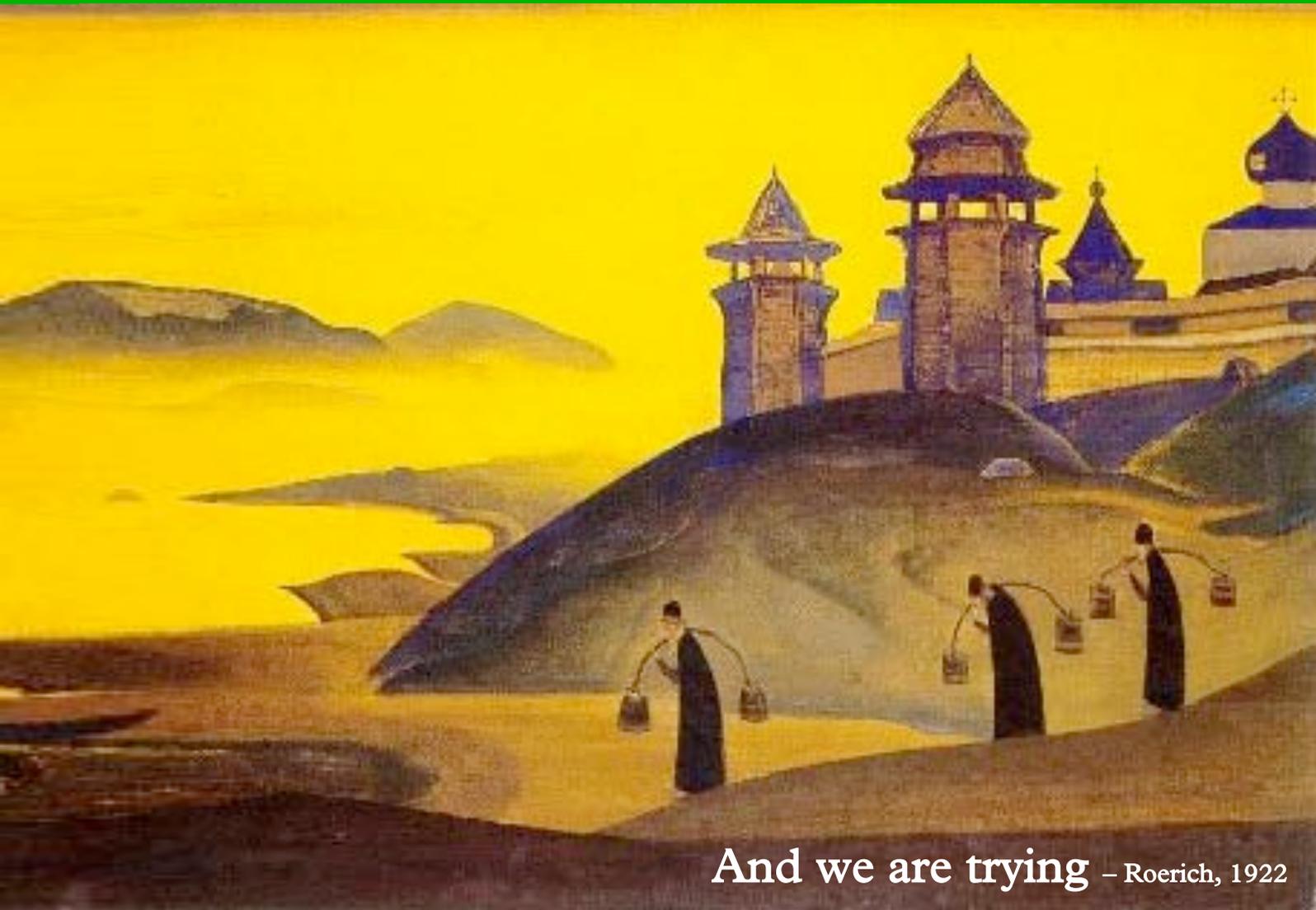


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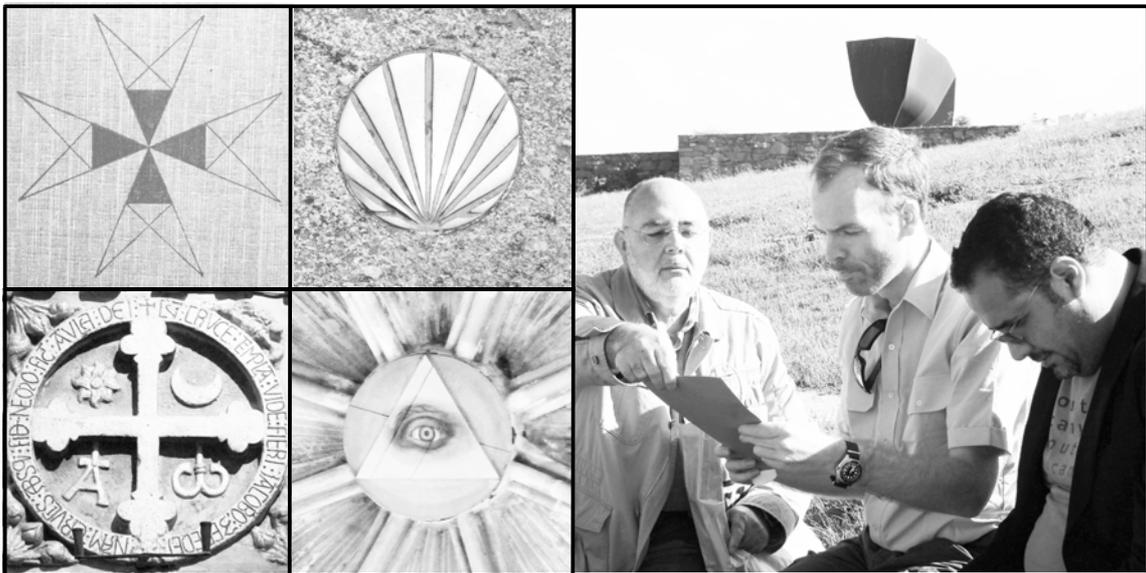


And we are trying – Roerich, 1922



Preface

The scallop shell, the Field of the Stars, the Sun and Moon, the Sea at the “End of the World” - the Study of Alchemy often unfolds as if it were the path of a pilgrim route; a path full of surprises. One may at times feel lost in the dark and obscure roadmaps of word and image that Masters of a former age have left us – maps which direct us on our journey of the Great Work. In modern times, it is rare to encounter those that have travelled far on this path, and it is almost “out of this world” to encounter someone who might have completed the Opus Major. It is therefore a privilege when one meets an experienced Alchemist that is charitable and willing to help shed some light on the path.



At summer solstice 2012 some Partners of Inner Garden took the journey to a knowledgeable Master, living beyond the city, Santiago de Compostella, near “the End of the World” (Cape Finisterre), to be initiated in one of the classic paths to the Philosopher's Stone. At the foot of the “Cup of the Sun” - once an old Templar monument - an Oath was made and shortly afterwards, the start of a path was revealed. It is merely the beginning; the road is long and we are only at the start of our pilgrimage. And we are trying...



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Activities 2012

Gerhard Dorn has been quoted in a previous annual report. However, this year his works took a more central place in our studies. It is surprising that the works of this author have remained largely untranslated.

Descartes' "Discourse on the Method of Rightly Conducting the Reason and Seeking the Truth in the Field of Science", published in 1637, is often mentioned as a foundational landmark in the field of Psychology. It explains the idea that the route to certainty is to doubt everything, and it is also from this text where we get the famous saying, "I think, therefore I am". However, 70 years earlier, in 1567, Gerhard Dorn wrote a formidable book with a delightful practical description of the way to discover the inner realm. Jung was inspired by Dorn's writings and he is one of Jung's most quoted authors. Jung cared so much about Dorn's writings that he took his main works with him when traveling to India in 1928. Jung's Red Book (also known as Liber Novus) stands as a testament to his active personal exploration of this philosophy. There are many parallels with this from of introspective psychology and meditation with the Foundation's Vision Quest.



Inner Garden is currently in the process of translating some of Dorn's works from Latin to English.

The “library project” is an ongoing activity to connect the libraries of the members of Inner Garden around the world. As a first step, a database has been compiled with a list of the hardcopies of alchemy books owned by various members. These books can on request be scanned or borrowed. A first release of this list is included at: <http://www.innergarden.org/en/library.html>.

Alchemical and hermetic texts generally require thorough reading, contemplative reading and re-reading. This is expressed by the motto “*Ora, Lege, Lege, Lege, Relege, Labora et Invenies*” in the mysterious “*Mutus Liber*”, 1677. Often a hardcopy is better suited for study and lends itself better for contemplative reading, than digital files. In that light the Inner Garden keeps a list of Alchemical books that is available for circulation within the group, as shown below. The rating gives a subjective impression of the value of a book.

Author	Title, subtitle	Publ.	Location	pdf	Subject	Lang.	Val.
Abulafia, A.	Get Ha-Shemot, Divorce of the Names	2007	Utrecht	no	Esoteric	English	7
Abulafia, A.	Ohr Ha-Sechel, Light of the Intellect	2008	Utrecht	no	Esoteric	English	7
Aegyptus	The Macrocosmic Mystery	1931	Utrecht	no	Esoteric	English	6
Aegyptus	The Myrcocosmic Mystery	1932	Utrecht	no	Esoteric	English	6
Aftel, M.	Essence & Alchemy	2001	Utrecht	no	Alchemy	English	6
Al-Halveti	The Secret of Secrets	1994	Utrecht	no	Alchemy	English	6
Albertus	Alchemist's Handbook	1974	Utrecht	no	Alchemy	English	8
Albertus	The Alchemist of the Rocky Mountains	1976	Utrecht	no	Alchemy	English	5
Albertus	Gently I Answered and Said	1978	Utrecht	no	Alchemy	English	1
Albertus	The seven rays of the QBL	1981	Utrecht	no	Alchemy	English	6
Albertus	AMO	1983	Utrecht	no	Alchemy	English	6

Inner Garden is currently participating in a research project on “Modern Alchemy”, a Master Thesis of Mrs. A. van Ackooy. This thesis will answer the question of how modern day students of Alchemy define, interpret and practice Alchemy, and thus presents a more social approach rather than a historical one. We are excited that Inner Garden has been selected as the subject for this study, will most likely be concluded in august 2013.

The notes on herbal work have been polished and expanded, most notably the one on lab-setup, with contributions of Br. Mokshanand.

Among other noteworthy works is also the note of Br. JML on a rather exquisite and eloquent method of preparing wine spirits via traditional alchemical methods. This method comes to us from The Hermetic and Alchemical Writings of Paracelsus The Great. Volume II, Part II Hermetic Medicine Book Six Concerning Magisteries: The Extraction of the Magistry From Growing Things.

Br. Ethekearius has continued to expand the notes on mineral work: Alkahests of Tartar and Sulfur, Honey Work, Stone of Eternity, Water Work, Vegetable Radical Menstruum, and many more.

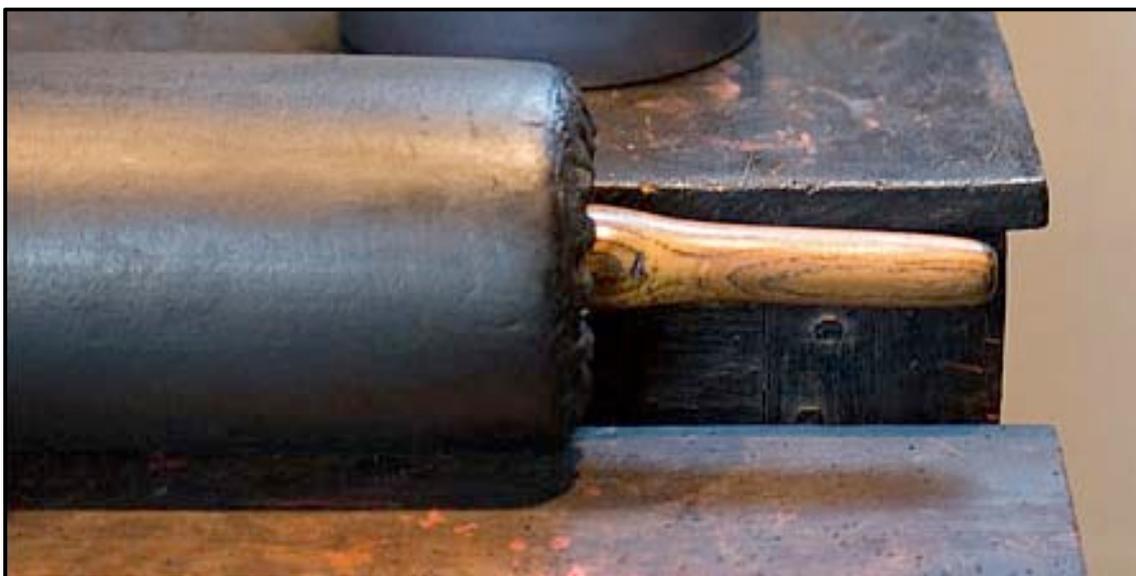


Br. Caathan has started another semester of Q-class. A unique introduction to a practical and powerful form of Qabalah as taught by the Ordo Splendor Lucis.

Acquisitions

Dr. Schein has donated a high quality scanner (CanoScan 9000F) to the Foundation. It will be used for the benefit of the library project mentioned above, as well as in anticipation of the scanning of some more rare alchemical works and MS of his personal library.

Publications



Title	Author	Format
The Book of Images Without Words	Magophon	Kindle
Basilus Valentinus and his tinctures from Antimony	D. A. Schein	Kindle

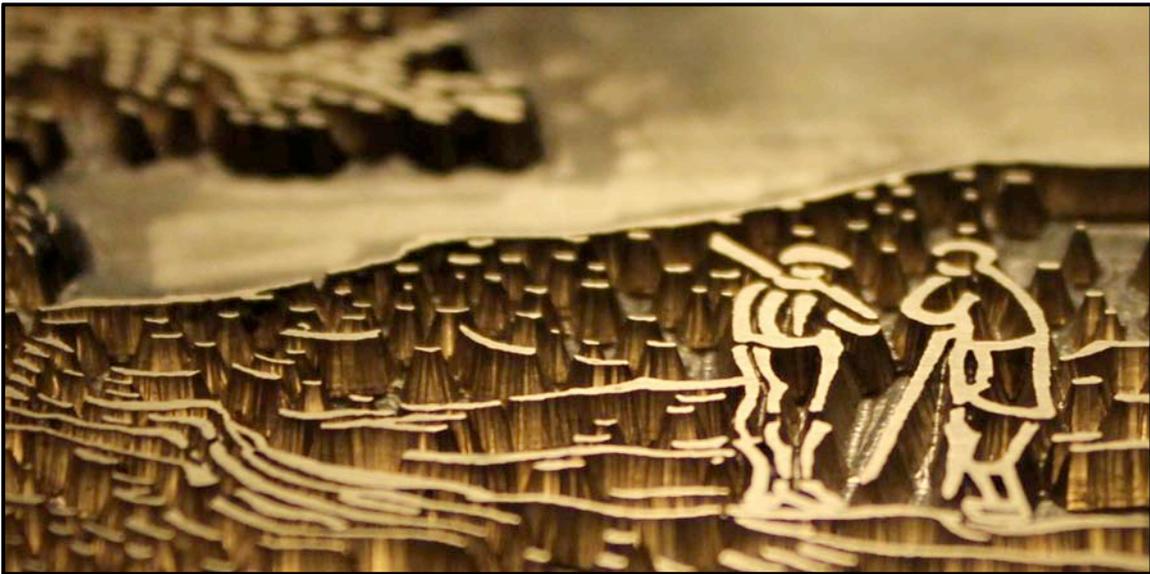
In 2012 the previously published e-books have been adapted from Adobe pdf to kindle format and are now available on www.amazon.com. Even the bibliophiles among us are beginning to recognize the practicality of having an entire library on one handy device, that can be easily carried along on any journey.



Research

For a list of notes and research papers see note A999.

Partners



In 2012, two Partners have been admitted to Inner Garden: Br. Ibn Hamda and Br. JML. We welcome our new Partners and are delighted to see their experience in various unique branches of Alchemy come together in our Foundation. Ibn Hamda has taken up the position of Board Member, taking the place of Caathan. Br. Caathan remains with the Foundation as Partner and Guide.

Annual Account

A copy of our Balance Sheet is available on request for donors to the Foundation. We would like to thank all donors and all those who contributed their time and effort in transcribing, translation and compiling research notes and lessons.

