

mine one thing for truth, and others do condemne the selfe same thing to be herseye or error, which protestacion pre- mised, I wil here place 2. suppositions or raies for a ground and a foundatio of all things that I shall say, out of which I would gather two probable conclusions stablished vpo the same, and vpon the sacred Scripture. By which conclu- sions, when as they shall be declared after my maner and fashion, it shal playnely appeare what my opiniõ & iudge- ment is concerning all matters that I am accused of. But because I am ignorant & vnlearned, I wil get me vnder the mighty defences of the Lord. & Lord I will remember thine onely righteousness.

Brute modestly excuseten his learning.

The first case or supposition.

God the father almighty vncreate, the maker of heaue and earth, hath sent his sonne (that was euertlastingly be- gotten) into this world: that he should be incarnated, for y saluation and redemption of mankind, who was conceiued by the holy ghost, euertlastingly proceeding from the father and the sonne, and was borne of Mary the virgin, to y end that we might be borne a new. He suffered passion vnder Pontius Pilate for our finnes, laying down his life for vs, that we should lay down our life, for our brethren. He was crucified, that we should be crucified to the world, and the world to vs. He was dead, that he might redeme vs from death, by purchasing for vs forgiveness of finnes. He was buried, that we being buried together with him into death by Baptisme, and that we dead to sins, should liue to right- eousnes. He descended into hell, thereby deliuering man fro thraldom, and from the bondage of the Deuill, & restoring him to his inheritance, which he lost by sinne. The thrid day he rose from the dead, through the glory of his father, that we also should walke in newnes of life. He ascended vpo the heauens, to which no body hath ascended, sauing he that descended from heaue, enẽ the sonne of man which is in heaue. He sitteth at the right hand of God the father almighty, vntill his enemies be made his footstole. He being in very deed lo muche better then the Angelles, as he hath obeyned by inheritance a more excellent name then they. From thence he shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead, accordingly to theyr workes, because the father hath geuen all iudgement to the sonne. In whose terrible iudge- ment we shall trie agayne, and shall all of vs stand be- fore his iudgement seat, and receiue ioy as well bodely, as spirituallly for ener to endure, if we be of the sheepe placed at the right hand: or els punishment both of bodye and soule if we shall be found amongst goates, placed on the left hand, &c.

The second case or affection.

Iesus Christ the sonne of God, very God & very man a king for ever, by stablishing an euertlasting kingdome, breaking to powder all the kingdomes of the world: Dan. 2. a priest for ever after y order of Melchisedech, whereby also he is able euermore to saue such as by him come vnto god & alwayes liueth to intreat for vs. Heb. 7. He offering one sacrifice for our finnes, hath made perfect for ever by one ob- lation, thole that be sanctified. Heb. 10. Being y wisdome that cannot be deceiued, & the trueneth that cannot be vttered: he hath in this world taught the will of the godhead of his father, which will he hath in workes fulfilled, to the intent that he might faithfully instruct vs, and hath geue the law of charity to be of his saythfull people obserued, whiche he hath written in the hartes and mindes of the saythfull with the finger of God, wher is the spirit of God, searching the inward secrets of y Godhead, wherfore his doctrine must be obserued aboute all other doctrines, whether they be of Angells or of men, because that he could not nor would erre in his teaching. But in mens doctriens there chaunceth oftentimes to be error, and therefore we must forsake theyr doctrines, if cloyedly or expressly they be repugnant to the doctrine of Christ. Mens doctriens being made for the peo- ples profit must be allowed and obserued, so that they be grounded vpon Christs doctrine, or at least be not repug- nant to his words.

The first conclu- sion.

If the high bishop of Rome, calling himselfe the seruant of the seruantes of God, and the chiefe vicare of Christ in this world, do make & maintaine many lawes contrary to the Gospell of Iesu Christ: then is he of those that haue come in Christs name, saying, I am Christ, & haue secon- ded many a one, by the testimony of our sauour in Math. cap. 24. and the idoll of desolation sitting in the Temple of God, and taking away from him the continuall sacrifice for a time, tennes, and halfe a time, which idoll must be reueled to the christian people by the testimony of Daniel, wherof Christ speaketh in the Gospell. when you shall see the ab- homination of desolation that was tolde of by Daniell the prophet, standing in the holy place: let him that readeth, vnderstand, and he is the pestiferous mountayn infecting the whole vniuersall earth, as witnesseth Jerem. chap. 51. & not the head of Christs body, for the ancient person in

The pope an idole of desolation sitting in the temple of God.

The pope if his lawes be contra- rie to Christ, is the pestiferous mountaine, infecting the whole earth. Jerem. 51.

yeares, & honorable in reuerence, he is the head, & the pro- phet teaching lies is the tayle, as Esay allethgeeth. chap. 9. And he is that wicked and inuicible Capytaine of Israel, whose foreappointed day of iniquity is come in tyme of in- iquity, who shall take away Tidarim, and take awaye the crowne, Esch, chap. 21. to whom it was sayd: Forasmuch as thy hart was exalted, and didst say, I am a God, & sit- rest in the seat of god, in the hart of the sea, being thou art a man and not God, and hast geuen thine hart, as if it were the hart of God: therfore behold I will bring vpo thee the most strong and mighty strangers of the nations, & they shall draw theyr swordes vpo the beauty of thy wisdome & shall defile the commandements & kill thee, and pul thee out, & thou shalt dye in the destruction of the dayne, and it foloweth.

The Pope, the finfull captaine of Israel, spo- ken of Eze- chiel. 21.

In the multitude of thine iniquities, & of the iniquities of thy marchandise, thou hast defiled thy sanctification. I will therefore bring forth a fire, from the midst of the whole earth, & will make thee as ashes vpon earth. Thou art be- come nothing, & never shalt thou be any more. Esch. cha. 28. Furthermoze he is y idle shepheard forsaking his flock ha- uing a sworde on his arme, & an other sworde in his right eye. Zach. 11. & sitting in the temple of God, doth aduance himselfe aboute all thing that is called God, or whatsoeuer is worshipped, by the testimony of Paule to Thel. 2. epist. 2. chap. And in the defection or falling away shall the man of sinne be reueled, whom the Lord Iesus shall slay with the breath of his mouth. For euery kingdome deuicid in it selfe, shall be brought to desolation. He is also besides, the beast ascending vpo out of the earth, hauing two hornes like vnto alambe, but he speaketh like a dragon, & as the cruell beast ascending vpo out of the sea, whose power shall conti- nue 42. monethes. He worketh the things that he hath ge- uen to the image of the beast. And he compelled small and great, rich and poore, freemen and bondslaves, to worshipp the beast, and to take his marke in theyr forehead or theyr hands. Apoc. 13. chap. And thus by the testimony of all thesc places is he the chiefe Antechrist vpon the earth, and must be slayne with the sword of Gods word, and cast with the dragon, the cruell beast and the false prophet that hath se- duced the earth, into the lake of fire and brimstone to be tor- mented world without end.

Antichrist described.

Ezech. 28.

The Pope an idle shep heard. Zach. 11.

The beast horned lyke the lambe.

The Pope signifieth the beast as- cending out of the earth. Terrible scriptures ag- gainst the Pope. Apoc. 13.

If the city of Rome do allow his traditios, and do dis- allow Christs holy commandements, and Christs doc- trine, that it may confirme his traditios: then is she Ba- bilon the great, or the daughter of Babilon, and the great whose sitting vpo many waters with whom the kings of the earth haue committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth are become drunken with the wine of her har- lory lying open to hardy, with whose spiritual whoredom euchantments, witchcraftes, and Symon Magus mar- chandise, the whole roūd world is infected and seduced: saying in her hart, I sit as a Queen, and widow I am not neither shall I see sorrowe and mourning. Yet is shee ig- norant y within a litle while shall come the day of her de- struction & ruine by the testimony of the Apoc. cha. 17. Be- cause that from the time that the continuall sacrifice was taken away, & the abhominacion of desolatis placed, there be passed 1299. dayes by the testimony of Daniell, and the Chronicles added do agree to the same. And the holy City also hath bene troden vnder foot of the heathen, for 42. mo- nethes, and the woman was nourished by in the wilder- nes (vnto which she fled for feare of the space of the serper) during 1260. dayes, or els for a time, times, & halfe a tyme which is all one. All these things be manifest by the testi- mony of the Apocalips, & the Chronicles therto agreeing. And as concerning the fall of Babilon afore sayd, it is ma- nifest in the Apoc. wher it is sayd: In one day shall her pla- gues come, death, lamentation, and famine, and shee shall be burned with fire. For strong is the Lord which will iudge her. And agayn Babilon that great City is fallen, which hath made all nations to drinke of the wine of her Whoredome. And thirdly, one mightye Angell tooke vp a myll stone that was a very great one, and did cast it into the Sea, saying: with suche a violence as this is, shall that great Citte Babilon be ouerthrowne, and shall no more bee founde. For her Marchauntes were the Princes of the earth, and with her Witchcraft all Nations haue gone astray, and in her is there founde, the bloud of the Sayntes and Prophetes. And of her destruction speaketh Esay in the 13. chapter. And Ba- bilon that glorious Citte, being so noble amongst kingdomes in the pride of the Caldeans, it shall be that like as the Lorde did ouerturne Sodome and Gomorre vpside downe, it shall neuer more be inhabited, nor haue the foundation layde in no age, from generation to generation. Jeremy sayeth: Your mother that hath borne you, is brought to very great confusion and made eue with the ground. And agayne: The Lord hath deuicid and done as he hath spokẽ agaynst the inhabitants of Babilõ, which dwel richly in

Rome Ba- bylon.

Apoc. 17.

1290. dayes figured in Dan. 12.

The fall of Babilon. Apoc. 14.

Esay 13.

Ierem. 15.