

Alchemy & The Alchemists ~ *quotes*

‘Would to God that all men might become Adepts in our art. For then gold, the great idol of mankind, would lose its value, and we should prize it only for its scientific teaching.’

Open Entrance to the Closed Palace of the King
by Eugenius Philalethes (17th century)

‘The art of Alchemy is carried to perfection according to the virtue of body, soul and spirit. For the body would never be penetrable were it not for the spirit, nor could these two act upon one another without the soul. For the spirit is an invisible thing, nor could it ever appear without another garment, which garment is the soul.’

Ripley Revived (1678)

Paracelsus defines Alchemy as, ‘the ability to control, purify and transform nature by the living power of the spirit.’

‘Let none set himself up to study Alchemy until, having cleared and purified his heart, he be emptied of all things impure. Let him be charitable, and let him enjoy constant tranquility, so that his mind be lifted up. For unless it be kindled with the beam of the divine light, it will hardly be able to penetrate the mysteries of nature.’

Canons of Esparget

Everything in life is an expression of the *Principle of Life* in a material form. *The Life is the real thing*; the external form is merely the house in which it resides.

Paracelsus, De Pestilate

The Law of analogy and correspondence, says H.P.B., is “the guiding law of nature, the only true Ariadne’s thread that can lead us through the inexplicable paths of her domain toward her primal and final mysteries..... Each principle is correlated to a plane, a planet and a race; and the human principles are, on every plane correlated to the sevenfold occult forces – those of the higher planes being of tremendous occult power.[...] The abuse of these powers would cause incalculable evil to humanity.”

‘If I were asked to contrast Alchemy with the chemical and physical science of the 19th century, I would say that whereas the latter abounds in a wealth of much accurate detail and much relative truth, it lacks philosophical depth and insight; whilst Alchemy was characterised by a greater degree of philosophical depth and insight. For the Alchemists did grasp the fundamental truth of the Cosmos.’

Alchemy Ancient and Modern,
by H. Stanley Redgrove (1910)

‘The spirit of man is a Unity, creating and forming everything, and by acting through the instrumentality of man it may produce wonderful things. Such processes take place according to Law, by which these things are accomplished, if you *learn to know yourselves.*’

Trithemius (16th century)

‘We must seek for knowledge where we may expect to find it. He who wants to study the book of nature must wander with his feet over the leaves. Every part of the world represents a page in this book, and all the pages together form the book that contains her great revelations.’

Paracelsus

‘The man who has conquered matter sufficiently to receive the direct light from his shining *Augoeides* [Higher Self] feels truth intuitively; he could not err in his judgment, for he is illuminated; hence prophecy, vaticination, and so called divine inspiration, are simply the effects of this illumination from above by our own immortal spirit.’

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