

## Of Outward Signes.

TO these *Degrees* there were added certaine *Outward Signes*, the better to distinguish the *Perfection* and *Imperfection* of *Moode*, *Time*, and *Prolation*.

To the<sup>(1)</sup> *Moode* expressing the *perfection* of it is attributed a *Ternary number* thus: 3.

To the<sup>(2)</sup> *Imperfection* the *Binary* expresseth thus 2.<sup>(3)</sup> or the *Ternary* omitted.

But in the first Age of the Invention of this *Art*, it was expressed by *Rests* or *Pauses* of their *Notes*, and in regard of the little use of the *Moodes*, and the *Practically* occasion of such *Rests* for *Closes*, and coming in of *Fuges*, they were layd aside, and these *Numbers* aforesaid accepted.

The *Perfection* of *Time*<sup>(4)</sup> (as growing out of *Circular motion*) is expressed by a *Round Circle*, thus  $\bigcirc$ .

The *Imperfection* of it by a *Semicircle* thus  $\frown$ <sup>(5)</sup> As for those that would haue the *Number* signifie the *Time*, and the *Circle* the *Moode*, *Franchinus*, *Glareanus*, and diuers auncient *Theoriks* iustly reprehend them.

To *Prolation*, for the expressing of the *perfection* thereof is attributed a *Poynt* or *prick*, signifying the indiuisibility of the *Measure* which is placed in the midst of the *Circle* thus  $\odot$  or the *Semicircle* thus  $\odot$  as by its presence it causeth *Perfection*; so by the absence thereof it causeth *Imperfection*; But those slender *Artists*, which would haue the *Ternary number* signifie the *Perfect Prolation*, and the *Binary* the *Imperfect*, (and so onely appropriated) the aforesaid Authors condemne, as most ignorant of these *Measures*.

Furthermore these aforesaid *Degrees* are deuided into 4. *Tables*, by some term'd *Moodes*, by others 4. *Prolations*, (but wrong by both, for of *Moodes* and *Prolations* there are but 2. the *Great* & the *Lesse*) but by the best vnderstandings, 4. manner

<sup>(1)</sup> Glarean  
Dodecachord.  
lib. 3. cap. 6.

<sup>(2)</sup> Sebaldus  
Heydon. lib. 2.

cap. 1.  
Orusheparchus  
lib. 2. cap. 4. 5.

<sup>(3)</sup> Morley. lib.  
2. folio. 4.

<sup>(4)</sup> Glare. Dode.  
lib. 3. cap. 6. on

<sup>(5)</sup> Ibidem.  
lib. 3. cap. 8.