

Anno 1558.

The 4. examin-
ation of Eliza-
beth Young.

D. Martyn pres-
enteth her to
the Commis-
sioners.

The booke cal-
led Antichrist.

Elizabeth
Young a great
while in the
Clinke.

Elizabeth
Young refuseth
to sweare and
why.

Elizabeth
Young thought
to be no womā.

Sacrament of
the Altar.

The confession
and fayth of Eli-
zabeth Young.

The Sacrament
to be receaved in
spirite and fayth.

declare against her, saying: The Lord Chancellour hath
sent you here a woman, which hath brought booke our
from London, where at these bookes of heretic and treason
are printed, and haue therewith filled all the lande wyth
Treason and heretic: neither yet will shee confesse, who
translated them, nor who printed them, nor yet who sent
them ouer, wherefore my Lord Chancelor committeth her
vnto my Lorde of London, he to doe with her as he shall
thinke good. For shee will confesse nothing, but that shee
bought these said booke in Hamsterdame, and so brought
them ouer to sell for gaine.

D. Cooke. Let her heade be trusted in a small line, & make
her to confesse.

Martin. The booke is called Antichrist, and so may it be wel
called, for it speaketh against Ihesus Christ & the Queene.
And besides that, shee haue a certaine sparke of the Ana-
baptists, for she refuseth to sweare vpon the iij. Euange-
lisses before a Iudge: For I my selfe and M. Bully haue
had her before vs foure times, but we can not bring her to
sweare, wherefore my Lord Chancellour would that shee
should abstaine & fast, for she hath not fasted a great while:
For she hath laine in the Clinke a good while, where she
had had too much her libertie.

Then said the bishop: why wilt thou not sweare before
a Iudge: that is the right trade of the Anabaptists.

Eliz. My Lord, I wil not sweare that this hand is mine.

So, sayd the bishop: and why?

Eliz. My Lorde, Christ sayeth, that what soeuer is more
then yea, yea, or nay, nay, it cometh of euill. And more-
ouer, I knowe not what an oth is: and therefore I wil take
no such thing vpon me.

Then saide Cholmley: xx. pounce, it is a man in a wo-
man clothes: xx. pounce it is a man.

Boner. Thinke you so my Lord?

Cholm. Yea, my Lord, &c.

Eliz. My Lord, I am a woman.

Bish. Sweare her vpon a booke, seeing it is but a questi-
on asked.

Then said Cholmley: I will lay twentie pounce it is a
man.

Then D. Cooke brought her a booke, commanding her
to lay thereon her hande.

Eliz. No, my Lorde, I will not sweare: for I knowe not
what an oth is. But I say that I am a woman, and haue
children.

Bish. What knowe not we: wherefore sweare.

Cholmley. Thou yll fauoured whoze, lay thy hande vpon
the booke: I will lay on myne, and so he laied his hande
vpon the booke.

Eliz. So will not I mine.

Then the Bishop spake a worde in Latine, out of S.
Paule, as concerning I'weareing.

Elizab. My Lorde, if you speake to mee of S. Paule, then
speake English, for I vnderstand you not.

The bish. I dare sweare that thou dost not.

Eliz. My Lorde: S. Paule sayeth, that fine wordes spoken in
a language that may be vnderstand, is better then manye
in a strange or strange tongue which is vnknownen.

Doctor Cooke. Sweare before vs whether thou be a man
or a woman.

Eliz. If ye wil not beleue me, then send for women into a
secrete place, and I will be tried.

Cholm. Thou art an ill fauoured whoze.

Then said the Bishop: How beleuest thou in the Sa-
crament of the altar?

Eliza. My Lorde: if it will please you that I shall declare
mine owne fayth, I will.

The bish. Tell me how thou beleuest in the sacrament of
the altar.

Eliza. Will it please you that I shall declare my faith?
And if it be not good, then teach me a better, and I will be-
leeue it.

D. Cooke. That is well sayd, declare thy faith.

Eliz. I beleue in God the Father almighty, the Sonne,
and the holy Ghost, three persons and one God. I beleue
all the Articles of my Crede. I beleue all things wyitten
in the holy Scripture, and all thinges agreeable wyth the
Scripture, geuen by the holy Ghoste into the Church of
Christ, set forth and taught by y church of Christ. I beleue
that Ihesus Christ the only sonne of God, that immaculate
Lamb, came into the world to saue sinners, & that in him,
by him, & through him I am made cleane fro my finnes,
and without him I confide not. I beleue that in the holy
sacrament of Christs body and blood, which he did insti-
tute and ordaine, and left among his Disciples the nyght
before he was betrayed, whē I do receiue his Sacrament
in fayth and spirite, I do receiue Christ.

Bish. No more, I warrant you, but the sacramēt of Chri-

stes body and blood, receiued but in spirite and faith, wyth
those heretiques.

Cholm. Ah whoze, spirite and faith, whoze?

Eliz. This sacrament neuer man coude or did make, but
only he that did, which no man coude do.

Mart. When thou must allowe that grasie is a sacrament:
for who coude make grasie but he only?

Eliz. Yes, he haue suffered, and made a sufficient Sacri-
fice once for all, and so hath he made hys Sacrament suffi-
cient once for all, for there was neuer man that could say:

Take, eate, this is my body that is broken for you, but only Ie-
sus Christ, who had his body broken for the finnes of the
world: which Sacrament he hath left here amongst vs for
a testimonial of his death, euen to the worldes ende.

Mart. Who taught thee this doctrine? did Scocie?

Eliz. Yea, Bishop Scocie and other that I haue heard.

Bish. Why, is Scoy Bishop now?

Eliz. If that doe offende you, call him Doctor Scocie, if
ye will.

Roper. I knew when he was but a poore Doctor.

Mart. What doe ye call Scocie?

Eliz. Our Superintendent.

Bish. Lo, their Superintendent.

Mart. And what are ye called?

Eliz. Christs congregation.

Bish. Lo, Christs congregation, I warrant you.

Doctor Cooke. What liuing hath Scocie?

Eliz. Sir, as farre as I do knowe, he liueth by his owne,
for I knowe no man that geueth him ought.

Recorder. Yes, I warrant you, he hath enough sent hym
out of England.

Eliz. Yes, I knowe no such thing.

Cholm. Harke whoze, harke: harke howe I do beleuee.

Eliz. My Lord, I haue tolde you my belife.

Cholmley. Harke, thou yll fauoured whoze, howe I doe
beleuee. When the priest hath spoken the wordes of Con-
secration, I do beleue that there remaineth the very body
that was bozne of the virgine Marie, was hanged on the
crosse, was deade and buried, and descended into hell, and
rose againe on the thirde day, and ascended to heauen, and
sitteth at the right hand of God. The same body when the
priest hath spoken the wordes, cometh down, and when
the priest lifteth vp his body on this wise (he lifting vp his
handes) layd there it is.

Eliz. I haue tolde you also howe I do beleuee.

Mart. Away with her.

Cholmley. Ah euill fauoured whoze, nothing but spirit and
faith whoze?

Mart. Away with her, we haue more to talke withall.

Then was shee carried into the Colehouse, and searched
for booke, and then put into the stockhouse, and her knife
girdle, and apozne taken from her.

The fifth examination before the Bishop
of Londons Chancellour. &c.

Then was she brought out of the stockhouse & brought
before the bishops Chancellour, who required of her
what age shee was of.

Eliz. Sir, fortie yeares and vpwordes.

The Chancellour. Why, thou art a woman of a faire yea-
res: what shouldest thou meddle with the Scriptures: it
is necessary for thee to beleuee, and that is mouge. It is
more meete for thee to meddle with thy distaff, then to med-
dle with the Scriptures. What is thy belife? I woulde
heare it: for it can not be good, in that thou art brought in-
to prison.

Eliz. Yes, if it will please you to heare it, I will declare
it vnto you. But I praye you that you will take your pen
and wyte it, and then examine it: and if ye find any thing
therein that is not fit for a Christian woman, then teache
me better, and I will learne it.

Chaunc. Well said. But who shall Iudge betwene thee
and me?

Elizab. The Scripture.

Chaunc. Wilt thou stand by that?

Eliz. Yea sir.

Chaunc. Wel, go thy way out at the doore a litle while, for
I am busie, and I will call for thee anon againe.

Then he called me againe, and said: Nowe woman, the
time is too long to wyte. Say thy minde, and I wil bea-
r it in my head.

Then Elizabeth began, and declared her faith to him,
as shee had done before the Bishop.

Chaunc. Woman, spirit and faith I do allow, but dost not
thou beleuee that thou dost receiue the body of Christ re-
ally, corporally, and substantially?

Eliz.

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