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1. A Short Autobiography

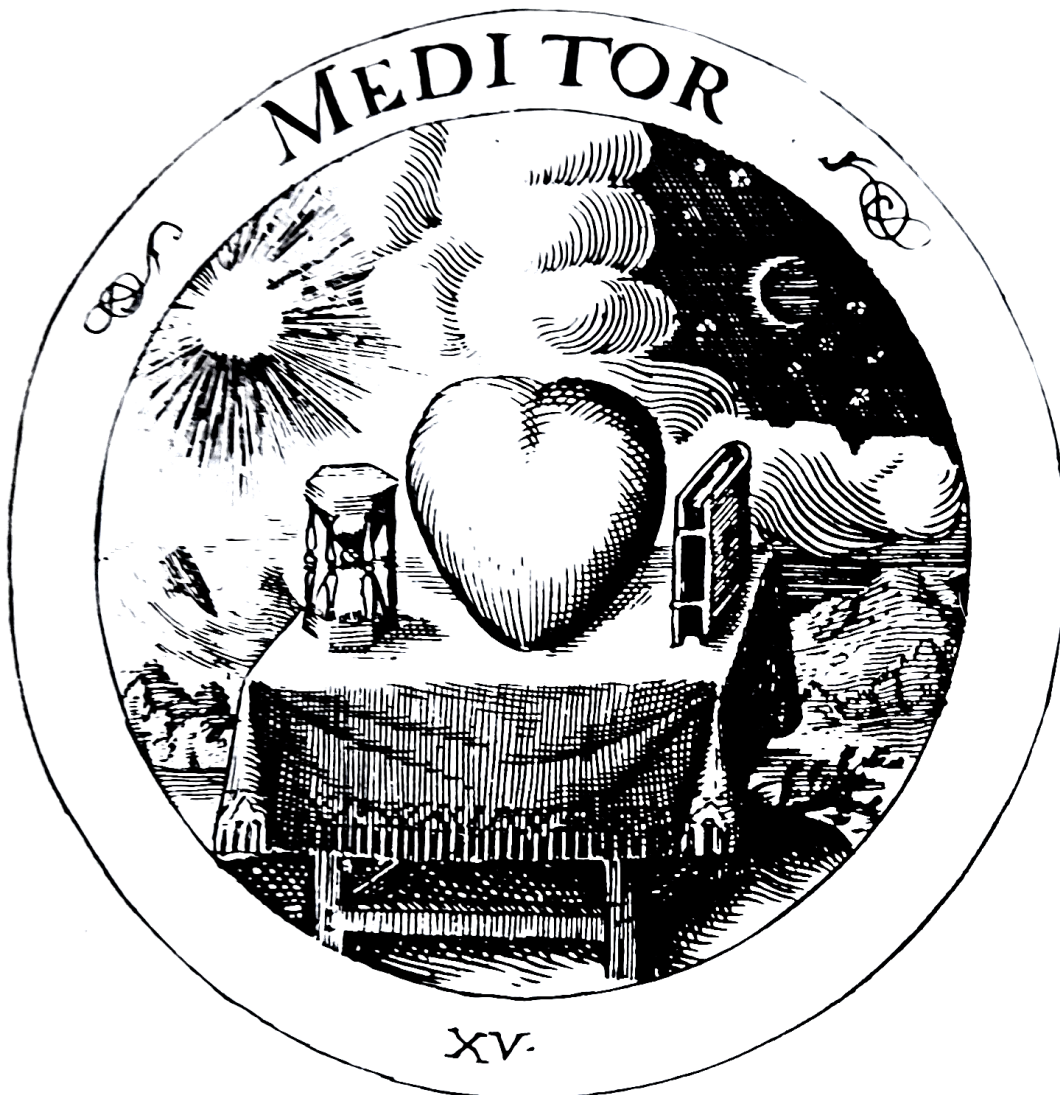


The teaching of the Lord¹ crowns.

I know nothing, I am capable of nothing, I am nothing; the fact that by my face and nature I am seen to partake of these three, is all due to God. (p. 22)

¹ In theosophy, the word “God” means the Universal Law. (CCA)

2. I Meditate



I meditate.

“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men.” (Galatians, 6:9)

The centuries fly by, the days pass away, every man must work for the good, while there is an hour of time. (p. 40)

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3. I Am Nothing



I am nothing.

“For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal.” (Romans, 7:14)

I am nothing, but I am lightened by the Gospel ² and am triumphant. Thus grace prevails over the law ³, I seek the stars. (p. 43)

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² Although students of the Rosicrucian or Theosophical Wisdom are Universalists, they feel at ease using Christian language. The word “Gospel” here represents not only the narrative of the New Testament, but every sacred scripture and true teaching of the highest wisdom. (CCA)

³ Divine grace, that is, the ripened good karma, prevails over human law, over formal severity and externally rigid actions. (CCA)

4. I Build Myself Up



I build myself up.

“A wise man which built his house upon a rock.” (Matthew, 7:24)

Christ ⁴ is a rock for me, hope and a pillar of safety, upon which I am built, while the wave of Styx ⁵ rages. (p. 45)

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⁴ Christ, that is, the Immortal Sage, the ideal of human progression and perfection, my higher self, Atma-Buddhi. (CCA)

⁵ “The wave of Styx”, a symbolic image that can be interpreted as the Door to Suffering. In Greek mythology, Styx is the river that forms the limit or boundary between the Earth and the lower world. (CCA)

5. I Am Not Wounded



I am not wounded.

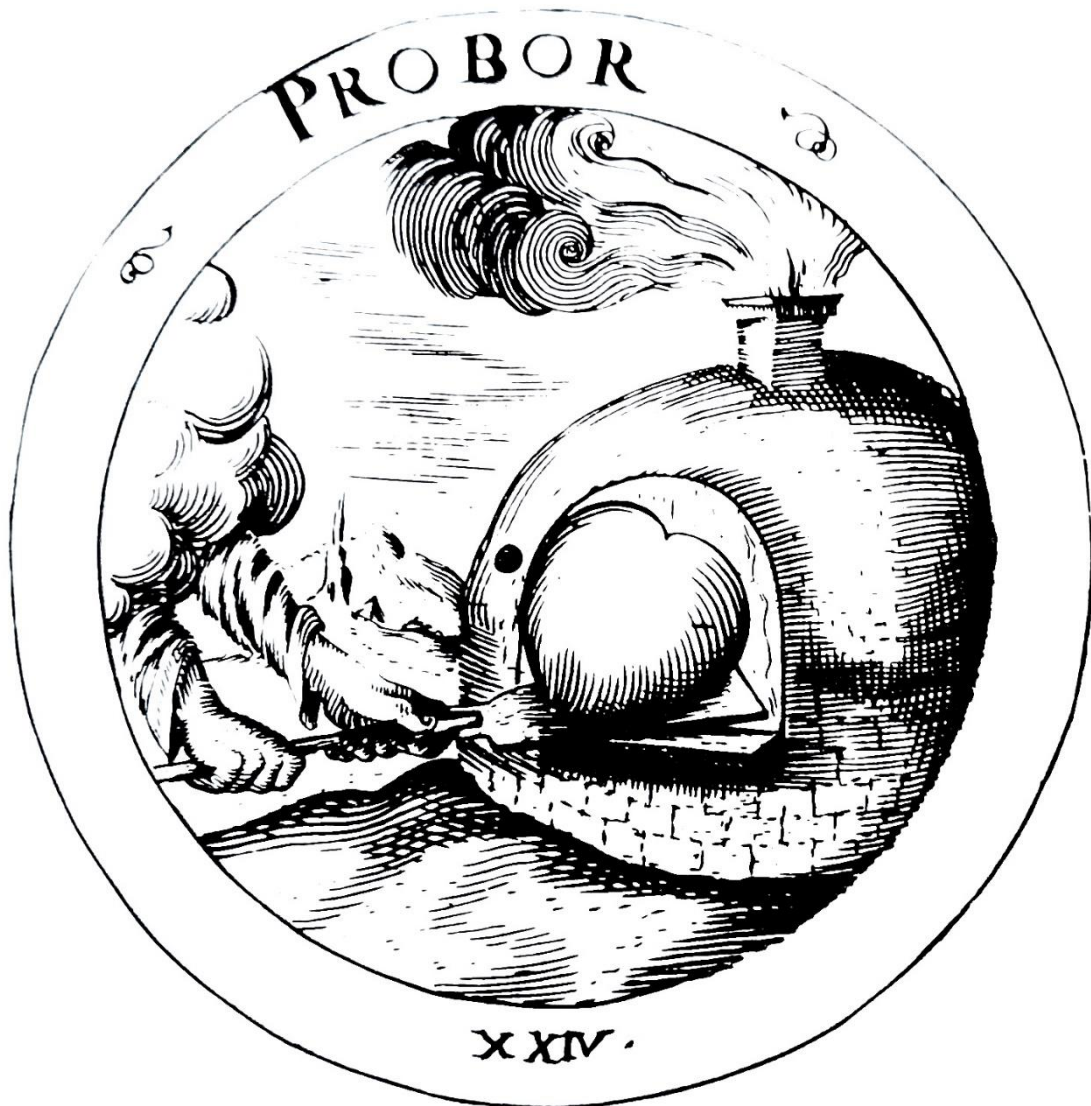
“As the lily among thorns...” (Song of Solomon 2:2)

Here we are among thorns, among shingles, troubles; Yet with the rosy flower, our lilies thrive. ⁶ (p. 49)

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⁶ The rose in the cross, the symbol of Rosicrucian tradition. The spiritual blossoming amidst the crucifixion, represented by the suffering of the world. (CCA)

6. I Am Tried in the Fire



I am tried in the fire.

“I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.” (Isaiah 48:10)

The Lord ⁷ burns and tries us in the fire of the furnace. May you be upright and constant, and you will be proved good. (p. 51)

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⁷ *The Lord*, a personification of the Universal Law, the law of Karma, Equilibrium, and Justice. (CCA)

7. Simple Wisdom



Simple wisdom.

“Be you therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.” (Matthew, 10:16)

He whose heart is saved by simplicity, whose eye by wisdom, will be both serpent and dove to God. (p. 64)

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