

Spiritual and Devotional Tracts

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Codicology: Paper, mm 294 x 215, (11.5 x 8.5 in.), ff. 348 + 1, double columns of 40 lines. Cent. **xv (1431), etc.**, clearly written in more than one hand. In a very bad state from damp.

Collation: 1¹² (1, 2 mut.)-11¹² 12¹⁴ (blank) | 13¹⁴ (wants 1) 14¹²-18¹² | 19¹²-23¹² (wants 12) | 24¹²-26¹² (wants 7, 11, 12 blank) 27 (twenty-five) 28¹², 1 flyleaf.

Additions: Binding fragmentary.

Additions: The leaves at the end are much damaged.

Additions: In the fragment of the last cover are some notes in German (**xv**) in which is mention of the kochemeister.

Foliation: Too fragile to be foliated in its entirety. Partially imaged: front cover exterior + ff. 1-211v + back cover exterior - problem of tight binding and curvature into gutter resulted in some lack of sharp focus for a few leaves; ff. 250v, 251r supplied from digitised old colour slides.

Language: Latin and German.

Contents:

Volume I

1.1.

1r-12v *De xii gradibus humilitatis*

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(Palma spiritualis: old list)

mutilated at the beginning

1.2.

12v-18v *pseudo-Anselm of Canterbury OSB^l, De mensuratione crucis*

18v () *Explicit* ita ut alios eciam possit consolari. Amen

2.1.

18v-20v *Speculum consciencie et contemplationis*

18v *Rubric:* Incipit Speculum consciencie et contemplationis

18v () *Incipit:* Si uis perfectus fieri stude

20v () *Explicit* lugendum et plorandum

2.2.

20v-22v *pseudo-Bernard of Clairvaux OCist^l, De interiori domo (extract)*

Bernhard^l de contemplacione

20v *Rubric:* De speculo consciencie et contemplacionis *Bernhardi^l* vel de contemplacione

20v () *Incipit:* Uitam uniuscuiusque non cognoscit

22v () *Explicit* miratus regis potencia

3.

22v-27v *Gratiarum acciones pro beneficiis*

22v *Rubric:* Incipiunt gratiarum acciones pro beneficiis receptis a deo

22v () *Incipit:* Sancte sanctorum potentissime

27v () *Explicit* te miserante valeam promereri. Amen

4.

27v-56r *Paradisus Spiritualis*

27v *Rubric:* Incipit liber qui dicitur Paradisus Spiritu(a)lis

27v () *Incipit:* Paradisum spiritualem uniuersi describendo ymaginamur pratum

56r () *Explicit* tale edifica in te et ubi habites semper ora. Amen

56r () *Rubric:* Explicit liber iste sit laus et gloria tibi Jesu Criste. Amen

5.1.

56r-129r Henricus Suso OP^l, *Horologium sapientiae*

Horologium sapientiae (Henricus Suso^l)

- 56r (57r) *Incipit*: Sentite de domino in bonitate
127r () *Explicit* in decore suo conspicientes I. c. d. n. qui cum, etc.
Table of chapters to 98: then the note
129r () Hyr ist nicht me. Amen
129r () *Rubric*: Explicit horlogium sapientie fratris A. ordinis predicatorum. E.

5.2.

129r-131r Henricus Suso OP^l, *Cursus de aeterna sapientia*

Hours of the Eternal Wisdom: in Latin

- 129r (127r) *Rubric*: Quicumque desiderat sapienciam eternam familiarem sibi sponsam habere debet ei
has horas cottidie deuote ... gere
131r () *Rubric*: Explicit cursus sapiencie que est Ihesus Christus

5.3.

131r-146v *Prayers at Mass and to the Virgin*

Three prayers

a.

- 131r At Mass. In presencia sanctissimi corporis

b.

To the Virgin. O sanctissima et gloriosissima

c.

- 131v To the Virgin. O gloriosissima et sublimis

ff. 133r-146v blank

Volume II

6.

147r-147r Caesarius of Arles^l, *Admonitio (fragment of Sermo 7)*

End of

- 147r () *Explicit* Amonicio S. Augustini^l per quam ostendit quam bonum sit leccionem diuinam legere
(a little over a column)

7.

147r-147r pseudo-Thomas Aquinas OP^l, *Epistola de modo studendi*

- 147r *Rubric*: Sequitur exemplar S. Thome de Aquino^l missum cuidam fratri interroganti qualiter
studio ac thesauro sciencie intendendum sit ad profectum

- 147r () *Incipit*: Quia quesuisti qualiter oporteat in thesauro sciencie
147r () *Explicit* attingere poteris quod affectas. Amen
147r () *Rubric*: Sequitur aliud

8.

147v-147v Exemplar Sancti Bernhardi^l

- 147v *Rubric*: Exemplar S. Bernhardi^l. ... quemadmodum se habere debeant dum diuinis laudibus
assistunt

- 147v () *Incipit*: Vos ammoneo dilectissimi pure ac strenue

9.

147v-155v Jan van Ruusbroec^l, *Tractatus de perfectione filiorum Dei (transl. by Willem Jordaens^l)*

- 147v *Rubric*: Incipit tractatus de perfeccione filiorum dei

- 147v () *Incipit*: Quicumque wlt venire in perfectissimo statu
155v () *Explicit* unum cum eo fiemus uti sum superius utcunque profatus ut nobis prestare dignetur
trinus et unus. Amen
155v () *Rubric*: Explicit tractatus de perfeccione filiorum dei

10.

155v-157r pseudo-Bonaventure OFM^l, *De septem gradibus contemplationis*

155v *Rubric*: Incipit tractatus de gradibus contemplacionis editus a fr. Bonaventura de ordine minorum^l

155v () *Incipit*: Contemplatiuorum aquilinos obtutus

157r () *Explicit* manibus eburneis cont(r)ectauit S[otoyi, dominum nostrum I. C. qui est bened. in secula seculorum Amen

157r () *Rubric*: Explicit tractatus, etc.

11.

157r-160r *pseudo-Augustine^l, De essentia divinitatis*

157r *Rubric*: Incipit Jeronimus de membrorum Christi significacione

157r () *Incipit*: Omnipotens pater et filius et spiritus Sanctus unus ac trinus

160r () *Explicit* videbimus eum sicut est. Tu autem domine, etc.

160r () *Rubric*: Explicit liber beati Jeronimi de membrorum Christi significacione

160r () Scribbles in col. 2

12.

160v-211r *De preparatoine domus animae*

160v () Prologus

160v *Rubric*: Domine dilexi decorem domus tue et locum habitacionis glorie tue

160v () *Incipit*: Glosa dicit hic .i. dilexi me facere decorem

160v () *Explicit* erexi humiliter et distinx

160v () Registrum

160v () De preparacione aree domus anime .1.

...

De tectis anime .31.

160v () Text

160v () *Incipit*: Diligenter exerce agrum tuum

211r () *Explicit* uerus pacificus sit in secula benedictus. Amen

13.

211r-212v *Meditations*

211r Meditations on

211r () *Incipit*: Natus est nobis hodie saluator

212r () *Incipit*: Verbum caro factum est

14.

213r-219v

Speculum humane salvationis (Added texts on Passion and Joys and Sorrows of the Virgin Mary)

213r (212r) The end of the Speculum Humane Saluationis

213r () *Incipit*: In precedenti capitulo de intollerabili pena dampnatorum
Ending f. 216v (ff. 217r-219v blank)

Volume III

15.

220r-250r *Hugo de Balma OCarth^l, Theologia mystica (De triplici via)*

De triplici via

220r *Rubric*: Vie Syon lugent eo quod non sit qui vadit ... licet hoc uerbum dixit Jeremias propheta

220r () *Incipit*: Triplex est igitur via ista

Change of hand at f. 249r. Apparently ends f. 250r

16.1.

250v-251r *Jan van Ruysbroeck^l, Epistola super generibus exercitantum*

Liber spiritualis uitae by J. Ruysbroeck^l

250v () *Incipit*: Conflue ... jocunditate in dulcissimi

251r () *Explicit* filios vestras et filias in domino I. C. Amen

Johannes de Rustbrot [Ruscrot]^l prior in viride valle totus vester in domino
Capp. XVIII

16.2.

251r-266v *Thomas Aquinas OP^l, De perfectione spiritualis uitae*

- 251r () *Rubric*: Incipit liber spiritualis vite perfeccionem et statum declarans quid sit auctoris intencio. Cap. I
- 251r () *Incipit*: Quoniam quidam perfeccionis ignari
Ends (cap. XXII)
- 266v () *Explicit* vicem eius agens qui est mediator dei et hominum homo Christus Ihesus qui est fons omnis perfeccionis Cui est gloria in secula seculorum. Amen
- 266v () *Rubric*: Explicit libellus Thome de Aquino[¶] spiritualis vite perfeccionem et statum declarans

17.

266v-278v *Jerome[¶], Epistula ad Rusticum[¶] (ep. 125)*

- 266v *Rubric*: Sequitur ergo alius liber videlicet Epistola beati Jeronimi[¶] presbiteri ad Rusticum monachum[¶] Incipitur ergo iste
- 266v () *Incipit*: Nichil est christiano felicius
Ends
- 271r *Explicit* magna sunt premia. Amen
- 271r () *Rubric*: Explicit epistola, etc.
ff. 271v-278v blank

Volume IV

18.

279r-312v *Jan van Ruusbroec[¶], De ornatu spiritualium nuptiarum (transl. by Willem Jordaens[¶])*

- 279r () *Rubric*: Incipit Epistola domini Johannis (Ruysbroeck)[¶] primi prioris vallis (viridis) ad fratres Carthosienses de Capella Rolamdi (Rosamundi: old list) in flandria super interpretacione libri sequentis
- 279r () *Incipit*: Flagitastis fratres karissimi literis humilibus
- 279r () *Explicit* adoranciam obfecisse
- 279r () *Rubric*: Liber iste dicitur de ornatu spiritualium nupciarum et fundatur in verbis domini viz. Ecce sponsus venit exite obviam ei
- 279v () *Rubric*: Incipit prologus liber de ornatu spiritualium nupciarum
- 279v *Incipit*: Ecce sponsus venit, etc. Expergiscemini prudentes virgines
...
Christus igitur dei virtus et sapiencia
Text much injured
Ends
- 305v () *Rubric*: Explicit ... us libri de ornatu spir. nup. et fundatur in verbis domini videlicet (?). Ecce-obiuiam ei.
Anno **Milles. cccc^o Tricesimo primo**
ff. 306r-312v blank

Volume V

19.

313r-347r *Francesco Petrarca[¶], De uita solitaria*

Petrarcha[¶] de laude vite solitarie

- Prologus
- 313r () *Incipit*: Paucos homines noui quibus opusculorum
- 313v () *Explicit* totam frontem serene tranquilleque mentis aspicias
Secundus prologus
- 314r *Incipit*: Credo generosum (?)
- 314v () *Explicit* et quod in illis vides in cunctis (?) estima
- 314v Qualiter diues surgit media nocte
- 314v () *Incipit*: Surgit occupatus infelix habitator urbium
Qualiter solitarius surgit
- 314v () *Incipit*: Surgit solitarius felix atque ociosus
- 325v Liber I ends
- 346v Liber II ends
- 347r Incomplete list of capitula
348r-348v and vellum flyleaf blank

