

Ex Registra
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ous, & also repugnant to the determination of the Church which tend to the subuersion of the whole Church, and to our prouince of Canterburie, and also to the subuersion of the whole realme, being preached in diuers & sundry places of our sayd prouince, generally, commonly, & publickly: by William by Gods permission Archbysshop of Canterburie, Legate of all England, and Legate of the sea Apostolical, being minded to execute our office and due reuerence herein: haue conuocated or called together, certaine our fellow brethren & others a great many, as well Doctours and Bachelers of diuinitie, as doctours of the Canon and ciuill law, and those whom we thought to be the most famous men, skilfullest men, and men of soundest iudgement in religion, that were in all the realme, whose names here vnder ensue. And the same being (the 17. day of the month of May) in the yere of our Lord 1382. in a certaine chamber within the territories of the priory of the friers preachers of London before vs and our foresayd fellow brethren assembled, then and there personally present: After that the sayd conclusions (the tenour whereof here vnder ensue) were openly proponed, and distinctly and plainly read: we burdened our foresayd fellow brethren, doctours, and bachelers, in the faith wherein they stode bound to our Lord Ihesus Christ, and as they would answer before the hygh iudge in the day of iudgement, that they shuld speake their opinions touching the sayde conclusions, and what eny of them thinketh therein.

And at length, after good deliberation had vpon the premiffes, the foresayd our brethren the bishops, doctours, & Bachelers, reassembled before vs the 21. day of the same moneth in the foresayd chamber, the foresayde conclusions being againe and againe repeated and plainly read: by vs and by the common contents of vs all it remaineth published and declared, that some of the said conclusions are heretical, and other some erroneous and contrary to the determination of the Church, as hereafter most manifestly shall appeare. And for as much as by sufficient information we finde & perceiue, that the sayd conclusions in many places of our sayde prouince, haue bene as is sayde, bothe taught & preached: and that diuers other persons do hold and maintaine the same, and be of hereticke vehemently and notoriously suspected: haue thought good as wel generally as specially, to send out this processe vnder wyrtten.

¶ The names of the Iurers were these.

Item priours viij. Bishops, Canterburie, Winchester, Durham, Exeter, Hereforde, Sarum, Rochester, and Fryer Worlesham. B.

Item 3. friers preachers, Syward, Harris, Langley.

Item 4. minorites, Folsuie, Carlel, Frisley, Wernwel.

Item, Augustine friers, soure. Alyboyne, Bowkyn, Woldley, Boumyngton.

Item, Carmelites 4. Blannile, Dis, Loncy, Bynnyngham.

Item, Monkes 4. wels, Ramsley, Bioram, Barton.

Item, doctours of the Canon and Ciuill lawe 14. Appeby, Waltroum, Bakerton, Chadefden, Tregision, Stow, Blauncharde, Roscomby, Lidford, welbourne, flayncburgh, Mortum, Bandon and Diodpct.

Item, Bachelers of Diuinitie 6. Dumbleton, Dicksweche, Lindlow, wich, Chiselden, Tomloun.

The Articles of Iohn Wickliffe here aboute specified, wherof some were 10. which were by these friers condemned as heretical, & rest as erroneous: here in order follow, and are these. Although it may be thought, that some of them were made worse by their sinister collecting, then he ment them in his owne workes and wyrttings.

¶ The articles of Iohn Wickliffe, condemned as heretical.

1. The substance of material bread & wine, both remaine in the Sacrament of the aulter after the consecration.
2. The accidents, doe not remaine without the subject in the same Sacrament, after the consecration.
3. That Christ is not in the Sacrament of the altar truly and really, in hys proper and corporall person.
4. * That if a Bishop or a Priest be in deadly sinne, hee doth not order, consecrate, nor baptise.
5. That if a man be duely and truly contrite & penitent: all exterieur and outer confession, is but superfluous and vnpofficiable vnto hym.
6. That it is not found or stablished by the Gospell, that Christ did make or ordaine masse.
7. If the pope be a reprobate and euill man, & consequent-

* This article either is slanderously reported, or els can hardly be defended.

ly a member of the deuil: he hath no power by any manner of meanes geuen vnto him ouer faithfull Christians, except peraduenture it be geuen him from the Emperour.
8. That since the tunc of Urbane the 6. there is none to be reccanted for hope, but to liue after the manner of the Brekes, euery man vnder his owne law.
9. * To be against the Scripture, that ecclesiasticall ministers should haue any temporall possessions.

¶ The other Articles of Iohn Wickliffe, condemned as erroneous.

10. That no Prelate ought to excommunicate any man, except he knew him first to be excommunicate of God.
11. That hee which doeth so excommunicate any man, is thereby himselfe either a hereticke or excommunicate.
12. That a Prelate or Bishop excommunicating any of the clergy, which hath appealed to the king or to the counsell, is thereby himselfe, a traytor to the king and realme.
13. That all such which do leaue or preaching or hearing the worde of God or preaching of the Gospell, for feare of excommunication: they are already excommunicate, and in y day of iudgement, shall be counted as traytors vnto god.
14. That it is lawfull for any man, either deacon or priest, to preach the word of God, without the authority of licence of the Apostollicke sea or any other of his Catholickes.
15. That so long as a man is in deadly sinne, he is vncyther Bishop nor Prelate in the Church of God.
16. * Also that the temporall lordes, may according to theyr owne will and discretion, take away the temporall goodes from the Church men, whensoever they do offend.
17. That tenthes are pure almose, and that the Parishioners may for the offence of their curates, deteine and keepe them backe, & bestow them vpon others, at their own will and pleasures.
18. Also, that all speciall praieres applied to any private or particular person, by any Prelate or religious man: do no moze profite the same parson, then generall or vniuersall praieres doe profite others, whych be in lyke case or state vnto hym.
19. Moreover, in that any man doth enter into any private religion, whatsoeuer it be, hee is thereby made, the moze vnapt and vnable to obserue and keepe the commandements of God.
20. That holy men which haue instituted private Religions, whatsoeuer they be (as well such as are indued and possessed, as also the order of begging friers, hauing no possessions) in so doyng, haue greuously offended.
21. That religious men, beyng in their private religions, are not of the Christian Religion.
22. That friers are bounden to get their liuing, by the labour of their handes and not by beggyng.
23. That whosoever doth geue any almose vnto friers, or to any begging obiectuaunt, is accused or in daunger therof.

¶ The letter of the Archbysshop directed to the Byshop of London, agaynst Wickliffe and his adherentes.

William by Gods permission Archbysshop of Canterburie, Metropolitan of all England, and of the Apostollicall sea Legate: To our reuerend brother by the grace of God Byshop of London, salutation. The Prelates of the Church ought to be so much the more vigilant and attentiu about the charge of the Lordes flocke committed vnto them: how much the more they shall vnderstand the Wolues beyng clothed in sheepes apparell, fraudulently to goe about to woory and scatter the sheepe. Truly, by the continuall cry and bruted fame (which it greeneueth me to report) it is come to our knowledge: that although by the canonicall functions, no man beyng forbidden or not admitted, should either publickely or priuily without the autoritie of the Apostollicall sea or Byshop of that place, vsurpe or take vpon him the office of a Preacher: Some notwithstanding, such as are the children of damnation, beyng vnder the vale of blynde ignorance, are brought into such a dotyng mynde, that they take vpon them to Preache, and are not affrayde to affirme and teach diuers and sundry propositions and conclusions here vnder recited, both heretical, erroneous, and false, condemned by the Church of God: and repugnaunt to the decree of holy Church, which tend to the subuerting of the whole state of the same, of our prouince of Canterburie, and destruction and weakenyng of the tranquility of the same: and that as well in the Churches, as in the streetes, as also in many other prophane places of our sayd prouince, generally, commonly, and publickly, do preach the same, infecting very many good Christians, causing the lamentably to wader out of the way, & fro the catholick Church, without which

* He meaneth church goods not to be peculiar to ministers but that they may be taken away if they so desire.

¶ This article peraduenture was not so straightly ment of him as it was gathered of the as is aforesayd. * This article exponde the ix. article above.

A letter of the Archb. of Cant. agaynst Wickliffe.