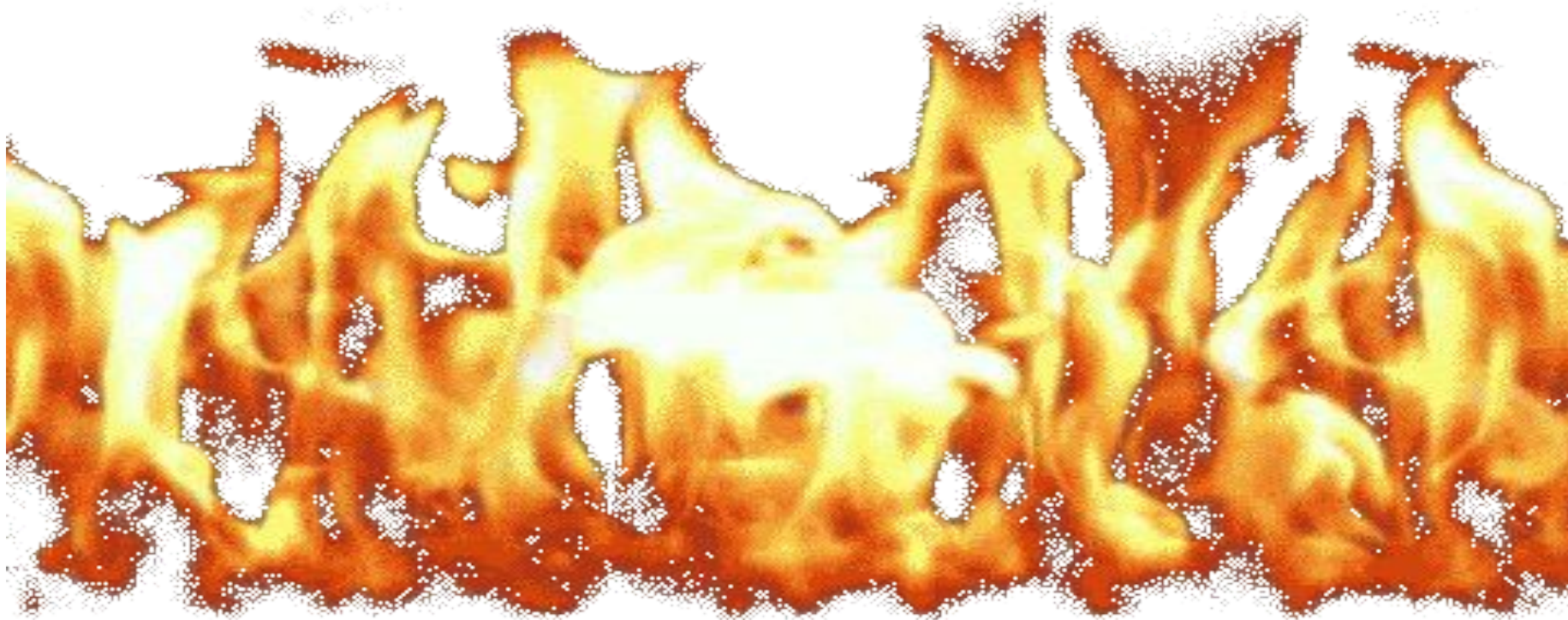


Circle 8: Bolgia 3





Circle 8 Bolgia 3

- What is the literary device *apostrophe*?
 - It is used to address someone or something who is absent or deceased?
 - “Mom, why didn’t you pack me chips in my lunch?”
 - “O, Simon Magus!”



Circle 8 Bolgia 3

- Who are the sinners in Circle 8 Bolgia 3?
 - The Simonists
- What is simony?
 - Simony is the selling or buying of church offices or spiritual benefits
- Who is Simon Magus?
 - He was a type of magician who learned to fly
 - He tried to get the apostles to sell him their healing powers from God- Yikes!



Circle 8 Bolgia 3

- What is the punishment of the Simonists?
 - The sinners are stuck upside down in holes that look like the baptismal fonts
 - Sticking out of the holes in this circle of Hell are feet—sinners are stuck in the holes. Flames are burning the feet of the sinners. We will find out that each time a new sinner arrives at one of the holes the new sinner pushes deeper down into the holes the sinners who arrived earlier.
 - This, of course, is just like Simon Magus crashing headfirst into the ground after flying around in the air.



Circle 8 Bolgia 3

- What is Pentecost?
 - The Holy Spirit came down to the apostles and light a tongue of fire on each of their heads
 - The apostles were able to speak in every language and preach the Good News to all people

- How does Dante decide who to speak to?
 - All of the legs are twitching violently, but one set of legs is twitching more violently than the others because it is “burned by a redder flame”
 - Apparently, some sinners here have sinned more deeply than others, and the flame is hotter for them.



Circle 8 Bolgia 3

- Who is the sinner that Dante speaks to?
 - Pope Nicholas III
- Who does Pope Nicholas III mistake Dante for?
 - Pope Boniface VIII
- What is Dante's reaction to being mistaken for Pope Boniface VIII?
 - He is appalled and yells at Pope Nicholas III
 - We call this Righteous Anger as readers

Pope Nicholas III

- Pocketed money sinfully gained
- He carelessly pocketed money, just like his money is stuffed in a pocket so we see him carelessly tossed in this round of sin
- Pocketed money and is pocketed in this round of Hell

Constantine the Great

- First Christian Roman emperor
- He named Rome the new capital of the Holy Roman empire and the birthplace of Christianity
- Too much power and \$







Plate 104. *Empidonax griseus* X IX. Same locality 1935.



