



Because difficult-to-answer questions often come to members of The Rosicrucian Fellowship, the following explanations are offered.

THE ROSICRUCIAN FELLOWSHIP

Qualities that Make It Unique

Inquirers typically request a comparison between the Fellowship and another organization. Other groups may change from year to year, but it is possible to list certain qualities which together make The Rosicrucian Fellowship unique, even among organizations that use the word, *Rosicrucian*, in their names.

The Rosicrucian Fellowship:

1. Has never been affiliated with any other organization.
2. Does not charge for its teachings. There are no dues, fees, or solicitations. The work is carried on by means of freewill offerings.
3. Emphasizes esoteric Christianity and the devotional/heart path as well as the mind path, its goal being to achieve a perfect balance between head and heart.
4. By its esoteric interpretations of the Bible, sheds light on the Christian mysteries, provides insight into Christ's true mission and His gospel of love, and prepares students for universal brotherhood. "That Christ Jesus is our ideal" is integral to the Rosicrucian Fellowship program.
5. Recognizes that as differentiated Spirits in God we are reborn again and again in bodies of increasing efficiency on the physical plane to learn the lessons incident to material existence, and to unfold our latent divine potentialities into dynamic powers.
6. Promotes self-forgetting love and service; the ideal is that the teachings be used to help others, not to serve one's self.
7. Studies principles of right living and practices spiritual healing. The healing work is carried on mainly by work in the invisible planes during the patients' sleep.
8. Uses spiritual astrology as a tool for self understanding and for understanding others – for healing and for guidance; and to link the fundamental elements of science and religion for a comprehensive understanding of the universe.
9. Was founded by Max Heindel for the purpose of giving out the Rosicrucian teachings, teachings which the Elder Brothers said had been: Corrected (errors and omissions had occurred over time); Supplemented (with added information not previously given out prior to 1907).

10. Gives advanced exercises to probationers only when they are completely ready, and then these exercises are customized for each individual.
11. Prepares disciples for initiation on the higher planes; no initiation ceremonies or rituals take place in the physical world.
12. Offers a philosophy that benefits those who are self-motivated and capable of independent study. Self-reliance is strongly encouraged, not only in the area of study, but in all areas of life and endeavor.
13. Has no secret handshake or grip and does not issue membership cards.