



The "Ingendred" Stone: The Ripley Scrolls and the Generative Science of Alchemy

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. Ripley scroll. Huntington Library, HM (details).

The scrolls themselves mark a high point in the alchemical emblem tradition that flourished in early modern Europe, a tradition that includes the *Rosarium philosophorum*

with spiritual and Neoplatonic allegory. The *Compound of Alchymy* includes several

chemicum that "Thomas Mundaye wrought this Scrowle May 15th Anno. 1561." One of the scrolls in the British Library attributes some verses to "James Standysh," but the

during the first stage of transmutation;) Congelation, or the translation of liquid to

Others imagined blood as a symbol for the philosopher's stone itself or for the med-

In citing the *Turba philosophorum*

over icons of the sun and moon, which finds an obvious parallel in the Ripley scrolls, as does the sexual union of the chemical wedding as depicted in the roundels that circu-

Latin word that Hermes uses for "matter" is "materia," which was probably linked to the *prima materia* of Aristotle.

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Perfect heate & decoction

What is the Stone thou must know here

[Verses on scroll beneath blue globe:]
In the sea withouten lees

Both pope emperour and king I wisse
Prieste and Clarke and Allsoe Frier