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Homilia Decimaquarta. Agitur de Christi Domini conceptione, cuius purissimum Mariæ sanguinem in eius vtero materiam extitisse ostendimus; variaque huius sacerrimæ Conceptionis sacramenta aperimus in ...

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HOMILIA XIV.

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ACRA commemo-
rant eloquia libr. 3.
Reg quod cum Elias infestissima Iezabelis
persecutione oppres-
sus in spelunca quadam
iaceret, Dominus ad
eum loquutus est dicens: Egressere, & sta
in monte coram Domino: vt autem Elias
melius melius agnosceret, quando Do-
minus transiret, dixit ei: Spiritus grandis,
& fortis subuentens montes, & conterens pe-
trar ante Dominum: non in spiritu Dominus,
post spiritum commotio: non in commotione
Dominus, & post commotionem ignis: non in
igne Dominus, & post ignem sibilis aura te-
nus: & tunc aduenit Dominus, ecce tibi
Verbi incarnationem, necnon Christi
conceptionem adamussim delineatam:
nam in primis missus fuit a Deo Angelus
Gabriel, qui iure vocari mereatur: Spiritus
grandis, & fortis, subuentens montes, & con-
terens petras: cum ipse esset, qui Sodomam,
& reliquias ciuitates (que regio erat in
Palestina, & Arabia) penitus subuerte-
rat, arque in cineres & fauillas, copiosissi-
mas illas ciuitates redegerat: at non in
spiritu Dominus: hoc est, non statim atque
spiritus Angelicus Mariam salutavit,
Dominus in Virginem per catnis assum-
ptionem venit: subdit facet textus: &
post spiritum commotio: ecce commotione
turbationem Mariæ: turbata est in sermo-

ne eius, sed non in commotione Dominus: cum
in hac turbatione, Verbi diuini incarna-
tio celebrata non fuerit, subiungit deinde:
& post commotionem ignis: ecce diuini
spiritus (qui ab Ambrolio dicitur: fons D. Ambr. in
vnum, ignis, charitas, & spiritus virtus) ar-
Hymno, Ven-
dentem amorem, ac celestem virtutem, ut Creator.

Mariam focundantem ad Christi gene-
rationem: Spiritus sanctus superueniet in se, *Lucæ 1.*

& virtus Altissimi obumbrabit tibi, & sed non
in igne Dominus, nec enim tunc Virgo fi-
lium concepit, sed diuina virtute operan-
te virgineus eius thalamus ad Christi co-
ceptionem dispositus, ac præparatus ma-

gis fuit iuxta illud: *Spiritus sancto cooperau- Eccles. Rom.*
te præparasti, tandem ait: & post ignem sibi in quadam
lus aure tenus: sanè in hoc sibilo Domi- orat.

nus aduenit: quis enim quæso suauior
zephyrus, qui mitior sibilis aura tenuis,
quis respirationis flatus fragratiōr, quam
ille, quo Maria sacra verba illa formauit:

Ecce ancilla Domini: in hoc Mariano sibilo
descendit Dominus de sinu Patris ad vte-
rum Matris, & in momento *Verbum caro Iohann. 1.*

fadum est. Nec enim exsillmare fas est
formationem corporis Christi per mul-
tos dies, vt in nobis, durasse: vt enim do-

cuit D. Augustinus, quadraginta dies na-
tura spectat ad introductionem animæ in

D. Aug. lib. 83. q. 56.
corpus, in primis sex, materia similitudi-
nem lactis habet, in nouem sequentibus

sanguinis formatam inducit, in duodecim
postmodum coagulatur, & consolidatur,

dicente lob: *Nonne sicut lac mulsum me, & Iob. 10.*

sicut caseum me coagulasti: tandem in de-
cem, & octo dies postremos, corpus illud

organizatur, & cum plenè dispositum est,
anima ei à suo Creatore infunditur, vt

idem testatur lob dicens pelle, & carne ve-
Ibid.

stiflime, ossibus, & nervis compagisti me, vi-
tam, & misericordiam tribuisti mihi. non
ita per temporis interwalla, prout in reli-

quis infantibus contingit, sed in momen-
to sacratissimum Christi corpus in utero
matris formatum fuit, vt his verbis egre-
giè docuit D. Damascenus: *Non ita, vt*

paulatim taciti que incrementis figura corporis
absoluereetur, sed uno, eodemque momento

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D. Basili, ho-
Basilij: Hinc deprehendere licet, quod non se-
nil. 25. de cundum modum carnis, constitutio Domini
huma. Chri-
fuit: conceptum namque illico perfectum, non
per interualla paulatim formatum, ut plane
verba declarant, non enim dicit, quod in ea
conceptum est, sed quod in ea natum est.
Ac tandem Sanctus Thomas instantia-
neam Christi ait fuisse conceptionem
propter virtutem agentis infinitam, sci-
licet Spiritus sancti, per quem Christi
corpus fuit formatum: tantò enim ali-
quod agens citius materiam disponit ad
debitam formam, quantò maioris virtutis
est: unde agens infinita virtutis in
stanti, cum vult, materiam disponit. ne-
que huic veritati refragatur D. Augustus, et
quidà perpetrat putarunt, ansam lumen-
tes ex illis verbis, que habentur libr. 83.
quaestiorum: Non absurdè quadraginta sex
annis dicunt fabricatum templum, quod cor-
pus Christi significabat, ut quot anni fuerunt in
fabricatione Templi, tot dies fuerint in corpo-
ris Dominicis perfectione: igitur quadraginta
sex dierum spatio (iuxta Augustinian sententiam) Christi corpus formatum fuit.
at S. Doctor se ipsum explicuit libr. 4. de
Trinitate his verbis: Dixerunt tudei quadra-
ginta sex annis edificatum est templum, &
quadragies sexies seni sunt ducenti septuaginta
sex, qui numerus dierum completi novem
menses, & sex dies, qui tanquam decem
menses parvulus feminis imputantur; non
quia omnes ad sextum diem post novem men-
ses peruenient, sed quia ipsa perfectio corporis
Dominici, tot diebus ad partum perducta com-
peritur, sicut à maioribus tradidimus suscipiens
Ecclesia custodit auctoritas. Vult ergo D.
Augustinus, corpus Domini usq; ad par-
tum perfectum esse, non 46. diebus solù, sed multiplicatis per senariū numerum:
sic autem multiplicati dies sunt 276. id
est, novem menses, & sex dies, qui à vi-
getimo quinto Martij die, quo Christus
est conceptus, usque ad vigescimum quin-
tum diem Decembris, quo est ortus, com-
putantur. verborum itaque Augustini
senitus est: quot anni fuerunt in fabrica-

D. August.

Idem Aug.

tione templi, scilicet quadraginta sex,
tot dies, scilicet, quadraginta sex multi-
plicati per senariū, fuerunt in perfec-
tione corporis Domini usque ad par-
tum: non igitur loquitur de perfectione
corporis in ipsa conceptione, de qua nos
agimus, sed de perfectione usque ad Vir-
ginis partum. Hinc inferre licet, adeò
Christo infanti placuisse in utero Vir-
ginis delitescere, ut cum aliorum infan-
tium corpora à materno utero egreditur
ante octauum mensem post perfec-
tam eorum conceptionem, Christus ta-
men Dominus ex virginico thalamo e-
gressus fuerit post nouem menses, & sex
dies ab instanti sua conceptionis; natus
enim fuit post eius animationem deci-
mo mense, iuxta illud Sapientiae: Decem Sapien-
tia mensum tempore coagulatus sum in sanguine:
itaque magna celeritas in conceptione,
& formatione corporis Christi causa ex-
sistit, ut maioris temporis spatio, quam
reliquorum infantium, corpus eius ani-
matum in utero Virginis latuerit. Con-
cepit autem B. Virgo Christum Domini
num in parvissima quantitate, ut sub me-
taphora vngulae expressit illam dicens:
Quasi vngula vaporis habitationem mean. Ecclesiasticus lib. 2 cap. 8 præter quam tra-
dit vngulam non comparare, nec ad ma-
nus hominum venire, donec aquatum
stagna, in quibus moratur, deficiant,
quod egregie præfigurat B. Virginem in
mundo non comparuisse, donec ex rega-
li eius proslapia defecerit Reges, & Patri-
archæ adeo, ut ad humilem fabrū ligna-
rium eius proslapia descendisset, præter
hoc (inquam) referret etiam, vngulam esse
conchilium parvū, quod quia instar va-
guis est, vngula vocatur, in cuius conca-
uitate parvus piscesculus delitescit; quare
beata Virgo tum propter clausuram vir-
ginitatis, tum etiam quia Christum Do-
minum adeo in parva quantitate conce-
pit, ut vix humanus intuitus illoro vide-
re posset, ut testatur Magister sententia-
rum; merito se vngulae comparauit: *Quasi bacule,*
vngula vaporis habitationem mean: maxi-
mè, quia

mē, quia sicut ex vase conchilij, & cō
lestii influxu intra clausuram eius paruu
lus ille gignitur pīsculus; ita ex langui
neo humore Virginis, Spīritu sancto cō
litus cooperante, conceptus fuit Christus
intra virginī tertiū conchilium. Licet
autem parvulus esset corpore, magnus
tamen erat virtute, iuxta illud Angeli ad
Virginem: *Hic erit magnus: quia verba eti
idem Gabriel de Baptista dixisset, longe
tamen aliter, quam de Christo: de illo
enim inquit: Erit magnus coram Domino:
de Christo autem: Erit magnus: scili
cet Dominus, iuxta illud Davidis: Ma
gnum Dominus, & laudabilis nimis: longe
autem maius est magnum esse Domini
num, quam magnum esse coram Domi
no: vnde D. Bernardus verba illa expen
dens ait: *Bene magnus, quia filius Altissimi
meritetur appellari, an non magnus, cuius
magnitudine non est finis? & quis magnus,
aut David, sicut Deus noster? Planū magnus,
quia tam magnus, quam Altissimus: & qui
dem cum æqualis esset Patri, Aposto
lo dicente: Non rapinam arbitriatus est esse
æqualem Deo: non poterat non esse
magnus, vt his verbis eleganter dixit
idem Bernardus: Altissimus Deus Pater,
quamvis omnipotens sit, non potuit tamen vel
æqualem sibi condere creaturam, vel in
æqualem sibi giganteum Filium: ne autem quis
piam magnitudinem illam falso iudicaret
eximia infantilis corpusculi breuita
te quidpiam minui, S. Pater Augusti
nus dixit: Caucta secula ordinans de finu
Patris hodiernum diem consecrans in viro
maris, ita magnus informa Dei, breuis in
forma serui, vt nec ista breuitate magnitu
do illa minueretur, nec illa magnitudine bre
uitas ista premeretur. Verū, quia non
solum erat magnus, in quantum Deus, sed
in quantum homo, vt verba Angeli satis
indicarunt loquentes de futuro: hic erit
magnus: idem sanctus Doctor subiungit:
Bene ergo hic erit magnus, qui magnus homo,
magnus Doctor, magnus Propheta, magnus sa
cerdos, magnus redemptor. Deinde ad Virgi
nem se conuertens hæc melliflua ab eius**

ote verba prodierunt: *Et tu quidem, o Vir
go, parvulum paries, parvulum nutrit, parvu
lum lactabis, sed videns parvum, cogita ma
gnum, quia magnificabit eum Dominus in con
fectu Regum, ita ut adorem eum omnes Re
ges, omnes gentes seruant ei: ac tandem ad
nos omnes sermonem dirigens in hunc
modum nos alloquitur: Magnificeur à Ibid.
nobis parvulus, magnus Deus, quos vt faceret
magno, factus est parvulus, & studeamus ef
fici, sicut parvulus iste.*

Vt magnitudinem hanc non nihil il
lustremus, placet in medium producere
illud, quod Plutarch. libr. 2. de fortuna Plutarch.
Alexandri commemorat: ait enim, quod
cum *Stasirates* obseruans insignes quo
que pictores, & sculptores mirum in mo
dum in exprimenda ad viuum Alexandri
effigie elaborasse, in hunc modum ad
Regem alloquitus est: Mecum ipse, o
Alexander, insignem statuam in nomi
nis tui glosiam, & honorem affabreface
re cogitavi, quæ ob materię incorrupti
bilitatem, æterna, ob fundamentorum
profunditatē, immobilis, ob magnitu
dinem molis, immensa, ob singularis for
mæ pulchritudinem oculis intuentium
sit pergrata: vt autem tantum opus perf
iciam, non aliam elegi materię, quam
montem Athon, cuius pedes, & ca
put ita quidem aptabo, vt hoc cœlum
illi mari contingat: in manu eius de
xtera ingentem coucham apponam, in
qua magna aquarum copia confluant;
in sinistra vastissimam ciuitatem ad
multorum ciuium protectionem loca
bo. Nouit quidem Alexander opus il
lad, natura, & artis facultatem longe
superare, & ideò tanquam futilem pol
licitationem illam spreuit: verū, quod,
nec natura, & artis vires superat, in
mysterio Incarnationis, gratia nouit at
tingere; mons enim excelsus est beata
Virgo, Daudide dicente: *Fundatur exulta
tione viuēs, terra, mons Sion; & Isaiā: Erit
psal. 47. Isaiā 2.
præparatus mons domus Domini in vertice
montium: est etiā aperte significata per mon
tem Athon, quia mons sanctus interpretatur;*
& quia

& quia mons est in Macedonia altior, quam locus, unde imbre cadunt, ut auctor est Solinus, id referente Berchorio lib. 12 in suo reductorio mortali cap. 35. qui & addit, umbram huius montis usque ad Insulam Lemnon in forum oppidi Myrine nomine porrigi, quod per sex, & octoginta millia passuum ab eo distat: qua omnia, quam bene in Virginem coeniant, cum & ipsa sit altior celo, & protectionis eius umbra ad longissimas regiones se extendat, facile certimus. Ex materia ergo huius montis, ex purissimo sanguine Marie, animata illa statua, omni adoratione digna, Iesus redemptor noster prodiit: materia quidem, ex uione ad Verbum, incorruptibilis: Non dabis sanguinem tuum videri corruptionem: duratio eternus: Christus autem manet in eternum: diuinitate, immobilis: Ego Deus, & non mihi: magnitudo, immensus: Caelum, & terram ego impleo: forma, omnium pulcherrimus: Speciosus forma pro filii hominum: Deus quidem eius caput, quia, ut dicit D. Paulus, caput Christi Deus, celi cacumina tangit: illius tamen pedes, hoc est, humilitas, qua velut calceata erat diuinitas, fluctus maris huius saeculi tangit: at in manu eius dextera concha erat illa magna sacri baptismatis, in quam clessum charismatum copiosissimae aquae confluere: in sinistra ciuitas aderat Ecclesia militantis, in qua fideles, velut olim animalia in arca Noe, proteguntur.

Ceterum, ut ad Christi recens concepsi paruitarem redeam, illud, tamquam Catholicæ fidei dogma suppono, materiam, quam beata Virgo ad Christi conceptionem subministravit, purissimum eius sanguinem fuisse, ut expresse habetur in Sexta Synodo actione iij. in epistola Sophronij, & D. Damasceno lib. 3. fidei cap. 2 dicentes: Filius Dei contraxit sibi ipsi ex castissimis, & purissimis sanguinibus Virginis caenam animata animal rationale. Hoc supposito, reperio quosdam non insimil nominis Doctores, assertentes sanguinem illum quem exhibuit Virgo, cordiale

Sexta Synodo.

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fuisse, qui ad veterum, seu matricem eius descendens, sufficiens materia concipiatur prolis existit: ita Albertus Magnus super missus, & Henricus Ordinis Praedicatorum, aucto[r]q[ue] grauissimus, quifermine de Annunciatione docet, quod ex sanguinis cordialis fonte profluent quatuor sanguinis, circumstantes ad modum crucis: nam secundum Naturales, cor ipsum inferius duas habet concavitates, unam ad partem dexteram, & aliam ad sinistram, quarum unaqueque duplex habet foramen, ad quod ex corde sanguis emititur ad corporis membra: cum igitur salutationem ingereret Gabriel Archangelus, certe superueniente Spiritu sancto cor illud virginem tanto gaudio, & amoris dulcedine statim exultauit, ut instar rose vernantis se mirabiliter dilatarer; atque in eius dilatatione fluxerunt hi fontes sanguinis purissimi, instar auri in fornace, quod conflatum defluxit in virgas aureas, stillaque sanguis ille sacratissimus in locum naturalem conceptionis, qui dicitur matrix: de quo, operante Spiritu sancto, formatum fuit humanum Christi corpus. Eandem doctrinam docuit Pomerius libr. 1. p. 7. Pomerius, qui & illam ecclesiu[m] fuisse reuelatam ex Alberto Magno commemorat. Verum quia Angelicus Doctor loquens de materia, ex qua Christi corpus fuit generatum, ait: Ad naturalem modum generationis eius pertinet, quod eius materia, de qua corpus eius conceptum est, sit corporis materia, quam alia feminae subministrant: ideo doctrinam horum Doctorum cum grano faliis intelligentiam arbitror, ut non intendant totalem materiam, quam subministravit Virgo ad corporis Christi formationem, in eius vero factam, sanguinem cordis fuisse, sed partiale tantum; ita ut eos aliquid purissimi sui sanguinis ad Christi conceptionem contribuerit. Ad quod magis illustrandum obseruare oportet, quod cum B. Virginem angelicus sermo conurbauit, dicente Luca: Turbata est in sermone eius: timorem quandam concepit, ut verba

verbis ipsius Angeli satis indicant: *Nesci-
meas Maria: vigente autem timore, natura
ipsa, ut allolet, sanguinem misit ad fo-
cundum cor Mariæ; deinde vero cum au-
ditus illis angelicis verbis timorem ab ea
depellentibus præ eximio gaudio exhiba-
re feceret, continuo coreius dilatari coe-
pit, & sanguis, qui ad illud confoundendum
ascenderet, ad inferiora loca descendit;
ex quo aliqua pars in matricem decidit,
que cum reliquo sanguine, qui alioquin
ad eundem locum confluxerat, materia
exstitit, ex qua factum Christi corpus af-
formatum fuit, ut volunt Albertus ma-
gus, ac reliqui prædictati Doctores: Est e-
num certum ad concepcionem prolis, san-
guinem ex uno loco alium mouet; unde
D. Thom. 3. p. sua iunctæ dixit, in con-
ceptione corporis Christi tria esse consi-
deranda, motum localem sanguinis ad
locum generationis; secundo, forma-
tionem corporis ex terra materia; tertio, augmen-
tum quo perducitur ad quantitatem per-
ficiam, potuit ergo moueri sanguis ex
corde ad matricem. Ne autem in natura
inestabilis huius formationis vestigium
aliquid decesserit, creavit auctor naturæ (id
referente Aristotele) celebrem quandam
actib. 3. act. 5. act. 6. act. 7. act. 8. act.
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non fuit formata ex aliqua materia, quae esset actu pars corporis virginis, sed ex ea, quae erat pars in potentia, hoc est, de sanguine, quia sanguis est potentia caro. Secundus, & magis perniciosus error, fuit illorum, quoniam neminit Caietanus, qui assertebant Christum Dominum concepitum fuisse in corde Virginis: quem error apertissime expugnat verba Gabrielis ad Mariam dicentis: *Ecce concepies in vtero, & paries filium: notanter quidem dixit in vtero, tum ut ostenderet: hanc Christi conceptionem non fuisse spiritualem, aut metaphoricam, in istarum qui dicebant: A facie tua Domine concepimus, & quasi parturiamus, & peperimus spiritum sanctum, sed veram, & corporalem: tum ut indicaret, non fuisse apparentem, aut fantasticanam, prout obseruauit Diuus Petrus Chrysologus dicens: In vtero, dixit Angelus, ut concepisset veritas, non figura, ut partus esset proprietas, non imago; ut sicut Deus verus de Deo vero natus est, sic de vero conceptu veritas humani corporis nasceretur: tum ut expresse doceret hanc Christi conceptionem in loco naturali Virginis fuisse, in quo humana proles ab aliis matribus concipi solet: tum tandem ut alluderebat partim ad promissionem illam factam Dauidi: *Defructu ventris tui ponam super se dem tuam: in qua, ut adnotauit S. Ireneus, sermo non est de veste ipsius Dauid, cum vir non dicatur de ventre suo generare, sed de ventre B. Virginis ex Dauidica progenie oriundi: partim ut alluderebat ad verba ipsius Dauidis in persona Dei Patris dicentis: ex vtero ante luciferum genui te.**

Est enim singularis simpatia, ac mira proportio inter eternam a Patre, & temporalem a matre Christi generationem: nam praeterquam quemadmodum illa in vtero Patri: ita haec in vtero Virginis fuit: sicut illa exstitit absque matre, ita & ista absque humano patre; & sicut illa fuit cum integritate genitoris, ita & haec salua semper inueniente integritate Genitricis, & sicut per illam genitus est Dei filius consubstantialis Patri, etiam per

hac prodit id consubstantialis matti, hoc est, ex subtilitate eius, humana carne induitus: & sicut Deus Pater genuit filii suum, volens & complacens, ita B. Virgo volens, & salutationi Angelicæ consentiens, Christum Domini concepit, dicens: *Ecce ancil la Domini: fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum;* & sicut ibi a Patre procedens pulcher adest equalis, ut a paulo appelletur: *Splendor gloria, & figura substantie eius,* ita hic tanta pulchritudine decoratus ex materno vtero prodit, ut a Davide vocetur: *Speciosus forma pro filio hominum;* & sicut ibi per eternam generationem filius dei Rex processit, diuinitatis diademate coronatus, ita per temporalem conceptionem ex thalamo virgineo egressus est, regia illa corona redimitus, de qua Salomon: *Videte filie sion Cant. 3. regens Salomon in diadema, quo coronauit illum mater sua;* & quemadmodum celebrata eterna filii dei generatione, continuo productus est Spiritus sanctus, sic facta temporali Christi generatione, mox per specialia dona productus fuit Spiritus sanctus in animis Elisabeth, & Iohannis Baptista, sacro Euangelista dicente: *Et exauit in fons in vtero eius, & repleta est Spiritus sanctus Elisabeth;* ac tandem sicut concepito illa Christi eterna, sancta fuit & immaculata, ita & haec temporalis, omnis macula expers, miram sanctitatem redoluit, ut non obscurè significasse mihi videtur Ilias, cu dixit: *Accessit ad Prophetissimum, & concepisset, Isai. 8. & peperit filium.* Propheta quidem non a ipsi, sed a spiritu sancto afflatis, futura vaticinatur, D. Petro dicente: *Non voluntate humana alia est aliquando prophetia, sed Spiritu sancto inspirati locuti sunt sancti Dei homines:* cum ergo Maria fuerit haec Prophetissa, quia concepit, D. Basilio dicente: *Quod Maria prophetissa fuerit, ad quam proxime accedit Iudas per premonitionem spiritus, memo contradixerit, qui sit memor verborum Mariae, que propheticō affecta a spiritu, locuta est: Magnificat anima mea Dominum;* conqueps est diuino spiritu afflatam, Christum Dominum concepisse, ut & Angeli verbalis contestantur: *Spiritus sanctus supervenit.*

in hæc verba : *Verū homo ex fornicatione
sancta ergo & immaculata fuit eius pro-
lis conceptio. Ceterum mirabilia quæ in
illa effigie, commemorare incipiamus.
illud primo loco & numero, obiectu-
ne dignissimū, nimirū Christū Domīnū,
per temporalem generationē, viliorē
multō ex materno vtero nobis prodūsse,
quam per eternam, a Patre processerit:
per hanc enim purus Deus eusq[ue] consub-
stantialis Patti, per illam vero carne in-
dutus, ex vtero matris exiit; est autem
manifestum, virilis humano generi exti-
tisse *Verbum caro factum*, quam carnis hu-
manæ expers, prout à Patre prodūxit.*

Ut tamen reliqua mirabilia, quæ in sa-
cerdicia hac Christi conceptione effulge-
ntur, breui sermonis eloquio detegamus,
placet pulchram antithesim, seu contrapo-
sitionem inter Christi, & Antichristi ge-
nerationē, in medium producece. In pri-
mis ab Angelo benedicta nominatur ma-
ter Christi: *Benedicta tu in mulieribus*; mater
autem Antichristi diuino oraculo male-
dicta appellatur, vt refert S. Brigitta lib.

Ibrig lib 6 suarum reuelatione dicens: *Antichristus
nascetur ex maledicta femina*, simulante se
Ioan Damasc. de B. Virgi-
*nis, ait, in templo praesentā & educatam
in consortio aliarum Virginum, ac sacris
orationis, & lectionis ex recitatis vacante;*
de matre autem Antichristi refert Alber-
tus Stadensis ex reuelatione facta S. Hide-
gardi, in detero, inter nefandissimos ho-
mines enutriendam, ac diaboliscis artibus
imbwendam: *Christum Dominum ex no-
bilissima Dauidis familia, ortū , sat, ut
que comprobat angelica illa verba: Dabit
ei Dominus Deus sedem David patris eius:*
Antichristus autem ex vilissimiis patentib-
us oriundus colligitur, ex Daniele 7. vbi
Antichristū vocat cornu parvulum, hoc est,
exordidis, & obcluris initis ortum, vt
obseruauit Magister Maluenda lib. 2. de
Antichristo: *Christus conceptus ex matre
virgine, iuxta vaticinium Isaiae: Ecce Virgo
concepit: Antichristus vero concipiendus
ex matre fornicaria, vt tradit D. Damasc.*

in hæc verba : *Verū homo ex fornicatione
parietur, atque omnem satane astutum juci-
piet: quod idem docuerunt Ephraem syrus S. Ephraem
seus. de Annunc. & Hippolitus Martyr Orus ser. de
de consummatione mundi: Christus Do annunc.
minus concepus à Spiritu sancto, Anti-
christū vero concipiendū ab incubo Dœ-
mone, auctor est Card. Bellarminus lib 3. Card. Bellar.
de Rom. Pontif. cap. 12 ad Christi conce- li. 3. de Rom.
ptionem virtus Spiritus sancti in Mariā Pontif. c. 12.
copiosissime sc̄ infudit; angelo dicente:
Spiritus sanctus superueniet in te, & virtus Lue. 1.
Aliissimi obumbrabit tibi, in conceptione
vero Antichristi nequitas D. aboli in ma-
trem eius superueniet: vt enim tradit sa- Rab. opere de
pientissimus Rabanus: *in ipso conceptionis Antichristi,*
inizio diabolus simul introribit in vterū maris
*eius, & ex virtute Diaboli confonebitur, con- Plutarch. in
cumberit, & virtus Dial. ali. / per emerit
tandem conceptio Christo Domino con-
ceptus fuit Salvator Noster, concepto au-
tē Antichristo reuelabitur bona peccati, & 2. Thef. 2a
filius perditonis, vi loquitur Apostolus.
Quanto autem Christi conceptionem Ant-
ichristi generationi dissimiliore intuor,
tantò Alexandi Magni conceptionē quo
ad nonnullas eius circumstantias Christi
conceptioni similem magis reperio. Plu-
tarachus loquens de Olimpiade, magni A-
lexandri matre, ait: *Vifus est, tone tonante, Plutarch in
venter suis ex calo tangi, itaque ex ictu tangū Alexandri,*
*succensum igne, mox erumpens in flammas pef-
fus dispersas dissiparetur: deinde scribit, Phi-
lippum Alexandri patrē vidisse in somnis,
vxoris vterum sigillo consignatum, cuius
sculptura imaginem leonis refecbat, nec
non etiam iuxta Olimpiadis lectum dra-
conē expectantē, ac tandem Alexandrum
Iouis filium vocatum & habitum tradit
Q. Curtius de rebus gestis. Hæc omnia ad Q. Curt. de
Christi Domini conceptionem haud dif. reb. gest.
facie erit concutere; nam si Olimpiadis
Alexandri matris vifus est venter de ca-
elo tangi, certè virtus Aliissimi vterū Vir-
ginis tangens, mitificè illum fœunda-
uit, vt verba sponsa non obscure indicat:
*Et ad tactū eius intremuit venter meus: quod Cant. 5.
si ex tactu illo prodit copiosissimus****

Ppp a ignis

ignis in flamas erumpens; non secus ex virginico thalamo egressus est Deus noster, qui ignis consumens est, & qui dixit: *Ignem veni mittere in terram, & quid volo, nisi ut accendatur & deinde, si Olympiadis venter sigillo viuis est consignatus, Mariæ ventrem excellentiori illo: integrissimæ virginitatis sigillo obsignauit Spiritus sanctus: Rursus, si visa est in ventre Olympiadis imago leonis, adfuit quidem in viro Mariæ non figura leonis, sed qui vicit leo de Tribu Iuda, Christus Saluator noster: & si ibi philippus videt iuxta leatum Olympiadis horribilem diaconem assilenteum, & quasi partu illius inuidenter, ad eundem modum Ioannes liber suarum revelationum sibi ostentam commemorat B. Virginem, cuius partu de terminus draco iniiciari cupiebat: post quod videt draco, quod proiectus esset in terram, persecutus est mulierem, qua piperi masculum: ac tandem si Alexander Iouis filius (qui iuuans pater interpretatur) falsè nuncupabatur, Christus Dominus filius Dei Patris naturalis omni modo veraciter nominatur, iuxta verba Angeli, & filius Al-
Iustini. Mar-
Ty dial. cum num martyrem in dialogo cum Triphon.
*Triphon.**

Luc 1.
Iustini. Mar-
Ty dial. cum num martyrem in dialogo cum Triphon.
Triphon.

Jerem. 31.

tores inundabat: in Marianum tamen veterum ingrediens inundantes illos sus iracundie fluctus coercens, iam peccatores non abhorbet, nec eos exundat, quin potius præficium habet terminum, ne veterius progediatur, naturam scilicet humanam, quæ ad misericordiam illum alienis ac moenies ait: *Visque huic venies, & Iob 32 non procedes amplius, & huc confringes in mente: scilicet tuos hoc erit litus tuus nepe humanitas tua, cuius minime obliuisci potes, nec ab ea oculos remouere, cum incisilibili hypostaticæ vnitatis vinculo intime illam tibi copulaueris. His mirabilibus aliud insigne D. Bernardi subiiciam, quod in sermone super signum magnum his verbis scriptis: *Tare istud mollescere. D. Bernar-**

gium tedium, quo reliqua omnes grande serm signum mulierare noscauit, sola non sensi, que magna, sola sine libido nostra, sola non sensi, que magna,

*sudore concepcionis initio, quando potissimum ceteræ mulieres miserabiliter affliguntur, Maria tota alacritate montana concedit, ut Elizabet ministeraret. Ac tandem (ut paucis multa sacræ huius conceptionis mirabilis complectat) D. Chrysostomi elegansissima verba serm. 2. de Annunc. in medium producam: *Ecco concepisti in utero: D. Pet. Chrysostomus bene concepisti, quod caro nec sit, quod conditio sol serm. non habet, non admittit natura. Quis ante ad fratrem Annunc. Humperueni, quam terra laborem sensit, & sudorem? Quis ante poma carpit, quam plantæ suam trahit, & impedit industriam? Quis praeter viam ad ullam peruenit mansionem? Qui praeter naturam, naturæ inscipit incrementum? B. Virgo: & bene B. Maria: que praeter generandi curas, praeter materni doloris afflictionem, tandem germinus peruenit ad gloriam. Ad extremum, ut iam finem dicendi faciam, sequentia verba: *Et paries filium, non nihil illustrare oportebit. Evidet quia conceptio Beate Virginis futura non erat in istar illarum, quarum meminit Iulianus, inquiens: Venerant filij usque ad parvum I. & W. & virtus non est patiendi: ideo apostole latit Angelus subiunxit ad verbum concepisti, illud aliud, & paries; ut significaret partum eius non abortivum, sed incolu-***

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stem in lucem feliciter edendum fore. Quocum autem loquendi & stylum, & ordinem mutauerit Gabriel Angelus, et cum dixisset Zachariae: *Vxor tua pariet ibi*: B. vero Virgini non addiderit verbū tibi, sed aboliturē dixerit partes arbitror, nī fallor, rationem fuisse, quod probè agnōvit Virginem paritatem filium non solum sibi, sed communī cotius orbis salutis. Ea quidem pīj ac generosi animi commendanda conditio, vt commune bonum præferat peculiari emolumento. Inuenies quandoque homines quosdā sibi soli tantū natos, aliorum commodum proflus delpicientes; secus autem B. Virgo peperit filium, non sibi soli, sed omnibus nobis. nam quemadmodum in plateis, & quandoq; in plateis ciuitatis fontes seatur soleat, ex quibus quisque profibito haurit aquam ad bibendum, ad abstergendum fordes, & alios simil's usus, in qualibetque hora porrigit tibi fons aqua, quoniam semper per fistulas manat; ad eundem modum B. Virgo fons est uberrimus veluti per aureos canales aquam benedicti ventris tui, hoc est, filium diffundens, cunctis bibere, vel suas fordes mundare volentibus. Et quemadmodum urbs Roma, Patria vocatur communis omnium hominum, quoniam recurrentes ad Pontificem, summum Ecclesie pastorem, benignissime recipiunt Aethiops, Graecus, Barbatus, Indus, denique omnes nationes in Christi Vicario consurgunt habent, & protectionem reperiunt, ingressus que ad eum nemini interdit, itur, non secus B. Virgo in flatu patrua communis cuncto suscipit, pro omnibus exorat, omnibus filium suum exhibet, quoniam peperit filium non sibi soli, sed omnibus. Regius Psalter tantam B. Virginis miratus erga omnes charitatis magnitudinem, in eius commendationem cecinit Psalm. 86. *Gloria a dedita sunt de te ciuitas Dei*, quānam autem sunt illa, mox commemorans, in persona Virginis ait: *Rabab & Babylonis sicutum me dicimur, & Tyre, & populus Aethiopum,*

bifuerum illic, hoc est, omnes peccatores quantumuis a Deo sint alienati quantūvis Tyri, & Aethiopum instar vixerint, quantumuis denigratae fuerint facies eorum super carbones, quantumuis innumeri, accedant in suis tribulationibus omnipotenti imploraturi, fores inuenient patentes, hoc est, B. Virginem paratissimam ad eorum subuentione vnde David inquit: *Nunquid Sion diceret, hoc est, B. Virgo homo, & homo natus est in ea?* minime quidem; neutquam erit apud eam acceptio per sonarum, sed quantumuis plurimi convertant ad hanc ciuitatem, nullū non recipier, neminem abiiciet, quoniam *Dens Altissimus eam fundavit*, vt omnibus unicūm esset refugium; in impetrandis etiā beneficiis non erit morosior, aut cum supercilioso ager, sed cum maximo gaudio *Ibid.*
 eodem regio Vate diceente: *Sicut letantur omnium habitatio est in te*, aut sicut Hebrei ce legimus: *omnes seaturinges mee in te*; hoc est, fontes mei per te, o mater mea, cunctis hominibus salutares aquas propinabunt, quām uberrimas ad bibendum, & ad eorum abluedas scelerum fordes. Præterea obserua, quo pācto utūque coniuxerit Angelus: *Conspicies, & paries*, quasi duo per se distincta beneficia, nempe conceptum, & partum, & meritū, quoniam date prolem in ventre, sive foetum, ingens Dei beneficium est, certum concedere proli partum, multo cumulatius. Hoc aduentant foeminae gruīda, & catum viri, caueantque ne eorum peccata infantes de utero transfraniantur ad tumulum, iuxta illud: *Fuissim qui si non essem, de utero translatus ad tumulum*. Vellem quātere à parentibus, quorum crebro foeminae patiuntur abortum? ego proculdubio causas mecum sapient exquirens, id genus calamitatis peccatis parentum tribuendum esse censi. & quidem quemadmodum triste est spectaculū videre ex arbore floribus onusta, mox flante Aquilone flores decidere, & optato fructu fraudari; ad eundem modum paupētrum & commiseratione dignum spe-

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HOMILIA XV.

Post prolatā illa verba: Ecce ancilla Domini: celebratas fuisse nuptias in virgineo Maria thalamo inter Verbum diuinum, & naturam humānam, ostendimus, variisque modis, hanc nuptiarum metaphoram illustramus.



E.R.B.1 diuini incarnationem, seu illius cum natura humana hypostaticam unionem frequenter s. Patres nuptiis comparasse reperio: D. enim Augustinus in illa verba psalmi: Tamquam sponsus procedens de thalamo suo: de Christo Domino psalmi 12. ex virginici veteri thalamo egrediente illa interpretans, ait: Ipse procedens de vero virginali, ubi Deus natura humana, tamquam sponsus sponsus copulatus est: & B. Laurentius iustini lib. de casto conubio ait: Verbum B. Laurentii sponsus, caro sponsa, virginitas veteris thalamo lib. de cuius est: & latius D. Gregorius homil. 38. in conubio Euang. vbi haec preclara scriptit: Deinde pater D. Gregorius, Deo filio suo nuptias fecit, quando hunc in 38. in Euang. vetero Virginis, humanae naturae coniugiu, cith Deum ante secula fieri voluit hominem in fine seculorum: sed quia ex duabus personis fieri flet nuptialis ista coniunctio, absit hoc ab intellectibus nostris, vi personam Dei, & hominam redemptorem nostri Iesum Christum ex duabus personis credamus: vnuam: hactenus magnus Gregorius. Merito hi patres mirabilem hanc Verbi diuini cum natura humana & ineffabilem unionem cu[m] nuptiis, seu sponsalitiis componuerat. Nam si tem alius perpendamus, nihil certe eorum que in Principiū felicissimis coniubiis, & sponsalitiis concurrere solent, in hoc sacro Verbi diuini cum natura humana coniugio desideratur: sicut enim matrimonium principum antecedere solent sponsalia, seu quod idem est, de incundo coniubio premis-

Saculum est, foeminae grauidam, ante fructus perfectionem in ventre, & cum vix in flore est, foetum intra ventre claustra interire. Si autem quereras quis florem in terram deiecit, aut eum ante tempus immaturo demessuit? respondebo, flauisse. A quilonem, hoc est, peccata parentum fuisse causam abortus, ut apud lobum testatur Eliphaz Themanites, dicens de peccatore; Læderim quasi vinea in primo flore bistrus eius, & quasi oliva prouiciens florem suum: cestum est, per batros & per flores intelligi filios hominum peccatorum quos immatueros auferat. Deus ob peccata parentum; & quem admodum apud Isaiam: Dominus ait: Triste & miserandum esse, videte kumentum in agro natum, viridem, & cum aliquantulum creuerit in herbam, ante messem totum efflöscere, ac inmaturam perfectionem germinate, ramulosque falcibus praecidi; ad eundem modum lugubrem ac miserabilem evanescere putauerim, cum foemina utrum pregnantem gerente & immaturum fructum intra viscera sua continente, immatura mors superuenient, falce sua illuminetens ante, quam maturescat, & in lucem prodeat. Igitur pro viribus parentes operari nauent, ne eorum proles, anima simul & corpore pereat, ut tempore, quo foemina grauida existit, prius actionibus vident, & ad Dominū extoto corde convertantur. Tradit Plinius, Lusciniam auctem, solum tempore quo foemina super osa incumbit, edere suauissimum cantum, cum tamen reliquo toto anni tempore ab omnini cantu se abstineat silent, ad canendum tamen non aliud quam prolixi amor cogit, non secus, cum foemina grauidatur, ad pregaudendum infelicem foetus abortum, diuinam laudis cantibus vacare debet, crebro repetens Angelicam illam cantilenam, quam Gabriel ei cecinit:

Ave Maria, ut filium Dei conceperet: cui sit honor & gloria
in secula seculorum.

Amen.

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