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Deniq[ue] s[an]ctos, no[n] ultra sui ordinis gradu[m] e[ss]e extolle[n]dos,  
nec co[n]me[n]titia de illis apud p[o]p[u]l[u]m narra[n]da miracula XVIII.

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notione & memoriā, p hīmōi simulachra ducunt. Etenim hac uia, cui debitū reddet obsequiū, primū deo, secundū sanctis ei<sup>9</sup> tertiu uero, eorū imaginib<sup>9</sup> propter ipsos. Atramē ubi ex so-  
la simplicitate cōiuncta piae affectioni, cōtingeret interdū lais-  
cos rudes & idioras quoq<sup>9</sup> pacto circa imagines affici, neq<sup>9</sup> ita  
syncere, ut par ē, assurgere ad sc̄tōs illis effigiatos, hīmōi eorū  
simplicitas & talis deuotio, nō ē cēsenda, pr̄sūs eē ingrata deo  
aut displices, qm̄ ipsa in fide fit ecclīa, & illi tāq<sup>9</sup> fundamento  
innitit. Cui<sup>9</sup> cōtemplatione, supplet deus (ut credere dignū est)  
defectū eorū, & adiuuat ipforum infirmitatem.

**S**anctos, nō ultra sui ordinis gradū esse extollendos, nec  
cōmentitia de illis narrāda miracula. **Cap. XVIII**

**D**ecimoctauo demū cōfictu literatio atq<sup>9</sup> postres-  
mo, hoc in nos telū aduersarij cōtorquēt. Nō pau-  
cos ē inuenire, q hūano qdā affectu nō diuino spū,  
suis (qbus peculiariter addicti sunt) sc̄tōs extollūt  
longe altioribus præconis, q ferat illoq<sup>9</sup> gradus ac conditio,  
plurac<sup>9</sup> illis tribuūt sanctitatis & gloriae eulogia, q sinat ueris-  
tas, honoratissimis itidē illos titulis, solumq<sup>9</sup> deo iure debitis ap-  
pellant, de ipsis, nō nisi p suplationis atq<sup>9</sup> supexcellētię nomia  
uerba faciētes, cū sanctissimos, beatissimos, optimosq<sup>9</sup>, ipsos p  
dicāt. Demū alij de sanctis q̄s impēsuis honorari uolūt, mira-  
cula cōsingūt, subdola adiuuētione, ad quēstū & pecunie au-  
cupiū, aliāve quāuis iniquā intētionē, q nunq<sup>9</sup> de<sup>9</sup> p eos est o-  
peratus, hīmōi q̄ miraculo<sup>9</sup> cōmēta, sancto<sup>9</sup>, inferūt historijs,  
uulgoq<sup>9</sup> legēda tradūt, imo & in ecclīastico officio, illa sacra<sup>9</sup>  
lectionū loco legi, ac proferri interdū cōperiunt, sine certo a-  
liquo & probato authore cōscripta. Eadē q̄q signo<sup>9</sup> figmen-  
ta, in publica cōcione ad pp̄lm hi mendaces sancto<sup>9</sup>, cultores  
denūciant, q ad nēnias qsdā & fabulas aniles propemodū de-  
cumbūt. Et ita stulta quadā credulitate (ne dicā impietate) im-  
buunt animi Chīianor<sup>9</sup>, & pro ueritate mēdaciū, pro fide ue-  
ro amplectunt errorē. **Contra quos, intonat dominus per be-  
atū Iob.** Nunquid deus indiget uestro mēdacio, ut pro illo lo-  
quamini dolos? Sed neq<sup>9</sup> sancti indigēt, aut gaudēt hīmōi com-  
mentitijs signis, ut honoren<sup>9</sup> ab hominib<sup>9</sup>. Quocirca satius

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II    eēt (ingūt) oīmodū sc̄tō & cultū abolere, q̄ ex eo & ueneratiōe,  
tatis icōmodis aia & q̄ piculis occasionē p̄bere. H̄ec ita obie  
ctāt, sed paucis satissfaciēdū est p̄nti eo & cauillatōi, fatēdūq; in  
genue, p̄perā h̄ec fieri (sic ubi siūt) q̄ in ea assumūt. Seruādus  
em̄ est cū oī in re, tū in sc̄tō laudib⁹, mod⁹ ac mediocritas, ut  
nō plus æq̄ tribual eis, necq; sublimi⁹ p̄coniū, q̄ cōgruat ip̄o &  
uirtutib⁹. Siqdē ip̄elior illa laudatio, hoib⁹ h̄ac adhuc uitā agē  
tib⁹ facta, uitio dat⁹, necq; assentatiōis atq; adulatiōis caret sul⁹  
pitiōe. q̄to magis ea, q̄ lctis, summe p̄itati & æqtati diuinę in  
dīmōb il̄t h̄erētib⁹, fieret supra ip̄o & sorte & gradū, dānāda ē  
ac reīciēda. Haud tñ iccirco ip̄obāda est honorifica sc̄tōrū  
appellatio, p̄ noīa sup̄mā indicatiā excellētiā, exp̄ssa, ut cōten  
dūt aduersarij. Quippe hm̄oi denoīatio, q̄ sanctū quēpiā, bea  
tissimū, sacratissimūq; & felicissimū appellamus, neq; q̄ btō &  
statui & ordini ē incōgrua. Cū em̄ h̄ac adhuc uitā agētes his  
insigniam⁹ noībus, cītra oēm adulatōne, uocātes summū p̄  
tifice, sanctissimū patrē ac btissimū, qdni ijsdē nūcupationib⁹  
sc̄tōs uere honorabim⁹. Verū qdē illd est, q̄ id gen⁹ noīa in sa

Psal. 82. cris l̄is raro cuiq; nisi deo attributa iueniūt, ut in eo loco psal⁹  
Psal. 96 mi, tu sol⁹ altissim⁹ in oī terra. Et i alio loco. Qm̄ tu dñs altissi  
Lucæ. I. mus sup̄ oēm terrā, nimis exaltat⁹ es sup̄ oēs deos. Et i euang.

Sp̄us sc̄tūs supueniet in te, & uirt⁹ altissimi obūbrabit tibi. Et  
iter. Et tu puer, ppheta altissimi uocaberis. Verū itidē ē & id  
q̄ eadē, suplationē desig nātia noīa, sc̄dm, ppriā suā rōnē, siue  
affirmatiūa dederis, siue negatiūa, soli deo cōpetere p̄nt. Est ci  
de⁹ absolute oī alio sc̄tō, & is etiā ē, q̄ nihil aliđ penit⁹ ē san⁹  
ctius. Nihilo seci⁹ si eadē, supexcellētiē notā exprimētia noīa  
solā positūi itelligāt h̄e significationē cū qdā excellētia, ut sā  
ctissim⁹ tātūdē ualere, atq; ualde u'admodū sc̄tūs, de ipsiis btis  
celi ciuib⁹ enūciari p̄nt, qm̄ sc̄dm h̄ac notionē, iterdū de uiuē  
tib⁹ dicta legūt, ut i p̄fatiōe B. Luc⁹, quā suo p̄fixit euāgeliō.  
Visum est (ait) & mihi assecuto oīa, a principio diligēter ex or  
dine tibi scribere, optime Theophile, ubi §. Lucas Theophi  
lū ad quē sc̄ribit, uocat optimū. Btūs etiā Paul⁹ Festū p̄sidē lu  
dēae, ob magistrat⁹ q̄ fungebat̄ authoritatē, & bñuolētiæ ḡfa,  
noīauit optimū, cū ita illi r̄ndit. Nō insano (ingt) optie F este:  
sed ue,

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Sed pietatis & sobrietatis yba eloqr, ut resert Lucas. Sctōꝝ qꝝ patrū Aug. Hiero. Ambrosii, Greg. Bernardi, & ceterorum scriptorꝝ libri, hisce suplatius noibus sunt resertissimi, q̄ in ea (quā dixim⁹) insignis excellētię rōne sc̄tis attribuūt. P̄nt & ea dē, in qdā supexcellētia, nō prorsus absolute, sed alicui⁹ singu laris uirtutis, & cōtracta, uere sc̄tis ascribi, qm̄ nemo pene est sc̄tōꝝ, q̄ nō emineat ceteris peculiari qdā uirtute, q̄ insigniē ef fulsit. Nēpe de quis sc̄tō, etiā uere canit eccl̄ia catholica. Nō Eccl. 44.  
est inuētus s̄ilī illi, q̄ coseruaret legē excelsi, ppter aliquā uō delicit uirtutē singlārē, q̄ reliq̄ excellēter p̄stitit. Et scdm̄ hāc rōnē, sc̄tissim⁹ enūciat q̄ sp̄ia sc̄tōꝝ, qm̄ in aliq̄ uirtute eximiā ppter ceteros habuit sc̄titatē. Btissimus itidē df, qm̄ pro insigni aliq̄ uirtute, singularē assecut⁹ est apud dñm beatitudinis gra dū. ¶ Porro ut ad ea q̄ de miraculis sc̄tōꝝ obiectat aduersari, sermonē cōuertam⁹, nō debet q̄s q̄ se p̄bere facilē ad iudicādū aut existimandū, miracula q̄ de sc̄tis in eccl̄ia legūt, eē sc̄titia aut mēdacia, potissimum q̄n ab authorib⁹ probatis indubitate ſi dei, illa ſunt memorię prodiſa, aut etiā q̄n ſine certo legūt au thore, ab eccl̄ia tñ vñ aut ab aliq̄ pticulari eccl̄ia, ſunt iā in uſu recepta. Necz em̄ passim reiſciēda ſunt oia aut reprobāda, q̄ ſi ne certi authoris titulo legēda in officio eccl̄iastico tradūt, q̄ longinq̄ tpiſ uetusſtate, multorꝝ antiq̄ꝝ scriptorꝝ noia, abolita ſint a codicib⁹ q̄ꝝ fuerūt authores, aut ad posteritatis nō pue nerint agnitionē. Alioq̄ repudiandus eēt tot⁹ ipſius missæ ca non, ab eccl̄ia catholica uel maxie probat⁹, q̄ nō ſit uſq̄ quaq̄ certū, qsnā author illū prim⁹ cōposuerit. Reiſciēdi etiā eſſent cōplures libri, q̄ inter canonicos ſacré ſcripturę libros, oīm cō feſſione annuerant, utpote Regū, Paralipomenon, Iob, Sapientię, Machabeorꝝ, q̄ nō ſit oīno exploratū, qsnā fuerit eoꝝ certus author. Nō igū in miraculis sc̄tōꝝ aut actis q̄ in eccl̄ia recitant, & q̄ꝝ lectio ab ipsa eccl̄ia diuturno uſu eſt frequētata exgrendus eſt morosa exactiōne cert⁹ author, ſed captiuādus in obsequiū Ch̄ri eſt intellect⁹, ſubiſciēdusq; cū hūilitate, iudicio ipſius eccl̄iae, q̄ talia in propatulo legēda uſcepit. Siqdē hm̄i ſubmissio animi, p̄termiſſa propria ſua ſnīa, ſequētis iudiciū atq; uſum antiquū eccl̄iae, apud deū magnā habebit re munera.

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mumeratione, propter obediētiā & reuerētiā in sanctā ecclīā,  
ubi e diuerso cōceptus & repudiatio eoꝝ q̄ ab ecclīa recepta  
sunt et publice legū ab aliq̄ isolēter attētata, q̄ ea sibi absurdā  
& min⁹ rōnabilitia uiderēt, grauē sibi cōflaret dei irā atq̄ uindi-  
ctā. Nō itaq̄ leues eē debem⁹ ad hāc tetricā & plerūq̄ temera-

**Cap. pcedēti.** riā cēsurā, q̄ hec uel illa (q̄ de sc̄tis in ecclīastico usu legū) mi-  
racula, sint cōmētitia, apocrypha, uana, mendacia, aut fictitia.

**Psal. 137.** Qm̄ sic ferētes iudiciū (q̄d sub ptextu pietatis & p̄n in deū affe-

**Psal. 67.** ct⁹, a spū ipietatis & incredulitatis s̄penūero pficisci, & cor-

dib⁹ hūanis imitati⁹) in sole sc̄cerem cōtra ecclīastīcā authoritatē  
cui plurimū deserte debem⁹, & ubi etiā in ihs q̄ facti sunt, aber-  
raret (si mō id fieri posset) ei⁹ tñ stare s̄niac ac usui, nos opterer  
fdq̄ sine culpa fieret, ut & paulo aī dictū ē. Necnō & diuinæ  
derogarem⁹ potētię, atq̄ uirtuti, abnegātes deū potuisse talia,  
(q̄ de sc̄tis recēsen⁹) miracula facere, q̄ tñ facit mirabilia magy-  
na sol⁹, & mirabilis ē in sc̄tis suis, aut ipz, hmōi miracula ad de-  
clarādā sc̄tōꝝ glā nō fecisse, astruētes, q̄ sane assertio, ipingit  
errorē ecclīę, & pro v̄itate, ip̄am mēdacia palā, pferre cenlet,  
q̄d utiq̄ extrema ē temeritatis, p̄sumptōis & insolētię. Verū  
tñ si in libris haudq̄ ab ecclīa approbatis, sed apocryphis, de  
phēdan⁹ fortasse cōficta de sc̄tis miracula, q̄ in usum ecclīasti  
cū minime sunt recepta, aut i cōcionib⁹ ad pp̄lm, pferat, hmōi  
miraculog⁹ ḡna, a pietate fidei & synceritate religionis aliena,  
atq̄ ad q̄stū forsan & pecuniā aucupiū excogitata, ut obīciūt  
aduersarij, haud ificias ierim, talia cōmēta de sc̄tis atq̄ figmē-  
ta sustollī debere ab ihs, q̄ administratoriā hñt authoritatē in  
ecclīa. Quoꝝ sane mun⁹ ē, puigilē nauare operā, ne hmōi zi-  
zania & noxia gramina, sub umbra pietatis luccescat in agro  
dñico. **¶** Cæterę ut portū prospectātes, tādē uela cōplicemus  
dephēduni ex ihs q̄ in toto hoc opusculo sunt adducta, duę in-  
ter se oīno opposite circa sc̄tōꝝ uenerationē, eē apd diuersos  
obseruatiōes Prima ad exupationē declinās & excessum, plus  
æq̄ sc̄tis ipſis attribuēs, maiorēq̄ illis ipendēs honorē q̄ par sit  
aut alio mō q̄ recta exposcat rō. Qualis est eoꝝ, q̄ in obiectionib⁹  
q̄tuor postremorū capitū hui⁹ libri explicatos titus min⁹  
cōmēdādos exercēt, et ihs modis sc̄tōꝝ honorāt, q̄s inibi nobis  
aduersar

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aduersarij obiectat. Scđa ꝑo obseruatio, imo potiꝫ obseruatōis defectio, extremū etiā tenēs locū ut prior, oīno ad defectū la-  
bi, abnegās sanctis aliquē eē deferēdū honorē, cultū aut uene-  
rationē, lolūq; deū a nobis honorādū eē p̄dicās, & sc̄tōꝫ ima-  
gines, e ſeplis, facellis atq; oratorijs tollēdas phibēs, Huiꝫ aut  
execrādē ipietatis assertores, de eoꝫ uidenī eē nūero, q̄s taxat  
**Horatiꝫ** hoc carmie. Dū fugiūt stulti uitia, in cōtraria currūt **Horatiꝫ**.  
**E**nīuero offensi fortasse indiscreta multorū pp̄ſione circa ni-  
miā sanctorū uenerationē, in q̄tuor ultimis huiꝫ libri capitiꝫ  
explicatā & reprobata, ut ab illoꝫ uana obseruatiōe, ad ſupſti-  
tionē propemodū declināte, ſibi cauerēt, incurrerūt oppoſi-  
tū illiꝫ uitij extremū, atq; inciderūt in **Scyllā**, cupiētes uitare  
**Charybdim**, cōtra q̄s in toto hoc libello, geminaꝫ eiꝫ pte, ar-  
mis literarijs dīmīcatū ē. Sctā ꝑo ecclīa catholica, iter has du-  
as syrtes, mediā ducit cymbā, mediūq; tenet ꝑitatis iter, dānās  
uanū, indiscretū & pene ſupſtitiosum ſctōꝫ cultū, repudians  
itidē arrogātē irreuerētīa atq; cōtēptionē, ſctis nullū honorē  
deferētē, et ſpectētē ac debitā ſctōꝫ uenerationē. Quā  
mirifice & dignis p̄ſonis cōmēdat uir p̄clarē eruditōis, ſacra  
rūq; līaq; p̄tissim⁹ **Gabriel Biel**, in luculēto illo ope, qđ cōpoꝫ  
ſuit de canone mīſſe, **E**nīuero in illius opis lectione. 31. & 32. **Gabriel Biel**,  
necnō & lectiōe. 49. ac. 59. totā materiā de uenerationē ſctōꝫ  
ac imaginū ipſorū, copioſe, luculēter, & egregie ptractat. Cu  
ius lucubratiōe & ſentētijs multū certe adiutū ſum⁹, ad elabo-  
rādū hoc p̄nī opusculū, neq; ab eiꝫ uestigījs, q̄tū nobis ē datū  
pedē unq; deflexim⁹. Itaq; ſtudioſum, cādīdūq; lectorē, iā re-  
ceptui canētes ſolicite cōmonēfacim⁹, ut cū nīa, tū ipſius **Ga**  
brielis elaboratiōe induc⁹, annitat⁹, eaueneratiōe ſctōs oēs am-  
plecti, colere, & proseq̄ in terris, ut demū eoꝫ p̄cib⁹, ppetua il-  
lis ſocietate cōiungi merear̄ in ccelis. Qđ nob̄ etiā oīb⁹ annuat  
ſctōꝫ oīm glorificator, dñs nī **Iesus Chīs**, cū patre & ſpū ſan-  
cto unus deus, benedictus in ſecula. Amen.

**¶** Coloniæ in officina honesti ciuis Petri **Quētel**,

Anno. M. D. XXV.

Mense Aprili,