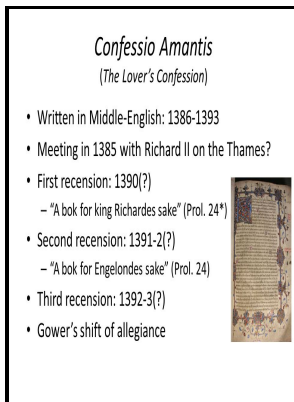


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Thus have I seid that I wol seie Of myn answere, and to you preie, Mi liege lord, of youre office That ye such grace and such justice Ordeigne for mi fader hiere, That after this, whan men it hiere, The world therof mai speke good. The Last Judgment scene in which Mary and Christ plead for mercy by showing their love: close to the words of St Anthony of Padua in his sermon for the First Sunday in Advent.

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Latin marginalia : Aliud exemplum super eodem, qualiter rex Vluxe cum a bello Troiano versus Greciam nauigio remearet, et prope illa Monstra marina, Sirenes nuncupata, angelica voce canoras, ipsum ventorum aduersitate nauigare oporteret, omnium nautarum suorum aures obturari coegit. Whence the Confessor, querying the Lover, explains the matter more fully. Poet; born between 1327-1330, probably in Kent; died October, 1408.

John Gower, Confessio amantis, 1386

Tho spak he to me in such a wise, And bad me that I scholde schryve As touchende of my wittes fyve, And schape that thei were amended Of that I hadde hem mispended.

Confessio Amantis

Latin marginalia: Hic ponit Confessor exemplum contra istos, qui vel de sua in armis probitate, vel de suo in amoris causa desiderio completo se iactant. For which whan that a man be slechte The ston to winne and him to daunte, With his carecte him wolde enchaunte, Anon as he perceiveth that, He leith down his on ere al plat Unto the ground, and halt it faste, And ek that other ere als faste He stoppeth with his tail so sore, That he the wordes lasse or more Of his enchantement ne hiereth; And in this wise himself he skiereth, So that he hath the wordes weyved And thurgh his ere is noght deceived.

A Short Introduction to Confessio Amantis

For yet was nevere such covine, That couthe ordeine a medicine To thing which God in lawe of kinde Hath set, for ther may no man finde The rihte salve of such a sor. Scholars frequently caution against reading either Amans or Genius the two speakers in the poem as mouthpieces for Gower himself, or as bold critics of the crusades. With suche wordes and with mo, The whiche he feigneth in his speche, This lady wit was al to seche, As sche which alle trowthe weneth: Bot he, that alle untrowthe meneth, With blinde tales so hire ladde, That all his wille of hire he hadde.

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The ferste I understonde is this, What thing of al the world it is, Which men most helpe and hath lest nede. Moost cristen Princesse by influence of grace By contemplacioun of hys glorie. Hymn to the Virgin Mary.

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