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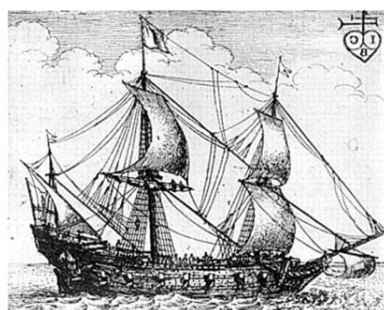
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Drake's Prayer to His Crew

The following is, reportedly, the prayer that Francis Drake gave to his crew before their two year and ten month voyage around the world. Because of the secrecy of the mission, the destination given to the crew of the five ships was a relatively short (9 or 10 month) trading expedition to Alexandria, Egypt. This, as expected, eventually caused much unrest with the crew and developed into one of the more dramatic stories of the voyage that is certainly worth reading about in depth.

If authentic, the prayer, written by Drake, gives a most interesting insight into the man, and shows both the faith he had in his destiny ~ as well as a deep love and desire to accept the greatest challenges that life can offer...



Drake's Prayer To His Crew (1577)

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
with the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wilder seas
Where storms will show Your mastery;
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back
The horizons of our hopes;
And to push back the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain,
Who is Jesus Christ.