

{Anno } Elizabeth. Syr, my conscience will not suffer me: For I had rather that all the world should accuse me, then mine owne conscience.

Elizabeth Young refused to go to masse. Huffy. What and if a louse or a flea sticke vpon thy skinne, and bite thy flesh? thou must make a conscience in the taking her off: is there not a conscience in it?

Elizabeth. That is but an ealie Argument to displace the Scriptures, and especially in such a part as my saluation dependeth vpon: for it is but an ealie conscience y a man can make.

Huffy. But why wilt thou not sweare vpon the Euangeliſt before a Judge?

Elizabeth Young denyeth to sweare and why. Eliz. Because I know not what a booke oth is.

Huffy. When he began to teach her the booke oth.

Eliz. Syr, I do not vnderstand it, and therefore I wil not learne it.

Huffy. When sayde hee: thou wilt not vnderstand it: and with that role vp and went his way.

Her second examination before Doctour Martin.

Who sayd to her: woman, thou art come from beydd the sea, and hast brought with thee booke of hereticke and treason, and thou must confesse to vs, who translated them, printed them, and who sent them ouer (for once I knowe thee to be but a messenger: and in so doinge the Queene highnesse will be good to thee (for thyne hath forgeuen greater things then this) & thou shalt find as much tairous as is possible. But if thou be stubbozne, and wilt not confesse, thou wilt be wondrous euil handled: for we know the trowth already, but thus we do, only to see whether thou wilt be true of thy word, or no.

Eliz. Syr, ye haue my confession, and more then that I can not say.

Martin. Thou must say more, and shalt say more. Dost thou thinke that we wil be full answered by this examination that thou hast made? Thou rebel whom and traitorly heretike, thou dost refuse to sweare vpon the Euangeliſt before a Judge, I heare say. Thou shalt be racked mechmeale, thou traitourly whoze and hereticke, but thou shalt sweare afore a Judge before thou goe: yea, and thou shalt be made to confesse how many booke thou hast sold, and to whom.

Eliz. Syr I vnderstand not what an oth is, and therefore I will take no suche thing vpon me. And no man hath brought any booke of mee as yet, for those booke that I had, you Commissioners haue them all.

Martin. Thou traitorly whoze, we knowe that thou haste sold a number of booke, yea, and to whom: and how many times thou hast bene here, and where thou layest, and euery place that thou hast bene in. Dost thou thinke that thou hast tooles in hand?

Eliz. No syr, you be too wise for me: for I can not tel howe many places I haue bene in my selfe: but if I were in Turkei, I should haue meate and drinke and lodging for my money.

Martin. Thou rebel whom, thou hast spoken euil wordes by the Queene, and thou dwellest amongst a foze of traitours and rebelles, that can not gene the Queene a good word.

Eliz. I am not able to accuse any man thereof, nor yet is there any man that can approue anye such things by me, as ye say vnto my charge. For I know by Gods worde, & Gods booke hath taught me what is my due tie to God, and vnto my Queene, and therefore (as I sayd) I am assured that no man liuing vpon the earth, can approue any such things by me.

Martin. Thou rebel whom and traitourly whoze, thou shalt be so racked & handled, that thou shalt be an example to all such traitorly whozes and heretikes: And thou shalt be made to sweare by the holye Euangeliſt, and confesse to whome thou hast sold: and euery of these heretical booke that thou haste sold: for wee knowe what number thou haste sold, and to whome: but thou shalt be made to confesse it in tyte of thy blood.

Eliz. Here is my carkas: do with it what ye wil, and more then that ye can not haue. Master Martin, ye can haue no more but my bloude.

Then said he as though hee had bene sturke mad, and sayd: Martin? why callest thou me Martin?

Eliz. Sir, I knowe you well enough, for I haue bene before you ere now. Ye deliuered me once at Westminster.

Martin. Where diddest thou dwell then?

Eliz. I dwelled in the Wittories.

Martin. I deliuered thee and thy husband bothe: and I thoughte then that thou wouldest haue done oherwyte then thou dost now, for if thou hadst bene before any Bi-

shop in England, and said the wordes that thou didst befoze me, thou haddest cried a fagot: and thoughte thou didst not burne then, thou art like to burne or hang now.

Eliz. Syr, I promised you then, that I woulde neuer be fedde with that (I warrant thee) which shall be finally to thine ease.

Eliz. Doe what God shall suffer you to doe: for more yee shall not. And then he arose, and so departed, and went to the keepers house, and sayd to the wife: whom haste thou suffered to come to this vile traitourly whoze and hereticke to speake wyth her? Then sayde the keepers wife, as God receiue my soule, here came neither ma, woman, nor childe to aske for her.

Martin. If any man, woman, or childe come to aske for her, I charge thee in paine of death, that they be layed fast, and geue her one day bread, and an other day water.

Eliz. If ye take away my meate, I trust that God wil take away my hunger: and so he departed, and sayde, that was too good for her: and then was thee whurpe vnder two lockes in the Clincke, where shee was before.

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The third examination before Doctour Martin againe.

Then was shee broughte before hym in his Chamber, within my Lozde Schauncellours house, who asked her, saying: Elizabeth, wilt thou confesse these thynges that thou hast bene examined vpon: for thou knowest that I haue bene thy frende: and in so doinge, I wil be thy frende againe: geuing her manye faire wordes, and then demanding of her how many Gentlemen were beyond the Seas.

Eliz. It is too much for me to tel you how many are on the other side.

Martin. No, I meane but in Franckford & Wenden, where thou hast bene.

Eliz. Syr, I did neuer take accounte of them: it is a thing that I looke not for.

Martin. When shall I heare a true worde come out of thy mouth?

Eliz. I haue tolde you the truth, but because that it soundeth not to your minde, therefore ye will not credite it.

Martin. Wilt thou yet confesse: and if thou wilt, that I haue promised, I will doe: and if thou wilt not, I promise thee thou must goe euen hence to the racke, and therefore confesse.

Eliz. I can say no more then I haue sayde.

Martin. Well, for as muche as shee will confesse no more, haue her awaye to the Racke, and then shee will be married. Then answered a Priest that sate there, and sayde: woman, take an othe and confesse. Wilt thou be hurte for other men?

Eliz. I can confesse no more then I haue. Doe with my carkas what yee will.

Martin. Did yee euer heare the like of thys Heretique? What a stoute heretique is thys? we haue the truthe, and we knowe the truth, and yet looke whether shee will confesse. There is no remedie, but shee must needs to the Racke, and therefore away with her, and so commaunded her out of the doore, and called her keeper vnto hym, and sayde to him: There is no remedie but this heretike must be racked: and talked wyth him more, but what it was he heard not.

Then he called her in againe, and sayde: wilt thou not confesse, and keepe thee from the Racke? I aduise thee so to doe: for if thou wilt not, thou knowest not the payne yet, but thou shalt do.

Eliz. Syr, I canne confesse no more. Do with my carkas what yee will.

Martin. Keeper, away with her. Thou knowest what I sayde. Let her knowe the paine of the Racke. And so shee departed, thinkinge no lesse, but that she should haue gone to the Racke, till shee sawe the keeper tourne towarde the Clincke againe. And thus did God alienate their heartes and diminish their tyranous power, vnto the time of their examination: for she was broughte before the byshop, the Deane, and the Chauncellour, and other Commissioners, first and last thirtene times.

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Elizabeth Yong and her husband deliuered by D. Martyn.

Elizabeth Yong commaunded to close prison, to haue one day bread, an other day water.

The 3. examination of Elizabeth Young.

D. Martyn seeketh to know how many gentlemen were left over the Sea.

Elizabeth Yong againe threatened with the racke.

Shee agayne refused to sweare to accuse other.

Elizabeth Yong commaunded agayne to the Clincke.

The 2. examination of Elizabeth Young.

Elizabeth Young for bringinge ouer booke.

D. Martyn threateneth her with the racke.

Elizabeth Young charged for speaking agaynst the Queene.

First, shee being presented by Doctour Martin, before the Bishop of London. Doctour Martin beganne to