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<Tranche 1>

<p. 5>And 3if þ^u haue sette alle þi desire to luf god ; Here þes
 þree degrees of luf / So þat þou may ryse from on to ano^{per}
 þe first degree of luf is ; when a+man holdes þe ten comman
 dementes ; & kepes hym from þe seuen deedely synnes ; & is
 trewly in þe trowþes of holy churche & whan a+man wol
 not for none erþely þinges ; ne for no peyne þat falles
 to his body wrap god any tyme ; but trewly stand
 is in goddis seruice & lastes þerinne to his lyues ende þis
 degree of loue by-houes vche man to haue þat wol be
 saued ; for no man may come to heuene but 3if he loue
 god aboue alle þinge ; & his ney3ebore as hym-selue ;
 w^t-oute pride envie wraþe . bachitynge ; & w^t-oute alle
 o^{per} deedely synnes as coueytise ; slouþe . glotonye & lecher
 ry . for þes sleen þe soule ; & maken hit deperted from
 god þat is lyue of þe soule / & whan an wreched man
 or womman is deperted from god ; we mo sugge he is dede ;
 for his synne hap deperted hym from<?> god þat is verey lyfe
 for as a+man may take in a+swete mossel venym or
 poysen þat slees his bodye / Soo doþe an synful man
 in lust . & in likyng of synne þat is swete to þe flesche
 takes venym & poysen þat slees þe soule & brynges
 hym to peyne wiþ-uten ende / Many þenken it swete
 synne ; but þe raunsen þerfore ; is sorow3e and peyne wiþ
 uten ende wors þan any man may þenke onne ; for 3if
 man wolde haue mynde on þe peyne þat .^[is] ordeyned for
 <p. 6>synne þei schul haue litel delite in synne / Alle pereschep & pa
 seþ away þ^t we may here see / & þat we wiþ dele ; & alle
 þe riches & welþes of þis worlde worþes to wrecchednes

robes & ieweelles alle roten jn þe dyche / her *pride* & her
 gaynes styncke schal ful sone ; her golde & her tresoure
 draweþ hem to deep / Alle þe wicked of þis worlde ; syn
 ne dryues to nou3t & bringeþ hem byfore þe iuge þat
 þei may see her dome ; & hem-selfe worþi to sorow3 ay
 durable / But þan schal be solace & joy to hem þat ha
 ue loued *jhesu crist* whan þe wrecchede for her welþe schul
 falle into helle But whan þou hast lyued wel in þe *com*
maundemens of god . and kepud þe iusty fro alle dedely
 synnes ; & and byn deuoute in *preyers* . & gostly ocupacy
 ones . & trewly serued god þus in þis de-gree / þan
 vmb^[i]þenke þe how þou may more loue god & doo better
 wiþ þi soule . & by-come sumwhat mor *perfyte* &
 ferre fro þe worlde / þan entres þou into þe toþer de
 gree of loue þat is to for-sake alle þe worlde / in
 als muche as it lettes þe to loue god / fader & moder
 & alle þi kyn & wor^[d]ly hauynge & folow^[3]e *jhesu crist* in
 wilful pouerte ; boþe in body & in spiryte / & in þis de
 gree þou schalt studye how clene þou may kepe þi
 herte from vnleful desyres / & how chaste þi body ; &
 3ife þe to mekenes & to suffring & to buxumnes to
 god & to man . for þe loue of god & charite ¶ And loke
 <p. 7>how ferre þou make þi soule w^t *vertues* & hate alle
 synnes<?> So þ^t þi lyfe be al gostly & nou3t fleschly / no3t
 spekyngne yuel wordes ne wrapful ne angrely ne
 3euyngne an yuel word for anoþer but al þat men sey
 ne to þe yuel or go.^[o]d <ill><1-2 words></ill> mekeliche in þi her
 te wiþ-oute styringe of wrap & þanne schalt þou
 be in rest wiþinne and wiþ-oute ; & ly3tly come
 to gostly lyfe . þe whoche þou schalt fynde sweter
 & more delectable þan euer was any erpely þinge ///
 Parfyte lyfe & gostly ; is for+to despyse þe worlde
 & make hit fully dede in hem þat coueyten *vertues*
 lyfyng & þe joy of heuene ; & þe puttyng a
 wey þoru3 goddis *grace* alle wyked desyres of þe fles
 sch & to for-3ete alle þe likyng & þe solace of þe
 worlde ; & of þi kynraden wheþer þei be riche or
 pore hole or seke . in woo or in eweel deede or on
 lyue þanke þou ay .^[on] god & blesse hym in alle

his werkes for his domes byn so preuey . þat noo
 creature may comprehend hem / And summe men ofte
 tymes haue her likynge & wylle in þis worlde &
 summe men byn in persecucon & repreue & anguysses
 in þis lyfe ; & han joy & reste wiþ-oute ende in
 heuene for her mede / And þerfore 3if þi frendes byn
 ay in eyse & hele & welþe of þis worlde þou & þei
 boþe moo haue þe more drede ; þat 3e losen<?> nou3t
 <p. 8>hele & lyfe w^t-oute ende / 3if þei lyfe in penance & se
 kenes & tribulacion ; & suffer it mekeliche ; & lede ry
 3twis lyfe in loue & charite ; þei may trusten in god
 to come to his blisse ¶ For-þi in þis degree of loue
 þou schalt be fild w^t grace . of þe holy+gost ; þat þ^u schalt
 nou3t morne for þi fleshely frendes ne for none erþely
 þing þat may falle ; but for synne & losynge of vertues
 & after þe loue of jhesu crist . & to be in swete þou3tes
 of his passioun ; & haue þat muche in þi mynde
 for it wol kyndel þi hert to sette att nou3t alle þe
 vanitees & ye ydel joy of þis world / & to desire
 brennyngly þe lyfe in heuen w^t angelis & holy seyntes ;
 And whan þi hert is ordeyned holy to þe seruice of
 god . & alle wordly þou3ttes & desyres putte oute
 of þi soule ; þanne wole þe þing mery to be stille be
 þi-selfe ; to þenke depely on crist ; to be muche in prey
 er ; & to þenke holy meditacions / for þour3 þ^t þi her
 te schal be made brennyng in þe loue of jhesu crist / &
 þanne schalt þou fele sweteness & gostly comforte &
 ioie boþe in preyng & in þenkyng And whan þ^u art
 by þi-selfe ; haue muchel in þi mynde to sey psal
 mes of þe sauter / & pater nostris / & Aue maries / &
 take none hede how many þou seyest to telle hem for
 god knoweþ hem alle / w^t-oute þi tellyng þat schal re
 warde mede for hem / But take hede how weel &
 <p. 9>how deuoutely þou may sey hem reysynge vp þin þou3t
 to heuene / for better it is for+to sey fyue wordes in ful
 deuocion wiþ ful desire of cristes loue / & hauynge þi herte
 þer-onne / . þan fyue þousand / suffringe þi hert & þi
 þou3t fleyng aboute & varying in þe world & a
 boutte bodyly þinges / For what goode hopes þou to

come þerof ; 3if þu suffur þi tonge blabur on þe bo
 ke neuer so <exp>longe</exp> fast / & þi herte renne abowte in diuers
 places & vanitees of þe world wher~ þat it wole / J
 sey þe forsoþe noo more þan a+man þat greued þo^[u]3
 he chide or speke to an hard stone / for-þi sette þi
 þou3t & þi hert in *crist* / & he wole drawe it vnto
 hym ; & holde it from þe veinym & þe veyne bysy
 nes of þis wreched world / And 3if þou loue jhesu *crist*
 trewly in þis lyue ; þou schalt be filde ful of *grace* in
 hert & in soule & mynde / in erþe / & be *cristes* spouse
 in þe joyful blisse of heuene / For-þi no þing payes
 god so muchel as verey loue of god / for 3if þou loue
 hym trewly & lastyngly & neuer leues for no þing þ^t
 man may doo or sey to þee þou schal be reysed into an
 hey3er lyfe þat þou w^t hert can coueyte / for his go
 denes is so muchel Wat-^[euere] we in þis worlde axe hym
 any þing deuoutely w^t loue & trust of hert þ^t he
 wole grunte vs þrefold better þan we cunne axe <ill><1 word></ill>
 wel apeyed he is whan we sette alle oure hert <ill><1 word></ill>
 <p. 10>to loue hym / In þis degree of loue þou schalt ouer-come þi
 þree enmyes þe world þe deuel & þi flesche / but neuer þe
 later þou schalt haue ay fey3tynge & temptaconns þe whiles
 þou lyues / & þerfore þe be-houeþ to be bysy euer to wiþ
 stand temptaconns / þat þou falle nou3t in yuel delytes &
 foule þou3tes ne in euel werkes ne foule wordes / for
 alle þi desyre þou schuldest ordeyne to loue jhesu *crist*
 vereyle ¶ Þi flesche þ^u schalt ouercome w^t discrete
 penaunce & resonable abstinence & clene & chaste ly
 fyng . in þou3t & dede & deuoute preyers & honest
 ocupaconn ¶ Þe worlde þou schalt ouer-come ; wiþ-hol
 dyng of wilful pouerte puttyng away alle coueytise of
 erþely þinges / desyringe after *cristes* loue & þenkyng
 on his blessed name & on þe grete ioies þat byn in
 heuene / for as sone as þou fynde sauour in þe loue
 of jhesu ; þe wole þing alle þe world but vanyte &
 ioye<?> to mennes soules ¶ þene wolt þou nou3t coueyte
 to be riche ne to occupye þe aboute many wor^[d]ly goo
 des ne haue gold ne siluer ne many cloþes moo þan euere
 þe nedes to kepe þe fro colde ne none oþer þing more

þan euere nedeful to þi body ne take no more of þe
 world þan scharpe nede askes / & 3if þou hast more þan
 nedys ; 3efe it to *crist* þat goþ^[e] naked & hongree ne
 hold nou3t þe goodis to þi-selfe for þou wost nou3t to
 lyfe to þoo be spended þat ^u haste ¶ Pe fende þou schalt

<Tranche 2>

<p. 127><line 5>**Pe systene condiconns of charite**

Of alle uertues þ^t byn charyte is þe beste
 for in hym byn contened alle oper uertues : &
 wiþ-oute þis uertu of charyte may noo man
 be saued & perfore schuld euery man lerne . bysyle
 to knowe þe propurtees of þis uertue / For seynt
 paule þ^t was rauesched . vnto þe þridde heuene
 herde & sau3e preuetees of god þ^t were no3t lef
 ful man for+to speke : & he sey3e þ^t noo man
 my3t be saued but 3if he hade charyte here
 in þis lyfe & ended þer-inne : al-pou3 he hade many
 oper grete uertues & perfore he reherseþ in hym-selfe
 many grete uertues & seiþ on þis manere / 3if . J .
 sp^[e]ke wiþ mannes tonge & angeles tonge : & J .
 haue no3t charyte : J am made but as a sou
 nyng bras . or as a cymbal chymyng And 3it
 J . haue prophecye & knowyng of alle priuetees
 And 3if . J . haue alle conyng & alle feiþ : soo
 þ^t þur3 my grete feiþ . J . make ^[a] hylle to remewe
 from on place to anoþer : & J haue no3t charyte
 . J . am no3t And 3if J deel to pore mennes fode
 <p. 128>alle my goodys & haue no3t charyte it helpeþ
 me nou3t And 3if J loue god so muchel . þ^t . J .
 for hys loue take my body to þe fure so þ^t
 it brenne for hym & haue no3t charyte noo
 þing it prophetes to me & for þe grete luf &
 charyte þat he hade to mankynde he wold
 þ^t alle men knewen what charyte were &
 perfore he rekenep hym-selfe sextene condyconnes
 þ^t charyte haþ & by hem a+man mey witte
 wheþer he be in charyte or no3t . <lat>prima</lat>

Fyrst he seiþ charyte is pacyente þ^t is to
 sey suffryng *in* alle maner persecusyones & wron
 ges þ^t fallen to man *in* þis lyfe & of þis
 moo we take ensauple of oure gode lord &
 saueour ihesu *crist* for he was so pacyent as
 seynt petur seiþ : þat whan he was mys
 seyde he cursed no3t a3eyne ne whan he
 suffurd wronges he manased no3t a3eyne
 O what charyte hap he . to suffur wrong
 for *cristes* loue : þ^t wol no3t suffur a lytel
 word : bothe 3elde a wors a3eyne
 Þe secunde condycyon is þis Charyte he
seiþ is benyngne þ^t is to sey mylde w^t
 oute ymagynacyon of wickednesse or of
 malyce for it is no3t enow3e to suffure
 for so done þefes : but a+man by-houeþ to
 <p. 129>doo gode *in* hys soule a3eynes yuel þ^t he hap
 suffurde for þ^t is gode luf & þis is cleput be
 nygne : by *propurte* of ye worde And þerfore
 clerkes seyne þ^t *per* byn þree law3es ¶ Þe
 fyrst is law3e of oure god : þ^t is to doo go
 de for yuel ¶ Þe secunde is law3e of þe world
 þ^t is to doo gode for gode & yuel for yuel as
 mannes maner is ¶ Þe þridde is law3e of
 þe fende : þ^t is to doo yuel for go^{[o]ld} & þat
 is ye fendys condiconn & þerfore *crist* cleput
 Judas a fende for .^[he] dude yuel for gode iij^a
 Þe þridde condiconn of charyte is þis cha
ryte is no3t enuyous þat is he þat is
in charyte ys no3t yuel apeed of ye wel
 fare of hys ney3bore ne glad of hys
 yuel-fare & dysese wheþer he be enemye
 or frynde for who+so is *in* charyte loues
 weel god & alle hyse iij^a
 Þe furþ condycyon of charyte is þis
Charyte worcheþ no3t wickedly
 þat is he þat is *in*+charyte : worched
 no3t þat þing þ^t is a3eyne þe wille
 of god or harmyng of hys breþer

nouþer in body ne soule v^a
 Þe fyfþe condycyon is þis Charyte
is no3t blowen wiþ pryde
 <p. 130>þat is he þat is charyte hateþ & fleep alle
 pryde boþe bodye & gostly vj^a
 Þe syxte is þis . Charyte is no3t couey
touse : þat is he ^[þ^t] coueytiþ no þing wiþ
 wrong ne wiþ stryfte ne wiþ harmyng
 of hys euen-cristen . but frely departiþ to
 hem þ^t nede haþ : & loues more hys bre
 þer þan any wordly catel / ne he coueytiþ
 noo wordly worschyppe : but putteþ alle
 worschyp to god vij^a
 Þe seuent condyconn is þis Charyte se
chirp no3t hys owne þinges : þ^t is he
 þat is in charyte sechirp no3t hys propur
 godys wiþ stryuyng ueniaunce ne wiþ
 malyce ne harmyn of hys euen-cristen : but
 he sechirp þe worschip of hys god & hel
 pe & sauacomm of hys bre-þeren soules viij^m
 Þe ey3t condyconn is þis Charyte is no3t
wraþed : þat is he wraþes hym for noo
 cause of hys owne persone : ne for non oþer
 þing but onely for synne & in goddys cau
 se & wole no3t breke pees for noo wrong
 þat man doþ to hym but euer standeþ w^t pees
 Þe nynt condyconn is þis . Charyte þenkeþ
no3t yuel : þat is he putteþ oute of hys
 alle vnleful pou3tes & wicked wyllles
 <p. 131>þ^t touchen to synne a3eyne þe wyllle of
 god & her euen-cristen but doþ as job dude
 þat made couenounte not to þenke on
 þe uirgyne x^a <linefiller>
 Þe tenþe condyconn is þis Charyte ioyeþ
no3t at wickednes but as angeles in he
uene þ^t ioyen of peyne of fendys but no3t
at her wickednes ne he þ^t is in charyte
makeþ no lau3ter ne myrþe at synne . ne
procureþ ne conseyles þerto . in worde ne wille

ne in noþing elles / but euer is sory & heuy
whan he heriþ any synne doon þe who
che is aþeyne þe wille of hys god xi^a
And þerfore þe eleuent condyconn þ^t seweþ
seiþ he Joyeþ to treweþ þe whoche his
god loueþ : þerfore he þ^t is in charyte is euer
gladde & bysye to helpe & procur to meyn
tene treweþ & soþefastnes / xij^m <linefiller>
þe twelfe condycon is þis Charyte
suffurs alle þinges þ^t is he þat is
in charyte is euer redy to suffur mekely
wronges & reproues for goddys loue
& alle oþer harmes & sekenes þ^t god wol
þ^t he suffur // xij^a <linefiller>
þe þrettene condycon is þis Charyte
traweþ alle þinges þat is alle þing
<p. 132>þat goddys lawþe techeth hym to trowe . xiiij^m
þe fourtene condyconn ys þis Charyte ho
peþ alle þinges þ^t is he þ^t is in charyte . haþ
fully sette hys hope & hys truste in god : þ^t
he is ful of mercy & of godenes to forþef hym
hys synnes 3if he forsake hem & doo penaunce
for hem / & saufe hym & bryng hym to euerlastyng ioy
þe fyftene condycyon is þis Charyte sus
teyneþ alle þinges þ^t is he þ^t is in charyte
susteyneþ wiþ wyllle & wiþ comforde what
harme þ^t euer comeþ : 3ee he is no3t dyscom
forded 3if goddys helpe abydeþ longe //
þe syxtene condyconn & þe laste is þis
Charyte falleþ or slydeþ neuer downe þat
is he þ^t is in charyte feyleþ neuer of gode
wille lastyng in þe luf of god / for he þat
dwelleþ in charyte dwelleþ in god & god in hym
in þis world wiþ hys grace & hys helpe /
& in þe toþer wiþ ioy & comforde world w^t
outen ende / And 3if a man knewe no more
of þe lawþe of god but þes syxtene con
dycyones . & bysyed hym wiþ hys my3t to
kepe hem : ly3tlych he schuld come to heuen :

& know who went a-mysse / þur3 þe grace
of god þ^t he schuld haue for kepyng of
þis uertu charyte ¶ And for þ^t god coueyteþ
þ^t alle men schuld dwelle in hym : & he in hem
<p. 133>he haþ wryten to hem what is charyte :
& comaunded to alle þ^t wolen be saued : þ^t
þei holde it in herte & soule & mynde : w^t
alle her power & her strengþe : to loue
god ouer alle þing & her ney3bore as hem
self ¶ For in þes twoo comaundmentes hon
geþ alle goddys law3e / But whan lo
uest þou god wiþ alle þi herte certes
whan þi herte is euer sorowful & dredyng
to dysplese hym for drede of losyng of hys
luf : & of hys grace . & of hys helpe : and
for none oþer drede / & euer bysy wiþ ioiful
desyre for to serue hym : þat noþing in þis
world be so mucche in þi herte ne in þi mynde
as he / sorowyng for no losse of catel . ne
sekenes . ne for frendeschyp . ne vnkynde
nes : ne for noo noye þ^t may falle in þis
world : so muchel as for synne þ^t þ^u hast
done & dost a3eyne þe wyll of þi god / In
þou3t & word & dede & whan þi herte is
most bysye aboute to plese hym : & flee
synne : more þan to wyne any wordly go
de : or any fleschely lykyng to haue / þan
is a token þ^t þou louest god wiþ alle þi
hert . whan alle þe strengþes of þi hert
but fully sette for+to plese hym vsyng gode
uertues : & fleyng synne / ¶ In alle þi soule