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**PAPER 3: Themes in breadth with aspects
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**Option 33: The witch craze in Britain, Europe
and North America, c1580–c1750**

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From King James VI of Scotland,
Daemonologie, published 1597.

The Devil is ready to imitate God. Being
 a spirit, he is able to transport himself as
 a solid body from one place to another.
 This is seen commonly and daily. In this
 transporting, he and other spirits, known 5
 as witches, are invisible to anyone else,
 except themselves. For, if these witches
 may take whatever form they please
 in the air, they may also thicken and
 obscure the air so that they are invisible. 10
 Another way of the witches coming to
 their gatherings is that they can come
 and enter into any house or Church,
 even though all ordinary entrances
 be closed. They can do this by being 15
 transformed into the likeness of a beast.
 And some say that, although the bodies
 of the witches are lying still, their spirits
 can rise out of their bodies, and be
 carried to these gatherings. By this form 20

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of journeying, the witches can be transported from one country to another.

The Prince or the Judge may punish the witches as he thinks convenient. But in the end, to spare the life of the witch is 25 a fault, and treason, against God. It is not only unlawful, but also a sin for the Judge to be saving or sparing them. This is comparable to the sin of Witchcraft itself. Surely then, this crime ought to 30 be as severely punished. Judges ought to be aware that they should not simply condemn anyone, except those witches that they are sure are guilty. Judges ought indeed to beware whom they 35 condemn. For it is as great a crime to condemn the innocent, as to let the guilty escape free.

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In addition, the report of any one person should not be admitted as a sufficient proof; this cannot be the working of the law. The confessions of several guilty persons can work against a person who is accused. Since this is a matter of treason against the Prince and against other persons, in my opinion, our law should provide for sufficient witnesses and proofs. For, as witches can be proven, are they then the best witnesses of the actions of other witches? I surely think that these witches, as witnesses, may be sufficient in matters of high treason against God.

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James I**