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In honor of the 475th anniversary of the Reformation!

The 9.5 Theses

Explanation of the Disputation on the Shower and Necessity of Indulging in Verbosity

Today's Lutheran scholar has LESS time to study, LESS ambition to do so, and LESS to do it with. We at Bernethness-Schriften (BNS) call this the LESS-scholar of today, and are therefore forging the future with our work for a Scholar-LESS-ship of tomorrow, which we think is way cool! To that end we hereby have taken it upon ourselves to simplify, reduce, and epitomize everything we can get our hands on! We have now laid our hands, as only we at BNS can do, on Doctor Luther's 95 Theses. But why stop there! We have reduced the entire Reformation to the following 9.5 theses:

Disputations

- I: Repentancen ist fur alle Lifen.
- II: Indulgenzen ist fur die Birden.
- III: Das Popa ist eine Heretike.
- IV: Katrina von Bora ist eine Babe.
- V: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott.
- VI: Die Devil schudst nicht habe
alle das gute musiken.
- VII: Oratio, meditatio, tentatio
faciunt theologum.
- VIII: Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia,
Sola Fide.
- IX: Ecclesia Semper Reformanda.
- IX.V: sin boldly...

Explanations

I and II: These are the heart of the 95 theses which kicked off the Reformation. We simply put 'em in a smaller boot but they still kick just as hard!

III, IV and V: Luther later found these three to be true. In brief [our forte!], he found heresy in Rome, comfort in nun, and shelter in God.

IV: The full syllogism of this thesis is as follows. Posit: Monks can marry; Corollary: Kate's a babe; Ergo: Lutheran Church Growth is inevitable.

VI: Luther did not suggest the use of bar-tune but bar-form music. We at the pub apologize for the mix up all these years, but it simply made for a better story!

VII: "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", but add prayer and meditation and Jack becomes a theologian as well. Luther's earlier version of this was "Boratio, medicatio, regurgitatio faciunt seminarium". Yes, he too knew the rigors of seminary: sitting through lectures (Boratio), staying up all night on NO-DOZ studying (Medicatio), and spitting back memorized answers on tests (Regurgitatio). But hey!--That's as close as any of us will ever come to a BeaMeR!

VIII: Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, So La Ti Do; So long, Farewell, Aufwiedersehen, Goodbye. These great slogans of the Reformation are self-explanatory. Or so it would seem! Have you ever wondered how you can have three Solae? If Kate asked Marty what he wanted on his sandwich, could he get away with saying, "Sola bologna, sola peana-butta, et sola turkae!" I think not--Kate would have responded with, "So long, Farewell!"

IX: When our dear reverend Doctor Martin Luther said, "Reform" (Ninety-five Thesis 1), he willed the entire life of the Church to be one of reformation.

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IX.V: This is the HALF of the thesis that everyone remembers. The other half is this: "... but pray all the more boldly!" So, sin boldly and PRAY BOLDLY!!

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