

EXTRACT FROM: "SOLIS é PUTEO EMERGENTIS"

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(compare this with previous extract from Mynsicht at p. 165
& also with extract from French M. S. following at p. 172 .

The $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$ of ♀ & ♂ , collected into one process out of the
Writings of BROTHER BASIL VALENTINE.

Let the Reader know that more stones are found, which particularly tinge
For all fixed \odot s. which tinge, I call stones, as is the $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$ of vitriol,
or ♀ , also the $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$ ♂s., which two also comprehend in themselves the
 $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$ \odot is., if they have first been brought to a perfect fixation. The
fixed \ominus has assigned & left to ♂ indeed, a body, hard, strong & stout,
that by this very means, he may make the fortitude of his mind the more
manifest, & shew that this heavy soldier can with difficulty be conquered.
For his body is hard that it may not be easily wounded or hurt, as also
that the metal ♂ is., above the rest, from its dense \ominus of the greatest
quantity should be provided in its degree, as well as that the substance
of his body should be found the hardest, densest, strongest, & less duct-
ile, which nature did not hesitate to assign & give to him. His spirit
is similiar in the virtue of the rest. But if the true spirit of ♂ can
be discerned, it has an occult relationship with the spirit of ♀ , so
that they may be conjoined into one, & one material can be made out of
both, of the same operation, virtue, substance, & essence, which can cure
& expell like diseases, as well as particularly transmute metals with
utility & praise. For if the magnanimity of ♂ with the beauty of ♀ &

the perfection of the ☽ should come together spiritually in mingling & concordance, truly the best music might be made, where no keys can be carried to the trace of honour, & wanting his daily bread can particularly obtain it, when indeed he shall have come to the highest rung of this ladder. If indeed the moist & phlegmatic nature of the ☽ can be dried up by the warm blood of ♀ & its too great blackness by means of the iron ⊖.

But ♂ & ♀ have, in like manner as ☉ & the other metals, one spirit & one ☿. ♀ however is clothed with a certain celestial ♀, which far exceeds the splendour of the Sun, because more of ♀ is found in her than in ☉, & she is a volatile & very fiery spirit which can penetrate, mature, digest, & thoroughly refine all things, because imbued with no experience, he does not believe, yea, she is able to perfect imperfect materials. But that ☿ which is in ♀, is also equally contained in ♂, yea, more powerful, higher, & better. ♂ indeed is the male, & ♀ the female, wherefore the colouring consists only in the Spirit of ♀, & the greatest of her spouse, & is no other than a foetid & ill-smelling vapour in the beginning, which necessarily takes its first beginning from ♂.

Wherefore if ♂ is deprived of life & spirit he consecrates all his good qualities to his spouse the queen, the illustrious ♀; for ♀ possesses a red spirit which lies hid in her, from her husband, the Warlike ♂. But it is necessary that the clouds of this ☿ should be resolved into a liquid form, from which that foetid & incombustible ☉ may then be made, which with the mercurial spirit & ⊖ of ♂, ought to be joined by a kind of spiritual union, that the three may be able to be changed into one condition, & be exalted to equal faculties. For if you should be able to seize upon the spirit & clouds of this ☿ & to sharpen it with that

spirit which is found in the \ominus of $\♂$, & at length conjoin it with the spirit of $\♀$, you keep the weight, & wash them & purify them from all uncleanness, so that free from all corrosion they may become sweet & odoriferous, you will have a medicine to which nothing in the world can be likened. If so be, the spirit of $\♀$ is such a material, which can join itself with the \triangle of $\♀$, & be coagulated with the \ominus of $\♂$, & thence one body be made; & a perfect medicine in order to transmute all metallic bodies by means of this vaporous body, with augmentation in the lesser world. Ferment this medicine with the most splendid \odot , & you have made an ingress, so that it may operate with the greatest penetration & convert all metals. Wherefore, it is necessary that the conjunction of $\♂$ & $\♀$ should be accomplished in the true constellation, for then they have a fortunate victory & supereminence in prosperity & adversity.

PRAXIS

Now let us proceed to the practice itself. Wherefore, from the love of $\♀$, who is no other than Verdigrease prepare a stone, or the Vitriol of a higher grade, which may extend itself much in its own colour. Which is thus done.

$\♀$, & of it make Verdigrease which you shall dissolve & filter in a good quantity of distilled \ddagger , that the solution may become clear & transparent, draw off the \ddagger until some crust forms over the solution: which solution put in a cold place, & you will receive a most excelling vitriol. Out of this vitriol force a red thick & turbulent spirit like blood or the true red \circ of vitriol without any phlegm.

One part of this, of common spring ∇ , two parts, mix, & with them

dissolve filings of ♂, filter the solution & let it evaporate to one third, place it upon glass in a cold place, & it will form into most beautiful stones, or separate that Vitriol the ▽, that it may evaporate more, & you will find more crystals, all which you will resolve together into an ∴, or the spirit in the following method:-

Put this Vitriol under a reverberating furnace, & calcine it by giving a moderate Δ, so, that it be all the time stirred with an iron rod, & you will get a ♂ of a purple colour. Upon this ♂ pour distilled wine †, & draw from it a red & transparent ℞., until the † is no longer coloured, then draw off all the †. For, from this ♂, by these means, a ♀ is drawn out of wonderful efficacy & quality; because ♂ & ♀ have been conjoined in blood & nativity, as male & female. If one part of this ♀ with three parts of ☉ purified be rubbed & sublimed, there ascends in this = ation a burning ♀ with its ♀, which nevertheless is small in quantity, (for in vitriolic ♀ it does not much abound). Again free & dissolve this ♀ & pour on it ♄ & let them be digested together again for a short time, afterwards draw it off so long until nothing remains in the bottom, but all passes over by the ☿, & you have made a medicine of the sweetest savour & best odour, which sweet ∴ is that essence, the wonderful medicine, & third column of all medicine. Conjoin this ∴ with the ♀ of ☉, & draw off the ♄ with a gentle heat, conjoin the remaining & dry material with the spirit of ♀ in due proportion, circulate & coagulate until it is fixed & perfected without ascension, & you will get a medicine for tinging human & metallic bodies, only let it be fermented with prepared ☉.

To the Thrice Highest & Greatest God be praise & glory for ever.