

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description
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Title	English Religious Tracts
Secundo folio	3f. yf
Language	English
Material	vellum & paper
Measurements	7½ x 5¾ ins
Collation	a ¹² –d ¹² e ¹² –h ¹² (one canc.) i ¹² –l ¹² (one canc.)
Number of leaves	126
Columns	single
Lines to a page	24 to 31
Date	xv
Handwriting	current & ugly
Binding	[blank]

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1. Here begynnes a pistle of prayer 1
Gostely freynde in god as touchyng thyn asking- occasion of letting in þe name of Jhesu. Amen.
2. Here begynnes a trefyng of discrecion in knowyng of spirites 8^b

For þi þat þer bene diverse kyndys of spirites – to consent to þe good and a□eystond þe yuell. Amen.
3. Here begynnyth a pystle of discrecion in styrrynges 15^b
Gostely freynd in god þ^t same grace and ioy – for answer to alle þi lettrre. The grace of god be euermore wip þe in name of Ihesu. Amen.
4. How mans sawle is made to þe ymage and þe liknes of þe holy trinite 26^b

Nolite superari [conformari]... Be □e not in wylle to be made liche to þis world – and it is anoghe at þe fulle. Amen.
5. How þe my□tes of mans saule standen in þe noumbre of fyfe. 28

Alle þe my□tes of mans saule bene noumbred in fyve – and into suche wrychednes be we fallen for synne Ihesu amend it. Amen.
6. Here begynneþ a trefyng of þe stody of wysdome þat men clepen Beniamyn 31

A grete clerke
On 33^a is a diagram of the Patriarchs with the spiritual meaning attached –in raueschyng of mynde.
Amen. Expl. [46^v]
See Horstmann *Hampole*. 1. 162.
47, 48 blank.

II. 7, clear script

Her begynnes a boke of contemplacion þe whiche is called þe cloude of vnknowynge in þe which a a saule is unyd wiþ god (Walter Hilton) 49

Here begynnes a prayer a pon þe prolog.
In þe name... I char[?]ge þe and I beseche þe – be gretly comforted þare by

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-and alle godis louers in erþe. Amen.

Expl. deo gr.

See. Gardner *Cell of self-knowledge*. Ed. By Underhill etc.

Here beginneþ a trefyse of pryuey conseylle 101
Gostly frende in god as touching þin inwarde occupacion
-þat it shall not myche erre. Expl.
Also in Ii. 6. 31. & Ff. 6. 41 (17th cent. With the Cloud of Unknowing)

9. The prologue vpon the translacion of Dynyse hidde dyvynyte (Mystica Theologia of Dion. Areop.)
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This wrytyng þ' next foloweþ is þe ynglische of a boke þat seynt Dyonyse wrote vn to Thymothee þe whiche boke is cleped in Latyn tonge Mistica theologie
...I have myche followed þe sentence of þe abbot of seynt Victor a noble & a worþi expositour of þes same booke.

This is seynt Dionyse prolog.

Thow un begone and euerlastynge wisdom
-alle affermyng & denynnyng. Expl. Deo g r . (263) `Apparently by the same hand as the *Cloud of Unknowing*). See Gardner, *Cell of Self-knowledge* p xxiv.

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