

Letter 43: 30 April 1520, [Wittenberg], Martin Luther to Capito

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[*Summary*]: Luther begins with a modest disclaimer (see Capito's praise in Ep. 39). He wishes Capito could have joined the side of the reformers under more favourable conditions. Luther regrets that he became involved with Eck, who only wants to further his own glory. He considers Eck's response to Karlstadt to be mere nonsense. Luther has read Edward Lee's work, which has been inspired by the Louvain theologians. He is awaiting a reaction from the theologians of Louvain and Cologne to his *Responsio ad condemnationem per Lovanienses*. He has already written Hutten and would have written Oecolampadius, had a courier been available. Matthäus Adrianus (see above, Ep. 11 note) has been hired to teach Hebrew at the university for a salary of 100 gulden. Luther is amazed how sincerely Frederick of Saxony favours humanist learning. He recommends Egranus (see Ep. 46 note), the courier, to Capito.