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<Text: Prick of Conscience>

<Tranche 1>

<fol. 1v>And as he was þe ferste makere of al þing  
So schal he atte laste make þe endyng  
Off al þing boþe in heuene & in helle  
Off man & feond & aungles to dwelle  
þe whuche *after* þis lyf schulleþ euere ly<crease>e  
And alle oþere creatures to deþ be ydru<crease>  
Ac god þat man made & þe wordle bygan  
As now & euere schal be boþe god & man  
Alle þing þorw his miȝt made he  
For wiþoute him may noþing be  
Al þing he ordeignede *after* his wile  
Jn here kyndes for to stonde stille  
Wherfore creatures þat dombe beoþ  
Ne conneþ no wit ac boxom ȝut hem me <ill><1 word></ill>  
To louie him as þe bok witnesseth þis  
Jn here manere & as here kynde is  
For al þing þat god haþ ywrouȝt  
þat folweþ his kynde & passeþ hit nouȝt  
loueþ here makere & honoureþ in his kynd  
And so in þat manere hi haueþ him in mynde  
Supþe þe creatures þat haueþ reson no<?>  
louieþ him in þe kynde þat hi beoþ on  
þanne ouȝte man þat haþ skyle & fei  
his creatour to honore by al manere wei  
And nouȝt to be of worse condicioun  
þan þe creatures þat beoþ wiþoute r<a crease>  
For of al þing þat god made more lasse  
Man is most principal & schal alle <crease> passe

As 3e schulleþ yhuyre heere after war<crease> sone  
 þat al þat god made was for man <crease> done  
 Gd<after capital, 1 letter lost under initial?> to mannes kynde hadde <a crease> delit  
 <fol. 2r>whanne þat he ordeignede for mannes profyt  
 heuene & eorþe & al þe wordle brod  
 And al oþer þing ac man to þe laste ende abod  
 And him made to his liknesse in semely stature  
 As him þat was most worþi creature  
 Ouer alle oþere beste þe whuche haueþ kynde  
 And 3af him wit resoun & mynde  
 Euere for to cnowe boþe goed & ille  
 And þerto god 3af him wit at wille  
 Boþe for to cheose & for to holde  
 Goed oþer vuel wheþer þat he wolde  
 And also god ordeignede man for to dwelle  
 And for to liue on eorþe in flesch & felle  
 And to cnowe his werkes & him to honoure  
 And his hestes for to kepe in euerich houre  
 And 3if he to god be boxom bycome  
 To þe endeles blisse he schal be ynome  
 And 3if he be froward fro goednesse to wende  
 þe harde peynes of helle schulleþ be his ende  
 wherfore he may be yholde as a+man woed  
 þat cheoseþ þe vuel & leueþ þe goed  
 Supþe þat god made man of most dignite  
 And of alle creatures euere is most fre  
 For after his liknesse he made him ywis  
 As he þat scholde haue part of his blis  
 And most goed to him euere god 3iueþ  
 þan to eni oþer þing þat on eorþe liueþ  
 For whanne þat adam hadde ydo amis  
 And for synne was ybrou3t in gret anguis  
 God wolde take mankynde for his sake  
 <fol. 2v>And for his loue deþ þeraftur take  
 And wiþ his blod him a3en bou3te  
 And to his endeles blisse him brou3te  
 þus gret loue god þo cudde to man  
 And manie oþere bunfices to him wan  
 wherfore ech man boþe lered & lewed

Scholde þenke on þat loue þat is to hym yschewed  
 And alle his bunfices haue in his mynde  
 þat he haþ euere ydo to al mankynde  
 And þerto him serui boþe day & niȝt  
 For so may he do godes wil ariȝt  
 And his wittes spende in his seruise  
 Hem wel to bysette in ech a manere wyse  
 For bote a+man cnowe kyndely what god is  
 And him-self also þat he be on of his  
 And how a+man greueþ god þat doþ nouȝt wel  
 And makeþ him for synne boþe fers & fel  
 And also how merciful god is at al assay  
 And þerto gracious ynow to alle mennes pay  
 And how riȝfol he is & how soþfast  
 And euere haþ ybe boþe ferst & last  
 And what he doþ ech day to al mankynde  
 þis scholde ech man cnowe & haue in mynde  
 For þe riȝte wei þat ledeþ a+man to heuene blisse  
 And þat bringeþ a+man out of al anguisse  
 Pryncipaly is þe wei of al meoknesse  
 Drede & þe loue of god in al symplesse  
 þanne may þat þe wei of wysdom be ynome  
 In to þe whuch wei may no man come  
 wiþoute fol cnowynge of god heere  
 And of his miȝt & werkes so dere  
 <fol. 3r>Ac ar he may þulke cnowynge wynne  
 him byhoueþ to cnowe him-sulf wiþinne  
 Elles he ne may no cnowynge haue  
 þe Forseide wei of wisdom ne craue  
 Bote some men haueþ goed vnderstondynge  
 Ac ȝut hi beoþ in monie þinges vncnowynge  
 And of some þinges haueþ cnowynge riȝt non  
 þe whuch miȝte hem sturie godes wil for to don  
 Suche men hadde neode for to leornyn eche day  
 how þat hi scholde here lyf lede in godes lay  
 And to cnowe what miȝte hem sturie & lede  
 To meoknesse & to loue & to godes drede  
 þe whuch is þe wei as i segge ywis  
 þat ledeþ a+man to heuene where is euere blis

And in gret peryl of soule is þulke man  
 þat haþ wit & mynde & no goed can  
 Ne wilneþ no goed to leorne by no sawe  
 þe werkes of god & of his holy lawe  
 And cnoweþ nou3t what him-self is no rest  
 Bote euere liueþ as an vnskilfol best  
 þat haþ noþer skile wit ne minde  
 Ac euere liueþ a3enst his owne kynde  
 For he excuseþ nou3t his vnconnyng  
 þat vseþ nou3t his wit in leornynge  
 And namely of þing þat he scholde cnowe  
 þe whuch his heorte scholde make lowe  
 And he þat noþing can scholde leorne more  
 To cnowe what him neodeþ in godes lore  
 For an vnconnyng Man þorw leornynge  
 May be ybrou3t to goed vnderstondynge  
 Off monie þinges to cnowe & to se  
 <fol. 3v>what þat haueþ ybe & 3ut schulleþ be  
 þat to meoknesse mi3te sturie his wille  
 God to louie & to drede & to fle al ille  
 Many a+man haþ lykynge trufles to huyre  
 And in yldelnesses setteþ al his cure  
 And euere is busy in wil & in þou3t  
 To leorni þing þat þe soule helpeþ nou3t  
 And þing þat needfol were for to cnowe  
 To listne oþer to leorne hi beoþ wel slowe  
 þer-for no wonder hit is þei hi go amis  
 For euere in derknesse here goynge is  
 Al o<u>t of þe li3t of vnderstondynge  
 Off þing þat byfalleþ to ri3t cnowinge  
 þer-fore ech cristene man & womman  
 þat haþ wit & mynde & resoun can  
 Scholde euere be busy by alle wei  
 To l<?>orne al þing þat bylongeþ to þe fei  
 And so vnderstonde boþe loude & stille  
 whuch is þe goede wei & whuch is þe ille  
 And he þat þe ri3te wei of cnowinge wole loke  
 Scholde byginne þus as hit is ywrite in boke  
 To cnowe ferst him-sulf in al clannesse

For so may he come to al meoknesse  
 For þat is þe ground of alle *vertues* to laste  
 In þe which alle *vertues* mowe be yset faste  
 For he þat wel cnoweþ & can þerto yse  
 what him-sulf was & is & schal be  
 þe more wysour man he may be ytold  
 wheþer þat he be 3ong oþer old  
 þer-fore ech wis man moste ferst lere  
 To cnowe him sulf propreliche heere  
 <fol. 4r>And 3if he cnowe him-sulf wiþinne & wiþoute  
 þanne schal haue euere god in doute  
 And in his endynge his þou3t mot be ycast  
 And in þe dredfol day þat schal come last  
 he scholde also cnowe what þe wordle is  
 þe which is fol of pompe & of þing þat nou3t nis  
 And lete awei folies & foule lustes alle  
 And þenke what schal after þis lyf falle  
 For cnowynge of al þis scholde him lede  
 To haue mynde on meoknesse & drede  
 For so may a+man come to goed lyuyng  
 And atte laste him brunge to goed endynge  
 And whanne he schal out of þis wordle wende  
 he schal come to þe lyf þe which haþ non ende  
 The bygynnyng of þis proses ywis  
 Ri3t cnowinge of a+man sulf hit is  
 Ac some men haueþ mucche lettyng  
 þat hi mowe nou3t haue fol cnowinge  
 Off hem-sulf þat hi scholde ferst cnowe  
 And wiþ meoknesse euere make hem lowe  
 Ac of þat matier foure þinges J fynde  
 þat makeþ mennes wittes wel blynde  
 And þe cnowing of hem-self letteþ  
 þorw þe which ofte him-sulf he forsetteþ  
 wherfore seint bernard bereþ witnesse to vs  
 And makeþ his writynge þat seiþ þus  
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 <lat></lat>  
 þat is fauour of folk & mucche fayrnesse  
 And hete of 3ouþe & gret richesse

Byreueþ a+man ri3t resoun & mynde

## <Tranche 2>

<fol. 66r><line 3> he seiþ alle men schulleþ to þe dom arise  
 And in to vale of iosophat come in alle wise  
 For þere ich schal sitte in mi *propre persone*  
 To deme as hi beoþ worþi þe men euerichone  
 josaphat is þus muche for to saye  
 As þe stede of dom atte laste daye  
 wheron crist schal nou3t fulliche come  
 For byfore he haþ þe kynde of eorþe ynome  
 Ac vp in þe eyr he schal sitte as a+lord  
 jn a+whit cloude as holi writ seiþ þis word  
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 lo he seiþ oure lord schal him schewe  
 jn a whit cloude wiþ alle his aungles . <add>a</add> rewe  
 Euene aboue þ<sup>t</sup> vale as hit were in houinge<?>  
 where alle men schulleþ him yse in dom sittinge  
 Ac þe skile whi he schal sitte þere  
 Men moweþ finde bi þis sawe heere  
 For þe vale of iosaphat is yset in a weilete  
 Bytwene þe hei mount of oliuete  
 And ierusalem in þat oþer side  
 þe whuch stondeþ amiddes þe wordle wide  
 And also þere is þe mount of caluarie  
 And sepulcre of crist & of oure ladi marie  
 And also in þat place staunt bethleem  
 Nou3t fer fro þe cite of ierusalem  
 þer-fore god on þat day schal site þere  
 þe grete dom to 3iue in þis manere  
 Lo heere is 3e mowe now yse  
 þe vale of iosaphat þat is vnder me  
 <fol. 66v>Where þat yburied was my moder marie  
 Off wham ich tok flesch & blod wiþoute vilenie  
 he may segge also heere 3e mowe yse now  
 þe cite of bethleem where ich was ybore for 3ow  
 And in cloutes ycloped & 3ut honoured lasse

In a cribbe ich was yleid bytwene oxe & asse  
 he may segge also heere 3e mowe yse stounde  
 þe cite of ierusalem þe whuch is nei to 3oure honde  
 where ich hadde for 3ow mani a boffet  
 And wiþ scharpe skourges al aboute byset  
 And suppe þe crois to me was ymad wel 3are  
 And þanne yleid vpon mi scholdres bare  
 he segge may also lo heere faste þerby  
 Js as 3e mowe yse þe mount of calueri  
 where he was an-honged on þe rode  
 Bytweenene two þeoues & schadde for vs his blode  
 where þat his peyne for vs was most  
 And where þat he deiede & 3af vp his gost  
 he may 3ut segge ri3t þus also  
 lo heere is þe sepulcre a+litel þerfro  
 wherinne i<sup>c</sup> was yleied for 3ow as for ded  
 whanne ich was yburied as þe prophetes hadde ysed  
 he may segge also heere was my sete  
 whanne þat ich to þe deþ wente fro þe mount of oliuete  
 where aungles hem schewede in mannes liknesse  
 whanne ich stei in to heuene wher~ is euere blisse  
 And tolde 3ow how my comynge scholde be  
 To þe laste dom as 3e mowe now yse  
 Now haue 3e yhurd wel þe enchesoun  
 whi þat he wole sitte aboue þat vale by resoun  
 þe whuch men þe vale of iosaphat calleþ  
 <fol. 67r>For þat amiddes þe wordle falleþ  
 Also anoþer resoun may be forþ brou3t  
 whi he schal þere adoun come & elles-wher nou3t  
 For þere was his ferste comynge adoun  
 jn-to þis wordle for mannes saluacioun  
 whanne þat he ferst flesch & blod tok  
 Off þe mayde marie as telleþ þe bok  
**Off þe Forme off man þat crist schal deme ynne**  
 Crist steorne of si3te schal þanne be  
 A3enst þe synfol man þat him schal yse  
 And dredfol as hit is ywrite in boke  
 he schal to hem be whanne hi schulleþ on hym loke  
 And likynge & delitable he schal be to si3te



Off goede men þat haueþ heere yleued ari3te  
 Ac alle þe persones of þe holy trinite  
 Schulleþ nou3t be yschewed at þulke priuite  
 Ne þe godhede schal nou3t aperi þanne  
 Bote crist alone jn þe forme of manne  
 And godes sone he is þat schal demen vs  
 And þerfore seint luk in his bok seiþ þus  
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 he seiþ god haþ y3oue to his sone al þe dom  
 þe whuch schal be y3oue ar we come to oure hom  
 For þat men scholde honoure þe sone ari3t  
 As hi honoureþ þe fader þat is fol of mi3t  
 þe goede men schulleþ him yse in his manhod  
 wiþ þe godhede as man in flesch & blod  
 þe whuch he schal nou3t hide fro hem  
 Ac as god & man he schal aperi to þe goede men  
 Ac þe vuele men in manhode him schulleþ yse  
 <fol. 67v>Onliche ri3t as hong on þe þe rode tre  
 Blew wan & bloody as he þanne was  
 whanne þat he deyede for oure trespas  
 For in þe fome of man he schal þanne seme  
 And ri3t so in his manhod he schal hem deme  
 And god schal at his doun-comynge  
 þe tokne of þe croys wiþ bringe  
 þis tokne schal þanne be yschewed  
 As þe bok seiþ boþe to lered & to lewed  
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 þat is þe tokne of þe croys fro heue<add>ne</add> schal be ynome  
 whanne þat oure lord schal to þe dom come  
 Ac þis tokne as i<sup>c</sup> wene schal nou3t be  
 þulke selue croys ne þe same tre  
 On þe whuch god was ynayled foot & honde  
 Bote a+tokne of þe croys þeron to vnderstonde  
 3ut some seggeþ & hit may wel be soþ  
 þat þe tokne of þe spere wiþ þe croys goþ  
 wiþ þe wuch crist was ystonge to þe horte rote  
 And wiþ nayles ysmite þorw hond & fote  
 Alle þeos toknes schulleþ þanne be yschewed



Byfore alle men boþe lered & lewed  
 Ac þe synfolle þat schulleþ ydampned be  
 To hure schedschip schulleþ him yse  
 For crist schal hem schewe his woundes wide  
 jn heued in hondes in fot & in syde  
 þe whuche fresche & newe schulleþ seme  
 To þe synfolle þat he schal þere deme  
 For he schal þanne schewe to hure confusioun  
 Alle þe toknes of his harde pascioun  
 And þat schal be to here schendschip euermo  
 <fol. 68r>As seint austyn seiþ þus þat hit is so  
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 he seiþ oure lord godes sone of heuene  
 haþ ykept in his body as i<sup>c</sup> segge wel euene  
 þe sores of his woundes swiþe clere  
 þat he soffrede for mannes synnes heere  
 he to schewe to his enemyes in þat wyse  
 whanne in dom he schal sitte as iustise  
 he schal segge lo heere is þe man in flesh & blode  
 þe whuch 3e dude an honge on þe rode  
 Byholdeþ þe woundes þe whuche 3e on <dot after n?> me stikede  
 And þe syde þat a knit wiþ his spere prikede  
 þe whu for 3ow was open euermore  
 Ac 3e nolde noþing take of my lore  
 A gret schendschip schal þis be to hem alle  
 þat haueþ crist for-sake & beoþ in synne yfalle  
 And wrou3te noþing to godes honour  
 þat soffrede for hem mony an hard schour  
 what mowe hi þanne answerie & segge  
 hi haueþ noþing hem to excuse ne to forþ legge  
 For on þat day as þe bok bereþ witnesse  
 Schal noþing be yschewed bote ri3tfolnesse  
 And gret reddure to þe synfolle namely  
 þe whuche schulleþ be ydemed to peyne worþily

For hure defens is þanne to hem wel vncouþ  
 As þerof telleþ to vs johne wiþ his mouþ  
 <fol. 68v><lat></lat>  
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 he seiþ <add>no</add> stede of defens schal be yfounde  
 whanne crist schal be yseie in þat stounde  
 3euynges witnesse & toknes environ<?>  
 Off his grete peynes & of his harde passion  
 On þat day þer schal be noþer aungel ne man  
 þat hi ne schulleþ tremble & for drede bycome wan  
 Al þei <add>hi</add> wete þat oure lord wole hem saue  
 3ut hi schulleþ on þat day gret drede haue  
 For þe grete austerite & þe grete affray  
 þat god schal schewe on þulke day  
 A3enst þe synfolle as i<sup>c</sup> may reherci  
 þe whuche schulleþ be ydampned wiþoute merci  
 Ac suppe þe ri3tfolle men þat god wole saue  
 And aungles so muche drede schulleþ haue  
 þanne more drede þe synfolle schulleþ haue in þ<sup>t</sup> stounde  
 As an holi man seiþ as he haþ in bok yfounnde  
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 he seiþ 3if þe pileres of heuene bri3t  
 þe whuche beoþ holi men þat liueþ ari3t  
 Schulleþ drede cristes comynge in manhede  
 And þe aungles also schulleþ haue drede  
 And wel sore wepe & biterli þerto  
 what schal þe synfol man þanne do  
 þe whuch schal be ydampned wiþoute eni grace  
 þerfore þulke holi man seiþ þus in anoþer place  
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 he seiþ 3if þe ri3tfol man þat is clene out of synne  
 <fol. 69r>Schal vnneþe saluacioun to his soule winne  
 þe synfol man & þe wickede on þat on ende  
 wheþer schulleþ hi þanne hem bywende  
 For þanne schal oure lord in his manhede sitte  
 A-boue þe synfolle & 3iue hem an hard fitte  
 For he schal be wroþ & steorne of chere

hem for to deme þat haueþ mis liued heere  
 And helle þat is byneope so wid & deope  
 þanne schal be yopned hem for to kepe  
 And þe eorþe þat hi on stondeþ schal quake  
 And tremble for here synne & alto-schake  
 So þat vnneþe þe eorþe schal hem bere  
 So muche hure synnes schulleþ þe eorþe dere  
 And þe wordle aboute hem schal be brennyng  
 And feondes on ech a+syde of hem stondyng  
 þanne gret sorwe schal be hem among  
 For heuene schal hem smite al a-long  
 wiþ þounder dyntes & li3tninges yfere  
 And hi wolde hit fle ac hi ne findeþ no place þere  
 For hi schulleþ so be byset bi euerich a syde  
 þat hi mote nedes al here meschef abide  
**Off þe accusoures þe whuche schulleþ accuse  
 the synfolle men atte day of dome**  
 Manie accusoures schulleþ be þanne  
 To accuse þe synfolle afore þe domes-manne  
 For as 3e schulleþ heere fynde ywrite  
 F<ill><two words></ill> manere accusoures þat schulleþ nou3t be for3ite  
 Conciene is þe ferste & þat is þe inwit of man  
 And his synnes þe whuche he wel rekene can  
 And godes creatures þt we schulleþ þere cnowe  
 And aungles of heuene & deueles þat boþ lowe