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Martin Luther's Illustrated 95 Theses

95 Theses	In your own words... <i>In this column, translate these selections of Martin Luther's 95 Theses into your own words.</i>	Illustration <i>In this column, create an illustration that represents these selections of Martin Luther's 95 Theses.</i>
<i>21. "Thus those indulgence preachers are in error who say that a man is forgiven from every penalty and saved by papal indulgences."</i>		
<i>32. "They will be condemned eternally, together with their teachers, who believe themselves sure of their salvation because they have letters of pardon."</i>		
<i>36. "Every truly repentant Christian has a right to full forgiveness of penalty and guilt, even without letters of pardon."</i>		

<p>79. "To say that the cross decorated with the papal coat of arms, and set up by the indulgence preachers is equal in worth to the cross of Christ is blasphemy."</p>		
<p>86. Again: -- "Why does not the pope, whose wealth is today greater than the riches of the richest, build just this one church of St. Peter with his own money, rather than with the money of poor believers?"</p>		
<p>94-95. "Christians should want to follow Christ even through penalties, death and hell, and thus be confident of entering into heaven through many difficulties rather than through the false security of peace."</p>		

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- Pardon-** forgiveness for a sin
- Papal-** of or pertaining to the pope, the head of the Catholic Church
- Condemn-** to be sentenced to a particular punishment
- Eternal-** forever
- Blasphemy-** the act or offense of speaking about God in a manner that is not holy
- Repentance-** to feel or express true regret for one's wrong doings

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