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OPENING THE TOMB OF FATHER C.R.C.

When the Brethren of the Rose Cross entered the vault of their illustrious founder they discovered engraved upon the circular brass altar top this inscription: "A. C. R. C. I made this compendium of the universe as a sepulcher for myself alone." The brass plate also bore five other inscriptions, all but the first enclosed in circles. The first read: "Jesus [is] everything to me"; the second, "By no means empty"; the third, "The yoke of the Law"; the fourth, "The freedom of the Gospel"; and the fifth, "The intact glory of God." The sacred book T found in the hand of Father C.R.C. closed with the following remarkable words:

"A seed sown in the breast of Jesus. C.R.C. came from the noble and illustrious German family of R.C., a man who in his lifetime was by divine revelation, the most subtle imagination, and indefatigable labors admitted to the celestial and human mysteries. He preserved his more than royal and imperial arcana (collected during his travels in Arabia and Africa) from the scrutiny of his generation, which was not ripe for it, and kept it for the eyes of posterity. He organized the most zealous followers of his art, name, and faith, and built a little world responsive in every way to his great personality. And having at last produced this compendium of the past, present, and future, at the age of above a hundred, not by reason of a sickness (which he had never experienced nor allowed to infect others), but summoned by the Spirits of God (after embracing and kissing the Brethren for the last time) he yielded up his bright soul to God, the safe and steadfast Creator. This most beloved Father, ineffably sweet Brother, faithful teacher, and incorruptible friend, lies hidden here from his own for 120 years." Then follow the signatures of the Brethren, and the book T concludes with: "We are born of God; in Jesus we die; and in the Holy Ghost we live again."