



# International Alchemy Guild Bulletin

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**Autumnal Equinox – September 22, 2012**

## Announcements

Check out the expanded **GUILD ARCHIVES**, now fully searchable by folder and by individual files. New materials and books have been added to all categories over the last six months, including Golden Book of Chemistry; Lapidus: In Pursuit of Gold; Brotherhood of Light: Doctrine of Spiritual Alchemy; Book of Abraham the Jew; Voynich Manuscript; Albertus Magnus: Compound of Compounds.

The **GUILD ARCHIVES** is the largest collection of its kind in the world!

**ROSICRUCIAN PARK** is offering all current **Guild** members free admission to the **Egyptian Museum** in **Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, CA**. Members may print their membership card from the **Guild Archive** in the section "00-Guild Documents."

## PLEASE HELP:

The first **Alchemy Museum** in the United States will open **June 21, 2014**, at **Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California**.

The **Museum** is looking for old or new lab equipment and glassware. Donations are fully-tax deductible.

Check out the **Alchemy Guild forum** on Yahoo at: <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/AlchemyGuild/> and the **Emerald Tablet forum** at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EmeraldTablet/>

## Meetings/Conferences/Workshops

**Northwest Alchemy Conference - May 31 to June 2, 2013, Longhorse Center, Redmond, Washington**

A GATHERING OF TRADITIONAL AND PRACTICAL ALCHEMISTS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SEATTLE Area!

Details, Information and lecture descriptions: [http://www.spagyricus.com/?page\\_id=532](http://www.spagyricus.com/?page_id=532)

Sign up for the **INTERNATIONAL ALCHEMY CONFERENCE** newsletter for the latest updates on the **Fall 2013 Alchemy Conference**. <http://alchemyconference.com/?amigosid=5>

## Chapter News

**Exciting things are happening in Utah!**

The **Guild** is pleased to announce the forming of the **ALCHEMY GUILD OF UTAH**. Congratulations to Chapter President, **Phoenix Aurelius!**

Ongoing classes, courses, intensives, workshops, lectures, & events are happening weekly in Salt Lake City. Please bookmark the **Alchemy Guild of Utah's** weekly Calendar of Events: [EVENTS](#)

The **Utah Chapter** is offering the following International Study Opportunities during September and October:

**Thursday, September 6 to Thursday, October 25, 2012 - Transpersonal Alchemy Study Program.**

For a full description of the course, go to: [TRANSPERSONAL ALCHEMY](http://TRANSPERSONAL ALCHEMY)

To register by phone or for more information, call **Phoenix Aurelius** at +1 (801) 688-7049 or email [Phoenix@AlchemyGuildUtah.org](mailto:Phoenix@AlchemyGuildUtah.org)

**Thursday, September 27 to Sunday Sept 30, 2012**

- **Prima: Spagyric Laboratory Weekend Training Intensive** with **Robert Allen Bartlett**. Hosted by the **Spagyrics Institute** and the **Alchemy Guild of Utah**. Held at **Spagyrics Institute**, Marysville, WA.

For a full description of the course go to: [SPAGYRIC LABORATORY](http://SPAGYRIC LABORATORY)

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**Sunday, October 7 to Sunday October 28, 2012 - Alchemy Astrology International Study Program** with **Timothy A Wilkerson**.

Offered via live & recorded Webinar. Visit: [ALCHEMY-ASTROLOGY](http://ALCHEMY-ASTROLOGY)

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"In simplest terms, the king and queen represent the raw materials of our experience—our thoughts and feelings—with which the alchemist works." The Emerald Tablet by Dennis W. Hauck

**Greetings from Russia:** The **St. Petersburg Chapter** has now had three meetings. Its previous meeting two weeks ago included Moscow representative, Dmitry Nazareev. During this second meeting, Alex Ponomarev gave a lecture on "The Elements" theory, which compared European and Chinese alchemy traditions. Those in attendance celebrated the publication of Hermetic Poetry Anthology published in St. Petersburg, "All Essences of the World". Since this project was initially Tanya's, she has selected verses by contemporary hermeticists and esotericists to translate from Russian into English. We thank Tanya for taking on this challenge!

Three people attended the third meeting, Tanya, Alex and Mila. Mila has recently sent her formal application for Guild membership. Also present was the Chapter mascot, Chrysopeia the Cat. At this meeting Tanya gave a lecture on Alchemy in Ancient Alexandria, and Alex's lecture on The Elements was repeated.

Tanya is planning a visit to Moscow in September for meetings with colleagues and to do some ritual practices in hermetic and greco-egyptian theurgy.

A dream of the Chapter is to host a conference in 2014 for alchemists, hermeticists, and members of other esoteric traditions in Russia.



## Publications

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**Alchemy Guild** member **ROBIN ROBERTSON** has written a new book that deals with alchemy, [Indra's Net: Alchemy & Chaos Theory as Models for Transformation](#), in which Robin draws parallels between alchemy and chaos theory, showing how to apply them to our inner development. The model provided necessarily underlies all paths of spiritual transformation and describes a framework for the stages through which any seeker goes. Robin's book may be purchased on [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com)

## Op Ed

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### Separation vs. Unity

When I was first introduced to alchemy through the Alchemy Study Program, the thing that most appealed to me was that one works on all levels of being, the material and the spiritual, the tangible and intangible, bringing together the Above and the Below. Be it in a laboratory, a kitchen or the pressure cooker of life, the soul of matter is purified until it is able to join with its spirit, birthing a new, elevated plant, mineral or being. Throughout the process it is the purification and elevation of thought and emotion that creates the key to success, the part of the laboratory work referred to as spiritual alchemy or "initiatory alchemy".

Recently I learned of the deep chasm that exists between practical and spiritual alchemists. This chasm perpetuates separation rather than unity. Has the notion become moot that the Great Work of alchemy is two-fold-- that it is about uniting the Below, matter in the laboratory with the Above, elevated consciousness? Do we DO in order to be, as is the way of the Below, or do we BE in order to DO, in resonance with our consciousness? As with the sun and the moon, each is one-half of a polarity--one cannot exist without the other.

Working with laboratory processes, the intention is that consciousness will coalesce with matter and that the result will be greater than the sum of

the parts. When that happens, the conjunction of these two areas of creation expresses the union of the soul and the spirit on multiple levels.

So it is in this year of 2012 that preparations for two separate conferences are in process for 2013. This new experiment appears to fill the current needs of alchemists in both venues. While I find it a disheartening polarity of separation vs unity, my hope is that a time will come when we join together once again, honoring and respecting our different viewpoints and remembering that we are all part of the One Thing of the Emerald Tablet. Submitted by Paulette Dager-Harris



**The viewpoints in this new section of the Bulletin are those of the writer and not that of the International Alchemy Guild. Please submit your opinion to [paulette.harris@alchemyguild.org](mailto:paulette.harris@alchemyguild.org)**

## From Our Readers

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### Leland's Story

In my very young years I was taught that Moses made up the Ten Commandments, which he got from God. Moses inscribed them on large tablets that I assumed he had made while on Mt. Ararat. I also learned the Tablets were made of green crystal. My child's imagination was curious, and I imagined that Moses scraped a shallow tablet-size impression on the mineralized earth of the mountain, added powders and an acid that crystallized the powders and extracted minerals from the mountain's rocks.

When I was six years old, I was expelled from Sunday School for asking questions about God and Jesus that were deemed to be inappropriate. I wasn't buying that God sat on a pure white throne and had a long flowing white beard and hair and blue eyes. I was told to look into my mind and I would be able to talk to God. Well, at that tender age, I had nothing to say!

Later, it was while standing on the sidewalk in front of my house in Novato, an old feed mill town, that I decided to look into my mind to see God. What I saw was his throne fallen over and a statue

of God lying on the ground. It was then that I realized I was on my own and, although I didn't know it at the time, the natural path of alchemy had begun.

Many misadventures in grammar, Junior High and High School hit hard, and again I realized I was on my own and had to do something—quick! By then I lived in Petaluma, where there was a poster of a Marine in Dress Blues saying, “We want you.” I was sixteen and needed my Mother’s permission to join. She gave it. My path of alchemy began in earnest then. Some time later in my military career, very early on a cold morning in the San Diego desert while heading back to the base, I began to unravel. I kept telling myself to hang on, hang on. It was a year later that I was discharged from the Navy hospital. By then the Vietnam War was raging and the kids around me were idealistic non-combatants. I found myself in San Francisco at the Metaphysical Town Hall Book Shop on Powell St., where Mickey Goodspeed and Fritzie Armstrong took me into the realm of Metaphysics. The year was 1966. It was in 1974 that I found my way to Frater Albertus.

As I reflect on those early years, I am reminded that from a very young age an energy presence would sit at the foot of my bed. After a while, I came to expect it and found it very comforting and protective. Those early years were very damaging physically and psychologically. As I have aged and moved further down my alchemical path, I have a very robust physical energy and the nine lives of a wandering male cat. Through the years this presence has showed up from time to time when I am at a crossroads, guiding me toward the light at times of darkness.

I have since come to know that presence as kundalini energy, and I now use it daily during meditations by running it up my spine into the crown of my head and then out the top of my head. Over the years this energy has enabled my physical, mental and spiritual bodies to build strength and wisdom.

Submitted by IAG member Leland Byrd



## The Wisdom of Humor

