

Georg Eder

Malleus haereticorum.

De variis falsorum dogmatum notis, atque censuris, libri duo. In quibus universa penè haereses et cognoscendi, et fugiendi ratio continetur. Sive methodus contra sectas, ad arguendos et convicendos haereticos congesta: editio secunda, cui nunc accessit demonstratio, penes quos hodie vera, aut falsa sit ecclesia.

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2nd rare edition (First, 1580) of interesting and influential work on heresy.
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"Hammer of Heretics" is a Catholic counter-reformation text by Georg Eder, published in Ingolstadt, that defends Catholicism against Protestant doctrines, particularly Lutheranism and Anabaptism. It is distinct from the 1487 *Malleus Maleficarum* (witch-hunting manual), focusing instead on combating heresy through theological argumentation.

Eder was a lawyer and Catholic theologian (1523 - 1587), Imperial Court Councillor and advisor to Emperors Ferdinand I, Maximilian II, and Rudolf II. Best known for his theological polemical writings.

"His oratorical and literary talent, the decidedly Catholic orientation from his Bavarian homeland, which deepened in Cologne and, in Vienna, where he immediately sought contact with the Jesuits, manifested itself in tireless activity, making Eder a champion of Catholicism struggling for its existence in Austria" (NDB IV, 311 f.).

"Eder's writings from this period all deal with the question of church confession with regard to the differing and opposing positions of the Protestants" (ADB V, 318).

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