

## II. The Mystical/Physical RC Christian

This relatively short transition section will help make the transition from the physical RC to the metaphysical or mystical RC. This may not be an exact science but it's the best and most logical approach here. The best way to illustrate this is with a few quotes from one "his" biggest fans, aforementioned early 20<sup>th</sup> century German occultist Rudolf Steiner:

In 1459, Christian Rosenkreutz, the actual founder of the Rosicrucian movement, achieved the level of development that gave him the power to influence the world by introducing a method of initiation. Since that time, the individuality of Christian Rosenkreutz has been continuously present as the leader of this movement, living throughout the centuries "in the same body". (1)

Here "he" sounds just like Satan prowling around like a lion...

To speak of Christian Rosenkreutz presupposes great confidence in the mysteries of spiritual life – confidence not only in a person, but also in the great secrets of the life of spirit. To establish a new group always assumes faith in spiritual life. As for Christian Rosenkreutz, he is an individual who is active both when he is physically incarnated and when he is not; he works not only as a physical being through physical forces but, above all, spiritually through higher forces. (2)

Essentially we have a 'secular' description of demonic possession that pervades the Old and New Testaments, the four Gospels of the New Testament in particular.

### ENDNOTES

1. Rudolf Steiner, "The Secret Stream: Christian Rosenkreutz and Rosicrucianism" (Great Barrington, MA: Anthroposophic Press, 2000) p 84.
2. *ibid*, p 128.