

Bacstrom's Prologue to "ZOROASTERS CAVE" (extracts)

This M.S. is an Extract from Zoroaster's Cave with my Explanation and a few necessary Remarks.

S. Bacstrom.

It has opened my mind considerably in respect to COUNT BERNHARD TREVISAN'S simple and easy process, which I never understood so as I do at present since I wrote this Extract. Therefore, I would have you consider this M.S. as no less valuable than that of Lamspring. Moreover, the process is infinitely more simple, shorter easier and less expensive than that of LAMSPRING.

With this you must study the PHILOSOPHICAL CANONS & the Letter of DIPPELIUS you have of me in a late M.S.

I intend to make a concise extract from COUNT BERNHARD TREVISAN, of which you shall have a faithful copy. All these well compared and studied together, will make you a complete Master of COUNT BERNHARD'S easy and simple process for obtaining the TREASURE OF TREASURES, i.e. the Tincture.

I have written this not regularly, yet not without necessary reflection. It will be necessary that you copy it correctly, not as I have written it, but exactly as the pages in "Zoroaster's Cave", follow regularly. I have noticed with lines in the little printed book everything I copied. Yet, in the printed book, you have but few or none of my necessary remarks. Therefore, you copy this & then condemn this for waste paper.

I call this work superiour to that of IRENIUS PHILALETHA as infinitely more simple, more easy, shorter, & less labourous & of course, less expensive.

There is no animated Sophii ☿ wanted. Count Bernhardus made use of crude, yet washed, cleansed & dried ☿, which, during the digestion, becomes, by means of ☉, or ☉ & ☽, & BY THE KEY OF PUTREFACTION, ☿ Sophii, & is fixed by means of the mercurialized ☉, or ☉ & ☽. And this takes place by THE BLACK CLOUD or

VAPOUR, ascending from the ããã , which becomes a ♀ ial ∇ , or kind of LAC VIRGINIS, as Count Bernhardus expressly mentions THOSE BLACK CLOUDS, & their time of duration. The natural & central humidity in crude ♀ which we must get rid of. For, Ireneus Philaletha's Sophii ♀ is kept here and remains in your washed and cleansed ♀ , because it is so highly necessary in the work of digestion and putrefaction, ascends in a BLACK CLOUD or VAPOUR, and descends as a ♀ ial ∇ , and by centrally opening the ããã , consisting of crude pure ♀ & \odot , or ♀ & \odot & \ominus (both methods are good) THE SOPHII OR ANIMATED ♀ DUPLICATUS IS GENERATED IN THE GLASS, without a labourious and expensive previous preparation. You will soon perfectly comprehend me, and this agrees finely with the Philosophical Canons & Dippelius, and you will hereafter see, with Count Bernhardus.

God grant that my studies and labour may finally conduct us safely to Colchos to obtain with Jason the Golden Fleece Hesperian Apples. I hope God may provide the means to make another attempt! Amen.

I do believe that I know it at present as much as I know my own name, and you find that I prove my remarks with good reasons, nor will you find any contradictions in my reasons or system. S. Bacstrom.

P. 83. IN RESPECT TO FERMENTATION, I am not certain that I have explained those lines rightly. If he means by fermentation, the multiplication in virtue, then I am right, but the whole sentence is very confused. Perhaps you may be able to explain it more clearly.

The difficulty is about the words, BODY, DUST ♀ .