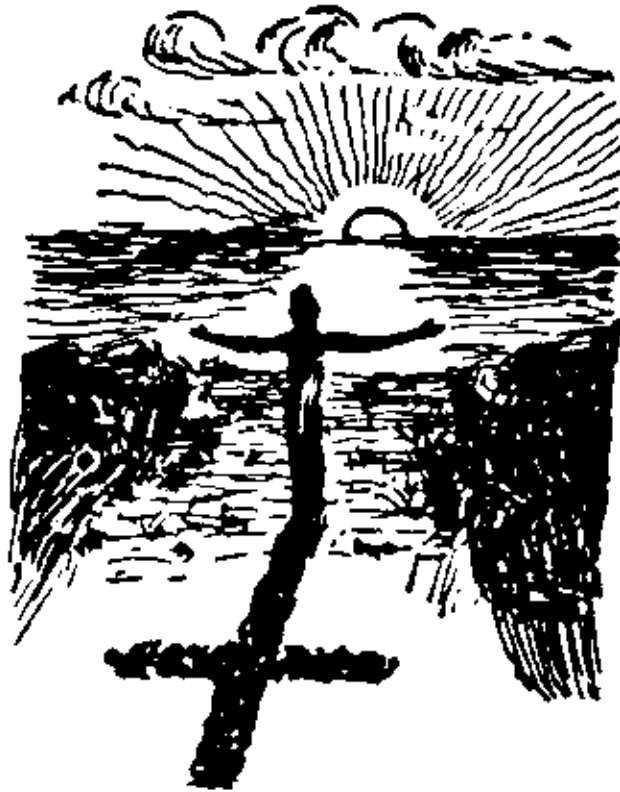


THE ROSE CROSS

From a Rosicrucian manuscript

The word Rosicrucian comes from the Latin words Rosae Crucis, meaning of the Rose Cross. This phrase has no religious connotation. Although both the rose and the cross have long been used in many traditions around the world, for Rosicrucians the Rose Cross has a special meaning.



The cross was revered as a sacred symbol long before Christianity. The oldest forms of the cross are probably from Egypt and Phoenicia. The swastika, a variation of the cross, has been revered in Hinduism for thousands of years, long before the Nazis perverted its sacred meaning in the twentieth century. In these ancient cultures, the cross represented the coming together of two different things or states, thus creating a new thing or state.

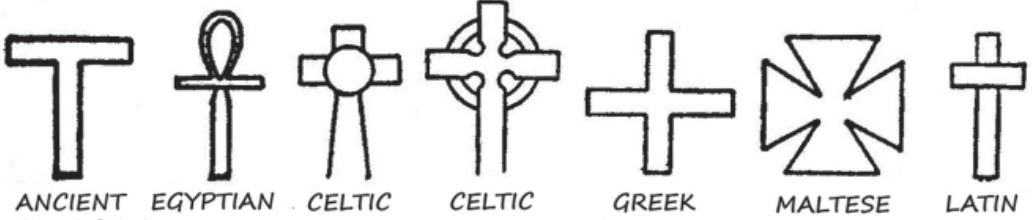
In the Rosicrucian Tradition, the cross represents our life in this earthly incarnation made possible by the coming together of two types of energy. When we stand be-

fore the Sun with our arms outstretched in veneration, our shadow forms a cross.

The rose alludes to our soul-personality in the process of unfolding. As the rose receives more light (understanding), it opens wider, revealing its beauty and exuding its fragrance or inner grandeur. The refinement of the cross, being polished in contact with the vicissitudes of life, contributes to the unfolding of the rose.

As we learn through our experiences with the laws of life, our consciousness evolves. This evolution is expressed in a more spiritual personality and understanding, depicted by the rose.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE PRIMITIVE CROSS



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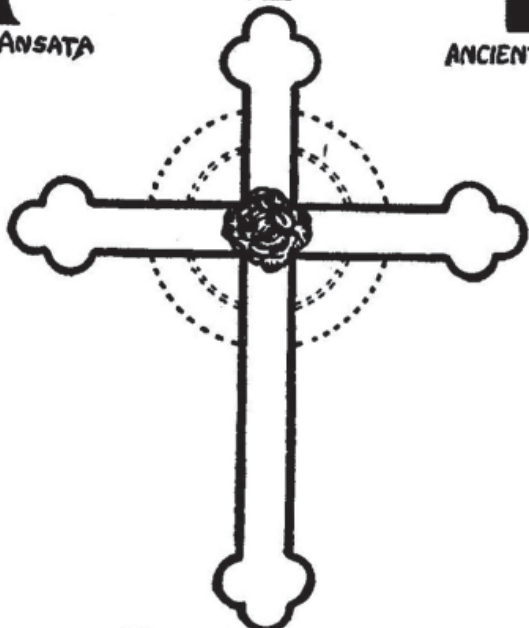
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True, official, Rosicrucian Cross



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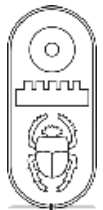


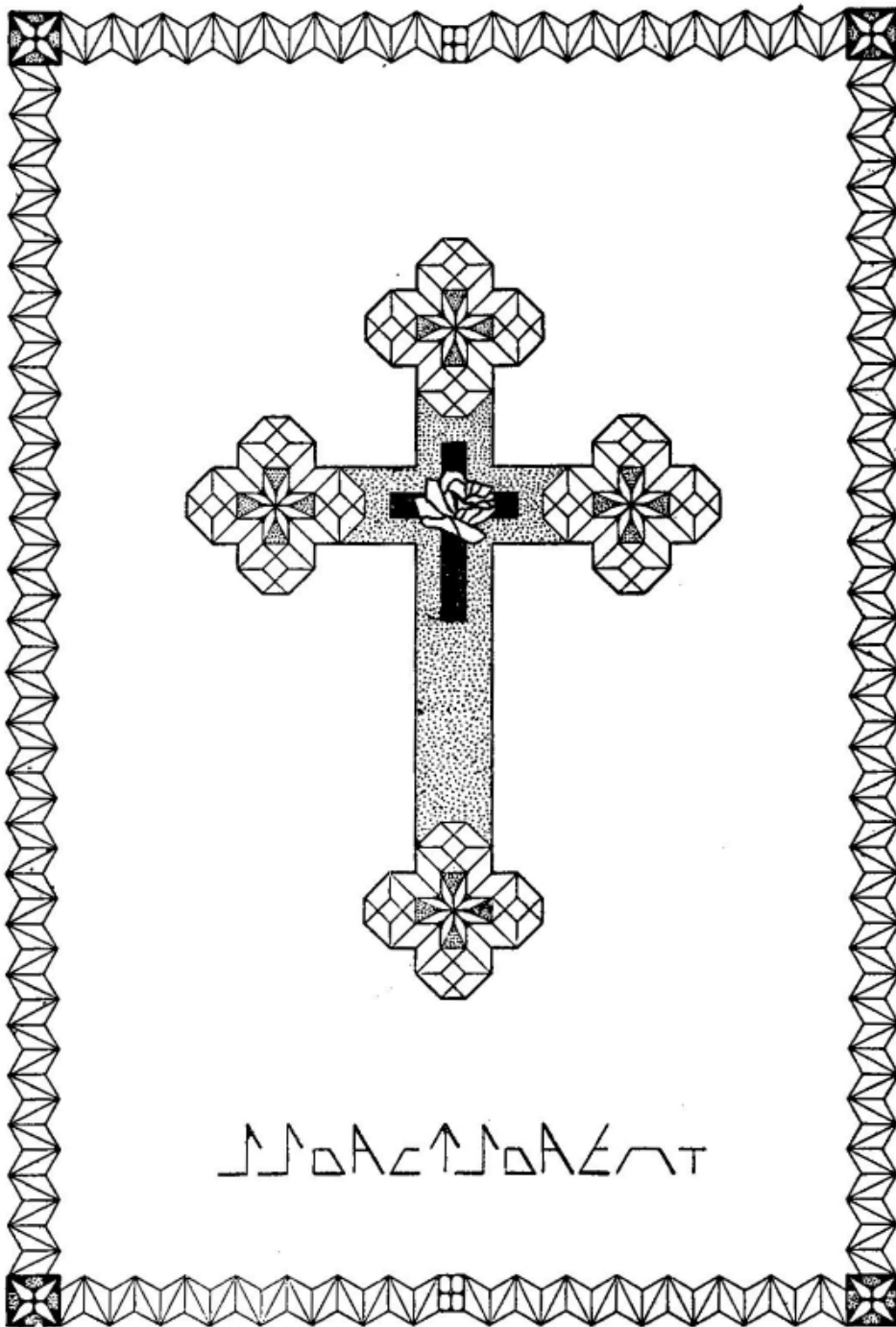
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