other end of the tunnel, and an exclamation of joy and surprise escaped my lips as I beheld the beautiful sight which was presented before my eyes.

Before me was a valley surrounded by mountains of evidently inaccessible height, and in this valley nature and art seemed to have combined to endow it with an almost superterrestrial beauty. Like a vast ocean bay it opened before my sight, closing at the distance with a kind of natural amphitheatre. It was covered with short grass and planted with maple-trees, and on all sides there were forests and groves, small lakes and lovely creeks. Immediately in front of me, but still at a considerable distance, rose the vault of a sublime mountain peak high into the blue ether of space, presenting a cavity with overhanging rocks, looking like the hollow space under a gigantic wave, having been petrified by some magic spell. The sides of the mountain sank in energetically drawn lines towards a lower declivity, and then again rose abruptly to an imposing height.

In the presence of so much sublimity I became dumfounded. My companion seemed to comprehend my feeling; for he, too, stood still and laughed, as if he were pleased to see how full of admiration I was. The stillness which surrounded us would have been complete if it had not been for the noise of a cataract at a distance to the left, falling over a steep precipice and appearing like a string of fluid silver backed by the dark gray rock. The monotonous rush of that fall in contradistinction to the surrounding stillness seemed to me like the rush of the river of time in the realm of eternity; another world than the one to which I had been accustomed seemed to have descended upon me; the air seemed more pure, the light more ethereal, the grass more green than on the other side of the tunnel; here seemed to be the valley of peace, the paradise of happiness and content.

JUST THE MONASTERY

It will be seen that Mr. Lewis has copied Dr. Hartmann's text *verbatim* into his lesson. However, he eliminated THEOSOPHICAL from his title. Theosophism is not Rosicrucianism. The Imperator does permit others to deceive his members; he does it himself. That is his sole prerogative. So sometimes the Imperator, who can do no wrong, doeth just a little wrong to deceive many—just to exercise his sole prerogative and to keep in practice.

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loved poetry; I loved to look at the clouds sailing in the sky, and to see in them objects of beauty; I communicated in spirit with the heroes of the past. But the development of my physical form could not keep step with the unfolding of the mind. Cold, starvation, and want hastened its dissolution. After having reached my eighteenth year, I left my wasted, consumptive form, and was kindly received by the Brothers."

Her plain and modest tale filled my heart with pity. "And was there no one," I said, "among your country people intelligent enough to perceive your genius and to give you support?"

"They erected a costly monument to my memory," she answered, "after my body had succumbed. A part of the money expended for it would have procured me the necessities to prolong my life. Those who knew me while living admired my poetry and my talents, but they were poor like myself. But let that pass. The conditions under which men live are the effects of previously acquired *Karma*. My poverty and suffering were my gain. I have cause to be well satisfied with my lot."

Reproduction of page 17 of Dr. Hartmann's book. Compare with Reproduction No. 10, page 1, Lesson 54, Eleventh Grade, A. M. O. R. C. lessons. It will be seen that Mr. Lewis has copied this page *verbatim* into this lesson.

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ELEVENTH GRADE AMORC - Rosicrucian Order
 TEMPLE LECTURE
 NUMBER FIFTY-FOUR

PAGE ONE

Beloved Members, Greetings!

We now continue the story of "An Adventure Among the Rosicrucians" by Dr. Franz Hartmann, beginning at a point where we discontinued last week:

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Chapter III

The Refectory.

I had for a long time observed the features of this other Lady-Adept; and it seemed to me as if I had seen her somewhere, perhaps in my dreams. Yes, I remember that when I was a mere child I once had a vision, while in a state between sleeping and waking, when it seemed to me as if an angel or a superterrestrial being, clad in white and holding a white lily in her hand, were floating in the air over my head, extending the lily towards me. How often had I prayed in my heart to see that beautiful form again; and now, if I did not mistake, this lady was the form I had seen in my dream.

She was of exceeding great beauty; her long, black, waving hair formed a strong contrast to her plain, white, and flowing robe, covering her form with graceful folds. Her tint was pale and delicate, her profile was pure Greek; her dark eyes seemed to penetrate to the innermost centre of my soul, and to kindle there a fire of pure love and admiration without any admixture of the animal element.

"My life," said Helen, "was one of little importance. I was born at St. Petersburg, and my father was an officer in the imperial army. He died while I was very young, and left his family in great poverty. Besides the company of my mother, my relatives, and a teacher, there was nothing to attract me to earth. My mind unfolded and revelled in superterrestrial loves; I loved to look at the clouds sailing in the sky, and to see in them objects of beauty; I communicated in spirit with the heroes of the past. But the development of my physical form could not keep step with the unfoldment of the mind. Cold, starvation, and want hastened its dissolution. After having reached my eighteenth year, I left my wasted, consumptive form, and was kindly received by the Brothers."

Her plain and modest tale filled my heart with pity. "And was there no one," I said, "among your country people intelligent enough to perceive your genius and to give you support?"

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First page of Lesson 54, Eleventh Grade, A. M. O. R. C. Compare with Reproduction No. 9, taken *verbatim* from pages 105, 106 and 107, *Among the Rosicrucians*, by Franz Hartmann. The above reproduction covers practically two and one-half pages of the Hartmann book. The foregoing reproductions illustrate the manner in which Lewis made the *secret* teachings of A. M. O. R. C. out of well-known published books.

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THE CLOUD UPON THE SANCTUARY

Letters by Von Eckartshausen

A Great Mystic

Another extensive use of published material made by Mr. Lewis was the copying into his Eleventh Grade Lessons, compiled for A. M. O. R. C., of six letters, written by Karl von Eckartshausen, a great mystic. The letters were translated by Isabelle de Steiger and published in a book under the title of *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*, with an extensive and well-considered introduction by Arthur Edward Waite. This book enjoyed an extensive sale and is available to all who care to purchase it. As usual, Mr. Lewis not only used, but he also misused and distorted, the contents of this book. He falsely declared the author of these letters to be a "Rosicrucian Master" and wrongfully claimed his mystic doctrines to be Rosicrucian teachings.

MYSTICISM IS NOT ROSICRUCIANISM

We would not deny that von Eckartshausen was a true mystic. Indeed, he was a great one. However, he was not a Rosicrucian. His *basic idea* was a purely mystical one. He had in mind the BECOMING OF ONENESS WITH GOD as differentiated from that of the Rosicrucian *basic idea*, which is for man to become *individualized* and thus to personify God in his own person and individuality as indicated by the saying of the Great Master: "YE ARE THE TEMPLES OF THE LIVING GOD." Therefore, instead of seeking oneness with God, the Rosicrucian's endeavor is to become *like* God—a god—an individualized being like unto his Maker. The difference is a vast one and, irrespective of the sublimity of von Eckartshausen's teachings, it is a *fraud* upon any student to lead him to believe that by following the said mystical teachings he may or will become a Rosicrucian.

AN UNUSUAL DISTORTION OF FACTS

Before copying von Eckartshausen's letters from the published book, *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*, using and misusing all of them in his lessons and as an introduction to their use, in the 89th Lesson, page 3, of the Eleventh Grade, Mr. Lewis tells his members that:

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Not a Rosicrucian
Master.

A great mystic,
not a Master.

Name not to be
found in Rosicrucian
literature.
Mystical? Yes.

Italics ours.
Utterly false.
Publicly sold to all.
Easy to obtain.

Was not known as a
Rosicrucian.

"Now we are at a point where some of the rarest of the writings and thoughts of the most highly recognized Rosicrucian Masters of the past are going to aid us in our ascent up the mountain and in our highest stages of development and purpose. Among these great men or great Masters was one whom I want to introduce to you now. His name was von Eckartshausen. If you will delve very deeply into genuine mystical Rosicrucian literature, you are sure to find his name among the great Masters, not of the earliest period, but of the middle period. Many eminent writers of the mystical literature have referred to him or quoted him, and yet his complete writings are extremely difficult to find anywhere, although many years ago Mr. Arthur Waite issued a small edition of a translation of this man's writings made by Isabel de Steiger. This translation is probably one of the best of any that was ever *privately made*, and I am going to quote from it; 'von Eckartshausen wrote a very great deal. Much of his writings were simple explanations of the laws and principles contained in the Rosicrucian studies. Some few of his manuscripts were intended for reading by those who had not yet started on the path, but who were highly evolved intellectually as students of comparative religions and philosophy . . .'"

MISERABLE MISREPRESENTATION

Book Not Private

The book *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary* was not "*privately made*." It was never considered *secret* or *private*. It was first published in a magazine and afterward republished and sold in book form. Members of A. M. O. R. C. familiar with the lessons will know that Mr. Lewis has had much to say about "mysterious, ancient manuscripts," written in weird language, strange hieroglyphics and baffling signs, which he had to translate and decode to secure the lessons and secret work of A. M. O. R. C. When Mr. Lewis intends to steal the works and misuse the writings of others, he always anticipates his acts by letting loose a barrage of misrepresentations and camouflaged falsehoods to form a protective smoke screen to hide his unholy practices. It is a favorite trick of his with

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which—as well as other similar methods equally as disreputable and despicable—he has misled and deceived thousands.

To prove that Mr. Lewis' statement that the de Steiger translation was "*privately made*" is absolutely false, we need only to quote from the Introduction to said book written by Waite, viz:

Religious doctrines,
not Rosicrucian
teachings.

Italics ours.
Christian mystical
religion, not
Rosicrucianism.

"To all who look within the body of religious doctrine for the true principle of life which energizes the whole organism, this little book carries with it a message of great meaning. The present translation has offered it for the first time to English readers, and it enters now upon a further phase of existence. IT APPEARED ORIGINALLY IN THE PAGES OF "The Unknown World," a magazine devoted to the fuller understanding of *Christian mystical religion*, and it was afterwards republished in separate form, of which there were two issues." (*Introduction, page viii.*)

VON ECKARTSHAUSEN WAS NOT A ROSICRUCIAN—HE WAS A MYSTIC

Mr. Waite looked after the publication and wrote the Introduction to this book, from which Mr. Lewis obtained all of his information. Mr. Lewis knew the facts as given to him by Waite, so carefully detailed and so fully set forth in the introduction. Did Mr. Lewis give these plain facts to his members? No, indeed. He willfully and woefully garbled and misrepresented the facts to his members and also misrepresented and betrayed von Eckartshausen as he did Dr. Hartmann.

Mr. Waite was a great research worker into mysticism, as well as Rosicrucian literature, being himself somewhat of a mystic. If von Eckartshausen had been a Rosicrucian, it is certain that Waite should know, and he does not classify him as a Rosicrucian, *but as a mystic*. We have made a careful search, and we cannot find any writer, recognized as an authority or otherwise, who lists or classifies von Eckartshausen as a Rosicrucian. On the other hand, we find that all authorities list him as a mystic. We quote Mr. Waite further:

Mystic, not a
Rosicrucian.

"Perhaps the most interesting thing that I can say at the beginning concerning Eckartshausen is that he was related to that group of mystics of which

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Lavater was so important a figure, the Baron Kirchner an accomplished and engaging recorder, and Louis Claude de Saint-Martin a correspondent in France and an acknowledged source of learning." (Introduction, page ix.)

The mystical teachings of Eckartshausen can be given in a single paragraph, according to Waite, as follows:

Mystics.
Italics ours.

"We must take the key which Eckartshausen himself offers, namely, that there is within all of us a dormant faculty, the awakening of which gives entrance, as it develops, into a new world of consciousness, and this is one of the initial stages of that state which he, in common with all other mystics, *terms union with the Divine*. In that union, outside all formal sects, all orthodox bonds of fellowship and veils and webs of symbolism, we shall form, or do form actually, a great congregation—the first fruits of immortality; and in virtue of the solidarity of humanity, and in virtue of the great doctrine of the communication of all things holy with all that seeks for holiness, the above and the below, this congregation is, in very truth—for I think that so much we can realize even in the normal understanding—the spirit of the visible Church of faith, aspiration and struggle, the Church Triumphant overdwelling the Church Militant, and the channel through which the graces and benedictions of the Holy and Glorious Zion are administered to the Zion which is on earth."—(Introduction, page xv.)

DID THIS GREAT MYSTIC BELONG TO ANY SECRET ORGANIZATION?

It is not even certain that Eckartshausen actually belonged to *any secret organization*. After all his investigation, Mr. Waite was uncertain. Note what he says:

Italics ours.

"I think that the testimony borne by Eckartshausen may be regarded under one of three aspects, but that two of them must be set aside in the end. There is the possibility—*but here I have indicated already my personal doubt of this view*—that he had been united with one of those secret fraternities of

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which there were so many at his period ; and as some among such institutions were of a certain antiquity, there is no insuperable difficulty in supposing (a) that the particular association could have been an old one after its own kind, or (b) that it put forward a claim corresponding to that which would be made by a Secret Church." — (*Introduction, page xviii.*)

VON ECKARTSHAUSEN WAS NOT A ROSICRUCIAN COUNCILLOR

Another Willful Misrepresentation

It appears in Waite's introduction to the letters of von Eckartshausen that he had the title "*Aulic Councillor*" (*aulic*, pertaining to a court or meaning courtly). Mr. Lewis seized upon this fact as an excuse to misrepresent to his members that this great mystic, who never belonged to the Rosicrucian Fraternity, was a member of a Rosicrucian Council, Council of Editors. It was a wanton and deliberate deception without excuse or justification. On page 4 of Lesson 89, Eleventh Grade A. M. O. R. C. Lessons, we find Mr. Lewis, in his further discourse of misrepresentation concerning von Eckartshausen, telling his members that:

Italics ours.

"He lived during the latter part of the eighteenth century and passed through transition on May 13, 1813. He was fortunately one of the group of higher students which became what we might call a foundation board of *Rosicrucian editors, which was officially called a Council of the Rosicrucians or a Board of Councillors. And it is strange to note that the title Councillor was given to von Eckartshausen for this reason and for other reasons.*"

To demonstrate beyond all question that the statement by Mr. Lewis, to which we added our italics, is false—absolutely and willfully false, we again quote from Mr. Waite's said Introduction and reproduce the page of the Introduction (being *fac-simile Reproduction No. 11*), from which we quote. Mr. Waite accounts for the way in which he received the title of *Aulic Councillor*—and remember that he was not a Rosicrucian Councillor or a member of the Fraternity. Mr. Waite says:

"His (Eckartshausen's) first education was re-

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Italics ours.

ceived at the college of Munich, and he proceeded afterwards to Ingolstadt for the study of philosophy and law, which he pursued with marked success. The university course at an end, his *father procured him the title of Aulic Councillor*; and in 1780 he was appointed censor of the library at Munich."— (*Introduction, page xii.*) See fac-simile Reproduction No. 11.

Is there no end to Mr. Lewis' misrepresentations and falsehoods? Indeed, there seems to be none and no limit to his endless variety of deception. Perhaps the members of A. M. O. R. C. who have been so willfully deceived and defrauded will put a stop to it.

THE TEACHINGS OF A MYSTIC

*Made into A. M. O. R. C. Lessons and Cunningly Given
as Rosicrucian Teachings*

Thus, with a cunning introduction of falsehood and deceit, Mr. Lewis absorbed all of the letters of von Eckartshausen, the Christian mystic, and made them into alleged and dubious Rosicrucian lessons with the utterly false representation that they were "*the rarest of writings . . . of the most highly recognized Rosicrucian Masters of the past*," to aid members of A. M. O. R. C. in their ascent up the mountain in the highest stages of development.

Lesson 90, Eleventh Grade, page 1, starts with page 1 of *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*, and ends on page 10 of the same, but in some places the transcription is wholly misleading, distorted and changed, clearly with a premeditated and designing purpose. Thus we quote first from page 7 of the book:

"We must, therefore, have a sensorium fitted for such communication, an organized and spiritual sensorium, a spiritual and interior faculty able to receive this light; but it is closed—as I have said—to most men by the incrustation of the senses.

"Such an interior organ is the intuitive sense of the transcendental world, and until this intuitive sense is effective in us, we can have no certainty of more lofty truths. This organism has been naturally inactive since the Fall, which relegated man to the world of physical sense. The gross matter which envelops the interior sensorium is a film which veils the internal eye and prevents the exterior eye from seeing into

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spiritual realms. This same matter muffles our internal hearing; so that we are deaf to the sounds of the metaphysical worlds; it so paralyzes our spiritual speech that we can scarcely stammer words of sacred import, *words which we pronounced formerly*, and by virtue of which we held authority over the elements and external nature."

This is made to read in Lesson No. 90, page 4, Eleventh Grade:

"Thus one ought to have a sensorium fitted for this communication, an organized spiritual sensorium, a spiritual and interior faculty able to receive this light; but it is closed to most men by their senses. This interior organ is the intuitive sense of the transcendental world, and until this intuitive sense is effective in us, we can have no certainty of more lofty truths.

"This organism is naturally inactive since the Fall, which degraded man to the world of physical sense alone. The gross matter which envelops this interior sensorium is a film which veils the internal eye and, therefore, prevents the exterior eye from seeing into spiritual realms. This same matter muffles our internal hearing, so that we are deaf to the sounds of the metaphysical world; it so paralyzes our spiritual speech that we can scarcely stammer words of sacred import, *words we fully pronounced once*, and by virtue of which we held authority over the elements and the external world."

VON ECKARTSHAUSEN'S DOCTRINES NOT ROSICRUCIAN PHILOSOPHY

We repeat, for emphasis, that von Eckartshausen's doctrines, beautiful and profound as they may be, are not in any sense Rosicrucian philosophy. He was a great mystic—one of the greatest of that century which gave birth to so many spiritually minded men—but he was not a member, an Initiate of the Rosy Cross Order, and did not teach Rosicrucian philosophy or doctrines.

To the end that there may be no remaining doubt on this subject, we quote from pages 70, 71 and 74 of *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*, where we find the proof that von Eckartshausen had in mind a *Spiritual Church* as differentiated from the formal orthodox church or any and all secret orders or fraternities, because he tells us, after speaking of the Saviour Jesus Christ, that:

"And here begin the Sacerdotal Mysteries of the

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Italics ours.
Not Rosicrucian
philosophy.

Inner church not
the Rosicrucian
Fraternity.

Italics ours.

Elect and of the Inner Church.

"The Royal and Priestly Science is that of Regeneration, or the science of the *reunion of fallen man with God*. It is called *Royal Science*, because it leads man to power and the dominion over nature. It is called *Sacerdotal*, because it sanctifies and brings all to perfection, spreading grace and benefits everywhere.

"This science owes its immediate origin to the *verbal revelation* of God; it was always the Science of the Inner Church of Prophets and of Saints; and it recognized no other High Priest but Jesus Christ, the Lord.

"But the rebuilding of the world's edifice in general was not the only aim of redemption. Man was the principal object in the shedding of Christ's blood; to procure for him, even in this material sphere, the highest possible perfection by the amelioration of his being, Jesus Christ submitted to infinite suffering.

"He is the Saviour of the world and of man. The object or cause of His incarnation was to rescue us from sin, misery and death.

"Jesus Christ has delivered us from all evil by His flesh, which He sacrificed, and by His blood, which He shed for us."

That we may not be misunderstood, we say again that we find no fault with the doctrines and teachings of the Mystic Church. Our point is *that they are not Rosicrucian doctrines and teachings*, and that for Mr. Lewis to give them to his members as such is a fraud—AN OUTRAGEOUS IMPOSITION and AN OUTRIGHT SWINDLE in every sense and meaning of those ugly terms.

REPRODUCTIONS MADE HEREIN

For those who do not have a copy of *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary* and A. M. O. R. C. Eleventh Grade Lessons, we have reproduced herein two pages of the book and corresponding pages of said lessons for comparison, *being fac-simile Reproductions Nos. 12, 13, 14 and 15*, to which we invite and direct the attention of the reader and all investigators.

Those who have both the book and the lessons will find it inter-

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esting to compare them carefully and to note that Mr. Lewis copied all of the Eckartshausen letters into the A. M. O. R. C. "higher teachings," except when it suited his purpose and served his end to change and mutilate them.

If you care to make the comparisons, you will find that—

Lesson 91, A. M. O. R. C., Eleventh Grade, starts with page 10 and ends on page 20 of the book. In this section material changes have been made, apparently to suit a special purpose.

Lesson 92, A. M. O. R. C., Eleventh Grade, starts with page 20 and ends on page 29 of the book.

Lesson 93, A. M. O. R. C., Eleventh Grade, starts with page 30 and ends on page 40 of the book. The changes made are so many and varied that we suggest the true seeker and investigator obtain a copy of the book and compare notes.

Lesson 94, A. M. O. R. C., Eleventh Grade, starts with page 41 and ends on page 50 of the book.

Lesson 95, A. M. O. R. C., Eleventh Grade, starts with page 50 and ends on page 60 of the book.

Lesson 96, A. M. O. R. C., Eleventh Grade, starts with page 61 and ends on page 68 of the book.

Lesson 97, A. M. O. R. C., Eleventh Grade, starts with page 68 and ends on page 76 of the book.

Lesson 98, A. M. O. R. C., Eleventh Grade, starts with page 77 of *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary* and ends the series of lessons taken directly from von Eckartshausen's letters or teachings.

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college of Munich, and he proceeded afterwards to Ingolstadt for the study of philosophy and law, which he pursued with marked success. The university course at an end, his father procured him the title of Aulic Councillor; and in 1780 he was appointed censor of the library at Munich. This, in spite of the rectitude and goodness which characterised him, made him many enemies, but the favour of the Elector Karl Theodore sustained him against all combinations. In 1784 he was nominated Keeper of the Archives of the Electoral House, an appointment conferred, it is said, through a desire of the Elector to retain him near his person.

Eckartshausen published in all some sixty-nine works, embracing many classes of literature—the drama, politics, religion, history, art-criticism, general science, and, in particular, several contributions of varied merit to mystic and occult science. As indicated already, the majority of these are now forgotten, though some of his plays seem to have been successful in their day. *The Prejudice of Birth* in particular—his first printed drama—is described as abounding in felicitous situations and human interest. He attempted even a comedy, and this also received considerable approbation. One only of his books, under the title of *God is Purest Love*, commanded great and enduring popularity. Sixty editions are said to have been issued in Germany, and it was translated into most languages of Europe, as well as into Church Latin. It is a small collection of Catholic prayers and meditations on the love of God, the fear of God, the elevation of man's sentiments towards his Creator, the knowledge of the eternal, &c. There

AN AULIC COUNCILLOR

Mr. Waite tells us in his introduction to *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary* that von Eckartshausen was an Aulic Councillor and how his appointment was obtained. It bears no relation to Rosicrucian Councils. Compare the marked statements with Mr. Lewis' statement on page 4, Lesson 89, Eleventh Grade, which we have quoted. Mr. Lewis makes a Rosicrucian Councillor out of an Aulic Councillor. Miserable misrepresentation!

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THE CLOUD UPON THE SANCTUARY

LETTER I

THERE is no age more remarkable to the quiet observer than our own. Everywhere there is a fermentation in the mind, as in the heart of man; everywhere there is a battle between light and darkness, between exploded thought and living ideas, between powerless wills and living active force; in fine, everywhere there is war between animal man and growing spiritual man.

It is said that we live in the age of light, but it would be truer to say that we are living in that of twilight; here and there a luminous ray pierces the mist of darkness, but does not light to full clearness either our reason or our heart. Men are not of one mind, scientists dispute, and where there is discord, truth is not yet apprehended.

The most important objects for humanity are still undetermined. No one is agreed either on

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Reproduction of a part of Letter I and page 2, *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*, a translation of von Eckartshausen's book, which Mr. Lewis used in its entirety for Eleventh Grade lessons. Compare this page with Reproduction No. 13 and see where he uses this material in Lesson 90 of the Eleventh Grade of the A. M. O. R. C. SECRET TEACHINGS.

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ELEVENTH GRADE

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TEMPLE LECTURE
NUMBER-NINETY

PAGE ONE

Beloved Members, Greetings!

Today I will start reading to you and commenting upon the interesting "letters" written by Von Eckartshausen as mentioned in my previous talk with you. Read these letters carefully, then sit and meditate upon them but keep up the last experiments we had; keep up the exercises given in the last two or three lectures if it is possible and convenient for you to do so.

Letter 1

There is no age more remarkable to the quiet observer than our own. Everywhere there is a fermentation in the minds of men; everywhere there is a battle between light and darkness, between exploded thought and living ideas, between powerless wills and living active force; in short everywhere is there war between animal man and growing spiritual man.

It is said that we live in an age of light, but it would be truer to say that we are living in an age of twilight; here and there a luminous ray pierces through the mists of darkness, but does not light to full clearness either our reason or our hearts. Men are not of one mind; scientists dispute, and where there is discord, truth is not yet apprehended.

The most important objects for humanity are still undetermined. No one is agreed either on the principle of rationality or on the principle of morality, or on the cause of the will. This proves that though we are swelling in an age of light, we do not well understand what emanates from our hearts--and what from our heads. Probably we should have this information much sooner if we did not imagine that we have the light of knowledge already in our hands, or if we would cast a look on our weakness, and recognise that we require a more brilliant illumination. We live in the time of idolatry of the intellect, we place a common torchlight upon the altar and we loudly proclaim the axioms, that now daylight is really about to appear, and that the world is emerging more and more out of obscurity into the full day of perfection, through the arts, sciences, cultured taste, and even from a purer understanding of religion.

Poor mankind! To what standpoint have you raised the happiness of man? Has there ever been an age which has counted so many victims of humanity as the present? Has there ever been an age in which immorality and egotism have been greater or more dominant than in this one? The tree is known by its fruits. Mad men! With your imaginary natural reason, from whence have you the light by which you are so willing to enlighten others? Are not all your ideas borrowed from your senses which do not give you the reality but merely its phenomena? Is it not true that in time and space all knowledge is but relative? Is it not true that all which we call reality is but relative, for absolute truth is not to be found in the phenomenal world. Thus your natural reason does not possess its true essence, but only the appearance of truth and light; and the more this appearance increases and spreads, the more the essence of light inwardly fades, and the man

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Compare with Reproduction No. 12. The above reproduction comprised about three pages of the letters of von Eckartshausen, taken *verbatim* from the published book *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*.

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LETTER IV

As infinity in numbers loses itself in the unit which is their basis, and as the innumerable rays of a circle are united in a single centre, so it is also with the Mysteries; their hieroglyphics and infinitude of emblems have the object of exemplifying but one single truth. He who knows this has found the key to understand everything, and all at once.

There is but one God, but one truth, and one way which leads to this grand Truth. There is but one means of finding it.

He who has discovered this way possesses everything therein; all wisdom in one book alone, all strength in one force, every beauty in a single object, all riches in one treasure only, every happiness in one perfect felicity. And the sum of all these perfections is Jesus Christ, Who was crucified and Who rose again. Now, this great fact, expressed thus, is, it is true, only an object of faith, but it can become also one of *experimental knowledge*, as soon as we are instructed how Jesus Christ can be or become all this.

This great mystery was always an object of instruction *in the Secret School of the invisible and interior*

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Reproduction of part of Letter IV of von Eckartshausen, being page 41 of *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*, copied *verbatim* in A. M. O. R. C. Lesson 94, Eleventh Grade, by the Emperor. (See *Reproduction No. 15.*)

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ELEVENTH GRADE

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TEMPLE LECTURE
NUMBER NINETY-FOUR

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Beloved Members, Greetings!

We will now continue the letters of Von Eckartshausen, beginning at a point where we discontinued last week.

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LETTER IV

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This great mystery was always an object of instruction in the Secret School of the invisible and interior Church; this great knowledge was understood in the earliest days of Christianity under the name of Disciplina Arcana. From this secret school are derived all the rites and ceremonies extant in the Outer Church. But the spirit of these grand and simple verities was withdrawn into the Interior, and in our day it is entirely lost as to the exterior.

It has been prophesied long ago, dear brothers, that all which is hidden shall be revealed in these latter days; but it has also been predicted that many false prophets will arise, and the faithful are warned not to believe every spirit, but to prove them if they really come from God, 1 John iv. 5. The apostle himself explains how this truth is ascertained. He says, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God, every spirit which confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit which confesseth not is not of God." That is to say, the spirit who separates in Him the Divine and human is not from God.

We confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh and hence the spirit of truth speaks by us. But the mystery that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of wide extent and great depth, and in it is contained the knowledge of the divine-human, and it is this knowledge that we are choosing to-day as object for our instruction.

As we are not speaking to neophytes in matters of faith, it will be much easier for you, dear brothers, to receive the sublime truths we

The above reproduction comprises about three pages of the published book containing the letters of von Eckartshausen.

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COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS

By Dr. Richard Maurice Bucke

We present for the further consideration of interested students, investigators and members of A. M. O. R. C. another instance where Mr. Lewis with his usual method (hereinbefore dealt with) has made liberal use of the material of a comparatively recently published book to compile his *secret higher Rosicrucian lessons and teachings*.

We do not appear as a critic of Dr. Bucke or of his views or the ideas that he has presented to the world in *Cosmic Consciousness*. Let us assume that Dr. Bucke's *Cosmic Consciousness* is a book that is of interest to all students of the occult; it is a book easily procurable at a moderate price. Such being the case, if Mr. Lewis desired that his *higher grade*—his *Eleventh Grade*—students should study the material presented by Dr. Bucke on the subject of cosmic consciousness, why did he not advise them to purchase a copy of Dr. Bucke's book, instead of lifting the material from the published book and presenting it to them under the false representation, expressed or implied, or with the crafty implication that the "extracts" from the writings of R. M. Bucke "were high, secret Rosicrucian teachings"? The answer is, as usual, that it is more profitable to Mr. Lewis to copy the material into his lessons and to sell it to his members.

PAUL TYNER AND HIS ATTAINMENT OF COSMIC CONSCIOUSNESS

Dr. Bucke's description of the experience of Paul Tyner in attaining *cosmic consciousness* in Chapter XXXIV, beginning at page 291 of *Cosmic Consciousness*, is of real interest to all students. It will be of unusual interest, and perhaps it will be startling information to members of A. M. O. R. C. who are seeking the WAY to the ROSY CROSS to be advised—to know that Paul Tyner was one of the Councillors and co-workers with Freeman B. Dowd in THE TEMPLE OF THE ROSY CROSS, Dowd being the second Grand Master of the Randolph Foundation of the Authentic Rosicrucian Brotherhood and Rose Cross Order in America.

JESUS THE CHRIST

Inasmuch as Jesus, who attained *Christhood*, was the *Greatest*

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Master of White Magic, it is strange, indeed, that Mr. Lewis should use Bucke's commentaries on Jesus in his lessons, in view of his (Mr. Lewis') association and connection with the most notorious Black Magician of this age, whom he recognizes and refers to as his SECRET CHIEF. (See *Lewis' letter of February 16, 1934—fac-simile Reproduction No. 32.*)

LET A. M. O. R. C. MEMBERS COMPARE

We regret that we do not have more space to devote to this book and to treat it and the lessons taken from it by Mr. Lewis as we have the books *Among the Rosicrucians* and *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*. All A. M. O. R. C. members should, for their own satisfaction, procure a copy of *Cosmic Consciousness* by Bucke and compare it, beginning at page 81, with their Eleventh Grade lessons, Lesson No. 102. For the convenience of those who do not have the book or the lessons, we reproduce herein, page 81, of Bucke's *Cosmic Consciousness*, and page 1 of Lesson 102 of the Eleventh Grade, as fabricated by Mr. Lewis, for comparison, see *fac-simile Reproductions Nos. 16 and 17.*

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FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 16

CHAPTER 2.

Jesus the Christ.

Balzac says [5 : 143] that Jesus was a Specialist—that is, that he had Cosmic Consciousness. As Balzac was himself undoubtedly illumined, he would be high, if not absolute, authority upon the point. Paul, as soon as his own eyes were opened, recognized Jesus as belonging to a superior spiritual order—that is, as having the Cosmic Sense. But let us not take any one's word, but try and see for ourselves what reasons there are for including this man in the list of those having Cosmic Consciousness.

I.

Jesus was born B. C. 4 [80], and would be, according to this authority, thirty-four or thirty-five years old when he began to teach, so would have been at least thirty-three at the time of illumination—supposing him a case.

Other writers make him older. Sutherland [143a : 140] says: "The death of Jesus occurred in the year 35." This would make him thirty-nine at his death, thirty-six or thirty-eight when he began to teach (the former, if he taught three years, as John says; the latter, if he taught only one year, as the synoptics tell us), and, say, thirty-five or thirty-six at illumination.*

All goes to show that at about the age specified a marked change took

* The *Review of Reviews* for January, 1897, sums up the evidence bearing on the point as follows:

"One of the most eminent of living authorities on the life of Christ, Dr. Cunningham Geikie, writes in the *Homiletic Review* on the various attempts to fix the exact date of the birth of the Messiah.

"It is clear that the received chronology of the Abbot Dionysius the Dwarf, which dates from the first half of the sixth century, must have begun several years too late in fixing the birth of Christ as having taken place in the 754th year of Rome, since it is known that Herod died in 750, and Jesus must have been born while Herod was still reigning. Dr. Geikie points out other fundamental errors in the calculations of the Abbot Dionysius.

"Dionysius had based his calculations on the mention by St. Luke that John the Baptist, who was a little older than Jesus, began his public work in the fifteenth year of Tiberius, and that Jesus was 'about thirty years old' when he began to teach (Luke iii : 1-23). This fifteenth year of Tiberius would be perhaps 782 or 783, and thirty deducted from this would give 752 or 753, to the latter of which Dionysius added a year, on the supposition that Luke's expression, 'about thirty years,' required him to add a year. But the vague 'about' was a weak ground on which to go, and, besides, the reign of Tiberius may be reckoned from his association in the government with Augustus, and thus from 764 instead of from 767. The texts I have quoted from St. Luke cannot, therefore, be used to

Reproduction of page 81 of Bucke's *Cosmic Consciousness*. In using this material for his lessons, Mr. Lewis eliminated all the important notes, as will be seen by comparing the above with Reproduction No. 17, with A. M. O. R. C. Secret Lesson 102 of the Eleventh Grade. Wonderfully, deceptively secret!

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ELEVENTH GRADE TEMPLE LECTURE
NUMBER ONE HUNDRED AND TWO

PAGE ONE

Beloved Members, Greetings!

We will now proceed with the extracts from the writings of Mr. R.N. Bucke.

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All goes to show that at about the age specified a marked change took place in him; that whereas up to a certain age he was very much as others, he all at once ascended to a spiritual level quite over the heads of ordinary men. Those who knew him at home, as a body and a young man, could not understand his superiority. "Is not this the carpenter's son?" they ask. Or as elsewhere reported: "Is not this the carpenter the son of Mary? . . . and they were offended at him". This marked spiritual ascent occurring suddenly at this age is in itself almost diagnostic of the oncoming of the cosmic sense.

The earliest written and probably most authentic account of the illumination of Jesus runs as follows: "And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him: and a voice came out of the heavens saying THOU ART MY BELOVED SON, IN THEE I AM WELL PLEASED. And straightway the Spirit driveth him forth into the wilderness". There is a tradition that the illumination of Jesus took place the 6th or 10th of January.

The fact that Jesus went to John to be baptized shows that his mind was directed to religion and makes it probable that he had (before illumination) the earliest temperament out of which, when at all, the Cosmic Sense springs. It is not necessary to suppose that illumination took place immediately upon the baptism or that there was any special connection between these two things. The impulse that drove Jesus to solitude after his illumination is usual, if not universal. Paul felt it and obeyed it; so did Whitman.

The above reproduction comprises two pages of material, pages 81 and 82, of *Cosmic Consciousness*. The reader will note that all notes have been eliminated.

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STILL ANOTHER INSTANCE

Of More Published Material Used by Mr. Lewis in Compiling A. M. O. R. C. Secret Teachings

Thus far we have given consideration to three notable instances wherein Mr. Lewis has used material from *published and easily procurable* books for ONE OR MORE OF HIS LECTURES, using such material *verbatim* or with misleading interpolation. We now call attention to another instance—a *flagrant instance wherein he made use of a book* and its teachings which *he himself strongly condemned*.

We refer to his First Grade Lectures, being Lecture No. 6, page 7, and ending on page 8 of A. M. O. R. C. official lectures, where we find Mr. Lewis telling his members:

Italics ours.
Note carefully
and remember.

Note later use made
of one of this writer's
New Thought books:
*The Hindu-Yogi
Science of Breath*

Italics ours.

At least the book does

"It is necessary for us to sound these few words of warning right now. In other words, after having said all that we have said about books and how the teachings of the Order have been preserved from the curious and insincere, it is necessary for us to advise you that the purchase of books claiming to give you Rosicrucian teachings *is simply a waste of time and an endorsement and encouragement of a fraud being practiced upon sincere seekers*. For instance, there is one book that has been offered on the market for the last two or three years that pretends to contain Rosicrucian teachings and writings. The author's name is given in Latin form as though it was a veiled name. The book sells for approximately \$2.00 and in some stores for \$3.00 or \$4.00. The author of the book is a well-known writer of New Thought stories and, so far as any records we can find are concerned, he has never been initiated into any Rosicrucian lodge or branch of the work, and if he had been he would never have dared to commercialize the secret teachings! One reading of this book will convince any Rosicrucian student that he knows nothing more of Rosicrucianism than he could learn from some of the popular references to the Order. The book does not contain the Rosicrucian teachings, or the rituals, or *even correct symbols*, yet thousands are buying it in the hope of finding it a quicker method of *mastering the teach-*

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not contain an
inverted triangle

Italics ours.

Note later use

Mr. Lewis made of
these Yogi teachings.
Italics ours.

Condemns the teach-
ings and then uses
them.

Italics ours.

Italics ours.

Note this statement
carefully. See later
use made of these
teachings and directly
from the condemned
author and book.

Mr. Lewis failed to
heed his own advice.

Italics ours.

See advertisement
on last cover of all
Lewis magazines
offering numerous
books for sale. He is
now in the book-
selling business,
regardless of the
imposition and bad
faith.

ings than through taking the proper course of in-
structions. *This same author has published a book
on the Yogi Philosophy* and gives his name there,
as the author, in the form of a Hindu or Indian
name. Thousands of persons have referred to that
Indian name as though it is the real name of a real
Yogi of India. *The book does not contain the real
Yogi teachings, only talks around the subject,* and
is not as complete as are some of the articles you
will find in encyclopedias pertaining to Yogi phi-
losophy. *The real Yogi philosophy is not adaptable
to our Occidental ways of living and our customs
and habits,* and for that reason has never been of as
much benefit to the western world as to the eastern
world. *To adopt the Yogi system of living and its
principles means taking a step backward in civiliza-
tion for Occidental persons.* Yet thousands are being
deceived into buying this book through the belief
that they are getting an official Yogi publication.
The same thing can be said regarding books that
tell you how to awaken your psychic consciousness,
how to develop your solar plexus, how to concen-
trate and secure everything you want from the
great cosmic abundant supply. Beware of all these
books. Read them if you insist, but read in a library,
so you will not be wasting your money buying them
and then casting them aside as worthless. Remem-
ber that *we have no other reason in advising you
against these books than your own interest. We
are not in the bookselling business and do not have
special books of our own that we want to sell you in
preference to any others. We could undoubtedly
establish a very profitable branch if we were to
recommend and sell to our students the hundreds of
books that have been written on occult and mystical
subjects, which we could buy at wholesale and eas-
ily sell at regular prices. But we would consider
this an imposition on intelligence of our members
and violation of the faith and good will that we
wish to establish and maintain between our mem-
bers and ourselves as essential parts of this great
Brotherhood."*

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CHICANERY IN THE BEGINNING AS IN THE END

Cunning Deception Permeates A. M. O. R. C. Lessons from the First to the Highest Grades

Why did Mr. Lewis warn his members in the first grade, in the very beginning, against buying and reading *The Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath*, by Yogi Ramacharaka (William Walker Atkinson, the well-known writer of "New Thought Stories")? The reason is apparent. He had plagiarized and used the teachings and text of this book, or at least a part of it, as we shall show by his admission under oath, and he did not want his members to know about it. Do you remember what we said about Mr. Lewis' usual and favorite practice of throwing a "smoke screen" about himself to protect his thefts of material from published books for his (A. M. O. R. C.) SECRET TEACHINGS?

Will you also kindly note the Emperor's (Lewis') warning against purchasing and reading books claiming to give Rosicrucian knowledge? Note particularly his statement that it is simply a waste of time, that it is an endorsement and the encouragement of a "fraud being practiced upon sincere seekers."

Well! Well! Now, what do you think of that? When this man was advising and warning A. M. O. R. C. members SOLELY and ONLY for *their own* interest, do you not think that it would have been a fine thing—a most timely and appropriate thing—for him, in his great, magnanimous spirit, in the deep and sincere interest he felt for his members, to warn them against their own IMPERATOR and his pilfering, plagiarizing charlatanism and against the FRAUD he has practiced and is practicing upon sincere seekers, including all his members?

And now let us compare—set Mr. Lewis' advice and warning to his members along beside his own practices on acts in using the complete contents of at least two books for his higher grade lessons, namely: *Among the Rosicrucians* and *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary*, the partial contents of a third, viz, *Cosmic Consciousness*, and a part of a fourth book, to wit: *The Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath*, as we shall presently see.

Having made the comparison, what do you think of the IMPERATOR of A. M. O. R. C. and his pilfering, plagiarizing charlatanism and HIS "FRAUD BEING PRACTICED UPON SINCERE SEEKERS"?

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USES THE BOOK HE SO STRONGLY CONDEMNED

The Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath Admits It Under Oath

In the case of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis vs. E. E. Thomas brought by Mr. Lewis in the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, California, Mr. Lewis testified on the fifth day of January, 1931. On his cross-examination by Mr. Kempley, counsel for the defendant Thomas, he (Lewis) was forced to admit, among other things, that he (Lewis) *had used a portion of the book, The Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath*, in one of his A. M. O. R. C. lectures on "Arcane Philosophy."

In support of this statement, we quote the relevant portion of Mr. Lewis' testimony on cross-examination from the reporter's official transcript, as follows:

MR. LEWIS TESTIFIES

Italics ours. Question (Mr. Kempley): I show you this instrument, which is headed "A. M. O. R. C.," under that "trademark" and "official lecture," and ask you if that instrument is *one of the lectures on Arcane Philosophy?*

Answer (Mr. Lewis): *It seems to be*, although it is bound together differently than we usually bind our lectures.

Question: How do you mean; this staple that is in it?

Answer: Yes, we usually have two.

Italics ours. Question: That is true. That was stapled in our office. Aside from that, *you would say that was one of your lectures on Arcane Philosophy?*

Answer: Yes.

Mr. Kempley: I offer this in evidence and ask it to be marked as Defendant's Exhibit A.

The Court: It will be received and marked as Defendant's Exhibit A.

(Lecture on Arcane Philosophy No. 3 received in evidence and marked Defendant's Exhibit A.)

Question (Mr. Kempley): I show you a book, Doctor Lewis, entitled *The Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath*, and ask you if you are familiar with that work.

Answer: Oh, I am sure we have a copy of it in

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Italics ours.

Mr. Lewis admits using material of Yogi book.

An admission of plagiarism.

Mr. Haycock was the counsel for A. M. O. R. C. and Mr. Lewis. He strenuously objected to this damaging evidence.

our editorial library.

Question: Do you know whether or not it is a fact that a large part of that *Lecture No. 3 on Arcane Philosophy was lifted verbatim from this particular book?*

Answer: *Not a large part of it, but a portion.*

Question: Are any quotation marks used or any credit given to the author of this *Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath?*

Mr. Haycock: Objected to.

The Court: Objection overruled.

Answer: *No, there are no quotations used*, but in the introduction to the work it was stated various works would be consulted and referred to.

Question: In the introduction to that particular letter?

Answer: No, but in the letters that go to the students, telling them they are going to receive some supplementary lectures in the form of Arcane Philosophy, and so on.

Question: There is nothing in these letters or lectures to designate what particular part of the literature is the composition of some other writer and what is your composition?

Mr. Haycock: Objected to.

The Court: Objection overruled.

Question (Mr. Kempley): Neither you nor anyone directly connected with your organization is the author or publisher of that book, Doctor Lewis?

Mr. Haycock: Objected to.

The Court: Answer the question. Objection overruled.

Answer (Mr. Lewis): No, nobody in our organization was connected with the publishing of that book.

Mr. Kempley: By "that book," in the preceding question, I refer to the book *The Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath*, which was referred to in a previous question. I will ask that that book be received in evidence, solely for the purpose of showing that a large part of that lecture was taken from this book.

Mr. Haycock: Objected to.

The Court: The objection to the offer is overruled, and it is received in evidence as Defendant's

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Exhibit B.

Italics ours.

(The book entitled *The Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath* received in evidence and marked Defendant's Exhibit B.)

This is the identical book which Mr. Lewis, in his First Grade Lecture, No. 6, so strongly condemned and one of the books against which he advised and warned his members from buying and reading. Moreover, it deals with the Yogi system, which is not suited, according to Mr. Lewis, for Occidental students. In spite of his condemnation of the author, the book and the system, he deliberately and without credit makes use of at least a portion of the contents in instructing his members.

What do you think of such practices? What must be thought and what should be said of such insidious chicanery? Surely, no language is sufficiently strong or quite expressive enough to condemn it *as it should be condemned*. The adjectives scandalous, shocking, outrageous, shameful, disgraceful, degrading, dishonorable, disreputable, despicable and all other derogatory and opprobrious descriptive terms fall short of the mark. Nevertheless, such practices and doings cannot be too severely condemned.

MR. LEWIS FORCED TO DISMISS SUIT

In the lawsuit above mentioned in which Mr. Lewis made the damaging admission, also above mentioned, he was pressed on cross-examination to make other and still more damaging admissions—so much so that he did not complete his testimony. And, to avoid the necessity of making such admissions, he dismissed the suit of A. M. O. R. C. against Thomas; that is, he took a *non-suit*, which is another bit of evidence and another indication that Mr. Lewis cannot stand a *real test*.

CHARGES AGAINST IMPERATOR PROVEN

His Pilfering, Plagiarizing Charlatanism Demonstrated

We have shown—demonstrated beyond all doubt, even to a certainty—that Mr. Lewis pilfered, plagiarized, used and misused the entire contents of two books and the partial contents of two other books in his lessons in the first and eleventh grades; that all of the books so used were printed and published before he fabricated his spurious Rosicrucian Order in 1915 and before he "*printed its first magazine and literature*"; that the teachings so pilfered, plagi-

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arized, used and misused were not Rosicrucian philosophy or teachings, and that the deception, trickery and duplicity employed in so pilfering, plagiarizing, using and misusing the contents and teachings of said four printed and published books is quite unworthy of a man—certainly unworthy of an “Imperator” of a Rose Cross Order, *even if it were a Rosicrucian Organization*. However, *A. M. O. R. C. IS NOT A ROSE CROSS ORDER, AND MR. LEWIS IS NOT A ROSICRUCIAN MASTER OR IMPERATOR.*” *The truth of this statement will also be demonstrated to your entire satisfaction, beyond all doubt, as we proceed.*

We have used only a small portion of the evidence in our possession. The limit of this publication prohibits the use and exhibition of any more evidence and proof on this issue. However, we have the *evidence and can prove* that Mr. Lewis invented, formulated and manufactured and/or copied all the teachings of A. M. O. R. C. from pages and paragraphs taken from books to be found in libraries in the United States.

“THE IMPERATOR’S CHALLENGE

It will be remembered that Mr. Lewis issued a challenge (set forth in full in *fac-simile Reproduction No. 1*) in these words that:

Italics ours.

Italics ours.

First literature
printed 1915.

Emphasis ours.

“If anyone can prove that one or more of our lectures containing our fundamental teachings, or that all or part of our principles, terminology, laws, rituals and demonstrations *were taken from one or more printed, typewritten, engraved or handwritten books or manuscripts printed and published or made public before our Order printed its first magazine and literature*, THE IMPERATOR WILL IMMEDIATELY CONCEDE THE CHARGE AS TRUE, INCRIMINATING HIMSELF AS A PLAGIARIST AND FALSE PRETENDER AND PERMIT, WITHOUT OPPOSITION OR FURTHER ACTION, HIS IMPEACHMENT AND REMOVAL AS IMPERATOR.”

MEMBERS OF A. M. O. R. C. MAY ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Mr. Lewis refused our invitation to join us in a complete investigation of our charges against him by and before a *competent and impartial tribunal* or committee, to be composed of high Ma-

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sons (see our booklet: *The Challenge and Answer*). Therefore, it is useless and would avail nothing for us to accept Mr. Lewis' challenge herein set forth. However, we have shown to members of A. M. O. R. C. the exact and true nature of the dubious teachings that are being given to them as Rosicrucian philosophy and teachings. We have placed before them a part—only a small portion—of the proof that they have been deceived and are being defrauded. We have placed them in a position to accept the IMPERATOR'S CHALLENGE and to demand that *he concede the charges as true and permit, without opposition or further action, his impeachment and removal as Imperator.*

MAKE YOUR OWN INVESTIGATION

We have given you the cue; we have showed you how to investigate for yourself and to your own satisfaction. If members of A. M. O. R. C. will compare their lessons with various published books and carefully investigate Rosicrucian history and philosophy, they will find and convince themselves that the charges made against Mr. Lewis *are true*; that their lessons contain no secret matter and no inner secret Rosicrucian teachings or training. However, your investigation should not end here. It should be pursued further and along with us as we deal with the second phase of this booklet, namely, the source of Mr. Lewis' alleged *authority* and his unquestionable connection with BLACK MAGIC AND THE MOST NOTORIOUS OF BLACK MAGICIANS.

MAGIC—WHITE AND BLACK

The Difference Made Clear

Before we proceed with this part of our subject, it will be well to have a clear understanding of the difference between White and Black Magic. All mystics and occultists operate under the same law and use the same forces. However, there are two opposite aspects of the law. The law may be used for *Good*, or it may be used for *Evil*. Therefore, it is in the *use* and *intended use* of the law that we have the true and exact distinction between White Magic and Black Magic. White Magicians operate under and teach the higher spiritual aspects of the law, always use it for good, never use it for selfish purposes or for evil ends. Black Magicians operate under and teach the lower aspects of the law and use it for

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selfish purposes, for evil ends and practice the foul, degrading black arts that lead to destruction. To state the distinction very briefly, the White Magician is good, while the Black Magician is bad. Most Black Magicians practice the deceptive arts and pretend to be *White* and *Good*, as they secretly practice the black arts of evil and destruction. However, this was not the case with Aleister Crowley, the most notorious of all Black Magicians.

ALEISTER CROWLEY - MOST NOTORIOUS OF BLACK MAGICIANS

In 1926 Mrs. Marian Dockerill, of New York City, who had been a member of Crowley's cult, the O. T. O., wrote a series of articles making a complete *expose* of Crowley and his O. T. O. Mrs. Dockerill's sister, Lea Hirsig, a teacher of a children's school in the Bronx, New York City, became Crowley's "High Priestess, his goddess, his scarlet woman." We quote Mrs. Dockerill's own description of the branding of her sister:

"When Crowley told her that she was to be his High Priestess, his goddess, she did not demur. Kneeling in a chalked circle on the floor, she let him brand the symbol of the cult on her [chest] with the point of a red-hot dagger. He the 'Beast of the Apocalypse' and she, his bride, the 'Scarlet Woman of Babylon'." (*New York Journal*, March 13, 1926.)

Mrs. Dockerill's *expose* was copyrighted by the International Feature Service, Inc., and was published in the Hearst papers in March and April, 1926. That you may have a better idea of Crowley and his O. T. O., we give you the words of Mrs. Dockerill:

Italics ours.

"Aleister Crowley is the strange Englishman who began his career as a poet, mountain climber and explorer, but who later had a mystic 'revelation,' proclaimed himself the '*Anti-Christ*' the '*Beast of the Apocalypse*' and the head of the O. T. O. cult, which has secret branches in every part of the world. . . . Crowley is a disciple of paganism, of the *Great God Pan*, of *Satan*, the *Devil*, a practitioner of *Black Magic*."—(*New York Journal*, March 13, 1926.)

Crowley was also exposed along the same lines in England by another woman. He sued in the English courts for libel less than six months ago, but lost the case, and the judge censured him severely.

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A TIMELY REVELATION

Is Crowley the Sponsor for Mr. Lewis?

It is of profound interest to students of the occult, and no doubt it will be a shocking revelation to most members of A. M. O. R. C. to learn of the close association of their "*Imperator*" with the notorious Aleister Crowley—self-proclaimed *Anti-Christ*, *Beast of the Apocalypse*, self-styled *Baphomet*, confessed *Black Magician*, founder of *A. . . . A. . . .* and originator of O. T. O., the Order of Oriental Templars (*Ordo Templi Orientis*), in which organization (O. T. O.) he (Mr. Lewis) *claims and admits membership and from which he also claims and admits holding a Charter of Authority*. In this connection see his "IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENT No. 4," *being fac-simile Reproduction No. 20*.

THE REAL SPONSOR REVEALED

A sponsor for himself and A. M. O. R. C. has been very important to Mr. Lewis. At any rate, it seems so, because he has written and published much about his sponsors, although he has not, until recently, made it very clear just who his sponsor has been or who he is. Perhaps he did not desire it known, which may be the reason he has made so many contradictory statements intended to confound and to lead to confusion. However, there need be no further confusion. We shall produce herein the links of proof that chain Mr. Lewis to Crowley, his *Black Master*—his SECRET CHIEF—*his real sponsor*—and will reveal the exact, the true, source of his authority.

HIS INITIATION IN 1909

In the beginning of his spurious Rosicrucian activities in 1915 and for some time thereafter, Mr. Lewis claimed and frequently published his claim that in 1909 he went abroad and was received into or initiated in some kind of a Rosicrucian Order and that he had received authority to establish his work in America in 1915. His claims concerning the source of his authority, as in the matter of his sponsor, have been vague, contradictory and confusing. He has made claims of authority from Egypt, France, Germany, Switzerland and other sources.

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HIS 1909 INITIATION WAS IN LONDON

Not in Toulouse, France, as He Claimed

It now appears that prior to and during 1909 Mr. Lewis and Mr. Albert H. Postel were employed by a publishing concern or associated in the publication of a Mystery Magazine in New York City. Mr. Lewis was the artist and Mr. Postel the astrologer. An investigation by the United States postal authorities made it advisable, if not necessary, for them to leave the country in the year 1909. Mr. Postel tells us that he left for Paris, while Harvey S. Lewis, as he was then known, paid a visit to London, where he received his initiation in 1909, about which he has written so much and so confusingly.

REMEMBER THE 1909 INITIATION

The initiation of Mr. Lewis in London in 1909 is to be remembered and kept in mind. It is the first link in the chain of evidence that chains him to his real sponsor, the SECRET CHIEF of O. T. O., referred to and *acknowledged* by him in his letter of February 16, 1934, a part of which we herein reproduce, which the reader will please carefully note, being *fac-simile Reproduction No. 32*. For it was only a short time prior to the year 1909 that Aleister Crowley, who had been admitted as a member of the English Rosicrucian Organization, broke his sacred obligations, *turned Black* and organized the A. . . A. . . and subsequently other associated, affiliated and subordinate orders, such as O. T. O.—*Ordo Templi Orientis*—in which Mr. Lewis holds membership (no question about it; *he admits it*)—which order—O. T. O.—also issued to him a Charter of Authority in July, 1921, said charter being his “IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENT NO. 4,” which we reproduce herein, being *fac-simile Reproduction No. 20*.

CROWLEY—THE NATURE OF HIS ORGANIZATIONS AND HIS ACTIVITIES

Whatever his sins and however sinister his practices, Crowley did not include among them the despicable practice of crafty deception. He boldly and openly declared himself to be *Anti-Christ*, operated under the title of BAPHOMET (the evil one) and attempted to deceive no one as to his own character, the nature of his organizations and their activities.

* Baphomet means "Father
Mithras"

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In London, in the year 1909, he began the publication of *THE EQUINOX*, the official organ of his A. . . A. . ., his subsequently organized O. T. O. and his other numerous subordinate and affiliated organizations. In *THE EQUINOX* he boldly—brazenly—informed the world and advised all capable of understanding of the exact nature of O. T. O. and its activities.

THE BLACK ART OF DECEPTION

When Crowley accepted Mr. Lewis into his organizations, he may have taught him the misuse of Divine Powers for selfish ends; he may have instructed him in the misuse or—most likely—the pretended use of occult forces to make money, at which Mr. Lewis has become proficient. However, Crowley did not teach or encourage him in the use of the Black Arts of unlimited, cunning deception, general plagiarizing of lessons and names or the operation of his A. M. O. R. C. under false colors. No, indeed, Crowley, his *Secret Chief*, sailed under the Black Flag openly and above-board.

CROWLEY AND HIS ACTIVITIES

Briefly Narrated

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Crowley was soon run out of England. He then came to the United States, staying in New York City until the police served a notice to "move on." He next pursued his activities in Detroit, Michigan, until he was forced to leave the country. From the United States he went to Italy. On account of his Black Arts, his scandalous and debasing practices and the shameful, vile and injurious doctrines that he is teaching, he has been forced to fly from one country to another, a hated and loathed outcast—"a man without a country"—until he has become, and of necessity must remain, the *Secret Chief* of O. T. O., to which Mr. Lewis referred in his letter of February 16, 1934. (*Fac-simile Reproduction No. 32.*)

CROWLEY ANNOUNCES THE ORGANIZATION OF O. T. O.—ORDER OF ORIENTAL TEMPLARS

In the September number, 1911, of *THE EQUINOX*, his official organ, Crowley makes the announcement of the organization of the O. T. O.—Order of Oriental Templars. The announcement,

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beginning at page vii of said magazine, is as follows:

ORDER OF ORIENTAL TEMPLARS

Mysteria Mystica Maxima

Note Crowley's efforts to draw from all other groups.

Lewis has made like attempts.

O. T. O.
(*Ordo Templi Orientis*)

Note claim as to Egypt. Lewis makes similar claims.

"During the last twenty-five years, constantly increasing numbers of earnest people and seekers after truth have been turning their attention to the study of the hidden laws of Nature.

"The growth of interest in these matters has been simply marvelous. Numberless societies, associations, orders, groups, etc., have been founded in all parts of the civilized world, all and each following some line of occult study.

"While all these newly organized associations do some good in preparing the minds of thoughtful people for their eventually becoming genuine disciples of the One Truth, yet there is but ONE ancient organization of mystics which shows to the student a royal road to discover the one truth. This organization has permitted the formation of the body known as the 'ANCIENT ORDER OF ORIENTAL TEMPLARS.' It is a modern school of magi. Like the ancient schools of magi, it derived its knowledge from Egypt and Chaldea. This knowledge is never revealed to the profane, for it gives immense power for either good or evil to its possessors. . . ." (See *fac-simile Reproduction No. 18.*)

O. T. O. ESTABLISHED BY CROWLEY IN 1911

It will be remembered that Aleister Crowley became active shortly before 1909 and established the A. . . A. . . in London; that in the year 1911 he established the O. T. O.—ORDER OF ORIENTAL TEMPLARS (*Ordo Templi Orientis*) as a part of the A. . . A. . . and its Black Magic activities. To give a better picture and understanding of O. T. O., we quote from Crowley's statement concerning it, published in *THE EQUINOX*, the present official organ of the A. . . A. . . and O. T. O., page 200, of the September issue, 1911, as follows:

"The names of women members are never divulged.

Secret chief.

"It is not lawful here to disclose the name of any

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living chief.

Lewis has attempted
to do so also.

Ordo Templi Orientis.
Note carefully
the name.

Note claims to
internationalism.
Lewis makes the
same claim.
Hermeticae Lucis.
Note these words.
Lewis teaches
Yoga also.

Lewis also makes use
of the terms *Collegium*
ad Spiritum Sanctum.
See *Reproduction*
No. 21.

"It was Karl Kellner who revived the exoteric organization of the O. T. O. and initiated the plan now happily complete of bringing all occult bodies again under one government.

"The letters O. T. O. represent the words *Ordo Templi Orientis* (Order of the Temple of the Orient, or Oriental Templars), but they also have a secret meaning for initiates.

"3. The Order is international and has existing branches in every civilized country of the world. The aims of the O. T. O. can only be understood fully by its highest initiates; but it may be said openly that it teaches hermetic science or occult knowledge, the pure and holy magic of light, the secrets of mystic attainment, Yoga of all forms, Gnana Yoga, Raja Yoga, Bhakta Yoga and Hatha Yoga, and all other branches of the secret wisdom of the ancients.

"In its bosom repose the great mysteries; its brain has resolved all the problems of philosophy and life.

"It possesses the secret of the Stone of the Wise, of the Elixir of Immortality and of the Universal Medicine.

"Moreover, it possesses a secret capable of realizing the world-old dream of the Brotherhood of Man.

"It also possesses in every important center of population a hidden retreat (*Collegium ad Spiritum Sanctum*), where members may conceal themselves in order to pursue the great work without hindrance." (*See fac-simile Reproduction No. 19.*)

We are not at all concerned with the claims made. However, we do desire to direct attention to the names and titles used and to the thought expressed, that the O. T. O.—Order of Oriental Templars (*Ordo Templi Orientis*)—teaches Hermetic science . . . and the magic of *Light*; that is, it is a Fraternity of Hermetic Light—*Fraternitas Lucis Hermeticae*—so that the reader may keep in mind that it was ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS—*Fraternitas Lucis Hermeticae* that granted to Mr. Lewis a charter in 1921, which he wrongfully and deceitfully calls a *Rosicrucian* document when he refers to it as his "IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENT No. 4." (*See fac-simile Reproduction No. 20.*)

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BAPHOMET—THE EVIL ONE

Black Magician

We continue our quotation from page 201 of the same magazine, as follows:

*Collegium ad
Spiritus Sanctum.*

"These houses are secret fortresses of Truth, Light, Power and Love, and their position is only disclosed under an oath of secrecy to those entitled to make use of them.

"They are also temples of true worship, specially consecrated by Nature to bring out of a man all that is best in him.

The same
secret chief.

"5. The authority of the O. T. O. is concentrated in the O. H. O. (Outer Head of the Order), or Frater Superior. The name of the person occupying this office is never disclosed except to his immediate representatives.

The O. H. O. as
authorized by ———.
Italics ours.
Note degrees and
title of a Black
Magician—
Baphomet.

"6. The authority of the O. H. O. in all English-speaking countries is delegated by charter to the Most Holy, Most Illustrious, Most Illuminated and Most *Puissant* BAPHOMET X^o Rex Summus Sanctissimus 33^o, 90^o, 96^o, Past Grand Master of the United States of America, Grand Master of Ireland, Iona and All the Britains, Grand Master of the Knights of the Holy Ghost, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Order of the Temple, Most Wise Sovereign of the Order of the Rosy Cross, Grand Zerubbabel of the Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Enoch, etc., National Grand Master General *ad vitam* of the O. T. O." (See *fac-simile Reproduction No. 19A.*)

Order of the Temple.

Ad vitam

These are the claims—this is the proclamation of the man who frankly admits and openly proclaims himself to be a Black Magician, who calls himself *The Beast*—THE SECRET CHIEF OF O. T. O.—who publishes his pictures and signs them with his title of "BAPHOMET X^o, O. T. O." (See *fac-simile Reproduction No. 31.*)

THE NUMEROUS TITLES

The Striking Likeness

Attention is directed to the unusual number of titles assumed and

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carried by Aleister Crowley—white and black alike and indiscriminately. Members of A. M. O. R. C. and those familiar with Mr. Lewis' boasting claims will recall that he also has assumed and used many unusual titles; claimed many special honors and has by far surpassed his *Secret Chief* in claiming limitless authority, in using glamorous and noteworthy titles and assuming unusual and "special" honors. Yet the similarity of methods and practices of the Secret Chief and his devout follower (Mr. Lewis) are "as alike as two peas"—strikingly so—a perfect demonstration of the adage: "*As the teacher, so the pupil.*"

THE CONNECTION ABSOLUTELY ESTABLISHED *Between Crowley, the Baphomet, and Lewis, the Imperator*

As we proceed with the presentation of the evidence, the irrefutable proof, the conviction will grow more and more irresistible that *H. Spencer Lewis* and *Aleister Crowley* are inseparably connected; that Lewis is a follower and an intimate associate of Crowley and that he (Lewis) intends and hopes to ultimately put in full operation and carry out, with A. M. O. R. C. as his vehicle, the gruesome plans, the vicious, deadly designs of Crowley, his *Black Master* and *Secret Chief*.

MR. LEWIS HAS FURNISHED THE PROOF

It will be recalled that Mr. Lewis falsely claimed initiation in 1909 in a French Rosicrucian Order when he fabricated A. M. O. R. C. in 1915 and wrongfully took a Rosicrucian name for it; that Mr. Postel, his then intimate associate, is the authority for the statement that the much-discussed initiation actually took place in London. In the light of all the facts and circumstances, it appears certain that the information furnished by Mr. Postel is correct and that Mr. Lewis was initiated by CROWLEY in A. . . A. . . in London in 1909, and not in a *Rosicrucian Order* in France. Let us now consider the proof which Mr. Lewis has furnished—proof which he cannot question. We trust the reader—especially A. M. O. R. C. members—will carefully study this proof and follow through, closely observing and noting the links of the chain of evidence that proves, beyond a doubt, that Mr. Lewis is a follower and disciple of Aleister Crowley, the notorious "Beast of the Apocalypse"—the ANTI-CHRIST.

Met Lewis in N.Y. in 1918

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IMPORTANT DOCUMENT No. 4

Misnamed Rosicrucian

Some time during the summer—in July, we believe, of 1921—there was issued to H. Spencer Lewis, *so he claims*, a charter or document by the O. T. O.—ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS-*Fraternitatis Lucis Hermeticae* (see *fac-simile Reproduction No. 20*)—to which we invite the closest examination and investigation. It bears the title ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS, with the sub-title *Fraternitatis Lucis Hermeticae*. In the body of the document it certifies that H. Spencer Lewis is a 33°, 90°, 95° of the Ancient and Primitive Rites of Memphis and Mizraim* and the 7° of O. T. O.—THE IDENTICAL ORDER FOUNDED BY ALEISTER CROWLEY in 1911. We ask that this charter or document be carefully compared with Crowley's announcement of the formation of O. T. O.—*Order of Oriental Templars*, *fac-simile Reproductions Nos. 18, 19 and 19A*. If this is done, then there can be no question—no doubt whatever—that Mr. Lewis' *Important Document No. 4* was issued by O. T. O. by its *Secret Chief* or done at his direction. It is equally clear and certain that this charter or document did not come from any authentic *Rosicrucian* or *Masonic* source. If it did not come from O. T. O. and was not issued by authority of Crowley, then it is spurious—just another well-executed counterfeit.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENT No. 4

Issued 1921; Not Published Until 1933

It appears from the face of the document, also from the statement of Mr. Lewis which we shall quote, that the "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4" was issued in July, 1921. However, a *fac-simile* of it was not published until November, 1933. Why did Mr. Lewis withhold such publication for twelve years? Was it because the document contradicts his glowing description of it published in 1921? Perhaps.

* With seat in Austria. The French and usually accepted legitimate body of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis and Mizraim disclaims all knowledge of such a document being issued to Mr. Lewis. Aleister Crowley admits his allegiance to this Austrian Rite of Memphis and Mizraim.

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THE IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

Described by Mr. Lewis

IN THE TRIANGLE, No. 6, on page 1, his then official organ, dated September 29, 1921, under the title: REGARDING OUR AFFILIATIONS, Mr. Lewis *misdescribes* said "important document," as follows:

Not Masonic.

Denied by the
Supreme Grand
Master of the rite
in France.

Note the titles.

Not Masonic honors.

O. T. O.
Crowley organization.
Fraternity Hermetic
Light.
Crowley's
Ordo Templi Orientis.

"One other item may interest our members. A large and interesting document was received during the month of August [1921] from a Sovereign Sanctum of Freemasonry abroad conferring upon our Emperor [H. Spencer Lewis] the highest Masonic degrees, such as honorary 33° and the 90° and 95° of the Ancient and Primitive Rites of Memphis and Mizraim (under a charter of authority issued by John Yarker 33°, the eminent Masonic authority and historian and sovereign Grand Master General of England), whereby our Emperor is given the Masonic title of Prince of Memphis (Egypt), member of the Sovereign Tribunal and Defender of the Order; and Sovereign Patriarchal Conservator of the rites, Sublime Prince of the Magi. The honorary 33° carries with it the title of Knight *Grand Inspector General*. The document further makes the Emperor an honorary member of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Switzerland, Austria and Germany. These Masonic honors are conferred under a charter of authority of Grand Orient of Ancient Gaul and the Supreme Sanctuary of Great Britain. Also the *Ordo Templi Orientis* (Oriental Order of the Temple, Fraternity of the Hermetic Light) has conferred its high degrees upon our Emperor with the title of *Most Illustrious Sir Knight and Frater R. C.*, appointing our Supreme Lodge in this country as *Gage of Amity* for *Ordo Templi Orientis* of Europe."

AN ADMISSION BY MR. LEWIS

A Damaging Admission

We are not here and now concerned so much about the misrepresentations and deceptions in the above description of said charter or document, executed in typical Lewistonian style, as we are con-

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cerned with Mr. Lewis' ADMISSION that the *Ordo Templi Orientis, Fraternity of the Hermetic Light (Hermeticae Lucis or Fraternitatis Lucis Hermeticae)* has conferred its *high degrees upon him*. IT IS AN ADMISSION THAT HE (LEWIS) IS A MEMBER OF O. T. O., FOUNDED BY CROWLEY, HIS PRESENT SECRET CHIEF.

ANOTHER INTERESTING DESCRIPTION

Of the "Important Document No. 4"

By Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis has given us another of his typical descriptions of the "*Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4*," printed underneath the fac-simile publication of said document in THE ROSICRUCIAN DIGEST, November, 1933, his now official organ. See *fac-simile Reproduction No. 20* of the *Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4*. The interesting description is as follows:

Not Rosicrucian.

Italics ours.

Note: Basle, Switzerland. Recall the university there?

Masonic body cannot grant a Rosicrucian authority.

Crowley's Order of Oriental Templars.

Italics ours.
Powers and privileges not yet

"The above photograph of a large document engraved at Lucerne, Switzerland, on heavy parchment paper by the Supreme Magus and Frater Superior of the ancient Rosicrucian Order for Switzerland and Germany and dated in the ancient Rosicrucian Sovereign Sanctuary at *Basle, Switzerland*, in the name of the ancient order of mystery temples of the Orient and in the name of the Ancient and Primitive Oriental and Mystery Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, Egypt. The Sovereign Sanctuary of Switzerland and Germany, a continually operating Rosicrucian center of Europe, confers upon H. Spencer Lewis, Imperator of the Rosicrucian Order of America, the 33°, 90° and 95° of the Egyptian Mystery Rites of Memphis and Mizraim and the 7th or last degree of the Chivalric Order of Oriental Templars, and appoints him as an honorary member of the Sovereign Sanctuaries of Switzerland, Germany and Austria and the Supreme Council of A. M. O. R. C. in California as a 'Gage of Amity.' It is dated Basle, *July, 1921*, and contains many Rosicrucian seals and emblems, some of which are not clear or distinct in the above photograph. *This charter is the only one of its kind ever issued for North America and includes certain powers, authorities and privileges which have not*

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exercised.

yet been exercised by the Emperor of A. M. O. R. C. in North America." (See fac-simile reproduction of the above, No. 20A.)

STILL ANOTHER DAMAGING ADMISSION

By Mr. Lewis

Here we have another and the further certain and positive admission by Mr. Lewis that he is a member of O. T. O., contained in his statement that the "*Chivalric*" Order of Oriental Templars conferred upon him its 7th or last degree and appointed him an honorary member of the Sovereign Sanctuaries of Switzerland, Germany and Austria, from which it also appears—or at least it is strongly and plainly hinted—that Mr. Lewis is a rather important person in the High Councils and Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Crowley organizations of Black Magic. This is also indicated by the fact that Crowley, the *Secret Chief*, claims to have the 33rd, 90th and 96th degrees (*see fac-simile Reproduction No. 19A, Paragraph 6*), whereas the 33rd, the 90th and the 95th degrees, all except the 96th degree, have been granted to Mr. Lewis.

THE ONLY CHARTER OF ITS KIND EVER ISSUED FOR NORTH AMERICA

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Aside from the absolutely false statement and implication that the document is a Rosicrucian charter and issued from authentic Rosicrucian sources, the usual Lewistonian camouflaging, and his admission of membership in O. T. O., Mr. Lewis makes other interesting statements to which we direct particular attention. He tells us that "*This charter is the only one of its kind ever issued for North America.*" This is probably true. It will be remembered that Crowley exercised personal jurisdiction in North America until he was run out of the country. It is also likely—indeed, most probable—that he continued to supervise matters in North America until he had a competent member to succeed him and take charge (*for him*) of O. T. O.'s affairs in the "*Valley*" of North America. This, no doubt, is the reason Crowley, the *Secret Chief*, withheld the issuance of this charter to Mr. Lewis until July, 1921. Now, since Mr. Lewis was not successful in securing his warrant of authority, which he says was promised to him at the time of his initiation in 1909, until 1921—about six years after 1915, when he fabricated and launched A. M. O. R. C., a spurious Rosicrucian organi-

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zation. Such being the case, was it not the plan—the *scheme* of Mr. Lewis and his *Secret Chief*—that he (Lewis) should build up an organization under the holy name of The Rosy Cross and then convert it into an O. T. O. organization, sailing under the Black Flag, when and as an O. T. O. charter could be granted to Lewis, and *when and as* the conversion could or can be made? We may, and often do, ascertain the secret designs of men from their acts. Let us follow this thought further to find the answer to this question.

POWERS, AUTHORITIES AND PRIVILEGES NOT YET EXERCISED BY THE IMPERATOR

Mr. Lewis also states that this charter "*includes certain powers, authority and privileges which have not yet been exercised by the Emperor of A. M. O. R. C. in America.*"

WHAT PRIVILEGES? The privilege to deceive his members—to take their money under false pretenses—to lead them to believe that they had joined and were members of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood—an order of *White Magic*? This he has done. The "privilege" he refers to is the privilege of leading them into the O. T. O.—*Ordo Templi Orientis*, an order of *Black Magic*.

WHAT AUTHORITY? He has claimed to have and to exercise authentic Rosicrucian and Masonic authority, but the claims are *false* and *spurious*. The only Rosicrucian authority which he now exercises or can exercise under this charter is the *spurious* Rosicrucian authority of Aleister Crowley, a former member of the Rose Cross Order, who denounced his vows, violated his obligations and *turned Black*. The Masonic authority he is now exercising or can exercise under this charter is the authority of the unrecognized (in America) rites of Memphis and Mizraim, having its seat in Austria, while the only legitimate and authentic authority he is now exercising or may exercise under this charter granted by O. T. O. is the authority of ALEISTER CROWLEY, *the notorious Black Magician*.

WHAT POWERS? This raises another question—a *serious* question—namely: Does H. Spencer Lewis really possess occult powers? If he does, then let all members of A. M. O. R. C. take notice and *beware*, because it is a fact, which admits of no gainsaying, that he is operating under a warrant of authority from O. T. O.—the most notorious of all Black organizations—and intends, *when and*

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as he can, to make A. M. O. R. C. an integral part of this disreputable organization. Then the Emperor will be in a position to exercise—will be free to exercise—those “*certain powers, authority and privileges.*”

THE AUTHENTIC ROSE CROSS IS A RELIGIOUS ORDER

The authentic Rosicrucian Brotherhood—Temple of the Rosy Cross—is a religious order, not sectarian, yet truly religious in fullest and deepest meaning of the word. Its chief purpose, the *Great Work*, is to develop and improve the *Soul*. It teaches the highest spiritual aspect of the law. It deals only with pure *White Magic*.

A. M. O. R. C. WAS FORMERLY REPRESENTED TO BE A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION

Until and prior to 1933, when Mr. Lewis decided to make the formal announcement of and to publish a *fac-simile* of his charter and warrant of authority from O. T. O.—Order of Oriental Templars—the world's most notorious *Anti-Christ* organization, he represented A. M. O. R. C. to be a religious order. Not only did he represent A. M. O. R. C. to be a religious institution, he went much farther. He represented himself to be the **BISHOP** of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross, and as late as October, 1928, ordained a priest of said Church in these words:

“Greetings:

The Emperor.

The Bishop.

Pristine Church.

The Priest.

The Church.

“Know all men that I, H. Spencer Lewis, Emperor of the Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis of North America, and Bishop of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross incorporated in the State of California, do hereby make, appoint, constitute and ordain E. E. Thomas a Priest of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross, with power and full authority to perform such ecclesiastical ceremonies and other offices pertaining to a duly qualified Priest of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross.” (See *fac-simile Reproduction No. 21.*)

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A. M. O. R. C. NOT NOW A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION

Since Mr. Lewis decided in 1933 to make known fully his connection with and warrant of authority from O. T. O., he has been gradually changing his propaganda, representations and advertising matter as to the *religious* status and character of A. M. O. R. C. He now boldly declares, without any camouflage or deceit, that A. M. O. R. C. is *NOT a religious organization*.

In a late issue (May, 1935) of the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN we find the following cold-blooded "scientific" advertisement, which we quote *verbatim*, as follows:

"THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD WITHIN YOU

Mind force, not
soul powers.

"Those strange feelings of intuition and premonition are the urge of your inner self. Within you there is a world of unlimited power. This dynamic, strange, mental force is secreted in the recesses of your mind. Its astonishing helpfulness you sense by an occasional hunch or inspiration. Learn to properly direct and control it and you can do the RIGHT THING at the RIGHT TIME and master your life.

Italics ours.

Happiness and
achievement.
An appeal to
selfishness.

"THIS FREE SEALED BOOK, *The Rosicrucians*, an age-old Brotherhood (*not a religion*) have shown thousands of men and women how to bring happiness and achievement into their lives by the use of these little-understood powers of self. They invite you to write today for the sealed gift book that tells how you may obtain these startling teachings for study and use in your daily affairs.

"Address: Scribe D. A. Z.,

"ROSICRUCIAN BROTHERHOOD—A. M. O. R. C.,
San Jose, California.

"REMEMBER—THE ROSICRUCIAN ORDER IS
NOT A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION." (See fac-
simile Reproduction No. 22.)

HAS THE EARMARKS OF BLACK MAGIC

This advertisement does not set forth Rosicrucian doctrines. The Rosicrucians teach the development of *soul powers, which are far above powers of the mind*. THE GREAT WORK of the Rose Cross

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is to accomplish soul consciousness, *soul illumination*, which leads to immortality. This advertisement promulgates the cold scientific doctrines of mind force—the development of the mind. It is an appeal to the selfish instincts; it advocates the development of those lower powers of self which lead to destruction. It has all the earmarks of Black Magic.

IS THE IMPERATOR CONVERTING THE A. M. O. R. C. INTO THE O. T. O.?

Is Mr. Lewis, like his Black Master, his *Secret Chief*, also ANTI-CHRIST? Is he by his recent persistent propaganda, that A. M. O. R. C. IS NOT A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, preparing its members and the public for the conversion of A. M. O. R. C. into an anti-religious, an ANTI-CHRIST, organization? Is it his intention and his purpose to slowly, yet surely, convert his organization into an O. T. O. organization and make it an integral part of Crowley's vicious domain of Black Magic? Is the conversion now in process—is it taking place now? The evidence—all the facts and circumstances of the case—lead to the conclusion that Lewis is now attempting to convert A. M. O. R. C. into a non-religious—ANTI-CHRIST—Black Magic organization. Finally, does Mr. Lewis aspire to become the *Secret Chief* of the O. T. O. organization of the world, succeeding his illustrious master of Black Magic, Aleister Crowley?

"COLLEGIUM AD SPIRITUM SANCTUM"

In Crowley's announcement of the formation of O. T. O., *Order of Oriental Templars*, in the last paragraph, on page 200, of the September issue, 1911, of THE EQUINOX (*see fac-simile Reproduction No. 19*), in speaking of the O. T. O., he says: "It also possesses in every important center of population a HIDDEN RETREAT (*Collegium ad Spiritum Sanctum*), where members may conceal themselves in order to pursue the great work without hindrance." An idea of the *great work* that is pursued in the hidden retreats of O. T. O. may be gathered from what is stated herein. Those who would have more of the gruesome, heart-sickening and hideous details may get them from Crowley, as published in his official organ, THE EQUINOX, and the Crowley O. T. O. exposes by Mrs. Miriam Dockerill and others.

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Mr. Lewis makes the "*hidden retreat*" of O. T. O., Crowley's "*Collegium ad Spiritum Sanctum*," a part of the GRAND COLLEGE OF RITES OF A. M. O. R. C. See the letterhead and seal of the GRAND COLLEGE OF RITES OF A. M. O. R. C. shown in *fac-simile Reproduction No. 21*. The seal contains the word "INTERNATIONIS." Does this not indicate that it is a part of Crowley's international organization? In the center of the seal is an eagle with outspread wings, with 33 above its head—a well-known symbol of Scottish Rite Masonry. On the breast of the eagle is an inverted triangle, just as the inverted or descending triangle is made upon the unveiled bosom of the priestess in the black, unholy rites of O. T. O.

THE INVERTED TRIANGLE

Where Did Lewis Get It?

Since the beginning of his operations in 1915 under a plagiarized Rosicrucian name, Mr. Lewis has used the inverted or descending triangle as a sign and symbol of A. M. O. R. C. and his work. He has made the inverted triangle conspicuous by its constant use on his letterheads, on all A. M. O. R. C. literature and in all his publications.

THE INVERTED TRIANGLE

A Symbol of Black Magic

We have heretofore repeatedly charged that Mr. Lewis was using a symbol of Black Magic. He has vigorously defended his use of the inverted triangle. We have not heretofore made a full explanation of the mystery of the inverted triangle or indicated the source from which he secured the right to use it or why he uses it. We will now unveil the mystery and indicate the source from whence he gets it. The reader may determine why he uses it. In Volume III, No. 1, page 225, of *THE EQUINOX*, Aleister Crowley prints a part of the Ritual of O. T. O.—Order of Oriental Templars—from which we reproduce the pertinent part of *THE CEREMONY OF THE OPENING OF THE VEIL*, relating to the inverted or *descending triangle*, as follows:

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spot; I upraise thee; I lead thee to the East; I set thee upon the summit of the Earth.

He thrones the PRIESTESS upon the altar. The DEACON and the children follow, they in rank, behind him.

The PRIESTESS takes the Book of the Law, resumes her seat, and holds it open on her breast with her two hands, making a descending triangle with thumbs and forefingers.

To produce the inverted or descending triangle, the reader may make the sign as above directed.

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Aleister Crowley established a Temple of the O. T. O. in Detroit, Michigan. After operating there for some time, there was an exposé, which created such an open scandal that he was forced to flee from this country—let us hope, never to return. It was shown that the rites of O. T. O. were those of Black Magic; that during the ceremony of the OPENING OF THE VEIL the priestess was nude, and that not only was the sign of Black Magic—the inverted triangle—made upon her maidenly bosom by her hands, the unholy sacraments of Black Magic were also given from her naked body.

These were the actual ceremonies, a part of the ritual of O. T. O., Order of Oriental Templars, established by Aleister Crowley, printed under *Liber XV*, O. T. O., and issued by order of BAPHOMET, under the seal of Crowley in Volume III, No. 1, THE EQUINOX.

IS THERE ANY REMAINING DOUBT?

There is an abundance of additional evidence that can be produced upon this subject if space permitted, or if we cared to pursue the subject further. However, is there any remaining doubt that Lewis has made, or intends to make, the "HIDDEN RETREAT OF O. T. O.," Crowley's "*Collegium ad Spiritum Sanctum*," a part of the GRAND COLLEGE OF RITES OF A. M. O. R. C.; that the inverted triangle is a sign or symbol of Black Magic, or that Mr. Lewis received the authority to use the inverted triangle, the symbol of

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Black Magic, from Crowley, his Secret Chief?

THE CROWLEY CROSS

In this connection, we recall that Aleister Crowley had been a member of an authentic English Rosicrucian organization, in which he was probably instructed in the Mystery of the Cross; that he denounced his vows, broke his solemn obligations and *turned* Black, and that thereafter, a short time prior to 1909, he fabricated and launched the A. . . A. . . in London. As and for the grand symbol of his A. . . A. . ., its ramifications, subordinate orders and their Black Magic activities, he adopted a specially designed cross—not the Rosy Cross that is and long has been the symbol of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, but the *Crowley Cross*. Crowley made publication of his specially designed cross in March, 1910, facing page 210, Volume I, No. 3, of *THE EQUINOX*, which we reproduce herein, *being fac-simile Reproduction No. 23*. Will the reader kindly make special note of CROWLEY'S CROSS—the grand symbol of his various Black Magic activities? It is of special interest. We shall presently show that Mr. Lewis uses this same *Crowley Cross* in his work and recently made an unsuccessful attempt to register it as an emblem of A. M. O. R. C. in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Pot

THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS

The cross, a very ancient symbol, involves within its mysteries, among others, the right use of divine forces for the generation and regeneration of bodies; for the transmutation of gross matter into the fine, and for the illumination of the soul, that leadeth to immortality—which is White Magic. It also involves within its mysteries the wrongful use or misuse of the same divine forces for the degeneration and destruction of bodies; for the transmutation of gross matter into still grosser matter, and for the development of certain vicious powers that leadeth to the destruction of the soul—which is Black Magic. Therefore, the cross in its ascending aspect may be and is used as a sign and symbol of White Magic and in its descending aspect may be and is used as a sign and symbol of Black Magic.

The special design of the Crowley Cross, the sign and symbol of his black arts, is most interesting. It is noted that among the nu-

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merous symbols that Crowley has placed upon his specially designed cross are several *inverted or descending triangles*, clearly indicating its descending aspect, making it the sign of his black arts and a symbol of the Black Magic activities of his A. . . A. . . and O. T. O. and other associated and affiliated orders.

MR. LEWIS AND CROWLEY'S CROSS

On the 14th day of April, 1934, H. Spencer Lewis, as president, and R. M. Lewis, as secretary, executed an application on behalf of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, under the oath of R. M. Lewis, for the registration in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of the CROWLEY CROSS as an emblem of A. M. O. R. C., which application was filed a few days subsequent hereto in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Attached to said application was a copy—a *fac-simile*—of the *Crowley Cross*. (Compare the Crowley Cross in Reproduction No. 23 with the one attached to the A. M. O. R. C. application, Reproduction No. 24.)

After reciting the Act authorizing the registration of emblems and other insignia of lodges, orders, fraternal societies, etc., the application continues as follows:

Not repugnant to laws
of U. S. and
Pennsylvania?

"... the undersigned lodge, the principles and activities of which are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States or this Commonwealth, desiring to register an emblem in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, for the purpose provided for in said Act, does hereby certify:

The application
was rejected.

"1. The name of the Lodge so registering is the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis.

"2. Its address, location or place of business is 223 Dan Drive, Mt. Lebanon Station, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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the Crowley Cross—
a sign of Black Magic
as an emblem of
A. M. O. R. C.

"3. The emblem to be registered, two fac-similes or duplicates of which accompany this application, consist of a rose and a cross design and consists of a large cross containing designs with a small rosy cross in the center of the larger cross with various

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designs encircled about it. In each arm of the cross is a triangle design with various other designs and lettering of ancient historical origin." (See *fac-simile Reproduction No. 24.*)

In the affidavit attached to and made in connection with the above application for the registration of the *Crowley Cross of Black Magic* in Pennsylvania as an emblem of A. M. O. R. C., R. M. Lewis, secretary, states under oath:

Claims for
A. M. O. R. C. the
exclusive right to use
the Crowley Cross and
his emblem of
Black Magic.

"... that the lodge [Supreme Grand Lodge of A. M. O. R. C.] so filing such emblem [the Crowley Cross] has the right to wear, exhibit, display or use the same [the same Crowley symbol of Black Magic] for its benefit and on behalf of all associations, degrees, branches, subordinate lodges and auxiliaries of said lodges and auxiliaries of said lodge and the individual members and those hereafter to become members thereof throughout this Commonwealth; and that no other association, lodge, order, society, organization, union, foundation, federation, degree, branch, subordinate lodge or auxiliary thereof, nor the individual members thereof has no right to wear, exhibit, display or use the same in the identical form or in any such near resemblance thereof as may be calculated to deceive. (See *fac-simile Reproduction No. 24A.*)

MR. LEWIS NOW USING CROWLEY'S CROSS AND SYMBOL OF BLACK MAGIC

Not only does Mr. Lewis claim the right to the exclusive use of the Crowley symbol of Black Magic—he has been using it. Recently there was mail from Cairo, Egypt, to his fourth degree members, "*A Treasure Chest Message*," purporting to be from the Grand Master of the *Rose-Croix Order* of Egypt, advising them that they had been selected to become honorary members of the "*Amenhotep Lodge in Egypt*" and were entitled to receive certain special lessons containing a special study of the *Kabala*, the condition being that the members should detach and sign a "Warrant for Special Study" contained in the booklet, agree to make a contribution to A. M. O. R. C. and mail it to the secretary general, A. M. O. R. C., San Jose, California—not to Egypt—whereupon the special lessons would be mailed from San Jose. Although the

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Treasure Chest Message purports to be from Egypt, the presumption persists that it was prepared in its entirety by Mr. Lewis in San Jose, California. Mr. Lewis is a talented artist and handwriting expert. It is said that he can execute a signature to the degree of perfection. However, be that as it may be, A. M. O. R. C. received the benefit of the propaganda of the "Treasure Chest Message" and the *contributions* for the lessons, hence Mr. Lewis becomes directly and closely connected with the "Treasure Chest Message," either as author of it or sponsor for it. Contained within and occupying an entire page of the "Treasure Chest Message" is the Crowley Cross—his specially designed symbol of Black Magic. We reproduce the Crowley Cross from the "Treasure Chest Message," *being fac-simile Reproduction No. 25.*

COMPARE THE SYMBOLS

We invite you to compare the Crowley Cross—the grand sign of his black arts and the symbol of the Black Magic activities of his organizations as published by him in *THE EQUINOX* in 1910 (*Reproduction No. 23*)—with the symbol which Mr. Lewis attempted to register and claims the right to the exclusive use hereof (*Reproduction No. 24*) and the same symbol used in the "Treasure Chest Message" (*Reproduction No. 25*). Thus we produce another link of the many links in the chain of evidence that proves the inseparable connection between Mr. Lewis and Crowley, his *Black Master* and SECRET CHIEF.

CERTIFICATE OF AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP WITH AMENHOTEP LODGE, LUXOR

From the back cover of Mr. Lewis' "Treasure Chest Message" we reproduce the certificate of affiliated membership granted to his fourth degree members, being *fac-simile Reproduction No. 26*. This certificate is of interest and important for several reasons. First, it will be observed that Mr. Lewis plagiarizes and uses the name *Rose-Croix*, the title of the eighteenth degree of Scottish Rite Masonry, which is further accumulative evidence of his extensive and unlimited pilfering charlatanism.

THE SEAL OF BAPHOMET

Next we will notice the first *seal* that precedes the first signature.

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It is the *seal of Baphomet*. To get a clear idea of the seal of Baphomet, turn to our reproduction of the picture of Aleister Crowley (*fac-simile Reproduction No. 31*). On the upper left-hand side of the picture you will find Crowley's signature of Baphomet preceded by his seal of Black Magic or the seal of Baphomet.

GRAND MASTER GENERAL AD VITAM OF O. T. O.

In paragraph 6 of Crowley's Manifesto of the O. T. O. (*Reproduction No. 19A*) you will notice that among the titles which Crowley claims for himself and the O. H. O. (Outer Head of the Order) are: MOST HOLY, MOST ILLUSTRIOUS, MOST ILLUMINATED AND MOST PUISSANT BAPHOMET X° REX SUMMUS SANCTISSIMUS 33°, 90°, 96° and NATIONAL GRAND MASTER GENERAL *Ad Vitam* of the O. T. O. Now, if you turn to the certificate of affiliated membership (*Reproduction No. 26*), you will see that the first signature following the seal of Baphomet is the signature of a Grand Master, *ad vitam* of 33°, 90°, *Rex Summus Sanctissimus*, or the signature of an important dignitary of Crowley's Black Cult of the O. T. O., which will tend to strengthen your growing conviction, if you are not already fully convinced, that Lewis is closely and most intimately connected with Crowley, his *Secret Chief*.



THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE O. T. O.

A title page of THE EQUINOX, official organ of the A. . . A. . . and the O. T. O., is herein reproduced (*fac-simile Reproduction No. 27*). The first seal shown near the top of the page is the seal or insignia of the A. . . A. . . The second seal shown near the center of the page is the seal or insignia of the O. T. O. It is to this seal that we would direct your particular attention and ask you to keep it in mind as we proceed.

BOOK OR LIBER 777

In connection with the immediate subject to be discussed, we reproduce from THE EQUINOX as advertisement of BOOK 777, by Crowley, A. . . A. . . publication in Class B., being *fac-simile Reproduction No. 28*. Book or Liber 777 has a special secret and occult significance in Crowley's Black Cults. Will you please keep this in mind as we proceed?

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A BOASTFUL, PILFERING IMPERATOR THE LEWIS CATHEDRAL OF THE SOUL

In practically all issues of *The Rosicrucian Digest*, Mr. Lewis prints an announcement covering his Cathedral of the Soul, as follows:

Not members of
Rosicrucian
Fraternity.

Woe unto those who
place themselves in
these vibrations.

Book 777 issued in
1909 by Crowley,
the Black Magician.

"The 'Cathedral of the Soul' is a Cosmic meeting place for all minds of the most advanced and highly developed spiritual members and workers of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. It is a focal point of cosmic radiations and thought waves from which radiate vibrations of health, peace, happiness and inner awakening. Various periods of the day are set aside when many thousands of minds are attuned with the Cathedral of the Soul, and others attuning with the Cathedral at this time will receive the benefit of the vibrations. Those who are not members of the organization may share in the unusual benefit as well as those who are members. The book called *Liber 777* describes the periods for various contacts with the Cathedral. Copies will be sent to persons who are not members by addressing their request for this book to the Friar S. P. C., care of A. M. O. R. C. Temple . . ."

MEMBERS OF THE ROSICRUCIAN FRATERNITY AND THE LEWIS CATHEDRAL OF THE SOUL

Mr. Lewis does a grave injustice to members of the Rosicrucian Fraternity when he declares that his Cathedral of the Soul is a cosmic meeting place for all minds of the most advanced and highly developed spiritual members of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. Members of the August Rosicrucian Fraternity will have nothing to do with—have never had anything to do with—the Lewis Cathedral of the Soul. The reason, so apparent, will presently appear.

THE LEWIS CATHEDRAL OF THE SOUL

*Under the Vibrations 777 and the Seal of the Black Cult
of O. T. O.*

Next we reproduce the cover of the Lewis booklet dealing with his often-announced and much-advertised Cathedral of the Soul, being *fac-simile Reproduction No. 29*, from which it appears that this Cathedral of the Soul is under and in accordance with the doctrines of Crowley's Book 777, and conducted with the approval and

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under the sign, seal and insignia of the BLACK CULT of the O. T. O. Thus does it become *most apparent* that real Rosicrucians can have—will have—nothing to do with the Lewis Cathedral of the Soul bearing the earmarks of Crowley and the seal and insignia of the black arts of the O. T. O.

THE LEWIS CHARTER BEARS THE BLACK SEAL OF THE O. T. O.

If you will turn to the charter, "Important Document No. 4," (*Reproduction No. 20*), the warrant of authority under which Mr. Lewis is carrying on and conducting the affairs of A. M. O. R. C., you will see that the third seal from the left is the same identical seal shown on the title page of *THE EQUINOX* (*Reproduction No. 27*) as the official seal and insignia of the O. T. O. (*Ordo Templi Orientis*), whose whole doctrines, dangerous teachings and vicious practices have been summarized by Crowley in these words: "DO WHAT THOU WILT SHALL BE THE WHOLE LAW." (*See Reproduction No. 27*). Thus it does become crystal clear that Mr. Lewis has or is attempting to put A. M. O. R. C. and the Cathedral of the Soul under the Black Domain of Aleister Crowley, whom he acknowledges to be his *Secret Chief*, as we shall presently show.

A COUPLE OF PICTURES *The Emperor and His Secret Chief*

Most charlatans and Black Magicians are vain, because they deal with the lower aspects of the law, which is *Vanity*; they delight in advertising their powers or pretended powers, also their wares and merchandise; they love the limelight and, most of all, they simply gloat upon their published pictures with malignant satisfaction.

So the Emperor, Lewis, had his picture taken in the full regalia of his office and published it in his official organ, *THE AMERICAN ROSAE CRUCIS*, February issue, 1916, opposite page 16, which we have reproduced herein, *fac-simile Reproduction No. 30*. So, also, his Secret Chief, Aleister Crowley, of the O. T. O., had his picture made in full regalia of his "high and ennobling" office—the *Most Puissant Baphomet*—that is, the Most Powerful, the Most Mighty Baphomet—and published it in his official organ, *THE EQUINOX*, Volume III, No. 1, opposite page 197, which we have also reproduced herein, *fac-simile Reproduction No. 31*. Will you take a look at these pictures with us?

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 30



Reproduced from *American Rosae Crucis*, February, 1916, opposite page 16. Here we have the IMPERATOR of A. M. O. R. C., "*Most Perfect Master Profundis*," FACE TO FACE with his *Secret Chief* of O. T. O., Crowley, *Most Puissant Baphomet*—the ANTI-CHRIST. Note the seal of Baphomet and the inverted triangle on his regalia and compare with Crowley's picture (opposite *Reproduction No. 31*).

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FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 31



Reproduced from THE EQUINOX, Vol. III, No. 1, opposite page 197. His Black Satanic Majesty in person—Crowley, the Secret Chief of the O. T. O., under his signature and sign of Baphomet, the ANTI-CHRIST. Note the sign or seal of Baphomet and compare with the similar sign and seal on Lewis' picture (opposite *Reproduction No. 30*).

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THE STORY THESE PICTURES TELL

In the upper left quarter of Crowley's picture (*Reproduction No. 31*) you will see his special title, the one by which he desires foremost to be known, viz: BAPHOMET X^o, O. T. O., endorsed upon his picture by himself in his handwriting. Immediately preceding his favorite title is his seal. It is the seal of Baphomet, the evil one—the Black Magician.

It will also be seen and noted that the collar of his regalia makes or forms upon his chest an inverted or descending triangle, as is made upon the bosom of the priestess in the ceremonies of the opening of the veil heretofore referred to.

Now, let us look at the picture of Mr. Lewis, the Imperator, the Grand Master General of A. M. O. R. C. (*Reproduction No. 30*). On his apron or regalia, lower left-hand corner, you see the sign, the *seal of Baphomet*, not exactly like the seal used by his Chief, yet so similar, so strikingly similar, that there is no mistaking, no gain-saying, the fact that it is intended to be, indeed, that it is, the *seal of Baphomet*. To be sure, the seal used by the Imperator could not be the same, exactly the same as the seal used by his Chief, even in the realms of Black Magic. The inferior may not use the title or exercise all the rights and prerogatives of his superior, his Chief. However, it may be said for Mr. Lewis that if there is anyone in this wide world who has the brazen, unmitigated gall and bold, presumptuous effrontery to assume to have all the titles, privileges or rights and to exercise all of the prerogatives of his Chief, it is the Imperator of A. M. O. R. C. Indeed, as we have shown herein, he will and he has pilfered and plagiarized the works of many;* stolen and used the names and title of the Authentic Rosicrucian Brotherhood, and without the slightest justification or right has laid claim to all Rosicrucian wisdom and authority. Truly, there is nothing so high or divine upon which he will not attempt to lay his profane hands and nothing so low, so despicable, to which he will not stoop.

THE SEAL OF BAPHOMET

*The Insignia of Crowley, the Chief,
and of
Lewis, the First Deputy Chief*

The Crowley seal or sign of Baphomet is made or composed of

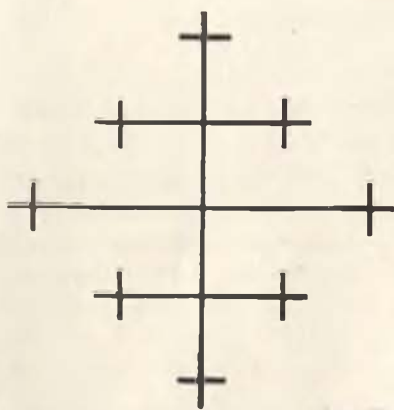
* See monograph: *Randolph Foundation, the Authentic Body, Has Exclusive Right to Use of Names.*

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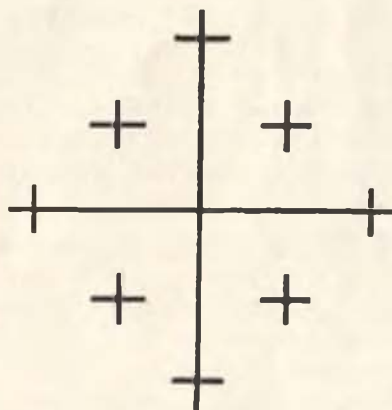
multiple crosses and double crosses. It is an exact and an expressive symbol of the evil one, the *Anti-Christ* of the occult. Dark are the ways and many the byways of Baphomet and his Black Magic followers in their use and misuse of Divine power in its descending and inverted aspect, as is so aptly told in the early Jewish and Christian scriptures in the symbolical and mystical account of the Fall of Lucifer.

THE CHIEF AND HIS FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF

The sign or insignia used by CROWLEY, the *Chief*, is composed or made up of eleven (11) crosses. The similar sign or insignia used by LEWIS is composed or made up of nine (9) crosses, which raises the important and the *pertinent* question: Is Lewis the First Deputy to Crowley? Is he first in the order of succession to his *Secret Chief*, and do the respective seals or insignia of Crowley and Lewis so indicate? *Verily, they do.* That is the story told and the truth revealed by their respective seals or insignia. To illustrate the point and to make the revelation clear, we have made enlarged diagrams of the respective seals or insignia of Crowley and Lewis, as shown on their respective pictures (*Reproductions Nos. 31 and 30*), as follows:



CROWLEY SEAL



LEWIS SEAL

The large diagram on the left is a correct representation of the Crowley seal, his sign or symbol of *Baphomet*, the insignia of the

& This is the ordinary Triple Cross of the Hierophant: very ancient

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Chief of the Black Cult of the O. T. O. The large diagram on the right is a correct representation of the Lewis seal, the indicating sign of his close connection with *Baphomet*, the insignia of the First Deputy Chief of the Black Cult of the O. T. O. The First Deputy may lawfully use and does properly use an insignia very similar, strikingly similar, to the insignia of his Chief, to indicate and show that he is of the same order as his Chief, and also to indicate and show that he is first in line of succession. Yet he may not lawfully use the insignia of his Chief. When Lewis succeeds Crowley, his Chief, all that remains necessary for him to do with reference to his present insignia to make it the insignia of the Chief is to connect the two crosses above the long central horizontal line by a short horizontal line and also and likewise to connect the two crosses below said long central horizontal line and—lo and behold—the Lewis insignia of the First Deputy Chief becomes the insignia of the Chief! TRY IT. Draw the two short horizontal lines as indicated and described above and note the result. The Lewis insignia becomes the Crowley insignia—the sign and symbol of *Baphomet*, the ANTI-CHRIST.

Can you read the meaning of the seal and insignia as told in the story of the pictures? Is the truth revealed to you?

HIS JOURNEY TO THE EAST

In the Year A. D. 1909

In his then official organ, *The American Rosae Crucis*, February issue, 1916 (the same issue in which he published his aforesaid picture), on page 16, Mr. Lewis tells us that:

Italics ours.

"... in 1909 our Master [meaning himself] journeyed to France AND *England* to complete his preparation for the Ros-ae-crucian work—which always seemed to be his goal—and he was given several honors and *titles* by the French R. C. Order and *one* [Imperator?] by the *English Order*." [Which Order—O. T. O. or A. . . A. . . ?]

It will be remembered that Aleister Crowley had fabricated and launched his A. . . A. . . shortly prior to 1909, and that in 1909 he was quite active in London. Mr. Postel says that Lewis went to London in 1909, where he received an initiation. Mr. Lewis admits that he was in England in 1909 and that the *English Order*

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gave him *one* title. A meager, yet significant, admission.

THE TITLE OF IMPERATOR

Where did Mr. Lewis get the title of *Imperator*? Did he assume it or was it conferred upon him—and, if so, by whom? Was it conferred upon him by Crowley? Was that the *one title* conferred by the *English Order*? Perhaps. The title of *Imperator* is a title used in A. . . A. . ., of which the O. T. O. is a part. There are Imperators in Crowley's realm of Black Magic. In the March issue, 1909, of *THE EQUINOX*, Vol. I, No. 1, facing page 17, it is declared and published that A. . . A. . . publications in Class B are issued by order of several dignitaries or officers, among them: "O. V. S. 6° = 5° IMPERATOR." We reproduce the declaration and announcement above referred to, *a fac-simile*, as follows:

A. . . A. . . Publication in Class B.

Issued by order :

D.D.S. 7° = 4° Premonstrator

O.S.V. 6° = 5° Imperator

N.S.F. 5° = 6° Cancellarius

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The Self-Made Charter

In his first *Authentic* (?) *History of A. M. O. R. C.* (he wrote and published three authentic (?) histories of the R. C. Order; none of them alike, all equally unauthentic), Mr. Lewis tells us, in the *American Rosae Crucis*, July issue, 1916, page 11, that:

Italics ours.
Made his own
Charter and
Black Book.

"... During 1913, I was devoted to the preparation of the necessary '*first papers*,' by the large, illuminated charter to be signed by the select Councillors, and the *first* 'BLACK BOOK,' which I had to design, letter and bind myself, not being permitted to have any matter pass from my hands before the Order was established."

MADE HIS OWN CHARTER

What—no charter? Yes, that is correct. Having none, he

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made one. It was under and by virtue of the pretended and spurious authority of his manufactured, self-executed charter that he fabricated A. M. O. R. C. in 1915 and launched it under a stolen Rosicrucian title with plagiarized lessons and teachings. It now appears—conclusively, we believe—that Mr. Lewis had and possessed no authority from any organization or from any source whatever, to organize or operate A. M. O. R. C. until he received his O. T. O. charter (his "Important Document No. 4") in 1921, issued by Aleister Crowley—his Black Secret Chief—or by and under his direction and authority. Therefore, it also appears that A. M. O. R. C. was a clandestine O. T. O. organization from 1915 to 1921, until its Emperor received his O. T. O. charter as aforesaid. All of this may be a shocking revelation to the present and more recent members of A. M. O. R. C. These facts were well known to the first and earlier members, many of whom denounced the whole A. M. O. R. C. scheme as being spurious and vicious; all of whom promptly severed their connections. This is substantiated, as you will recall, by the charges of certain early members that their lessons were plagiarized, copied from certain books, among them Crowley's *THE EQUINOX*, as appears from "*The Emperor's Challenge*," reproduced herein (*Reproduction No. 1*).

MADE HIS OWN BLACK BOOK

Mr. Lewis had to make his own "*Black Book*"—had to "design, letter and bind" his own symbol of Black Magic. It was, indeed, very inconsiderate of Crowley, his Secret Chief, not to furnish him with a *Black Book*, properly designed and lettered. But Black Magicians are that way. Still, after all, there may have been a valid reason, a sufficient justification for Crowley not giving him a *Black Book*. You see, Crowley did not give him a charter until 1921. Perhaps he was not entitled to have a Crowley *Black Book* in 1913. Well, anyway, he made one for himself, just as he made his charter, his lessons and the Rosicrucian name for his organization, and just as he made A. M. O. R. C. a Rosicrucian Order without right, justification or authority.

Whether he had any authority from Crowley prior to 1921 to organize and operate A. M. O. R. C. may be more or less doubtful. It all depends on the view you take of the evidence. However, it is certain that Mr. Lewis contacted Crowley in London in 1909; that he was admitted into his (Crowley's) Black Cult, and that he

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learned all about *Imperators* and *Black Books* from him, all of which corroborates the story of the pictures of the intimate connections between the *Imperator* and *Baphomet*, his Secret Chief.

REMAINING DOUBT

If there still remains a lingering doubt of Mr. Lewis' close connection and intimate relations with Aleister Crowley and the O. T. O., prepare to have it completely and finally expelled as we introduce, by leave of Mr. Lewis' confession, his *Secret Chief* of the O. T. O.

HIS SECRET CHIEF OF THE O. T. O. GRATEFULLY AND DULY ACKNOWLEDGED

By Mr. Lewis

In the early part of 1934, Mr. M. Carl renewed his accusation of Mr. Lewis' wrongful use of the seal, or a close imitation of the seal of the *Collegium Pansophicum*. There was considerable correspondence on this subject. On February 11, 1934, Mr. M. Carl wrote Mr. Lewis as follows:

"I have before me your letter of June 15, 1933, in which you write partly as follows:

" 'However, your letter to me gives me the proper answers to the questions, and I assure you that unless some new or different campaign is started against A. M. O. R. C., we shall say nothing further in our magazines about Pansophia, for all of our members have been advised sufficiently, and it is not our desire to keep up an attitude of criticism one way or the other regarding any of the other organizations.'

"I have before me also 'A Treasure Chest Message,' consisting of eight printed pages, which has to do with A. M. O. R. C. and which on the second page exhibits an imitation of the seal of the *Collegium Pansophicum*.

"Will you explain by which authority you are using a fac-simile of the seal of the *Collegium Pansophicum*, so close as to mislead, and if you have no authority, how do you reconcile your present act with the statement made in the above abstract from your letter?"

Agreed to abstain.

Violated promise.

Treasure Chest
Message.

Demands explanation.

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"I await your answer in the course of the mail."

The seal in question and under discussion in this correspondence is the first seal from the right, shown upon Mr. Lewis' O. T. O. charter—his "Important Document No. 4" (*Reproduction No. 20*).

On February 16, 1934, Mr. Lewis replied to the above-quoted letter. From Mr. Lewis' long letter of explanation, we quote two essential paragraphs relevant to the subject we are here discussing. Note closely that on page 2 of his letter Mr. Lewis says:

Capital italics ours.

The Secret Chief of the O. T. O. granted charter to Mr. Lewis and A. M. O. R. C.

"... However, I do want to call your attention to the fact that in 1921, when the Supreme Hierophant of the Hermetic Fraternity and Rosicrucian Order, as well as *THE SECRET CHIEF OF THE O. T. O.* and the Oriental Pansophius *GRANTED A CHARTER TO ME AND TO A. M. O. R. C.*, and which charter has been photographed and reproduced, acknowledged and endorsed in a number of international conventions of Rosicrucians and other esoteric orders in Europe, that document signed and sealed in Basle, Switzerland, contained in its border among the many other official seals the very seal which you now claim is strictly the exclusive property of your organization. And in the constitutional rules and regulations sent to me and in the correspondence sent to me along with that charter, and in a printed magazine issued by the Supreme Hierophant in Germany, Austria, and other countries in the year 1921, the term Pansophia is referred to as a division of the Rosicrucian studies and work and not as a separate school or a separate organization." (*See fac-simile Reproduction No. 32.*)

HIS CHARTER AND SOURCE OF AUTHORITY FROM O. T. O.

There is no longer any question or doubt about it. Mr. Lewis tells us, in no uncertain terms, that *THE SECRET CHIEF OF THE O. T. O.* granted to him (Lewis) and to A. M. O. R. C. the charter of 1921, being his Important Document No. 4 (our *Reproduction No. 20*). It also appears that he *relies upon this charter* as the source of his alleged *Hermetic and Rosicrucian authority*, as well

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as for his O. T. O. authority. We follow Mr. Lewis with intense and profound interest to page 3 of the same letter, where he tells us:

Lewis duly acknowledges and consults the "Secret Chief of O. T. O."

"... I shall send a copy of your letter and a copy of this reply to the present SECRET CHIEF OR HIEROPHANT OF THE O. T. O. and the *Hermetic Brotherhood and Rosicrucian Fraternity* in Europe and ask that I be given some information regarding the history of the seal in question, and perhaps some day I may be able to enlighten you upon its origin and its genuine authority." (*See fac-simile Reproduction No. 32*).

THE SECRET CHIEF OR HIEROPHANT OF THE O. T. O. AND THE HERMETIC BROTHERHOOD AND ROSICRUCIAN FRATERNITY

Astounding, presumptuous and arrogant as it is for Aleister Crowley, the notorious Black Magician, to claim authority from or to assert authority over organizations of *White Magic*, such as the *Hermetic Brotherhood* and/or the *Rosicrucian Fraternity*, it is nevertheless very interesting and most important to us—for Mr. Lewis *to make known*—TO ADMIT, that Aleister Crowley is the Secret Chief or Hierophant of the particular alleged and spurious Hermetic body, and is the Secret Chief or Hierophant of the particular, alleged and spurious Rosicrucian body from which he (Lewis) and his organization (A. M. O. R. C.) received their alleged and spurious Hermetic and/or Rosicrucian authority.

THE ENIGMA OF "IMPERATOR" LEWIS' ALLEGED ROSICRUCIAN AUTHORITY IS SOLVED. THE TRUE SOURCE AND NATURE OF HIS ACTUAL AUTHORITY IS KNOWN

Since the year 1915, when Mr. Lewis first became active with his fabricated and spurious Rosicrucian organization, for which organization he then and there fabricated and plagiarized a Rosicrucian name, viz.: *The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis*—A. M. O. R. C.—with the willful intent to deceive and to mislead the public and sincere seekers of the *Rosy Cross* into the false belief that A. M. O. R. C. was a genuine and authentic Rosicrucian organization; he has, in fact, actually and literally deceived, misled and defrauded thousands of well-meaning and sincere seekers of

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the Upward Path and the Rosy Cross.

HAS MADE MANY CONFLICTING CLAIMS
AS TO HIS AUTHORITY

Since that time and during the intervening years, Mr. Lewis has from time to time made many different and widely varying inconsistent and conflicting claims as to the *nature* and the *source* of his alleged, pretended and spurious Rosicrucian authority and, likewise, as to the *nature* and the *source* of his teachings of the A. M. O. R. C. lessons.

WE HAVE THE PROOF OF THE ABOVE
STATEMENT

We have collected and could set forth in deadly parallels and juxtaposition the numerous different and conflicting published statements of Mr. Lewis, as above mentioned, to the astonishment and for the amusement of those who do not fully and truly know the real Emperor of A. M. O. R. C., if space would permit. However, it would be useless, as well as a waste of space, time and effort to do so, in view of the proof herein presented, fully and completely corroborated and affirmed by Mr. Lewis' *declaration* and *confession* as to the actual origin, the true nature and the real source of authority.

NOW THE WHOLE TRUTH BECOMES KNOWN
None Need Be Deceived

By the documentary evidence herein presented, fully corroborated and positively affirmed by the written *declaration*, *confession* and *admission* of Mr. Lewis contained and set forth in his letter to M. Carl (*fac-simile Reproduction No. 32*), it is absolutely proven—established to a certainty and demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt—that Mr. Lewis, the Emperor of A. M. O. R. C., never had and does not now possess *any* authentic Rosicrucian authority; that the only alleged, pretended, false, illegitimate and so-called Rosicrucian authority which he has or ever has had was granted to and conferred upon him by Aleister Crowley, the notoriously Black Secret Chief, fabricator and founder of the equally notorious Black Cult of the O. T. O., who, himself in his own right, had and could confer *no real or genuine Rosicrucian authority*, and

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that the only authority which Mr. Lewis has or ever has had, authorizing his A. M. O. R. C. activities, is the authority of the corrupt, immoral, pernicious and vicious O. T. O.—ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS—conferred upon him by his *Secret Chief*, ALEISTER CROWLEY, the most notorious and the most despised Black Magician of this age. Therefore, it follows, as the night follows the day, that A. M. O. R. C. is not a *Rose Cross Order*. Indeed, it is not *Rosicrucian* in any sense or in any of the varied degrees of the true significance of that sublime and august *Name*.

LIMITED SPACE PREVENTS PRESENTATION OF ALL THE PROOF

We regret that the limited space of this brochure does not permit us here and now to make full and complete proof of all the facts, to demonstrate to an absolute certainty that Mr. Lewis has pilfered, plagiarized, filched, taken, lifted and copied much of the so-called *secret* teachings of A. M. O. R. C.—many of his lessons and lectures from published books; they are not secret at all; that he has made, manufactured and fabricated other teachings, lessons, lectures and rituals of A. M. O. R. C.—they are a synthetic compound of many things from many sources, containing a few wise things, most of them otherwise—and that none of the lessons, lectures, rituals or teachings of A. M. O. R. C. are, in any sense or in any way, Rosicrucian secret teachings. In truth and in fact they are not from Rosicrucian sources. However, sufficient has been shown of the pilfering charlatanism of the Imperator of A. M. O. R. C. to put all prudent persons on notice; to advise all sincere seekers of the Rosy Cross or Secret Schools of White Magic to *beware*, and to cause all members of A. M. O. R. C. to investigate—fully investigate—that they may not be further deceived or longer misled by the cunning duplicity, the subtle guile, the insidious sophistry, the crafty artifice, the quibbling mockery, the double-dealing treachery and the fraudulent imposition of their Imperator.

IT MUST BE CONCLUDED THAT A. M. O. R. C. TEACHINGS ARE NOT ROSICRUCIAN TEACHINGS

If perchance you are an overzealous follower of Mr. Lewis and idolize your Imperator; if you are under the magic spell of the

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black art of his deception and cannot throw it off; if you are so blinded by prejudice that you cannot and will not see the *truth* when presented; if you still believe, in spite of the *proof* herein presented, showing that your Emperor copied many of your lessons and much of your *secret* teachings from published books not Rosicrucian at all; if you still believe that your teachings are the authentic Rosicrucian teachings and that your Emperor has made you a Rosicrucian, then you are beyond the pale of salvation, and there is no help for you.

However, even though you are a member of A. M. O. R. C., if you are reasonable, notwithstanding any doubt you may have as to the sufficiency of the proof we have presented to show that the A. M. O. R. C. lessons were copied and pilfered from books, you must conclude as a matter of reason, as a matter of simple logic and common sense, that the teachings and lessons given by Mr. Lewis are not—cannot be—genuine teachings of the Rosicrucians, the teachings of holy White Magic. Because Mr. Lewis is a follower of Crowley, the Black Magician, *a member of the O. T. O., and holds a charter issued out of O. T. O.,* under and by authority of BAPHOMET, *his Secret Chief.* Now, since Black Magicians do not and will not teach White Magic, it must be concluded that the teachings of the Emperor of A. M. O. R. C. are not and cannot be the White Magic teachings—the holy doctrines of the Rosy Cross.

WE SUBMIT THE RECORDS

In the sacred names of all *esoteric* Societies, Orders and Fraternities of the White Brotherhood that teach the higher aspect of the law; on behalf of the exoteric Church and all allied institutions that point to the Cross on Calvary and fight with might and main the perfidious doctrines of the Anti-Christ; on behalf of all who believe in moral rectitude, common decency and Christian ethics, and for the protection of society and the general welfare of mankind, we submit the record, that all may be advised and act accordingly.

MEMBERS OF A. M. O. R. C., YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
IS GREAT. WILL YOU RISE TO THE NECESSITIES
OF THE OCCASION?

Members of A. M. O. R. C., even though you have been imposed upon, deceived and defrauded; although you have done so

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innocently and unwittingly, yet nevertheless you have supported, encouraged and aided your Emperor in his pilfering, plagiarizing charlatanism, you have silently acquiesced in his conducting the affairs of your order since 1921 under the authority of a charter from the O. T. O., issued by or under the direction of BAPHOMET, the ANTI-CHRIST. You are now informed by *your Emperor*, by his bold declaration and *written confession*, contained in his letter to M. Carl herein made public and available to you, advising you that the *Secret Chief* of your *Emperor* is none other than Aleister Crowley, founder of the ill-famed O. T. O., the notorious *Black Magician*—BAPHOMET—THE ANTI-CHRIST. You have been advised by your Emperor in thousands of advertisements, broadcast throughout the land, that yours is no longer a Christian order or a religious organization; that A. M. O. R. C. is *anti-religious*—therefore, ANTI-CHRIST. The intention, the purpose, the objective of your Emperor to convert your order into an ANTI-CHRIST organization, to openly, boldly place it under the Black Flag of O. T. O. under the jurisdiction of BAPHOMET, the ANTI-CHRIST, and within the unholy and detestable realms of Black Magic, must be apparent to you beyond the twilight of all conjecture.

MEMBERS OF A. M. O. R. C., will you stand idly by and permit this to be done? Or will you, in your indignation, rise in your might, drive the money-changers from your temple and, for the good of society, for the benefit of your fellow-men, for the salvation of your souls—in the name of common decency, will you not deal the death blow to this insidious, this vicious scheme and plan of your Emperor? Will you not make it impossible for Black Magic to exist in this Christian land? Will you not make America safe for White Magic?

The record is before you—the verdict is yours—so, also, *the responsibility*.

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THE MYSTERIOUS WORLD WITHIN YOU

Those strange feelings of intuition and premonition are the urges of your inner self. Within you there is a world of unlimited power. This dynamic, strange, mental force is secreted in the recesses of your mind. Its astonishing helpfulness you sense by an occasional hunch or inspiration. Learn to properly direct and control it and you can do the **RIGHT THING** at the **RIGHT TIME**, and master your life.

THIS FREE SEALED BOOK

The Rosicrucians, an age-old brotherhood (not a religion), have shown thousands of men and women how to bring happiness and achievement into their lives by the use of these little-understood powers of self. They invite you to write today for the sealed gift book that tells how you may obtain these startling teachings for study and use in your daily affairs.

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ROSIKRUCIAN BROTHERHOOD

SAN JOSE CALIFORNIA

Remember—The Rosicrucian Order is **NOT** a Religious Organization



This advertisement is reproduced from the SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN (May, 1935). This same advertisement is being and recently has been published in hundreds of papers and magazines. In this manner he has broadcast his propaganda throughout the width and breadth of the land that his A. M. O. R. C.—his spurious Rosicrucian Order (*not the real Rosicrucian Order*)—is not a religious organization—not a Christian order—that it is Anti-Christ. This is preparatory propaganda for the conversion of A. M. O. R. C. into a Black Cult of the O. T. O.

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ORDER OF ORIENTAL TEMPLARS

MYSTERIA MYSTICA MAXIMA

PREAMBLE

DURING the last twenty-five years, constantly increasing numbers of earnest people and seekers after truth have been turning their attention to the study of the hidden laws of Nature.

The growth of interest in these matters has been simply marvellous. Numberless societies, associations, orders, groups, etc., etc., have been founded in all parts of the civilized world, all and each following some line of occult study.

While all these newly organized associations do some good in preparing the minds of thoughtful people for their eventually becoming genuine disciples of the One Truth, yet there is but ONE ancient organization of Mystics which shows to the student a Royal Road to discover the One Truth. This organization has permitted the formation of the body known as the "ANCIENT ORDER OF ORIENTAL TEMPLARS." It is a modern School of Magi. Like the ancient Schools of Magi it derived its knowledge from Egypt and Chaldea. This knowledge is never revealed to
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Reproduction of a full page from THE EQUINOX, issued in 1911. THE EQUINOX was started in 1909 by Aleister Crowley as the official organ of his various activities. The ANCIENT ORDER OF ORIENTAL TEMPLARS was organized by Crowley at that time, 1911. This order is also known as the *Ordo Templi Orientis*, or by the abbreviation O. T. O. Compare with the Lewis "Important Document No. 4." (Reproduction No. 20. See also 20A.)

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The names of women members are never divulged.

It is not lawful here to disclose the name of any living chief.

It was Karl Keilner who revived the exoteric organization of the O.T.O. and initiated the plan now happily complete of bringing all occult bodies again under one governance.

The letters O.T.O. represent the words Ordo Templi Orientis (Order of the Temple of the Orient, or Oriental Templars), but they have also a secret meaning for initiates.

3. The Order is international, and has existing branches in every civilized country of the world.

4. The aims of the O.T.O. can only be understood fully by its highest initiates; but it may be said openly that it teaches Hermetic Science or Occult Knowledge, the Pure and Holy Magick of Light, the Secrets of Mystic attainment, Yoga of all forms, Gnana Yoga, Raja Yoga, Bhakta Yoga and Hatha Yoga, and all other branches of the secret Wisdom of the Ancients.

In its bosom repose the Great Mysteries; its brain has resolved all the problems of philosophy and of life.

It possesses the secret of the Stone of the Wise, of the Elixir of Immortality, and of the Universal Medicine.

Moreover, it possesses a Secret capable of realizing the world-old dream of the Brotherhood of Man.

It also possesses in every important centre of population a hidden Retreat (*Collegium ad Spiritum Sanctum*) where members may conceal themselves in order to pursue the Great Work without hindrance.

Page 200 of THE EQUINOX. Note that in this *Constitution of the Ancient Order Oriental Templars* the various different names are given, such as O. T. O. and *Ordo Templi Orientis*. Compare this with Lewis' "Important Document No. 4." (*Reproduction No. 20*.) Note also reference to the retreat: *Collegium ad Spiritum Sanctum*, and compare with Lewis' letterhead (*Reproduction No. 21*).

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MANIFESTO OF THE O.T.O.

These houses are secret fortresses of Truth, Light, Power and Love, and their position is only disclosed under an oath of secrecy to those entitled to make use of them.

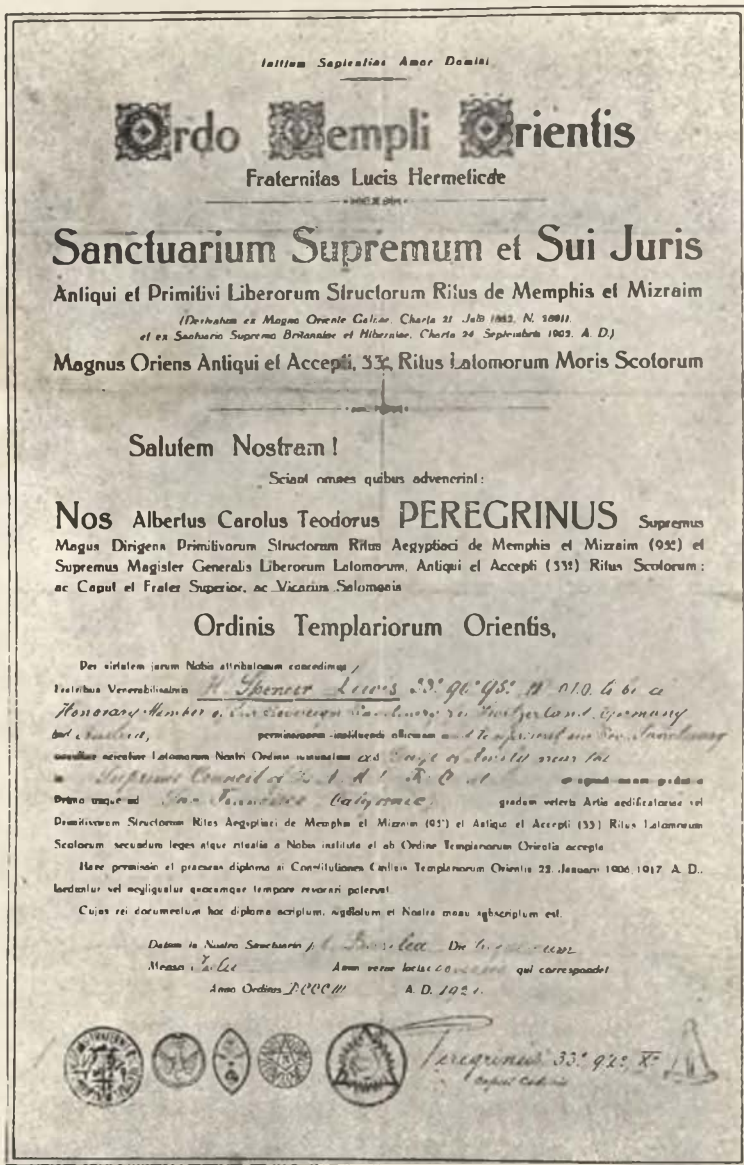
They are also temples of true worship, specially consecrated by Nature to bring out of a man all that is best in him.

5. The authority of the O.T.O. is concentrated in the O.H.O. (Outer Head of the Order), or Frater Superior. The name of the person occupying this office is never disclosed except to his immediate representatives.

6. The Authority of the O.H.O. in all English-speaking countries is delegated by charter to the Most Holy, Most Illustrious, Most Illuminated, and Most Puissant Baphomet X° Rex Summus Sanctissimus 33°, 90°, 96°, Past Grand Master of the United States of America, Grand Master of Ireland, Iona, and All the Britains, Grand Master of the Knights of the Holy Ghost, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Order of the Temple, Most Wise Sovereign of the Order of the Rosy Cross, Grand Zerubbabel of the Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Enoch, etc. etc. etc., National Grand Master General *ad vitam* of the O.T.O.

Page 201 of *THE EQUINOX*. Compare Article VI of this Constitution of the O. T. O. with Lewis' statements in Reproduction No. 20A, which appeared in *THE ROSICRUCIAN DIGEST*, November, 1933, accompanying illustration of "*Important Document No. 1*," granted to H. Spencer Lewis (*Reproduction No. 20*). Note the many and various titles and degrees of Crowley. Compare with Lewis' titles and degrees. Observe that he claims to be a *Sovereign of the Order of the Rosy Cross*. Is this the source of Lewis' much self-discussed Rosicrucian authority? From CROWLEY, THE BLACK MAGICIAN, THE ANTI-CHRIST.

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IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENTS, No. 4

This is the charter which Mr. Lewis says the Secret Chief of O. T. O. granted to him and to A. M. O. R. C. (See his letter, *Reproduction No. 32*). Compare with Crowley's O. T. O. announcements (*Reproductions Nos. 19 and 19A*). Note and remember the seals, especially the third seal from left, the O. T. O. seal. See also Lewis' description of this document (*Reproduction No. 20A*).

Peregrinus Joas Theodor Reuss!

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IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENTS, No. 4

The above is a photograph of a large document engraved at Lucerne, Switzerland, on heavy parchment paper and issued by the Supreme Magus and Frater Superior of the ancient Rosicrucian Order for Switzerland and Germany and dated in the ancient Rosicrucian Sovereign Sanctuary at Basle, Switzerland, in the name of the ancient order of mystery temples of the Orient and in the name of the Ancient and Primitive Oriental and Mystery Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, Egypt. The Sovereign Sanctuary of Switzerland and Germany, a continually operating Rosicrucian center of Europe, confers upon H. Spencer Lewis, Imperator of the Rosicrucian Order of America, the 33, 90, and 95 degrees of the Egyptian Mystery Rites of Memphis and Mizraim and the 7th or last degree of the Chivalric Order of Oriental Templars, and appoints him as an honorary member of the Sovereign Sanctuaries of Switzerland, Germany, and Austria and the Supreme Council of AMCROC in California as a "page of amity." It is dated Basle, July, 1921, and contains many Rosicrucian seals and emblems, some of which are not clear or distinct in the above photograph. This charter is the only one of its kind ever issued for North America and includes certain powers, authorities, and privileges which have not yet been exercised by the Imperator of AMCROC in North America.

Reproduced from THE ROSICRUCIAN DIGEST, November, 1933

Being Mr. Lewis' description of his Crowley charter from O. T. O. appearing beneath the *fac-simile* of the charter or document which he published in November DIGEST, 1933 (*Reproduction No. 20*). This is his second description of this document. The first, which we have quoted, appeared in THE TRIANGLE, No. 6, page 1, September 29, 1921. After giving different descriptions and some misleading descriptions of this document, he now tells us that it is a CHARTER that the Secret Chief of the O. T. O. granted to him and A. M. O. R. C. in 1921 (see his letter, *Reproduction No. 32*). Thus, by his *admission* and *confession*, does he connect himself and A. M. O. R. C. with Crowley, notorious Black Magician, and his O. T. O., a despised Black Cult of the Black Brotherhood (see also *Reproductions Nos. 19 and 19A*).

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INTERNATIONAL PIANO STUDIO, 687

(Collegium ad Spiritum Sanctum, F. R. C.)

Grand College of Rites

Supreme Council

ANTIQUE ARCANAE ORDINIS ROSAE CRUCIS

Valley of North America

A M O R C TEMPLE, Redwood Park, San Jose, California

Greetings:

Know all men that I, H. Spencer Lewis, Emperor of the Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis of North America, and Bishop of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross incorporated in the State of California, do hereby make, appoint, constitute and ordain E. E. Thomas a priest of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross, with power and full authority to perform such ecclesiastical ceremonies and other offices pertaining to a duly qualified priest of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross.

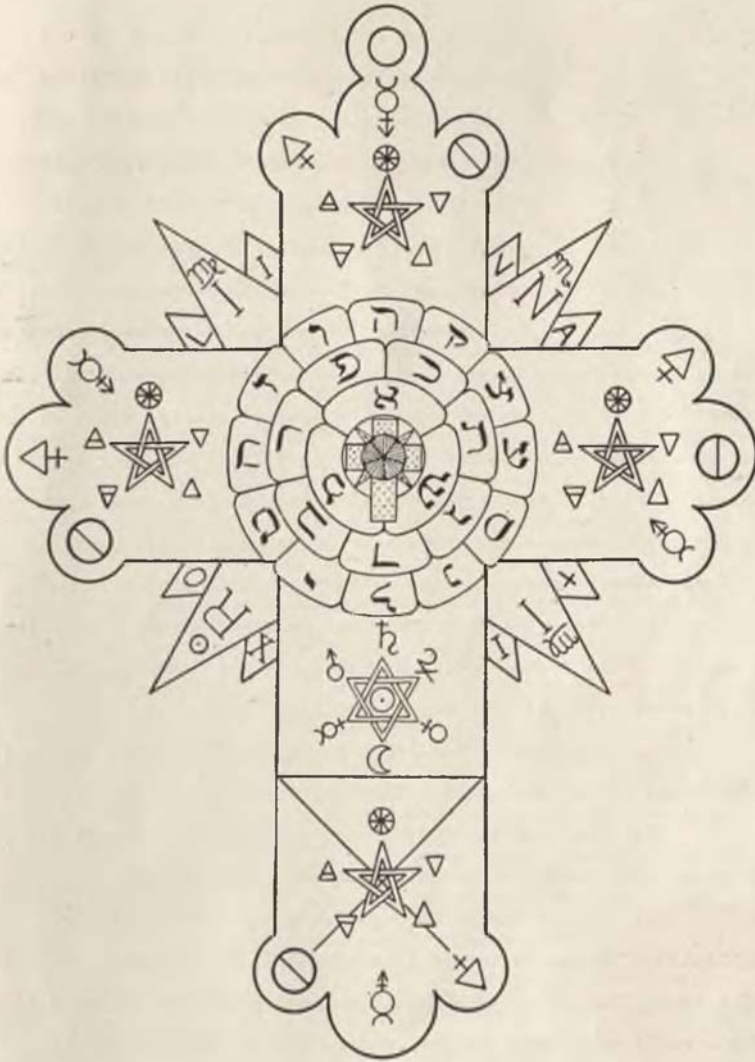
Witnessed by my hand this day of our Lord, October 6th 1928 in the sanctum of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross, San Jose, California.

H. Spencer Lewis



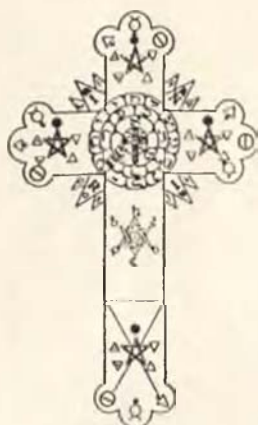
This reproduction contains much meat—*too much*. Under Crowley's *hidden retreat* (see *Reproduction No. 19*), *Collegium ad Spiritum Sanctum*, the Emperor of A. M. O. R. C., working under an O. T. O. charter and as a Bishop who recognizes Crowley, the notorious *Baphomet*, the ANTI-CHRIST, as his *Secret Chief*, ordains a Priest of the Pristine Church of the *Crowley Black Cross*—mis-called Rose Cross (see *Reproduction No. 22*).

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THE CROWLEY BLACK CROSS, reproduced from THE EQUINOX of March, 1910. It is the *Grand Symbol of all his Black Magic activities*. Mr. Lewis attempted to file this same Crowley Black Cross in Pennsylvania as the emblem or insignia of A. M. O. R. C. (see *Reproductions Nos. 24 and 24A*). He also uses it in connection with his A. M. O. R. C. activities (see *Reproduction No. 25*).

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 24



R COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

with the requirements of an Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled, "An Act for the registration and protection of the names, emblems, decorations, charms, emblems, rosettes, associations, lodges, orders, fraternal societies or fraternal and beneficial societies, military or veterans organizations, or any other society, organization or association, degree, branch, subordinate lodge or auxiliary thereof to prohibit the wearing, exhibition, display or use of the same by any person not entitled to wear, exhibit, display or use the same and fixing a penalty for the violation of this Act", approved the 5th day of May, A. D. 1927, the undersigned lodge, the principles and activities of which are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States of this Commonwealth, desiring to register an emblem in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, for the purposes provided for in said Act, does hereby certify:

1. The name of the lodge so registering is The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis.

2. Its address, location or place of business is 223 Dan Drive, Mt. Lebanon Station, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

3. The emblem to be registered, two facsimiles of which accompany this application, consists of a rose and a cross design and consists of a large cross containing designs with a small rosy cross in the center of the larger cross with various designs encircled about it. In each arm of the cross is a triangle design with various other designs and lettering of ancient historical origin.

An attempt to legally register Crowley's Black Cross as the emblem of A. M. O. E. C. (Application concluded in *Reproduction No. 24A*.)

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THE SUPREME GRAND LODGE OF THE
ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER ROSAE
CRUCIS.

By H. Spencer Lewis
President

By R. M. Lewis
Secretary

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, } ss.

Personally appeared before me, this 14th day of April, 1934, RALPH M. LEWIS, who, being duly sworn, or affirmed, according to law, deposes and says that he is secretary of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis and that the statements contained in the foregoing instrument are true; that the lodge so filing such emblem has a right to wear, exhibit, display or use the same for its benefit and on behalf of all associations, degrees, branches, subordinate lodges and auxiliaries of said lodge and the individual members and those hereafter to become members thereof throughout this Commonwealth, and that no other association, lodge, order, society, organization, union, foundation, federation, degree, branch, subordinate lodge or auxiliary thereof nor the individual members thereof has a right to wear, exhibit, display or use the same either in the identical form or in any such near resemblance thereto as may be calculated to deceive.

R. M. Lewis

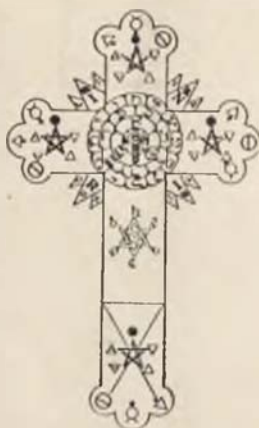
Subscribed and sworn to before me, the day and year aforesaid.

W. C. Lovell
Notary Public in and for the County
of Santa Clara, State of California
My Commission expires Dec. 30, 1937

H. Spencer Lewis, president, signs the application, and Ralph M. Lewis, secretary, swears that the Crowley Black Cross is an emblem of A. M. O. R. C. and that it has the right to use it.

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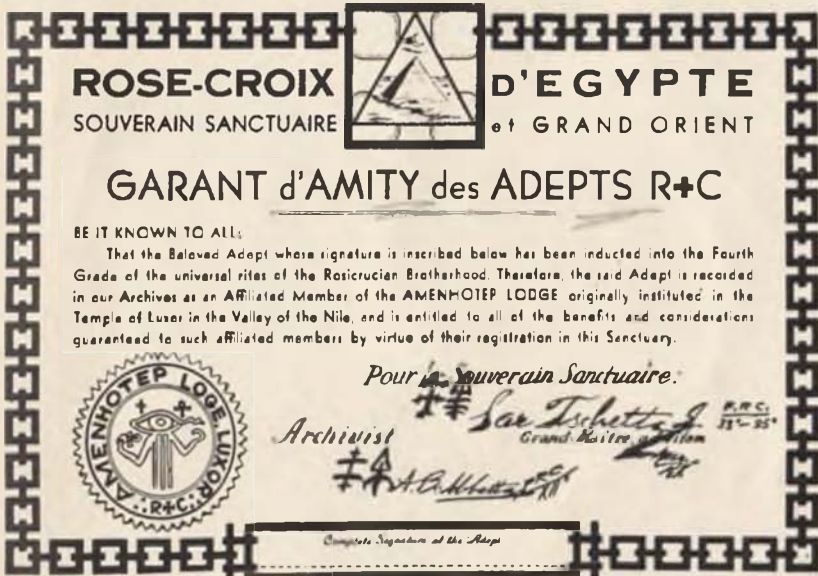
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Reproduction of the insignia from the inside cover of the TREASURE CHEST MESSAGE used by Mr. Lewis in his campaign for special students and special contributions among the fourth degree members of A. M. O. R. C. It is the Crowley Black Cross, a grand insignia of the Black Cult of the O. T. O. and all of Crowley's Black Magic activities.

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Reproduction of the certificate from the back cover of THE TREASURE CHEST MESSAGE. Note particularly that it is signed under the SEAL OF HAFHOMET (see *Reproduction No. 31*, Crowley's signature on his picture) by a GRAND MASTER *ad Vitam*, 33°-95°, showing direct connection with Crowley's Black Magic activities.

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Love is the law, love under will.

The word of the law is

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country and other countries.

I do not know how closely the seal to which you refer resembles the one you claim belongs to the Collegium Pansophicum, for I have not taken the pains to hunt up any of your records, correspondence, or documents to make any comparison between this seal and the one you claim belongs to your organization and which may appear on some of your literature.

However, I do want to call your attention to the fact that in 1921 when the Supreme Hierophant of the Hermetic Fraternity and Rosicrucian Order as well as the secret chief of the O.T.O. and the Oriental Pansophius granted a charter to me and to AMORC, and which charter has been photographed and reproduced, acknowledged, and indorsed in a number of international conventions of Rosicrucians and other esoteric orders in Europe, that document, signed and sealed in Basle, Switzerland, contained in its border among the many other official seals, the very seal which you now claim is strictly the exclusive property of your organization. And in the constitutional rules and regulations sent to me and in the correspondence sent to me along with that charter, and in a printed magazine issued by the Supreme Hierophant in Germany, Austria, and other countries in the year 1921, the term Pansophia is referred to as a division of the Rosicrucian studies and work and not as a separate school or a separate organization.

I shall send a copy of your letter and a copy of this reply to the present Secret Chief or Hierophant of the O.T.O. and Hermetic Brotherhood and Rosicrucian Fraternity in Europe and ask that I be given some information regarding the history of the seal in question and perhaps some day I may be able to enlighten you upon its origin and its genuine authority.

I trust you realize that your intimation that the Rosicrucian Brotherhood has "copied" the seal of your organization is an error of judgment on your part and that our organization is not attempting to mislead anyone in any way in regard to these matters, especially since no reference is made to Pansophia as a school or system of study in any literature issued by us or any part of the Rosicrucian organization throughout the world in recent years.

If we have made any error in connection with Pansophia at all, the error was made in placing our faith in the claims made by Mr. Tranker for his newly formed Pansophia Society, and in our enthusiastic expression of good-will in offering to assist him in getting his organization started in Germany. It was unfortunate indeed that we published any statement regarding his organization and put ourselves on record as having indorsed his original plans, which, by the way, have not been carried out but have been turned and modified to our disadvantage.

Yours sincerely,

Spencer Lewis
IMPERATOR

HSL:DD

The Confession of the Emperor of A. M. O. R. C.

Reproduction of parts of pages 2 and 3 of Lewis' letter to M. Carl. Here is Lewis' confession that he is operating A. M. O. R. C. under a CHARTER FROM THE O. T. O. and that CROWLEY is his SECRET CHIEF—the last link in the chain of the absolute and positive proof of our charges.

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Lewis is operating the A. M. O. R. C.-CATHEDRAL OF THE SOUL under the seal and insignia of the Black Cult of the O. T. O. and the insidious Crowley vibrations of Liber 777. Note the O. T. O. insignia and seal. (See *Reproductions Nos. 20-27 and 28*. Compare carefully. Convince yourself.)

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APPENDIX

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The Foundation was instituted several years ago as a special research and investigating body of the August Fraternity. Its function is to make careful research into the history of the Brotherhood, to collect and make a compendium of all Rosicrucian authorities and to compile and index all Rose Cross literature, authentic and unauthentic, for ready reference and instant use. Among its other functions and uses, it performs the important work of making full investigation into the claims of all persons and organizations using Rosicrucian names and appellations and claiming or asserting Rosicrucian authority. The collection of the documentary evidence produced in this brochure and the research in connection therewith was the work of The Rosicrucian Foundation.

USE OF NAME IS LEGALLY RESERVED TO THE AUTHENTIC FRATERNITY

The name has been fully protected and its exclusive use reserved to the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity by registration according to law in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, January 16, 1935; in the office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, October 29, 1934, and in the office of the Secretary of the State of California, March 20, 1935. Its insignia were registered in the United States Patent Office on August 28, 1934.

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AN ATTEMPT TO UNLAWFULLY USE THE NAME OF SAID INTERNATIONAL BODY

In his official organ, the *Rosicrucian Digest*, November, 1934, beginning on page 375, Mr. Lewis gives an account of the organization of an international body of "Initiates" on August 14, 1934, and describes its first conclave and the organization of the Confederation at that time.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN

Mr. Lewis and his foreign associates have wrongfully and illegally attempted to use the name of our international body, *La Federation Universelle des Orderes, Societes et Fraternities des Initiates*, or a name deceptively similar, as the name of their newly formed (if formed) international body or federation. Public notice is hereby given to Mr. Lewis, his Secret Chief, Crowley, and their associates and henchmen, that they have no right to use said name or title in connection with their Black Magic activities.

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The further registration of the name as an insignia with the Librarian of Congress, Copyright Office, on July 23, 1929.

ANOTHER EXPOSE OF LEWIS

EDITOR'S NOTE: When this *Brochure* was ready for the press, there came to our notice an *Exposé* of Mr. Lewis, his methods and how he has managed the financial affairs of AMORC by A. LEON BATCHELOR, the recent Grand Treasurer, which has been published and extensively circulated in the Pacific coast states.

Mr. Batchelor asserts that Mr. Lewis demanded and forced his resignation as Grand Treasurer because he refused to commit *perjury*, at Lewis' request, in his behalf and upon his demand in a certain action or suit in equity now pending in the United States District Court at San Francisco, wherein certain members of AMORC are suing Lewis *et al.* for an accounting of and for the alleged misappropriation of certain AMORC funds alleged to have been appropriated to his own use and the private use of his family.

AMORC A LEWIS FAMILY AFFAIR

Mr. Batchelor, who should know by reason of his services as Grand Treasurer, having been on the inside of the Grand Lodge and entirely familiar with all the facts, declares that AMORC is run and directed exclusively by the Lewis family as a private family enterprise; that nothing has been left to the members, except the privilege of paying their dues; that the so-called *Supreme Council* of AMORC consists of H. Spencer Lewis, his wife Martha, his son Ralph and his son's wife, Gladys Lewis; that Lewis, the Imperator, has made it an offense for members to criticize him, and when a large number of members complained and asked for an investigation of the affairs of the order, he used the funds of the order to hire *thugs* and *strong-armed* men to threaten, intimidate and coerce them. We are, also, aware that Lewis has been and is using the funds of AMORC to hire *character assassins* to conduct scandalous "*whispering campaigns*" against all who oppose or expose him. He has employed those insidious methods and other equally disreputable and roguish tactics against us. However, he has not cast his spell of fear upon us and *shall not deter* us in our determined course to expose his scandalous methods and to protect

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the innocent and uninformed against the siren calls of his bewitching deceit and ensnaring artifice.

SUPREME INTRIGUE AND PLOTS OF SUPREME OFFICERS OF AMORC

Mr. Batchelor informs the world that, for two years, the Supreme Headquarters of AMORC at San Jose, California, have been a hotbed of intrigue, plotting, dissensions, intimidations and even personal physical violence; that although Lewis' letters and his AMORC literature abound with "*Peace Profound*," yet, as a matter of fact, all that is left of "*Peace Profound*" is on paper; that he and his son Ralph are constantly *at war* and at times do not speak to each other for days or weeks, the chief bone of contention being which of them—the Emperor, the *father*, or the Grand Secretary, the *son*—has the most effective or subtle plan to fleece the members and to hoodwink the public.

AMORC NOT A FRATERNAL ORDER—BEING COMMERCIAL, MUST PAY INCOME TAXES

Mr. Batchelor furnishes the interesting and important information that members of AMORC have never been given a statement as to income and expenditures. Only meager generalities have been given, which, he says, were designedly misleading and in some instances deliberately false; that Lewis and his family have stolen the order (AMORC) lock, stock and barrel; that they have systematically looted the treasury for their own benefits, sometimes through questionable transactions and jugglery of the records and sometimes without that ceremony; that after each convention Lewis has repeatedly made and published the false statement to members that a committee of the members had inspected and audited the books of accounts; whereas, as a matter of fact, the books have never been audited, according to the statement of the former Grand Treasurer, except on *two* occasions: one made in the above-mentioned action in the Federal Court at San Francisco, the other by the United States Internal Revenue Department, as the result of which AMORC lost its status as a tax-exempt fraternal order and is now required to pay federal income taxes and is liable for large amounts of unpaid delinquent income taxes and heavy penalties.

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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS A RUSE— INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL A MYTH

The Emperor of AMORC has wasted much printers' ink in publishing accounts of his attendance at so-called *Rosicrucian International Conventions*, supposed to have been held in Europe. These conventions and his much-heralded and often-referred-to "*International R. C. Council*," of which he claims to be a member and AMORC a part thereof, has been the subject of much false propaganda. We have long known and heretofore have published the facts, to wit: that Lewis' so-called International Conventions were never held and that his "*International R. C. Council*" was a myth—a fiction pure and simple. We now have conclusive corroborative proof of these facts from a former Grand Officer—the Grand Treasurer of AMORC—who declares that Lewis and his family for several years have taken trips to Europe with the funds of AMORC, falsely telling the members they had attended Rosicrucian Conventions; that there have been no such conventions and that there is no such thing as "*International Council*." We suggest that perhaps he used the funds of AMORC to go to confer with Crowley, the Black Magician and his Secret Chief, as well as to give himself and family splendid trips and vacations at the expense of the members.

AMORC DYING FOR LACK OF SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

He says that while Lewis loudly proclaims that AMORC is the largest occult organization, yet he has never informed the members of the number of its members; that were it not for his expenditure of about \$50,000 a year of AMORC funds in undignified, un-Rosicrucian advertising and flamboyant ballyhoo, AMORC, under Lewis' domination and methods, would have died long ago for lack of spiritual nourishment. He laments that it is a sad reflection on AMORC that about four hundred members drop out each month; that about an equal number each month are caught in the meshes of Lewis' untruthful and unethical advertising, soon to drop by the wayside, and their places to be taken by new victims.

A SAMPLE OF LEWISTONIAN TRICKERY

Mr. Batchelor relates that a fair sample of Lewis' chronic tend-

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ency to cheap trickery and plausible falsehood is found in his published accounts of the "sealed masonry" columns in the Temple Room. To impress the members and the public with the "*magnificence*" of the Temple, he has stated boldly and falsely that the columns are of solid masonry and the tops are covered with "22-karat gold," whereas that was the trade name of the paint used, which was mixed with banana oil, and there is no solid masonry in the building.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS NOT ROSICRUCIAN

Reference is made in said *Exposé* to the publication by Lewis in his official organ, *THE DIGEST*, of a series of fac-similes of documents which he has entitled "Important Rosicrucian Documents," one being reproduced herein (*see our fac-simile Reproduction No. 20*). Mr. Batchelor says that not one of them is a document emanating from Rosicrucians, nor can any of them, by any stretch of the imagination, be termed Rosicrucian documents; that Lewis' published accounts of their meaning is worthless and that the very contents of said documents betray his trickery.

AMORC HAS LARGE INCOME—IS A PAYING ENTERPRISE FOR LEWIS FAMILY

The ex-Grand Treasurer reveals that Lewis spent a large sum of AMORC funds to build what he advertised to be a Museum, which is of no possible utility to the order, and has no relation to the work of the order, merely as another means and opportunity for advertising ballyhoo; that he falsely represents it to contain "*rare and ancient relics*," which are the subject of jest and the contempt of curators of museums. He claims that Lewis has constantly importuned the members for this and that purpose, called for contributions for various purposes, but the money was not applied to such purposes, and he takes Lewis to task for not telling the members that AMORC has real and personal property valued at about a half million dollars, nearly \$400,000 in cash in bank and an annual income of about \$350,000.

BUILT THEIR HOMES AND PAID THEIR HOUSE-HOLD EXPENSES WITH AMORC FUNDS

Mr. Batchelor charges that Lewis and his son Ralph built their

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homes with funds of the order and repeatedly drew checks on the bank account of the order to pay their household bills; that Ralph Lewis does not have a bank account, and his personal automobile was paid for with funds of the order; that when these items drawn on the order's account accumulated on the books, Lewis and his son voted themselves increases in salary, making them retroactive to cover, in some measure, those peculations. That to secure additional funds for their use, they advised members to buy certain books by which they personally profited. That they secure new members by exaggerated advertising, against the rules of the order, took the money and issued membership to anyone who sent in the \$5 initiation fee and reduced the level of the order to that of a commercial correspondence school with much ballyhoo and falsehood. And that Lewis has not only robbed the members of their material substance, but that he has cruelly exploited their hopes, aspirations, love and devotion to an ideal.

EX-GRAND TREASURER CAN PROVE CHARGES

In summing up, the recent former *Grand Treasurer* of AMORC states that he is prepared to prove that Lewis, the Imperator of AMORC, and his son Ralph, the Grand Secretary of AMORC, are *guilty* of falsehood, fraud, misappropriation of funds and property of the order, obtaining money under false pretenses, systematic misleading and deception of members, utter absence of Rosicrucian standards or of any standards of honesty at headquarters, converting the order into low commercialism and plain racketeering. He further says that due entirely to the Lewis methods of conducting the affairs of AMORC, it is held in *contempt* and looked upon as a *fraud*, and that in San Jose, California, where the activities of the order are centered and Lewis is well known, he is looked upon with suspicion, considered a clever grafter, a *pious racketeer* and a MONUMENTAL HUMBUG.

THE PROOF OF THE LEWIS BLACK MAGIC ACTIVITIES ACCUMULATES

The inverted use of Divine force and power is BLACK MAGIC *per se*. The evidence of the use of Divine power—occult powers—for *personal ends*, for *selfish personal advantage*, to *make money*, to REVEL IN LUXURY—is *proof* of BLACK MAGIC. The evidence

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of the *pretended* use of Divine powers—the false claim and deceptive pretensions of occult powers and authority not possessed; the evidence of the *use of deception, empiric trickery, roguish duplicity, insidious sophistry, double-dealing chicanery* and OUTRIGHT FRAUD to *create* an organization and to *secure* its membership is *proof* of the scandalous, disgraceful and infamous use of the BLACK ARTS and the further evidence of the misuse, misappropriation and fraudulent absorption of said *tainted* funds for personal use and private gain. The employment of said tainted funds against the members from whom they were secured by such questionable and despicable methods for the purpose of injuring or destroying the members to whom said funds rightfully belong is *proof* of the *most* scandalous, the *most* disgraceful and the *most* infamous use of the Black Arts. Indeed and in truth, it is BLACK MAGIC *per se* in its most hideous and horrible aspects, in its most repulsive and loathsome phases, in its most vicious and malefic utilization and in its foulest form.

CONVICTED BUT RETAINS HIS POWER

Thus it is that H. Spencer Lewis, the Imperator, the "Most Perfect Master Profundis," is convicted of Black Magic connections and the disreputable, ghastly and malefic use of the Black Arts by his own actions, on his own confessions and with the corroborative proof which his former close associate and ex-Grand Treasurer brings from the center of his rotten activities, from the innermost part, the *sanctum sanctorum* of his Grand Lodge, where, by the use of his Black Arts, he enthroned himself "*Imperator*" and by the utility of his perfidious practices continues to be the "MOST PERFECT MASTER PROFUNDIS" of AMORC.

The ex-Grand Treasurer says that one of the members, Mr. Bernard Justice, a retired army officer, pleaded with Lewis to change his methods, to clean house and not to wreck the order; that Lewis declared that if necessary he would spend every dollar of AMORC and sell the ring off his finger before he would give in. Mr. Batchelor adds that since then Lewis has been and is now spending large sums of the members' money and using pages of THE DIGEST and FORUM to mislead them by false statements, with not a hint of the true conditions, which are very serious indeed.

What will Mr. Batchelor, his associates and other members of AMORC, who have been wronged and maltreated, do about it?



