

EUROPEAN REBIRTH

ERASMUS – COMMON CORE

“Or what should I say of them that hug themselves with their counterfeit pardons [i.e., indulgences]; that have measured purgatory by an hourglass, and can without the least mistake demonstrate its ages, years, months, days, hours, minutes, and seconds, as it were in a mathematical table? Or what of those who, having confidence in certain magical charms and short prayers invented by some pious imposter, either for his soul's health or profit's sake, promise to themselves everything: wealth, honor, pleasure, plenty, good health, long life, lively old age, and the next place to Christ in the other world, which yet they desire may not happen too soon, that is to say before the pleasures of this life have left them?”

Erasmus – *“In Praise of Folly”*

How does Erasmus feel about the Church and clergy? (Write your answer and underline or highlight what pointed you toward your conclusion).