



Of Apollonius and Silla.

The Argument of the second Historie.

Apollonius Duke having spent a yeeres service in the warres against the Turke, returning homeward with his companie by sea, was driuen by force of weather to the ile of Cyprus, where he was well receiued by Pontus gouernour of the same ile, with whom Silla daughter to Pontus, fell so strangely in loue, that after Apollonius was departed to Constantinople, Silla with one man followed: and comming to Constantinople, she serued Apollonius in the habite of a man, and after many prety accidents falling out, she was known to Apollonius, who in requittall of her loue married her.



Here is no child that is borne into this wretched world, but before it doth sucke the mothers milke, it taketh first a soope of the cup of errour, which maketh vs when wee come to riper yeeres, not onely to enter into actions of iniury, but many times to stray from that is right & reason, but in al other things, wherein wee shewe our selues to bee most drunken with this poisoned cup, it is in our actions of loue: for the loue is so estranged from that is right, and wandereth so wide from the bounds of reason, that he is not able to deeme white from blacke, good from bad, vertue from vice: but only led by the appetite of his owne affections, and grounding them on the foolishnes of his owne fancies, will so settle his liking on such a one, as either by desert or unworthines, will merit rather to be loathed than loued.

If a question might bee asked, what is the ground in deede of reasonable loue, whereby the knot is knit of true and perfect friendship: I thinke those that be wise woulde answer: Desere, that is, where the partie beloued doth requite vs with the like: for otherwise, if the bare shewe of beautie, or the comelnesse of personage, might be sufficient to confirme vs in our loue. Those that be accustomed to go to faires and markets, might sometimes fall into loue with twenty in a day: desere must then be (of force) the ground of rea-

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Barnaby Rich's *His Farewell to Militaire Profession* is a possible source for *Twelfth Night* or *What You Will*. Rich was a soldier and author, active in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth century, who published widely, among other topics, about military matters. Rich's *Farewell*, published in 1581, meditates upon warriors, women, and the yawning gap between soldiers and civilians. (Maley, Willy. "Rich, Barnaby (1542-1617)". *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, 2004.

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