

find it helpful to have the subjects in a mildly-drugged state beforehand. However, as aforementioned, subjects must still be conscious and aware for best results.

Please refer to the following steps when performing the actual procedure:

1) Obtain permission from the on-site priest to begin the incarnum-extraction procedure. It is vital that the clergy double-check all equipment, including the integrity of the symbols, before you begin.

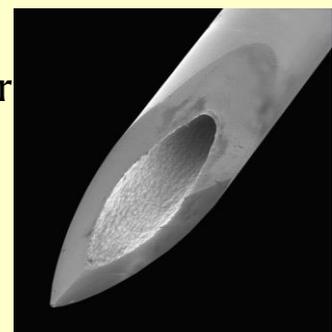
2) Step 2 of the procedure involves preparing the subject(s) in the seated arrangements as per Diagram 4a. Please ensure that all restraints have been applied correctly and tightly; this will prevent the subject potentially freeing himself and damaging the apparatus during his convulsions.



3) Once each subject has been prepared, step 3 involves the application of a sufficient quantity of electrical energy to each subject's cranium for a period of no less than 90 seconds. It is essential that the current not be high enough to cause actual expiration of the subject. (If the restraints were not properly secured in Step 2, damage to the subject or operatus is possible. For example, there have been cases of subjects biting off their own tongues and asphixiating when the bite plates and gags were not properly secured.)

Note: It has been discovered, through trial and error, that an application of current to the subject's cranium produces the best results in incarnum extraction. It is currently unknown why this is so—some have used the metaphor of slowly stirring a solution to force dross to rise to the top—but in the end, we are simply guessing. Despite our successes, there is still much to research and much to improve.

4) After the minimum period of electrical application has transpired, operators are to release the extractor pins. Again, if arrangements were followed properly, each of the two spikes will penetrate the subject's temporal lobes where the skull walls are thinnest. (An improperly-prepared subject will lengthen the process, often requiring the procedure



to restarted or simply wasting the subject.) From this point, the extractors will remove the subject's incarnum and filter it into the waiting receptacles.

Wait a total of five additional minutes after all fluids have ceased flowing before disengaging the machine, to ensure maximum harvest of incarnum. Subjects can often be difficult to acquire in our present times, and we rely on your compliance with procedure to make the most of each.

NOTE: Many of the more backwards-thinking citizens would use loaded language to describe our operations, referring to the extracted substance as "soul-energy" or "spirits." Do not be found contributing to their outdated superstitions. We avoid such issues by referring to the harvested substance as "incarnum." Please ensure you use this word in your daily habits.

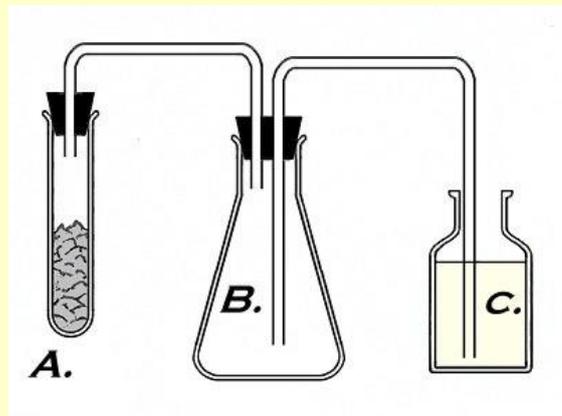
THE INCARNUM REFINEMENT PROCESS

The following explanation deals briefly with how incarnum is filtered from its raw form into the useable "gems" you're more familiar with.

A. Incarnum is directly extracted from an expiring subject, via the procedure we've just reviewed.

B. The light-blue incarnum is cooled and then dissolved into a liquid medium, forming an intermediate solution. It is now safe for handling and transport. (Due to its highly-reflective properties, this step is sometimes referred to as "falsum mercurius," or even "quicksilver.")

C. Later, in the nearby laboratories, the dissolved incarnum is further treated for volume and potency. After numerous refinements, it finally arrives at a gel-like state, again with a blue hue (but darker than its initial state). It is this gel that is found within the "power gems" used in all forms of Veritan power suits, assisted weapondry, and technological applications you may be familiar with.



Warning: Please ensure that each collected sample of incarnum remains separate and distinct from others. Cross-contaminated samples are useless.

Remember! The technological advancements of the holy empire GENS SANCTUM VERITATIN rely on your adherence to proper procedure! Do your part in defeating the forces of barbarianism and ignorance!