

- (1) Isidore of Seville, *Etymologiae*, III.xli–xlii.4 (s. VIII^{ex})
inc. III. De gemina facie caeli. Facies caeli
vel caput orientalis
expl. quorum primum est merois secundum
sonois

Parchment, 135 x 167 mm (writing truncated on both sides), 17 lines; ruling with a hard point, lines 78 mm apart
Script A sloping early caroline minuscule, with *oc*, minuscule and half-uncial forms of *a*, long *s*, uncial and minuscule *n*, round and straight-backed *d*; *ct*, *st*, *et*, *re*, *rt*, *li*, *ae*, *ri* and *or* ligatures. Chapter titles written in uncial; large 1½-line capitals at the beginnings of sentences

Abbreviations Standard and few, stroke above the letter to indicate *-m* ending. *q̇b.* for *quibus*, *ḡ* for *sunt*, *ṫ* for *tur*, *ḅ* for *bis*, *q̇d* for *quod*, *p* for *per*, *ṗ* for *pro*, *au̇r* for *autem*

Punctuation Punctus in middle position marks both medial and main pauses.

Decoration Titles written in red uncials; red paragraph marks indicate new sections. 1½-line capitals decorated with red and blue filling

Provenance Written in the north Frankish kingdoms, s. VIII^{ex}

The fragment was acquired by Pepys not long before 10 April 1701: Howarth, pp. 328–9.

Bibliography Wanley compared the fragment to 'Bodleian, Bede on the Canonical Epistles', that is, ms Bodley 849 dated to AD 818, and to Jean Mabillon, *De re diplomatica* (Paris, 1681), V, p. 361, last specimen. Bernhard Bischoff ascribes this fragment, with three others from Poitiers, Bamberg and Leiden, to the scriptorium of Amiens c.800: 'Panorama der Handschriftenüberlieferung aus der Zeit Karls des Grossen' in idem. (ed.), *Karl der Grösse, Lebenswerk und Nachleben II Das Geistige Leben* (Düsseldorf, 1965), pp. 233–54 at p. 237 and n. 27, repr. in *Mittelalterliche Studien* 3 (Stuttgart, 1981), pp. 5–38; Poitiers, Bibliothèque Municipale 17; Bamberg Staatliche Bibliothek Patr. 86 B.v.13 (C.L.A. VIII, 1930) and Leiden

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(C.L.A. X, 1579). See also E. A. Lowe,
Codices Latini Antiquiores (Oxford, 1972),
II, no.131; text ex. W. M. Lindsay, *Isidori
Hispalensis episcopi etymologiarum sive
originum libri XX* (Oxford, 1911),
III.xli-xlii.4**