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VI QVIBVS OPVSCVLORV
MEORVM TANTA DIGNA
tio, tantusq; sit amor, quantus tibi
fidenissime non uideretur esse, sed
est, dixerim. Nam neque de sine
ro & nullo candore tui pectoris fictum fi
cariemq; aliquid suspicor, neque fictione
siqua esse tam diu regi potuisse arbitror.
Ut si est immortalis ueritas, sic fictio
et mendacium non durant. Simulata
illius patiantur, & magno studio compta
caesaries uento turbantur. Ex quo, & ope
rose licet impressus fucus leui sudore
deluitur, & argum quoque mendacium uero & dit
corumq; processus intuenti diaphanum est. Operiti
omne recingit. Abiunt umbræ, natiuusq; color ma
net. & Latere diutius magnus est labor. Nemo sub
aquis diu uiuit, erumpat oportet, et frontem quam ce
labat aperiat. His argumentis inducor ut credam
quod ualde cupio. Sumus autem faciles ad credendum
qd̄ delectat, posse tibi res meas pater optime placere,
quæ ut paucis placeant. Laboro. Quoniam ut uides,
sepe res nouas tracto, durasque & rigidas peregrinasq;
sententias, & ab omnibus moderantis uulgi sensibus
atq; auribus abhorreates. Si indoctis ergo non placeo,
nihil est quod querar, habeo quod optaui bonam de

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