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St. Justin Martyr: Second Century Martyr First Apology To the Emperor Titus Ælius Adrianus Antoninus Pius Augustus Caesar, his son Verissimus, Lucius the Philoso the people of Rome: I, Justin, son of Priscus and grandson of Bacchius of Flavia Neapolis in Pale present this on behalf of all who are unjustly hated and abused, myself among them. **\*\*Justice Demanded:\*\*** True philosop require honoring and loving only what is true. Reason directs reject traditions and teachings shown to be wrong who love truth must do and speak rightly, even at the their lives. Therefore, since you are considered just and w listen to my address and decide with careful, imp investigation, not influenced by superstition or rumor. We do to flatter, but to urge for just judgment. **\*\*Request for Judicial Investigation:\*\*** We ask that any charges against Christians be openly examined. If prove of wrongdoing, we accept punishment; but if not, reason prohibits pun simply based on rumors. All pers should be judged on their deeds. Justice requires rulers to act with wisdom a fairness, benefiting all. If the tr is learned and justice is still denied, those responsible are before God without excuse. **\*\*Condemnation Based on Name Alone:\*\*** No one should be condemned or praised solely for a name guilt or innocence. Yet Christians are often condemned by the name alone, without examination of c accused d and are released, but those who confess are punished only for the confession. Justice examining their deeds. citizens should not be punished unjustly. **\*\*False Charges of Atheism:\*\*** We do not worship lifeless statues or t whose stories you celebrate but false accusations. Christians worship the true Godrighteous, pure, and the so all virtuesand His Son an Spirit. Accusations against Christians arise from passion, prejudice, and the deceptio evil spirits. **\*\*Refutation of Charges:\*\*** We admit being atheists only in regard to false gods, but we worship th God, and the prophetic Spirit. Christians should be judged by their actions, not simply by name. We expect tha convicted of wrongdoing, not of Christian identity, deserve punishment. **\*\*Christian Life and Moral Teachings:\*\*** Christians do not seek to escape the law or punishments. Our hope is worldly kingdom but in eternal life with G strive to be righteous, helping peace and justice. Believing tha sees all, we behave well at all times, not just in of human laws. If the entire world were righteous, there wo be less need for punishmenta fact that should not a good rulers. **\*\*On Idol Worship:\*\*** Christians reject the worship of images made by human hands, seeing these a corruptible. God, who created all, is not honored by such things. The artisans who make these idols are often makes no sense to appoint them as guardians of

temples. **\*\*How God is Served:\*\*** God requires not sacrifices imitation of His virtues: temperance, justice, philanthropy. Those who live according to His design are promised eternal friendship with Him. True worship is living righteously offering material gifts He does not need. **\*\*Christian Citizenship and Obedience:\*\*** Christians gladly pay taxes and honor rulers, serving them in all lawful things. Jesus taught to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Worship, however, is for God alone. **\*\*On Resurrection and Judgment:\*\*** Christians believe in the resurrection of the dead and in eternal reward or punishment based on each person. This belief is grounded both in reason and in divine revelation. **\*\*Fulfillment of Prophecy:\*\*** Christianity is rooted in the prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures, which foretold Christ's birth, life, teachings, miracles, rejection, death, resurrection, and ascension. These same Scriptures foretold the spread of His teachings and the conversion of nations. **\*\*On Christian Worship and Sacraments:\*\*** Those who are convinced and wish to be Christian are first baptized, washed with water in the name of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Savior, and the Holy Spirit. This is forgiveness of sins and new life. After baptism, we gather to pray, share bread and wine (known as the Eucharist) and give thanks to those who believe, are baptized, and live according to Christ's commands. This bread is not ordinary, but taught, Christ's body and blood for those who believe. **\*\*Christian Assembly and Charity:\*\*** On Sundays, we as read Scripture, pray, share the Eucharist, and aid the needy. Offerings help orphans, widows, the sick, prisoners, and in need. Sunday is marked as the day of Christ's resurrection. **\*\*Conclusion:\*\*** If these teachings and practices are reasonable and true, honor them. If not, disregard them and do not punish those who have done no wrong. We warn, God's coming judgment upon injustice. If your writings cited and explanations provided can be examined further. Original legal letters and government responses attached are preserved separately as context regarding protection policy in the empire.)\*.