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<Text: Prick of Conscience>

<Tranche 1>

<fol. 99r>þat euermore schal crye and say .
Allas allas and welaway .
þat euer we were of woman y-born .
For we ben fro god euer forlorn .
þanne schul þey grede and goule and w^t tēþ gnast
For of help ne of mercy dar þay neuer trepas
þe deueles aboute hem in helle
On hem schul . euer-more rore and 3elle .
So hydows noyse þanne þay schul make .
þ^t alle þe world it my3te do quake .
And alle þe men leuyng . þat herde hit
To go wode for fer~ . and lesen here wyt .
þe deueles euer among on hem schul strike
And þe synful euer duryng crye and srike
þar~ schal be þanne morre noyse and dyn .
þan alle þe men of erþe couþe ymagyn
þar~ schal be sech royng and srusyng
And rampyng of deueles and hyryng duschyng .
And scrykyng of synful as J sayde are
þat þe noyse schal be so hydous þare .
among deueles and þese þ^t schal come þedur
Ry3t as heuene and erþe smete to-gedur
And hydus þyng is þat to telle
of þe noyse þat schal be in helle
þe deueles þ^t euer schal be ful of ire
Schul stompe þe synful euer in þe fire
So þat þayre schal glowe as firy brondes
And euer whan þay may welde here hondes

For sorwe þey schulle hem harde wrynge
 And welaway þan schulle euer synge .
 In helle schal be þanne so gret þrang .
 þat none may remowe fro oþer ne gang .
 On none syde bakward ne forþward
 For þay schulleþ be pressed so hard .
 As þey wer~ stopped to-gedur in an ouen
 Ful of fur beneþe and abouen .
 Bot nar~-þe-lese helle 3it is so depe .
 <fol. 99v>and so wide and so large þ^t it my3te kepe .
 Alle þe creaturs lesse and more .
 Of alle þe world yf nede wore
 Eche synful schal þare on oþer prese .
 And non of hem schal oþer ese .
 Bot fy3te to-gedur . and stryue
 As þai wer~ wode of þis liue
 And eche scratte oþer in þe face .
 And here owne flesche of riue and race
 So þat eche wolde him-self fayn slo .
 yf he my3te . so shal he be wo .
 Bot þarto þay schul haue no my3t
 For þe deþ schal neuer mor~ on hem ly3t
 Ful fayne wolde þay þanne ded be .
 Bot þe deþ schal euer fro hem fle .
 Aftur þe deþ þey schul 3erne echone
 As in þe apokalips scheweþ seynt Jone
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 þay schul desyre to deþe ay .
 And þe deþ schal fle fro hem away .
 Among hem schal be euer debate
 Echon of hem schal euer oþer hate .
 þay schal be ful of hatred þanne
 Eche schal oþer warye and banne
 And say cursed caytyf wo worþ þe .
 And waried mot þ^u euer be .
 And weried mot þay be euer more .
 þat þe gat and þe bare .
 and þe tyme þat þ^u wer~ bore also .
 For þi payne to me is sorwe and wo .

Jt payneþ me and greueþ me sore .
 as meche as myn owne payn . or more
 For me payneþ hit and makeþ more greuous
 Eche to oþer schal say þus .
 þus ech mannes payne schal oþer dere .
 And non of hem schal oþer forber~ .
 Hare sone ne dow3ter ne sister ne broþer .
 <fol. 100r>Fadur ne modur . ne 3it non oþer .
 For echon schal hate oþer dedly .
 Eche schal gnawe his owne tonge in sondure
 Eche schal þere . on oþer wondre .
 þus in helle schulleþ þey fare ay .
 And þer-wiþ sclandre god þan say .
 wharto made god vs to his liknesse
 And lete vs dwelle euer þer sorwe isse .
 Bot hit semeþ þ^t god made vs in+uayne
 whan we beþ put þus . to endeles payne .
 Or he vs made for nau3t elles to dwelle
 In erþe but to be fir~ brondes in helle .
 þay schal warie þe tyme þat þai wer~ wrou3t
 And say allas whi were we nou3t .
 þus þay schul slaundre god among .
 So hard here payne schal be and strong .
 þay schal echon on oþer egryn .
 As wode men doþ here and make gret dyn .
 An hidows þyng to here it were
 who so couþe telle þ^t paynes þere
 As properly as þay þanne be
 But 3it coude alle þe menn of cristyante
 Ne alle þe clerkes þ^t euer had wit .
 Sen þe world bygan & þo þat leueþ 3it
 Couþe neuer telle . by clergi . ne by art .
 Of þe paynes of helle . by aþowsand part
 For þe nombre of paynes þat þare greueþ
 Passeþ alle þe mennes wit þ^t here lefeþ .
 Or þ^t euer leued in any degre .
 And þat may men by scyle þus se .
 For ech syn þ^t þe synful haþ wrou3t
 wer it neuer so lite uenial þou3t

þay schul haue certayne payne þare
 Aftur þat þe synne is . lesse . or mare
 who coude telle þanne wer he neuer so wyse .
 Alle þe synne and alle þe folyse
 Boþe dedly and also uenial .
 <fol. 100v>And leue non vntold : gret ne smal .
 þe which a man haþ here falle yn .
 Fro þe tyme þ^t he bygan first to syn .
 Boþe in þou3t . and word and dede .
 As who sayþ . non is þat can rede .
 And for ech þyng~ . here is don in vayne
 In helle is ordeyned a certayn payne .
 To þe sinful þ^t schal dwelle þare
 þanne byhoueþ hem . as J sayd are
 For ech synne þat þay did here
 Schal haue certayne payne synguler~
 And for ech manere of synne and foli .
 Be pyned in helle speciali .
 And as ofte syþe schal her~ payne newe bygynne
 As þay dede in þis world her~ synne
 þarfor~ so many paynes to hem schal falle .
 þat no wyt may conprehende hem alle
 For no syn þ^t þay euer here dede .
 Dedli ne venial schal þanne be hydde .
 But openly be sene . and non be alaynd
 For which schal be þare many paynes ordaynd
 Who my3te þanne alle þe paynes telle
 þat þe synful schal haue in helle .
 For why if a+man passe fro heuene away .
 For ech uenial syn þ^t syn þat euer dede he .
 He schal þanne dyuersly pyned be .
 And as ofte schal be renewed ech payne
 As he turned newe to hys synne agayne
 And þe lest payne is þar~ more to se .
 þan alle þe paynes of þis world here .
 þat euer was sayn ferre or nere .
 As to þe lest payne þare . my3t nou3t be told
 But as a+bath of water noþer hot ne cold .
 For alle þe sorwe of þis world ech dele

wer~ nou3t but a solace and Joye to fele
 as to regard of lest payne .
 þat is *in* helle þis is certayne .
 <fol. 101r>Ech synful schal haue sy3t þare .
 Of alle þe paynes boþe lasse and mare .
 þat alle þe synful men schul drye .
 þanne schal ech be sey3e þar~ wiþ ey3e .
 Men and women many þowsand .
 On eche syde aboute in many paynes dwelland
 And þat sy3t þat eche þare schal se .
 Of ech payne to him payne schal be .
 For alle þe paynes þ^t falleþ þer to ech +man .
 Schal be sorwe to alle þ^t seþ hem þan .
 þus schal eche dry3e more payn in helle .
 þan herte my3t euer þenke oþer tonge telle
 what of paynes þ^t þay schul haue of sy3t .
 þat to þe synful in helle beþ dy3t .
 For þe paynes þ^t þare schul be knowen .
 Schal greuen ech man . as meche as his owen .
 Suche paynes to hur~ as man may her~ rede .
 Ow3te to make eche man of helle to haue drede
 For . J trowe þ^t her~ is no+man lefand
 So hard herted þ^t wolde vnderstand
 And lyue what peynes in helle beþ wrou3t
 þat he ne schulde haue gret drede in þou3t .
 þe which schold make hym hate alle foly .
 whar~ fore hey such paynes worþy .
 þarfore þenkeþ boþe 3eng and old .
 On þese paynes þ^t in helle . J . haue ytold .
 Now hydows þay ben forto descryue
 And clense 3ow here . in 3our~ lyue .
 Of alle felþe of synne <hole in parchment> and foli
 And make 3ow here <hole in parchment> to god so redy .
 þ^t 3e be nau3t wor<hole in parchment> þi to wende
 To þe hidous <hole in parchment> peyne . wyþ-oute ende
 For he þat coude ow3t vnderstand
 what peynes in helle beþ euer lastand
 Hym wer~ leuer þole her~ alkyn payne
 þat any man here coude ordayne

Ar he wold assente to any foly .
 <fol. 101v>whar-fore he wer~ such paynes worpi
 Bot alle þat will her~ synnes forsake .
 while þay lyfe her~ . ar deþ ham take
 And of þyng haue a forþenkyng
 þat þay haue don agaynes godes+byddyng
 And *turne* hem to gude fro her~ syn .
 And aske his mercy and treste þer-in
 And be louyng to hym and buxsum
 In þe peynes of helle schul þai neuer cum .
 Here y haue spoke of þe paynes of helle
 As 3e haue herd opynly telle .
 And of þe sexte parte of þis boke mad ende
 Now wil . J . to þe seuenthe part wende .
 þat ys þe laste parte of alle .
 þe speches as .J . schewe 3ow schalle
 Specialy of þe ioyes of heuene
 þey beþe more þan any tonge may nemne .
 Bot first y wil schewe 3ow wher heuene es
 As clerkes sayþ and bereþ wytnes
 Aftur y schal schewe more .
 And telle 3ow of many Joyes þ^t beþ þore .

<Tranche 2>

<fol. 125v>Bot þay schul loue god ; euer in her~ song .
 And þanke hym ; of mercy among .
 And echon of þat ; blysfyl company .
 Schal speke wyþ oþer ; þer ful swetly .
 wiþ laughand and wiþ louely semeland .
 And say wele es vs ; þat were wonand .
 And þonke among ; þat hem gan wisse .
 To meknesse þat hem ladde to þ^t blysse .
 wiþ anger þat þay hadde ; in here lyfdayes .
 þanne may þay þus ; as dauid says
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 LOrd ful glade ; for þe dayes be we .

In whiche þ^u madest vs ; lowe to be
 In þe 3eres in þe whyche ; we say3 eueles
 þus may þay synge & say ; for fele skyles
 þanne schal here song ; and here spekyng
 Be to hem gret ioy . and gret lykyng .

Of þe ioye of felyng .

Also þay schul fele þer . ~~gret~~ wirschepps grete .
 For echon schal be sette ; in a+ryche sete .
 And kynges and quenens crowned be .
 wiþ corons dy3t ; of ryche perce<?>
 And wyþ stones ; precious to prays .
 As dauid þus to god ; spekes and says .
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Lord on hys heued ; þ^u settest ry3t .
 A coron of *precious* ; stones dy3t
 Bot so fayre coroune ; was neuer sene .
 In þes world on kynges ; heued ne quene .
 þis coroune es þe sy3t of blysse .
 And þe stone es ioy ; þat þay schul neuer mysse
 þis wirschip þat þay ; schul fele schal pase .
 Alle þe wirschippe ; þat euer here was .
 Of whyche þay schul þer ; more ioy haue .
 þan any man can ; 3erne or craue
 þus schul þay haue ; in here wittes fyue .
 <fol. 126r>Parfyt ioyes ; wyþ endeles Lyfe .
 In þe hey3e blysful ; cyte of heuene .
 wher fele ioy beþ mo ; þan tonge can neuene .
 For þay schul many hundred ; þousand se
 Of men & wymmen ; in þat cyte .
 þat many ioyes þer schul haue
 And be worthy ; and god voche-saue
 And alle ioyes ; þat þay all schul se
 Schal be ioy to eche ; þat þer schal be
 wyþ-oute hys owne ioy ; lesse & mare
 þat to hym-self schal be ; appropred þare .
 For þe ly3t of eche ioy ; þat þay schul se þan .
 Schal be ioy þere ; to eche man .
 For oþer mennes ioyes ; þay schul lyke as wele
 As þay schull here owne ; þat þay schul fele

þan schal a+man haue ; mo ioyes in heuene
 þan any tonge coupe ; telle or neuene
 For eche+man schal haue ; special ioyes & mede
 For eche god þou3t ; and eche gude dede
 þat euer þou3te or wrou3te : on erþe pryue
 þan may neuer here ; ioyes numbred be
 For eche man whan þay ; comeþ þeder .
 Schal in and soule haue ; alle to-geder .
 And neuer of no ioye ; fele akyng .
 For þay schul euer be new ; as atte bygynyng .
 Of whiche þe leste ioy ; þare to fele & se .
 Schal be more þan alle ioyes ; of þe world may be
 þay schul be fedde þare and cloped wele .
 wyþ ioy and sy3t ; þat þay schul fele .
 þay schul worche þer ; non oþer þyng .
 Bot loue godde ; wyþ-oute any þyng .
 As versfyour says . a *verse* þer-by .
 þe whyche es made in metre ; þus schortly . <lat></lat>
 Wyþ þe sy3t of godde ; þay schul be fed . <lat></lat>
 And wyþ þe bry3nesse of ly3t : þay schul be cled .
 And here werkes schul be þer lowyng
 In þe whiche þay schul haue ; gret lykyng .
 <fol. 126v>Bot here moste ioy ; in heuene schal be .
 þe blysful ly3t of þe ; hey3e trinite .
 þe whiche þay schull ; se euer more .
 And þ^t oþer ioy ; schal passe al oþer þore .
 For euer whyles þay schul ; þat sy3t se .
 Of all þay schul ; fulfilled be .
 And 3if þay schulde ; þat sy3t mysse
 þay my3te nou3t þanne haue ; parfyte blysse
 For 3if a+man were ; pyned in helle .
 wyþ mo paynes ; þan tonge my3te telle .
 And he of godes face ; my3te haue ou3t .
 Alle hys peynes þenne ; schulde greue hym nou3t .
 Now haue J redede here ; how men schul haue
 Parfyte ioy in heuene ; þat ben saue .
Of þe schendschip . and payne in helle þ^t to
fyue wittes schal falle þ^t es contrarye to parfyte
ioy ; in alle fyue wyttes

BOt þe dampned men ; þer-agayne
 schul haue ful sorwe ; and ful payne
 wiþ-owten ende ; for her~ wykked lyfe
 For þay schull+in here wyttes fyue .
 Be turmentyd ; one many manere .
 Wyþ grysly paynes ; many and fele .
 þat es to say ; in sy3t and heryng
 In smellynge ; tastyng an felyng .

Of þe paynes ; of sy3t .

First þay schul in helle ; abowte hem se
 More sorwe þan euer ; in þis world my3te be .
 And þe sorwe þat þay ; schul se þare
 Schal be strong payne ; to hem euer mare .
 Here wonyng in helle ; as sayþ þe boke
 þay schul se ful of fyre ; and ful of smoke .
 And ful grysly . and derke ; and dymme .
 Abowte hem ; deueles : ful grymme .
 þat wyþ many paynes ; schul pyne hem ay
 As men my3t here ; me byfore say
 And all þay þat in helle ; wanteþ ly3t
 <fol. 127r>3it schul þay of alle ; paynes haue sy3t .
 þoru3 þe spakles of þe fire ; sayþ seynt austyn .
 Nou3t to þaire comfort ; bot to here payn .

Of þe payne of heryng .

3et more sorwe ; hem schal bytyde .
 þay schul hure in helle ; on eche syde
 Ful hydows noyse ; and dulfyl dyne
 of deueles and of synful ; men þer-inne .
 þay heren deueles þer-in ; rore ful dolefullye
 And þe synful men ; gowle and crye

Of þe peynes ; of smellyng .

þAy schul þare in smellyng fele more stynke
 þen herte may here ; ymagyn or þenke .
 Of brennyng brymston . & of pyke
 And of alle oper þyng ; þat es wyke
 þe stynke as 3e schul ; vnderstonde wele
 Schal be ful strong payne ; heme to fele .
 Also þay schul ; echon þer wery .
 And myssay þer and sclaundre ; god al-my3ty .

þay schul euer stryue ; and be at debate .
 And echon oþer ; þer despyse and hate
 Among hemme . schal neuer be pese
 Her~ þrotes schul euer be ; fulfilled among .
 Of all þyng þat es ; bytter and strong .
 Of flamme and reke ; togedre mellyd
 Of pych and brymston ; to-gedre welled .
 Of molton brasse ; and lede wyþ all .
 And of oþer . wellyng metall .
 þis schal be strong payne ; to hem to taste .
 Among al oþer paynes ; leste and maste .
 wyþ stryf schal be . among hem þan .
 whan echon schal oþer ; wery and ban
Of þe payne . of felyng .
 Also þay schul fele ; as . J byfore tolde
 Outrageous hete ; and outrageous colde .
 For now þay frese in yse ; & now þay schul bryn
 And be gnawen ; wyþ-out & wiþ-in .
 <fol. 128r>wiþ-ynne as 3e ; shcul vnderstande .
 wiþ wormes of conciense ; euer bytande
 w^t-oute dragons ; felle and kene
 So hydows was neuer ; here non sene .
 And wiþ many hydow best ; and rawyn .
 wiþ neddres and todes ; and oþer vermyn .
 As wode wolues ; lyons and beres felle
 þat schal nau3t be elles ; bot deueles of helle .
 In lyknes of hydows best ; & fel and vermyn .
 And þoru3 þe worme ; of concise wyþ-yn .
 þe deueles also . schul stryke hem felly .
 wiþ glowyng hamours ; huge and heuy .
 þat schal seme ; of yren and stele
 þes paynes schul þay ; w^t all oþer fele .
 þus schul þay euermore ; be peyned þare .
 In alle her~ fyue wyttes ; as . J . sayde are
 wyþ many paynes ; as es gude skyle
 For þay here vsyd ; here wittes ylle .
 Alle þes þat 3e haue ; herd me telle
 And many mo ; þat schul be in helle .
 þay schul þole euer þer ; þat schul wende þeder .



In body and saule ; and alle to-geder .
þus schul euer þay . contynuely ;
Haue parfyte þer ; wyþ-oute mercy .
Fro whyche peyn and sorwe ; god vs schylde
þoru3 prayere ; of hys moder mylde .
And þe ry3t way ; vs wysse
what þoru3 we may ; come to heuene blysse . *Amen* .