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Apostolici regiminis and vera philosophia.
From Savonarola to Javelli

Abstract

Just a few months before the Protestant Reformation, the Lateran bull *Apostolici regiminis* (19 December 1513) initiated an attempt to reform and moralize humane studies by seeking to stem their pagan tendencies. The main idea of the papal bull was that philosophy should be taught and learned taking into account the dictates of Christian doctrine, for philosophy, as true science, could not contradict the truths of faith. The article examines the notion of “true philosophy” (*vera philosophia*) as a discipline improved by the Christian faith starting from Girolamo Savonarola’s preaching – whose ideas were recalled by some people very close to Pope Leo X, as Giovanfrancesco Pico della Mirandola and the two Camaldolese monks Vincenzo Quirini and Tommaso Giustiniani – up to the first known application of the Lateran decree, which involved the Dominican theologian Crisostomo Javelli.