

## EXTRACT FROM HADRIAN A MYNSICHT

or: *HENRICUS MADASTHANUS*

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(Compare this with extract from French M. S. following)  
at p. 172, & also from Rhenanus at p. 168, Fachsen at 186.

Process.

Vitriol green & known only to Philosophers, or in defect of this, the Crystals of ♀ exceedingly well purified, sublimely cleansed & free from all earthiness; place it in a strong & well fortified ☞, & strongly urge the work according to the degrees, until it becomes partaker of a somewhat reddish ♂, which preserve well, whose use I will afterwards declare.

Then pour an appropriate menstruum upon the ☹ remaining at the bottom of the ☞ or ✕, & put it in a cold place, then crystals of the nature & taste of vitriol will gather together. Calcine the ☹ a second time, & as has been above shown, proceed; soon crystals of nearly the same sort will accrue, but of every little use in this mystery.

Reiterate this kind of labour so often & so long until no smell of vitriol is apparent; & then at last calcine the ☹ as strongly as possible, but philosophically, & extract a salt beautiful & pleasant to the taste, which some keep under the hope of the teaching immediately to follow, & in the meantime to make a mental note of what has been said:

Visitetis interiora terrae rectificando, & invenietis occultum lapidem, veram Medicinam.

Afterwards the before said ♂; & by pouring ▼ upon it, dissolve in it some filings of ♂, & prepare a vitriol of the same & dissolve it in

rain  $\nabla$  , that thence crystals may shoot out, which labour resume so often, until the pure is separated from the impure, & in the end from the mantle of obscurity the crystals may appear clear & pellucid. From these crystals  $\text{♂}$  , at length, as before, distill a most red  $\text{♁}$  , & very well rectify it, lest any phlegma should adhere to it. Then you will have the blood of the Red Lion, yes, even the Mineral, & together with it the  $\text{♁}$  of  $\text{♂}$  &  $\text{♀}$  of full vigour & taken by Vulcan, according to that saying: *Mulciberi capti Marsque Venusque dolis.*

Moreover extract from the  $\text{☉}$  a salt free from all smell of  $\text{♂}$  , in the same manner as shewn to you in the extraction of the  $\text{☉}$  of the vitriol of  $\text{♀}$  . Mix both these  $\text{☉}$ s, in equal weight, place them on a glass dish in a cellar or cold place, & let them resolve themselves into a  $\text{♀}$ ial  $\nabla$  : Afterwards take the solution, from whence crystals will again shoot forth: And then you will have the double  $\text{♀}$  , the  $\text{☉}$  of wisdom & nature, the  $\text{☉}$  of the Philosophers, under which the centre of the World lies hidden. And this double  $\text{♀}$  involved in the mantle of obscurity no one of the Philosophers before me, has so openly declared as I have done, although in some more obscure words, which nevertheless, or, at least, by the intelligence of the Philosophers, will be most easily understood: By the searching, therefore of subtle thoughts, inquire further into the thing, & lay by this  $\text{♀}$  by the Philosophers called R E B I S, as a terrestrial Treasure, & after God an experiment of the highest & greatest science, for the following use:

The  $\text{♀}$  just spoken of & that most red  $\text{♁}$  ; those two according to the strength of the Philosophical weight, & join them together by the sharpness of great intelligence, so nevertheless that three parts of the Spagyric vessel may remain empty, but a quarter may be seen to be full; seal

it Hermetically, & regulate the Philosophical  $\triangle$  according to the degrees in continual heat, so that it may be coagulated into one mass, & put on the form of the Stone; which stone afterwards made according to the pleasure of your good will be able to bring back again to its former fountain, & in a short time to make it more noble & illustrious: And thus you have perfected a great mystery: You will also see before the coagulation a wonderful appearance of many things and a multifarious colour, all which things consider well, honour God, & do good to your neighbour.

#### Its Powers, Uses, & Dose.

It is a universal Medicine, & such a Treasure as will be able to cure nearly all diseases by whatever name they may be called in each & every creature. One, two, or more grains of this Arcanum taken according to the condition or constitution of the patient, penetrates the whole body like smoke, banishes malignant distempers, creates a better conformity to nature, renovates the whole creature, & as it were, regengrates anew, & so preserves the repaired building against any severity of accidental diseases even to old age & the goal of life decreed by the most high God, & etc. For:

*Contra vim Mortis non est medicamen in hortis.*

Also this most illustrious medicine duly fermented with the purest  $\odot$  of the Philosophers, depurates unclean metals of their innate leprosy & tinges them with the good virtue of pure & fixed  $\odot$ . For which immense & ineffable benefit & imparted accumulation of every gift & wisdom, be praise & glory to the Great Creator, to the God who is in the highest.