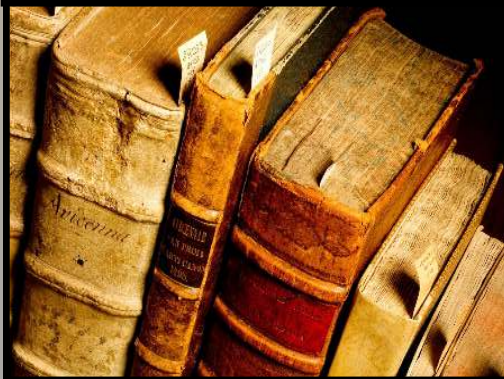
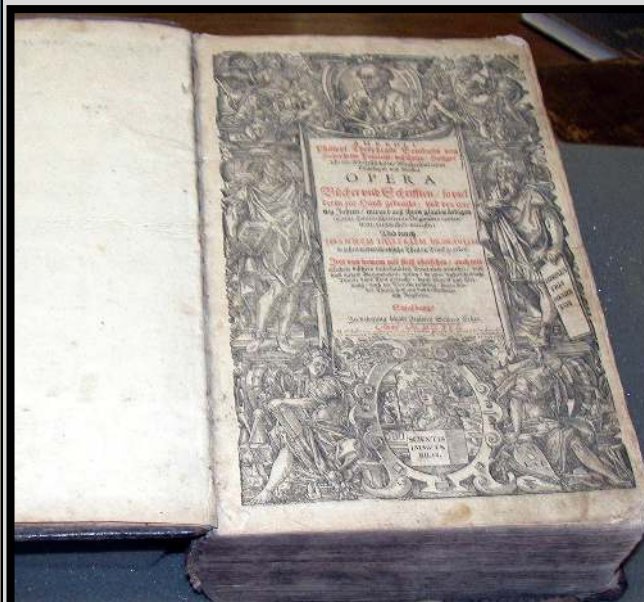


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PARACELSUS (1493-1541). Opera, Bücher und Schrifften. Strasbourg: In Verlegung L. Zetzners seligen Erben, 1616.

Philippus Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim is universally known as Paracelsus. He was born in Switzerland and educated at Basel. His unorthodox ideas and teachings put him at loggerheads with the orthodox establishment of his revolutionary time and he spent most of his life wandering through Europe as an itinerant physician, chemist, theologian, and philosopher. Although his ideas were still bound up in alchemy and astrology, and his writings imbued with a mysticism which makes them difficult to interpret, in the field of practical medicine he was usually in advance of his time and attracted many followers. First, he applied chemical techniques to pharmacy and therapeutics. Secondly, in his medical teaching he abandoned the ruling system of humours. His influence on the sixteenth and

seventeenth centuries was profound and the work of Helmont is unthinkable without him.



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