



## **Imposture and libertine dissimulation, or illusion and levels of expression of the truth in the *Theophrastus redivivus***

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