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This carefully crafted ebook: "The Secret Doctrines of the Rosicrucians (Unabridged)" is formatted for your eReader with a functional and detailed table of contents.

Rosicrucianism is a philosophical secret society said to have been founded in late medieval Germany by Christian Rosenkreuz. It holds a doctrine or theology "built on esoteric truths of the ancient past", which, "concealed from the average man, provide insight into nature, the physical universe and the spiritual realm." Rosicrucianism is symbolized by the Rose Cross. Many esoteric societies have claimed to derive their doctrines, in whole or in part, from the original Rosicrucians (including Freemasonry). Several modern societies have been formed of the study of Rosicrucianism and allied subjects.

William Walker Atkinson (1862-1932) was a prolific writer. His works treat themes related to the mental world, occultism, divination, psychic reality, and mankind's nature. They constitute a basis for what Atkinson called "New Psychology" or "New Thought".

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Dalin Anderson says

It was a fairly good book, but it gives a complete different guide to the history..and the history there was tangled up with some of the stuff later sold to AMORC....
But all in all, he does not struggle to far from the tail we have all read.
But the book touches on much from the past.
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Everyone that has read the story of the Rosy Cross will find allot that they can relate to.
Wish there was more related to the original writings, the 3.
But it was a decent read.

Marti Martinson says

I first read this in 2003 after discovering the Liberal Catholic Church and mystical Christianity. Despite the crosses on the cover, the book is not specifically religious but generally spiritual, with deference and respect to all religions -- as it should be.

There is, however, a problem with this book. Not the cover, not the fonts, not the pagination, nor illustrations. The problem is that it is written SO WELL! While I just cannot believe in most of what he writes, he is articulate, measured, and sincere. I don't believe in Atlantis, Lemuria, nor Mu but he makes me want to! He is in a group of theosophical/mystical or Liberal Catholic writers from the first decades of the 20th century who ALL wrote convincing and gentle books; they were Irving Cooper, James Wedgwood, Annie Besant, Max Heindel, and Charles Leadbeater.

With regards to this book, other reviewers have gone through and detailed the the chapters. I will just say the two on the 7 Planes of Consciousness is fascinating reading. The planes, sub-planes, and repeating sub-planes (all in factors of 7) sounds as neat as the multiverse -- even though all I know of it is from Stargate Atlantis.

If you are open minded, liberal, and religiously tolerant, I suggest giving it a go. One bit of history: Henry Agard Wallace, a Secretary of Agriculture and one time VP for FDR was ordained in the Liberal Catholic Church.

Mo says

Jr

Great read, really informative. It applies so much to the times we live in. Evolution and involution. Becoming aware of ones true self.

Kara says

A glance at the Table of Contents made me wonder if I even have enough degrees to understand this book! But the introduction by Clint Marsh was superb and necessary, engaging and preparing the reader to delve into the world of the Rosicrucians.

This book analyzes the main elements of the Secret Doctrine, which is a philosophy with religious and scientific aspects. Topics such as the creator/creation, evolution, consciousness/soul, and afterlife are touched upon and explained through Aphorisms and Principles found in the Doctrine (I found the sections discussing consciousness in minerals and plants to be most interesting!) It is incredible to see the influence that the Rosicrucians have had on other religions and cultures - ideas that can be traced as far back to the ancient Greeks, Syrians, Persians, and Egyptians and elements of this philosophy can be found in Christian, pagan, Buddhist and Hebrew teachings.

This book is more informative than entertaining, and because it can be a dense read, at the start of each Part, I found myself flipping back to that massive Table of Contents and reviewing as a sort of summary of the section I was about to explore. One definitely does not have to believe all that is shared of this philosophy, but the reader should be open-minded and willing to learn about a school of thought that has influenced both ancient and modern cultures. Marsh's introduction best explains that this is "a book not for everyone but only those who are ready to receive it."

Peter J. says

The first 2/3 of this book were both tremendously insightful and enjoyable. The last 1/3 however seemed to take a hard left to crazy town. There were so many things mentioned therein that the author gave no evidence for or method of ascertaining (e.g. 7 planets, colored auras, spiraling progression, sleep of the elemental soul, etc.). I will tuck those things away and mull upon them, but it will take a ton more evidence to convince of their accuracy.

Barry says

don't agree with all of it....good read though

Janet Angela beardsley says

Disappointing!

I was expecting to learn something spiritual and unknown, but anyone could have written this book it was so basic!

Cordell says

The best book I've ever read. ..hands down.

Heather says

A good very old classic from the early 1900's.
