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Wondrous Alchemy

Alchemy is simply a raising of the vibrations. Two of our students from first year classes held in the fall of 1968 recently wrote on aspects of their progress since returning home. Along with their detail of the work are the following verbatim quotes of a general nature.

A Frater states "My personal alchemical process is also starting in my life. February 1st I shall be starting a new job which could be much better for my peace of mind. Approximately March 1 we will be moving into a new house, we have bought, which will be nicer for us and also enable me to set up a more permanent laboratory."

A Soror states "Everything I do has taken on a new meaning and my patience and tolerance for others has grown. And, believe it or not, my husband is easier to live with too. My physical well being has also improved and it seems that my intuition is keener too."

These people are a living testimony that alchemy works!



L. F. SANDER MEMORIAL

The family of Frater Louis Franz Sander gave a donation in his memory. It is to be used towards the purchase of the Encyclopaedia Britannica for the Paracelsus Research Society Library so that all students may thereby benefit. Those who knew Frater Sander personally and who wish to contribute towards this purchase may send their donations to the P.R.S. Please state on your remittance that it is to be used for the "L. F. SANDER MEMORIAL."



IN MEMORIAM

Soror Nelle Schramm of Wichita, Kansas, after returning home from attending classes at the P.R.S. concluded her sojourn upon this earth. In search for the greater light Soror Nelle Schramm found the portal that leads thereto. May she find the Peace Profound her heart longed for.

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PAR BENE COMPARATUM

"A well matched pair"—who has not heard it said and wondered what brought this matching about? Things well matched are complementary. Things complementary are harmonious. Things harmonious strive toward perfection. So it is with man as a dual being. Man's physical appearance is but half of him. His well matched psychic other half brings about his complementary self and the two combined are on the way towards perfection. It is very unfortunate that one or the other aspect of man's awareness is usually overemphasized. Rarely do we find an integrated personality that shows the dual being as complementary where the mental or psychic make-up equals the physical. Since man looks towards the pleasing aspects of life as they manifest in his immediate surroundings so should he look within himself and make sure that he also represents to be brought about and evolution of a more refined and exalted type of mankind take place. A haphazard choice or random grasp of what is immediately available and serves a temporary purpose does not bring about "a well matched pair," but careful contemplation and thoughtful evaluation lays the foundation for a more abundant life here and now while we dwell up on this earth.

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Just as much as we get undue attention when we wear two different colored gloves or shoes so do we get undue attention for our bizarre behaviors within and without when the awareness pair do not match. Above all it reveals our character and character is destiny.



THE NEXT "BULLETIN"

In the next *Bulletin* we will bring a report of a "Meyring" pupil, the last of the remaining students of the German Mystic Gustav Meyring, who lived for some time in Prague, the capital of the present Czechoslovakia. He met with a selected few people and proved the validity of the various laws in bright daylight where everyone present could witness what took place.

'Signals' from Outer Space

Eerie "signals" from outer space reported recently by British and U.S. scientists are probably a natural phenomenon of some kind, a radio astronomer believes.

The strange signals, which occur at precisely regular intervals from an origin beyond the earth, are being investigated as possible attempts by another civilization to contact the earth. American scientists at the Arecibo Radio Observatory in Puerto Rico are helping British scientists pinpoint their sources.

Dr. Arno A. Penzias, a radio astronomer who works at the Crawford Hill facility near Holmdel, New Jersey, said his feeling about the "signals" is that they are "dead stars collapsing—stars that have exhausted all their hydrogen."

He described the discovery as "a reasonably exciting astronomical event, but it doesn't call for anything but a physical explanation." Penzias expects scientists to discover many more than the nine sources of such signals already pinpointed.

He discounted the theory by some that the signals, called pulsars, might be navigational beacons or some part of a communication network in another civilization.

"If they wanted to navigate," said Penzias, "they wouldn't use those low frequencies (40 to 200 megacycles). If you were a super-duper civilization, you could do much better than that."

The scientist, however, doesn't rule out the possibility of other civilizations existing in the universe nor the probability that radio astronomers would be the first earth-dwellers to make contact with such civilizations.



Formula for Metals

To one lb. metallic substance 1 oz. of final extract or tincture is the basic formula. 1 oz. equals 29.57 ml.

From this basic formula all other dilutions are derived, i.e. allopathic or homeopathic.

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1 lb. (16 oz.) of antimony yield 1.64 mlfl tincture.

Question: How does this compare to the 1:9 formula?

Answer: 1 oz. of antimony equals 1 ml. of standard P.R.S. tincture.

Note: This is not to be confused with the final yield of sulphur of antimony when all of the Kerkring menstrum is distilled out.

The above formula of 1.64 ml. per ounce is the basis from which all other dilutions are derived.

Missing: 95 Per Cent of the Universe

Scientists doing research on radio wave behavior in outer space are taking part in a search for 95 per cent of the universe that may be "missing."

It is part of a widespread scientific effort to patch a hole in the so-called "big bang" theory.

Peering into the very origins of our universe, as suggested by the theory that it resulted from a gigantic explosion some 12 billion years ago, the scientists are reviving an early interest in the fast-growing science of radio astronomy—the study of celestial bodies by the radio waves they give off.

Karl G. Jansky, is credited with being the "father of radio astronomy." He discovered radio waves coming from outer space in 1931, while investigating static noise hindering radiotelephone communications.

Since then, the new science has spawned construction of at least 50 radio telescopes—actually special radio receivers with unique antennas—and now engages an estimated 250 scientists in its study. By providing a valuable new "window on the sky," the technique has vastly expanded the scope of modern astronomy, heretofore dependent solely on the optical telescope.

Dr. Arno A. Penzias in 1961 became the first professional radio astronomer to do research on microwave radio antennas. He was joined soon by another radio astronomer, Dr. Robert W. Wilson, and the two began work with a sensitive, 69-foot-long horn-reflector antenna originally designed for communicating with the Echo and Telstar satellites.

Shaped like a giant sugar scoop, the unusual antenna built to talk to these pioneering communications satellites is located atop Crawford Hill, at Holmdel, New Jersey.

Holmdel was also the site of Jansky's first crude antenna that in 1931 picked up a mysterious "hissing sound" from outer space amidst the static noise. The hissing turned out to be radio waves from stars and led to discovery by other scientists of many stellar bodies never before observed with ordinary telescopes.

One of the interesting research projects Penzias and Wilson have been pursuing is an attempt to help prove the "big bang" theory of how our universe was created.

The theory holds that our solar system and all the other galaxies resulted from a gigantic explosion that scattered planet and star matter all through space some 12 billion years ago.

The theory was sparked by discovery that "everything is moving away from everything else" in the universe, as Penzias explains it. He and Wilson

helped bolster the theory two years ago when they detected radio waves apparently given off by the explosion long ago.

Along with the "big bang" theory goes another more recent hypothesis that once the momentum of the original explosion has dissipated, the various galaxies will be drawn back together again, following the law of gravity.

This pulsating, or oscillating, universe—first expanding from the explosion, then contracting again under the pull of gravity until the galaxies fall back together and explode all over again—would continue indefinitely

But there is one drawback to this new supposition. "It turns out that right now there isn't enough mass discovered in the universe to bring it all back together again," said Penzias. The law of gravity, he explained, requires a certain mass to hold any object propelled through space within the gravitational pull of its source.

"As much as 95 per cent of the mass of the universe may still be hidden from us," said Penzias. "What we are looking for doesn't have to be stars or undiscovered galaxies. We believe it may be atomic hydrogen, which also makes up 75 per cent of the mass of stars."

This invisible gas, the simplest of elements, can be detected on one of the wave lengths (21 centimeters) at which the Crawford Hill radio telescope is most sensitive. Specially designed equipment has been installed to make a careful search for atomic hydrogen, which may comprise the "missing" 95 per cent mass of the universe, amidst the galaxies.

So far the search has proved fruitless, leaving unsolved some tantalizing questions about the origins—and future—of the universe.

It is most interesting to follow up on the thought pattern of an accredited scientist. When the following is appended it may shed even more light on the subject. The metaphysician says that:

Hydrogen, a gas, invisible, yet measurable could compare to the alchemist's explanation of a substance that can be liquified and "does not wet the hands." This Alkahest, as the Arabs called it, is supposedly the primal substance out of which atomic matter evolved. Anti-matter, non-atomic particles by contrast, is the invisible substance or energy which when released, on colliding with atomic particles causes a seeming disintegration or annihilation, which is but another way of saying that matter, as presently known, evolves further into a state unknown to contemporary standards but anciently described as "spirit," indicating the very life force inherent in all matter, manifesting under various names as cohesion, gravitation, kinetics etc. Matter as tangible substances requires an intangible contrary (energy) which can only manifest when opposed by a resistor thereby creating a field of force increasing movement by repulsion, as the recession of matter (the theory of an expanding universe) would indicate. The elusive macrocosm may yet reveal what it harbors within its own microworld as identical when used relatively of its own extension into macroscopic measurements, which would explain the ancient axiom "As above, so below."

That "ALCHEMY"

Again and again we are asked about the various procedures to be followed when it comes to the manifold laboratory manipulations. It all seems so contradictory when we emphasize that the so-called spiritual alchemy must go hand in hand with the practical laboratory application. We say contrary because during the instruction here at the P.R.S. we stress the fact that spiritual alchemy is over-emphasized in the various esoteric and metaphysical schools. The reason for this statement is the predominant emphasis that is placed upon the latter and the almost entire absence of laboratory technique. For this reason and for this reason only we make such statements. This does not preclude the theoretical knowledge which is not only necessary but absolutely essential to the tangible manifestation to follow.

When premature attempts in the laboratory fail it is undoubtedly due to a lack of thorough understanding of the underlying laws. Never should the so-called spiritual alchemy that gives us the knowledge and understanding of the entire alchemical structure be taken lightly. This is the foundation upon which the laboratory structure is erected. Without thorough mastery of the fundamental laws of alchemical procedure any laboratory work attempted will be merely a dabbling around that may even prove harmful, if not outright dangerous, to the misinformed or insufficiently instructed novice. They expose themselves to grave hazards that may endanger their lives and those of others. Even pseudo adepts are liable to mishaps if careless or they pay insufficient attention to the minute details that must be meticulously followed for success.

It has been observed that notwithstanding the patient explanations given to the students, while the practical work involved was demonstrated so that the entire procedure could be observed and closely followed, that even as the process involved took place, questions contrary to visible evidence, were asked. If such occasions occur during class instructions one can easily imagine what will take place in the private laboratories when individuals are dependent on their notes and previously observed class conducted experiments. The old refrain: "If I had only taken more notes and been more thorough with my notations," is truly a refrain, for it can be heard over and over again. This is where the term spiritual alchemy, or theoretical alchemy if you prefer, shows its importance.

An old axiom of the European Rosicrucian brethren stated: "Know the theory first before attempting the practice." This advice cannot be over-emphasized. It is of the utmost importance to know the theory first before attempting the practice, because the outcome depends upon the mastering of the theoretical aspect that needs thereupon to be proven. Guess work must

be eliminated as much as possible. This does not exclude contemplation and observation of natural phenomena. But it should not be a "guess" just because no other code of revelation is presently to be had.

Experiments conducted in practical demonstrations at the P.R.S. laboratories will produce identical results elsewhere under identical conditions. Failure to produce like manifestations is due to a change in procedure. Here is proof of the importance of laboratory and class notes. With complete notes the students have evidence of procedure and results of the same or similar experiments.

It is truly amazing to read or listen to statements made by students when a little contemplation and meticulous following of the fundamental laws would give the answers to the questions. Over and over again we stress the importance of the fundamental laws involved. At times students take this advice far too lightly and can hardly wait to see the manifestations take place that are first discussed in theory. In their over-zealousness important theoretical aspects are overlooked and the result is a malfunctioning already taking place while the experiment is still in the developmental stage. If only the "would be alchemist" would spend a little more time in contemplation much time and lost labor could be saved, not to mention financial outlay, that in some cases proves a hardship when it need not be so.

Whether one works at the herbal, animal, or metallic-mineral alchemy, the fundamental laws are the same in principle. When constant failure in the laboratory results there is but one alternative and that is to return to the spiritual alchemy and make sure that the laws involved are known and understood. The first wrong turn is made when personal opinions are substituted because one does not clearly understand the outline given. Personal opinions and further improvements of already existing alchemical formulas in books, manuscripts and other sources are possible only after the fundamental laws have been followed and can, at will, be repeated with identical results. As long as these primal requirements cannot be met it is generally useless to attempt to improve, with personal opinions, upon something that is not even understood. Sheer luck, as it is called, may produce something of worth, but even here little benefit will be derived since it may not, and probably will not, have anything to do with the intended outcome.

Many alchemical students have found that before any actual laboratory work is commenced a moment or two of contemplation is of great help. Fortunately when such an attempt is made the thought pattern which evolves out of the quiet moment gives rise to much more profound investigation such as the rechecking of former notes. When thereafter the student or "would be alchemist" goes through the entire process in his mind, preferably with his eyes closed, and follows step by step what he is later to do by manual operation, he will find his work will go much more smoothly

than if he has to stop frequently to ask himself: "Now, how was this again." Or "What was it he did next?," etc. Actually the alchemist is then following a blue print of the mind, where every detail has been worked out in advance.

The adept, having his blue print in mind, knows what he should do and what the *result should be*. Should a mistake occur, should the result be different than expected then he will immediately recognize the possibility of error and in retracing his steps discover what has been done incorrectly. However, had he not first had a blue print and known what the *result should be* he could not find his mistake, let alone correct it.

Research, alchemical or otherwise, is not guess work—it may sometimes be trial and error but it is not guess work. By working with the basic laws and learning the fundamental facts first then the more experienced alchemist may try other means or methods to produce the same result. Here, however, it is imperative that very careful notes be kept or it is doubtful if the same results can be duplicated. Therefore, an important piece of information and research might be lost.

If for the adept careful planning for an experimental project is necessary, then how much more important this admonition is to the novice—*blue print your work and keep accurate notes.*

The alchemist or "would be alchemist" does not produce alchemical manifestations in the laboratory only to prove something in the form of material manifestation. His objective is to produce something of value, especially in therapeutics. Alchemical products contain three essentials, known as sulphur, salt, and mercury in the purest obtainable form. When used medicinally they represent the highest and most potent form of any medication known, provided the alchemical axiom has been followed, by separation, purification and proper conjunction of the substance in question. Even here the key to this work is of no value to the one in possession thereof, if he does not have the lock wherein it will fit, as the ancients have phrased it. Medicinal alchemy is not for the curiosity seeker who just wants to dabble in this kind of work to see if there is anything to it. The alchemical key is only of value to the physician. A quack has no business coming up with so-called alchemical products and indiscriminately using them as he sees fit "because the books say so" or because he "feels it might work."

To be an alchemist requires more than just reading what former alchemists have said and following their instructions, which in most cases are extremely hard to understand, especially for those who have had no previous instructions in the spagyric art. Alchemy, rightly called the mother science of all sciences, because it is the fountainhead of evolution, on the physical plane, requires much knowledge. An alchemist is way ahead of his time, just as alchemists of centuries ago were far ahead of their

time as more and more often present investigation reveals. To advance beyond those earlier alchemists, then, requires that the aspirant knows as much as they did, before any further growth can be made. Alchemists of today need to provide evidence that they are able to produce the same product as did the former adepts. When this proof has been made available then further advancements in alchemy appear to be possible.

As it stands now, from the evidence available, very few students can rightfully be called "achemists." This should be no deterrent to those who sincerely delve into alchemical jargon in an attempt to unravel it. In fact such effort is very good for the mind, as in this manner mental cobwebs will be removed and preconceived notions will have to make room for factual substantiation, usually by the time proven method of trial and error—since ages past the best teacher for all concerned. It must be admitted that this is a very cumbersome and tedious way to arrive at alchemical truths but nevertheless, the most reliable. Up to now no one has found a better way to unravel the jargon except by making the most likely interpretation.

After all is said and done, we are happy to confess that the results extant from students who have been instructed in the P.R.S. laboratories have eliminated for those to follow many false paths that were previously unmarked pitfalls. This was done for them or in their behalf by others here at P.R.S. This alone is worth the saving in time and money that would otherwise have to still be undergone by the novices in their alchemical quest. Not only this but the fact that, like results become manifest when instructions are followed, is the best evidence of the approach used. When the final evidence of therapeutic values become known and coincide with the indicated previous recommendations, what others say or think, will no longer be important. Alchemy will have proven itself and will need only unbiased minds to further evaluate what still lies hidden in the annals of alchemy, since time immemorable, as former alchemists have testified.

In this new age more and more of such alchemical testimonials will be revived and added upon, making the arduous task of the alchemical novice even more promising. Thus, the alchemist may become a saviour of mankind in his own way, beginning by setting his own house (body and mind) in order, thus enabling him, as a living testimonial, to be of uplifting and positive influence to all those with whom he comes in contact. Alchemy will have proven itself and will need no vindication.

The P.R.S. deeply regrets that it has no more teachers available to help in dispensing this knowledge and must limit classes to the small number of five students in any class, in order to provide personal and individual instruction. Mass media will not do!

The Path

The path at first will be rough and the way steep. It will require infinite patience and courage and determination to overcome the obstacles which will beset you on your upward climb; yet once you have overcome these barriers—which are, after all, only the habits of your past life—and have reached the pinnacle, you will be free of doubt and self-distrust.

Then you will enjoy the vista of a New Life and Happiness and Successful Accomplishment. Once you have savored its sweetness, nothing else will bring such complete satisfaction as Achievement, for it is then that you can FEEL its surging power within you—a tonic quality that will enable you to push back the mental boundaries of the world in which you live.

No man has the RIGHT to be a failure. It is his duty, NOT HIS PRIVILEGE, to be successful. If you have been unsuccessful it is because you have negative qualities of mind that prevent you from accomplishing that which you SHOULD and CAN ACCOMPLISH.

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GURDIEFF

WHATEVER SPECULATIONS may exist concerning Gurdieff, who taught Ouspensky and the world famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright among others, one thing stands out, his insight into human nature. There should be little doubt as to his knowledge and understanding about those things not generally known to mankind as a whole. Were it not for the private teachings he gave, to those whom he would select and accept, many of the topics on which he shed more light would not even be considered by those who are skeptical about him. Individuals like Gurdieff serve mankind best by revealing that which is not generally known and accepted either by scientific or esoteric circles, and thus allowing mankind to awaken to the facts to be learned therefrom as based upon personal experiences.

In this field Gurdieff accomplished what he had set out to do in both Europe and in the U.S.A.

When individuals, whom Gurdieff taught, interpreted his teachings in their own way and made them public, it should be understood that such personally interpreted statements do not always represent what Gurdieff meant. As in so many cases where teachers taught and their pupils listened not all heard alike, let alone understood alike that which was said.

Gurdieff's teachings allow a wide scope for those who wish to interpret in their own way what may be contrary to the meaning Gurdieff attempted to convey.

There is more to the teachings of Gurdieff than may appear to the casual reader.