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# Study Questions: Course 3, Spiritual Alchemy

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## Chapter 1, Doctrine of Spiritual Alchemy

1. What is the meaning of the word Alchemy?
2. Why in medieval times, was it necessary to use a secret code in conveying information about magic and alchemy?
3. In what language, plainly understood by initiates, did the alchemists write, talk, and think?
4. To what extent were the ends sought and the means employed by the different medieval alchemists identical?
5. Indicate how similar processes carried out on one plane give parallel results when carried out on another plane.
6. What is the original spiritual gold?
7. What is the transmuted gold?
8. What are the metals employed by the spiritual alchemist?
9. What does the spiritual alchemist gain by completing the spiritual transmutation?
10. What is the reverberatory furnace of the spiritual alchemist?
11. What is meant when it is said that, "All metallic seed is the seed of gold?"
12. What is the laboratory in which the spiritual alchemist works?
13. Does the spiritual alchemist depart from the methods of nature, or does he merely seek to accelerate natural processes?
14. What is the salt, mercury and sulphur to which reference is so often made in alchemical writings?
15. What is meant by the first matter?
16. Illustrate by mathematics how substances must be reduced to their first matter before they may be combined to produce gold?
17. What is the first matter of spiritual alchemy?
18. What are the four chief ends sought by alchemists?
19. What is the touchstone of alchemy?
20. Why is the Philosopher's Stone more than an intellectual process?
21. What is the Elixir Vitae?
22. Does the fruit of the Great Work come without much effort?
23. What kind of a task is usually accomplished before the fruit of the Great Work may be obtained?
24. What commonly inspires the belief that the soul-mate has been found?
25. Why, before the Great Work can be accomplished, must there be an unusual development of true spirituality?

## Chapter 2, Seven Spiritual Metals

1. Does the spiritual alchemist believe wealth, business, political station or other worldly affairs to be evil?
2. Explain the spiritual alchemist's conception of the Cosmic Man.
3. Upon what does the continued existence of disobedient cells in the Cosmic Man depend?
4. What results when the soul unites with Deity as an assistant in the work of universal progression?
5. In what way does the spiritual alchemist view events differently than does the ordinary man?
6. In addition to examining every act of his life for its influence in furthering his soul development, for what other factor does the spiritual alchemist examine it?
7. Why are we justified in concluding there are seven metals that must enter into the composition of gold?
8. To what metal does each of the seven planets correspond?
9. What are the experiences that come under the dominion of Lead?
10. What would happen to man if there were no lead in his constitution?
11. Why, from the alchemical standpoint, does selfishness always defeat its own ends?
12. Why are selfishness and unselfishness the synonyms for ignorance and wisdom?
13. What are the experiences that come under the dominion of Tin?
14. What would happen to man if there were no tin in his constitution?
15. What type of giving is unwise?
16. What foresight must the alchemist have to be able to properly apply the heat of the reverberatory furnace to tin?
17. In what way does too abundant tin manifest itself in the character?
18. What does iron represent in the character?
19. How does iron manifest in life?
20. Of what value to man is the temper of iron?
21. With what does copper furnish man?
22. What is the Paris green of society?
23. What is verdigris in human nature?
24. What does calomel represent on the mental plane?
25. In what way do the experiences that are under the dominion of Silver furnish nutrition for the Soul?

## Chapter 3, Purifying the Metals

1. What is the real metal of each experience?
2. To what do the dross and the real metal relate?
3. Is it possible for one man to be really injured by another except by his own permission?
4. Is the inheritance of a fortune a good event?
5. For what things is a man responsible?
6. Should we accept the ores nature brings us without grumbling?
7. What are the tools with which the alchemist works?
8. Why do we have a certain birth chart that indicates certain abilities and a progressed chart that brings certain opportunities?
9. Do we have the power of improving the implements with which nature provided us?

10. When scarcity comes to us how should we act toward it?
11. How should we act when confronted with heavy responsibilities?
12. How should we act when illness overtakes our bodies?
13. In what way should we regard prosperity?
14. With what attitude should we sustain loss of money?
15. What should be our attitude when criticized?
16. In what regard should we hold danger?
17. In what manner should we treat those who disagree with us in their opinions?
18. What should be the attitude toward enemies?
19. What should be our attitude if the affections of a loved one turn away from us to another?
20. Is love retained by force, anxiety, or fault-finding?
21. What should be our attitude toward slips of memory and mistakes?
22. To what extent does our family belong to us?
23. How should we act when there is inharmony in the home?
24. When another gets the promotion that seemingly belongs to us, how should we act?
25. When a position of importance is offered us, in what manner should we regard it?

## Chapter 4, Transmutation

1. When is an event considered a misfortune by the spiritual alchemist?
2. Upon what depends the ability to think?
3. Upon what does the force of a thought depend?
4. In what way does the spiritual alchemist hope to escape a long period of schooling after death on the astral plane?
5. What is the difference between mental force and spiritual power?
6. How can the dross be distinguished from the real metal?
7. How can the dross, when separated from the real metal, be removed and discarded?
8. Why must all seven metals be present to enable the spiritual alchemist to complete his transmutation?
9. Are the wonderful results sometimes produced by holy men entirely the result of the use of tremendous will and mental intensity?
10. Why is a well-rounded life to be desired?
11. In what way are the spiritual metals balanced one against another to provide a suitable flux?
12. Illustrate how ores that would melt only at an extremely high temperature can be made to melt at a low temperature by combining with the proper flux.

*What are the common forms of the following, and what provides for each the best flux?*

13. Lead.
14. Tin.
15. Iron.
16. Copper.
17. Mercury.

18. Silver.
19. Gold.
20. Why are selfish thoughts unable to impart their motions to spiritual substance?
21. How is the reverberatory heat applied to tin in a manner to hasten and complete its transmutation?
22. Explain how, in any circumstances, it is possible to acquire additional spiritual silver.
23. What is the relation between love and life?
24. Of what value is a humorous story to the spiritual alchemist?
25. What still wider function does parenthood on earth foreshadow?

## Chapter 5, Higher Consciousness

1. What is the transmuted gold of the spiritual alchemist? How is it obtained?
2. What is the most important factor in spiritual alchemy?
3. Of what trinity does the universe consist?
4. How does a talismanic gem benefit its wearer?
5. What is the primary function of life in the mineral kingdom?
6. What is meant by experiencing mineral consciousness?
7. What is the primary function of life in the vegetable kingdom?

*Define the following types of consciousness:*

8. Chemical.
9. Vegetative.
10. Psychic.
11. Simple.
12. Rational.
13. Cosmic.
14. What is the effect on plants by talking to them kindly and thus encouraging them?
15. In sensing any entity or condition of the astral plane through what medium do the impressions reach the objective consciousness?
16. What is instinct?
17. How did the instinct of the bee correct the table of logarithms?
18. What is the Voice of the Silence?
19. What is the chief function of the life in human form?
20. What is intuition?
21. What single step, more than any other in its education, advances a soul in its progression?
22. How may cosmic consciousness be attained?
23. How does divine consciousness differ from cosmic consciousness?
24. Explain the progress of illumination.
25. What advantage does the spiritual alchemist derive from attaining some degree of divine consciousness?