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Wie lieblich und wie süß machst du die Sünde,
 die wie der Wurm in duft'ge Rose fand/
 Wie hüllst du das, woraus dir Schmach entstünde,
 so zärtlich in ein wonniges Gewand!

Die Zunge, die dein zügelloses Treiben
 anzüglich, übertreibend gar, berichtet,
 läßt selbst den Tadel ohne Lob nicht bleiben,
 weil schon dein Name schlechten Ruf vernichtet.

Wie ward den Lastern doch zum Aufenthalt,
 zum Wohnsitz auserwählt hier ein Palast/
 und jedes einzeln wird zur Huldgestalt
 und alle sind in Herrlichkeit gefaßt!

Dies Vorrecht, Teurer, nur mit Maß benütze:
 Mißbrauch macht stumpf des schärfsten Messers Spitze.

The first part of the book is devoted to a general introduction to the subject of the history of the world, and to a description of the various methods which have been employed by historians in the collection and arrangement of their materials.

The second part of the book is devoted to a detailed account of the history of the world, from the beginning of time to the present day. This part of the book is divided into several volumes, each of which deals with a different period of history.

The third part of the book is devoted to a detailed account of the history of the various nations and peoples of the world, and to a description of their customs, manners, and institutions.

The fourth part of the book is devoted to a detailed account of the history of the various religions and philosophies of the world, and to a description of their doctrines and practices.

The fifth part of the book is devoted to a detailed account of the history of the various sciences and arts of the world, and to a description of their progress and development.