

Fas et nefas ambulans

Carmina Burana no. 19

Words by Gualterius de Castillione (c. 1135 - c. 1179)

11th-13th century Goliard song

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1. Right and wrong go hand in hand, close to - ge - ther walk - ing;
 2. Ca - to's E - thics say it plain; sure - ly you re - mem - ber
 3. Giv - ing with no be - ne - fit, giv - ing not as - tute - ly,
 4. Though I say it with a smile, though I say it sweet - ly,
 5. If you sift the grain and chaff, more a - dept than a - ny,

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Too much spend - ing can't make up for a mi - ser's balk - ing;
 Read - ing where he wrote the words: "Walk with good - ness e - ver."
 Is a vir - tue on its skin but not ab - so - lute - ly.
 Now I bid you all o - bey one com - mand com - plete - ly:
 Fame you buy, so give your gifts, but take care how ma - ny.

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Vir - tue walks a care - ful line through mun - dane and shock - ing,
 To be known as ge - ne - rous, don't be - come a spend - er;
 To be famed for cha - ri - ty, make it first your du - ty;
 To win cre - dit for your gifts, give them all dis - creet - ly;
 Pour the oil out spar - ing - ly, will - ing, but not spent free.

Ba - lance must dis - play, Keep - ing to the
 Pause and well per - ceive: Who's de - serv - ing
 Learn what I'm a - bout. Know me in and
 Take your own be - half. See the grain a -
 In your praise I sing: I am Co - drus,

cen - ter way and not so much as rock - ing.
 to re - ceive the things that you sur - ren - der.
 know me out, and know me most a - cute - ly.
 mong the chaff, and make your choic - es neat - ly.
 A - then's king, and ev - ery one has plen - ty.