

Divine Alchemy

<u>Alchemy</u>: a power or process that changes or transforms something in a mysterious or impressive way - *Merriam-Webster*

Proverbs 25:4

Take away the dross from the silver, and there shall come forth a vessel for the finer.

Alchemy is the medieval science and philosophy of changing base metals into gold; it is also seen as an ancient path of spiritual purification and transformation; the expansion of consciousness and the development of insight and intuition through images. Alchemy is steeped in mysticism and mystery.

What foolishness man has wrought upon himself in pursuit of worldly treasures; seeking gold from lead and heaven without God (YHVH). There is an alchemical process at work upon the human race; one is the Divine Alchemy of God and the other is the worldly alchemy of the devil. One leads unto Glory and the other to destruction.

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God will transform those who seek Him and change them through the Holy Spirit and trials of this life. Trials meant to strengthen and not weaken; to transform not destroy. The mind is the battlefield and the war is for the thoughts of man and what he believes; for what he believes conforms and transforms him. God seeks to make us more like Him.

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed (made like) to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

To those who believe God conforms (make like) to His image; this is accomplished through our faith, the trials of life and the working of the Holy Spirit; which transforms us to make the weak vessel strong.

1Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perished, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1Peter 4:12-13

12Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

The LORD seeks to change those that believe and accept Him. He works His Devine Alchemy not upon the body but the mind; it is by the renewal and transforming (changing, becoming something new) of the mind that we become something more valuable than any riches of this world; for what we become is altogether a wonderful creation; a new creature incorruptible. By Gods work in us and the renewing of our minds we become transformed into what God intended from the beginning; we return to Eden (spiritually; as walking with God through the Holy Spirit) as before the Fall.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed (to the same pattern) to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Beloved we are not to be conformed to this worldly nature filled with sin, but are to be transformed to the image and likeness of Christ. What glory upon us that believes the LORD will transform the earthly into the heavenly; the mortal into immortal; the natural into the spiritual. No person, no science, nothing can perform this miracle except the LORD Jesus Christ.

The Divine Alchemy at Work in the 'Second Man'

1Corinthians 15:41-44, 47-58

41*There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory.

42So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

47The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

49And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

This wonderful transformation is only performed by the LORD Jesus Christ through our Faith and Trust in Him. It is worked through the shed blood of the LORD Jesus and no other way. It is through His blood only that we can become "the second man" the new creature.

Unfortunately there is an enemy contesting for the thoughts and mind of mankind; who seeks to transform man into his image; which is death. It is the devils alchemy and it destroys all whom it transforms.

The Devils Alchemy

From Eden Satan began his profane and earthly alchemy upon mankind. What his alchemy ultimately accomplishes is spiritual death. It takes what God would make spiritual and instead transmutes it into the earthly full of evil and disobedience.

2Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The devils alchemy blinds the mind to the Glory and saving power of God. Instead of revealing the heavenly it manifest the worldly nature and works an evil spirit of disobedience into those whom it transforms and corrupts unto death. Those who reject the LORD walk not in love, peace, joy and righteousness; but rather are transformed into unholy children devoid of light and clothed in the darkness of the devils alchemy; who love the world more than God.

1John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1John 2:15-16

15Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

They shall be known by their ways; having been conformed to the world and transformed through the devils spirit of rebellion and disobedience; as Satan is they will become; full of pride, lust and devoid of truth. The the devils alchemy the spirit of iniquity and lawlessness shall rest upon them.

John 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

2Timothy 3:2-4

2For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Beloved Jesus loves His creation and wants all to come unto Him and let Him work His Divine Alchemy and transform us into His children. To the believer's this transformation can sometimes be painful and fraught with discouragement and doubt, but tremble not in fear but trust in the LORD. He has begun a wonderful work in us. Read His Holy Word when you don't feel like it and pray when you feel you can't. Trust the process beloved. The beautiful work God has begun in us will produce a glorious transformation. Through this transformation we are reconciled unto Him. **2Corinthians 5:17-19** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;19To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

God has given us free will. Whom will you allow to transform you? The LORD Jesus or the evil one? Transformed you will be; for no one lives without being touched. You will succumb either to the Divine Alchemy of God or to the devils alchemy. You will become one or the other by accepting or rejecting. I say again whom will you allow to transform you?

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