

# BIBLIOGRAPHY OF LACTANTIUS

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## PART III. EDITIONS FROM 1700, PLUS COMMENTARIES AND TRANSLATIONS OF ALL ERAS

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| SIGLA | WORKS FOUND IN EDITIONS OF LACTANTIUS   |
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| AP    | <i>De Ave Phoenice</i>  |
| AS    | <i>Aenigmata Symposii</i>   |
| CD    | St. John Chrysostom, <i>De Cæna Domini</i> in a Latin version by Hieronymus Donatus         |
| DI    | <i>Divinae Institutiones</i>  |
| EDI   | <i>Epitome Divinarum Institutionum</i>  |
| acEDI | the acephalous <i>EDI</i> , beginning with ch. 51 [56], <i>Nam si iustitia</i>              |
| ID    | <i>De Ira Dei</i>   |
| MA    | fragment <i>de Motibus Animi</i>  |
| MP    | <i>De Mortibus Persecutorum</i>   |
| OD    | <i>De Opificio Dei</i>  |
| PD    | <i>De Passione Domini</i>   |
| PT    | <i>Adhortatio Philippi ad quendam Theodosium Iudæum</i>                                     |
| RD    | <i>De Resurrectionis Dominicæ Die (Salve, festa dies)</i> , ascribed to Venantius Fotunatus |
| acRD  | an acephalous version of <i>RD</i> beginning at the verse <i>Tempora florifero rutilant</i> |
|       | ...   |
| TS    | Tertullian, <i>Sermo de Vita Æterna</i>   |
| TA    | Tertullian, <i>Apologeticus</i>   |
| VM    | Lorenzo Valla, <i>De Mystero Eucharistiæ</i>  |

The following subtitles for the seven books of *DI* are often found:

- I. *DE FALSA RELIGIONE*
- II. *DE ORIGINE ERRORIS*
- III. *DE FALSA SAPIENTIA*
- IV. *DE VERA SAPIENTIA ET RELIGIONE*

- V. *DE IUSTITIA*
- VI. *DE VERO CULTU*
- VII. *DE VITA BEATA*

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