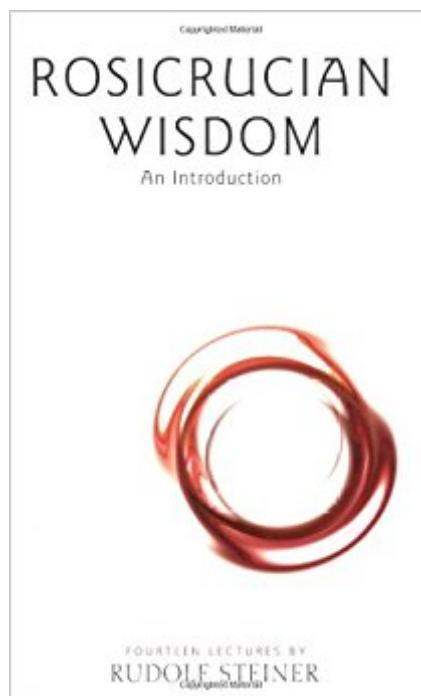


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Rosicrucian Wisdom: An Introduction (CW 99)



Synopsis

14 lectures, Munich, May 22- June 6, 1907 (CW 99) The work of Rudolf Steiner is unique in the way it combines esoteric teaching with practical suggestions for the development of social life. Indeed, we know Steiner today mostly because of the various applications of his ideas in such areas as education, medicine, and agriculture. However, society could not have developed any of these without the coherent and profound body of spiritual knowledge at the core of Steiner's work. In Rosicrucian Wisdom the cone of Rudolf Steiner's most complete introductions to modern spirituality he speaks from the very stream of Rosicrucian teaching. Rather than borrowing old ideas from historical tradition, however, he presents a wholly new contribution that arises from the results of his own experiential, spiritual research. Steiner discusses of the Rosicrucian path as the one appropriate for modern spiritual seekers in the West. He warns the reader that Rosicrucian teaching should not be taken as abstract theory; rather than remaining in the head, or even in the heart, spiritual ideas should reach into daily action and transform all aspects of life. He goes on to describe many facets of spiritual truth, including the law of destiny, the fact of life after death, means of developing spiritual vision, humanity's past and future evolution, and much more. This volume contains one of the best lecture courses for gaining a deeper understanding of the spiritual principles behind Anthroposophy. Listen to lecture 1 (mp3) Rosicrucian Wisdom is a translation from the German Die Theosophie des Rosenkreuzers (GA 99). A previous translation was titled The Theosophy of the Rosicrucians.

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Customer Reviews

Rudolf Steiner (1861–1925) was born in the small village of Kraljevec, Austro-Hungarian Empire (now in Croatia), where he grew up. As a young man, he lived in Weimar and Berlin, where he became a well-published scientific, literary, and philosophical scholar, known especially for his work with Goethe's scientific writings. At the beginning of the twentieth century, he began to develop his early philosophical principles into an approach to systematic research into psychological and spiritual phenomena. Formally beginning his spiritual teaching career under the auspices of the Theosophical Society, Steiner came to use the term Anthroposophy (and spiritual science) for his philosophy, spiritual research, and findings. The influence of Steiner's multifaceted genius has led to innovative and holistic approaches in medicine, various therapies, philosophy, religious renewal, Waldorf education, education for special needs, threefold economics, biodynamic agriculture, Goethean science, architecture, and the arts of drama, speech, and eurythmy. In 1924, Rudolf Steiner founded the General Anthroposophical Society, which today has branches throughout the world. He died in Dornach, Switzerland. Peter Bridgmont is involved in voice training at the Globe Theatre in London. He has been a professional actor in theater, films, and on radio and TV. In 1975 he and his wife, Barbara, opened the Chrysalis Theatre Acting School in London.

I am very happy to have found this on cd. I am past the point of reading very much having spent too many years doing close written work. I only listen now. I have read a few Steiner books in the past - and Rudolf's Steiner's Vision of Love which I very much enjoyed. Grokking Steiner is difficult and a friend who introduced his works to me said just allow it to flow over you and take from it what you can. I was raised Rosicrucian by an extraordinary mother. I have throughout my life sought in many places to enrich this basis with astrology, Christianity, and Buddhism. It was only recently that I really understood that Rosicrucianism is really the only path I have found that embraces all these. If you have no background to this path of thought it may be too extraordinarily weird to you - for me it is all very reassuring and exciting and gives me a quiet sense of peace that all is right with the world. I expect to listen to this many times over as I have my Pema Chodron cds and Edgar Cayce's Akashic Records cds. I found the Tibetan Book of the Dead a little too much like Catholicism and I feel Rosicrucian teachings include the Love brought into the world by Christ. If you are seeking to increase your understanding and encourage your broader view that allows for forgiveness and compassion, I recommend these cds.

This book had a lot of ideas that were recapitulation other works such as Outline of Occult Sciences. Where it started to break down for me was that he finally in this case went into detail about Lemuria and Atlantis. The thing I'm trying to understand about Steiner's claims: He indicates that each planetary civilization or evolution is $7 \times 7 \times 2,160$ or 105,840 years with 7 racial epochs of roughly 15,120 years each. It would be fine to say that to get the earth up and running for the operation took 6.4 to 7 billion years and such and that the pauses between are either the collapse and reopening of the universe or solar supernova, nebula state, and the forming of a new solar system. The trouble with this text: he claims that the Lemurians were practically on life support, living in ruach (fire mist), not fully corporeal, and from what he writes he seems to indicate that the world was still molten when they were there. Chaining that to what he said about the Atlanteans this would be a bit like saying that Lemuria and Atlantis collectively lasted 8 billion years, Atlantis being likely the far shorter period of millions at the most by looking at his states of the earth, but the problem remains...

Lemuria = 15,120 give or take several billion. For as academic and objective as Steiner attempts to be in his works it's a bit depressing to see his work fold in such a manner and equally his claims of old Saturn, old Sun, and old Moon are only plausible if what he's saying about the earth stages sits plush with what we know about the earth's history. Unless there's something really, really wrong with the way our scientists have been carbon dating or calculating geological age, I don't really know that I'd trust the solidity of his visions or theories anymore than I'd trust Blavatski. At least on the bright side he's edifying Christ rather than going the Luciferian direction but still, there's a lot here that just doesn't seem to pan out unless I'm missing the agent that ties all this together.

As another reviewer mentioned, this book is not meant as introductory work, so I must check out his book "Theosophy". I purchased this book along with other rosicrucian books to expand my knowledge base on what the order is and does. I must say, written quite some time ago the language was quite different, but also it seems one must have basic knowledge of the ways of the rosicrucians before being able to easily understand these lectures. I'm not arrogant, but I'm not some unintelligent illiterate fool. I read a few lectures and had to stop because I wasn't able to comprehend much anything. I find these lectures full of unneeded words that drag on, but other than that it doesn't explain many things well to make it easy to understand, like it's expected that you know 'a little' about everything to expand on. I give this three stars because I do believe it has potential but as I've said, another reviewing claimed it is not meant for introductory work as I've bought it to learn from.

How do I put this? The wisdom has been going strong for hundreds of years. A+

Excellent spiritual masterpiece! Who can ever know and tell the secret of the universe and life and death of all beings? Even though it cannot be proved at all, wisdom makes me dream a great picture of truth!

Early Theosophical with an unnecessary introduction.

Great book Highly recommended!!!

This classic work is one of the central books of Anthroposophy. Not intended as an introductory work (for that the reader is better directed to Rudolf Steiner's book Theosophy) this Rosicrucian Wisdom surveys the full scope of esoteric Rosicrucianism as only Rudolf Steiner can.

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