

cessor, and now Bishop of S. Asse, hath bene testified, and also hath bene many & diuers times cited to answer vnto articles by him agaynst the Catholicke fayth auouched, & openly and publickly taught: But he in this matter of hereticall curtesies (so greuously and shamefully spoken of) hath neuer regarded to purge his innocency, but lurkingly and running into corners, hath many and sundry yerres labored to aduance things erroneous, schismaticall, and also heresy, & to cymprint them in the hearts of faythfull people.

2. Article.

Item, the foresayd Walter Bruite hath openly, publickly, and notoriously auouched, and commonly sayd & taught and subberly affirmed: that euery Christian man (yea & woman) being without sinne may make the body of Christ so well as the priest.

3. Article.

Item, the same Walter hath notoriously, openly & publickly auouched and taught, that in the Sacrament of the alter there is not the very body, but a figure and a memoriall onely.

4. Article.

Item, the foresayd Walter hath sayd commonly and auouched, and also hath labored to informe me and compaynes, that no man is bound to geue tithes, nor oblations: and if any man will needes geue, he may geue his tithes, and oblations to whom he wil, excluding thereby theyr curates.

5. Article.

Item, that such as do preach and prefer crossed matters, and pardons (graunted by the high bishops to them) helpe the purpose of the reuerend father Lord Henry by the grace of God Bishop of Norwich, when as he took his iourney vnto him to fight for the holy father the Pope are schismatickes and hereticall, and that the Pope cannot graunt such manner of pardons.

6. Article.

Item, the sayd Walter hath oftentimes sayd, and commonly auouched, that the Pope is Antichrist, and a seducer of the people, and bitterly agaynst the lawe and life of Christ.

7. Article.

Item, whereas of late your reuerence did (at the instance of faithfull christen people) proceed in forme of law against William Swinderby, and that the sayd William Swinderby had vnto the said articles objected against him, geuen by his answers in writing, concerning in the errors, schismes & heresies, such as you with the mature council of maisters & doctors in diuinity, & other faculties haue determined & geuen sentence, and haue pronounced the same William Swinderby to be an hereticke, & a schismaticke, and an erroneous teacher of the people: Where the sayd William Swinderby hath openly, publickly, & notoriously said, aduouched, & subberly affirmed, that the sayd Williams answers (whereof notice hath bene geuen before) are god, righteous, and not able to be conuincid, in that they contayne none error, and that your sentence before sayd, geuen agaynst the same William, is euill, false & vniust: And that your assistants haue wickedly, naughtely, pcurally, & vniustly condemned the answers aforesayd.

Now therupon immediately, those same saythfull christian people haue instantly requyred that we would vouch safe that other articles geuen by the same saythfull christians against the sayd William Swinderby, together with the writings and answers of the same William therunto: should be admitted agaynst Walter Bruite, mentioned of in this matter of curtesie herely: of which Articles and answers, the tenors do folow in these wordes.

In primis, that one William Swinderby pretending himselfe priest, was of certayne articles and conclusions erroneous, false, schismaticall & hereticall, by him preached, at diuers places & times, before a great multitude of faithfull Christians, iudicially conuincid: and the same articles and conclusions did he (inforced by necessity of law) renoue and aburre, some as hereticall, and other as erroneous & false: and for such did he aduouch the euer afterward promising so to take and belue them: & that for thenceforth he would openly or priuily preach, teach, or affirme none of them: nor that he should make sermon, or preach within your dioces without licence demanded and obtayned. And in case he should to the contrary presume, by preaching or auouching that then he should be subiect to the severitye of the Canons, euen as he iudicially swaer accordingly as the law inforced. Also the conclusions aduincid by the sayd William do folow and are such.

- 1. In primis, that men by the rule of charity, may demand debts, but by no meanes imprison any man for debts: and that the party so imprisoning a body, is excommunicated, before, pag. 466.
- 2. Item, that if the parishioners shall knowe theyr Curate to be incontinent and naugbry: they ought to with-

- draw from him theyr tythes, &c. pag. 467.
- 3. Item, that tithes are mere almes, and in case that the Curate shall be ill, that they may be lawfully bestowed vpon others by the temporall owners, &c. pag. 467.
- 4. Item, that an euill Curate to excommunicate any vnder his iurisdiction for withholding of tithes, is nought els, &c. pag. 467.
- 5. Item, that no man may excommunicate any body, except that first he knowe him excommunicate of God: Neither doe thole that communicate with such a one, incur the sentence of excommunication by any manner of meanes, ibid.
- 6. Item, that euery Priest may absolve euery sinner being contrite, and is bound to preach the Gospel vnto the people, notwithstanding the prohibition of the Bishops, pag. 467.
- 7. Item, that a priest receiuing by bargaine any thing of yearly annuity, is in so doing a schismaticke, and excommunicate, pag. 467.
- 8. Item, he doth assuredly beleue (as he auoucheth) that euery priest being in deadly sinne, if he dispose himselfe to make the body of Christ, both rather commit idolatry than make Christs body, pag. 467.
- 9. Item, that no priest doth enter into any house, but to handle ill the wife, the daughter, or the mayd, and therefore &c. pag. 467.
- 10. Item, that the child is not rightly baptised, if the priest &c. ibid.
- 11. Item, that no maner of person if he liue agaynst Gods law, &c. ibid.
- 12. Item, the same William agaynst the thinges premised, and his renouation and abiuration (not to his hart conuerting, but from euill to worse peruerting) did turne aside into our dioces: where running to and fro in diuers places, hath of his owne rash head presumed to preach or rather to pcurer, &c. 467.
- 13. Item, after that we had heard diuers rumors, & clamours of very many, we directed diuers monitions and commendementes comminatorye, to be sent abroade by our Commissaries to sundry places of our dioces: that no person of what estate, degree or condition so euer he were of, should presume to preach or teach the sacred scripture to the people in places holy or prophane, within our dioces, &c. pag. 466.
- 14. Item, that the same sort of monitions, inhibitions and precepts confirmed by our seale, came to the true & vndoubted knowledge of the sayd William.
- 15. Item, the same William vniuersally of his owne saluation hath libens & agaynst thole monitions, inhibitions and precepts, and (that which is more abhominable to be spoken) in contempt of the high Bishops dignity, & to the slander & offence of many people, presumed in diuers places of our sayd dioces, to preach or rather to pcurer & to teach the foze mentioned, & other hereticall, erroneous and schismaticall deuises.
- 16. Item, the same William in preaching to the people: on Monday, that wit, the first of August, in the yere of our Lord 1590. in the Church of whitney in our dioces, held and affirmed: that no Prelate of the world, of what state, prebeminence or degree soeuer he were of, hauing cure of soule & being in deadly sinne, &c. pag. 466.
- 17. Item, the same William in many places sayd & affirmed in the presence of many saythfull christian people, after the sacramentall words vttered by the priest, hauing intent to consecrate, there is not made the very body of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist, pag. 466.
- 18. Item, that accidents cannot be in the sacrament of the alter without theyr subiect: & that there remaineth materiall bread Concomitanter with the body of Christ in the sacrament, Vide supra pag. 466.
- 19. Item, that a priest being in deadly sinne cannot by the power of the sacramentall words, make the body of Christ, &c. pag. 466.
- 20. Item, that all priests are of like power in all poynts, notwithstanding that some of them are in this world of higher dignity, degree, or prebeminence, pag. 466.
- 21. Item, that contrition onely putteth away sinne, if a man shall be duely contrite: and that all vncall confession and exercise, is superfluous, and not requisite of necessitye to saluation, Ibidem.
- 22. Item, that inferior Curates haue not theyr power of binding and loosing mediately from the pope or bishop, but immediately of Christ, &c. pag. 466.
- 23. Item, that the pope cannot graunt such kind of annual pardons, because there shall not be so many yeares to the day of iudgement as is contynued in the popes bulls or pardons, whereby it follooweth, that pardons are not so much worth as they are nosped and prayd to be, Ibid.
- 24. Item,

Inferendum facimus licet.

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Otherwise bloudie promoters. These conclusions and articles of W. Swinderby here repeated, & objected to Walt Bruite are to be founde before, pag. 466. and 467.

1. Conclusion.