

Protestant Reformation

By the issue of the papal decree “Defend thyself, heretic” you are hereby ordered to stand before Pope Henry IX to defend your heretical views.

1. Luther! Why are you opposed to the “selling” of indulgences? Are you anti-business?
2. Luther! What is your theological reason for arguing that good works do NOT earn salvation? Are you too lazy to do good works?
3. Anabaptist! Why do you promote adult baptism? Do you hate children?
4. Anabaptist! Do you believe that other people should have to live according to your religious beliefs? Do you want to use the government to impose your beliefs on others?
5. Anabaptist! Is your first allegiance to God or to Country or to *Texas*?
6. Anabaptist! Why do the other Protestants despise you? Is it the pacifism...?
7. Zwingli! I am told that you have a lot in common with that heretic Luther, is this so?

8. Zwingli! It was said that an alliance was forming between you and Luther. Well, I guess we know whose side God is on now! What happened to prevent this alliance (other than divine intervention...)?

9. Zwingli! What is this I hear about church decorations? You removed the images of the saints? What, not “symbolic” enough for you?

10. Spiritualists! Do you reject my religious authority? Why?

11. Calvin! ...WHAT...IS...THIS...? *Predestination*?

12. Calvin! How do you know who the “elect” are in your community? I assume you consider yourself one of the “elect”? And all your friends...? What about people who disagree with you?

13. Calvin! What do you have to say about the role of religion in politics?

Enough! I’m done with the Holy Roman Empire! Thank God for Henry VIII....at least England is still Catholic!