

95 Theses Rap

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VERSE 1

Listen up, all my people, its a story for the telling
bout the sin and injustice and corruption I've been smelling:
I met that homie Tetzel, then I started rebelling
Once I seen the fat Indulgences that he's been selling.
Now the Catholics of the world straight up disgracin' me
Just because I waved my finger at the papacy.
My people got riled up over this Reformation
That's when Pope Leo threatened me with Excommunication.
I warned y'all that Rome best agree to the terms.
If not, then you can eat the Diet of Worms!
You think you done something spectacular?
I wrote the Bible in vernacular!
A heretic! [What?] Someone throw me a bone.
You forgot salvation comes through faith alone.
I'm on a mission from God. You think I do this for fun?
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Save me!

CHORUS

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VERSE 2

One Five One Seven that's when it first went down.
Then the real test was when it started spreading around.
Sixty days to recant what I said? Father, please!
You've had, what? Goin' on fifteen centuries?
Getting all up in my rosary you little punk.
Your momma shoulda told you not to mess with no monk.
What you bumpin me for? Suddenly you sore.
Keep that up, you'll have yourself another Peasant War.
You blame common folk for the smack they talkin'
You ain't even taught them proper Christian doctrine.
With my hat, my Bible, and my foxy little nun,
I got ninety-five theses but the pope ain't one.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

When I wrote the ninety-five, haters straight up assailed em.
Now they only care whether or not I nailed em or mailed em.
They got psychoanalytic. Now everyones a critic,
And getting on my case just because Im anti-Semitic.
Ive come back from obscurity to teach yall a lesson,
Cuz someone here still aint read their Augsburg Confession.
I said Catholicism brings a life of excess,
And we all remember what went down with Philip of Hesse!
But you forgot about me and my demonstration?
Like you can just create your own denomination?
We dont like this part, so well just add a little twist.
Now we Anglican, Amish, and even Calvinist.
I gave you the power, you gone and abused it.
I gave you Gods truth, you just confused it.
Dont you never underestimate the stuff that I done
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Shout out to Johann Gutenberg... I see you baby.

Questions

1. What was Luther's famous speech at the Diet of Worms? What did he say to the Diet? What was his reasoning behind his decision?
2. What was the name of the German prince who sheltered Luther? What did he do while he was in hiding? Why did he do this?
3. How did Luther change holy communion? What is the hypostatic union?
4. Who was Zwingli? Why would Luther dislike Zwingli's reforms?
5. Why did the Peasants revolt? Did Luther support the peasants revolt?
6. What was the name of the former nun Luther married? Why did Luther think the clergy should be allowed to marry?

1. Did Luther do anything else with the 95 theses? (Did he only nail them to a door?)

2. Why would the author of the rap mention anti-Semitism in the rap?

3. What was decided at the Ausburg Confession?

4. What did Phillip of Hesse do? What was his reason?

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-What does this mean?

1. What did Gutenberg invent? What role did it play in the Reformation?