



‘Mixed equally’ is a reference to the alchemy of indestructible love. Life depended on an equal mixture in the human body of the ‘humours’, which determined personality. This was proposed by Galen (129-216), a Greek physician.

Humour	Season	Element	Organ	Qualities	Ancient name	Ancient characteristics
Blood	spring	air	heart	warm and moist	sanguine	courageous, hopeful, playful, carefree
Yellow bile	summer	fire	liver	warm and dry	choleric	ambitious, leader-like, restless, easily angered
Black bile	autumn	earth	spleen	cold and dry	melancholic	despondent, quiet, analytical, serious
Phlegm	winter	water	brain	cold and moist	phlegmatic	calm, thoughtful, patient, peaceful

Philosophy theories existed until 1628. However, this could also be a reference to medieval Thomist philosophy on ideas about the difference between earthly bodies and heavenly bodies. Aquinas argued that, using the ideas of Galen, that earthly bodies were elemental whereas heavenly bodies were not elemental and are therefore eternal. There could also be the notion of death as an orgasm here, ‘le petit mort’.