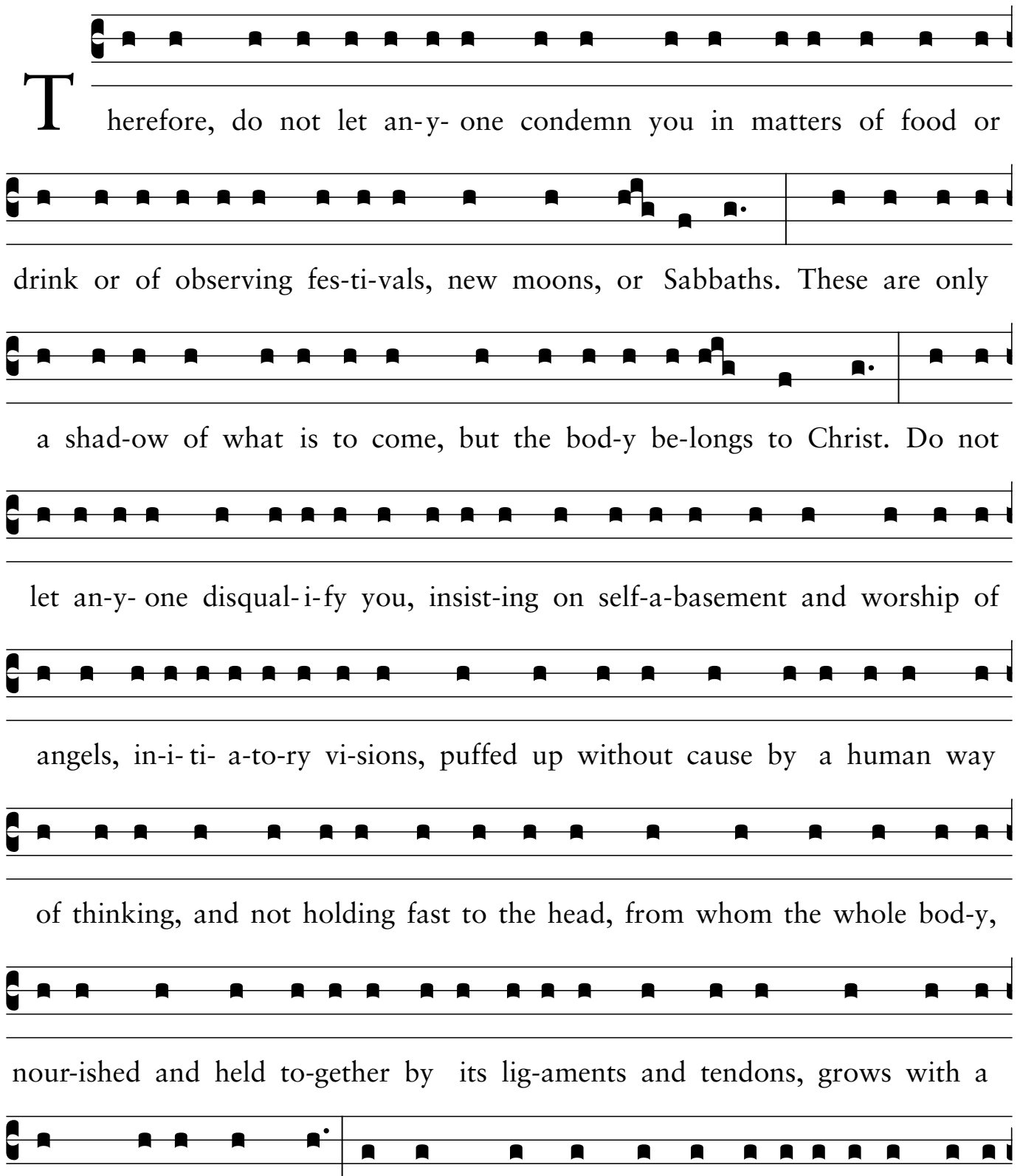
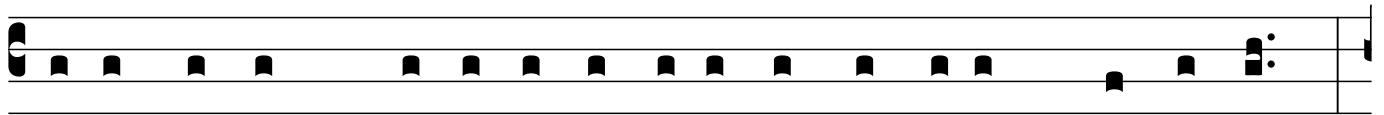


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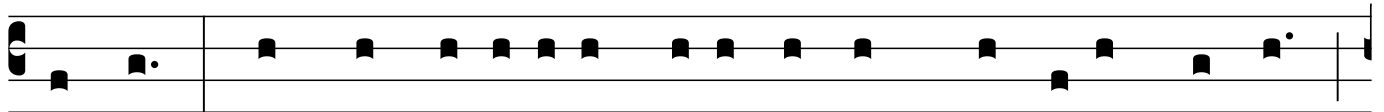
T herefore, do not let an-y- one condemn you in matters of food or
drink or of observing fes-ti-vals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only
a shad-ow of what is to come, but the bod-y be-longs to Christ. Do not
let an-y- one disqual-i-fy you, insist-ing on self-a-basement and worship of
angels, in-i- ti- a-to-ry vi-sions, puffed up without cause by a human way
of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole bod-y,
nour-ished and held to-gether by its lig-aments and tendons, grows with a
growth that is from God. If with Christ you died to the el-emental princi-



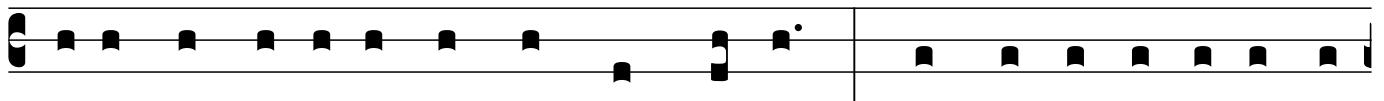
ples of the world, why do you live as if you still be-longed to the world?



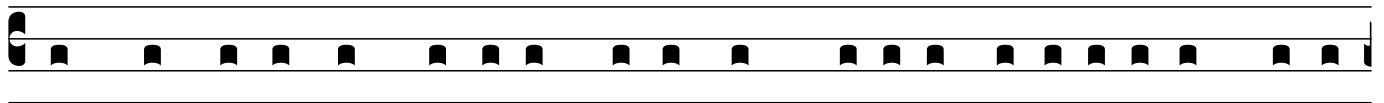
Why do you submit to reg-u-lations, “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do



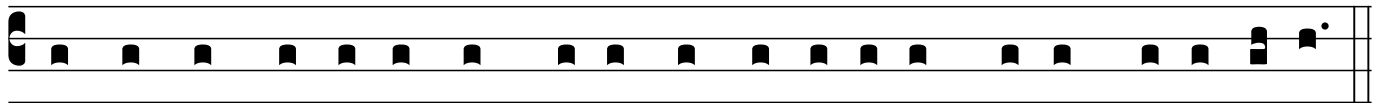
not touch!” All these reg-u-lations re-fer to things that per-ish with use;



they are simply human commands and teachings. These have indeed an appear-



ance of wisdom in promot-ing self-imposed pi-e-ty, humil-i-ty, and se-vere



treatment of the bod-y, but they are of no value in checking self-indulgence.