

## ABRAHAM OF FRANKENBERG

### *A distinguished Silesian Knight*

#### A UNIQUE PROCESS FROM PRIMAL MATERIAL

In the months of March, April and May, three days before the full Moon, the solar Sulphur ascends from the Earth because of the heat, and exhaling like a white smoke to the higher regions of the Air, becomes totally spiritual; for the lunar cold raises it at this season. In the morning, therefore, when the rising Sun strikes cold Heaven with its rays, the frozen Moon turns the weighty solar seed and the moisture of the Earth into a clear Water, in which the four elements liquefy together with the seed of gold.

However, as soon as the Sun hides his brilliance, it (the solar sulphur) is again drawn down, because it has begotten that (water) which is close to the Hermetic substance, the Sun its father, the Moon its mother, its nurse the Earth, and the Wind carried it in its belly; Then that water is taken and after philosophic sublimation it is thoroughly purified in the Hermetic Vase, the furnace and the fire, as was seen. Many have possessed this genuine material, but unless they knew the philosophical manipulation, Nature would not produce the living Sulphur of Gold from the Earth, where it naturally follows that everything is done, is born, and appears, in a wholly philosophic fashion.

After you have collected that Water of May dew, at the proper time, as described, it is filtered several times; then pour the depth of two fingers, crossways, into a large glass, which is then tightly tied in a sheet of calf's bladder, and hung up in the heat of the Sun and cold of the Moon for a whole month, so that they are soaked in the bright

burning mirror of the sunshine, and the Sun dew becomes impregnated with its inward strength, until at last it acquires a golden colour.

Now at first the water draws down blackness and stench, which disappear little by little, then it becomes yellow and acidic like vinegar, then this sign will disappear; shortly afterwards it becomes green and a fat resembling May butter is seen on the surface of the water; again this sign vanishes and at length a green Earth is produced, which rises till it ripens, then remains at the bottom of the glass.

Then the living Spirits will rise to the top of the glass and stick together above like the eyes of living fishes; but they descend to the Earth again and in a few days the living spiritual Sulphur of Gold emerges from an earth of the same colour and it will shine from its Water like a burning coal, beyond comparison with gold or the shining Moon.

Then it is ripe and ready to be distilled. Distillation should be done over a water-bath, and a third of the water should be distilled off. The remainder should be taken separately and circulated over the liquor or Earth by distillation ten times, continually pouring it back again. (Cohobation & distillation).

The earth finally remaining in the bottom of the glass is weighed, and moistened with a finger's breadth of the rectified Water, then placed on a gentle heat, and again dried; this is to be repeated until the Earth has imbibed three times its own weight, or weighs three times more than it did before.

When this has been done, the Earth is distilled in a retort over a strong fire. Then the celestial Mercury passes over into the receiving vessel, and is pure Living Gold, which puts all manner of diseases to flight, and renews the powers of man.

Coagulation of this red Oil gives the Salt of Saturn, which should give a red dust when it has been fermented with gold. When the Stone has finally been received by gold, then it should be projected on all the other metals, as has already been described in the preceding processes.

Or this:- Take water in which our Stone is, as you find it, which is like nothing else. Take nothing away from it and add nothing to it, for it must be prepared according to its own proper nature. Place it in a cucurbit and separate. Take the moist from the dry, and the body alone will remain in the glass, and the water will go over into the receiving vessel; marry this again, as you know how, and thus the fixed will become volatile and the volatile fixed. What was dead lives, and what was alive is put to death. Thence prepare the Medicine, which changes from colour to colour.