

defend himself with an "ordeal by fire"..he and Alex would walk over coals of hot fire in bare feet and the one who was not burned would be judged "right" in their disputes. Alexander was not going to get into anything like this but he found a substitute. Savanarola refused to contend with a substitute and the fickle public support left him. He was executed that year. He seems to have held evangelical doctrines and his greatest influence is seen in the lives of Erasmus and Colet.

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Conclusion

At the end of the age we find a sectarian church in Bohemia, the inquisition in charge of religious life in Spain, and a church that had become superstitious to the point of having lost almost any semblance of a Gospel society...

Thus the quarter ends...not with a blaze of glory but more with a sign of relief. When we meet again in historical sequence we will pick it all up at this point and move to and beyond the Reformation.