MEGALOMANIA

Frederick II was emperor of the high-and-mighty Germans and yet he was excommunicated by the Pope because he made the study of medicine a requisite for doctors before they could prescribe infusions for a fee or cut off flesh from a person's flesh.

Miguel Servet was excommunicated shortly before they reduced him to ashes: they say this was to speed it up for him to go on discussing the advanced sciences in restful eternity.

Martin Luther believed God the Father's divine liver acted up whenever he looked through the clouds and saw fat priests running around city neighborhoods getting rich from the sale of indulgences paid in hardcash. He was thrown out of the Church for defending God's liver.

Thin, puny, with wary eye and down-trodden look, I'd have to perform marvelous actions like theirs to be also thrown out of the Church and save my artless vanity forever.

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