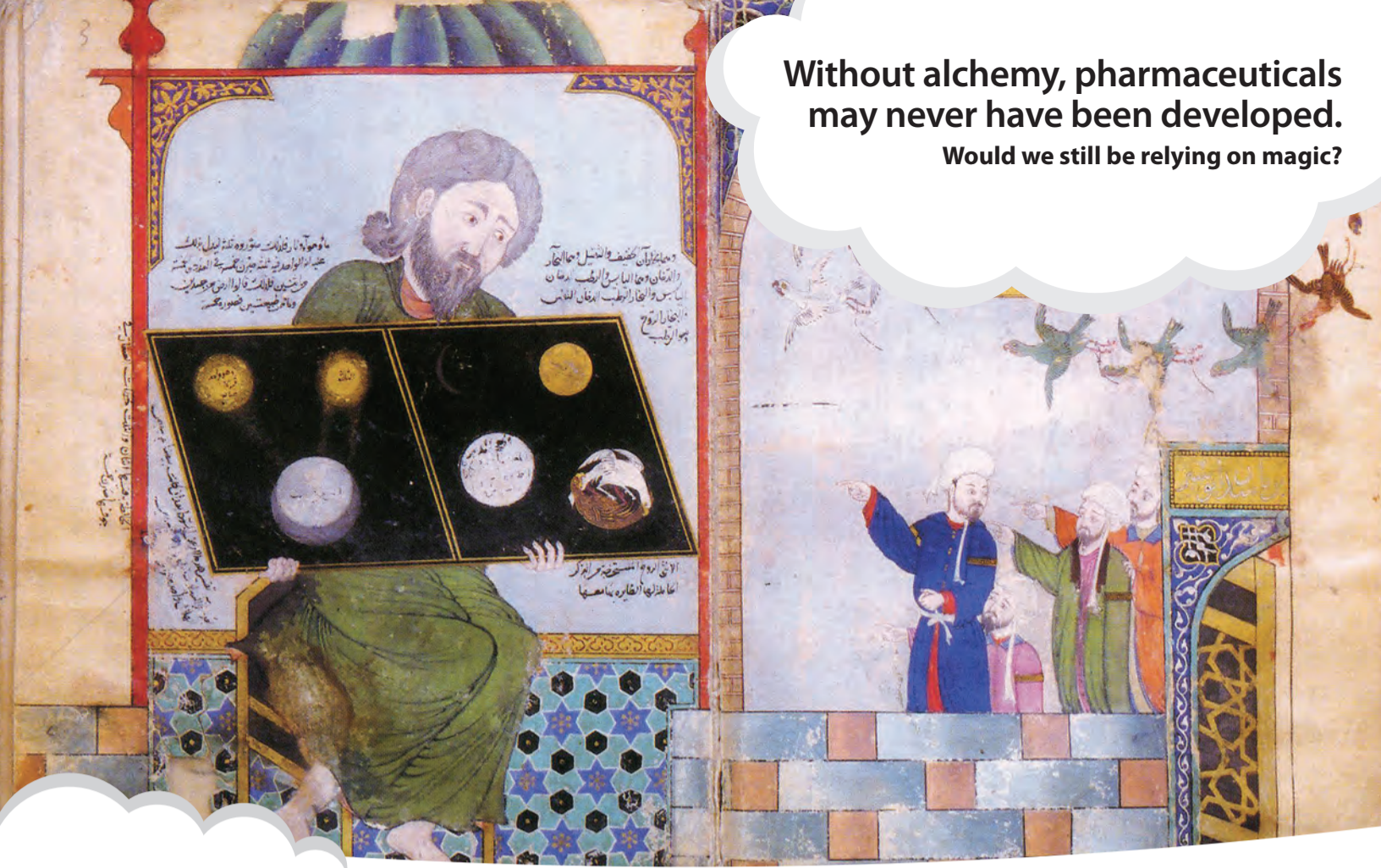


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may never have been developed.
Would we still be relying on magic?



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Magicians, Seers and Sages

25th Annual Medieval Workshop • Saturday, February 4, 2012

Location: The Bob Wright Centre (Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Science Building), Room B150, UVic Campus

Faculty Coordinator: Dr. Marcus Milwright, Director, Medieval Studies Program

Magician, shaman, seer, witch, sage, wizard, sorcerer, sibyl: many words have been used to describe the charismatic individuals believed to be able to glimpse future events and penetrate the barriers between the physical world and the spiritual realm. They are the possessors of arcane wisdom and the performers of magic, both benevolent and malignant. Such skills might generate veneration in some, fear and revulsion in others. Confrontation with established religions could lead to brutal results including the torture and burning of women alleged to be witches. The twenty-fifth annual Medieval Workshop explores the enduring fascination—both in the Medieval period and in our own time—with magicians and the magic they claimed to be able to create. The talks will take us from the beliefs and legends of the Celts, Saxons and Vikings in Northern Europe to the practice of Jewish magic in the Medieval Mediterranean.

Workshop Program

9:00–9:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks	1:35–1:45	Questions/Discussion
9:10–9:30	Dr Marcus Milwright, UVic: Introduction	1:45–2:30	Keynote: Professor Stephen Knight, Distinguished Research Professor, Cardiff University: Merlin and the Environment
9:30–9:55	Dr. Iain Higgins, UVic: Love Magic	2:30–2:45	Questions/Discussion
9:55–10:05	Questions/Discussion	2:45–3:15	Refreshment Break
10:05–10:45	Refreshment Break	3:15–3:40	Dr. Erin McGuire, UVic: Gyðja, Goði and Völva: The Many Faces of Viking Age Magic
10:45–11:10	Dr. Shamma Boyarin, UVic: From Story to Amulet: Jewish Legends about Adam's first wife and Methods for protecting against Demons	3:40–3:50	Questions/Discussion
11:10–11:20	Questions/Discussion	3:50–4:15	Dr. H�el�ene Cazes, UVic: Medicine and Magic
11:20–12:40	Lunch on your own; musical performance	4:15–4:25	Questions/Discussion
12:40–1:10	Celebration of twenty-fifth anniversary	4:25	Closing Remarks
1:10–1:35	Dr. James Acken, UVic: Severed Heads, Incantation and Heroism around the North Sea		

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- online (credit card only): <http://www.uvcs.uvic.ca/aspnet/Course/Detail/?code=ASMS006>

Parking: There is a flat fee of \$2 in all campus lots evenings and all day Saturday.

Pictured above: The 'Silvery Water' painting. Taken from a compilation of alchemical texts produced in Baghdad in 1339. Topkapi Palace Library, A. 2075 fols. 2b-3a.