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god had set vs the tre of lyfe/ & we sholde haue ben fre of all sekenesses/ & mofst of nature & neuer dyed/ but bydden euer lusty & freshe as a ponge man. The thirde man dyeth of that he hath ben hurt w̄ wepens w̄in or w̄out or w̄ burdens liffing or byrtinges of bestis. &c. If Adam had nat sinned all thynge sholde haue bene to him obediēt & nothinge to him cōtrary. & these thre maners of dethe be cōtained in the four cōplexions of man/as in the sāgūne/colerike/flematike/& melācoly. The sāgūne wareth of tēpmes so old through gode gouernaūce/that he must occopp spectacles & liue longe or hūmidū radicale departe frome him/ but than he dyeth. The colerike cōmeth of tēpmes do dethe be accidētall maner through his hastines for he is of nature hote & drye. The flematike cōmeth often to dethe through great excelle of mete & drinke or other gret labours doinge/for his nature is colde and mofst & can not well disiest. And melācoly is heup/full of care & heupnes/ wherof he engendereth moche euill blode that causeth great sekenes which bringeth him vnto dethe. Thus go we al vnto the howse of dethe/the one through ensupnge of his cōplexion/ the other through the ordenances of almyghy god. The thirde through the planetis & signes of the firmamēt.

