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R.A.M.S. Digital

Two large titles newly proofread

From the Complete Works of Rudolph Glauber :

1. "A **Spagyrica Pharmocopoea**", or "Dispensatory". Being an exact discription by what means, profitable, efficacious, and penetrating Medicines may be made, and prepared out of Vegetables, Animals, and Minerals. First through Seventh Parts with First through Third Appendix Parts of Seventh Part. Complete Works of **Glauber**, trans. by Chris. Packe. R.A.M.S. 1983. 354 pages.

2. "The Centurys: First through Fifth", or "Wealthy Store-house of Treasures" (5 books), 1667 from the Complete Works of Glauber, trans. by Chris. Packe. R.A.M.S. 1983. 207 pages.

RAMS Digital Library aims to:

- spread the awareness and literature of the Restoration of Alchemical Manuscripts Society.
- digitalize the complete Restoration of Alchemical Manuscripts Society library to CDrom.

PRESENT PROJECT

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News from the Restorers of Alchemical Manuscripts Society Digital Library

To the Courteous Reader,

"The Supreme Giver of all good Gifts, from his inexhausted Fountain of Grace, hath abundantly refreshed me with good things; let him yet instill more into me, that I may again distill the same into other of his needy and officious Servants, who with me endeavour to publish the Magnalia of God."

- Glauber, The 2nd Appendix of the Seventh Part Of Spagerica Pharmacoepa.

The quarter past has been busy with numerous changes to the library. The major one being the completion of the first stage of the proofreading of Rudolph Glaubers works concluding with a mammoth effort to check 600+ original pages of the two titles listed to the left. This project has been pivotal to the library as a sequence of events has cascaded from it. As a consequence the Cdrom collection is now four disc, which has cut costs in the printing and subsequently in a new packaging and posting arrangement; resulting in a new lower price for the collection of AU\$59!

An interesting chain of events also happened in the postal and payment section of the Library with orders from two countries unable to utilise either paypal, credit card or bank accounts requesting the services of Western Union. So having successfully completed these transactions R.A.M.S. Digital is now confident to offer the convenience of W.U. as an option for payment.

Another Timeline has been created to contextualise the Library; this display is an arrangement of the titles in order of there original publication years. Upon initial perusal the weight of the collection is from the 17th Century. Where a publication date was not know the lifetime of the author has been used [which is a reverse of the technique used in the authors details where their dates of birth and death where not know the dates of publishing where used]. In the process several corrections and additions where made to update the catalogue details and more inter-links where added to the website. Please visit the website and take a look at the Timeline at <http://www.ramsdigital.com/timebook.html> ; it is an interesting list that tells the story of the Original R.A.M.S. from an interesting perspective. If by chance or knowledge you see a correction to these dates please email.

If you have a blog, website, email list, etc. please spread a supportive word for this project. Many new customers have proclaiming relief that the R.A.M.S. material is still available, with a number of readers saying how they became aware of the collection via a strange path of links, so I ask every reader of this newsletter to create links to www.ramsdigital.com where possible on the internet, as Google isn't an answer to everything.

On a final note, recording has commenced on 'An Alchemical Podcast'! When the first series is edited it is intended to be either weekly or fortnightly with four episodes available at a time from the website and through Itunes. The complete series will be available as CD-MP3.

So, until the next quarter, Solstice - 22nd December, 2006 in the words of Glauber: "I do resemble the mines of metals to a Tree, thus, SATURN is the Root, MARS the trunk or body, JUPITER the bark that covers the Tree over, MERCURY the Juice that sticks between the bark and the trunk, VENUS the green leaves, LUNE the flower, and SOL the fruit." - Glauber, Spagerica Pharmacoepa.

Kind regards,

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