

TABULA SMARAGDINA



“True it is, without falsehood, certain and most true. ¶ That which is below is like to that which is above, and that which is above is like to that which is below, to accomplish the miracles of one thing. ¶ And as all things were by the contemplation of one; so all things arose from this one thing by adaptation. ¶ Its father is the Sun, its mother is the Moon. ¶ The wind carried it in its belly. ¶ The Earth is its nurse. ¶ It is the father of all the perfection of the whole world. ¶ Its power is complete, if it be cast on to earth. ¶ You shall separate earth from fire, the subtle from the gross, smoothly, with great sagacity. ¶ It rises from earth to heaven, and descends again from heaven to earth, and receives the force from things that are above and from things that are below. ¶ Thus you will possess the glory of the whole world, and all obscurity will flee from you. ¶ This thing is the strong fortitude of all strength. Because it will overcome each refined, subtle thing and it will penetrate each substance. ¶ In this way the world was created. ¶ From this marvellous adaptations will arise, of which this is the manner. ¶ For this reason I am called Hermes Trismegistus, because I possess three parts of the wisdom of the whole world. ¶ That which I had to say about the operation of Sol is completed.”