Spagyrics

Etymologically, in Greek the word Spagyrics means separate and unite. If it is one of the preparation processes in spagyrics, it is not the only one and it does not explain the nature of the word.

SPAGYRICS AND ALCHEMY

Spagyrics and alchemy are often confused as there is a community of design and processes between them. However if one can consider spagyrics as part of alchemy, there is a difference between their purpose and working method.

Spagyrics is primarily involved in the body's health, but it is not an initiatory research. Alchemy is a medicine of the "soul", and its real purpose is initiatory. The spagyric operations including plant operations do not require a particular state of the operator. The link between matter-work and operator is weak. By contrast, in alchemy, the operator-matter link is very strong, and no one transmutes anything if he has not transmuted first transmuted himself. In alchemy, the psychic quality of the operator is essential.

There is another important difference between the principles guiding the processes used in spagyrics and those used in alchemy. Spagyrics as her daughter homeopathy, does not consider that healing is the result of a chemical process but believes that it is the energies that heal through the supporting bodies. Homeopathy seeks to stimulate energy by eliminating the support. Spagyrics purifies the medium to remove their toxic side and then, creates a resonance condition in matter which considerably increases the level of energy. Alchemy, also purifies matter and energies but in addition - and this is the crucial difference - it accelerates the evolution of matter.

Alchemical and Spagyrical Concept on Live and Matter

In alchemy, the concept of life and matter is opposite that of the scientific community.

Science seeks to discover how matter created life. Alchemy says life created matter.

Alchemy says that in the origin there is consciousness. **Consciousness is the need of the Being of the Absolute**. To meet this need, consciousness creates life, and to evolve creates life matter. The "vital pressure" is omnipresent in the universe and if a situation is created, a product that is favorable, it concentrates, it brings life to matter, and this in the form suitable for the three kingdoms. The power of this contribution is a function of both the quality of the "resonance" of the support and of its purity. This vital energy is used by man for the healing his body with spagyrics and if this energy is raised to a higher level with alchemy, it will heal the subtle bodies of man who will be initiated, in the highest sense of this term.

A brief summary of the alchemical concept on energies in nature is now required.

Alchemy says:

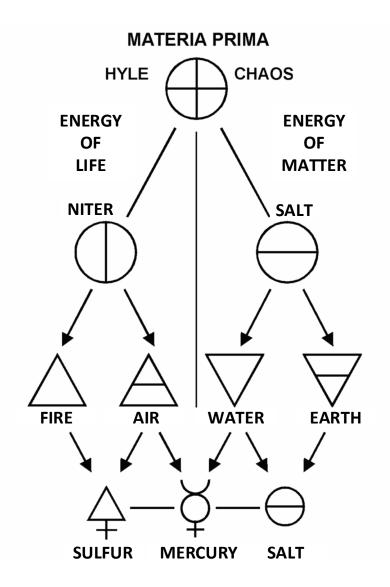
1- That all that exists is the result of a unique energy, Chaos, Hyle, Primordial Waters, etc.

- 2- This unitary energy differentiates into two opposing but balanced energies:
 Nitre, active energy will be the energy of the Soul that will activate the Spirit Salt passive energy which will be the matrix of matter.
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From this point on the words used do not have the common sense given to them today. Indeed, a code exists in all ancient texts.

The three principles, the four Elements

A second division of energy then takes place. Niter is divided into two components: active, Fire, the other passive, Air. At this level, Air is substantially similar to what yogis call Prana. Alchemical elements Fire and Air are the carriers of energies that animate beings. Fire and Air combined give Sulphur, or the Soul of things. In the three kingdoms Sulphur media are of a greasy appearance: oil, grease or fat resins. Curiously, mineral saturated with alchemical Sulfur keep a greasy appearance after calcinations carried out at temperatures above 1000 C (1800F).



Meanwhile, the Salt divides into Water, active and Earth, passive. These two energies are those which provide formation and determination of matter. By their combination Water and Earth give the Salt of the Earth so named to distinguish it from the Salt directly produced from the Chaos which is, in a sense, the Heavenly Salt.

So now we have two alchemical principles, Salt and Sulphur. The third principle is Mercury that results from the Air-Water combination. This third principle therefore has an element of the domain of Life, Air, and an element of the domain of matter, Water. So Mercury, the messenger of the gods, unites the spiritual and the material, hence its major role in alchemy and spagyrics.

The alchemical or spagyrics healing principle is based on the following: the cause of the disease, animal, plant or, to a lesser extent, mineral, is due to corruption and gradual loss of purity from the primordial animating energy. Its primitive power is slowly lost because of its binding, its incorporation into the material. So there are several solutions for healing products:

1 - Return the animating energy of a body to its purity, its original power.

2 - Take the energy where there is little or no contamination, which is to say from the mineral.

3 - Attract and capture the animating energy before its incorporation.

RULES OF OPERATIONS

It is impossible to understand the mechanisms of spagyrics or alchemical operations if we ignore the rules that govern them.

- a) Never destroy the carriers of the energies of life, or drive out their energies. If the energies have been driven out, revivification is essential.
- **b**) In each reign, extraction liquid for Sulphur is the Mercury of the reign. In the plant one, Mercury is alcohol. In the mineral, Mercury for wet paths is a liquid close to acetone or acetaldehyde.
- c) The purified Salt is the purifying element. It is also a magnet for energies of life which it attracts and determines according to its own nature.

The word spagyrics means separate and reunite, and the three principles are: separate, purify (possibly revive) and reunite. The result will be an Elixir or Stone.

PROCEDURE IN PLANT SPAGYRICS

Preparation of an elixir

By circulation of pure alcohol on a dry plant, for example in a Soxhlet extractor, the plant is separated into two parts, on one side we get the tincture, or the Sulfur and the Mercury dissolved in alcohol, on the other side we have the feces. These contain both impurities and Salt. By high temperature calcination, the carbon element is removed and thus, if the

calcination was sufficient, the salt contains only mineral elements. We could say that the Salt regains its qualities of primitive determinations.

The tincture that contains the life energies is then poured over the Salt, and all are put into circulation. The pure Salt draws impurities from the tincture.

This completes the spagyrics cycle.

If there was repetition of the separation-calcination-circulation cycle, there would be evolution in the matter and it is this point that crosses the border spagyrics-alchemy, repeating the cycle has an evolutionary purpose.

This process is similar to that of nature according to the reincarnation doctrines of the East or elsewhere. We mean that there is a period when the Soul, Spirit, and Body are united for mutual work of one on the other and a separation phase where the elements each purify independently.

There are other methods of preparation. For example, we can try to revive the plant with a "new" vital energy. The pure Salt acts as a magnet for vital energy, and if exposed to air during the spring period, it can bring a significant amount of energy to the product.

Elixirs have two main modes of action. On one hand is an action on an organ or deficiency: it is the "Particulars" with a selective scope, and these essences are essentially spagyric. On the other hand is an action on the entire body and its weaknesses. Such action is "Universal" and its preparation is alchemical.

"Particulars" Medicines

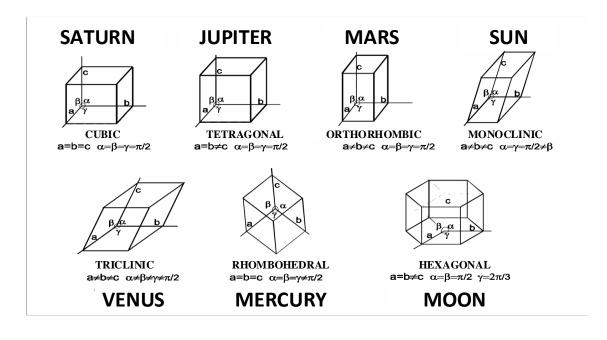
In ancient texts, reference is made to a capability of knowing in advance the action of a spagyric preparation. This is done either through the doctrine of Signatures, or through planetary attributes. According to the doctrine of Signatures, a plant's healing power acts on the part of the body it resembles.

Apart from a few differences between authors about planetary attributes, we found that nowadays the attributes of the same plant can be different according to its cultivation method.

These attributions can be best determined by the following:

Isolate the plant's organic salts - what the Ancients called the Salt of Sulphur - and examine the crystalline system of this salt. We have seven types of salts corresponding to the seven kinds of crystals. We took the old planetary allocation system and we get this:

Crystal	Planetary attribution of the plant	Body
Cubic	Saturn	Structure of the body - Bones
Tetragonal	Jupiter	Assimilation - Lungs - Stomach - Liver
Orthorhombic	Mars	Strength - Quality of Blood
Monoclinic	Sun	Heart - Circulation - Arteries
Triclinic	Venus	Veins - Kidneys - Sex - Excretion
Rhombohedral	Mercury	Speech - Throat - Sensory Organs
Hexagonal	Moon	Brain - Sex organ - Generation



"Universal" Medicines

Through repeated cohobating the rebalancing of the four elements, Fire, Air, Water, and Earth, occurs. If the balance is reached, then we have the Quintessence. In this case, the healing spectrum is very broad and the product origin is about power of action more than its nature.

The same phenomenon is observed at a lower level when, instead of the elixir, we use spagyric Sulphur alone obtained by direct extraction or by distillation of the tincture. The action of elixirs or Sulphur of mineral or metallic origin is more powerful than those of plant origin.

Products in their descending order of strength:

Mineral - gold Sulfur or tincture - silver Sulphur or tincture.

Spagyric Vegetable elixir

- Oak mistletoe
- Celandine
- Horsetail
- Lady's Mantle.

The advantage of spagyrics is that the process allows, while maintaining and even enhancing the healing energies, to eliminate the toxic side of plants or products used. In addition, the presence of the Salt element makes the remedy action faster in the physical realm.

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