

Harvesters, Perimeter Church

“Our Reformed Heritage, part 2”

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Review

The Morning Star(s) of the
Reformation

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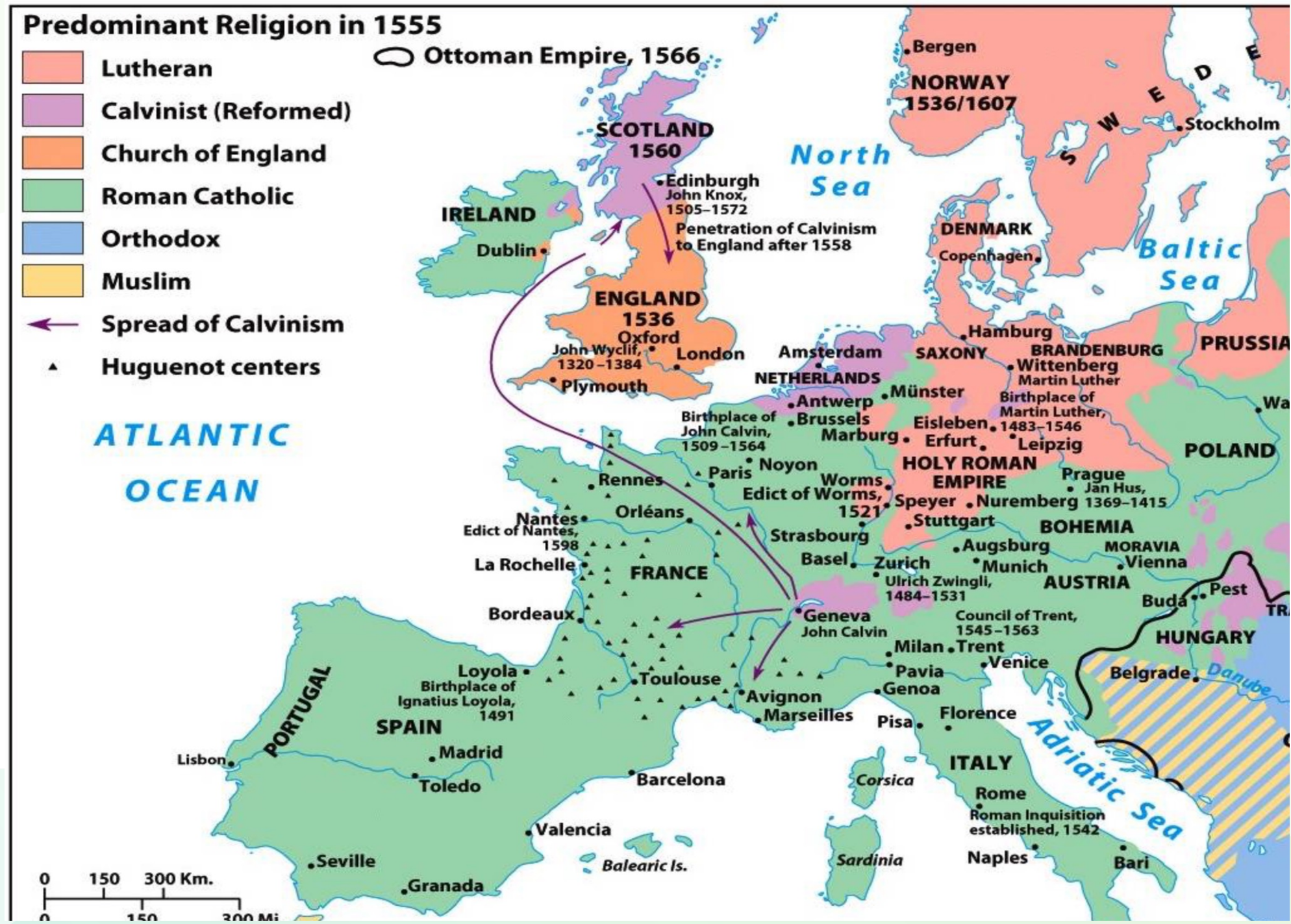
John Wycliffe

“History is, and must ever
continue to be, next to
God’s word, the richest
fountain of wisdom
and...surest guide to
all...practical activity.”
- Philip Schaff

Predominant Religion in 1555

- Lutheran
- Calvinist (Reformed)
- Church of England
- Roman Catholic
- Orthodox
- Muslim
- ↙ Spread of Calvinism
- ▲ Huguenot centers

Ottoman Empire, 1566



Today

John Hus

Savonarola

Martin Luther

“It is always essential for us to supplement our reading of theology with the reading of church history...If we do not, we shall be in danger of becoming abstract, theoretical, and academic in our view of truth; and, failing to relate it to the practicalities of life and daily living, we shall soon be in trouble.”

-Martyn Lloyd-Jones

John Hus (1369-1415)

Bohemia – present day Czech Republic

Translates Wycliffe's work

Preached at Bethlehem Chapel 1402-1414

Focused on Christ as head of the church

“The Word of God which never shall cease, proclaims free pardon, grace, and peace. Salvation shows in Christ alone, the perfect will of God makes known.”
-Prayer before sermon

John Hus (1369-1415), cont.

Rector of the University of Prague

Travels to Council of Constance 1414

Condemned and burned June 6, 1415

The Letters of John Hus

“Grant me a ready spirit, a fearless heart, a right faith, a firm hope and a perfect love, that for thy sake I may lay down my life with patience and joy.”

- John Hus

Savonarola (1452-1498)

Born in Ferrara, Italy

Becomes a Dominican monk

Preached against wealth

Florence almost Theocracy

“O, that voice, that voice! It
can never be forgotten.”
- Michelangelo

Savonarola – Bonfire of the Vanities



Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Born in Eisleben

1505 - Cry for protection

1510 - Travels to Rome

1517 – 95 Theses

Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, in saying, "Repent" [Matt. 4:17], he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.

- Thesis 1

This word cannot be understood as referring to the sacrament of penance, that is, confession and satisfaction, as administered by the clergy.

- Thesis 2

Lucas Cranach – Martin Luther's sermon



Martin Luther (1483-1546), cont.

Preaching Christ

It is not necessary for a preacher to express all his thoughts in one sermon. A preacher should have three principles: first, to make a good beginning, and not to spend time with many words before coming to the point; secondly, to say that which belongs to the subject in chief...thirdly, to stop at the proper time.

- Luther

Worship - music

“Second only to the Bible, the Word of God, is the importance of music.”
- Luther

“I have no use for cranks who despise music because it is a gift of God...next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor.”

- Luther

Five Solas of the Reformation

1. Sola Scriptura – Scripture alone.
2. Sola Christus – Christ alone
3. Sola Fide – Faith alone
4. Sola Gratia – Grace alone
5. Soli Deo Gloria – Glory of God alone

Questions

1. How did Luther fund his ministry?

Fredrick the Wise and other benefactors.

2 What translation was used for Gutenberg Bible?

They used the Latin translation of the Old Testament and the Greek New Testament. This was the basis for the Vulgate.

3. What did Calvin use for his Geneva bible translation?

Calvin used Hebrew for the Old Testament and Greek for the New Testament.

Corrections

Martin Luther's confessor in the monastery was Johann von Staupitz (not Martin Bucher as I mentioned)

- Luther reportedly confessed for six hours on one occasion.

“Look here. If you expect Christ to forgive you, come in with something to forgive—parricide, blasphemy, adultery— instead of all these peccadilloes.”

- Johann von Staupitz