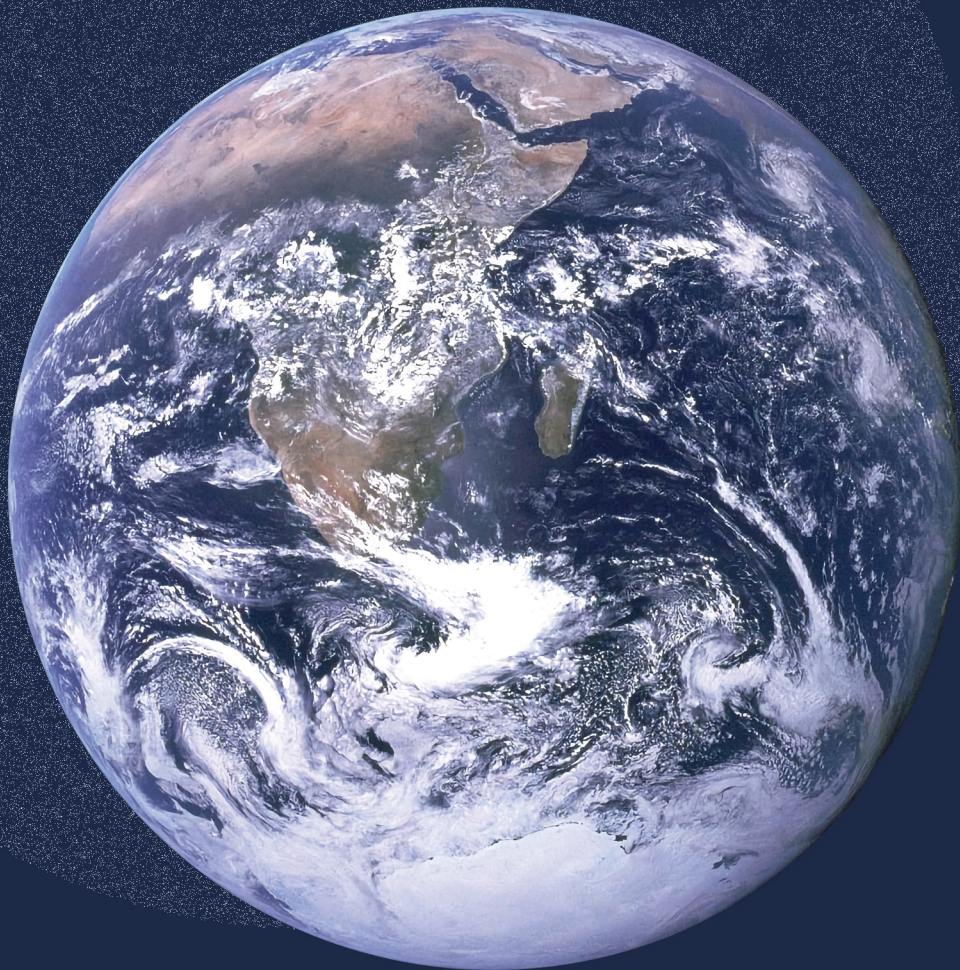


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“From Tibetan Buddhism to Anthroposophy, from Rosicrucianism to Christianity and from Theosophy to modern science, this book is a panoramic yet succinct overview of those eternal spiritual principles which pervade all ages. It is a welcome and informative primer for any student of the Ageless Wisdom at whatever stage of their journey. Examining the work of key spiritual pioneers such as Rudolf Steiner, Pekka Ervast, Paul Brunton, Peter Deunov and others, this book explores fascinating accounts of the after-death states, the mysterious process of reincarnation and the recall of past lives. Clearly written and meticulously researched, this book is a highly readable and fascinating synthesis of timeless truths.”

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Antti’s keen interest in unraveling occult matters, trying to discover what lies behind the closed curtains, demonstrates that he is a sincere student with a broad interest. His deep knowledge of Theosophy, the works of Pekka Ervast and Rudolf Steiner make him a beacon for all those who try to find their way on the spiritual Path. Most importantly it is evident that Antti sees himself as a seeker for Truth.

In sum, then, the writings of Antti Savinainen deserve an honored place on the bookshelves of every Theosophist and seeker. They are a major contribution to Theosophical and other esoteric literature.”

Jan Nicolaas Kind, editor of the e-Magazine *Theosophy Forward*

Does the road wind up-hill all the way?

Yes, to the very end.

Will the day's journey take the whole long day?

*From morn to night, my friend.*¹

1 Christina Rossetti (1820-1894):
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45002/up-hill>

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Foreword

by Richard Smoley

The essays in Antti Savinainen's remarkable book approach well-known esoteric strains including Rosicrucianism, Theosophy, and Anthroposophy in an extremely accurate, articulate, and useful fashion. Integrating the thought of the early twentieth-century Theosophist Pekka Ervast, he views these movements from a Finnish perspective, which will seem unfamiliar to many readers in other countries.

In this foreword, I do not think it would be of great value to recapitulate Savinainen's insights, which he expounds clearly and eloquently. Instead it may be helpful to discuss the background of the principal traditions that he explores, notably Rosicrucianism, Theosophy, and Anthroposophy.

Rosicrucianism came to the eye of educated Europe in 1614-15, when two pamphlets were published in Germany: the *Fama fraternitatis* ("The Rumor of the Brotherhood") and the *Confessio fraternitatis* ("The Confession of the Brotherhood"). They describe a mysterious and elusive brotherhood founded by a German named Christian Rosenkreutz, who was born in 1378 and lived to the age of 106. Rosenkreutz traveled to the Middle East, Arabia, and North Africa in a search for wisdom; in Fez, Morocco, he encountered a group that he called "the Elementary Inhabitants," who shared their wisdom with him.

Christian Rosenkreutz returned to Europe to make its learned world aware of this knowledge, "but to them," says the *Fama*, "it was all a laughing matter." In the end, he assembled eight individuals to study and advance this work.

The brotherhood carried on in secrecy for 120 years, when some members discovered the hidden tomb of Christian Rosenkreutz. Since

his putative date of death was 1384, the year of the discovery would be 1604, only a decade before the Rosicrucian manifestos were published. This discovery (real or symbolic) marked the moment when the brotherhood could make itself known to the public.

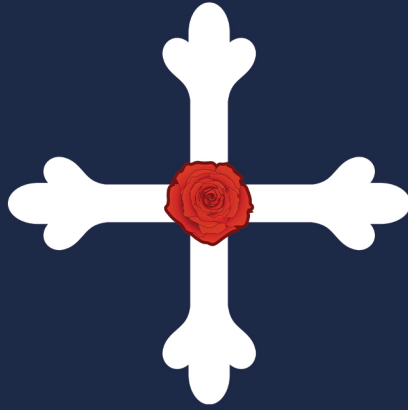
The manifestos address many political, religious, and scientific issues of the time, hinting, for example, at the imminent demise of the Holy Roman Empire (which nonetheless survived until 1806). Most prominently, these pamphlets foresee a new age of discovery of the wonders of nature and a liberation of humanity from the intellectual errors and shackles with which it had long been bound, such as “the Pope, Galen, and Aristotle.”

The manifestos aroused a furor. Many learned men across Europe (including René Descartes) journeyed about, trying to find the Brothers. But they never made themselves publicly known, and those who in published pamphlets requested contact were never answered (to our knowledge).

The Rosicrucian furor subsided in 1618, submerged by the outbreak of the Thirty Years’ War, but the ideals promoted by the Brothers remained a source of widespread admiration and imitation. As the manifestos indicate, the seventeenth century, for all its turbulence, was a time of greater intellectual freedom than Western Europe had seen for centuries. In this new, liberated milieu, it was possible to look into the strands of wisdom in the Kabbalah, Hermeticism, Freemasonry, and alchemy in a way that long been impossible.

Many questions remain. Did Christian Rosenkreutz (“Christian Rose Cross”) really live, or was he merely an allegorical figure illustrating the principal symbols of the Brotherhood: the rose and cross? Was he a composite of memories of an actual man, or was he entirely allegorical?

We may never know, but the Rosicrucian stream continued to flow. Although no organizations calling themselves Rosicrucian emerged for several decades after the manifestos’ publication, they inspired a number of well-known esoteric lines. In 1694, some settlers sailed to America under the leadership of Johannes Kelpius, master of a Rosicrucian lodge in Europe. Landing in Philadelphia, the colonists eventually



This book presents unique perspectives on esoteric ethics, the afterlife, reincarnation, and the law of karma. Its approach is deeply rooted in Finnish Rosicrucian Theosophy: a blend of Theosophy, esoteric Christianity, and the esotericism of the Finnish national epic, the Kalevala. This unique blend of influences forms the backdrop of our exploration. In addition, the book shows a good deal of scientific evidence for the reality of the afterlife and reincarnation.

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