

Newsletter. Issue 2.
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R.A.M.S. Digital

Top News:

Titles newly proofread

From the Complete Works of Rudolph Glauber:

1. "A Treatise of the Signature of Salts, Metals, and Planets",
2. "A True and Perfect Description of Extracting Good Tartar from the Lees of Wine."
3. "The Consolation of Navigators"
4. "A Short Book of Dialogues", or "Certain Colloquies of some Studious Searchers after the Hermetick Medicine and Universal Tincture."
5. "Novum Lumen Chymicum", or "A New Chymical Light",
6. "De Purgatorio Philosophorum" or "A Treatise Concerning the Purifying Fire of the Wise Men"

"An Index of the Complete Works of Glauber", by Philip Wheeler.

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- spread the awareness and literature of the Restoration of Alchemical Manuscripts Society.
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PRESENT PROJECT

- 1) Proof-Reading the Works of Glauber. Commenced January, 2006.

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To the Courteous Reader,

"He that is desirous to act as a true Physican, let him seek the Virtues of Elements in Natural things; there he will both find the Truth, and a Remedy against the Diseases of the Sick."
- Glauber, A Treatise of the Three Principles of Metals.

This quarter has witnessed a good deal of proofreading of Rudolph Glauber's works achieved on a fortnightly workshop basis at the digital library (see the list on the left); an order of the texts from smallest to largest has been established. Now that the shorter texts have been completed, the 200+ pages remain, it may appear that the proofreading may be slowing down but whilst the number of texts being completed will diminish the rate of pages isn't. Stage One of this project is nearing completion: the consolidating of the works of Glauber to one CDrom: with two texts remaining on the second disc this will be achieved by the end of the next quarter. As a consequence of the proofreading the page numbers of the texts have changed from the original, so please be aware that the digital titles appear shorter in page number but not in text.

There have had some interesting requests for titles over the past weeks, of the most called for authors Glauber tops the list, it seems that there is interest in his salts; I suspect that it is the search engines that are sending the inquiries this way due to the increasing mentions he receives on the website due to the proofreading project, an interesting circle of interactions.

It remains a continuous source of joy to receive emails proclaiming relief that the R.A.M.S. material is still available, (with a steady flow of sales the virtual lights remain on), so I ask every reader of this newsletter to create links to www.ramsdigital.com where possible on the internet. If you have a blog, website, email list, etc. please spread a supportive word for this project.

If you find yourself with some spare time please visit the website and take a look at the Timeline at <http://www.ramsdigital.com/timeline.html>; it is an interesting list that tells the story of the Original R.A.M.S. in a parallel framework. It reveals the quiet years and the periods of major production, the trend of authors work, and the changing mixture of popular to rare texts over time as the library grew. Sadly, there is a list of titles at the bottom of the page that do not have a RAMS publishing date for one reason or another. Not being able to place these titles does skew the timeline, so if by chance or knowledge you know these dates please email.

On a final note, the next quarter promises some major news in the library there are some glowing coals in this fire, so until Equinox, 23rd September, 2006 in the words of Glauber:

"For he is only Rich, who is always content with his present Fortune." - Glauber, Mercury of the Philosophers.

Kind regards,

Andrew Kettle.

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