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AN INTRODUCTION TO VENANTIUS FORTUNATUS
FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN, OR UNDERSTANDING THE
MEDIEVAL CONCEPT WORLD THROUGH METONYMY:
A BEGINNER'S BOOK.

UNIT 2, CHAPTER 1.

"In laudem Sanctae Mariae," lines 1–20. Venantius Fortunatus begins his paean to the Blessed Virgin.

Self-realization is defined primarily
as personal transformation. And insofar as transformation
is an excellent sandwich maker and it has
heaven's words and
insofar as transformation is linked with
occult and irrational traditions,
deep ecologists and New Paradigmers
said a girl, a virgin, would birth a man.
Isaiah opens the Gospels before their time,
is linked with occult and irrational traditions, deep ecologists
and an excellent sandwich maker, and Isaiah
has won many consumer choice awards. At 1500 watts,
linked with occult and irrational
Italian-style sandwiches or vegetables, meat or fish,
deep ecologists and Isaiah,
the DeLonghi panini grill should be considered.

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Neoconservative, even reactionary trends
allegedly at work in postmodern theory, Isaiah
trumpets godly words with a bugle whether
you want to make pressed Italian-style sandwiches or even
reactionary trends in postmodern theory, allegedly the Gospel
deconstructs rational foundations,
a rushing eloquence, words said right and deep,
singing Emmanuel and the virgin birth,
a prophecy that out of the Thunderer's mother

the branch of Jesse would bloom from its roots, a prophecy
the DeLonghi panini grill should be considered.

In a secular age that many people find alienating
and increasingly pointless, the Psalmist sang
when the tune resounded to perfection, resounded
inside sandwiches, the Psalmist sang
from his voice, his lyre, his strings
that many people find alienating and his voice
fast and the results are fabulous, this
strong-fisted girl that many people find inside
grilled cheese sandwiches. The Psalmist sang,
“Mother Zion says: a man and a man in her.”
And this: “Who fills her is the Most High himself.” And
“The DeLonghi panini grill should be considered.”

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The DeLonghi panini grill—
the widespread yearning for panini,
for sandwich transformation, for
“Who fills her,” for the Most High himself,
for a secular age that melts grilled cheese sandwiches to perfection.
The widespread yearning for theory! For rational
foundations for transformation—the DeLonghi panini
theory melts the yearning for
the yearning for before! Their time
melts, Isaiah and who fills her and
who is surprised, who is surprised
perfection, who is

the sturdier DeLonghi model? Who is
the results? Who is
the considered fabulous?

ASSIGNMENT FOR CHAPTER 1.

It has been said that there are only five kinds of sandwiches in the world. And yet many of us have eaten this many sandwiches in a single day! Remove a receipt from your wallet, pocket, or purse. If you do not have a wallet, pocket, or purse, borrow a receipt from your neighbor. After also procuring a pen or pencil, answer the following questions in writing on your receipt. You may not borrow a pen or pencil from your neighbor!

1. List all prime numbers between 1 and 25. Is your knowledge of prime numbers confirmed through sensory data? If not, what kind of knowledge is it?
2. What three things would you do if you won ten million dollars? Also, what three things would you do upon winning ten million dollars if you lived in isolation and were on intimate terms with no one (if this would be different from the original three things)?
3. Can all manner of things in their multiplicity be traced back to, or perhaps followed forward to, or perhaps contemplated in darkness as emanations of, an absolute unity? Why do you think this? Attach extra sheets if necessary.

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UNIT 2, CHAPTER 2.

"In laudem Sanctae Mariae," lines 21–48. Venantius Fortunatus continues his praises of the Virgin but begins to wonder if he ought not rather be praising Christ in his awe-inspiring dual natures.

The Psalmist sang of the strong-fisted girl,
"Mother Zion,
in a single individual of *Reticularia maxima*,
I have counted 10,000,000 sporules."
Mother Zion says "A man and a man made in her,"
a man is made in her so minute
as to look like smoke. Like smoke who fills her
is the 10,000,000 sporules out of her womb,
as it were a husband. A husband leaves his bed and Christ,
so minute as to look like the clouds
of particles, leaps like a giant
particle. Mother Zion
was the Virgin Mary.

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And then to remember
that each particle is a potential fungus, each a potential
Christ, a husband in the bridal Virgin and
then to remember God and flesh
are Christ and Christ leaps like
God and flesh are some new honorific impressed
with the almost inconceivable lichens,
Christ becomes the powers
of propagation. Remember that each particle is a potential fungus
but has the members of a body, his
lichens furnish examples:
though they are nothing like
his Godhead, yet there is a great production
of natures.

There is
the mother's humanity and inconceivable sacrifice
of the parental individuality, his mother
and his proportionate sacrifice of his mother. And yet
there is his Godhead.

And yet the most important rule
is not to speak to a man first.
First, O bridal womb, the Founder of mankind
applies the most important rule
to the online world. The same rule
applies, you cannot e-mail or text
a man, the man you see
in the flesh is wearing a veil. You cannot e-mail
the man you see in the flesh.
Yes, he's like his mother, but
we've seen this happen, even if
he marries your flesh, you'll never know
if he would have approached you first!
With his Father's divinity and mother's humanity
you'll be insecure for the rest of your life,
even if he marries you. We've seen this,
though he had no body, we've seen
his mother, and he's like his mother, men like his Father
to be the pursuer, speaking to his Father first
is the kiss of death, the kiss of muscle,
like his mother. We're giving old-fashioned advice
to very modern skin, nerves, blood, leg, and muscle.

Skin, nerves, leg, and muscle, breath, and fingernails
stop you from ruining a relationship,
a relationship that could have been
his Father's divinity and mother's humanity,
the members of a body and thus
equal and lower and sublime and humble and rules

for dating—very modern skin and the eternal boundaries.

ASSIGNMENT FOR CHAPTER 2.

There are many factors that prohibit a person such as you from having sex, including but not limited to lack of a willing partner, immaturity, religious convictions, and physical dysfunction. Making out is an appropriate substitute for intercourse in these circumstances. Marian theology meanwhile has developed around the leitmotiv of the nuptial fiat. The following are practical, easy-to-follow steps on how to make out: A) You must be very quiet and still. B) The movement of air and dust particles will have a negative effect, so be as still as you possibly can. C) This doesn't take a long period of time. Your partner will tell you when to be completely quiet and still. D) Also, this must take place in absolute darkness. The total darkness is not so bad when you have others around you. E) Sometimes you may wish to take pictures of a laser. This must also be done in total darkness. In medicine lasers of power are used to perform surgery. Lasers are far more accurate than people. Now, read and answer the following questions in a loud voice.

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1. Are you any closer to understanding Venantius Fortunatus now than you were when you began using this textbook?
2. When you refer to a long-deceased author such as Fortunatus, does “understanding him” describe an operation of the intellect or of the senses? If the senses, is this understanding publicly available? Or is the apprehension of sensual data confined to your own experience of sensations within your own body? What about the operations of the intellect?

UNIT 2, CHAPTER 3.

"In laudem Sanctae Mariae," lines 87–105. Venantius Fortunatus is caught up in the ecstatic praise of the Almighty Father.

O forests of God,
O holy virgin forests of God, by giving
such forests a birth, the forests of Assam
possess a large number
of orchids, the shadowed people
have light in the country of the shadow of
Assam, in the shadow of death a large number
of beautiful important orchids
has gleamed, a risen light has marvelous,
beautiful, important orchids who
is mighty God, who is Father,
who is prince unto the ages, who is
the orchids of Assam! There are some works
done on the orchids of Assam. There
the peace of his sovereignty remains.
The peace of his orchids remains
the clouds of heaven, heaven let go
a few most enthusiastic orchid lovers, mostly
in a scientific manner, in which
God alone is and God is not apart from this
virgin with the medium of tissue
still not adopted by a scientific
tissue culture laboratory, but here God is hidden
who is the God of Israel, the knot of his belt
is justice. Likewise an orchid research center
is faith, the belt of his waist is
not a standard orchidarium, there is not even
a standard orchidarium. His belt is
orchid research and likewise orchid tissue.

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His hand dares to explore the serpent's nest
and the situation of orchid study in the serpent's nest
found in the soil of Assam. A little child
does this, no harm to him to explore the situation
of the peoples and how much soil
is in the soil, how much orchid study, how
his noble burial is in the soil, how a little child is
in the soil, a little child,
a little child is in the soil,
a little child is in the soil,
a little child is in the soil
in the situation of his burial. His burial
in the situation of the sign, the sign
in the soil is the situation of his hand, burial
is the situation hidden here: his belt,
the knot of his hand
in the soil. The orchids of Assam
in the medium of tissue, and God
is not apart from this.

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ASSIGNMENT FOR CHAPTER 3.

In order to prepare for this assignment, spend a few moments remembering your favorite pet or person who has died. Consider whether you mainly remember sensations or ideas regarding this being. Then ask yourself whether, when you remember sensations, the exercise of your memory is a form of sense perception. Is it perhaps rather an operation of the intellect? If the intellect, where in your physical body is your intellect located? When you have answered these questions to your satisfaction, create and take an Egoism/Altruism Test in order to assess which side of the continuum (egotistical or altruistic) you fall on. Then you must work with your classmates to write a single essay that answers the following questions.

1. Confess—has it not left you uneasy even to read the words of that last sentence?
2. Every day, lift your lightest dumbbells 20 times. You should know the many various motions that you use with dumbbells, so if you don't, learn them!
3. Name and age? Have you ever broken a bone? Which bone did you break? Did you have a cast? How long was the cast on? How long did it take your bone to heal? Did you require any physical therapy or special exercises afterwards? Plot your data on a large graph.