

bute / whan oportunitie hapneth. And for
the excellencie of this thyng: some noted
to be in mannes soule a diuine substaunce.
As Pythagoras or some of his scholers
wrytynge his sentence / sayeth in this wyse
spekyng to man.

Nowe in thy selfe haue thou good confidence
Hens mortall men be of the kynde diuine
In whose nature a reuerent excellence
Appereth clere / whiche all thyng dothe define.

whiche sentence of Pythagoras is nat re-
iecte cyther of Plato whyche approched
nexte vnto the catholike writars / or of di-
uines whiche interprete holy scripture: ta-
kyng the soule fo: the ymage and simily-
tude of god.

More ouer Plato (in his boke called ^{Plato.}
Timeus) affirmeth / that there is sette in ^{in Tim.}
the soule of man commyng into the worlde
certayne spices / or as it were sedes of thyng-
ges and rules of Artes or sciences. wher-
fore Socrates (in the boke of Science) re- ^{Plato in}
sembleth hym selfe to a mydwysse / sayenge ^{Theage.}
that in teachinge yonge men he dyd put in
to them no science / but rather brought
furthe that which all redy was in them like
as the mydwysse brought nat in the childe.
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