

THE BOOK OF ALKHEMI

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concerning the Royal Art of Alkhemi

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1. The Great Work is One: Attain Thou That! All things are modes of expression of That One Thing and Its Eternal Quest for Unity with Itself in the Immeasurable Light of Its Universal Holiness.
2. This is the Highest Will of All: Union with That!
3. That Alone is Truth; and This that Thou knowest is a necessary complement thereof.
4. Wherefore We charge ye to know the True Nature of That One Thing.

5. Therefore shall We also charge ye to know the One Meaning of That One Thing, as ye shall learn in the course of thine initiations, through the many lives of thy fabricated karma, to the Final Illustrious Summit of Thy True Will in the Eternal and Secret Abode of L.V.X.; yea, in the Eternal and Secret Abode of L.V.X.

6. The Great Work of the Sun is Proclaimed: Attain Thou the Mystic Crown of the Ages!

7. Here is a prophecy of divinity, most sublime for many future Adepts. This Royal Book of Our Transcendental Science will remain amongst men of this little earth for many generations to come. Many adepts in the future will understand this holy book and apply its secret gnosis to the accomplishment of the Great Work; and thereby will they secretly partake of the Ineffable Mystery of the True Stone of the Wise which is hidden in the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Eternal Temple of the Holy Magick of Light.

8. By the Ageless Wisdom of Hermes Trismegistus, Thrice-greatest One, Whom is the Lord of Our Royal Science and Sacerdotal Art, is this Holy Book made possible for the children of men.

9. He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear the wondrous and melodious splendours of High Wisdom, immanent yet concealed within these sweet celestial words of the vast subtlety of the Crown of Creation.

10. Thou shalt discern the imperishable golden splendours of these holy runes of magick in the Eternal Vision of Wisdom,

and with the Inner Ear of Thy Spirit, and also by virtue of a certain key of knowledge which is unpronounced and unrecognized amongst the men of this little world of corporeal existence.

11. These secret splendours reveal the highest glory for the perfect attainment of the One Truth in man.

12. For all that is recorded herein is a true testimony of things seen with the Inner Eye of Our Soul, and of things heard with the Inner Ear of Our Spirit.

13. This Holy Book is a fountain of truth, by which ye shall come to understand the Invisible Agencies which direct the hidden operations of the Great Work throughout the infinite spaces of Infinity, with worlds without end, above and below, left and right, before and behind.

14. These Subtle Agencies are three in number, capable of great and vast transformations through pure multiplication and exaltation of their infinite and elastic elements of becoming.

15. Yet there is but One Knowledge of the One True Formula of those Three Arcane Agencies which constitute the accomplishment of the Great Work, which hath been communicated partially in diverse ways throughout the aeons of time, with each way declaring itself the One Absolute Truth.

16. But herein is a great and mighty misfortune which hath bound many uninitiated candidates of Our Royal Art to the baleful chains of ignorance and death.

17. For many are the ways which lead to the Grand Golden Palace of Our Magnum Opus, and in each way thou shalt find a lesser formula of knowledge applicable to the One End; yet are

all these lesser ways but mere reflections of the One True and Unknown Way of Attainment.

18. There are also three lesser agencies which concentrate and synthesize the Three Higher Agencies into the innumerable worlds of Our Infinite Universe.

19. If thou canst discover the exoteric operations of these three lesser principles of Nature, thou shalt likewise obtain a holy glimpse of the Three Higher Principles of which We speak.

20. Each lesser principle is a sign of the higher, but after a certain manner most secret and most mysterious.

21. On earth shalt thou find these principles reflected and made especially manifest in thy works of physical union.

22. There is fire, and there is water, and then there is Air: there is sulphur, and there is salt, and then there is Mercury.

23. Seest thou not the true nature of these things?

24. Ah! thou hast not yet trained thy mind to comprehend the treasures of earth, which are not material wealth, nor are they material goods; but rather are they holy treasures which, when found, make a man to sell all that he hath for them.

25. But the Three Higher Principles of the Universe are beyond these, being subtle, ineffable and supernal. All three of these greater principles are equal in essence to one another; there is no difference between them in the measure of infinity which they contain within themselves: each one of these Higher Principles is equally infinite.

26. Now let it be understood amongst the holy circle of

Initiates that in thine own Holy Rose Garden there dominates these Three Higher Principles of the Vast Unknown of the Celestial Beyond.

27. Thou shalt first secure Understanding; then shalt thou attain Wisdom; and so shalt thou obtain the Ageless Crown of Eternal Splendour. These are the Three Ineffable Mysteries of the Palace of the Stars!

28. They are also the eternal secrets of the Great Lamp of Wisdom: there is the light, and the oil, and the lamp itself.

29. Study thou well this threefold teaching of Hermes-Mercurius- Thoth, Thrice-greatest Master of the Opus of the Sun; and so shalt thou accomplish the Great Work of the Aeon.

30. Thou shalt also know that the Three Higher Principles of which We speak are mysterious revelations of a more Ineffable Trinity of Inscrutable Unity.

31. Now the Inward Work is threefold; and the Outward Work is threefold. Each is a Threefold Unity of Soul, Mind and Body.

32. The Hidden Stone of the Ages is thus obtained, even here and now. Let the Sun and the Moon unite; let them bear an Hermaphrodite! Let a child be born: it shall be the Stone of the Sages, the Medicine of Metals, and the Elixir of Life.

33. Also the Threefold Unity Above is expanded into a seven- petalled Rose; and on each petal there is inscribed in fire one of the seven letters of VITRIOL.

34. Also each rose petal is of a different color; four petals are mixed, and the other three are virgin. Also each petal has a unique scent, taste, and touch to it. All these come

forth from the Centre of the Cross, that is, from the Place of  
the Palace of the Stars in the midst of it all.

35. And in each letter of fire on the seven petals of the  
Sacred Rose there is concealed a vision and a voice. And in each  
vision and voice there is concealed a divine splendour of  
unspeakable transmutations of ineffable mystery and wonder. All  
these inner splendours are different stages of Our Master Opus of  
Divine Transformation which can be interpreted in many ways in  
many lands.

36. So sayeth Hermes Trismegistus, Lord of Our Royal and  
Sacerdotal Art of Alkhemī, Whom is also the Wisdom of the Gods  
and the Logos of the Ineffable Unknown. Mysteries revealed are  
mysteries concealed; and none but the Wise may decipher them.  
This Holy Book of the Magick of Hermes is hermetically sealed;  
and none but the Wise may unravel its sublime splendours of High  
Wisdom for the accomplishment of the Great Work of the Sun; yea,  
for the accomplishment of the Great Work of the Sun.