

Last Initial

First Name

Hour

The Children's Book of Heresies

And Other Bad Things



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A - This is Al. Al is an Albigensian. Al thinks all pleasure is evil. Bad Al. *Anathema sit.*

B - This is Bill. (Bill the blasphemer.) He speaks of holy things with disrespect. Be sorry, Bill. Be sorry.

C - This is Cal. He is a Calvinist. Cal doesn't believe in free will. He thinks he will go to Heaven. No matter what. Convert, Cal, convert!

D - Meet David. He is a Docetist. David doesn't believe that Christ was human. Do penance, Dave.

E - Meet Ethan. Ethan is an Ebionite. He does not believe that Christ is God. Ethan's excommunicated.

F - This is Fred. Fred is a Feeneyite. Fred thinks that only baptized Catholics can go to Heaven. Fie on thee, Fred.

G - This is Gary. Say hello to Gary. But don't listen to him, because Gary is a Gnostic. Gary thinks that... well, Gary doesn't know what he thinks yet, because he hasn't yet risen to the higher level of knowledge. Go away, Gary. Naughty Gnostic.

H - This is Harold. Harold is a hedonist. He thinks pleasure is the best thing in the world. How about some more ice cream, Harold? Just kidding.

I - Meet Ivan. Ivan in an Iconoclast. Ivan insists images are icky and immoral and should be destroyed. Ivan you imp ...

J - This is Jonathan. He is a Jansenist. He is Cal's pal. He thinks that God only gives grace to His favorites. Jesus still loves you, Jon.

K - This is Kevin. Kevin is a Kantian.¹ He thinks that morals come from reason. He doesn't like religion very much. Kan't you think, Kevin?

L - This is Lawrence. Call him Larry. Or call him "heretic," because Larry is a Lollard. He thinks that we all should interpret the Bible our own way. Lies, Larry—all lies ...

M - Meet Marty. Marty is a Modernist. Marty doesn't think that faith and reason can go together. He *also* thinks that faith is just a feeling. Maybe not, Marty.

¹ *And a Knipperdolling. Look it up.*

N – This is Norman the Nestorian. He thinks that there were two different persons in Christ. But wait—it gets worse: he doesn't even call the Blessed Virgin "Mother of God." Nasty Norman.

O – This is Oliver. He is an Occasionalist. He thinks that everything that happens is caused by God, and that we have nothing to do with anything. Oh, Oliver ...

P – This is Percy. Percy is a Pelagian. He thinks he can get to Heaven all by himself, without God's grace. He also doesn't believe in original sin. Puh-lease, Percy.

Q – Meet Quentin. (Shhh! Quentin is a Quietist.) Quentin misunderstands contemplation. He thinks that he shouldn't try to fight sin. Quit this heresy, Quentin.

R – This is Roger. Roger is a relativist. Oh boy. Roger thinks that people invent their own truth. Run away from Roger.

S – This is Simon. Simon is a Sedevacantist. Simon says that there has been no real Pope since Pius XII. Silly Simon.

T – This is Theodore. He is a Theosophist. He thinks that all religions have the truth, even the ones that don't. Terrible. *Terrible* Theodore.

U – Meet Urban. Urban is a Utilitarian. He believes that things should only be looked at in terms of their usefulness. Ugh. Urban.

V – Say hello to Victor. Victor is a Vigilantian. He vitiates veneration of the Virgin, and believes other various vicious things. Vice!!

W – This is Walter. Walter is a Waldensian. He doesn't believe in Purgatory. But he will. Wacky Walter.

X is for eXcommunication. This is what happens to letters A through W. And Y and Z.

Y – This is Yves. He is a member of the Yizidis. In other words, he worships the "sun god" instead of the Son of God. And he's crazy. Yikes!

Z – This is Zach. Zach is a Zwinglian. He does not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Zowie, Zach! Don't get zapped!

Assignment:

Write in Children's Book style an entry for Arianism, Adoptionism, Donatism, Modalism, and Monophysitism.