

Carpet from "The Theoretical Brothers or Second Step of the Rosicrucians" 1785



The 7 planets are the heavenly bodies, which were created by the almighty Master Builder, so that they enable the four elements to penetrate with their influence to the centre of the Earth, and facilitate the birth of the 7 metals.

The flaming star, which is regarded by the old masters with so much respect, stands for nature, the godly breath of the universal and central fire, which gives life to every creature, maintains and also destroys.

The 2 signs ☉ and ☿ mean Agens and Patiens, the male and female seed, the whole of nature and creatures.

The rough stone represents the Sal Philosophorum.

The compass and the set square denote the proportion, measure and weight of nature.

The three lights, if they are standing on your altar, mean the light of reason, the light of nature and the light of revelation, three gifts of God which are symbolized by His holy Trinity.

The four corners of the carpet, represent the four elements.

The candelabra with the seven arms, which also stands on the altar, represents the seven gifts of wisdom, for which every brother has to pray to God.

Here you have, worthy brother, the real revelation of the hieroglyphic pictures, some of which you saw in the parabolic mirror at the first initiation.

You will, without doubt, accept that the future occupation of the theoretical brothers will be the investigation of the three kingdoms of nature; consider well, worthy brother, what large, unmistakable advantages you can gain from your investigations if you beg God through arduous prayers for wisdom. Through the same you shall:

- 1.) Learn to recognize God better, and therefore worship the almighty Master Builder with more reverence.
- 2.) Admire His unfathomable wisdom and omnipotence in all bodies of nature.
- 3.) Know your self better and better, and regard the incredible masterpiece of the Creator with astonishment.

On all this, dear brother, you will gradually receive wider-reaching tuition, as well as my weak powers permit, if you remain patient and have the desire to follow me as an inquisitive disciple^[9] of truth.

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