

**Walter Hilton OSA, Book of Contemplation, Devotional and Spiritual Tracts**

Walter Hilton, etc.

**Codicology:** Vellum, mm 265 x 180 (10.6 x 7 in.), ff. 1 + 169, 34 lines to a page. Cent. **xv**, well written.

**Collation:** 1 flyleaf, 1<sup>s</sup> (+1\*) 2<sup>s</sup>-21<sup>s</sup>.

**2 fo.:** "gostly".

**Additions:** f. 4r, [iiir] is blank. On f. 4v, [iiiv] the English note of indulgence given by Nasmith. [Nasmith:] "Unto every man or woman that seyth this prayere folwyng: Benedictum sit dulce nomen Domini nostri Iesu Christi et gloriosissimae virginis Mariae matris ejus in eternum et ultra: Amen. Nos cum prole benedicat virgo Mariae: Amen. ar grauntyd iii yer of pardon tociens quociens of pope Clement the fourth<sup>[Clem01]</sup> atte the requeste of seynt Lowys<sup>[Lou01]</sup> kyng of Fraunce."

**Additions:** At top of f. 2r, [1r] (**xvi** early) Liber contemplationum Walteri Hilton<sup>1</sup>. C. 32.

**Foliation:** ff. i-iv + 1-169 + v-vi.

**Language:** Middle English and Latin.

**Contents:**

**1.**

**1r-9v**

*A comfortable tretyes to strengthyn and confortyn creaturys in the feyth specially hem that arn symple and disposyd to fallyn in desperacyon*

- 1r (2r) *Incipit:* Sine fide impossibile est placere deo. Withoutyn feyth it is impossible to plesyn god  
 9v () *Explicit* omnis lingua confiteatur quia dominus noster Ihesus Christus in gloria est dei patris. Amen  
 9v () *Rubric:* Here endith a confortable tretyes to strengthyn and confortyn creaturys in the feyth specially hem that arn symple and disposyd to fallyn in desperacyon

**2.**

**10r-54r** Walter Hilton OSA<sup>[Wah01]</sup>, *Book of Contemplation, book 1*

*Contemplations of maister Walter Hylton*<sup>[Wah01]</sup> *in two books*

[Nasmith:] A translation of his *Scala perfectionis sive de vita contemplativa*

- 10r *Rubric:* That the inder beyng of a man shuld be lyke to vutward apperaunce  
 10r () *Incipit:* Gostly systre in Ihesu cryst I prey the that in callyng  
 52v () *Explicit* be with the now and evir Amen  
 52v () *Rubric:* Here endith the fryst book of maister Walter hyltoun<sup>[Wah01]</sup>  
 52v () *Rubric:* Sit nomen domini benedictum in secula seculorum. Amen  
 52v Capitula of book I (93)

**3.**

**54r-97v**

*A tretyes of the sevene poyntis of trewe love and evir lestyng wysdom dravyn out of the book clepid orologium sapientiae*

[Nasmith:] Inserted between the first and second book of the preceding treatise

- 54r *Incipit:* Here begynnyth the chapetrys of the tretyes of the sevene poyntis of trewe love and evir lestyng wysdam dravyn out of the book clepid orologium sapientie  
 Text  
 54v *Rubric:* Sentite de domino in bonitate ... apparet autem eis qui fidem habent in illum  
 54v () *Incipit:* These wordys of evir lastyng wysdam ben thus meche to seyn  
 In seven chapters, ending  
 97r () *Explicit* tyvist and regnest god evir with owtyn ende. Amen  
 97r *Rubric:* Thus endith this tretis of the vij peticions or poyntis of trewe love and evir lestyng wysdom dravyn out of the book clepid orologium sapientiae  
 f. 97v blank

**4.**

**98r-169v** Walter Hilton OSA<sup>[Wah01]</sup>, *Book of Contemplation, book 2*

*Contemplations of maister Walter Hylton*<sup>[Wah01]</sup> *in two books*

- 98r Capitula of Liber II of W. Hilton<sup>1</sup> (48)  
 Text

- 99v () *Incipit*: For as mykel as you coveityst gretly  
Ends
- 169v *Explicit* of swiche gostly materys thanne mytte ben in a gret boke
- 169v () *Rubric*: Deo gracias. J. S. Explicit liber secundus M. Walteri hyltoun<sup>[WaH01]</sup>
- 169v () After scribbles is: M<sup>d</sup> that I Elizabeth Wylby<sup>[1]</sup> / (erasure) N... of ...ossee Gyffe thys boke  
(bottom of leaf cut off)

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