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ALCHEMICAL SYMPOSIUM 1961

A CONGRESS OF ALCHEMISTS, consisting of those actively engaged in the Hermetic work and including sincere students, will be held in the year 1961. This very small gathering will devote three days during the next year to expoundations and exchanges of alchemical and related subjects in theory and practice. The number of attendants will be very limited and the occasion will take place unnoticed, except for this announcement. Due to its esoteric nature every effort will be made to include some sincere beginners in the conclave. Those having the desire to attend such a symposium will have to prepare themselves accordingly, and not before the end of the present year 1960 and not later than the following Spring Equinox, will their names be considered.

Each participant will arrive and leave unobtrusively and anyone not being able financially to procure his own quarters will be given free hermitage. In keeping with the ancient tradition there will again be no charges or payments for those attending. Sincere aspirants may contact the PARACELSUS RESEARCH SOCIETY, as there will be no further notice.

OLEUM FERRUM

(The oil of Iron or the essence thereof)

MORE THAN FIFTEEN years ago a manuscript was handed to us about a different process for producing the oil, or essence, of Iron, which had been filed with other manuscripts. Lack of time prevented its testing. In the next BULLETIN we shall bring this report for those interested in procuring it.

EXTRA BULLETINS

Many inquiries have been received about getting some extra copies to make available to friends as potential subscribers. There are a few extra ones available that have been returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. They will be mailed in the order received. As the ALCHEMICAL LABORATORY BULLETINS are scarce please do not gather them for selfish reasons by disposing of them for more money at a higher price.

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LEGE MULTUM SED NON MULTA

THIS LATIN SAYING: Do much, but not a multitude; is as appropriate today as it was anciently. Endeavor to do one thing at a time as good as the ability permits and then only commence the next undertaking in a like manner. Rarely bring scattered energies aimlessly pushing in constantly shifting directions in its wake profitable results.

This is equally true in Alchemy. Much as an individual may desire to be in possession of the Philosophers Stone, it will prove almost inevitably an impossible undertaking, when one turns repeatedly from one experiment to another. Going progressively step by step, and above all, being determined to follow the instructions on hand until repeated results or failures either substantiate or refute its predestined outcomes, is absolutely essential.

We cannot afford to guess, when ways and means are at our disposal to certify every step we undertake. Always have some notebooks handy and preferably make your notations with a permanent ink. Water and other solutions can easily make illegible valuable results and therefore become temporarily lost, re-

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sulting in grief about precious time that cannot be regained.

Do not rely too much on your memory in the beginning. Many a wonderful idea has been lost, because we entrusted it to memory instead of writing it down. Usually when we need it most, it is not available, because we failed to put it on paper.

Nowhere, perhaps, is this of greater importance, than in alchemical investigations. Strive to be accurate by recording seemingly unimportant details, such as changing colors or rising and diminishing odors. These meager hints should bring to the fore the importance of painstaking observations during our investigations. Do not become discouraged because the first half dozen or more attempts fail, even with simple demonstrations. In our work some elusive elements of an ethereal nature are to be dealt with, that can escape unnoticed to the uninitiated. He may find himself at the end to have worked with a mortified substance devoid of its vital essence, which lack of knowledge brought about.

In the first stage of structural molecular changes (Transmutation) much time and labor can be lost, if the process is not wisely directed. Be not discouraged when results in the beginning are slow to come. Patience is our keyword and accomplished manifestations our reward. Remember: Lege multum, sed non multa.

HOW TO GET STARTED IN ALCHEMY

Part 2

BEFORE GOING ANY deeper into the laboratory procedures and to avoid any possible mistakes, it should be remembered that results depend on the preparations preceding the actual manual work in the laboratory. In Alchemy any process that is being tried out to produce results must carefully follow the instructions given. It has been found to be of an immense help to be mentally and, if possible, above all, to be spiritually prepared. How can this be accomplished? By contemplation. Any scientist has to contemplate the way he wishes to choose for his intended work. Once this is accomplished it needs a concentrated effort, which is achieved by concentration on the work to be done.

If a mystically inclined person speaks of meditation, it is just as well, as the process in the end is the same and only the approach differs one from the other. The more one is prepared for the work to be accomplished in either an abstract scientific or mystical way, the better will be its manifestation. The sincere student will eventually be able to prove to him or her self that a Scientist can be a Mystic and visa versa. This established personal proof will remove many a barrier and open up far greater vistas that will help to procure what the aspirant desires.

It is not unreasonable to try to acquire the Philosophers Stone, neither to make efforts to reach planets in outer space, not as yet conquered by humans. One must have faith in its undertaking and be firm in the persuasion of ones objective. Great men were called great AFTER they accomplished their goal. Before that, many unkind names were given to them, and much ridicule was their daily fare.

Many, if not most, came from humble beginnings; had little schooling until they contemplated the work that was to be their lifes effort. If you desire to make the Philosophers Stone, DO IT. Only by working on our plans can they be turned into actualities. Should the law of Duality be not clear to your understanding and your belief center on the Philosophers Stone as a transcendental subject, by all means continue on this line of thought, as it is the beginning, that will help to open the Portal to the Alchemists Laboratory. You must produce the STONE within you first, before you can hold it tangibly in your praying hands. Anything that exists does so because of the law of Duality. IF the Philosophers Stone exists in the world of Ideas and Thoughts then its counterpart will be found in its material manifestation and must lawfully appear as material evidence. True, not the manifestation as material substance but the inherent power is the real thing. Nevertheless, it does exist, according to the law of Duality.

As all Alchemical Neophytes have come to know that our main object is to lay bare the mercurial Quintessence in either of the three kingdoms, and to separate from it the Sulphur, later to be added again to its Mercury

and purified Salt, so must every Zealator in the Hermetic Work learn how to separate his Inner Being from the Outer Man and be able to form a greater and better Human Being.

Ponder again over the inter-relationship of things in the last BULLETIN and see how far you have been able to transmute your baser tendencies (metals) into the more refined ones. Are your Cardinal virtues equalling your cardinal Sins? The greater and higher your aim the more thorough must your preparation be. It can be done.

Simple, honest and truthful individuals have, with their sincerity, accomplished many things that schooled intellectuals have not been able to produce. It is, in almost every case, the sincerity in an attempted undertaking that forecasts the eventual result. Should personal greed motify ones aim, little can be expected. Altruistic endeavors to be of service to humanity and glorify by ones labor the Divine for the great blessing of just "Being," on the other hand, have helped many a sincere soul to reach realms far beyond their fondest dreams and aspirations. It may sound outmoded to some in our otherwise so-called rational approach, how to go about in deciphering alchemical secrets and making them public property. Just the same, only harmony in thought and action will produce harmonious results. And that is an Alchemists Aim.

First find Peace and Contentment within you. Then set out on your fascinating and rewarding journey to the land of the Alchemists. No matter how far you travel, no matter how little you think that you have accomplished at your journeys end, rest assured it was more than worth your while. Much more! Your healthier outlook in life embodied in a healthier physical appearance will let Body, Soul and Mind become a Cosmic Salt, Sulphur and Mercury. Then it takes only the Master within you to join them in proper proportions to let you become actually a living Philosophers Stone, who can give and never be depleted; who can heal and provide spiritually, mentally AND physically.

(To be continued)



"I had once given me the fourth part of a grain — I call a grain that which takes 600 to make an ounce. I made projection therewith, wrapped in paper, upon eight ounces of Quicksilver, heated in a crucible, and immediately all the Quicksilver, having made a little noise, stopped and congealed into a yellow mass. Having melted it in a strong fire, I found within eleven grains of eight ounces of most pure gold, so that a grain of this powder would have transmuted into very good gold 19,156 grains of Quicksilver," so says Van Helmont. Anyone making such a statement is either a liar or an Alchemist. Never both. An Alchemist does not lie. A liar is no Alchemist.

THE ALCHEMISTS HANDBOOK

YOU HAVE ASKED FOR IT!

FOR NEARLY TWENTY YEARS the manuscript of the HANDBOOK FOR ALCHEMISTS has been withheld from the printer. Since a surprising number of requests for a practical outline pertaining to the laboratory Alchemy have reached us, it has been decided to publish 500 copies of this Handbook by the PARACELTUS RESEARCH SOCIETY for its subscribers. Please note that it deals with practical elementary aspects and NOT just its History and Romance. Read the following excerpt from the Appendix and see what you may expect:

"How well my memory brings back in such vivid pictures the scene, when, more than fifteen years ago, first the essence of copper, or its oil, as we Alchemists call it, was obtained. It was such a small quantity. But, how elated, how thankful one feels, when it proves before ones own eyes what previous studies indicated as possible. The test tube that contains it is still in my possession."

This book was written for the Neophytes and Zealators of Alchemy. Alchemical publications of value are printed in limited editions. For example, the Hermetic Museum in two large volumes consists of only 500 copies published originally at \$50.00, etc. This edition of the Alchemists Handbook is also limited. It will be known as the Rosicrucian-Masonic edition. It is a MUST for any student of Alchemy. The nominal price of \$2.00 per copy covers only partly the cost of printing and handling. This volume is the only exception where the P.R.S. is handling the purchase of a book, as it is published by it. If you would like your copy signed by the author:

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It seems that individuals who devoted their lives to the pursuit of truth and really tried to live an honest life, regardless how successful they were, are the ones that can enter into the Alchemists Sanctorum and are being helped, whereas those, that pride themselves with their knowledge and accomplishments, hardly even find the location where Adepts dwell; not to speak of recognizing them.



Only an honest person can ever be an Alchemist.



"Birds of a like feather, flock together." So do students of Alchemy.

HOW ABOUT DOING SOME RESEARCH?

OURS IS A DIFFICULT TASK. Many will be the critics about our alchemical research, considered by most an ancient science or art, long since superseded by modern chemistry. However these arguments may be interpreted the fact still remains, that the hidden teachings in the purposely concealed full-fledged science contain momentous formulas, especially in the medical field, that need to be decoded and made available to the medical profession.

It will do no one any good to remain sceptical toward alchemy. Only an unbiased and determined study and analytical research can help to set forth the claims made therein. If we find some formulas not workable by constant testing, then, at least, we know it by experience. Likewise, formulas that result in a partial success, leave hope for an eventual complete result, as outlined. These things we aim to know.

Truly, it is at times very trying to experiment over and over again under the impression to have followed an outline exactly, only to discover later, that the misinterpretation of a phrase or symbol has set us off in a wrong direction. Since this is part of any research work it must not give way to an ultimate discouragement.

In Alchemy this temptation is especially great. Read the statement about cancer on page 21 and you will at once realize that no effort can or must be spared to produce this medicament for the benefit of all. It takes more than just a few hands for this Herculean task. You, as subscriber to the BULLETINS, who may think yourself at times wholly lost in this work and absolutely unable to help in any kind of research are perhaps the most logical and wanted individual to do some work in this field, as your mind is not prejudiced against the seemingly contradictory statements to be encountered in this work. Not all of us can watch over the retorts and apparatus in the laboratory, but there are numerous tests and experiments that are of a comparatively simple nature, but highly important as to the results obtained, that YOU can perform.

Your help is urgently needed. The P.R.S. will supply you with the necessary data and items to be investigated, if you will contribute some spare moments of your time in daily intervals.

You can be a servant in this unselfish work for the advancement of Humanity. The P.R.S. is presently not in a position to pay you for your help in these investigations, as it is a nonprofit institution and depends on the donations from groups and individuals to make the researches possible, because the P.R.S. is not going about publicly asking for funds. Altruistic individuals are helping to make this work possible, expecting no reward, but are rejoicing in the knowledge to have helped with either their time, money or equipment.

In a laboratory, equipment has to be replaced quite frequently and is expensive. But, please, remember above all: THE PARACELTUS RESEARCH SOCIETY does not make any claims on having discovered, or is about to discover, any world-changing medical cures, etc. It does only under moderate circumstances and conditions quietly further the alchemical research and will turn over many of its available results that are permissible to be handed to others, such as university laboratories, for further evaluation. This statement for example is supported by over eighteen years of intensive alchemical study and research by just one individual on our research staff, who has produced very promising results, giving encouragement and further determination not to be daunted by uninformed critics.

Therefore, if it is in your power to contribute some of your time, perhaps one-half to one hour every other day or so, contact the P.R.S. and state if you have a special field of interest, if any, where your latent talents can be most useful, or we shall offer you some, like the gathering of plants and minerals at specific times and under specific conditions, or the propagation of some plants, studying their behavior in various solutions, etc. etc. There remains an immense amount of varied and interesting research to be done, that you can do.

Help the P.R.S. in this work and further your own study and knowledge under individual guidance at no cost to you.

Become a researcher in the great and vast hermetic field. Help Humanity by erecting a bullwark of knowledge and understanding against ignorance and prejudice, by DOING something about it.



You can order The Alchemists Handbook only by pre-publication subscription. Human tendencies usually let us wait until someone else has taken the first step, so we can see for ourselves, only to let us experience the disappointment of having been too late. It is safe to predict that the HANDBOOK will be asking many times its pre-publication price in occult bookstores, as soon as it is available.



The alchemical way is the only known procedure by which all three essentials, Salt, Sulphur and Mercury can be separated and after separation be conjoint to produce a new and more potent remedy, than was formerly possible. Nature does NOT bring forth alchemical manifestations in this sense, as they can only be prepared in the Alchemists Laboratory.



“To the Most High and Almighty God, the Creator of this Art, Whom it has pleased to reveal to me, wretched, sinful man (in answer to my prayer) this most precious knowledge, be eternal praise, glory, honour, and thanksgiving.” So speaks H. Madathanas. Would a truly pious person mock his Creator like this? That would be inconceivable. Could you do this? Willfully, in the name of Deity, thus lie?

CANCER?

“IF OUR SURGEONS believed the words of Basilius, how eager they would be to obtain this Balm of Antimony! And, indeed the author rather underrates the virtues of this remedy than otherwise, as I myself can testify. A woman of 40 years had for seven years suffered from a hard malignant swelling in her left breast. All the Doctors and Surgeons whom she consulted declared her case to be an aggravated case of cancer. A most celebrated physician said that the only means of cure was the amputation of the breast. To this doubtful and desperate course the woman would not consent, and, as a last resource, she came to me. I thought that, in an extreme instance like this, where one breast was twice as large as the other, and filled with cancerous matter, I might venture to employ the Balm of Antimony, even for a disease in which Basilius does not authorize its use. The upshot of the matter was that, in less than two months, the woman was restored to perfect health.”

The above quotation is from the “*Triumphant Chariot of Antimony*” by Basilius Valentinus, in which Theodore Kerckring, M. D., of Holland, made the above annotation.

The question invariably arises: “If such a medication exists why is it being withheld? The answer to this YOU will have to find.



WHAT IS THE FIRE STONE?

Dr. T. Kerckring, quoted above also says: “As far as the heaven is from the earth, so far is the true Philosophers Stone from this Fire Stone. I confess that though I have found the Fire Stone, I have yet much to learn concerning the more potent tincture.”

So much for one who claimed to have possessed it. Now, what does Basil Valentine say what it is? “But the Fire Stone is not an universal Tincture, like the Philosophers Stone, which is prepared from the essence of Gold. Our Fire Stone tinges silver into gold, and also perfects tin and lead, but does not transmute iron or copper, nor does it impart to them more than can be obtained by them from separation. One part of this tincture has no power to transmute more than five parts of any imperfect metal. The great Philosophers Stone, on the other hand, has infinite power of transmutation. Yet the precious metal produced by the Fire Stone is pure and solid gold.”

The reader may begin to wonder, what difference there is if one substance can change baser metals into precious ones, as well as another. It shows how wonderful Nature provides the Alchemists with its various potentials, that begin to unfold as one delves into her secrets, but will to the uninitiated forever remain as “Mysteries.”

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTIONS APPEARING IN a present issue will be answered always in the following one. Inquiries, that are not to be publicly aired, will be answered by mail. Your subscription includes answering your correspondence pertaining to the subject matters published in the BULLETINS. To expedite replies, please enclose a self-addressed envelop. Questions will be answered by number only, never by name. You will recognize your own.

Answer to Question No. 1

Knowledge is gained only by experience. It is from this experience that we shall speak.

Answer to Question No. 2

The Sulphur is conjoint your extract. Distill in a waterbath your solvent and the sulphur will remain behind. Do not dry it completely of its moisture by distilling it to dryness. Your failure with the mineral is understandable, as you have not mastered the herbal process.

Answer to Question No. 3

We shall bring both, original and previously published material. The practical problems we shall help you to master by giving advice based on experience, as far as possible and permissible, depending on your state of advancement and accomplishments.

Answer to Question No. 4

You will be one of the many to welcome the Handbook for Alchemists.

Answer to Question No. 5

Yes, there is an English translation by Dr. Franz Hartman. A much better and more complete edition followed almost fifty years later and was published by the Aries Press in Chicago. No one can rightfully infringe upon another's belief. Our meeting is being arranged.

Answer to Question No. 6

Read answer No. 4. In due time you will make contacts. Be patient.

Answer to Question No. 7

In 1942 and 1943 a transmutation by the writer of these lines was attempted in a university laboratory. The result yielded a very small amount. If the formula is correct it will work. The partial failure was due to the one conducting the experiment. Thank you for the reminder.

Question No. 8

In BULLETIN No. 1, first quarter, that I borrowed from . . . concerning Alchemy, there is no reference to a water bath. Was there a reason for this? Also would you kindly send information on where to get the books you mention in the BULLETIN? Especially the works of Paracelsus.

Question No. 9

I had to look up so many words and some I couldn't find in the dictionary and I would not know how to begin to make two holes in a cork and get and make all the things needed. But I would be glad to work and share expenses with someone who would understand what to do and how to follow directions — that is if there is anyone here in Indianapolis who subscribed and if you could put us in touch with each other.

Question No. 10

. . . as I am definitely a beginner in Alchemy I would like a book on elementary lines, if possible. Also would you please tell me where I can get the Melissa you mentioned in your BULLETIN, at this time of the year?

Question No. 11

Is it necessary to know about Astrology to do alchemical work?

Question No. 12

How does the Cabala fit into Alchemy? Are they not two distinct subjects?

Question No. 13

Why is there so little known about Alchemists and those studying it. It seems that a lot of people are interested in it, but seem to have a hard time getting acquainted with someone who really knows something about it.

Question No. 14

Do you know of anybody who has the Philosophers Stone?

MANLY P. HALL



THE NAME MANLY PALMER HALL indicates a life devoted to the researches in the great realm of Philosophy. Its various phases of manifestation, since time immemorable, under names such as Metaphysics, Occultism, and its countless sideline offsprings, have found in Manly P. Hall a champion to erase the prevailing scepticism toward the esoteric teachings of individuals claiming greater insight into the workings of the Cosmic All.

Manly P. Hall's works deserve mentioning and support, as his many-sided expoundations of the various esoteric and philosophic schools and theories have helped tremendously to widen the outlook in life for countless individuals.

Equally well has his personality found response from the rostrum as lecturer, and gave many a thirsting soul from the fountain of mental youth to drink.

Towering over the generous output of his publications, like a monument in a desert, is his monumental work "Encyclopaedic Outline." (The secret teachings of all ages.)

This work, should all his others perish, will remain a classic in the history of Philosophic Publications.

Divine providence will, no doubt, assure him his niche in the Cosmic Hall of Fame as a champion for the liberation of the human mind from ancient and still prevailing superstition.