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Jesv Theologi.|| De || Christiani hominis || Perfectione In  
Qvo-||libet eius Vitæ genere.|| Tomi Qvatvor.||**

Quorum argumenta ex S. Rvth Historia præcipue desumpta

In Qvo Agitvr Nominatim De Sacerdotibus, Confessarijs, Magistris siue  
Doctoribus, Concionatoribus, Episcopis & alijs Prælatis, eorumque  
Ministerijs - In septem Tractatus distributus ...

**Puente, Luis de la  
Coloniæ Agrippinæ, 1629**

§. I.

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sit Oseas Propheta: b. sicut populu sic Sacerdos: quia utrique dilabuntur in eadem virtute. Nam populus virtus Sacerdotum sequitur: & Sacerdotes abiciunt se in virtute populi. Ac propterea gemebat Ierem. cum dixit: c. quomodo obscuratum est aurum, mutatus est color optimus, dispersi sunt lapides Sanctuarum in capite omnium platearum? Qui (ait hic Sanctus) sunt lapides Sanctuarum, nisi personæ habentes varios Sacros ordines? & quæ sunt plateæ, nisi latæ huius vitæ viæ, quæ ducunt ad perditionem, & mortem æternam? Tunc igitur lapides Sanctuarum dispersuntur per plateas: cum Prælati & Ecclesiastice personæ, quæ in templo Dei esse deberent, & non discurrere, nisi in Sancta Sanctorum: effundunt se ad terræ dectias, degenerantes à sanctitate sui statutus, & obscurantes ac inficientes aurum charitatis & obfuscantes bonum virtutis colorem. Nec sine mysterio Propheta dixit, quod dispersi sint in capite omnium platearum ad significandum quod cum terrena agunt summi videri appetunt: hoc est magni & Sancti haberi; & cum sint mortui, nomen volunt habere viventium.

¶. I.

**Q**VAE diximus, præclarè explicit Dominus noster Propheta Zachariæ, iubens eum a accipere vas a Pastoris stulti, hoc est eius insignia, baculum, & peram, cum reliquis officiis eius instrumentis, & contra eum prophetizando, dicere: O Pastor, & idolum, dereliquens gregem: gladius super brachium eius, & super oculum dextrum eius, brachium eius ariditate siccabitur, & oculus dexter eius tenebrescens obscurabitur, valde propriè appellatur Pastor & idolum: et si enim verum sit quod propterea non desinat esse verus Pastor, si est consecratus, & ad id officium electus ab Ecclesia Catholica, iuxta eius leges: simul tamen est idolum inane, & veritate, quam representat; spoliatum. Non enim habet plus quam representationem officij quod obire deberet; sive vero malitia & negligenter illud non praestat. Habet insignia Pastoris baculum, mitram, & veltem sive pallium, & autoritatem, honoremque illius statutus; non tamen habet viua veri ac perfecti Pastoris opera. Est quasi idolum valde exornatum, & quasi in throno collocatum: quod etiæ oculos habeat, & aures: nec videt tamen neque audit; etiæ lingnam habeat: non tamen loquitur; & habens pedes ac manus: nec ambulat tamen, nec palpat. Non habet brachium forte ad exequendum quod sui est officij; neque dextrum oculum ad id prudenter cognoscendum, & intentione recta dirigendum. Passio enim & ambition, cupiditas, aut sensualitas, quasi gladius anceps abscidit eius nervos, & cordis virtutem abstulit: ita ut dextrum brachium exaruerit, ob pusillanimitatem, ad sui officij opera praestanda; dexter oculus obscuratus sit & excœcatus ignorantia & obliuione eius quod praestare

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b Osee. 4.9.  
c Thren. 4.1.

a Zachar.  
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S. Cyprian.  
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tenetur. Quamvis sinister semper sit viuax, & acutus ad cognoscendas proprias commoditates alicuius lucri & honoris, & alias temporales vilitates, quas ex suis ouibus accipere potest; & ad inueniendos modos quibus iuuari possit, vt promoueat in suis cogitationibus, ac desiderijs, ut ad hæc omnia habet brachium forte: ita vt nemo illum possit impediens, sed & liberius ad hoc virtutis sua potestare, quod illa maior est, & maiorem subditis adfert timorem, non tamen diu durabit huiusmodi tyranus, quia diuinæ iustitiae gladius brachium absindet, in quo confidit, excede illum potestate, qua adeo abutitur; & omnino excœbat dextrum illius oculum militantia confilia prudentiarum eius carnalis, eumque expolans, in pœnam peccatorum eius, vera luce, quæ exhilarat & beatificat animas.

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ce: dicitur reperiatur humilior; ne locutionem simulemus columbinam,  
& mentem habeamus caninam; ne professionem monstruemus ovinam,  
& ferocitatem habeamus lupinam; ne dignè nobis per Prophetam re-  
spondeatur à Domino: b

populus hic labys me honorat: cor autem eorum longe  
est à me.

Ergo, fratres, sicut Senatorem Chlamys ornat, sicut agricultura rusticum, sicut nautam navigationis peritiam, & singulos quoque opifices operis sui qualitas ipsos demonstrat auctores: sic Episcopum non aliud nisi Episcopalis opera designat: ut ex bono opere magis, quam professio ne noscatur; plus meritum esse Episcopus, quam quod nomine vocetur: quia sicut nihil esse diximus Episcopo excellentius: sic nihil est miserabilis, si de Sancta vita Episcopus periclitetur; si Sacerdos in crimen teneatur. Et ut leuius est de plano corrui, sic grauius est qui de sublimi ceciderit dignitate: quia ruina, qua de alto est, grauiori casu collidit. Honor quidem Episcopalis coram hominibus præclarus est; sed si ruinam sustineat, dolor magnus est. Nam quanto præceteris gradus Episcopalis altior est: tanto si per negligentiam delabatur, ruina grauior est. Magna sublimitas magnum debet habere cautelam. Honor grandis grandiori debet solitudine circumuallari: cui plus creditur, ab eo plus exigitur, sicut scriptum est: quia optimis per mixta sunt pessima. Et alibi: *d* Potentes poteriora tormenta patientur. Et scienti legem & non facienti eam, peccatum est grande: & feruus sciens voluntatem Domini sui si non fecerit eam, vapulabit multum. Aliud est enim quod ab Episcopo requirit Deus. & aliud, quod à Presbytero, & aliud quod à Diacono, & aliud quod à Clerico, & aliud quod à laico, vel à singulis quibusque hominibus. Et licet omnium hominum opera Deus in suo examinet iudicio, plus tamen ab eo exigitur, cui plus committitur. Ampliores enim poenas luit, cui numerosior regendorum populorum fuerit cura commissa. Hæc SANCTVS AMBROSIUS.

Quibus addere licet, quæ postea subiungit, in eos, qui has dignitates emunt: eadem enim aptari possunt ijs, qui ea abutuntur. Oculis, inquit, quit, carnalibus videtur quasi E P I S C O P V s magnus; & diuinis obtutis inspicitur leprosus magnus. Per pecuniam acquisuit indebitum ordinem, & D E V M perdidit in interiore homine. Caro suscepit dignitatem, & anima perdidit honestatem. Caro ancilla, Domina facta est anima: & anima, quæ erat Domina, facta est famula carni. Caro dominatur populis, & anima seruit Dæmoni: si meruisti g satis posidere saporem, ut insipientium possis corda condire; cur infatuatus tali vitio immundis te pororum calcandum pedibus præbuisti, ita ut nec

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b Luc. 19.  
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Mattb. 5.8

c *Luc.* 32.  
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d *Sap.* 6.7.  
e *Jacob.* 4.  
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f *Luc.* 32.

g Matth. 5

TABLE 2

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alios, nec te ipsum possis condire? oculorum etiam in corpore officium geris, ut reliquum per te corpus ducatum lucis habeat: & nunc quadam lippitudine & caligne vitiorum obtenebratus, nec te ipsum luci idoneum præbes, & alijs adimis lumen. Ut enim Saluator dixit: *h. si oculus tuus nequam est, totum corpus tuum tenubrosum erit:* id est, si Episcopus, qui videbatur corpori subdito lucem præbere obnubiletur: quid catena facient membra, quibus lux adempta est oculorum? Nam quid aliud interpretatur Episcopus, nisi Inspector? Maximè cùm Solio in Ecclesia editiore resideat, & ita cunctos respiciat, ut & cunctorum oculi in ipsum respiciantur. Ergo quia ita est, cur te velut teturum speculum vniuersorum oculis demonstras, ita non possint obscuritate tua se comptius exornare. Hucque S. hic Doctor. Aperiat itaque Praelatus oculos, & inspiciat primum titulum scribentis hanc Epistolam: qui scilicet haber *septem spiritus Dei & septem stellas*: & erubescat, quod cùm ratione officij sit spiritus & stellæ in manu Christi: eam tamen vitam ducat, ut pudeat ipsum Christum illum in manu sua tenere; ac timeat ne ipsum ex ea soluat, ac demittat. Studet, ut sua opera sint plena, coniungens cum fide plenitudinem charitatis, & cum exteriori opere spiritum interiore; & cum statu sui authoritatis virtutis excellentiam, seruetque quod Apostolus dixit cuidam alteri Episcopo: *i ministerium tuum imple docendo;* & quod verbo prædictis operis ostendendo. Et cuidam Archippo significauit: *vide ministerium quod accipisti in Domino, ut illud impleas,* in omnibus ut sit perfectum.

**S E D** perpendamus adhuc amplius documentum datum à Domino huic Episcopo, cum dixit: *est vigilans.* Quamuis enim omnibus Christianis commendauerit, ut vigilarent, quemadmodum S. Marcus expressit, dicens: *k. quod vobis dico, omnibus dico: vigilate.* specialiter ratione tribentur Praelati vigilare; ut qui non solum fibi ipsi attendere debeat, sed etiam (ut ait Apostolus) *I per vigilar pro animabus subditorum ipsiis commis-* forum. Ac propterea in Canticis vocantur: *m. vigiles, qui custodiunt ciuitatem, n. & custodes qui eam circumveiunt, ut tutam seruent.* Et aliquando eosdem appellant *speculatores.* Nomen etiam Episcopi (ut ex S. Ambroso retulimus) significat Inspectorem, qui in loco altiori existens, vigilat & inspicit, quid sub ipso agatur. Hos custodes, ait S. Bernardus, inuigilare debere pro custodia ciuitatis, à vityranhorum, à fraude hæreticorum, à tentationibus Dæmonum. Hi vigilantes & in oratione pernoctantes holium nouerunt infidias, præueniunt consilia malignantium, eorum laqueos dissoluunt, retia lacerant, eorumq; designationes transuersis cuniculis impediunt. Et quæadmodum p. *Elisæus nouerat Aſyriorū infidias:* & monachus regè Israël ne per locum illum transiret: ita hi custodes, ut Apostolus ait, q. non

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*k. Macri. 13.*

*l. Hebr. 13.  
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*m. Genz 3. 1.*

*Ep. 11. 1. 5. 7.*

*n. Ezech. 3.*

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*o. Ierem. 6.*

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*p. 4. Reg.  
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*Jerim. 76. in  
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ignorant cogitationes & astutias Satana, de quibus monent fideles, vt eas caueant, & cauti sint. Eisdem incumbit ex officio vigilare, vt stimulent ignauos, impedimenta auferant feruentibus, vt velocius currant in studio virtutū. Et ita sponsa, cum quæreret dilectum suū ait: inuenierunt me custodes qui circumdeunt ciuitatē, percosserunt me & vulnerauerunt me, tulerunt pallium meum mihi custodes murorum. Nam ( vt S. Gregorius explicat ) hi custodes gladio verbī Dei vulnerant cor dolore peccatorum; & vulneribus amoris ita illud penetrant, vt anxie cupiant dilectum inuenire, quem quærunt. Pallium etiam auferunt affectum ad res temporales: vt liberius anima his omnibus exuta nudum sequatur Iesum. Et ad idem tendit alterum documentum quod adiecit Christus Dominus eidem Epistola, dicens: *confirma casera, qua moritura erant: hoc est iamiam peritura.* Munus enim eius est infirmos curare, iuuare debiles, lapsos erigere, torpentes extimulare & à morte liberare eos, qui prope erant vt laberentur. Malis autem Prælati negligentes vigilare in bonum subditorum, vigilant tamen vt suas quærant commoditates, votorumque suorum compotes siant, etiam vulneratis conscie: quis sibi commissorum, eosque spoliavit pallio, quo se tegebant. Et in hunc sensum explicant multi Doctores prædicta verba sponsæ: quod scilicet custodes murorum adeo essent improbi, vt malis suis exemplis scandalizauerint, & vulnerauerint eius animam, & vestem abstulerint bonorum operum, quibus se tegebat; & pallium bonorum temporalium, quibus se alebat. Sed adfuit illi Dominus: ne hoc scandalum illi noceret, nec cessaret quærere dilectum; & se totam eius obsequio mancipare. Prælatorum enim malitia non poterit præualere contra Dei electos: quibus ipse Dominus gratia suā semper adest, exhibetque erga eos bonum officium, quod ipsorum Prælati iure optimo facere debuissent.

## §. II.

**E**T HOC EST quod Christus mysticè addidit in Epistola ad hunc Episcopum, dicens: *a habes paucā nomina in Sardis, qui non inquinauerunt vestimenta sua, & ambulabunt mecum in albi: quia digni sunt. Qui vicerit sic vestietur vestimentū albi, & non delebo nomen eius de libro vite, & confitebor nomen eius coram Patre meo, & coram Angelis eius.* hoc n. voluitei significare: quamuis tu sis malus Episcopus, & solo nomine talis non præstant officium tuum: ne tamen existimes me deseruisse gregem tuum: *habes enim paucā nomina in Sardis,* aliquos scilicet paucos valde electos, ac præstantes quos ego etiam de nomine noui, & ad cœlum approbaui: propter quos misereor tui; & hortor, vt pœnitentiā agas, bonique Prælati munus erga

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