

## Huss and Servetus

When Huss, upon being tied to the stake, cried out, “Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon me,” a Roman Catholic historian, in recording the event, added, “We should not forget that the devil has martyrs and infuses into them a false constancy.” When Servetus, in being led to the stake, fell upon his knees in prayer, crying, “O God! O God!” Farel shouted to the crowd who looked on, “See what power Satan has when he takes possession of a man. This man is learned, but he is now possessed by the devil.” And when Servetus, even at the stake, cried, “Jesus Christ, Son of the Eternal God,” and would not say, “eternal Son of God,” Calvin was afterwards moved to write, “When under the hands of the executioner, he refused to call Jesus Christ the eternal son of God, who will say that that was a martyrs death?”

(Edward H. Hall, *Ten Lectures on Orthodoxy and Heresy in the Christian Church*, Boston: American Unitarian Association, 1883, 179)