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Neo-Latin texts between the Radical Reformation and the Radical Enlightenment

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The Radical Reformation and the Radical Enlightenment are traditionally considered to be two very different contexts: the first one takes place in the 16th century, relates to theology and is based on religion; the second one develops in the 18th century, relates to philosophy and is directed against revealed religions. However, it is possible to observe a continuity between these two movements: particularly in the early Enlightenment (late 17th century), some trends inherited from the Radical Reformation (e. g. anti-Trinitarianism) played a significant role. Furthermore, it is even possible to

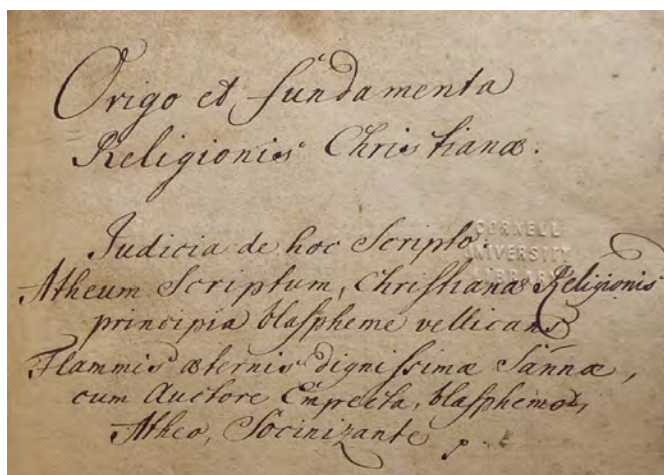


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find 16th-century texts which anticipate features of the Radical Enlightenment, and which in some regards go even further. This is the case of Martin Seidel's *Origo et fundamenta religionis christianae* (ca. 1590), the first critical edition of which will be published soon.