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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

IAG now has 501(c)3 status, which means your donations are tax deductible. Your commitment to supporting IAG enables The Great Work to continue at this critical time in history.

Announcements

In order to make the Bulletin most relevant to the spectrum of ages and areas of interest of our membership, please submit your suggestions, comments and articles to paulette.harris@alchemyguild.org

The **ALCHEMY STUDY PROGRAM** website is designed to provide you with all the information you need to sign up for this premier course. There you will find short biographies of ASP instructors to help you choose the one best suited to help you meet your goals. Some graduates have gone on to be instructors! www.AlchemyStudy.com

Meetings & Conferences

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR! The **FOURTH INTERNATIONAL ALCHEMY CONFERENCE** held at the Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA September 16-18, 2011, was a HUGE success and we thank all participants for this uplifting and inspirational experience.

Dr. Theresa Bullard kicked off the Conference with a reading of The Alchemist's Prayer written by Dennis William Hauck.

The following photos are of some of the keynote speakers and workshop presenters who provided information and anecdotes that generated excitement throughout the weekend.



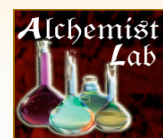


An often frequented spot was the **Alchemy Guild Booth** where information on **IAG membership**, the **Alchemy Study Program** and other workshops was available. Current and back issues of the **Alchemy Journal** were offered for purchase along with **Alchemy Guild** t-shirts and bags. <http://www.alchemyguild.memberlodge.org/>



Check out this YouTube link to see a segment of the laboratory demonstration, which was ongoing throughout the Conference:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sn7GCfk_5K4



The **Crucible Book Store** was the place to be to meet people and to explore a wide variety of books. Alchemical t-shirts, DVDs, CDs, jewelry and decorative items were also available at special Conference discounts. The energy is always lively at the bookstore!



Many items are still available for purchase online at <http://www.crucible.org/>

If you were on the 2011 **International Alchemy Conference** mailing list, one of the things you would have learned is that "**DISSOLUTION**, the **second stage in alchemy**, is the process of adding the element of water to the ashes of what has been burned by the fires of calcination. This is an emotional stage where the person goes back to "the womb" of childhood where some of the impurities (repressed feelings) were attached and need to be washed away. The feelings, reactions, opinions, thoughts, beliefs, and attitudes must be examined for reality, to find whether they are based on repressed feelings or present facts. This is a stage of anxiety, fear, denial, illusion and possible mental breakdown. When a person moves through this stage, the ability to see what

is real becomes clear because all negative feelings have dissolved.”

If you haven't already done so, take a moment to sign up for the mailing list to make sure you are up-to-date on next year's conference happenings. <http://www.alchemyconference.com/?amigosid=5>

The one and the many are different,
yet mysteriously linked.
- Ibn al-Arabi

Articles

Breakthrough Reflections Regarding the Philosopher's Stone

There are four very important things that I remember from my two-week intensive at Paracelsus Research College. One, Frater Albertus kept reiterating the importance of patience and vigilant observation while we steadily maintained the lowest possible degree of heat necessary to complete each step in the laboratory class. Two, he harvested crust that formed in a chimney that had been raised from an old antimony smelting facility and used it to make a spagyric. Three, he purchased an electron microscope, to be used for viewing particulates on a cellular, or molecular, level. And, four, he was very tenacious about teaching astrology. I know from my experiments that microbial yeasts are a critical part of the Herbal Work. They are sensitive to temperature conditions, and are influenced, and sometimes enriched, by astronomical radiations. Therefore, my conclusion from these four points is that extremophile microbes are essential to the Mineral Work, and the creation of the Philosopher's Stone.

Extremophile microbes grow in alkaline and acidic geothermal ponds and in volcanic plumes, which radiate consistent temperatures. The antimony chimney comprised a similar environment, as do some human-made earthenware vessels, boasting vertical tubes exiting their chambers as depicted

in alchemy related historical artwork. Microbes not only consume minerals through their digestive processes, but also can transmute substances not found in their original residence. Oceanic iron ore deposits are a perfect example. The presence of microbes can be verified by an electron microscope. Also, there are records of the Philosopher's Stone being created from the dark, rich mud of the Nile River. This powerful body of water originates in the actively volcanic regions of the Ethiopian highlands.

Timothy Wilkerson is the author of the handbook: "Alchemy Astrology, Lost Key To The Philosopher's Stone."

<http://www.alchemyastrology.com>



Publications

Vol. 11 No. 2 of the **Alchemy Journal** and **Vol. 12 No. 1** of the **Alchemy Journal** are now available for purchase!

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He who feels that he is too small to
make a difference has never been
bitten by a mosquito.

Did You Know?

The Arabs believe that pistachio nuts, when eaten, act as an antidote to love spells. The nuts are also given to zombies to bring them out of their trances and give them the rest of death. Curiously enough, the pistachios which have been artificially dyed red are said to be the best for this purpose.

Gender: Masculine
Planet: Mercury
Element: Air
Powers: Breaking Love-Spells

From: Cunningham's Encyclopedia of Magical Herbs



Every Day Alchemy

Just Do It!

Oftentimes the fear of making a mistake interferes with timely decision-making, leaving us stuck in the same ol' day-to-day patterns. Wisdom tells us that experience is the best teacher. That being so, it then follows that there is no such thing as a "mistake". Living with a decision allows us to really feel whether it resonates. If it does not, then we are free to choose again. Experience is knowledge and knowledge is power.

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From Our Readers

A possible effect of the 2011 International Alchemy Conference?



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