

Of saynt George martyr. and fyrst  
chynpterpretacyon of hys name.



**O** George is sayd of geos/ whyche is  
as moche to saye as erth & orge/ &  
is tylpeng. soo george is to saye: as tylien-  
ge therthe. that is hys flesh: and saynt au-  
styn sayth in libro de trinitate that good  
erth is in þ heygth of the mountayns in þ  
themporaunce of the valeys: and in þ play-  
ne of the felde. The fyrst is gode for her-  
bys beyng grene the. ij. to dynes and thirde  
to whete and corne. Thus the blessyd geor-  
ge was hygh in despyllyng lowe thynges  
and therfore he had verdecu in hym self.  
he was attemperate by dyscrellpon & ther-  
fore he had wyth of gladnesse/ & wyth in he  
was playne of humyltye: & therby put he  
forth whete of good werke. or george may  
be sayd of gera: that is holy/ and of gyon  
that is a wrasteler/ that is as an holy wra-  
steler. for he wrastled wyth the dragon. or

it is sayd of george that is a pylgryn/ and  
geyr: that is or detrenchyd out: and vs þ is  
a counceyllour. he was a pylgryn in the  
lyght of the world. and he was cutte and  
detrenched by the crowne of martyrdom/  
and he was a good counceyllour in prechin-  
ge. And hys legende is nombred emoge of  
ther scriptures apocryfate in the counceyll  
of Nycene by cause hys martyrdom hath  
no certayn relacyon. for in the kalender  
of bede it is sayd that he suffred martyr-  
dom in parlydye in the cyte of dyapolim. &  
in other places hit is redde that he restyth  
in the cyte of dyspolyn: whyche tofore was  
callelyde/ whyche is by the cyte of Joppem  
or Japh. And in another place it is sayd þ  
he suffred deche vnder dyocelpan & mary-  
myan: whyche that tyme were emperours:  
And in another place vnder Dyocelpan:  
Emperour of Perle beyng presente. lxx.  
kynges of hys empyre. And it is sayd here  
that he suffred dech vnder dacyen the pro-  
uoste. Thenne dyocelpan and Marymy-  
an beyng emperours.

**S**aynt george was a knyght & boz-  
ne in capadoce. On a tyme he came  
in to the prouince of Lybye to a cyte why-  
che is sayd Sylene. And by thys cyte was  
a stagne or a ponde lyke a ser: wher in was  
a dragon whyche enuenymed all the coun-  
tre. And on a tyme the peple were assem-  
blyd for to to see hym. And whan they sa-  
we hym they fledde. And whan he came  
nyghe the cytee he denyed þ peple wyth  
hys biech. And therfore the peple of the  
cytee gaue to hym euery day two sheep for  
to fede hym/ by cause he shold doo no har-  
me to the peple.

And whan the sheep fayled: there was  
taken a man and a sheepe. Thenne was  
an ordenaunce made in the towne that the-  
re sholde be taken the chyldery and yon-  
ge peple of thern of the towne by lotte