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<Text: Prick of Conscience>

### <Tranche 1>

<fol. 29r>Whan þe soule from þe body skyppes

As saiþ seint John in þe apocalipses

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He saiþ þe dede be blessed ry3t

Þat deyep in god. ful of my3t

Bot alle 3if holy+men may deye wele

3et þe peyne of dep behouep *hem* to fele

Þat is more þan man can ymagyne

Whan þe soule and þe body schal twynne

Þe wheche þei schul drede a partye

Þorough mankynde or ell were folye

For cryste hymself 3it had drede

Of dep þorough kynde of his manhede

Þan au3t evy man as bifore is sayde

Drede þat bytter depes brayde

The seconde skyll as before is redde

Why þat dep is so gretly dredde

It is for þe gresyly sy3t of fendes

Þat a+man seep whan hese lyf endes

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For whan þe lyf schal passe fro man

Þe feendes schal gadre a-boute *hym* þan

To rauyse þe soule wyth hem away

To peyne of hell 3if þat þey may

As wode lyouns þei schall fare

And raumpe on hym and grenne and stare

And enforce hem at his laste endyng~

Hym in wanhope for to bryng~  
 Porugh þretyng~ þ<sup>t</sup> þay þan schall make  
 And þorugh þe ferdenes þat he schall take  
 Þat sy3t he schal se with ey3e  
 W<sup>t</sup> peynes of deþ þat he schal dreye  
 And here of þe prophete Jeromye  
 Spekeþ þus in hese prophecye  
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 He saiþ amonge all hese anguyse  
 On hym schal gedre all hese ennemyes  
 No wonder it is if þe fendes þan  
 Gadre to þe ende of synfull man  
 <fol. 29v>For in þe lyf of seynt bernard  
 We rede when he drow3 to dede ward  
 Þe fende þat is gresyly and grymme  
 Come to hym and axed of hym  
 Be what skylle he wold and be what ry3t  
 Chalange þe kyngedome of heuen bry3t  
 Þan answerd he þus mekely  
 And sayde . J . knowe . J . am nou3t worþy  
 Þorght my desert to haue it  
 Whan . J . shall oute of þis werld flytte  
 Bot my lord ihesu cryste ful of my3t  
 Þat it haþ frelye þorgh double ry3t  
 Þorugh þe ry3t fader es herytage  
 And also to oure gret auantage  
 Þorugh þe ry3t of hese passyoun  
 Þat he tholed for oure raumsoun  
 Þe tone ry3t frely he gaf to me  
 Þe toþer to hym-self helde he  
 Of whose gyft . J . chalange it be ry3t  
 As þe lawe of hys mercy and my3t  
 And whan þe fende herd hym þus say  
 All disconfyte he vanyste a-way  
 And þe holy+man whan þis was done  
 Turned ageyn to hym-self sone  
 And 3alde þe gost to god and dyed  
 And sone þe soule to heuene flyed  
 Þan semeþ it wele þat god wele þus

Suffre þe fende appere to vs  
 In tyme of deþ . at oure laste ende  
 Whan we schal oute of þis werld wende  
 Syþþe þat holy men þat leued ry3t  
 My3t nou3t passe wyth-oute þat sy3t  
 Ne goddes moder þat he louede mare  
 Wolde nou3t fro þat sy3t here spare  
 Bot he *graunted* here at here askyng~  
 Pat in þe tyme of here deyeng~  
 Pay schuld no power haue here to dere  
 Ne þe sy3t of hem here schuld not fere  
 And 3et hym-self god spared nou3t  
 <fol. 30r>For at hese deþ to hym þe fende sou3t  
 In hese manhede for so he walde  
 Þus say þay þat be clerkes calde  
 Þan be we certayne w<sup>t</sup>-oute were  
 At oure last ende þei schall apere  
 Bot a gret peyne to vs schal bee  
 Þe si3t of hem whan we hem see  
 For þey be so gresily as sayþ þe book~  
 And so horryble vp-on to looke .  
 Pat all þe men here-of medeleerde  
 Of þat si3t my3t þan be aferd  
 Bot in þis lyf here may no man  
 Se hem in þe fourme þat þay haue þan  
 For if þay hadde so large powere  
 In suche fourme to schewe hem here  
 Out of wyt men wold þay affray  
 So horryble and gresily euere be þay  
 Bot in suche fourme as . j . vnderstand  
 Pay schewe hem nou3t to men leuand  
 Bot to hem whanne þe deþ is nere  
 For god haþ restrayned here powere  
 Pat þay may no+man tempte ne greue  
 For þer forþ þan þay haue leue  
 Now wele j schewe 3ou a party why  
 Pat þay ben so gresyly  
 For whan þey were bry3t angelles  
 As þe*i* be now þat in heuene dwelles

Fro þat place for synne þey fell  
 And become foule deueles of hell  
 And foule desfugured hem þorough synne  
 Pat þei were fyled and hardened w<sup>t</sup>-inne  
 Had þay nou3t synned þay hadde bene  
 Bry3t angelles as þay were ere sene  
 And now be þey foule and grysely  
 Þorough fyllyng of synne namely  
 Perfor saiþ clerkes of gret conyng~  
 Pat synne is so foule a þyng~  
 Pat 3if a+man my3t se hese synne  
 In þe kynde lyknes þat it falleþ jnne .  
 <fol. 30v>He schuld for derkenes soner flee  
 Pan for any deuele þat he my3t see  
 Here may men se and vnderstande  
 How foule synne is and how fylande  
 Bot men knowe no3t what it is  
 For-þi þay drede it wele þe lesse  
 Syþen þe deuele haþ take hese foule lyknesse  
 Of þe filthe of synne þat so filyng es  
 Pan awyth þe soule of a man w<sup>t</sup>-jnne  
 Be ry3t foule þat is defouled w<sup>t</sup> synne  
 Forþy a man au3te where-so he wendes  
 More drede synne þat si3t of fendes  
 Whan þay appere at hese laste day  
 Hese synne schal be fouler þan þay  
 Of wheche man wele nou3t hym schryue  
 Ne repente hym in hese lyue  
 The þredde skyll is to vnderstondyng~  
 Why he schuld drede þe depes comyng~  
 As for þe rekenyng~ þ<sup>t</sup> is streyte and hard  
 Of alle oure lyf so frowarde . /  
 Pat we schall 3elde in godes sy3t  
 As wele of wrong~ . as of ry3t  
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 Of alle þyng þat euere we wrou3t  
 Of werke . of woorde . of wyll . of þou3t

And of all oure þat <add><sup>[a]</sup></add> tyme þat passeþ a-way  
 On-to oure laste endynge day  
 Alle schull be þan schewed and sene  
 Gode and euell boþe foule and clene  
 And be reherced as þe book says vs  
 Be-twene angelles and fendes hedous  
 Þei schull dispute þan of all oure lyue  
 W<sup>t</sup> grete discorde and full gret stryue  
 Þe angeles schall reherce þe gode  
 Þe fende þe euele w<sup>t</sup> ful gret mode  
 All þe werkes þat euere we wrou3t  
 Be-twene hem þan schall be oute sou3t  
 <fol. 31r>Boþe euery þou3te and euery wyll  
 Wheþer þat þey be good or yllee  
 And euery word þat we haue spoken  
 Þat good or euell my3t be-tokene  
 All schall be reherced lesse and more  
 Betwen hem þan as . j . sayde ore  
 Þan schall we boþe here and see  
 All þe preuytees þat euere dede wee  
 Þer-for saiþ cryste in þe gospels  
 On þis manere als . j . wele 3ou tell  
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 Nopyng he saiþ is hydde hy3e ne lawe  
 Þat it ne schall be schewed and knawe  
 Þan most we a-byde we may nou3t flee  
 Tyll all oure lyf discussed bee  
 And alle oure dedes boþe gode and yll  
 Schall be discussed . at goddes wyll  
 Þan schall we se oure synne holy  
 And what we be . þerfor worþy  
 Þan schall we knowe and se in sy3t  
 Wheþer we haue do wrong~ or ry3t  
 And wheche we dede parfytely here  
 And wheche we dede on euell manere .  
 Wrecched soule he saiþ what schalt y<sup>u</sup> say  
 Whan y<sup>u</sup> partest fro þe body a-way  
 Þan be-houeþ þe rekenyng~ to 3elde  
 Of all þi lyf boþe 3ouþe and elde

How y<sup>u</sup> haste ledde here thy lyfe  
 And how y<sup>u</sup> hast i-spended þi wyttes fyfe  
 Þan schall weleaway be þi song~  
 For you þi tyme here spentest wrong~  
 In werke . in woord in þou3t in wyll  
 Whan you schulde speke you helde þe styll  
 To greue god you haddest no drede  
 Þu haste done many synfull dede  
 Bot whan you seest alle þi trespassse  
 Þan schalt þou synge Allas allas  
 Be you lered or be you lewed  
 Þi synnes schall be þan to many schewed

## <Tranche 2>

<fol. 81r>The bodyes of synfull . þat loude schall shryke  
 And for þay wolde nou3t take  
 Holy techyng~ for goddes sake .  
 Perfor þe fendes . schall bete hem þare  
 Wyþ . hoote . jrne hameres . and none spare .  
 The . x. peyne . is þat neuere shall blynne  
 Þe harde knawying~ . of conceynce w<sup>t</sup> in  
 For w<sup>t</sup>.-jn shal þe woorme . of concyence hem . frete  
 As w<sup>t</sup>.-oute shul woormes . gresyly . and grete  
 So . shall . þay be gnawe wiþ.-oute doute  
 Euere wyþ.-jn . and . also wyþ.-oute .  
 Full moche sorwe . shall þan be in hell  
 Among~ . þe synfull . þat þere shull dwell  
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 For þay . shall . euere . cry . and say  
 Allas . allas . and . wayleaway  
 Why wolde we neuere . before trowe  
 Þat sorwe and payne . is here nowe  
 Þan . shall þay . playne . hare wyckednes  
 And . þus . say . as . in . book . wreten es  
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What. avayleþ vs pryde. þay. shall say  
 What bostynge . of ryches . and ryche . aray  
 Alle . þat pompe . as we se now  
 It passeþ . away as . a . shadow .  
 And as . a messangere . before rennyng  
 And as . a . shyppe . þat goþ in water flowyng  
 And. as . a . fowle . fleyng in þe aeyre w<sup>t</sup> wynd  
 Of whoso . weyes . men may . no trace fynde

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þus . shall . hare pompe . away. pas  
 And be . as . þyng . þat neuere was  
 þan shall hem þynk . whan . all is a-way  
 All hare lyf. bot. an. oure . of. a .day  
 <fol. 81v>Had þay neuere so longe leued here  
 þan may. þay. say. on. þis manere  
 Ry3t now . borne we were . in world to be  
 Ry3t now in halle . and chambre . lykyng were we  
 Ry3t now we deyd . and passed a-way  
 Ry3t . now . we be in helle boþe ny3t and day  
 And for-why . þat concyence . stered hem nou3t  
 To for-sake heire synne . þat þay had wrou3t  
 Bot fulfilled euere here hare fleshly wyll  
 þarfor . it . is . boþe ry3t . and good skylle  
 þat hare concyence. gnawe hem wyþ-in  
 Euere-more in hell . for hare stynkyng syn .  
 The . xi . payne . is . wepyng . of terys  
 As þe book sheweþ . of sorwe . þat þere is  
 For-why . wyþ grete colde . and hete  
 þat þay shal souffre þai shal euere wepe  
 And þe terys . fro hare ey3en shall renne  
 As dropes . of reyne . þat falleþ on men .  
 How moche water as shal falle þan .  
 Fro a mannes ey3e . may þenk no man .  
 For-why . þai shal be euere wepyng  
 And hare teerys . euere rennyng  
 And water fro hare ey3en . renne so fast  
 þat hare wepyng . so longe shall last  
 þat in alle þe world here. as . j . wene

Js nou3t . so moche water sene  
 As fro hare ey3en . shal fall euere . among  
 So fast þay shall wepe . and so long~ .  
 Wharfore seynt Austyne . saiþ vs þus  
 Whose woordes . bee . autentyke . to vs  
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 Jn hell . he saiþ . mo terys shall bee  
 Of þe synfull wepte . þan dropes in þe see  
 For water of hare ey3en so fast so gret hede  
 Þat þe water þat þan shall doun renne  
 Fro hare ey3en . shal hem . skalde and brenne .  
 <fol. 82r>For it . shall be hatter þan . euere was  
 Mostyne led or wellynge bras  
 As men . haue herd . grete clerkes tell  
 Þat haue discryued . þe paynes of hell  
 And for-why þat þay . had here lykyng~  
 Jn hare synne . and neuer for þynkyng~  
 Ne sorwe wolde make . bot þou3t it swete  
 Þer-for þay . shull in hell euere . wepe  
 And wyþ . hare terys . be skalded þere  
 To . encrece . hare . payne . as . j . sayde ere  
 The . xii . payne . is . shame . and shendeschepe  
 Þat þe synfull . shall haue in . helle depe  
 Of euery . synne þat þay . here wrou3t  
 Þare it shall be knowe . and soþely þou3t  
 All synnes . of þouþ . of woord . and werk  
 As saiþ seynt Austyne þat worpy clerk  
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 All hare synnes in hem-self shewed shall bee  
 And þay . shull nou3t hem . hyde ne <exp>see</exp> flee .  
 Þay shall haue shame . for hare synnes þore  
 To encrece here sorwe . þat shall be more  
 Þan euere . had man here . in þou3t  
 For velony . þat he euere wrou3t  
 Foule shame . þai shall haue ny3t and day  
 Þat . neuer shall passe . fro hem . away  
 Þan . may . þay . say . þus . euery why3te  
 As . þe prophete . saiþ in þe sawter ry3t



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Pat . is my shamefulnes . saiþ hee  
 Alle day . þat is . agaynes . mee  
 And . þe shendeshepe . of my face  
 Haþ couered me in eueryche place  
 Pay . shall be shamed . of heire synne  
 Pat hem shal þenk . þat þei shall brenne  
 Pourgh grete shame . þay . shall haue þore  
 For it shal neuere . sese . bot laste euere-more  
 For-why þow . no+more peyne . were in hell  
 Pan . þat shame. þat . j . of tell  
 <fol. 82v>Jt shuld . be to hem . þare more peyne  
 Pan any man coude here ordayne  
 And for-why þat þay here on here lyue  
 Durst nou3t for shame of synne hem shryue  
 Bot euere in . syn . were wyþ-oute shame bolde  
 It is ry3t . þat þay. haue . as j tolde  
 Shame in hell for here synne þere euere  
 Of wheche synne . amende wold neuere .  
 The . xij . peyne . as þese clerkes wote  
 Js boondes . of fyre . brennyng hote  
 Wyþ wheche þe synfull shul be boounde  
 As in some . book . wreten is founde  
 And þe bondes . of þat fyre . shal neuere slake  
 For-why . þay . wolde . neuere . here synnes for-sake  
 Pay shal wyþ þese bondes brennand  
 In helle be boounde boþe foot . and hand  
 And ful+hard streyned euery a lym  
 Wyþ foule deueles gresyly . and grym  
 And among hote . and colde ofte be caste  
 And w<sup>t</sup> glowand hamers . bete ful fast  
 And þer to be gnawe w<sup>t</sup> woormes fell  
 As . 3e herde me be-fore tell  
 Hare wonyng in hell shal be endeles  
 Among stenche . and sorwyng~ in hoge derknes  
 Whare euere is ny3t . and neuere day  
 As men may hyre þese clerkes say  
 Pan shul þai . se. whan þay þare come  
 Goddes vengeaunce þorough wysdome

For here . synne. þat god here myspayed  
 Per-for hym-self. in þe gospell sayde  
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 He saiþ bynde hare handes . and fete fast  
 And in-to þe ferrest derknes hem caste  
 Þat is þe ferred derknes of hell  
 Where more sorwe is þan tunge may tell  
 Þere shull hare heuedes be *turned* donward  
 And hare feett . vp . boounde full hard  
 <fol. 83r>And be steeyned full sore . be feet and hand  
 W<sup>t</sup> breynnyng~ cheynes fast glowand  
 Þus shull þay be pyned and *neuere* sese  
 Wiþ oþer peynes many and dyuers  
 As . saiþ a clerk openly  
 In a book þat he made of stody  
 Of dyuers questyons of dyuynyte  
 Þat is called . flos sciencie  
 Þat is . on englysch . floure of knowynge  
 Where wreten . is many preuy þynge  
 And in þe book . þus he telleþ  
 How þai shal hange . þat þere dwelleþ  
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 he saiþ . in þe ground of helle dongeon  
 Þe heuedes of synful men. shul hange doun  
 And þe feet vpward . harde . and sore knytte  
 Stefly streyned . to caste in hell pytte  
 For þat . þay . were . euere . here . redy  
 To synne . w<sup>t</sup> dyuers lymmes of hare body  
 Tharfor þay shall be bounde þere  
 Be dyuers . lymes . as . j . sayde ere  
 W<sup>t</sup> brennyng bondes . hote & glowyng  
 Þat euere-more shull be lastynge  
 For þat þai wolde nou3t . god knawe  
 Ne kepe here . þe ordre . of hys lawe .  
 Bot turned hem . fro euere fro godward  
 And in þe werld heyre hertys sett hard  
 And cursedly vsed heyre leuyng  
 In.to. foule fleshly lykyng

Per-for . it . is ry3t . and resoun  
 Pat þay be turned vp so down .  
 And stayned in helle . and bounde fast  
 W<sup>t</sup> bondes . of fyre . þat euere shal last  
 The xiiij peyne . is . despeyre to tell  
 Jn wheche þe synfull euere shall dwell  
 Wyb.-outen . hope . of mercy . þan

### <Tranche 3>

<fol. 104r>Thus saiþ clerkes . as þe book bereþ wytnes  
 Pat holy cherche . þat here fy3tting es  
 Js nou3t elles bot þe gaderynge  
 Of alle crysten+men . of gode lyuyng  
 Holy cherch is ouercomynge also  
 God wiþ alle þe companye of þoo  
 Pat dwellen wiþ hym in hese blis  
 Þe wheche he haþ hy3t to all hys  
 Vnder holy cherche . þat here fytyng es  
 Bene alle gode man . boþe more and les  
 Vnder holy chyrche . þat is ouercomynge  
 Bene alle holy men in heuene dwellynge  
 Bot holy chirche þat sy3tteþ here faste  
 After þe day of dome . at þe laste  
 Jn þe bri3t cytee of heuene shall wone  
 Euere-more wiþ hese spouse goddes sone  
 For þan shall þe nombre fulfilled bee  
 Of holy men. þan in þat cytee  
 Þurgh holy cherche . þat is ~~de~~ goddes spouse  
 And þat cytee cryst calleþ hys fader house  
 For þare alle ry3t wyse+men . and holy  
 Shull euere wone . in angeles companye  
 And eche of hem shall haue blissfull wonyng~  
 And parfyte joye wiþ endles lykyng~  
 Þis cytee of heuene . so wyde . and brade  
 No man wote kyndely how it is made  
 No can þorough wyte jmage in þou3t  
 Of what manere mater it is wrou3t  
 It is nou3t made . of lyme and stone



Ne of tree þat hathe it none  
As þese erþely cytees be made here  
Þat be wrou3t of coruptyble matere  
For no þynge . shal be in þat cytee  
Þat coruptyble . or fayleng~ shall bee  
Bot þe matere . of it . is ful goodly . and trewe  
Ful precyous þynge . and ful of vertue  
<fol. 104v>This cytee conteneþ alle heuene ryche  
Bot non woot be kynde what is lyche  
We fynde wreten . þat it is fayre and bry3t  
Bot no man can descryue it a-ry3t  
Ne so wyse clerk . was neuere on lyue  
Þat couþe þe fayrenes . of it descryue  
Bot þow . j . can nou3t discryue þat stede  
3et wele . j . ymagyne . of myn owne heuede  
To shewe . as . j . can a . discrecyon  
For j haue þarto . grete affeccyon  
And a grete comfort it is to me  
To þynk or speke . of þat fayre cytee  
Þat trauayle may me greue noþynge  
For þareto . j . haue . a . grete lykyng  
Agayne þe trowþe . noþyng . j . doo  
3if me lyke . þe cytee . þat me longeþ+too  
Þat may lyken . in euery partye  
Boþe to bodely þynge and gostely