

## The fourth booke.

**A**with the secrete instincte and inspyra-  
cion of his holy sprite, wrought and  
brought into a ful and whole catholike  
agreement & consent, as necessary poin-  
tes of the true christen fayth.

This is also by maister Pasker won-  
derfull wysely sayned, that Pope hath  
sayned all these thynges, even to them-  
sente to stablishe the popes kyngdomme.  
**B**ut nowe what great cause shoulde  
moue mee, to beare that great affeccion  
to the Pope, as to faine al these thinges  
for stablishemēt of his kyngdomme: that  
thyng maister Pasker telleth you not,  
as the thyng that is so playne and euy-  
dent that he nedeth not. For he thinketh  
þ every man knoweth alredy, that the  
Pope is my godfather, and goeth about  
to make me a cardinall.

But now good christen readers, thē  
that would at the counsayle of this euil  
christen caitife, caste of all such maner  
thynges as al god christen people haue  
ever taken for good, and nowe neyther

No more thei crepe to the crosse, nor set by any halo-  
do but against wed thyng, dispise pilgrymages, and see  
their wile.

**C**holy sayntes at nouȝt, no moze reue-  
rence their images þā an hōze of war,  
nor reken their relykes any better than  
shepes bones, scrape clene the letany  
out of every booke, with our lady mat-  
ters and the dyrige to, and away wþth  
our ladies psalter, and cast the bedes in  
the fyre and beware also that wee wor-  
ship not the sacramēt, nor take it for no  
better thing than unblessed bread, and  
believe that the church erretth in euerye  
thing that it teacheth, and all that holy  
saintes haue taught therin thys. rity.  
**C**heresfor all they haue taught al these  
thynges that thys manne now dyspi-  
seth) than woulde there ware a mery  
**D**worlde, the very kingdome of the devill  
hymselfe.

And verely it semeth that they would  
set the people vpon mirth. For penaunce  
they shake of as a thyng not necessary.  
Satissacion they call great synne, and  
confession they call the deuyllles dryst.  
And of purgatory by two meanes they  
put men out of dred. Some by slepyng  
till domes day, and some by sending al  
grave to heauen, euery soule that dieth  
and is not dampned for euer.

And yet some good comforde gyue they  
to the dampned to. For tylly they se som-  
tyme to deny hell all vterly, they goe  
aboute in the meane season to put oute  
the fyre. And some yet boldly forthwith  
to say there is none there, that thei dred

a lytle, and therfore for the season they  
byng the matter in question, and dis-  
pute it abzode, and say they will not cer-  
terly affirme and say the contrary, but  
the thyng is they say but as *problema neu-*  
*trum*, wherein thei would not forze whi-  
ther parte they shoulde take, and if thei  
shouide chose, they would rather holde  
nay than ye, or though there bee fire in  
either place, that yet it neither burneth  
soule in hell, nor paineth soule in pur-  
gatory.

But Christ I wote wel in many places **F**  
saith there is fyre there, & hys holy sain-  
tes after him assy me and say þ same, **Ecc. 25.**  
with the fire he fraied hys owne dyscyp-  
ples, bidding þem that fyre þ thei fal  
not therein.

Now thoughe that clerkes may in  
scooles hold problems vþr eucry thing:  
yet can I not perceyue what profyse  
there can come, to cal it but a probleme  
among unlearned folke, and dispute it  
oute abzode, & bþing the people in dout,  
and make them rather thynke that ther  
is none than any, and that this woordis  
fire is spoken but by parable, as these **G**  
men make the eating of Christes bles-  
sed body. Thus shall thei make menne  
take both paradyse, and heauen, & God  
and altogytter, but for parables at  
laste.

Thoughe feare of hell alone be but a  
servile dread: yet are there alredy to ma-  
ny that feare hell to little, even of theim  
that belieue the truth, and thinke that  
in hell there is verry fire in dede. Howe-  
many will ther than be that will feare  
it leſſe, if such woordis ones may make  
theim weene, that there were in hell no  
ver fire at all, but þ the paine that they  
shall seele in hel, were but after the ma-  
ner of soe hevy minde, or of a troublous  
dzeame.

If a man belieue Christes woord, þ  
in hell is fire in dede, and make þ feare  
of þ fire one meane to kepe hym thense:  
than though there were no fyre there,  
yet hath he nothing lost, syth good he ca-  
geate none there, though the fyre were  
thense. But if he belieue such woordis  
on the other syde, & catche ther by suche  
boldenesse that he set hell at lyght, & by **A**s many dor-  
the meanes therof fall boldely to synne,  
and therupon finally fall downe vnto þ  
devill: if he than find fyre there as I am  
sure hee shall, than shall hee lie there  
and curse the that tolde hym those false  
tales, as longe as God with his good  
folke sitteth in the hewyn

And

**A** And therfore good chrissten readers, wisedome wyl we beleue Chrysse own wordes, and let such vnwyse woordes & deuelyshe deuices passe.

**C**h. xiij. chapiter.

**B**ut nowe after this pleasaunt discourse of his into the rehersall of thys hepe of heresies þ you haue herde, for which as for little trifles his hart freeth soþ, that any heretiske shold be burned he goeth on against me and sayth.  
**B**ut let vs retourne to our purpose. To dispute of goddes almighty absolute power, what god may do with his body, it is great folly & no lesse presumption to Moze, siche the Pope which is no whole god but halfe a god, bi their own decrees hath decreed no man to dispute of hys power. But chrissten reader be thou content to knowe that goddes will, his worde, and his power, bee all one, and repugne not. And neither wil leþ he, nor may not doe any thinge in, cluding repugnaunce, imperfencion, or that shold derogate, minish or hurt his gloþ & his name.

The gloþ of his godhed is, to be presēt and to fill al places at ones assencially, presentlye with hys almighty power, whiche gloþ is denied to any other creature, hymselfe sayeng by hys prophete: I will not gue my gloþe to any other creature. Now therfore syth his manhed is a creature, it cannot haue thys gloþ which onely is appropried to the godhed.

To attribute to hys manhed þ property, which onely is appropried to his godhed, is to confounde boþe þ natures in Chrysse. What thing so ever is every where after the sayd maner, that must nedes be infinite, without begynning and end, it must be one alone, and almighty: which properties onely are appropried vnto the gloþouse maiestie of the godhed. Therfore Chrysse body may not be in all or in many places at ones. Chrysse himselfe sayeng as concerning his manhed: He is lesse then the father, but as touching hys godhed the father and I be both one iþyng. And Paule reciting þ Psal. affirmeth: Chrysse as concerning hys manhed to be lesse then god, or lesse than aungelles as some cert bath it. Here is it plaine þ all thinges that Moze imagyneth and sayneth, are not possyble to Godde, for

it is not possyble for Godde to make a creature egall vnto himselfe, for it includeth repugnaunce and derogatione of his gloþ.

Now haue you lo good chrissten readers herde a very speciall piece, wherin maister Maser (as you see) solemnly first rebuketh the folys and the p̄esumption of mee, for that I was so bolde in my letter agaist his fellow farher Frith to dispute of goddes almighty absolute power. But now good readers whan you shall see by the matter, that it was Frith which argued agaist Goddes almighty power, denieng that Chrysse could make his own body in many places at ones, and that I did in effecte nothing els but aunswere him, and sayed and affirmed that god was able to do it & that Frith was but a fool so to stratte and to limite the power of almighty god, but if he coulde proue repugnaunce (which agaynsse goddes owne woordes plaine spoken in hys holy gholpell, farther Frith coulde never doe) whan you se thys good readers, I doubt not but ye wyll saye, that it is neither folly nor presumption for þ simplest man or woman in a towne, to maintaine that god may dooe this thinge or that (namely the thyngie that Godde hath layd hym selfe he doth) agaist hym that is so foolish he as to presume, agaist the playne wozde of god, to determine by his owne blinde reason the contrary, and specially sithe the thinge is suche in dede, as though god had not spoken thereof, yet had he none holde to say that god could not do it, for as much as it impleth no such repugnaunce as shoulde make the thinge impossyble vnto god.

But now see further good readers þ wisedome and the mekenes of maister Maser here. Whiche as lone as he hath scant finished his high solemnre rebukyng of mee, for such disputing of gods almighty power, that I saied he was in dede so mighty that he could do þ thinge that we dispute vpon agaist him that sayed nay, falleth himself forthwith in that same faute that he findeth, and yet not the same faute (for the faute that he founde was none) but in the faute that he would seeme to fynde. For he disparteth and taketh the parte agaynsse goddes almyghty power in dede, and argueth as you see that God in dede cannot doe it.

And this point he argueth in such maner fashyon, that in my life I never saw

**A**sawe so foollethe an argument, so soleynly set vp on high. First he maketh his reason thus. It is the glory of god to be present and to fyll all places at ones, essentially, presently, with his almighty power, & is denied to any creature. But Christes manhed is a creature. Ergo it can not haue thys glory that is appropried to the godhed.

**B**Here is a wyse argument. God hath many glories. And his chiese glory standeth not in being present at ones essentially in every place. And though he will not gyue his glory from him, yet of his glorie he maketh many creatures in many great partes of it, to be parteners wþ him. It is one part of his gloriþ to liue & endure in eternall blisse, and though no creature be without beginning, yet maketh he many a thousand possessours of toy without endyng.

**C**Howe proueth maister Masper that to be present at ones in all places, is such a kind of glory so appropried unto god, that god cannot gyue that gift to anye creature. The scripture semeth to approprie unto god alone, þ knowledge of mans secrete thought. And yet ca I not see but that god might give that knowlidge to some creature to, and yet abide god by himselfe.

psalm.7.

### The xliij. chapter.

**D** Van maketh maister Masper an other argument, wherwith he would as it semeth somewhat strength the first, as it hath of trouth no little nede, being as it is so feble of it self.

His other argument therfore is (as you haue herd) this. What thing soever is every where after the saied maner, þ must nedes be infinite without beginnyng and ende. It must be one, & alone and almighty. Which properties, are appropried unto þ gloriouse maiestie of god. But Christes manhed is not such(as himself witnesseth in holy scripture) ergo his manhed can not be in all or in many places at ones.

First (that we laboure not aboute nougat) we must consider what maister Masper meaneth by those wordes, þ after the saied maner.

He sayd you wote well in the tother argument before, that the glory of God, is to be present, and to fyll all places at

ones, essentially, presently, with his almighty power. And therfore whan he saith now, whatsoever thinge is every where at ones after the saied maner, he meaneth (you se wel) present & filling all places at ones, essentially, presently, wþ his almighty power.

I let passe here his worde presentlye, whose presence nedeth not in that place for ought that I can see. For whan he said before, present and filling all places at ones essentially; his other worde presently may take his leaue & be absēt well ynoch. For how can he be present and essentially fill the place, and not present?

But now whan he saith þ by hys almighty power: What is this to the matter? For it is inough against hym, if any creature may be present in every place at ones, and essentially fill the place, not by his own almighty power, but by the almighty power of God, and yet not so fill the place neither, but that it may haue a nother wþ it in the same place. For I trow he will not deny, but that there bee many creatures in those places, which God with his owne presence essentially filleth full.

Therfore as for these wordes, þ after the saied maner. Which he putteþ in to make vs answere: Sp. Masper must put out again. Now that being put out reharse & consyder well maister Maspers argument. What thing soever is in every place at ones, that thing must needs be infinite wþoute beginning and ende, it must be one, and alone, and almighty, which properties are appropried to the gloriouse maiestie of god. But the manhed of Christ is a creature and not god: ergo Christes manhed cannot be in al places or in many places at ones. And yet consyder here that though he leaue oute that odious worde: yet must hys conclusyon be in dede, that God doth ca not make it so, as you se plain by hys beginning, wher he sheweth that it implieth repugnaunce, and that therfore god cannot do it.

Now good readers consyder well his first propostyon, whiche wee cal þ maiestie, that is to wþt þ god can not make any thing created to be every where at ones. Let vs pray hym to proue it, and gyue hym one veres leysour to it. But here he taketh vpon hym to proue it, and layth for the reason, that god ca not make any creature to be in all places

A ces at ones, because it shoulde than bee infinite, and thereby God almightyes mate and hygh felsw. Let him as I say proue vs this in two pere, that it shoulde than be infinite, without beginning, & without ende, and almighty. In good faith either am I very dull, or els doth master Masket tell vs herein a verye madde tale.

I thynke he wyll not deny, but that god which coulde make all this wōrldē heauen, and earth, and all the creatures that hee created therein, coulde if it so hadde pleased hym, haue created onely one man, and let al the remenant alone b̄ncreated, and haue kepte hym stil, and never haue made heauen noz earth noz none other thing, but only that one mā alone. The soule now that than had bē created in that man, had it not than bē in all places at ones? I suppose yes. For there had ben no moe places than þ mannes body, and therein had there bē many places in many diuers partes of the man, in all whiche that soule shoulde haue ben present at ones, and the whole soule in every part of all those places at ones. For so is every soule in euery mās body now. And yet had that soule not ben infinite, no moze than every soule is now.

If God woulde now (as if he would he coulde) create a new spirite þ shoulde fullifill all the whole wōrldē heauen and earthe and all, as much as cuer is crea-  
ted, that in such wyse shoulde be whole p̄esent at ones in every part of þ wōrld, as the soule is in every parte of a man, D and yet shoulde not bee the soule of the wōrldē: I will here aske mayster Masket, were that new, created spirite infinite? If he auns were me nay: than hath he soiled hys owne wise reason himself. For than no more were the manhed of Christ, though it were p̄esent in al those places of the whole wōrldē at ones. If he aūs were me ye: than sith that spirite were no moze infinite than þ wōrld is, with in the limites & boundes wherof it were contained, it woulde folowe therof, that the wōrld were infinite alredy, which is false. And also if it wer true, tha woulde it folow by M. Maskers reason, that god almighty had a match alredy, that is to wit a nother thyng infinite beside himself, which is the incō-  
nvenience þ maketh M. Masket affyrmē it soz impossible, that god coulde make Chrysles manhed to bee in all places at ones.

Thus you see good readers vpon what G  
wyse grounde mayster Masket hath  
here concluded, that God can not make  
Chrysles bodye to bee in all places at  
ones.

But yet is it a wōrld to consider howe  
mably the man concludeth. His cōclu-  
sion is this ye wote well. ¶ Therfore  
Chrysles body cannot be in all places,  
or in many places at ones. ¶

All hys reason ye wote wel goeth vpon  
beyng in al places at ones, because that  
therupon woulde it by hys wise reason  
folow, that it shoulde be infinite. And  
nowe is that point of trouthe no parte  
of our matter. For we say not þ Chrys-  
les body is in all places at ones but in F  
heauen, and in such places in earth as  
the blessed sacrament is.

And therfore wheras his reason goeth  
nothyng agaist being in many pla-  
ces at ones, but onely agaist beyng at  
ones in al places he concludeth sodainly  
agaist being in many places, to-  
ward whiche conclusion no piece of his  
premisses had any maner of motion.

And so in al this his high solempne ar-  
gument, and hys farre set reason, ney-  
ther is hys mātor true, nor hys argu-  
ment toucheth not the matter, nor hys  
premisses any thyng p̄oue hys conclu-  
sion. And yet after thys goodly rea-  
soning of hys, he reisyleth in his hearte  
hyghly to see how soley he hath han-  
ded it, and saith.

G Here it is playne that all thynges þ  
Moze ymagineþ and sayneth, are not  
possible to god. For it is not possible to  
god to make a creature egal to himself,  
for it includeth repugnaunce & deroga-  
tio[n] hys glory. ¶

Masket Masket speaketh mucche of  
myne unwritten d̄emes and vanities.  
But here haue we had a wrytten d̄eme  
of hys, & therin thys foolylī host also so  
ful of vaine gloriouſ vainite, þ if I hab  
d̄reamed it in a fit of a feuer, I would I  
wene haue bene a shamed to haue tolde  
my d̄eme to my wyfe when I woake.  
And nowe shall you good readers haue  
here a nother piece as proper.

G God promised and swore that all  
naciōs shoulde be blessed in the death of  
that promyzed sede which was Chrysſ:  
God had determinyd and decreed it be-  
fore the wōrldē was made: ergo Christ  
must nedes haue dyed, & not to expoune  
thys wōrldē oportet as Moze minseth it.  
For it was so necessary that the cōtrari  
was

**A**was impossible: excepte Moze woulde make God a lyer, whiche is impossible. Pauls concludeth that Christ must nedes haue dyed, vsing thys laten terme Necess. Saieng wheresoever is a testament, there must the death of the testament maker goe betwene: or els the testament is not ratified & sure, but righ- teousnes and remyssyon of synnes in Christes blode is his new testament, wherof he is mediatour: ergo h[is] testamet maker must nedes haue died. Wrest not therefore (maister Moze) thys word oportet (though ye finde potest soz oportet in some corrupt copy) vnto your bnsauery fence. But let oportet signifie, he must or it behoveth hym to dye. For he toke our very mortal nature for the same decree counsayle: hymself sayeng John. 2. 4. 12. oportet exaltari filium homini. &c. It behoueth, or the sonne of man must die, that every one that belieue in hym perdyne not sc. Here maye ye see also that it is impossible for God to breake hys promise. It is impossibl[e] to god whiche is that heresy to be found contrary in his deves and wordes: as to saue them whome he hath dampned, or to dampne them whome he hath saued. Wherefore all thynges ymaged of Mozes brayne are not possyble to god. And when Moze sayth, that Christ had power to let his life & to take it agayne, and therfore not to haue dyed of necessite: I wonder me, that his scole master here failed hym, so cunning as he maketh hymself therin: which graunteth and affirmeth (as true it is) that with y necessary decree workes of gods soezight and prouidence standeth right well his free liberty. ¶

John 10

## ¶ The xv. chapter.

**I**f thys piece were good renders any thing to the purpose of our principall master conceryng the blessed sacrament Maister Maser had here giuen me holde ynotynghe to gyue hym fower or fwe suche soule falles on the backe, that hys bones shold al to burst therwith. But soz as much as you shal perceiue by the reading of my letter, y all thys geare is but a byemaster ryzen vpon a certaine place of S. Austin whiche Frith alledged imperfectly: I purpose not to spende the tyme in vaine dispayros with maister Maser, in a thing

oute of our matter. And namely sith the man hath after his long babling against me, yet in vende unanswered himself wel and sufficiently for me.

For whan he hath said a great while, that it was in such wise necessary that Christ must die, that the contrary therof was impossibl[e]: at last as though he would mocke mee therwith and shewe myne ignorance, he bringeth in hys owne, and sheweth that for any thing y god hath eyther soezene or decreed and determined therin, he had left Christ at his libertie to die or live if he would. And than is he was at his liberty not to dye but if he had would: than was it not impossibl[e] for him to haue liued if he had would.

But the keping of hys lyfe was the contrary of hys dieng: ergo hys dieng how necessary so ever it was for mans redempcion, that is to wiste so behofull thereto, that without it we shoulde not haue bene sauied: yet maister Maser here to shew hymself a gret scoles man in respecte of me, confesseth hymself against himselfe, that Christ to die was not in such wise necessarily constrained that the contrary thereof, that is to wite Christ to lyue, was impossible to hym if he had would, while maister Maser cannot say naye, but must needs gyue place to the scriptures that I layd hym, and therfore must confess and so he doth that Christ could by no constrainte bee compelled to dy, but was offred because himself so woudl.

But the dispuynge of this pointe is as I say good reader all beside our principlall matter, and therfore I will let hys other folies that I finde in thys piece passe by.

Than goeth maister Maser forth ¶ sayeth.

¶ But maister Moze saith at last, if God woulde tell mee that he woulde make ech of both their bodies two (meanning the yong mas body and Christes) to be in fistene places at ones, I would beleue hym I, that he wer able to make his word true in y bodies of both twain & never woulde I so much as aske hym whither he woulde glorifye theim both fyfth or not: but I am sure glorified or vnglorified, if he sayd it, he is able to do it. Lo here may ye see what a fervent faith thys old man hath, and what a earnest minde to believe Christes wordes if he had tolde hym: but I praye ye M. Moze, what and if Christ never tolde it you

You, nor said it nor never would, would ye not be as halfe to nos belene it? yf he tolde it you, I praye ye tell vs where ye speake with hym, and who was by to beare ye record: and yet if you bryng as falle a shrew as your selfe to testify this thing: yet by your owne doctrine, must ye make vs a myzacl to confirme your tale, ere we be bounde to belieue you, or yet to admite this your argument, god may make his body in many places at ones, ergo it is so. ¶

## ¶ The. xvi. chapter.

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Rade good readers in my letter the. xxi. leafe, and thā consider master Maskers godly mocke that hee maketh here, & you shall synde it very foolyshe. But nowe M. Masker asketh mee, where I spake wþ Ch̄rist whan he tolde me that hee would make hys own body in two places at ones, as though Ch̄rist could not speake to me but if I spake to hym, nor could not tel me the tale but if he apere to me face to face, as he did after his resurrecyon to hys discipiles. This question of mayster Masker commeth of an high witte I warrant you. I answeire master Masker therfore, Ch̄rist told it at hys maundy to other good credyble folke, and they tolde it forth to þ whole catholike church, and the whole church hath tolde it vnto me, & one of them that was at it, þ is to wit S. Mathew, hath put it in writing as the same church celeb̄ mee. For els were I not sure why there that ghospell were his or not, nor whither it were any parte of holy scripture or not. And therfore I cā lacke no

Luke, 14.

The church  
dothe teache  
vs which is  
scripture.

D good and honest witnessesse to here me recorde in that point that will depose for mes, þ I sayne not the matter of myne owne hed. And I haue a testimonial also of many olde holy doctours and saintes, made afors a good notary the good man god himselfe, whiche hath with his seale of many an hundred myzaclcs, both testified for the trouth of those men, & also for the trouth of the principal matter it selfe, that is to wit that Ch̄ristes very body is in the blessed sacrament, though the sacrament be eyther in two or in. c. thousande places at ones. And thus mayster Maskers questpons concerning Ch̄ristes blessed body, þ Ch̄rist hath tolde me that he would make it be in two places at ones, is I trust suffi-

ently answered. But now as for Fr. Ethes boði (which w̄riteth þ Ch̄ristes boðy cā be no more in two places at ones than hys) though I would haue beleued that Ch̄rist could haue made it in two places at ones if Ch̄rist had so told me: yet syth Ch̄riste hath nowe tolde mee, by hys whole catolyque churche, and by w̄rting of the olde holys saintes of the same, and by hys own holy scripture to, whiche scripture by the same churche and the same holye sainctes I know, and also se declared and expouned, and ouer that hath by many wonderfull miracles manifestly proued and testysyed, þ thopinons in which Fr. Ethes obstinately and therwith very solilishly died, were very pestilenc heresies, wherby hee is perpetuallye severed from the lyuely body of Ch̄rist, and made a dead membre of the deuyll: I beleue therfore and ber surely know as a thing taught me by God, that the wretched body of þ felow shall never bee in two places at ones, but whan it hal rysse agayne and be restored to that wretched oblymate soule, shall therwith lyue still ever moze in one place, that is to wit in the euer-lasting syre of hel. Fr. Ethes which I beseeche our lord turne Lindall & George Tay, with all the whole bretherhed, and M. Masker among other (whosoeuer he be) by tyme.

Now vpon his aforesayed such a proper handeled mocke as you haue herde, master Masker goeth on, and giuerd me ryght holsome admonicion, that I medle no moze with such high matters, as is the great absolute almyghtye power of God, and therein thus he sayeth vnto me.

þ Syz you be to buspe wþch Goddes almyghtye power, and haue taken to gret a burden vpon your weake shoul- dzen. ¶

## ¶ The. xvii. chapter.

Icre he shoulde haue rehersed what one wozde I had sayed of goddes almyghtye power, in which wozde I was to buspe. Reede my letter ouer, & you shall clereley see that I say nothyng els, but that god is almyghtye, and that hee therfore may doe all thyng. And yet (as you shall here master Masker hymselfe confessie) I sayed not that god could doe thynges that imply repugnaunce. But I saide that some thynges may come re-

pug-

**A**pugnaunt vnto vs, whiche thynges god seeth how to set togyther well ythrough. We these wordes god reader ouer highly spoken of Goddes almighty power: May not a poze vnlearned man be bold to say that god is able to do so much?

And yet for sayeng thus muche, saith maister Wasker that I am to busy, and haue taken to great a burden vpon my weake sholdren, and haue ouer laded my selfe with myne owne harneyse and weapons, & many gaye wordes moe to btre his eloquence with all. But maist-

**P**ter Wasker on the other side is no him selfe to busy at all with Gods almighty power, in affirming that God hath not the power to make hys owne blessed body in many places at ones. His mighty stronge sholdren take not to muche weyght vpon them, wha in dede of omnipotent he proueth god impotent, and that by such impotent argumentes, as you se your selfe so shamefully hate, that

**C**neuer lame cripple that lay impotet by the walles in creeping oute vnto a dole, haltes half so soze. But thā he goeth farther for h̄ praise of yonge Davyd & saith. **G**ou haue overladen your self with your owne harneyse and weapons, and yonge Davyd is lyke to p̄euayle agaynst you wþt hys slynge and hys stōne. **A**

As for maister Waskers yong maister Davyd, whoso looke vpon hys first treacie and my letter togither, shal sone see that his sling and hys stōne bee beaten both about hys eares. And whansoever

**D**hys new sling and hys new stōne (whiche is as I now here say very lately come ouer in print) come ones into my handes, I shall turne his slynge into a cokewē, and hys stōne into a fether, for anye harme that it shallbee hable to dooe, but if it bee to such as willingly will put out their owne eyen, to which they never nede neither stōne nor sling, but with a fether they may doe it & they be so madde.

But an heauy thing it is to here of hys yong foolishe Davyd, that hath thus w̄ hys stōne of stubbernes, striken out his owne braine, and with the slyng of hys heresves slonken hymselfe to the deuill.

Per h̄. Wasker cā not leaue me thus, but on hee goeth further in hys rayling rethorike and thus he saith.

**G**od hath infatuated your hyghe subtill wþsedome, your crafty conuayance is espyed. God hath sent your church a meete couer soȝ such a cup, euen

such a defender as you take your self to be, that shall let al their whole cause fal flat in the mire, vnto both your shames and bitter consylpon. God therefore bee praised euer amen. **A**

### The xviii. chapter.



Soȝ wþsedome I wyll not compare with maister Wasker therin, nor woulde ware much the prouder in good falch though men would sat that I had moze wit than he. I pray god sende vs both a little more of his grace, and make vs both good.

But wher as he iesteth concerning my defensio[n] of the church: whoso looke my booke through, shal finde that the church, in the truth of whose catholyke sayth concerning the blessed sacramente I wþple against Fryth and Lindall, & maister Wasker and suche false heretykes moe, is none other churche but the true catholyque church of Christ, the whole congregacion of al true christen nations, of which churche I take not my self to be any specyal defender, how be it to defende it, is in dede euery goode mans part. And as for hitherto, h̄ thin-  
ges that I haue written, are (I thanke god) stronge ynoch to stande, as it is plainely proued agaynst all these heretikes h̄ haue w̄testled therwith, wherof they coulde never yet overthow one lyne, and no man moze shamefully souled in the myre, than maister Wasker here hymselfe, that holdest hys victoȝe while he l̄seth in the dñe. But the catholyke church hath another maner defender than is any earthly man. For it hath god himselfe therin, and hys holy spirite, permanent & abiding by Christes own promise, to defend it from falled vnto thende of the world. And therfore it cannot fall flatte in the mire, but god maketh heretikes fall flatte in the fyre. **G**

Per to thentent good readers, & you shoulde well see that I leſt not vntowched the pointe of repugnaunce, wþt whyche maister Wasker hath all thys while set out hys hygh solempne reason against goddes almightynes: himselfe sheweth here at last, that of repugnance I did speke my selfe. Howbeit in dede, somewhat more moderately than hee, as ye shall not onely percevye by the wordes of my letter, but also by the wordes of

A of mayster Pasker hymself whych bee  
the se.

**T**hen saith master Paze, though it semeth repugnaunt both to hym and to me, one bodye to bee in two places at once: yet god seeth howe to make theym stands together well yngough. This man with his olde eyen and spectacles seeth farre in goddes syght, and is of his pypule counselli: that knoweth belike by side secrete reuelacion howe god seeth one body to be in manye places at once, includeth no repugnaunce. For woordes hath he none for him in all scripture no moze then one body to be in al places at once. It implyeth syrst repugnaunce to my sight and reason, that all this wold should bee made of nothyng, and that a virgin shoulde bring forth a childe. But yet when I see it written in the wordes of my faith, whiche god spake, & brought it so to passe: then implyeth it no repugnaunce to me at all. For my faith receyeth it and receiueth it stedfastly. For I knowe the boyce of my heardmanne, whiche if he sayde in any place of scripture that his body shoulde haue bene cayned vnder the fyme of bread and so in many places at once here in earthe: & also abidynge yet syll in heauen to, verely I woulde haue believed hym I, as lone and as firmelye as mayster Paze. And therefore even yet, yf he can shewe vs but one sentence truely taken for his part, as we can do many for the contrary, we muste geue place. For as for hys unwritten hereties, and thauhoritie of his antichristen sinagoge, unto whiche (the scripture forsaken) he is nowe at last with shame yngough compelled to flee: they be proued stark lyes and very deuylrye.

#### The xii. chapiter.

**S**o not this a wyse innented scoffe that maister Pasker mocketh me with al, & sayth that with myne olde eyen & my spectacles I see farre in gods sight, and am of gods pypule counsayle, and that I knowe belike by some secrete reuelacion, howe god seeth that one body to bee in manye places at once includeth no repugnaunce. It is no counsayle ye wote well that is cryed at the crosse. But Christ hath cried and proclaimed thys hymselfe, & sente his heraldes, his blessed apostles, to criue it ouer abrode, and hath caused his euangelis-

tes also to wryte the proclamation **G** by which al the wold was warned, & his blessed body, his holy fleshe and hys bloud, is verely eaten and dronke in the blessed sacrament. And therefore eyther al those places be one in whiche the blessed sacramentis received at once, or els god may do the thing that is repugnat, or els he seeth that his body to be in diverse places at once, is not repugnant. For well I wote he sayth he dothe it, in al y. iiiii. euangelistes. And well I wote also, that he cannot saye but sothe. And therefore neither nede I to see verye far for this poynte, nor neede no secrete reuelacion neither, sythe it is the poynte, that to the whole wold, god hath both by woerde, wryting, and miracles, reuled and shewed so openly. Wher is maister Pasker now? For where he saith I haue no woordes of scripture for Chirstes body to be in many places at once, no moze than to be in al places at once: yf I had not, yet if god hadde other wyse than by wryting reuled the tone to his church and not the tother, I would and were bounde to belieue the tone, & wold not nor were bounden to belieue the tother, as I belieue and am bounde to belieue now that the gospel of saint John is holy scripture, & not the gospel of nichodemus. And if god had reuled both swayne, unto h church: I would & were bound to belieue both swain, as I belieue now y the gospel of saint John is holye scripture, & the gospel of saint Mathew to. But now of trouth maister Pasker abominably belyeth the woordes of God, whan he layeth that we haue not the woordes of god, no moze for the beyng of christes body in many places at ones than in al places at once. For as for the beyng thereof in al places at once, we synde no woordes playnelye wrytene in the scripture. But for the beyng thereof in many places at once, Christes woordes in his laste supper, and before that in the syrt chapiter of saint John, be as open as clere, and as playne as any man wel coulde with any reason require, excepte any man were so wise as to wens that diuers mennes mouthes were all one place. And therefore whan maister Pasker in his wordes solowyng, maketh as though he woulde belieue it, as well as he belieueth the creation of the wold, and Christes byrthe of a virgin (whiche seme also to his reason repugnaunt) yf Christe in any playn place of scripture layde it, the trouth appeareth other

**A**otherwyse. For vnto hym that is not with his owne frowardnesse blynded by the devill, the thing that he denieth is as playnly spoken, as are the other twain that he sayth he beleueth. And soe other wretches such as himselfe is in foly and stubbernes, deny both the other twain for the repugnaunce, as wel as he dothe this, whiche thing you haue heard him already, with verye foolish reasons declare for so repugnaunte, that he sayeth that god cannot do it, because it wer as he sayth a geuyng awaie of his glorie. And therefore his hearte once sette and fired on the wrong syde, the devill causeth hym so to delite in such fond foolish arguments of hys owne inuencion, þ he cannot endure to turne his minde to the trouth, but euery texte be it never so playne, is darke vnto him, through the darknes of his owne brayne.

#### The xx. chapiter.

**C** Luke, 22. Ut nowe for because he saith that he wilbe content and satisfied in this marter with a ny one cert truely take: while I shal say that the textes that I shal bring him, be by me truely take, and he shall say naye, and shall say that I take them amisse and vntruly; while he and I can not agree vpon the takyng but vary vpon therpositon and ryghte understanding of them: by whom wyll he be iudged, whicher he or I take those textes truely: If by the congregacion of chrissten people: the whole chrissten nacions have thys systene hundred yeare iudged it agaynst him. For all this whyle haue thei beleued, that Chрист at his maundye, whan he sayde this is my body, meant that it was his verye bodye in dede, and euer haue belyeuod and yet doe, that it was so in dede. If he wyll haue it iudged by a general counsayle, it hath bene iudged for me agaynst him by moe then one alreadye, before hys dayes and mine bothe. If he wyll be iudged by the writynges of the olde holye doctours and saintes: I haue alreadye shewed you sufficiencely, that thei haue alreadyiudged this poynt agaynst him. If he and I would varye vpon the vnderstanding of the olde holye saintes wordes, besides that you se thei your selfe so playne, that he shal in that point but shewe hymselfe shamefull & shame-

lesse: yet the general counsayles (which hymselfe denieth not) hauing redde and lene those holpe doctours themselfe, and many of those holpe sayntes beyng present at those counsailes themselfe, haue thereby iudged that point agaynst hym to. For no wyse man wyl doubt, but that among them they vnderstoode the doctours than, as wel as mayster spakkers doth nowe. If he say that he wil with his other moe then twentye textes of scripture of whiche he speake before, disproue vs the textes one or two that I bring for the blessed sacramente: than commeth he (you se well) to the selfsame point againe, wherin he is ouerthowen alreadye. For all the co:ps of chrisstendom of this fiftene hundred yere before vs, and all the olde holpe doctours and saintes, and al the general counsailes and all the meruaylous miracles that God hath shewed for the blessed sacrament verely almost, and I wene dayly to, what in one place & other, all whiche thinges proue the textes that I laye, to be ment and vnderstanden as I saye. Al thei doe thereby declarre agaynst hym also, that none of his moe than twentye textes, can in any wise be wel and ryghte vnderstantend as he sayth. For els shold it felow, that divers textes of holy scripture, not onely seemed (which maye well be) but also wer in dede (which is a thig In scripture impossible and can not be) contrarious nounce. and repugnant vnto other.

Now good chrissten readers here you see, that in his shiste that he bseth, wher he saith that he wil beleue any one cert truely taken: we bring hym for þ trewe taking vpon our part, all these thinges þ I haue here shoretly rehearsed you, of whiche thinges hymselfe denieth verre þ fewe, that is to wit, the olde holpe doctours to holde on our part, and the people of their time. But therein haue I shewed you dyuerse of the besse sorte as gaynist hym. And the faith of the people of the diuersc tymes appeareth by theyr bothes and by the counsayles. And than that the general counsayles and the miracles are on our part, of these two thynges he denieth neyther nother. But sith he can denie none of them, he despyseth bothe. And the holpe counsayles of Christes Churche he calleth the Antychrissten Synagogue. And Goddes miracles bothe Fyrthe and he be sayne to cal the workes of the deuyl.

And therefore good Chrissten readers whyle you see all this: ye see well enough

**E**ynough y<sup>e</sup> terten of the gospell which we lay for the blessed body of Christe in the blessed sacrament, be cleare & playn for the purpose, and maister Wasker will not agree it so, but saith that we take the not truely, only because he will not perceue and confessethe crouth.

Now wheras maister Wasker sayeth of me farther thus: As fo<sup>r</sup> his unwritten verities, and thau<sup>t</sup>oritie of hys Antichristen synagogue, unto which the scripture for<sup>s</sup>ake, he is now at last with shame ynough compelled to flye: they be proued stark lyes & verye deuylrye.

**B**Consider god chrissten readers, that in these wordes maister Wasker telleth you two thinges. First that I am with shame ynough compelled to flie fro the scripture to mine unwritten verities, & to the antu<sup>t</sup>oritie of chantichristen synagogues, by which he meaneth the tradicions and the determinacions of the catholike churche.

The other, that the tradicions and determinacions of the church, be already proued stark lyes & verye deuylrye. Fo<sup>r</sup> the sy<sup>t</sup> poynt you see that in this maister of the blessed sacramente, whiche is one of the thynges that he meaneth, he hath not yet compelled me to flie fro the scripture. Fo<sup>r</sup> I haue well already proued you this poynt, & very playn & cleerly, by the selfe same place of scripture, whiche maister Wasker hath exponed & falsely woulde wress it another waye, that is to wit, the wordes of Christ written in the sixt Chapter of S. John.

Nowe if I dooe fo<sup>r</sup> the profe of thys poynt, lay the tradicion of the whole catholike churche besyde, whiche thing is also sufficiēt to proue the matter alone: is that a feling fro the scripture?

If that be a feling fro the scripture, than might the olde heretikes very well haue sayde the same unto all the olde holy doctours, that this new heretike saith nowe to me. Fo<sup>r</sup> this woteth well every man (that any learning hath) y<sup>e</sup> those old holy doctours and sayntes, laved agaynst those old heretikes, not the scripture onysly, but also the tradicions unwritten, belieued & taught by y<sup>e</sup> churche. And if maister Wasker when he shal defende his boke, dare denye me that they so did: I shall bring you so many playnes proues therof, that be he never so shamelesse, he shalbe ashamed thereof.

And if he cannot say nay but that they so did, as I wot wel he cannot: than you see well god readers, y<sup>e</sup> by maister Was-

kers wylle reason, those olde heretikes G might haue sayde agaynst eche of those olde holy doctours & saintes, as maister Wasker saith against me now, y<sup>e</sup> thet had made him with shame ynough, flie fro y<sup>e</sup> scripture, because he beside the scripture proued the true sayth & reproued they<sup>r</sup> false heresies, by thau<sup>t</sup>oritie of the catholike church. Such strength haue alway lo, maister Waskers argumentes.

Now touching y<sup>e</sup> second poynt, where he calleth the catholike church the anti-christen synagogue, and the unwritten verities stakke lyes and deuylrye: he hath already shewen & declared partly whiche thynge<sup>s</sup> they be y<sup>e</sup> himself meneth by that name. Fo<sup>r</sup> he hath before specified purgatorye, pylgrymages, and praying to sayntes, honouryng of ymages, & creping to the crosse, & halowyng of belles against euill spyrtes in tempess, and boughes on Palme sonday, & beleusing in the blessed sacrament. And Lindalle, that is eyther himself or his felow, mocketh vnder the same name, the sacrament of anneling, & calleth the sacraments of confirmation, the buttering of the boves forehead, & had as liefe haue at his christening fand put in his mouth as salt, & G mocketh muche at fasshyng. And as fo<sup>r</sup> Lent, father Frith, vnder name of Bighwell in the reuelacion of Antichrist, calleth it the folishe fast, whiche iest was vndoubtedly reueled father Frith by the spirite of the deuyl himself, the spiritual father of Antichrist.

So that you may see god reders, that to say the letany, or our lady mattens, & crepe to the crosse at Easter, or praye fo<sup>r</sup> all chrissten soules: these thinges & suche other as I haue rehearsed you, maister Wasker saith are already proued stark lyes & verye deuylrye. But he sheweth vs no suche profe yet, neither of lyes nor of deuylrye. But euery man maye sone see, that he whiche sayeth so much & nothing proueth, maketh many a stark lye, and that thus to rayle, against god & all god men, & holy sayntes, and helping of god chrissten soules, and rayling against the blessed bodye of Christe in the blessed sacrament, calling the belief therof deuylry: if such rayling in maister Wasker be not (as I wene it is) very playne & open deuylrye, it can be no lesse yet at the least wise then verye plaine and open knaue-rye.

#### The. xxii. Chapiter.

## The fourth booke.



**A**ster Masket cometh at last to the mocking of those wōrdes of my epistle, wherein I shew that if men would deny the conuersion of the bread & wine into the blessed body and bloud of Chzist, because that vnto his own reasō the thing semeth to imploye repugnance he shall find many other thinges both in scripture, & in nature, and in handcratess tw, of the trouth whereof he nochtynge doutech, which yet for any solucion that his own reasō could find, other then the **B** omnipotent power of God, would seeme repugnant tw, of which maner thinges, other god holy doctors haue in the matter of the blessed sacramēt vsed some ensamples before.

Now for as much as in these wōrdes I speake of the appearyng of the face in the glasse, and one face in every piece of the glasse broken into twentye, maister Masket hath caught that glasse in hand & mocketh and moweth in that glasse, & maketh as many straunge faces and as many pretty pottes therin, as it were an olde rieueld ape. For these are his wōrdes loe.

**D**Then sayeth he, that ye wot incll that manye god folke haue vsed in this matter manye god fruitefull examplices of goddes other wōrkis, not only miracles write in scripture, <sup>mde versus;</sup> (where one I pray ye;) but also done by þ common course of nature here in earth. (If they be done by the common course of nature; so be they no miracles.) And soe thinges made also by mannes hand. As one face beholden in diuers glasses: and in euerye piece of one glasse broke into twentye. Lord how this pontifical pope playeth his part. Because as he saith

**C**we se many faces in many glasses: therforo may one bodye be in manye places, as though every shadow and similitude representing the bodye, were a bodelye substance. But I aske Maze, when he seeth his owne face in so manye glasses, whether al those faces that appere in the glasses be hys owne verye face hauyng bodely substance, skinne, flesh, and bone as hath that face, whiche hath his verye mouth, nose, eyen, &c. Wherewith he fasseth vs out the trouth thus fasshye wytch eyes: and if they be all hys verye faces, then in verye dede there is one bodye in many places, and he himselfe beareth as many faces in one hōd. But according to his purpose, even as they be no verye faces, nor those so many boyses, sownes

and similitudes multiplyed in the ayre **E** betwene the glasse or other obiecte & the body (as the phylosopher proueth by natural reason) be no very bodies: no more is it Christes very body, as they would make thee beleue in the b̄ed in so many places at once. **A**

Now god readers, to thend that you may see the customeable maner of maister Masket in reherisyng my matter to hys own aduantage, lith my wōrdes in my letter that touche this pointe be not very long, I shal reherse them here vnto you my selfe. Lo god readers, thus shall you find it there in the. xxvi. lese. **F**

þ I wot wel that many god folke haue vsed in this matter many god fruitefull examplices of goddes other wōrkis, not only miracles written in scripture, but also done by the cōmon course of nature here in earth, & some thynges made also by mannes hande, as one face beholden in diuers glasses, & in every piece of one glasse broken into xx. & the merueyle of the making of the glasse it self such matter as it is made of. And of one wōrd coming whole to an. C. ears at once, & the sight of one little eye present and beholding an whole great countreye at once, with a thousand suche other merueyles **G** moe, such as those þ see them dayly done, & therfore merueyle not at them, shal yet never be hablie, no not this younge man hymselfe, to geue suche reason by what mene they may be done, but that he may haue such repugnance layde against it, that he shalbe fawn in conclusion so: the chiese & the most euident reason to say, þ the cause of all those thinges is, because god that hath caused them so to be done, is almighty of himselfe & can doe what him list. **F**

Lo god chrissten readers, here you see your self, þ I made none suche ar gumiēt **H** as maister Masket berech me in hande. Soz no man vseth vpon a similitude, to conclude a necessary consequence, in the matter of þ blessed sacramēt, vnto which we can bring nothing so like, but that inde it must be farre unlike, sauing that it is as semeth me, somwhat like in this, that God is as hablie by his almyghtye power, to make one bodye be in, xx. places at once, as he is by cōmon course of nature which himself hath made, hablie to make one face keping still his own figure in his owne place, cast yet & multiply the same figure of it self, into twenty pieces of one broken glasse, of whiche pieces echē hath a severall place, and as he is

**S**he is hable by the nature that hymselfe made, to make one self word that þ speake her hath bþerhed out in the speaking, to be furtwiche in the eares of an whole. C. persones, eche of them occupying a seueral place, and that a god distance a sunder. Of whiche two thinges (as natural and as comon as they both be) yet can I never cease to wonder, soz all the reasons that ever I readde of the Philosopher. And likewise as I bþerle trust, þ the time shall come, when we shal in the cleare sight of Christes godhead, se thys great miracle soyled, and well perceiue how it is, & how it may be, that his blessed body is both in heauen and in earth, and in so many places at once: so thinke I verely that in the sight of his godhead then, we shal also perceiue a better cause of those two other thinges, then ever any philosopher hath hitherto shewed vs yet, or els I wene soz my part I shal never perceiue them well.

But nowe whereas maister Pasker mocketh mine argument, not whiche I made, but whiche himselfe maketh in my name, and maketh it feble soz the nonce, that he may when he hath made it at his own pleasure soyle it, as children make castelles of tile shardes, & then make the their passetime in the thowyng downe agayne: yet is it not even so, so feble as his owne, where he argueth in the negative, as I lay the sample soz chaffymarie. For as soz the tyme that he maketh soz me: though thargument be naughte soz lacke of sourne, yet holdeþ it somewhat so so by the matter, in that the consequent, that is to witte, that God maye make one bodye to be at once in manye places, is whatsoever maister Pasker bable, a trouth without question necessary.

But where he argueth soz himselfe in the negative, by that that the bodily substance of the face is not in the glasse, þ therfore the bodily substance of our saviour Christ is not in the blessed sacrament: that argumēt hath no maner hold at al. For thancedēt is very true. And (except goddes wþd be vñtrue) elles as I haue already by the olde holye expositours of the same, well and playnly proued you, the consequent is very false.

Now if he wil say that he maketh not that arg'ment, but bþeth onely the face in the glasse soz a sample & a similitude: then he sheweth himself to play the false shew, when of my bringing in the self-same sample, he maketh that argument

soz me. And therfore nowe, when vpon C those faces in the glasse, he maketh & faceth himselfe þ lye vpon me, & then scosfeth that I face out the trouth with lies, and then proueth neuer one: he doþ but shew what pretþ wordes he could speke, and how properly he could scosfe, if the matter wþd serue him.

And yet I pray you god readers consider well the wordes of that argument thac he maketh in my name. ¶ Me sc many faces in many glasses: therfore may one body be in many places.

¶ Now spake not I you wotie well, of many faces scene in many glasses (as he ¶ both falsly and foolishly rehearseth me) but of one face scene at once in manye glasses. For that is lyke to the matter. For like as all those glasses, whyle only Note this. one man wþæteth in them, he seeth but his own one face in all those places, so be (as saynt Chrysostome declareth) all the hostes of the blessed sacrament being in so farre distaunt severall places a sondre, all one very body of our blessed saviour himself, and all one hoste, one sacrifice, and one oblation.

And as properly as maister Pasker G scoffeth at that saumpole and similitude of the glasse: I woulde not haue mislyked mine owne witte therin, if thinuenton thereof had been mine owne. For I find not many saumpoles so mete soz the matter, to the capacite of god and unlearned folke, as it is. For as soz þ poynþ of which master Pasker maketh all the difficultie, that one substance being but a creature might be in manye places at once: euerie man that is learned seeth a saumpole that satisfieth him shortly. For H he seeth and perceyueth by god reason, that the soule is vndivisibile and is in every part of the body, and in every part it is whole. And yet is euerie member a severall place. And so is the blessed substance of the spirituall bodye of Chrysostomes fleshe and his bones, whole in every part of the sacrament.

But this saumpole of the soule cannot every man unlearned conceiue and ymagine right, but of the glasse hath soz his capacite a more merely similitude, and that that in one poynþ also dooeth more resemble the mater. For the soule soz faþeth every member that is cleane depurated from the body. But the blessed body of our saviour abydet still whole in every part of þ blessed sacrament, though it be broken into never so many parties, as the ymage and fourme of the face a- Note. bþeth

**A**lygdethe whol styll to hym that betholde it, in euery parte of the broken glasse. And thus god reders, as fo: this sample and similitude of the face in the glasse, maister Pasker may fo: hys owne facynge it out, he muche ashamed yf he haue anye shame, whensoeuer he lowketh on his owne face in the glasse.

And fo: conclusion, this being of the body of Chyrl in dyuers places at once, sith the olde holy doctours and sayntes saw and perceived, that the soule of euerie man whiche is a very substaunce, and peraduerture vnt of leste spiritual power, then the fleshe & bones of our saiuour Chyrl be now, & yet very fleshe fo: al that and verye bones also still, they reckoned not that the being therof in diuers places at once, would after their dayes begynne to be taken fo: so strange & harde a thing as these heretikes make it now. And therfore they made nothing so gret a matter of that poynt. But the thing y they thought men wold most meruile of, was the conuersion and turninge of the bread and the wyne into Chyrls verie fleshe & bloud. And therfore to make that poynt well open, & to make it sinke into mennes breastes: those old holy doctours and Sayntes (as I sayde in these wordes which maister Pasker mocketh) vsed many moe god samples of thynges done by nature.

But then wer they no miracles satch maister Pasker. And what than god maister Pasker? Byght they not serue to prove that God might doe as muche by miracle, as nature by her common course? Those wordes loe, wer by maister Pasker (you see well) very well and wylsely putte in.

#### The. xiiii. Chapiter.

**C**oncerning toward the perceyving and beliefe of that poynt of conuersion of the bread and the wyne into the verye fleshe and bloud of Chyrl: I sayde that those holy doctours and sayntes, vsed ensamples of other miracles done by god, and written in holy scripture.

Nowe at this morde maister Pasker asketh me vnde versur: wher. i. I pray you: You haue hearde already god readers, in the xv. Chapiter of the syxt booke, the wordes of that holy doctor saynt Cyryll, in whiche fo: the credence of that poynte, that is to witte, the chaungeing of the bread and the wyne into Chyrls fleshe and his bloud, he bringeth the my-

tacles that god wodought in the old law, G as the chaungeing of the water into blud and the changeing of Moyses rodde into a serpent, and diuers other chaunges and mighty miracles mo.

You haue heard also before, howe S. Chrysostome against them that woulde doubt, how Chyrl could geue them his Math.14. fleshe to eate, layeth furth the miracle of the multiplying of v. loaves so sodaynly, to twelue baske: tes ful moze then the sufficient feeding of v. thousand folke. P

Here be, loe, sonie verses yet maister Pasker, & moe then one miracle perdyng, that those holy doctours & sayntes haue vsed in thyd matter of the blessed sacrament. And yet suche other moe shall I bring you at another leysure, etc I haue done with your second course, yit shall grieue you to see the. And surely, wheres prosperlye you scotte at me with my many faces in one hood: I haue here in this syxt part alreadye broughte you fo: the trewe fayth of the catholike churche, G agaynst your false heresie, wherwith you would face our saiuour out of the blessed sacrament: I haue brought agaynst you to your face, saint Bede, and Theodore phylactus, saint Austine, and saint Hilarie, saynt Hyzeneus, saynt Cirill, & S. Chyrls tolome, so manye suche god faces into this one hood, that all the shamefull lyces that your shameles face can make, shal never agaynst these faces be able to face out the trouthe. And thus end I god readers my fourth booke.

¶ Here endeth the fourth booke.

## The. vi. booke and the last of the fyrt parte.

#### The. i. Chapiter.

**D**ow come I god chyrl reders, to the last poynt that I speake of, the two contradyctiōns of mine own, that maister Pasker hath blyghly layde vnto my charge, whose wordes I haue god readers, firste rehearse you whole. Loe these they be god save them.

PAt last note chyrl reders, that maister Rose in the thirde booke of hys confutacion of Lindall, the. 249. syde, to prove

**A**to proue saynt Johns gospell vperfit and insufficent, for leving out of so necessary a point of our faith, as he calleth the last supper of Christe his maundye: sayeth that John spake nothing at all of thys sacrament. And now see agayne in these his letters against Frith, how him selfe bringeth in John. 6. cap. to impugn Frithes wryting, and to make al for the sacrament, even thus. By ke he is verily meate, and my bloud drinke. By like the man hadde there overthotte himselfe fowle, the young man hece causing hym

**B**to purte on his spectacles, and poze better and more wilshely with his olde eyen vpon saynt Johns gospell to synd that thing there now written, whiche before he would have made one of hys unwritten verities. As yet if he looke narowely he shal espye that himself hath proued vs by scripture, in the. 37. leafe of his dialogue of quod he & quod I, oure ladies perpetual virginitie erpowning non cognosco, id est non cognoscam, whiche nowe wrytten unwritten verite, he noumbreth a little before among his unwritten vanities. Thus may ye see how this olde holly bpholder of the Popes churche, his wordes fight against hemselfe into his owne confuson, in finding vs furth his unwritten wrytten vanities, verities I shold say. But return we unto therposition of saine John.

**P**ow haue you god chissen readers, herd his whole tale concerning my two contradiccons. Of whiche twayne, I will first aunswere the last, that concerneth the perpetuall virginitie of our ladye. Whiche poynte I haue couched towarde the ende of the. xxv. Chappter of the first booke of my dialogue, wherein maister Masket mocketh me for quod I and quod he, and would I see well in no wise, that in the rehersing of a communacion hadde betwene my selfe and another man, I shoulde not for shame say quod I and quod he, but rather reherse oure two talkynges with quod we and quod she.

I haue also spoken of that poynte in moe places then one of my works that I wrote of Lindales confutacion, whiche places who so list to reade, shall find this poynte of contradiccion aunswered already, that maister Masket nowe layeth to my charge, dissimulyng such thynges as I haue aunswered it with.

And of this contradiccion I am so sore alhamed, that for all maister Maskets wordes euē here before in my first booke

of this worke, I haue not letted the best **C** that my witt wil serue me this unwritten verite, to proue yet agayne by the selfe same place of Saynt Lukes holye wryting,

For why, to say the trouth, I doe not so muche forze to haue that article take for an unwritten verite, with god catholike folke for the mayntenance of my word, as to haue it for the honour of our lady, taken and belieued for an undoubted trouth, with catholikes & those heretykes to, that will take it for no suche trouth, but if it bee written in scripture.

**P**owe dwelth the cleare certaynnes of this article in dede depend vpon the tradition of thapostles, continued in the catholike churche. For albeit that my selfe thinke, that I find some wordes written in scripture that woulde wel proue it, and vpon those wordes lette not to wryte mine awne mynde, and diuers olde holy doctours to: yet while I see that holy S. Hierom himself, a man farre otherwise seen in scripture then I, arguing for the defence of that article againts that heretynke Heluidius, bydde onelye soyle the scriptures that Heluidius layd against it, and layeth no scripture hymselfe for the prouesse of his parte, but refletch therin to thauhoritie of Chrysostes catholique churche, whiche maister Masket calleth the Antichristen Synagogue. I neither dare nor will take so muche vpon my selfe, as to affyrm surelye that it is proued to be a wrytten verite. And this lacke of taking so much vpon my selfe, is the thing that maister Masket calleth so shamefull repugnaunce to my greate confuson.

**P**And therfore in that place of my dialogue, though I vpon that wordes of our lady, ¶ In what wise shall this thing be done, for I know not a man, ¶ doe reason & shewe my mind, that it proueth for this part, as in dede me thinketh it doth: yet I am not so bold vpon mine own expositio[n] therin, as to affirme ¶ the scripture sayth there openly & plainly, that shes was a perpetuall virgine. For if it had been a very prettie, playn, euident open prouesse of that matter, mine owne mynde geneth me that Saynt Hierome woulde not haue sayled to haue founde it before me.

I shall also for thys poynt haue maister Masket hymself to say somwhat for me, though he doe therin (as he is often wonte to do) speke somewhat agaynst hymself. For he saith here himself, ¶ if a

**A** man loke narowly, then he shall espye  
I haue my self proued our ladies perpetuall virginitie. Nowe lith that maister Pasker saith, that a man cannot spyre it but if he loke narowly: he saith you see well himselfe, that it is no playne open prose. And then is it no prose to the you wotte well. For they receyue no scripture for prose of any purpose, but onelye playne, open, and euident.

And therfore by master Paskers own eale, though I proued it sufficiellye a written veritie unto god catholikes: yet recked it vnproued still a written veritie, unto such heretikes, and against them ye wotte well wrote I.

Howbeit, here will I demaund of master Pasker touching the perpetual virginitie of our lady to be playnly written in holy scripture, whether I proue that paynte well or not: If not, then maye I well intongh notwithstanding any such prose of mine, saye stylle that it is an unwritten veritie. If he will conesse that I proue it well: I will be content with that prayse of hymselfe to abyde his rebuke of that contradiction. For I sette more as I saide, by the profit of his soule

**C** in falling from the contrarye heresye to the right belief of our ladies perpetuall virginitie, then I sette by myne owne prayse and commendacion of abyding well by my wordes.

But yet if he will allowe my prose, made of that point: I meruayl me much but if that he allow now my prose made for the blessed body of christ present in h blessed sacramente. For I am very surc I haue proued much more clearely, by muche more open and plaine wordes of the scripture, and the sense of those wordes by dyuers olde holy doctours, other maner of men then my self, then I haue

**D** proued or any man elles, the perpetuall virginitie of our blessed lady. Howbeit of trouth, though I proued well that paynt of the perpetuall virginitie of our lady, to be a veritie written in scripture, & that many other also proued it muche better then I, as I thinke there doe, and by my self had affirmed it never so strogly for never so cleare a written veritie: yet lith William Tindali against who I speyalyle wrote, taketh it, as in hys writing well & plaine appeareth, for no written veritie, and yet agreeith that it is to be belieued, but not of necessarie, & yet after vpon his own wordes I proue him that of necessarie too: I may without any contradiction or repugnaunce at all, lay

it against hym for an unwritten veritie, **E** forasmuch as himselfe so taketh it.

Moreover, all the prose that I make of our ladies perpetual virginitie, is no more, but that she was a perpetuall bigne except she biale her vow. And surely as I saye, it semeth to my self that I proue this very clearely. And this being proued, is indee ynough to god christe tolke, for a full prose that she was a perpetual brygyn. But yet vnto these heretikes against whom I wrote, lith they heretikes sette nought by bowes of virginitie, but not by bowes say that they that make them, doe bothe of virginite, vnlawfully make them, and may whē they will lawfully breke them, and that therfore sterres maye runc out of religio and wedde nunnnes: this prose of myne **F** is to the no maner prose at al. And therfore I may to them withoute contradiction or repugnaunce, laye it for an unwritten veritie still.

And thus I trust you se god readers, that as for this repugnaunce tourneth to master Paskers confusione and not myne.

### The.ij. Chapster.



On come I then god reders, to the other contradiction þ he layth against me, hisworþes wherin, before mine auncwre, I pray you reade once agayne. And leste ye shoulde be lothe to turne back and seke them, here shall you haue them agayn, lo, these they be.

**G** At lass note christien reader, that master More in the thrid booke of his confutacion of Tindall, the. 249. lyde, to proue saynt Johns gospell unperfitt and insufficien, for leauing out so necessary a point of our faith, as he calleth the last supper of Christe hys maundye: sayeth that John spaketh nothing at all of his sacramente. And nowe see agayne in these þ his letters against Frith, howe himself bringeth in John. 6. Capi. to impugne Frithes writing, and to make al for the sacrament, euuen thus. My fleshe is vere-ly meate, and my bloud drinke. By like the man hadde there overshotte himselfe fowle, the young man here causyngh hym to putte on his spectacles, and porze bet-ter and more wistely with his olde epen vpon saynt Johns gospel to synd that thing there now written, whiche before he would haue made one of hys unwritten veritie. **H**

When my selfe god reader, readde

**G**fyfth these wōrdes of hys , albeit that I was sūre ynough, that in the thynges þ I purposed, there was no repugnaunce indeude; yet seeing that he so disigentlye layed furth the leafe in which my faulfe shold be found, I very playnly thought, that I had not so circumspectly senne vnto my wōrdes as wisdom wold I shold, And taking therfore mine oversight for a verye trouþ, I never vouchesaued to turne my booke and loke.

**B**ut afterward it happed on a daye, I sayd in a certayn cōpany , that I was somewhat soþy, that it had misse happed me to take in thys one poynte no better hede to mine hand, but to write therein two thinges repugnant and contrarie. Wherunto some of them made answere, that such a chaunce happeth sometyme ere a man be ware in a long worke. But yet quod one of them, a gentle wonian, haue you considered wel the place in your booke, a scene that he sayth trouþ. Nay by my trouþ quod I that I haue not. For it yrketh me to loke vpon the place agayne nowe, when it is to late to mend it. For I am sūre the man woulde not be so madde, to name the very leafe,

**C**but if he wer well sure that he sayd true. By our lady quod he, but sith you haue not looked it your selfe, I will for all the leafe layde oute by him, see the thing my self ere I believe his writing : I knowe these felowes for so false. And therwithall the sent for the booke, and turned to þ very. 2. 4. 9. side, and with that noumber marked also. And in god sayth god readers, there found we no such master master, neither on the lone syde of the leafe nor on the tocher.

**D**Howbeit of trouþ I cannot denye, but þ in a side after misse marked with the noumber of. 2. 4. 9. which shoud haue been marked with the noumber of. 2. 5. 9. there we found the matter in that place. But therin fōud we the most shameful, either folþ or fallyed of master Masket, that euer I sawe lightlye in any man in my life. Which because ye shall not seke farre to fynde: I shall rehearste you here the very wōrdes of that place. Loe god readers these they be.

**F**But now because of Tindall, let vs take some one thyng . And what thing rather then the last supper of Christ, his maundy with hys Apostles, in which he instituted the blessed sacramente of the auleare his own blessed body and blud. Is this no necessarye poynte of saythe? Tindall cannot denye it for a necessary

poynt offayth, and though it wer but of **G**his owne falle sayth, agreeing with Luther, Huskyn, or Swinglius. And he cannot say that saynt John speketh any thing therof, specially not of the institution. For he cannot say that saint John speaketh anye thing of the sacrament at all, sith that his sect erþesely denyeth, that saynt John ment the sacrament in his wōrdes where he speketh erþesely therof in the. vi. Chapiter of his ghoſpell. ¶

**T**here haue you ever god chyffren readers, seen anye sondre felowe before this, hāde a thing so falsly or so foolishly, as master Masket here hādeth this? He tellich you that I sayde here, that S. John spake nothing of the sacrament at all. Now you ſee that master Masket in that poynt belyeth me. For I said not here that S. John spake nothing therof: but first I sayd there þ Tindall, against whom I there w̄rote, could not say that saynt John w̄rote any thing of the blessed sacrament, specially not of the institution thereof. And this is very trouþ. For as touching the institution thereof **G**at Chrysſes laſte ſupper and maundy, neither Tindall nor no man els can say that saynt John any thing w̄rote therof in his ghoſpell.

Then sayd I farther there(as you ſee) not that Saynt John speaketh nothing of the sacrament, but that Tindall can not say that saynt John speaketh of the sacrament anye thing at all. And that I meant not in thos wōrdes, to say mine own ſelf that saynt John spake nothing therof: I declare plainly therforþwith by that I shewe the cauſe why Tindall cannot ſaye that saint John ſpake anye þ thing of the sacrament at all, that is to witte, because that all his ſect erþesely denyeth, that anye thing was meant of the sacrament in the wōrdes of Chriſte w̄itten in the. vi. Chapiter of S. John.

By this ye may ſee plainly god readers, that master Masket playnly belyeth me. For I ſayde not my ſelfe that sainte John ſpake nothing of the sacrament, but that Tindall, because of thoſe opinion of al his ſect in that poynt, could not ſay that saint John ſpake any thing therof. Which was ynough for my purpoſe, while Tindall was þ man againſt whome I w̄rote, though my ſelf woulde for mine owne parte ſaye the contrarye. For it is that kynd of argument that is in the ſcōles called *argumentum ad hominem*. And thus you ſee god readers, master

**A**MASKER IN THIS THING ESCHER SHAMEFULLY FALSE, OR VERY SHAMEFULLY FOOLISH. SHAMEFULLY FALSE, IF HE PERCEINED & UNDERSTODE MY WORDES, AND THEN FOZ ALL THAT, THUS BELIEVETH ME, SHAMEFULLY FOOLISH IF H THING BEING SPOKEN BY ME SO PLAYNE, HIS WITTE WOULD NOT SERUE HIM TO PERCEUE IT.

But now as cleare as ye see the matter alreadye by this, to thistent yet that maister Masket shal haue no matter leſt him in all this wrold to make any argument of foſ his excuse therin: reade my wordes againe god readers, & bid maister Masket marke wel my wordes ther-

**B**IN WHERE I SAYE ERPRETTEL Y that S. JOHN SPAKE ERPRETTEL Y THEROF IN THE VI. CHAPTER OF HIS GHOSPEL. FO; THESE WORDES ARE AS YOU SEE THERE, THE VERY LAST WORDES OF ALL. FOZ LINDALL CANNOT SAY, THAT SAYNT JOHN SPEKETH ANY THYNG OF THE SACRAMENT AT AL, SICH THAT HIS SCET ERPRETTEL DENITEH THAT SAYNT JOHN MENT THE SACRAMENT IN HIS WORDES (WHERE HE SPEKETH ERPRETTEL THEROF) IN THE VI. CHAPTER OF HIS GHOSPEL.

Whose wordes are these? WHERE HE SPEAKETH ERPRETTEL THEROF. ARE NOT THESE WORDES MINE? AND DOE I NOT IN THESE WORDES ERPRETTEL SAYE, Y SAINT JOHN EX-

**C**PRESSELY SPEKETH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE VI. CHAPTER OF HIS GOSPEL, IN WHICH PLACE, LINDALE SCET SAITH ERPRETTEL Y THAT HE NOTHING SPAKE THEROF. AND NOW SAIKHE M. MASKER Y I SAID THERE, THAT S. JOHN SPAKE NOTHING THEROF AT AL. AND LAYETH IT FOZ A SOULE REPUGNACE IN ME, Y IN MY LETTER AGAINST FRYTH I SAY THEROF H CONTRARI.

But how now M. MASKER? WHAT HAUE YOU NOWE TO SAYE: WITH WHAT SHAMEFULL HISTRE WILL YOUR SHAMEELLE FACE, FACE BS OUT THIS FOOLISH LYNE OF YOURS, Y YOU MAKE UPON ME HERE? If you lyed so londe wittingly: how can you looke that any man shoulde trust your woorde? If soz lacke of understanding: how can you looke than soz shame that any man shoulde trust your wit? why shoulde we thinke y your witte will pearle into the perceluting of harde wordes in the holy scripture of god, whē it wil not serue you to perceue such poze playn wordes of mine.

Pe write y the young man hath here made me done on my spectacles & loke moze wisely on the matter, to find nowe witten therin the thing that I sayd before was not witten therin. But nowes must you looke moze wysely upon my wordes, on which you make here so loud a lyne, and poze better on them with your spectacles upon your Maskers nose.

I will once a god felow, which while he

daunced in a Paske, upon boldnes y no man coulde haue knownen him, when he perceived that he was wel espyed by his euill fauoured daunsing: he wared so ashamed sodainly, y he softely sayde unto his felow, I pray you tell me, doeth not my visour blanke red? Now surely god readers. M. MASKER here, if he wer not verterly past shame, hath cause ynoough to be in this poyn̄t so soze ashamed, that he might wene the glowyng of hys visage shoulde even pearle thorowe his visour, and make it red foſ shame.

Thus haue I nowe god chrisſen readers, aunswere at the full in these fine bookeſ of my ſirſt part, y ſirſt part of M. MASKERS WORK, & taken vp y ſirſt courſe of maister Masket ſupper, whiche he falleſly calleth the laſt ſupper of the lord, whyle he hath wiſh his owne poſonede cokery made it ſupper of y deuill. And yet wold y deuill I wene diſdein to haue his ſupper drefſed of ſuch a rude ruffyn, ſuche a ſcalbe Colin cooke, as vnder the name of a clarke, ſo ribauldiouslye rayleth againſt the blesſed body of Christ in the blesſed sacrament of the autar.

### C The. viii. Chapter.

**D**AT ONE THIG WIL I YET REHERSE YOUN, THAT I HAUE HITHERTO DIS-  
FERRED, THAT IS TO WIT, MY ſIRſT ARGUMENCT AGAYNST FRYTH,  
WHICHE (AS I SHEWED YON BE-  
FORE) MAISTER MASKER LETTE GOE BY, AS HE  
HAETH DOWNE MANY THINGES MO, & MADE AS  
THOUGH HE SAWE THEM NOT. THAT ARGUMENCT  
GOD READERS WAS THIS.

In this heretie, beſyde the common faſth of all catolike chrisſen regions, therpoſitions of al the olde holy doctoz, and sayntes be cleare againſt Fryth, as whole as againſt any heretike that euer was hitherto herd of. FOZ AS FOZ Y WORDES OF CHRISTE, OF WHICHE WE SPEAKE TOW-  
CHING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, THOUGH HE MAY FIND SOME OLDE HOLY MEN THAT BESIDE THE LITTERALL SENCE DOETH EXPLOWNE THEM IN AN ALLEGORY, YET HE SHALL NEVER FYND A-  
NY OF THEM THAT DID AS HE DOETH NOW AL-  
TER WICKILFSE, ECOLAMPADIIUS, LINDAL,  
AND SWINGLIUS, DENYE THE LITTERAL SENCE  
AND SAY THAT CHRIST MET NOT THAT IT WAS  
HIS VERTY BODY & HIS VERTY BLOVD IN DEDE,  
BUT THE OLDE HOLYE DOCTOORS AND EXPO-  
SIТОRS BESIDE AL SUCH ALLEGORIES, DO PLAIN-  
LY DECLARE AND EXPLOWNE, THAT IN THOSE WORDES OUR SAVIOR AS HE ERPRETTEL SPAKE,  
SO DID ALSO WELL AND PLAYNLY MEANE THAT  
THE THING

**G**ethe thing whiche he there gaue unto hys discipiles in the sacrament, was in very dede his very flesh and bloud. And so did never any of the old expositours of scripture expowne any of those other places in whiche Chrise is called a byne or a doore. And therfore it appereth well, that the maner of speking was not like. For if it had, then would not the olde expositours haue vised such so farre vnlike fauision in the expowning of them.†

This was to god readers the first argumente of mine that maister Wasker mette with, & which he shold first therfore haue soyled. But it is suche as he listed little to luke vpō. For wheras he maketh much a doore to haue it sene, that both these wordes of our saviour at hys laste supper, this is my bodye, and hys wordes of eating of his fleshe, and drynking of hys bloude, written in the sixt Chappter of Saynt John, shold be spoken in a lyke phrasē and maner of speaking, as were hys other wordes, I am the doore and I am the very vine; I shewed there unto Frith (whom maister Wasker maketh as though he wold defend) that by therpositionis of all the olde holy doctours & sayntes that haue expowned al those. iiii. places before, the difference well apereth, sith none of them declare him to be a verye materiall doore, nor a naturall very vine. This sayth no man so much as a very naturall soole.

But that in the sacrament is hys verys wherein non naturall body, his very flesh & his bloud, fayful christ this declare clearely all the olde holy expositours of the scripture, whiche were god menne and gracious, wise and wel learned both. And therfore as I said, the difference may sone be perceived, but if maister Wasker list better to beleue hym self then all them. Which if he doe (as indeede he dweth) then is he much more soole then a naturall soole in dede.

**D**For as soz his. iii. places of S. Austin, Terculane, & saynt Chrostostom, whom he bringeth in his second part: I shall in my second part in taking vp of his secōd course, when we come to fruit, pare him I warrant you chose thre peres so nere, that he geateth not a god morselle amonge them. And yet peraduenture ere I come at it tw.

For so is it nowe god readers, that I very certainly know, that h̄ booke which Frith made last agaynste the blessed sacrament, is come ouer into this realme in printe, and secretly sent abrode into the bretherns handes, and some god firs-

ters too. And soz as much as I am surely ensourmed for trouthe, that Frith hath into that booke of his, taken many textes of olde holy doctours wililp handied by false frere Huyshyn before, to make it falsole seeme that the olde holye doctours and Sayntes were fauourers of theyz false hetesye: therfore will I soz the whyle sette maister Waskers second parte aside, sylly I haue aunswered that pestilente pieushe booke of John Fryth, aboute whiche I purpose to goe as soone as I canne geatte one of them, whiche so manye beeing abroade, shall I trust, not be long too. And then shall I by the grace and helpe of almighty God, make you the soly & the falsole of Frith & frere Huyshyn both as open and as cleare, as I haue in this worke made open & cleare vnto you, the falsole and the soly of maister Wasker here.

And wheras I a yere now past and more, wrote and put in printe a letter agaynste the pestilente treatise of John Fryth, whiche he than hadde made and secretly sent abrode among the bretherns against the blessed sacrament of the aultare, which letter of mine, as I haue declared in myne Apologie, I nathelesse caused to be kept sil, and would not suffer it to be put abrode into every mans handes, because Frithes tractise was not yet at that time in print: yet nowe lith I see þ there are comen ouer in printe, not onely Frithes booke, but ouer that, thys Waskers booke also, and þ either of them both bookes maketh mencion of my sayd letter, & would seeme to soyle it, and laboreth soz therabout: Idoe therfore nowe suffer the printor to putte with this booke my sayd letter also to sale. þ

And soz as muche also as those authorites of saint Austin, saint Chrostostom, and Turtullane, whiche maister Wasker layeth in his second parte, I shall of likelihod find also in Frithes booke, and therfore aunswere them there, and all maister Waskers whole matter too, before I retorne to his second part, which yet I wil after al thys (god willing) not leaue nor let go so: in h̄ mene while may Maister Wasker (sylly it is as he saith so great pleyture to him to be writte agaynst, haunng as he bookeh all solvicioz so redely) looke & assayle whether he car soyle these thynges, with whyche I haue in thys firste parte onerthowen hys whole heiresye, and proved him very playne, a verye false foolc alreadye. Of whose false wylie folys to beware, oure Lorde graces,

## The fyfth booke,

**A**bs grace, & of all such other liske, whiche  
with foolish argumetes of their owne  
blaynd reason, wrelling the scripture in-  
to a wrong sense, agaynst the very plain  
woordes of the certe, against therpositi-  
ons of all the olde holy layntes, agaynst  
the determinacions of diuers whole ge-  
neral counsayles, against ful consent  
of all true chrissten nacions this. xv. C.  
were before their dayes, and agaynst the  
plain declaracion of almighty god him-  
self, made in every chrissten countrey by  
so many playne open myracles, labour  
**B** now to make vs so foolishy blind & mad,  
as to forfiske h̄ very true catholike faith,  
forfiske the societie of the true catholike  
church, and with sundry sectes of here-  
tikes fallen out therof, to lette both holy  
dayes and fastynge dayes at nought, and  
for the deuilles pleasure to forbeare and  
absteine from all prayer to be made ey-  
ther for soules or to layntes, iest on our  
blessed ladre the immaculate mother of  
Chryste, make mockes at all pylgrima-  
ges, and creping to Chrystes crosse, the  
holy ceremonies of the churche & the sa-  
cramentes to, turne them into crystling,  
with likening them to wine garlandes  
and ale poles, & finallye by these wayes  
in the ende and conclusion, forfiske our  
faciont himself in the blessed sacrament,  
and in stede of his own blessed body and  
his bloud, wene there wer nothing but

bare bread and wyne, and call it ydola-  
try there to dwe him honour. But woe  
may such wretches be. For this we may  
be sure, that whoso dishonoer god in one  
place with occasion of a false fayth : sta-  
ding that false belief and infidelite, all  
honoure that he dweth hym anye whers  
beside, is odious and dispightefull, and  
reected of god, and never shal sauve that  
faulchesse soule from the fyre of hell. Frō  
which our lord geue them grace truelye C  
to turne in time, so that we and they to-  
gether in one catholike church, knyt vns  
to god together in one catholike faythe,  
saythe I saye, not faythe alone as they  
dwe, but accompanied with god hope,  
and with her chiese sister well worcking  
charitie, maye so receue Chrystes ble-  
sed sacramentes here, and spcciallye  
that we maye so receyue himscle, hys  
veryc blessed body, veryc flesch and bloud,  
in the blessed sacramente, oure holye F  
blessed housell, that wee maye here bee  
with him incorporeate so by grace, that  
after the short course of this transitorye  
life, with his tender pittie powred vpon  
vs in purgatorye, at the prayer of god  
people, and intercession of holy layntes,  
we maye be with thē in their holy felow-  
shippe, incorporeate in Chryst in his eter-  
nall glore. Amen.

I P A S.