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Option 32: The Golden Age of Spain, 1474–1598

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From the hearing before the Inquisition of Archbishop Carranza, 1563. Evidence is given against him by Diego de Mendoza, who had been given a senior religious position by Philip II and was a close associate of Inquisitor-General Valdes. Carranza responds to this evidence.

MENDOZA

I do not consider Archbishop Carranza to be a good Christian and a worthy leader of our church because he has had a very close association with many persons who have confessed to Lutheran opinions. In particular, he has written and spoken on many occasions of his admiration for the Dutch heretic, Erasmus*. He has questioned many of the Sacraments of the Holy Catholic Church in his book 'The Commentaries'. In this book he writes clearly of his belief in Justification by Faith** which indicates beyond doubt that he is a follower of Luther. He has confirmed this heresy repeatedly in his writings, and in a recent sermon. He deliberately spreads the heresies of Luther in Spain. He claims that his sins are as nothing because of his faith in Jesus.

CARRANZA'S RESPONSE

I am convinced of the purity of my Faith and have given proof of that in combating the opinions of the heretics in England when our gracious and most holy King gave me that responsibility. I demand that all criticisms of my work and my conduct should be communicated to me.

I do not recognise the Inquisitor-General Valdes as being worthy to be my judge. He is an untrustworthy, envious and vindictive man who has used his authority to seek vengeance against me. He tries to conceal his hatred under the mask of a fanatical love for religion. He has never ceased to show his spite since I was chosen by the King to be Archbishop of Toledo. It is clear that this prosecution has its origin in malice.

Considering that I have been suspected of having fallen into errors, I have a right and a duty to make clear my opinions.

I have always sought to make the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ triumphant and to combat heretics. In England I converted many and had no hesitation in causing the greatest heretics to be burnt. I can truly affirm that I have always been a leader in this Holy War.

In the course of my life I have never thought, preached or maintained any heresy or anything contrary to the true faith of the Roman Church. I pardon those who speak out against me.

* Erasmus – a Catholic scholar and reformer
** Justification by Faith – a belief central to the Lutheran church

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