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<fol. 39r>Tak . j . *quarter* <pound symbol> of y^e son~ . & *dim* <pound symbol> . of the
 mon~ *purgyd* . And mak of both yes so
 tyl <exp>~~powder~~</exp> lymal . Than tak . j . <pound symbol> & *dim* of *merc*
 & put to y^e lymal *aforseyd* . Tha~ tak .v . or .vj .
 sponful of *vynegre* & salt half an handful . &
 grynd all y^e maters to-*gedre* in a treen dyshe
 tyl y^e son~ y^e mon~ & y^e qwyksyluer be wel
 takyn togedyr . Tha~ tak *water* mydyl hot
 & wasch away clen y^e salt & y^e *vynegre* tyl all
 be freshe *tastyng* at *3our* tong . & *yan* dry y^e ma
 ter w^t a sponge or w^t a cloth . & wen yt ys dry
 put it in-to *3our* vessell os y^e know & stoppe
 it wel y^t no eyr~ go ^[in] ne owt the qwych myth
 be *confusion~* to *3our* werk . Tha~ set it in *3our*
 furneys *makyng* fyir vnder os 3^e know . Thes
 be sygnis y^t wyl shewyn in *3our* werk . Fyrst
 it wyl *congel* in-to an hard gobet . Then yt
 wyl wast vnder in-to powder a lytyl & a lytyl
 tyl all y^e substawnse be wastyd in-to powder
 The qwych powder w^t *contynwal* *fyrng* wyl
 twrn in-to *mercury* kouerd w^t blaknes lyk to pych .
 The qwych blaknes lyk os he con~ owt of y^e
 <fol. 39v>body he wyl go in ageyn in to y^e same body
 and os y^e blaknes passyth y^e wytnes shew
 yth . and than be sekyr *3our* werk ys done os
 to y^e w^hyth . For y^e wyld wyl neuer be tam
 but in w^hyth . But be-twyn blak & whyt
 many colowrs xal shewe . wer of takyth
 no eyd . for blak & whyt beth endles co
 lowrs for yer nys no colour but he tak

mor or les of on of thes tweyn . Yerfor
 wha~ he ys whyt shynyng cler~ in thys ma
 ner xal 3^e gouern hym . Tak 3our vessel and
 bery hym in 3our forneys leying sond aboue
 y^e thyknes of an vnche & mak fyir a
 boue w^t a twrfe or tweyn . & vndyr in y^e
 furneys be y^e <exp>same</exp> space of .iiij . dayes tyl
 al y^e whyck y^t cleuyt^[h] be y^e sydys twrn
 y^e body yat he came fro and all be on
 sbstawns . than wete 3^e wel yf he be shy
 nyng whyt ; all y^e whyck ys ded . & than
 ys all y^e trauelle done . Thus xal 3^e asay
 weder y^e spyryt ys dede or nat . tak .j . part
 of y^e body y^e whygt of . j . wete corn . &
 <fol. 40r>weyg it . then tak an yrn & het yt tyl yt
 be rede hote . & lete thys whete corn wygt
 lye y^{er} vpon y^e space of half a pater noster whyl . &
 yf yt hold hes whygt yan yt ys wel . & yf he
 do nowt . 3eld hym ageyn to y^e fyir tyl he hold
 whygt . Owan he holdyth whygt thus xal
 3e do . Tak of y^e whyt in y^e glas .j . quarter & kepp
 y^e oder .iiij . quarters to y^e red werk . Than tak yis
 quarter of y^e whyt and put in-to a balaunce than
 tak os mych qwyksyluer & put in-to y^e todyr
 balaunce so that both sydes be of euyn whygt .
 than tak .j . part of y^e qwyk-syluer & grynd w^t y^e
 part of y^e whyt ston . yan put in-to a glas
 th<?> shape & stop yt abone & put yt in 3our fur
 neys makyng vndurneth fyir os 3^e know . and
 be y^e space of .iiij . howres yt wyl twrn in-to
 the vertue of y^e ston . And than lyk os 3^e haue
 <mrg>done</mrg> w^t yis part . so do w^t odyr .iiij . partes of y^e qwyk
 syluer . tyl yt 3eld yt to lygt meltyng os wax
 asaying in yis maner . Tak a+corne wygt of y^e
 stone & ley yt vpon an hote yryn & leye
 os myche wex yer-by . & yf y^e ston melt os lyght
 <fol. 40v>ly os y^e wax . tha~ he ys redy to multiplye For
 y^e filosofyr seyth . jn os myche os mercury ys lyght
 of fleyng he nedyth a medycyn that may sodeyn

ly ioyne hym or he fle . for y^e medicyn mwst be
 os lyght of meltyng os y^e toder is lyght of fleyng
 or ellys 3^e xal nat fynd y^t 3e seyke . Ferther
 mor~ in y^{is} maner 3^e shal ~~<exp>mak</exp>~~ compowne Tak of
 y^e ston . j . peny wyght & . v . peny wyght of mer
 cwry & put all y^{is} in-to a crusyble in embyr
 or ellys vpon colys so yt be nat to hotte & w^t
 in lesse tym yan a pater noster wyghl yt wyl twrn
 in-to y^e kynd of y^e ston . and lokyth euermore
 3e haue fyre of clene kolys nowt to strong
 for euermor~ afor y^e meltyng he ys elixer & aftyr
 y^e meltyng he ys metall . Tha~ tak . j . peny wyght
 therof & put to y^e ston . & than ys y^e ston neuery^e
 lesse . Than tak y^e . x . peny wyght aforseyd
 & depart hym in . x . partes and cast euerych . j . part
 vpon . x . of mercer . & than 3e han . C . Than depart
 y^e forseyd . C . in-to . x . partes . and cast eueryche part
 vpon . C . and than 3e haue . M . Than depart y^{is}
 . M . in-to . x . partes & cast eueryche part vpon . M . and
 <fol. 41r>than 3e haue . C . M . And so depart and procede in-to
 infynite . For he ys os fyr~ among wode . os
 mwsk among electwaryis . os rennet cruddyth
 mylk in-to chese & os sowrdowgh ys to paste .
Tha take y^{is} congelyd mater aforseyd & tak yer
 of . j . pownd & cast it vpon . x . li . and depart
 thes powndes lyk os 3^e dyd afor y^e peny wygh
 tys fro on in-to . x . Fro . x . in-to . C . Fro . C . in-to
 . M . Fro . M . in-to . C . M . and so in-to infynit os a
 forseyd . For the +mor~ yis forseyd ordyr ys re
 hersyd & traveyld y^emor~ ys ^[hes] bonyte of perfec
 cyoun yncresyd & myche mor~ turnyth & perfy
 tyht . Tha~ tak a cruselet & put yer in . j .
 li or . ij . of y^e mater afor~seyd & sette 3our crus
 let in a fayr fyr~ of kolys & let yt stond tyl
 y^e potte be red hot . than blow yerto tyl it be
 molte . and yer all vppe . Amen .
 ¶ Now haue 3^e leryd der~ frend forto make
 wyght . therfor yt ys nedefwille & profyta
 for to mak red . But vndyrstandyth y^t no

man may con~ fro y^e fyrst to y^e thryd but
 be y^e secund for but 3e mak trwe wyghte
 <fol. 41v>rede may 3^e nat mak For 3e may nat conn fro
 blak to cytryne but be wyght . nor fro wyght
 to red . but be cytrine For wan he ys wyght
 cristalyne y^e rede ys hyd wⁱⁿ hym lyk os
 blode ys hyd in man . Of qwyche rednes
 yer ys none oder drawyng owt but only w^t
 incresyng of y^e fyre . For y^e fyrst dyges
 tyoun of y^e stomak kyndly wyghtyth The
 secund of y^e lyuur redyth . For 3^e know wele
 yt y^e sperme ys nat gendyrde tyl he be wele
 decoct in y^e lyuur so y^t he haue takyn yer hes
 inwardly rednes . for but he wer~ inward
 ly ^[rede] yer shuld no thyng gender of hym . Ryth so
 our wyght medycyn . but yf he wer sodyn
 in y^e fyre he shuld nat be rede . werfore
 3^e nede to sethe hym wele in y^e fyre w^t owt
 dred or puttyng yer to ony thyng tyl he
 be clerr~ rede For w^t waxyng fyr~ aftyr
 wyght comyng rede . hafe betwyn wyght
 & rede cytryne wyl shew hym . y^e qwyche is
 nat stabylle for aftyr hym rednesse dwel
 lyth nat long . at whos komyng beth se
 <fol. 42r>kyr 3our werk ys done and y^e reder~ he ys y^e
 better he ys . for y^e caws of red ys only fully
 dygestyon~ . Than shal 3e tak owt 3our rede
 medycine & dothe to hym in all maner of de
 gr~ lyk os 3^e dyd to y^e wyght tyl he 3eld
 hym to lygth fusyoun os wax . And compoun y^e
 rede w^t mercer lyk os 3^e dyd to y^e wyght & so
 procede in-to infynite . Now haue 3e fulfyl
 lyd 3our medycine in hot & colde moyst & drye
 euyn a tempyr~ & kyndly adeqwate . werfor~
 that y^t 3e put to hym of hes owyn kynde
 shal be of y^e sam complexioun . y^t he ys of And
 thys is y^e caws y^t he may be multiplied
 in-to infynite . for he ys os fyr~ among wode
 mwske among electwaryse . and os renell



of mylk ys to chese & os ferment ys to
paste . and y^e mor~ y^t he ys *trauelyde* y^e mor~
he ys *incresyd* . Now j haue declaryd on
to 3^u the praktyse of y^{is} worthy scyence
os clerly os god of hes heygh godenese
hath 3eue me grace . j kanne no mor~ but he
y^t made both 3^u & me bryng vs to y^e blys of hes
¶ maieste .
Explicit .