MARTINUS NOSTER

LUTHER IN THE GERMAN REFORM MOVEMENT
1518–1521

BY

LEIF GRANE

VERLAG PHILIPP VON ZABERN • MAINZ
1994
CONTENTS

PREFACE XI

INTRODUCTION 1

Luther's position in the first year of the contest 1-2. The question of German humanism in relation to the Reformation 2-4. The purpose of this book 4-5. A survey of the contents 5-8.

I. THE BACKGROUND 9

A survey of the events of the first year (1517-18), 9-10.

1. Luther's Environment 10
The account of Luther's activity in Wittenberg until 1520 by Johannes Dölsch 11-16. Luther's early contacts outside Wittenberg 16-19.

2. Pro re theologica et salute fratrum 19
Theology and pastoral care belong together according to Luther 19-20. Luther's first adversaries and the question of authority 20-23.

3. Papalism becomes a Problem (Cajetan) 23
The sources for the meeting at Augsburg — and the reasons for its failure 23-26. The unfortunate circumstances of Cajetan's mission 26-29.

4. Reform Theology 29
The longing for reform — and Luther's writings 29-30. The patristic wave in Germany 30-35. Erasmus and Capito on the question of papal power 36-37.

5. After Augsburg 38
Cajetan and Unigenitus 38-39. The idea of Antichrist in Rome 39. The draft of a letter to Pope Leo X 40-42. Luther's reaction to the papal Breve Cum postquam 42-43. His awareness of the «Zeitgeist» 43-44.

II. THE PREPARATION FOR THE LEIPZIG DISPUTATION 45

1. Preliminaries 45
The Karlstadt-Eck contest 45-46. The preface to Karlstadt's theses in the Froben edition of Luther's works 47. The proposal for a disputation 47-48. Luther's involvement 48-50.
2. Proposition 12 (13)
Eck's and Luther's theses on the papacy and Luther's interpretation of the new situation 50-52. The letter to the reader in the May edition of Luther's theses 52-55. Luther's awareness of the support of the elector and of the learned 56-57. A letter from Leo X 57.

3. The Existence of the Papacy as the will of God
Luther's reasons for acknowledging the Pope 57-59.


5. Studies in Canon Law
Luther's confutation of eight decrees from Decretum Gratiani 62-68, and of two decretes from Liber extra 68-72.

6. Patristic and Historical Arguments against the Divine Right of the Papacy
Explanation of the wording of proposition 13, 72-75. Patristic arguments against the divine right of the papacy 75-76. Historical arguments 76-79. Luther's conclusion 79-80.

III. THE LEIPZIG DISPUTATION

1. Prologue
The necessity of a chapter on the debate concerning the papacy 81-82. Some remarks on Duke Georg, the rivalry between Wittenberg and Leipzig, and negotiations about the verdict on the disputation 82-83. The agreement on subject and sources 83-84. Methodological differences 84-86.

2. The Militant Church. The Testimony of Scripture and the Church Fathers
The ecclesiology of the two combatants 86-88. The importance of the tradition for both of them 89-90. Their way of interpreting the Bible, illustrated by two examples 90-93. The same problems concerning the interpretation of the fathers 93-96. Discussion of Cyprian 96-97. Of Jerome 97-98. Of Augustine 98-99. A conflict between scholasticism and the new learning 100.

3. The Authority of the General Council — and the Council of Constance
Luther accused of the Bohemian heresy 100-101, and of turning against the council of Constance 101-102. Luther's attempts to defend himself 102-103. The council as a creatura verbi 103. Luther's difficulties and the reciprocal accusations 103-105.

4. Which Tradition?
IV. AFTER LEIPZIG

The polemical activity after Leipzig 115. The increase in Luther's writing to the people 115-116, and to the learned 116. The impact of Luther's writing 116-117.

1. Luther and Eck

Eck's lack of effect in the post-Leipzig debate 118. His bad reputation 118-119. The letters to the Elector from Eck and Luther/Karlstadt 120-121. Luther's letter of dedication in the Resolutiones to his Leipzig theses and Eck's response 121-122. Luther's Epistola super Expurgatione Ecciana 123-125. Luther's answer to Eck's annotations to the Juterbog articles and Eck's response 125-126. The aims of the two combatants 126.

2. Reports from Friends and Enemies


3. Wittenberg in Action


V. THE SUPPORT FOR LUTHER

Introductory remarks 147-149.

1. The Approval of Luther. Centres and Persons


2. The Approval of Luther. Extent and Content


3. Erasmus


4. Literary Support


1. The Condemnation by Cologne and Louvain

2. The Action against Luther's Sermon on the Eucharist
   The displeasure in ducal Saxony and the episcopal mandate 196-197. Luther's two responses 197-199. The different attitudes to this case 199-201.

3. Reuchlin – Erasmus – Luther. Different Aims and Common Enemies

4. Pamphlet War

5. Luther and Wittenberg: Increasing Indignation – and Impact

6. Friends and Enemies, Old and New

VII. THE RECEPTION OF EXSURGE DOMINE

Introductory remarks 231-232

1. Exsurge Domine

2. The Reception of the Bull

3. The Contribution of Erasmus
4. The Resistance


VIII. LUTHER'S RESPONSE AND THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE REFORM PARTY

1. Luther's Response

Eck's German pamphlet and Luther's reply 270-271. Adversus ... Antichristi bullam and Wider die Bullu ... 271-272. Assertio ... and Grund und Ursache 273. The burning of Canon Law and Luther's commentary 273-274. The consequence of Luther's position for him - and after Worms for the reform party 275-276.

2. The Disintegration of the Reform Party


EPILOGUE

ABBREVIATIONS

BIBLIOGRAPHY

INDEX