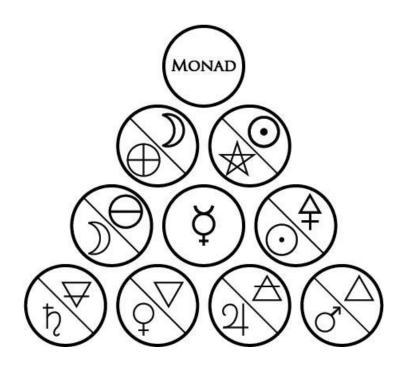


A Brief Outline of Spagyric Theory + Philosophy





Paracelsus & The Birth of Spagyria

THE MOST FAMOUS OF ALL EUROPEAN ALCHEMISTS AND UNDENIABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT FIGURE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPAGYRIA IS A MAN NAMED: PHILIPPUS AUREOLUS THEOPHRASTUS BOMBASTUS VON HOHENHEIM, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS PARACELSUS.

Paracelsus advocated that Alchemists turn away from the pursuit of making Gold FOR SELFISH PURPOSES AND FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS INSTEAD ON HUMANITARIAN HEALING AND THE CREATION OF MEDICINES USING ALCHEMICAL METHODOLOGY. THIS HE CALLED SPAGYRIA.

Not only did he revolutionize Alchemical Practice by promoting Spagyria, but he DEFINITIVELY PROVIDED THE SULFUR-MERCURY-SALT THEORY, WHICH IS THE SAME THEORY THAT IS USED BY SPAGYRISTS TODAY. HIS CORPUS OF KNOWLEDGE & PRACTICE HAS BEEN GENERALLY ACCEPTED INTO THE MODERN ALCHEMICAL PARADIGM BY NEARLY ALL ALCHEMISTS. REGARDLESS OF THEIR TRADITION OR LINEAGE.



PARACELSIANISM & SPAGYRIC MEDICINE

Paracelsus first studied Medicine with his father, a Physician in Einsiedeln, and then enlisted into the Swiss Army as a Medic at a young age, thereby traveling around with the Papal Army to the furthest extent of the HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE AND BEYOND. HE NOTICED THAT GALENIC MEDICINE, PRACTICED HISTORICALLY SINCE THE TIME OF Ancient Greece and based on Humoral Theory, was killing more people than it helped. After his time WORKING ALONGSIDE MOHAMMEDAN HEALERS AND TRAVELING INTO OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD, HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY REVOLUTIONIZED WESTERN MEDICINE WITH HIS THEORIES AND PRACTICES WHICH HE CALLED SPAGYRIC MEDICINE. HE INCORPORATED EVERYTHING THAT WORKED INTO HIS PHARMACOPOEIA AND WROTE PROLIFICALLY, THOUGH NOT COHESIVELY, CONCERNING HIS THEORIES AND EXPERIENCES. HE BROUGHT TO LIFE THE CONCEPT OF IATROCHEMISTRY AND WAS THE FIRST PERSON IN WRITTEN WESTERN HISTORY TO SUGGEST THAT DISEASE MIGHT BE ABLE TO COME FROM AN OUTSIDE SOURCE

Paracelsus proposed 5 causes of disease: Ens Astrale [Stars + Thoughts], Ens Naturale [Constitution, Age, Environment, etc], Ens Veneni [Toxicity], Ens Spirituale [Unseen outside forces \microbiology, hormones, ETC(), AND Ens Dei [God-Induced]. He further wrote on how nearly any disease he encountered could be CURED. IN A TIME WHERE OTHER PHYSICIANS WERE KILLING THEIR PATIENTS AT AN UNPRECEDENTED RATE THROUGH MALPRACTICE AND MISUNDERSTANDING, PARACELSUS WAS BUSY CURING SYPHILIS, PLAGUE, LEPROSY, AND OTHER DISEASES USING HIS TECHNIQUES AND METHODOLOGIES. AND AN ENTIRE SLEW OF METHODS OF CURING AND/OR PROVIDING TREATMENT For those diseases. Because he was so ahead of his time, he was often persecuted and forced to demonstrate his SKILLS WITHOUT PAY, WHICH HE DID IN EVERY INSTANCE. HE DIED OF BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA TO THE HEAD. HIS MURDERER IS STILL UNKNOWN TO THIS DAY.



THE FOUR PILLARS OF SPAGYRIC MEDICINE

Paracelsus said Spagyric Medicine Rests upon Four Pillars: Physick, Astronomy, Alchemy, and Virtue.

PHYSICK INDICATES THAT A PERSON HAS STUDIED ANATOMY AND WELLNESS TO A DEGREE THAT THEY ARE A "Paraphysician," which is to say, "Equal To or Greater than a Physician"

ASTRONOMY INDICATES THAT A PERSON OBSERVE THE HEAVENS AND THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE HEAVENS TO THE Natural World. Today, this includes IAU style Sidereal Astrology

ALCHEMY IS THE BASIS OF HOW SPAGYRIC REMEDIES ARE CREATED, AND THEREFORE A PERSON MUST BE WELL-VERSED AND WELL-PRACTICED IN THE ALCHEMICAL ARTS AND SCIENCES, NAMELY IN PRODUCING IATROCHEMICAL SUBSTANCES

VIRTUE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PILLAR, WHICH SUPPORTS AND GUIDES THE OTHER THREE. THIS INCLUDES, ABOVE ALL, THE DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS AND THE ABILITY TO NOT DELUDE ONESELF DUE TO CONVENTION, LEGALITIES, INVESTMENTS, OR OTHERWISE. ONE SHOULD ONLY EVER PRACTICE SPAGYRIC MEDICINE IF, AND ONLY IF, THEY ARE TRULY CALLED TO DO SO, AND NEVER JUST BECAUSE IT IS A TRADE THAT IS AVAILABLE TO THEM OR THAT "PAYS WELL" OR FOR OTHER BASER REASONS.



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ALCHEMY + SPAGYRIA

IF YOU VISIT ANY ALCHEMICAL BLOG OR DISCUSS SPAGYRICS WITH ALCHEMICAL PRACTITIONERS, THERE IS A MAJOR DEBATE AS TO WHAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO ARTS MIGHT BE.

SIMPLY STATED, THE GOALS OF SPAGYRIA + ALCHEMICAL PRACTICE DIFFER. MUCH OF ALCHEMY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PURIFYING THE BODY OR HEALING DISEASE, PER SE, BUT IS RATHER A MORE INTEGRATED SPIRITUAL PATH TO WORKING WITH, AND DEMONSTRATING MASTERY OF, NATURE. SPAGYRIA APPLIES ALCHEMICAL PHILOSOPHY, TECHNOLOGIES, AND SUBSTANCES FOR REMEDIAL PURPOSES; IE: HEALING. ALCHEMY IS A SPIRITUAL PATH. SPAGYRIA IS A LIFE CALLING. A PERSON CAN BE AN ALCHEMIST AS WELL AS A SPAGYRIST, BUT ALL ALCHEMISTS ARE NOT SPAGYRISTS. AND SOME SPAGYRISTS ARE SADLY NOT VERY GOOD ALCHEMISTS.

CONTRARY TO WHAT YOU MIGHT READ BY THOSE AUTHORS WHO ARE LESSER FAMILIAR WITH THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF SPAGYRIA, Spagyric Medicines CAN BE, and often times ARE, just as potent as Alchemical Substances. It depends entirely on the SKILL OF THE SPAGYRIST, NOT ON THE GRADE OF MEDICINE OR TECHNIQUE EMPLOYED TO CREATE IT. SPAGYRIA DOES NOT LIMIT ANY Alchemical process or substance from being utilized to create Iatrochemical Medicines, just as long as the PROCESS/SUBSTANCE IS INDEED CALLED FOR AND FITS THE NEED OF THE CLIENT IN QUESTION.

Today, most Instructors and teachers of "Spagyria" are inexperienced and possess exceptionally limited skills, and so Spagyria has been falsely labeled as 'Herbal Alchemy'. But there are no restrictions whatsoever in using Animal, MINERAL, OR METALLIC MEDICINES IN SPAGYRIC PRACTICE, AS LONG AS THEY ARE MADE USING PHILOSOPHIC ALCHEMICAL Techniques. Spagyria transcends the beginning herbal works that it has come to be associated with in the modern erage

THE PRODUCTION OF SPAGYRIC MEDICINE

Contrary to popular belief, most Spagyric Medicines available today are not at all the caliber of those Paracelsus and subsequent followers produced. Paracelsian Spagyria included a vast array of practices, techniques, and Pharmacopoeia that are widely misunderstood and mispracticed today. This is largely because of lack of historical context and skill in Alchemy, which is one of the four pillars of Spagyric Medicine.

Spagyric Medicine is made by employing Alchemical Processes and by following the directions and admonitions of Paracelsus, and the successful works of other Paracelsian Physicians who followed in his wake from 1500s-1700's. Spagyric Medicine, sometimes called Chymical Medicine, was often times very taboo and not accepted by many communities. However, it quickly caught on in Protestant territories because the Pope decreed Galenic Medicine as the only official Medicine of The Catholic Church, and Protestants were all too eager to distance themselves from the Catholic Church.

Spagyric Medicine can only be produced by the hand of the Spagyric "paraphysician" overseeing a patient or client. Futhermore, Spagyric Medicine is called for only when the Inner Healer of the patient has exhausted its resources. A key tenet of Paracelsus was that a person inherently knows what to do to cure themselves if only they would listen to their intuition. So a Spagyric Paraphysician is not at all dedicated to providing a Chymical cure as the first course of treatment, but rather to attend the sick and to inspire their intuition to find the cure and then to do what is necessary to perform that healing. If, however, the Inner Healer is exhausted, then a Spagyrist can be employed to perform the work that the Inner Healer is



THE EMERALD TABLET AS THE CORNERSTONE OF ALCHEMICAL PHILOSOPHY

The Emerald Tablet has been used for centuries to guide Alchemists. In fact, it is sometimes referred to as the "Cornerstone" of Alchemical Literature. Just about every Alchemist for hundreds and hundreds of years has used the Emerald Tablet as inspiration to guide their work.

Dennis William Hauck has created a Translation of the Tablet itself and written several books discussing the history, use, and Alchemical Decryption of the Tablet and exposed not only basic laboratory processes, but also the corresponding psycho-spiritual processes in the Emerald Tablet for modern audiences. His books on the matter are especially recommended for those with little experience in Alchemy and Alchemical Theory.

REGARDLESS, THE NEXT FEW PAGES WILL PROVIDE A VERY BRIEF EXPOSURE TO THE EMERALD TABLET AND ALSO TO THE SPAGYRIC DECRYPTION OF THESE PROCESSES THAT I TEACH WITH IN THE LABORATORY. Understanding the Emerald Tablet and its Spagyric Decryption is critical for all Laboratory work that I teach. Without it, you will not fully understand any of the remaining modules of the Phoenix Aurelius Research Academy. What follows is a Quick introduction that will suffice for now.



THE EMERALD TABLET

IN TRUTH, WITHOUT DECEIT, CERTAIN, & MOST VERITABLE,

That which is Below is as that which is above. And that which is above is as that which is below, to Accomplish the Miracles of the One Thing. And just as all things have come from this One Thing, through the meditation of One Mind, So do all created things originate from this one thing, through Transformation.

Its father is the sun. Its mother the moon. The Wind Carries it in its Belly. Its Wetnurse is the Earth. It is the Origin of the all, the Consecration of the World. Its inherent strength is perfected if it is turned into Earth.

SEPARATE THE EARTH FROM THE FIRE, THE SUBTLE FROM THE GROSS, GENTLY AND WITH GREAT INGENUITY. IT RISES FROM EARTH TO HEAVEN AND DESCENDS AGAIN TO EARTH, THEREBY CONTAINING WITHIN ITSELF THE POWER OF BOTH THE ABOVE AND THE BELOW.

Thus will you obtain the Glory of the whole world. All obscurity will be clear to you. This is the greatest force of all forces, as it overcomes every subtle thing and penetrates every solid thing

In this way was the World Created. From this comes many wondrous applications, as this is THE PATTERN.

THEREFORE AM I CALLED THRICE GREATEST HERMES, HAVING ALL THREE PARTS OF THE WISDOM OF THE WHOLE WORLD. HEREIN HAVE I COMPLETELY EXPLAINED THE OPERATION OF THE SUN.



Spagyric Theory in the Emerald Tablet

ALL THINGS IN NATURE, WHETHER CORPOREAL OR INCORPOREAL, ARE ENDLESSLY SUBJECTED TO EACH OF THE ARCHETYPAL PROCESSES OF EVOLUTION AND TRANSFORMATION.

- 1. Fire Incineration, Calcination, Pyrolysis
 2. Water Dissolution, Digestion, Incubation, etc
 3. Wind Filtration, Aeration, Separation
 4. Earth Crystallization, Conjunction

 5. Fermentation, Extraction, Essential Oil Distillation

 6. Mercury Distillation, Rectification, Circulation

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- 7. Exaltation & Coagulation The Art & Science of Re-Assembling the Tria Prima



Spagyric Philosophy

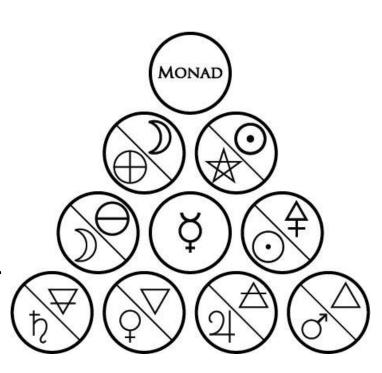
Spagyric Philosophy can be summed up using This simple Diagram with a few Sigils

1. All things Originate from a single source. This is known as 'The Monad'.

2. The Monad manifests into reality through the Polar interaction of Passive + Active components, known as Celestial Salt + Celestial Niter. AKA Fixed + Volatile

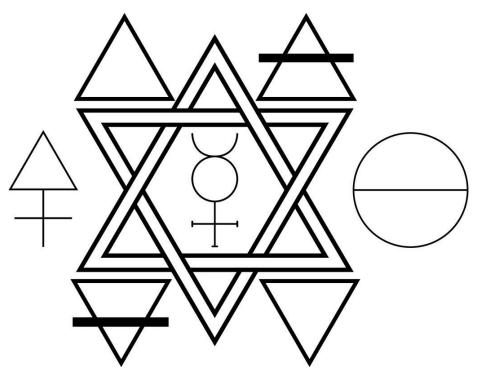
- 3. The Tria Prima are the three Forces that derive from Salt
- + Niter and through which the four elements are grouped.

4. The Four elements are Fractal Representations of Celestial Salt + Celestial Niter. Earth + Water are Rooted in Salt whereas Air + Fire are rooted in Niter.





THE TRIA PRIMA OF SPAGYRIC THEORY



Spagyria acknowledges that all things Contain a Soul, a Spirit, and a Body.

The archetypal Terminology we use to talk about these components in Herbs, Minerals, Animals, & Metals are Sulfur, Mercury, and Salt.

Sulfur = Soul = The Fatty, Oily, & Medicinal Identity of Every substance in Nature.

MERCURY = SPIRIT = THE FLUID LIFE FORCE OF EVERY
SUBSTANCE IN NATURE

<u>Salt</u> = Body = The Purified Mineral Corpus of Every substance in Nature,



Duality of the Tria Prima in the Vegetable Kingdom

The $Tria\ Prima$ are found in everything. But there are different manifestations of the $Tria\ Prima$ and this is what makes things unique. Each Essential of the $Tria\ Prima$ has two manifestations in the Vegetable Kingdom

The <u>Sulfur</u> Principle consists of both Fixed Sulfur and Volatile Sulfur. Fixed Sulfur is the Colored Resin or Pitch that is extracted from a Plant. Volatile Sulfur is the Essential/Volatile Oils of the Plant. These two grades *can be* extracted altogether or separately depending on the extraction method and solvent used.

The Mercury principle consists of both Fixed Mercury and Volatile Mercury. Fixed Mercury of the Vegetable Kingdom is Acetic Acid distilled from an aerobically fermented vinegar. Volatile Mercury of the Vegetable Kingdom is Ethanol distilled from an anaerobically alcoholic ferment.

The <u>Salt</u> Principle consists of Salt of Salt and Salt of Sulfur. Salt of Salt is created by calcining and leaching the Herbal Biomass. Salt of Sulfur is produced by Calcining and leaching Fixed Sulfur.

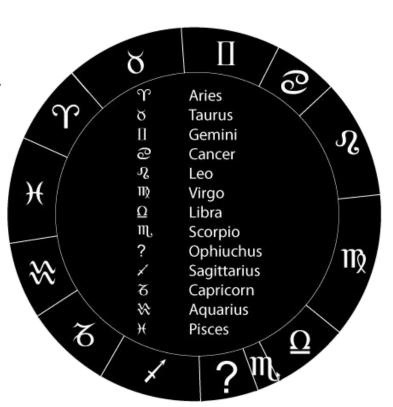


Spagyric Astronomical Theory

There are 12 Traditional Constellations, which denote the primal directions from Which the 'Star Stuff' or 'Astral Matter' of our planet and solar system originated. There is 1 additional Constellation from which the seed of life originated. This creates a total of 13 Constellations

Each of the Stars that Exploded Billions of Years ago from these Constellations have a particular association with the Elements found on Earth. "As Above, So Below"

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Spagyric Planetary Theory

In conventional Spagyria, there were only 7 planets that were known about and incorporated into the theory, cosmology, and practice



It is conceived that Each Planet governed over two Zodiac Signs, except Leo and Capricorn, which governed over the Sun and Moon respectively. These seven planets corresponded to the Seven Alchemical Metals (Gold, Silver, Mercury, Copper, Iron, Tin, and Lead).

In modern times, we know that Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto are all in our Solar System and have not been accounted for. IDF Data suggests that these planets should be accounted for, but no demonstrable theory has yet been created to include these planets in Labwork.



THE COSMOS IN SPAGYRIC PRACTICE

ALL THINGS IN THIS WORLD APPEAR TO HAVE CORRESPONDENCE TO THE CONSTELLATIONS, AS THE FRACTIONAL COMPOSITION OF ANY MATERIAL CONTAINS A DOMINANCE OF ONE OF THE 13 CONSTELLATIONS. ALL MATERIAL THINGS ARE COMPOSED OF VARIOUS 'FRACTIONS' OF ASTRAL ENERGY AND DISPLAY DIFFERENCES BASED ON THE QUANTITY OF EACH FRACTION IN THEIR CONSTITUTION.

Furthermore, all things are impacted by the heavens through their Astral Resonance. The Electro-Magnetic and magnetospheric Fluctuations of the planets in Motion impact our Earth's Fields, which then influence each life-form's Electro-Chemical qualities and formation. The Electro-Chemical Relationship between these constellations is demonstrable and is also detected by IDF Analysis.

As a result, all things relate back to the Cosmos around us.



Spirit Hours - When to work on Mercury

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sun O	Moon)	Mars \vec{O}	Mercury $ abla$	Jupiter 4	Venus Q	Saturn 5

Courtesy of the International Alchemy Guild. Taken From 'Charts of the Planetary Hours'. Alchemy Guild.com and Alchemy Lab.com

Convention says that Each Day on Earth is presided over by one of the Seven Archetypal Planetary Energies in our Solar System.

THE DAY ON WHICH WE BEGIN WORKING ON A MATERIAL, THEREFORE, IS THEORIZED TO BE PRESIDED OVER BY THE 'SPIRIT' OF A PARTICULAR ASTRONOMICAL BODY.

IDF Data suggests our calendar and timekeeping is flawed and not in harmony with the Cosmos, so I do not use this information these days, but I once did. I attain better results using Laboratory Astrology using calculations of the International Astronomical Union found on Mastering The Zodiac.com



THE SOUL HOURS - WHEN TO WORK ON SULFUR

In the Same Way that each Day corresponds TO THE SPIRIT, SO DOES THE SULFUR OF EACH DAY CORRESPOND TO THE HOUR, STARTING FROM THE FIRST HOUR OF SUNRISE. CONVENTIONALLY, MANY ALCHEMISTS HAVE USED THIS CHART OR ONES LIKE IT TO DETERMINE THE BEST HOUR[S] FOR WORKING ON THE SULFUR ASPECTS OF THE MATERIAL THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO WORK ON.

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the face of IDF Investigation and so I no
LONGER USE THIS CHART, BUT EXPERIMENT WITH
various methods as indicated by IDF Analysis

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	4 th	Moon)	Mars of	Mercury 🌣	Jupiter 4	Venus Q	Saturn 5	Sun O
	5 th	Saturn 5	Sun O	Moon)	Mars of	Mercury $ abla$	Jupiter 4	Venus Q
	6 th	Jupiter 4	venus Q	Saturn 5	Sun O	Moon)	Mars of	Mercury $ abla$
	7 th	Mars of	Mercury 🌣	Jupiter 4	venus Q	Saturn 5	Sun O	Moon)
	8 th	Sun O	Moon)	Mars of	Mercury 🌣	Jupiter 4	Venus Q	Saturn 5
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	10 th	Mercury 🌣	Jupiter 4	Venus Q	Saturn 5	Sun O	Moon)	Mars of

STILL, THESE CHARTS ARE INCLUDED FOR EDUCATION AND POSTERITY PURPOSES.



Body Hours - When to work on Salt

Period	Sunday	<u>Monday</u>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	<u>Friday</u>	Saturday
Midnight to 3:25 am	Mars of	Mercury	Jupiter 4	Venus Q	Saturn 5	Sun O	Moon)
3:26 am to 6:51 am	Sun O	Moon)	Mars of	Mercury	Jupiter 4	Venus Q	Saturn 5
6:52 am to 10:17 am	Venus Q	Saturn 5	Sun O	Moon)	Mars of	Mercury	Jupiter 4
10:18 am to 1:42 pm	Mercury	Jupiter 4	Venus Q	Saturn 5	Sun O	Moon)	Mars of
1:43 pm to 5:08 pm	Moon)	Mars of	Mercury	Jupiter 4	Venus Q	Saturn 5	Sun O
5:09 pm to 8:34 pm	Saturn 5	Sun O	Moon)	Mars of	Mercury	Jupiter 4	Venus Q
8:35 pm to Midnight	Jupiter 4	Venus Q	Saturn 5	Sun O	Moon)	Mars of	Mercury

COURTESY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ALCHEMY GUILD, TAKEN FROM 'CHARTS OF THE PLANETARY HOURS', ALCHEMYGUILD.COM AND ALCHEMY LAB.COM

The Salt Level breaks the day up into 7 equal fractions starting at midnight.

IDF Data also suggests this is not correct or in alignment with the Cosmos so I no longer use this chart.



Familiarity With These Terms + Concepts

In order to move forward, student needs to be familiar with and have a firm grasp of the terms and concepts as presented in this document. Namely the following things should be committed to memory

- 1. Who Paracelsus was, what the 4 Pillars of Spagyric Medicine Are, and the 5 Entia of Disease
- 2. Memorization of the Emerald Tablet
- 3. Understanding the Spagyric Theory, Processes and Procedures of the Emerald Tablet
- 4. BE ABLE TO REPRODUCE THE CHART OF SPAGYRIC COSMOLOGY
- 5. Name All the $Tria\ Prima$ and know the names of the two main types of Each of the $Tria\ Prima$
- 6. Know the Names and Signs of Each of the 13 Constellations used in Modern Spagyria
- 7. Know the Names and Signs of Each of the 7 Traditional Planets used in Spagyria
- 8. Know how to reference the Sulfur, Mercury, and Salt Hour Planetary Charts

*Strongly Recommended- Read "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Alchemy" to gain a more thorough understanding of the history and practices of Alchemy and the psycho-spiritual relations of each lab process



End Of Lesson

When You're Done With This Brief Introduction and Have preferably Finished Reading "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Alchemy", you're ready to continue with your Spagyric Studies.

The first course to complete is Spagyria 1010 which will walk you through the fundamentals of modern Spagyric Practice and provide you with a firm foundation for understanding the theory and practice of Spagyria. More specifically, it will walk you through how to make Professional Spagyric Tinctures, Spagyric Essences per Circumscindo, and Spagyric Elixirs. Moreover, it will expose more theory, cosmology, and detail into each of the philosophic essentials [the tria prima] and how to actually work with them in the laboratory.

All further Spagyric Modules in the Phoenix Aurelius Research Academy build upon the foundational knowledge and experiences provided in Spagyria 1010 so it is critical that you start there and then move forward.

If you have any questions, post them in the Student Forum Area below.