

The Constantine Creed

Below is a creed, purportedly formulated by the early Christianity against Hebrew practices

"I renounce all customs, rites, legalisms, unleavened breads & sacrifices of lambs of the Hebrews, and all other feasts of the Hebrews, sacrifices, prayers, aspersions, purifications, sanctifications and propitiations and fasts, and new moons, and Sabbaths, and superstitions, and hymns and chants and observances and Synagogues, and the food and drink of the Hebrews; in one word, I renounce everything Jewish, legalism, custom and rite; and above all he who is expected by all the Jews in the shape and dress of Christ, I renounce Anti-Christ, and join myself to the true Christ and God. And I believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; the holy and consubstantial and individual Trinity; I profess the dispensation where one of the holy trinity, the Word of God took flesh and became man; ... if I pretend to be a Christian and return to Jewish superstition, or shall be found eating with the Jews, or feasting with them, or secretly conversing and condemning the Christian religion instead of openly confuting them and condemning their vain faith, then let the trembling of Gehazi cleave to me, as well as the legal punishments to which I acknowledge myself liable. And may I be anathema in the world to come, and may my soul be set down with Satan and the devils."

Subsequently special creeds were drafted, to which the Christian would have to swear such as:

"I accept all customs, rites, legalism, and feasts of the Romans, sacrifices. Prayers, purifications with water, sanctifications by Pontificus Maxmus (high priests of Rome), propitiations, and feasts, and the New Sabbath "So! dei" (day of the Sun,), all new chants and observances, and all the foods and drinks of the Romans. In other words, I absolutely accept everything Roman, every new law, rite and custom, of Rome, and the New Roman Religion."

Below is the original text *if you can translate it...*

CAPUT II.

Ordines ad faciendum Catechumenum in Ecclesia Græcorum servati, qui exstant in eorum Euchologio, quod ex variis Ms. erutum, Latine reddidit, ac adnotationibus illustratum divulgavit Cl. P. Jacobus Goar Ordinis Prædicatorum.

S E C T I O I.

Ordo, & Catechismus Profelyto ex Hebræis ad Christianam fidem recipiendo faciendus. E Regiis, num. 43. Allatiano, & Cryptoferratensi Ms. excerptus.

Ordo servandus circa eos, qui ex Hebræis ad Christianam fidem accedant: vel, quæ ratione recipere conveniat eos, qui ex Hebræis ad Christianorum, &c.

Profiteri illum oportet, & verbis omnem Hebræorum gentem subsannare: & exinde declarare, quomodo ex toto corde, & fide sincera cum Christianis versari velit. Tum manifeste in Ecclesia omni Judaica superstitioni renunciate, Sacerdote videlicet dicente, & ipso ad verbum repente, aut certe ejus susceptore, si puer ipse fuerit. Renunciatio vero est ejusmodi:

Τάξις γινομένη ἐπὶ τοῖς Ἰβραίων τῇ τῷ Χριστιανῶν πίστιν προσερχομένοις (Barberinum legit.) Πᾶς δὲ δέχεται τὸ ἔξ Ἑβραίων τῇ τῷ Χριστιανῶν, ἔ τὰ ἐξῆς.

Εξαγορεύων αὐτὸν χρὴ, καὶ θραμβῶν πᾶν ἔθνος Ἑβραϊκόν· κἀντιῦθε δαικύνει πᾶς ἔξ ὅλης καρδίας, καὶ πίστεως εὐλικρινῆς Χριστιανῶς συμβίῶναι (Regia Χριστιανῆσαι) ἠθέλησεν· ἔ ἀποτάσσει μὲν θανείας ἐπὶ Ἐκκλησίας πάση τῇ Ἰουδαϊκῇ θρησκείᾳ, τῶ ἱερείῳ δηλαδὴ λέγοντος, καὶ αὐτὸ ἀποκεινομένου κῶ σίχον, ἢ τῶ ἀναδύχει αὐτὸ, ἢ πῆρ ὑπάρχει παιδίον· ἢ δὲ ἀπόταξις ὅστι τοιαύτη.

Ο Απο-

Αποτάσσομαι πάντι τοῖς Ἑβραϊκοῖς
 ἔθεσι, καὶ τοῖς ἐπιτηδεύμασι, ἔ
 τοῖς νομίμοις, ἔ τοῖς ἀζύμοις, ἔ
 τῆ θυσίᾳ τῆ ἀμῆν, ἔ τὴ σάλ-
 πιγγι, καὶ ταῖς σκλωπηγαῖς, καὶ
 τῆ λοιπαῖς ἀπάσαις ἑορταῖς τῆ
 Ἑβραίων, ἔ τῆ θυσίας, καὶ τῆ προ-
 σωχῆς, καὶ τοῖς ῥατισμοῖς, καὶ
 καθαρμοῖς, ἔ τοῖς ἀγιασμοῖς, καὶ
 τοῖς ἱλασμοῖς, καὶ τῆ νηστίας, ἔ
 ταῖς νεομῶναις, ἔ τοῖς σάββασι,
 καὶ ταῖς γοητείαις, καὶ ταῖς ἐπω-
 δαῖς, ἔ τοῖς φελασμοῖς, ἔ τοῖς
 φυλακαρίοις, ἔ ταῖς πωαγωγαῖς,
 καὶ τοῖς βρώμασι, ἔ τοῖς πόμασι τῆ
 Ἰουδαίων. ἔ ἀπλάως ἀποτάσσομαι
 παντὶ Ἰουδαϊκῷ πράγματι, καὶ
 νομίμῳ, ἔ ἔθει, ἔ ἐπιτηδεύματι.
 ἔ ἐπὶ πάντι ἀποτάσσομαι τὸ ἐν
 χήματι τῆ Χρυσῆ προσδοκωθῆναι
 ἀπὸ πάντων τῶν Ἰουδαίων Ἀντιχρί-
 στῶ, καὶ συντάσσομαι τῶν ἀληθινῶν
 Χρυσῶν καὶ Θεῶν, καὶ πικρῶν εἰς
 Πατέρα, Υἱὸν, ἔ ἅγιον Πνεῦμα,
 τὴν ἁγίαν, ἔ ὁμοούσιον ἔ ἀχώρι-
 στον Τετάρτην. ἔ τὴν ἰσαρκεν οἰκο-
 νομίαν, ἔ πρὸς ἀνθρώπους ἀπο-
 δημίαν αὐτῆ τῆ Θεῶν Λόγου, τῆ τῆ
 ἁγίας Τετάρτης ἐνός, ὁμολογῶν
 κατ' ἀλήθειαν αὐτὸν ἄνθρωπον
 γενεῆς. πείθομαι μὴ ἐκείνητα
 τῆς οἰκίας Θεότητος, καὶ τῆ σάρ-
 κα

di: Renuncio omnibus He-
 bræorum consuetudinibus, &
 ritibus, & legalibus, & azy-
 mis, & agni immolationi,
 & tubis, & tabernaculorum
 festivitatum, & reliquis
 omnibus Hebræorum diebus
 festis, & hostiis, & orationi-
 bus, & asperionibus, & pu-
 rificationibus, & sanctifica-
 tionibus, & propitiationibus,
 & jejuniis, & neomeniis, &
 Sabbatis, & superstitionibus,
 & cantibus, & canticis, &
 observationibus, & Synago-
 gis, & cibis, & potibus Ju-
 dæorum: uno verbo omni pe-
 nitus Judaicæ rei, & legali,
 & consuetudini, & ritui re-
 nuncio: & super omnia, illi,
 qui in Christi figura & habitu
 ab omnibus Judæis expecta-
 tur, Antichristo renuncio,
 & vero Christo, & Deo con-
 jungor. Et credo in Patrem,
 & Filium, & Sanctum Spiritum:
 sanctam, & consubstan-
 tialem, & individuum Trini-
 tatem: in carne pariter dis-
 pensationem, & ad homines
 Dei Verbi, unius sanctæ Tri-
 nitatis personæ descensum: &
 quod homo vere sit factus
 profiteor. Annuo quoque,
 ipsum

ipsum sua Deitate non excidisse, & sanctam virginem Mariam certo & vere secundum carnem illum peperisse, & Deiparam esse credo, & prædico. Et venerandam Christi crucem, & sacras Imagines credo, suscipio, & veneror, & amplector; & hoc pacto ex tota anima, & corde, & fide vera, ad Christianam fidem accedo. Sin autem doloso & ficto animo, & non ex fide integra & perfecta Christum sincere amante, sed nunc quidem me Christianum esse simulo, deinceps vero negare voluero, & ad Judaicam redire superstitionem, aut cum Judæis convivans repertus fuero, aut festum agens, aut furtim conversans, & Christianam religionem condemnans, & non potius ipsos manifeste coarguens, & vanam eorum fidem detestans; nunc quidem Cain tremor, & Giezi lepra super me veniant, præter politicarum legum poenas, quibus me subjiciendum agnosco: & in futuro sæculo anathema sim, & anima mea cum Satana & dæmoniis collocetur.

κα τῆτον πικῶσαι αἰγίαν παρθε-
νον Μαρίας κυρίως καὶ ἀληθῶς
Θεοτόκον ἔναι πισθῶ καὶ λέγω.
Ἐ τὸν σιβάσμιον τῆ Χρυσῆ σταυ-
ρον, Ἐ τὰς ἱερὰς εἰκόνας πισθῶ,
καὶ δέχομαι, καὶ προσκυνῶ, καὶ
ἀσπάζομαι. Ἐ ἕτως ὅξ ὅλης
ψυχῆς καὶ καρδίας, καὶ πίστεως
ἀληθῆς προσέρχομαι τῇ πίστει
τῆ Χριστιανῶν. Εἰ δὲ μεθ' ὑπο-
κρίσεως ἔ δόλω, Ἐ ἢ καὶ ἐκ πί-
στεως ὀλοψύχε τὸν Χρυσὸν ἐκ
καρδίας ἀγαπώσης. ἀλλ' ἄρτι
μὲν σχηματίζω ἔναι Χριστιανὸς,
ἕστιον δὲ θιλάσω ἀρήσεως,
Ἐ ποὶ τῆ Ἰουδαϊκῶ ὑποκρίσαι
πάλιν θρησκείαν, ἢ ὁμοθῶ
σωιδίον τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις. ἢ σωιορ-
τάζων, ἢ σωιομιλῶν λάθεα, Ἐ
τὸν Χριστιανισμὸν δεβάλλων,
καὶ ἔχι μᾶλλον φανερῶς ἐλέγχω
τάτες, Ἐ ἀθετῶ τῶ ματαίαν
πίστιν αὐτῶν. νῦν μὲν ἔλθωσιν
ἐπ' ἐμὲ ὁ τρόμος τῆ Κάιν, Ἐ ἡ
λίπρα τῆ Γιεζι, ποὶ τὸ, Ἐ
ταῖς ποίαις τῆ πολιτικῶν. καὶ
δὲ τὸν μέλλοντα ἀνάνα ἔλω ἀνά-
θεμα, καὶ κατάθεμα, καὶ ἡ
ψυχὴ ταχθεῖν μετ' τῆ Σατανᾶ,
Ἐ τῆ δαιμόνων.

Additionally, in approximately 365 AD, the Council of Laodicea wrote, in one of their canons:

Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day. Rather, honoring the Lord's Day. But if any shall be found to be Judaizers, let them be anathema (against) from Christ".