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It was the erection and institution of an Order or Society which we call *Salomon's House*; the noblest foundation (as we think) that ever was upon this earth; and the lanthorn of this kingdom.

[Francis Bacon, *New Atlantis* (1626); Spedding, *The Works of Francis Bacon*, III, p. 145]

Appended to the end *Sylvarum Sylvarum* with its own separate title page is *New Atlantis* which provided the philosophical and scientific foundation for the future Rosicrucian-Freemasonic United States of America. Around the emblem on the title page of the Rosicrucian utopia issued by Dr Rawley appears the inscription '*TEMPORE PATET OCCVLTA VERITAS'* (In Time The Hidden Truth Will Be Revealed or Time Brings Forth the Hidden Truth). In its introduction Dr Rawley states:

THis *Fable* my *Lord* deuised, to the end that He might exhibite therein, a *Modell* or *Description* of a *Colledge*, instituted for the *Interpretating* of *Nature*, and the producing of *Great* and *Marueilous Works* for the Benefit of Men; Vnder the Name of *Salomons House*, or the *Colledge of Sixe Dayes Works*.[1]

In the preface to *New Atlantis* with a *knowing* allusion to Bacon's Rosicrucian-Freemasonry Brotherhood his great standard biographer and editor Spedding observed that Bacon realized these glorious ends could not be achieved by the efforts of one man 'The difficulties which had baffled his single efforts to provide that apparatus for himself suggested the constitution and regulations of a society formed to overcome them: he had but to furnish Solomon's House with the helps in head and hand which he had himself wished for.'[2]The vision of *New Atlantis* is the dream and vision for the future of America and the rest of the world:

Perhaps there is no single work of his which has so much of himself in it. The description of Solomon's House is the description of the vision in which he lived,-the vision not of an ideal world released from the natural conditions to which ours is subject, but of our own world as it might be made if we did our duty by it; of a state of things which he believed would one day be actually seen upon this earth as it is by men such as we are; and the coming of which he believed that his own labours were sensibly hastening. The account of the manners and customs of the people of Bensalem is an account of his own taste in humanity; for a man's ideal, though not necessarily a description of what he is, is almost always an indication of what he would be; and in the sober piety, the serious cheerfulness, the tender and gracious courtesy, the open-handed hospitality, the fidelity in public and chastity in private life, the grave and graceful manners, the order, decency, and earnest industry, which prevail among these people, we recognise an image of himself made perfect,-of that condition of the human soul which he loved in others, and aspired towards in himself.[3]

The island of New Atlantis is an ideal literary, scientific and philosophical world governed by Rosicrucian Brothers who in their great college called Salomon's House conduct research in all the arts and sciences for the everlasting use and benefit of humankind. They know all the languages of Europe, and their invisible merchants of light bring information, knowledge and intelligence from all the other countries of the outside world, while remaining sublimely hidden and unseen to others outside, for the purposes of building a just and perfect society.

This Baconian-Rosicrucian utopia is the greatest, most important, and far-reaching short work in history. It was the philosophical and scientific blueprint and foundation for the United States of America, the most powerful republic in the modern world and other republican-democracies in the Western Hemisphere. In the seventeenth century it anticipated the future of humankind.

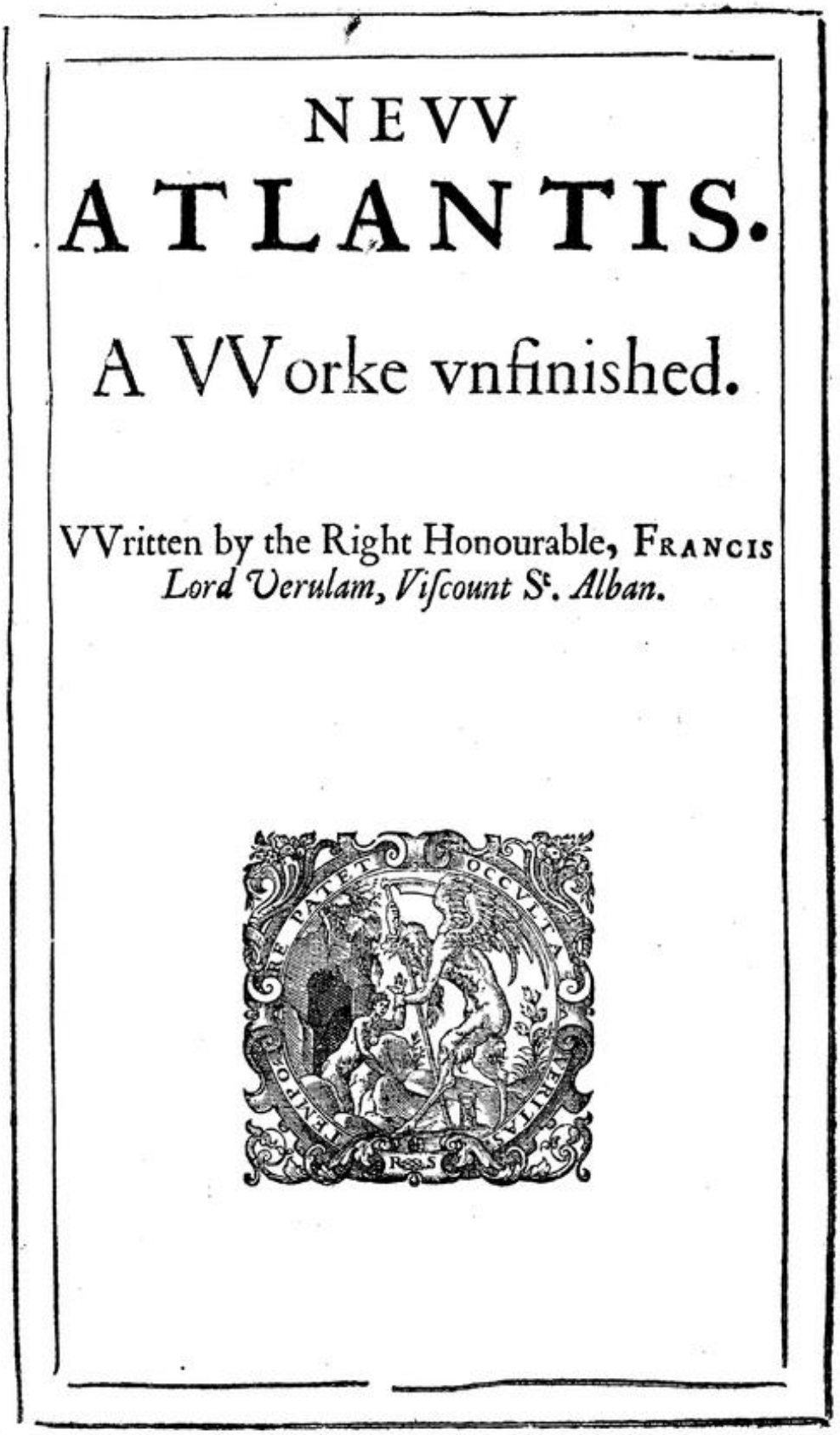
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Fig. 1 The title page of *New Atlantis* (1626-7) depicting Father Time with the inscription In Time the Hidden Truth Will Be Revealed

It foretold of aircraft and submarines. Its incredible research facilities had large and deep caves built under mountains to investigate the fields of geology and seismology. Some of these caves are used for refrigeration, and experiments for curing diseases and the prolonging of life, and the conservation of bodies. These mines are also used for producing of new artificial metals. Their High Towers (about half a mile in height) some placed upon the top of large mountains for experimentation and observation in the fields of meteorology and astronomy. They possess great lakes both salt and fresh and pools to strain fresh water out of salt and conversely to turn fresh water into salt. Weather machines for creating and multiplying the wind and laboratories in which they were able to further to replicate the weather by imitating thunder and lightning, snow, hail and rain. Chambers of Health for the curing or diseases and preservation of health. Botanical gardens consisting of various orchards and gardens which by their art or scientific procedures produce trees, plants and flowers in different seasons throughout the year. Special brewhouses, baking-houses and kitchens which produce new and better drinks, bread and meats for greater and more hygienic food production. New pharmaceutical laboratories for producing new drugs and medicines. Perspective houses for experiments with light and radiation. They also possess improved telescopes to view the heavens and the stars and microscopes to examine blood and urine as well as minute bodies, flies and worms. Sound houses to test acoustics and to carry out studies of a range of different musical instruments. And astoundingly, the 'means to convey sounds in trunks and pipes, in strange lines and distances', anticipating telephones and transatlantic communication systems that would later transform communications around the globe. The above being only a fraction of the truly extraordinary and incredible secrets and developments set out by Bacon in *New Atlantis* (*Land of the Rosicrucians*) that were destined to shape and transform our modern world.

To protect themselves and all the future benefits for humanity their philanthropic endeavours would bring the invisible Rosicrucian Brothers of *New Atlantis* needed to operate in the strictest secrecy away from the prying eyes of the Catholic Church and on occasions the State:

And take all an Oath *of* Secrecy, *for the Concealing of those which wee thinke fitt to keepe Secrett*: *Though some of those we do reueale sometimes to the* State, *and some not*.[4]

To secure their magnificent and divine objective of bringing about a Universal Reformation of the Whole World for the lasting benefit of humankind in all perpetuity:

The End o*f our* Foundation *is the Knowledge of* Causes, *and Secrett Motions of Things*; *and the Enlarging of the bounds of* Human Empire, *to the Effecting of all Things possible*.[5]

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