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<Text: Prick of Conscience>

<Tranche 1>

<fol. 6r>3utte sorie wille no3te ondirstonde  
 þat þynge þ<sup>t</sup> my3te ~~hem to vrede bringe~~ make hem vred  
 For-þye welle no3te byre bote þ<sup>t</sup> hem paieþ  
 þer-fore þe prophete in þe sauter saieþ  
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 he seiþ he naþ no wille to feile  
 No to vndyrstonde to do wele  
 þis wordes bi hym may beo ysaide here  
 þat wile no3te ondirstonde no lere  
 To drede god & to do his wille  
 Bote folwiþ here lykyng & louyþ ille  
 Some ondirstonde as þey hyriþ telle  
 Bote no drede in here hertes may dwelle  
 þat ys þorwe defaultte of trowþe þ<sup>t</sup> may beo  
 For þey bilyue no3te bote þey hit seo  
 Bote grocchiþ whan þey dredfol þynge hyre  
 And þer-fore þe prophete seiþ on þys manere  
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 þe prophete seiþ þey troweþ no3te  
 Bote grocchiþ & were agriupde in þo3te  
 þus beoþ many þ<sup>t</sup> bylyueþ noþynge  
 þat men hem seiþ a3enste here likþnge  
 Bote grocchiþ<?> gretly & are frowarde  
 when men seiþ ou3te þ<sup>t</sup> hym þynckiþ harde  
 Some kan seo in boke & such þynge rede  
 Ly3ttenes of herte lettely hem drede  
 So þ<sup>t</sup> hit maþ no3te w<sup>t</sup> hym dwelle  
 And þerfore criste seiþ þus in ye gospelle

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To a+tyme he seiþ some bilyuyþ aþþynge  
 And passiþ þer fro in tyme of fondynge  
 Also þus seiþ þe *prophite* dauid  
 In a psalme þ<sup>t</sup> acordiþ þer-wiþ

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he seiþ in his wordes lyuyde þay  
 And louyde his louynge as þey couþe say  
 Bote sone þey hadde ydo & for-3þte  
 his workes & þo3te na-more on hitte  
 Suche men beþe euere so onstedefaste  
 þe ne *trouþe* ne drede may wiþ hem laste  
 For þey beoþ wonde when þey haue quarte  
 þat on *ihesu criste* þs no3te here herte  
 Bote wo kan no3te drede he may lere  
 þat þis tretis wole rede oþer hyre  
 3if he hit rede oþer here to eynde  
 þe materes þ<sup>t</sup> beoþ heire conteynde  
 Par chaunce here hertes schal beo lowe  
 And ondirstonde hem-self as . J . trowe  
 þorw þ<sup>t</sup> þey chal concepue þer-by  
 To worche goude workes & leue foly  
 þer-for þis boke ys on Inglicsche drawe  
 of diuerse materes þ<sup>t</sup> beoþ onknowe  
 To lewde men þ<sup>t</sup> beoþ onknowande  
 <fol. 7r>þat kan no3te latyn onderstande  
 To make ~~he~~ hem-self furste to knowe  
 And fro synne & vanite drawe  
 For to styre hem to rep3te drede  
 when þei þis tretys hyre or rede  
 þat *pricke* here concience schal w<sup>t</sup>-Jnne  
 And of þ<sup>t</sup> drede may loue bygynne  
 þorw conforte of ioyes of heuene sere  
 As men may afterward rede & hyre  
 þis boke as hit-self beriþ witnes  
 In vij parties dyuydid ys  
 þe furste party to knowe & haue in mynde

þs of worchyng<sup>[u]</sup>les of mannes kynde  
 þe *secunde* ys þe concience sere  
 And of þe onstabilenes of þis worlde here  
 þe iiij party þis boke to rede  
 Of þe deþ þe whiche ys to drede  
 þe iiij party ys of *purgatory*  
 þere soules beoþ þclensid of all foly  
 þe v party ys of day of dome  
 And of toknynges þ<sup>t</sup> before schal come  
 þe vj party ys of þe paynes of helle  
 þere dampnyde schal euere more dwelle  
 þe vij party ys of þe ioþes of <ill> heuene  
 þis beo þe parties of þis boke seuene  
 And of ech party fynde men may  
 Diuerse materes on þis boke to say  
 <fol. 7v>Go we to <ill><2 chars></ill> þe furste þ<sup>t</sup> ys  
 þat spekiþ of mannes wrecchidnes  
 For all þ<sup>t</sup> bifore ys wryten on to loke  
 ys bote an entre of þys boke  
**here bigynneþ þe furste party of mannes wrecchidnes**  
 Furste whan god made man & al þynges of no3te  
 Of þe fouleste matere man he wro3te  
 þat was of eorþe t<sup>[w]</sup>lo skiles to holde  
 þat on ys for god wolde  
 Of foule matere make man in despite  
 Of lucifer þ<sup>t</sup> fule so tyte  
 To helle whan he synnede for *pride*  
 And of all þ<sup>t</sup> wþi<sic> hym fulle þ<sup>t</sup> tyde  
 For þey scholde haue þe more schynchipe  
 And þe more sorwe whan þey tok keipe  
 þat man of so foule matere scholde dwelle  
 In þ<sup>t</sup> place *fram* whiche þey fulle  
 þat oþer skille ys to seo  
 þat man scholde heire makere beo  
 Euere when he seoþ & þenckiþ in þo3te  
 Of how foule mratere he was þwro3te  
 For þorw his goudnes & his my3te  
 he wolde þseo þ<sup>t</sup> place in heuene bry3te  
 þat was þmade wide þorw þe synne of *pride*

Beo fulfillede on euery+syde  
 þorw þe *vertues* of mekenes  
 þat euene *contrary* to *pride* ys  
 þan may no man þuder come  
 <fol. 8r>Bote he beo meke & boxome  
 þat *prouiþ* þe gosal & seiþ þus  
 how god saide to his deciples  
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 Bote 3e beo he seiþ as a+childe  
 þat ys to seiþ boþe meke & milde  
 he schal no3te be no way  
 þe kþngdome haue þ<sup>t</sup> lasteþ ay  
 þan beo-howeþ a+man euere heire seke  
 þynge þ<sup>t</sup> my3te sonneste make hym meke  
 Bote no þynge may meke hym more  
 To þencke as J . saide ore  
 how he was ymade of foule matere  
 And ys no3te elles bote eorþe heire  
 For þus seiþ a+clerk as J . 3ow say  
 what þs a man bote eorþe & clay  
 And poudre þ<sup>t</sup> weþ þe wynde brekiþ  
 And þer-fore Joþe þus to god spekiþ  
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 he seiþ þet þencke lorde how þ<sup>u</sup> madeste me  
 Foule of eorþe & clay heire to beo  
 Rþ3te so schal J . torne agayne  
 To eorþe & to poudere *sertayn*  
 þan seiþ oure lorde god al-my3ty  
 A3en3 to man þus a+worde schortly  
 <fol. 8v><lat></lat>  
 Þencke man he seiþ askes er+tow now  
 And in-to aske agayn schal þow  
 þan ys a+man no3te elles to say  
 Bote askes & poudere eorþe & clay  
 Of <1 word> þys scholde ech+man here haue mynde  
 To knowe þe wrechednes of his kynde  
 þat may beo yseide as J schewe kan

In all þe parties of lif of man  
 All a+mannes lif kasten may beo  
 Pryncipall<exp>e</exp>y in two parties <sup>[or]</sup> þreo  
 þat beoþ þes to onderstondenge  
 Bygynnynge mydewarde & eyndyng  
 þes iij parties beoþ þe spaces ytolde  
 Of þe lif of ech+man 3onge & olde  
**Of þe bigynnynge of mannes lif**  
 Bþgynnynge of mannes lif þ<sup>t</sup> furste ys  
 Conteyneþ moche wrecchednes  
 þare-fore . J . wile or . J fere passe  
 Schewe 3ow what man furste wasse  
 Soime<4 minims> tyme was whan man was no3te  
 By-fore he was getyn ~~after~~ or forþ bro3te  
 he was getyn after as hit þs knowen  
 Of fyle sede of man wiþ synne sawen  
 He was conceyuyde sunfolly  
 wiþ-Jnne his owen moder body  
 where his herborw wiþ-Jnne was dy3te  
 As dauid ~~said~~ seiþ in þe sautere ry3te  
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 <fol. 9r>Lo he seiþ a+mannes kynde ys  
 J . ham conceyuyde in wickednes  
 And my modyr haþ conceyuyde me  
 In synne & in kaytifte  
 þer dwellide man in a+derke dongoun  
 In a+foule stede of corrupcion  
 where he hadde no oþer fode  
 Bote wlatome glat & wyckede blode  
 Of foule styncke as J seide ere  
 wiþ þis he was furste norschide þere  
 After whan he oute come  
 For þ<sup>t</sup> dongoun his modyr wome  
 And was þbore to ~~his~~ þis wordle lþ3te  
 he hadde noþer strengþe ne my3te  
 And was þ-bore to þis wordle lþ3te  
 Noþer to go ne to stonde  
 Ne to crepe wiþ fote ne honde

þan haþ a+man lasse my3te þan a+beste  
 whan he þs þbore & seien leste  
 For whan a beste ys bore hit may go  
 Sone afterwarde þan to & fro  
 Bote a+man haþ no my3te so to do  
 when he þbore men wote hit ys so  
 For may he noþer go no crepe  
 Bote ligge & spraule *crie* & ~~erepe~~ weipe  
 For onnyþe ys a+childe ybore folly  
 þat he ne bigynneþ to goly & crye  
 And be þ<sup>t</sup> crye men may knowe þan  
 where hit beo man or wonman  
 <fol. 9v>For whan hit ys borne 3if hit *crie* A  
 hit ys a+man for he do swa  
 þat þe furste *letre* ys of þe name  
 Of fourme fadyr adame  
 And 3if hit a+womman beo  
 when hit ys yborne hit seiþ E  
 E ys ye furste *letre* & ye hede  
 Of þe name of eue þ<sup>t</sup> bigan oure dede  
 þer-fore a+clerk made on his manere  
 þis vers metre þ<sup>t</sup> ys wryten here  
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 Alas he seiþ ys comen of Eue  
 þ<sup>t</sup> beoþ all men þ<sup>t</sup> heire byhowiþ byleue  
 when þey beoþ ybore what so þey beo  
 þey seien furste A . oþer E  
 þus ys here bigynnynge  
 Of oure lif sorwe & weipyng  
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 he seiþ all we beoþ bore gredande  
 And makynge a+sori semblante  
 For to schewe þe grerte wrecchednes  
 Of oure kynde þ<sup>t</sup> in vs ys  
 And when þe tyme comeþ of oure *burþe*  
 All mayde we sorwe & no *murþe*  
 Nakyd come we hider & bare  
 And re3te so schal we hennes fare

On þes to tymes scholde we þenke þan  
 For þus seiþ ye wisman

## <Tranche 2>

<fol. 115v>þe eorþe he seiþ ys fol of *mercy*  
 þan may men hit fynde heire plenteuously  
 he þ<sup>t</sup> haþ hit or~ he hennes weynde  
 Atte grete dome schal fynde *criste* his frende  
 Where ry3tfolnes only schal beo hauntyde  
 And no *mercy* þere schal beo *grauntide*  
**how þe wordle schal seyme as hit ware now<?>** <sup>made</sup>  
 After þe dome all þe wordle brade  
 Schal seyme as hit were nowe made  
 þe erþe schal beo þere euene & hale  
 Smoþe cleire as any *cristalle*  
 þe eorþe aboue schal schine bry3te  
 þan schal euere beo daþ & neuere ny3te  
 For þe elementes all schal clene beo  
 Of all corrupcions þ<sup>t</sup> we may seo  
 þan schal þe wordle in all *partys*  
 Seyme as hit were *paradis*  
 þe planetes & þe sternes echone  
 Schal schine bry3tore þan euere *sonne* schone  
 þe *sonne* schal beo as some clerkes deme  
 Seuesiþes bry3tore þan hit now seymeþ  
 For hit schal beo as bry3te as hit furste was  
 By-fore þ<sup>t</sup> adam dide *trispas*  
 þe mone schal beo as bry3te & clene  
 As þe *sonne* ys now þ<sup>t</sup> schyneþ heire  
 þe *sonne* schal euene in þe efte stande  
 wiþ-oute remywyngge euere schynande  
 And þe mone a3enste hure in þe weste  
 <fol. 116r>And na+more schal *trauaile* bote euere reste  
 As þey were ysette atte bigynnyngge  
 whan god made hem & all þynge  
 þey were þan as men may *trowe*  
 Moche bry3tere þan þey beo nowe

þe mone & þe heuene aboute gas  
 And þe sonne his cours aboute tas  
 And þe *oper* planetes euerechone  
 Mouen as þey here cours h<?>ue tane  
 As þe elementes kyndely doþ  
 þat ys nedefol to mannes by-howe  
 þus ordaynyd hem god to seruy man  
 Bote of all suche seruise þey schal sesse þan  
 For all men after domesday  
 þey schal be þere þey schal beo for ay  
 þe goude to blis in reste & pes  
 þe yuele to pine þ<sup>t</sup> neuere schal ses  
 what nede were þ<sup>t</sup> þes *criatures* þan  
 Schewid suche seruice to man  
 No wickede *creatures* schal beo þan lyuande  
 þorw-oute þe wordle in no lande  
 Nopyng schal *growe* þere gres none treo  
 Ne scragges ne roches schal none beo  
 Ne dayl ne hille ne montayne  
 For þe eorþe schal beo euene & playne  
 And beo ymade euene & faire & clene  
 As any cleire *cristal* þ<sup>t</sup> euere was sene  
 For hit schal beo finyd & *purgid* wiþ-oute  
 And all *oper* elementes schal beo aboute  
 And no+more beo ytrauailid in no side  
 <fol. 116v>Ne wiþ no charge beo ocupide  
 Now haue 3e hurde me by-fore rede  
 Of þe day of dome þ<sup>t</sup> meny may drede  
 And of þe toknes wonderfol & many  
 þat schal fall by-fore þat day namely  
 And how þe wordle þ<sup>t</sup> we now seo  
 After þe dome schal nowe ymade beo  
 As ys conteynde ho so wole loke  
 In þe fifte *party* of þis boke  
 here on wouly no lengour stonde  
 Boto go we to þe nexte *party* folwande  
 þat speke specialy as wryten ys  
 Of þe paynes of helle þ<sup>t</sup> beoþ eyndeles  
 þat all men þ<sup>t</sup> heire byhowiþ lif lede



Au3te specially for to drede  
 For þe paynes beoþ so felle & harde  
 As 3e schal seo & hyre after-warde  
 þat echone may drede 3onge & olde  
 þat hyriþ hem beo rehersid & tolde  
**Heire bygynyneþ þe sexte party þat**  
**ys of þe paynes of helle**  
 Meny men spekiþ of helle  
 Bote of þe paynes few kan telle  
 Bote ho so in eorþe my3te wite  
 And knowe wel þe souþe 3utte  
 what payne þe synfole þere scholde feile  
 he my3te onderstonde wele  
 þey scholde in gret ferdnes beo ybro3te  
 Euere whan þeþ in þe paynes þo3te  
 <fol. 117r>For þe mynde of hem my3te men fere  
 So bytere & orible þey here  
 For-yy y<sup>t</sup> meny knowiþ no3te ry3te  
 what manere of paynes in helle beoþ dy3ted  
 wiþ-out eynde as for synfole men  
 A+party of mo paynes sere  
 As 3e may sone afterwarde hyre  
 Bote furste J wole schewe 3ow where ys helle  
 As J haue hyrde grete clerdes telle  
 And supþe J wole schewe 3ow more  
 And speke of paynes þ<sup>t</sup> beoþ þore  
 Some clerkes seyn as bokes beriy witnes  
 þat hell euene amydde þe eorþe ys  
 For all þe eorþe by skile liknid may beo  
 To a+rounde appel of a treo  
 þat euene amyddes haþ a+kolke  
 Ry3t as myddys an ey ys a+3olke  
 For þe 3olke es euene amyde-warde  
 þe myddel of an ey whan hit ys harde  
 Ry3t so ys helle putte as clerkes telles  
 Amyddes þe eorþe & nowhar elles  
 As þe 3olke amydes an eþ lys  
 And þe white aboute in þe same wis  
 Ry3t so ys þe eorþe wiþ-oute doute

Amyddes þe heuenes þ<sup>t</sup> goþ aboute  
 <fol. 117v>þus may men seo by harde eþ<sup>3</sup>e sy<sup>3</sup>te  
 how heuene & eorþe stonde ry<sup>3</sup>te  
 Fol hedous & moche helle ys kidde  
 For-why hit ys w<sup>t</sup>-jnne eorþe yhydde  
 þudere schal þe synfole dryue  
 As sone as þe laste dome ys 3yue  
 w<sup>t</sup> all þe fendes euere þere to dwelle  
 þat now beoþ in þe eyre & in eorþe & in helle  
 þere schal þey all yputte to-gedere  
 wo schal hem beo þ<sup>t</sup> schal come þydere  
 For þer ys so moche sorwe & bale  
 And so meny paynes wiþ-oute tale  
 þat all þe clerkes þ<sup>t</sup> euere hadde wite  
 þat euere were or~ lyuyþ 3itte  
 Couþe no<sup>3</sup>te telle ne schewe þorw lore  
 how moche sorwe & payne ys þore  
 And if hit þorw kynde my<sup>3</sup>te beo so  
 þat an hondride þousand men or mo  
 hadde an hondride þousand of tonges of stile  
 And ech tonge my<sup>3</sup>te speke wisly & wele  
 And ech tonge of ech a+man  
 Bigonne whan þe wordle bigan  
 To speke of paynes & scholde speke ay  
 whiles þe wordle laste to domesday  
 3ut my<sup>3</sup>te þey no<sup>3</sup>te þe sorwe tell  
 þat to synfole men ys ordeynyd in hell  
 <fol. 118r>For why no write of man may þmagynne  
 þe paynes þ<sup>t</sup> þere beoþ yordeynyd for synne  
 Bote men may fynde ho so wole loke  
 Some manere of paynes wryten in þis boke  
 As men haue hirde grete clerkes tell  
 Amonges all oþer paynes of hell  
 Bote ho ys so wise & witty  
 yat couþe telle þe paynes proprely  
 Bote if hit were he hadde beo þore  
 And seyne þe paynes lasse & more  
 Bote ho comyþ þere sertayne  
 May no<sup>3</sup>te ly<sup>3</sup>tly torne agayne

he moste dwelle þere & neuere away come  
 For þe boke seiþ þus of wisdomes  
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 þat ys on englissh men knowiþ none  
 þat comiþ fram helle þ<sup>t</sup> Judere ys gone  
 For all þ<sup>t</sup> beoþ þere moste dwell for ay  
 he may neuere beo ybro3te away  
 Bote 3if hit were þorw miracle only  
 Of specially grace of god al-my3ty  
 þorw whiche some þ<sup>t</sup> in hell haþ bene  
 And orible paynes haue þere sene  
 haue beo ybro3te away fram all þ<sup>t</sup> striif  
 And tornyd a3eyn fram dā to lif  
 As la3ar~ was mary broþer Maudeleyn  
 þat seþ & hadde þere meny+a+pyne  
 <fol. 118v>þat tyme namely whan he was dede  
 For his soule was þan at þ<sup>t</sup> stede  
 Foure days as criste fouchid saue  
 And so longe his body lay heire in graue  
 And atte laste god raysid hym ry3te  
 Fro doþ to lyue þorw his my3te  
 Bote what he saw he no3t fore-3ate  
 As sone after as he sate  
 wiþ criste at mete in martha ys hous  
 And tolde a+party of þe paynes hidous  
 Bote 3ut deorste he no3t al tell  
 For drede of criste þ<sup>t</sup> he saw in helle  
 3ut lyuede he after fiftene 3ere  
 Bote he low neuere ne made glade chere  
 For drede of doþ þ<sup>t</sup> he moste deþe  
 And of þe paynes þ<sup>t</sup> he saw w<sup>t</sup> eye  
 For how bitere deþ ys may no+man witte  
 Bote only he þ<sup>t</sup> haþ feilid hitte  
 And what paynes in hell beoþ me nolde yw<binding>  
 Bote <sup>[he]</sup> only þ<sup>t</sup> haþ hem sene  
 As to of symones sones ry3te  
 þe whiche ga3yn? & lynterne hy3te  
 whan þey furste deide & hennnes wente  
 þey seiþ in hell meny a+tormente

And suppe whan *criste* deide on þe rode  
 þey aros *fram* dede & aboute 3eode  
 And tolde how *criste* by-fore ar he ros  
 <fol. 119r>To hell come & toke þ<sup>t</sup> his will was  
 And moche more couþe þey tell  
 Of þe paynes þ<sup>t</sup> þey seþ in hell  
 Bote þey hadde no lyue y weyne  
 To hell al þ<sup>t</sup> þey hadde þere seyne  
 where-fore þey lyuede heire euere in penance  
 And neuere after mayde bliþe contenance  
 Of wham ys wryten in apistil þus  
 þat pilate seynte to tiberius  
 þat þan *emperour* was  
 For to areseny hem of þ<sup>t</sup> kas  
 And 3ut meny oþer þ<sup>t</sup> were dede  
 haue beo some tyme in þ<sup>t</sup> stede  
 And seie þere many an hodous pyne  
 And þorw miracle itornede to lyue agayne  
 Bote amonge al oþer þ<sup>t</sup> þere haþ beo sene  
 þ fynde wryte paynes fourtene  
 þorw whiche synfole schal beo pynynd ay  
 In body & soule after domesday  
 þe whiche beoþ general paynes of hell  
 And whiche þey beoþ J wole 3ow tell  
 þe furste ys fyre so hote to reken  
 þat no manere of þynges may hit sleken  
 þe *secunde* ys clipid chile as seie some  
 þat non hete of fyre may ouercome  
 þe yridde also filye & styncke  
 þat ys strengeore þan herte may þyncke  
 þe feorþe ys *hongour* scharpe & stonng  
 þe fifte ys *brennyng* þurste amonge