

## SIN AND SICKNESS

It is usually regarded as gross superstition when one voices seriously the idea that disease is a result of sin and one who makes such a statement runs the risk of being laughed out of court. Nevertheless, when we analyze the matter carefully. We shall see that it is not such a far-fetched idea, for the scientific argument can't get away from the fact that there is and must be a superior intelligence governing and guiding the universe; also, that there are certain immutable laws which preserve order in every department, and everything from microbe to man is under the dominion of these laws. If we step out of a second story window, we sin against the law of gravity and the fall to earth may cause broken bones because of our too rapid descent towards the center of attraction; if we put our hand in the fire, we sin against the law of vibration and our hand is torn to pieces on account of the rapidity and pitch of the etheric currents, and for these sins against the laws of nature we may suffer for months.

Cases where sin against a well-defined law of nature entails a corresponding suffering are so obvious that as a rule no one deliberately transgresses, but we are very prone to commit sins where a penalty does not seem to be directly involved and where we gain from the commission a certain pleasurable satisfaction, as is the case in indulgence of the appetite at the table, or the passions of the lower nature. "Although the Mills of the Gods grind slowly, they grind exceedingly fine," however, and every transgression will certainly bring its just recompense, for the scale of Justice must balance; it cannot be permanently depressed one way or another. While it is regaining its equilibrium, we suffer for the sins that cause the depression, and when the balance has been gained, the sins are forgiven or wiped out.

But though the scale of justice must find its equilibrium, it would be an entirely mistaken idea to infer that God or Nature aims to get even. Far from it; as soon as the lesson has been learned and we have repented and ceased to yield, we are in the position where a mediator or healer skilled in the use of occult forces may step in and save us from the suffering ordinarily required in the expiation of our sins; that is to say, the pain we would have to suffer during the ordinary course of nature, and this is exactly what the Rosy Cross Healing Circle aims to do. When the Gospel of Right Living, embodied in the Rosicrucian Teachings, has been assimilated by the person in want of help, to such an extent that he declares himself ready to endeavor to live his life in harmony with the laws of

Christ, and to follow His teachings, then he has mentally aligned himself with the Universal Laws of Health and can then be worked on spiritually.

The Cure may not always be miraculous and instantaneous, particularly where the ailment has been one of long standing, but when the transgressor of the law of God, or Nature, has heard the Gospel, or good tidings, and has asked to be healed of his infirmity, he is already on the road to recovery.