

# The Four Pillars

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*Transferring the Bodies of Saint Gervase and Saint Protase,*  
Philippe de Champaigne, 1661

**Holy, triumphant** martyrs, Nazarius,  
Celsus, Gervasius, and Protasius,  
Highly honored patrons of Milan,  
Together you are four stone pillars  
Upholding the solid square foundation  
Of the Western Church. Filled with God's power,  
No evil force could undermine the edifice  
Built upon your Grace-filled prayers and relics.  
So other Masons, diabolically  
Inspired, have conspired to build another  
Structure upon another shape, a new  
Twist in an old quest, the divinization  
Of man – now to occur through the potency  
Of technology, changing the course

Of human history, giving birth  
To *homo deus*, who will storm Heaven  
And live and rule as gods.

Two houses,  
Two masters, two fates! The latter will oppress  
The other until the cataclysm  
In Constantinople foretold by the Fathers.  
Then Europe will be a-glow with the Light  
From Milan's Four Pillars—years of rest from heartache  
And heresy—before the final hours  
When the Man of Iniquity is revealed  
And sweeps the whole world up into his nets.

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