



Emalia, a girl in the 17th  
century:

*„ I would like to  
learn reading and  
writing like my  
brother“.*



A merchant reports:  
*„When I am ill, the  
doctor thinks it would  
be best if I went blood  
letting and pray twice a  
day“.*



A prince says:  
*„The people in my  
country must have the  
same religion. If not  
they have to leave or  
they will be persecuted  
(=verfolgt).“*



A priest reports:  
*„The Holy Bible is  
always right. All the  
people who criticize the  
church and the bible are  
heretics (=Ketzer)“.*



A bishop tells his people:  
*„All people are  
the subjects  
(=Untertanen)  
of the monarch“*



A farmer says:  
*„ We the farmers  
have to pay high  
taxes and work hard  
so that the noble  
people can enjoy  
their lives.“*



A townsman says:

*„Why does my wife  
complain  
(=beschweren)? Man  
is superior to woman  
(Der Mann herrscht  
über die Frau) – it has  
always been like this.“*



A farmer complains:  
*„The nobles can do  
what they want. I was  
arrested and convicted  
(=verurteilt) for a trifle  
(=Kleinigkeit).“*





A prince says:  
*„We just have to fear  
God. We don't have to  
care (=kümmern)  
about the ordinary  
(=normal) people.*