Medeltidshandskrift 49

Lund Observatory (in deposition at Lund University Library)

Miscellany: Astronomy. Bavaria, 15th century, late - 16th century, early, German (Bavarian dialect)

CONTENTS

- 1 (ff. 1r-7r) About the "houses" (mansiones) of the moon. Rubric: "Nu merck von der wonung des mons ..." Incipit: "Der Mon hat vberall 28 wonung ..." Explicit: "Auch hat D pey dem tag mer kraft dan dy O pey der nacht" F. 7v: blank.
- **2** (ff. 8r-9r) About the position of Saturnus. Rubric: "Von der schickung Saturni ..." Incipit: "Lvna in allem wesen so er zuegefuegt wirt Saturno ..." Explicit: "als wol den diennärn als den herren etc."
- **3** (ff. 9v-10r) Pyromantia. Incipit: "Hie hebt sich an dy Piromantia Die man machen sol das feur der erkantnüß kunftiger ding …" Explicit: "also hat die kunst hie ain end."
- **4** (ff. 10v-11r) About the zodiacal signs. Rubric: "von V" Incipit: "Item die hernach geschriben stet sein von der taylung Arietis ..." Explicit: "klag vnd traurigkait vnd geistligkait."
- **5** (ff. 11v-12r) About the winds; diagram and text. Incipit: "Nvn got an von den winden ein Capitel ..." Explicit: "das s bedewtt siccus das haist drucken." Additions to the text at ff. 11v and 12r about the winds by a later hand; f. 12v: blank.
- 6 (ff. 13r-22v) About weather. Rubric: "Von der anderung des weters" Incipit: "In wissende da vber laß ich vill pücher das ain ietzlich wandlung des luffts geschiecht ..." Explicit: "ist zw versten von dem ascendenten."
- **7** (ff. 23r-26r) Table of the planets and their influence on earth. F. 26v: blank.
- 8 (ff. 27r-31r) About forecasting the weather. Incipit: "Wer da wissen welle was in einem yedlichem monat von gewitter werd ..." Explicit: "dar nach der grad ist schicket sich das wetter." F. 31v: blank.
- 9 (ff. 32r-35v) Astrological directions. Incipit: "Anno etc quinquagesimo quinto am suntag vor Jacobj ... est ain chnab geporen dem diß nach geschribem judicia gemacht est ..." Explicit: "vnd pey der scham vnd ist vergessenlich." At f. 35v an astrological diagram added by a later hand.
- 10 (ff. 36r-40v) About the planets. Rubric: "Hye heben sich an dy erwelung der planeten stunden" Incipit: "Spricht halij Ebenragel das sein dy erwelung dy da genumen sein auß dem puech abablez ..." Explicit: "wer dar jn gefangen wirt der wirt nicht ledig." Abi Ibn Ragal ("halij Ebenragel") and Albumasar are mentioned here.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Support: Paper Extent: ff. i + 40 + i, Size: 305×215 mm.

Collation: 4 quires: I: 5 (ff. 2-11; f. 1 is a single leaf), II: 12 (ff. 12-23), III: 6 (ff. 24-29), IV: 10 (ff. 30-39; f. 40 is a single leaf). Collation is uncertain since the manuscript has been rebound.

Layout: Partly rubricated. Page layout and number of lines vary.

Script: Cursive script from early 16th century. Six hands: Hand I: ff. 1r-10r, 36r-40v; Hand II: ff. 10v-11r; Hand III: ff. 11v-12r; Hand IV: ff. 13r-22v; Hand V: ff. 23r-26r: Hand VI: ff. 27r-35v.

Decoration

Calligraphic small lombards in red up to f. 33r, continuous use of the signs of the zodiac in running text, horoscopes and tables; f. 24v: Table with the signs of the zodiac in red; f. 34v: Rose of winds; circular diagram with four inscribed ribbons radiating from a central circular field, and two inscribed ribbons radiating from each one of these, all ending at the circumference of the diagram, together forming a double cruciform disposition; f. 53v: Table with three columns of astrological signs; f. 58v: Astrological horoscope.

Binding

Paper binding with blue grey French shell marbled paper; Germany, first decades of the 19th century. (cfr. Wolfe 1990 p. 185 and plate XXX:96). Size: 310 x 220×15 mm.

Paper binding with blue grey French shell marbled paper over pasteboards, worn. Rounded spine. Hollow back, defect. Trimmed edges. Single plain flyleaves and pastedowns of paper. Notes on front pastedown in pencil from top to bottom: Oberdeutsch Qursiven / err. / 1500.- / fol. 24-63 fol. 1-23 saknas / Dep. i LUB av Astr. Inst. / Nfi / Medeltidshs nr 49 / KIH 15 . Notes in pencil on back pastedown: 17 (crossed out) / M. T. I. F. - 56 / He. 12/XI. 44. / 3590. / 3114 (crossed out) and ArTG (?).Former all along sewing on double supports partially defect and later cut flush with the spine. Originally the bookblock was cased to the covers by a single string of glue on the flyleaves, which explain why the bookblock is now loose in case, first and last page of the manuscript still hold to the flyleaves and cover.

Foliation

Foliated in pencil by modern cataloguer in lower right margin (ff. 1-40); contemporary foliation in red ink in upper right margin ff. 24-63 (ff. 1-23 thus missing).

Additions

At f. i recto: notes in pencil: (1455) / Ms. 89.

HISTORY

Origin

Germany, Regensburg (cfr. f. 1r, upper margin: Conventus Ratisbon[ensis] ord. Praed.), late 15th century - early 16th.

Acquisition

At upper pastedown in upper left corner a label from the antiquarian book seller Emanuel Mai in Berlin; under the label in ink: No. 17044/E.

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