

## LECTORIUM ROSICRUCIANUM



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One of the aims of the Lectorium Rosicrucianum is to inform people about the real source of this sense of yearning, and to explain the need for a return to the divine nature order by the process of 'rebirth from the spirit' (John 3:8), which was taught, for instance, by Jesus to Nicodemus. This process of rebirth, or '*transfiguration*', is made possible through our 'daily dying', as Paul calls it (1 Cor. 15:31). What dies is the old nature, the I-consciousness, and what must awaken is the divine nature, the inner Christ. The Lectorium Rosicrucianum not only teaches this process, but also helps and supports its pupils in their efforts to realize it in their lives.

The transfiguristic precepts taught by the Lectorium Rosicrucianum are embedded in the teachings of all great religions. For instance, in the Bible, the concepts of the two nature orders, the divine principle in the human heart, and the path of transfiguration, can be traced in the following quotations: 'My Kingdom is not of this world' (John 18:36), 'the Kingdom of God is within you' (Luke 17:21) and 'He must increase, I must decrease' (John 3:30).

Another fundamental Rosicrucian concept is the idea of the human being as a microcosm or world in miniature - a system of visible and invisible vehicles surrounded by a magnetic field and bounded by a 'microcosmic firmament', or 'lipika'. This idea is in accordance with the hermetic axiom, 'as above, so below.'

The path of transfiguration comprises five main stages:

1. **Insight** into the real nature of this earthly domain of existence and experience of the inner call to return to the divine nature order.
2. Genuine **yearning** for salvation.
3. The **surrender** of the I-central self to the inner divine spark, so that the process of salvation can be realized.
4. A **new approach** to life, adopted and carried out spontaneously under the guidance of the inner divine spark. The chief characteristics of this new approach to life are described, for instance, in the Sermon on the Mount.
5. Fulfilment: the awakening (or **resurrection**) in the original life-field.