

## 88. INCEST IN THE FAMILY: TO GELLIUS



What's he doing, *Gellius* [p. 212], the man who wantons  
with mother and sister, up all night, with no clothes on?  
What's he doing, who won't let his uncle play husband?

Do you know how much sin any man might incur?

O Gellius, he incurs so much not furthest *Tethys* [p. 234]

can wash it away, nor *Ocean* [p. 222] begetter of Nymphs:

since there's no sin at all that exists beyond that one,

not if he bent his head, and swallowed himself.



'Oceanus'  
Hendrick Goltzius (Dutch, 1588 - 1590)  
*The Rijksmuseum*