

Summary

COLLECTA NOTABILIORA DE LIBRO METHORUM MEDIEVAL NOTES ON METEOROLOGY IN THE PRAGUE CASTLE ARCHIVE MANUSCRIPT M 8 (EDITION AND COMMENTARY)

The subject of this edition is a brief Latin treatise entitled *Collecta notabiliora de libro Methorum*, recorded in fol. 109r-115v of Ms. M 8, Prague Castle Archive (Library of Metropolitan Chapter of St. Vitus), from the first half of the 15th century. The author of the text (either the text itself or the copy) was Stephanus, the otherwise unknown headmaster of the St James School in Kutná Hora. As the analysis shows, the writing is result of a multi-layer reception of Aristotle's meteorology in Medieval education. It is a collection of excerpts from a commentary on the fourth book of the compendium *Summa naturalium* (a work falsely ascribed to Albertus Magnus, which in the 15th century became popular in connection with lectures at universities and town schools), with integrated annotations drawn from Albertus Magnus' commentary on Aristotle's *Meteorologica* and from the Latin translation of Aristotle's *Meteorologica* (or a commentary on it, other than that by Albertus Magnus). The more complicated the genesis of the edited text and the detection of all levels between it and Aristotle's *Meteorologica* are, the shorter and more simplified are the meteorological explanations. The author of the treatise gives us information on the generation and corruption of particular phenomena in the sublunar world (including comets, earthquakes etc.), based on the principle of double exhalation, the moist and the dry, dissolved from the earth by the sun. A short introduction, a commentary with references to the sources and an explicatory text are attached to the edition.

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