

Moderno e premoderno nelle *Vindiciae*

Contratto e obbligazione solidale

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Abstract: The essay emphasizes the *Vindiciae contra tyrannos*'s use of the juridical concept of joint obligation in the relationship between the people and God. It seeks to demonstrate how the legal and political autonomy of the people – or, more precisely, of their “representatives” or “guardians” – is derived from their subjection to the clauses of a pact written solely by God and merely accepted by them. In this paradoxical relation, in which subjection produces freedom, the *Vindiciae* reveal their essential ambivalence toward full entry into modernity: they join it, but, so to speak, only by turning a blind eye.

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