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Bernard of Clairvaux (1090)

Recognized as the foremost preacher of his day, he traveled widely, wrote prolifically, and was involved to the hilt in papal politics, opposition to heresy, and the planning of a crusade. Only three years later Clairvaux, still an extremely young man, 25 years was dispatched, together with a small band of monks, to a site at Clairvaux, near Troyes, in Champagne, there to become Abbott of his own establishment. Calvin also quotes him in setting forth his doctrine of a forensic alien righteousness, or as it is commonly called.

The Knights Templar Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Bernard is said to have flung off his own robe and began tearing it into strips to make more. Bernard's great desire was to excel in literature in order to take up the study of, which later on became, as it were, his own tongue.

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I do not enlarge on the lamentable fact that where there are no Jews there Christian men Judaize even worse than they in extorting usury,—if indeed, we may call them Christians and not rather baptized Jews. I, indeed, am of small account; but I have no small love for you all, in the bowels of Jesus Christ. Innocent II having been banished from Rome by Anacletus took refuge in France.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Abelard submitted without resistance, and he retired to Cluny to live under the protection of Peter the Venerable, where he died two years later.

Abelard sought a debate with Bernard, but Bernard initially declined, saying he did not feel matters of such importance should be settled by logical analyses.

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