



**CHRISTIAN HISTORY:
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- **PERIOD MARKED BY TERRITORIAL DECLINE, SCHISM, PAPAL ELEVATION AND CORRUPTION, SCHOLASTICISM AND BEGINNINGS OF REFORM**
- **TERRITORIAL DECLINE:**
 - **FURTHER COLLAPSE OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE :**
 - **BARBARIANS (NORTH)**
 - **MUSLIMS (SOUTH)**
 - **CHRISTIANITY ASSIMILATES NORTHERN INVADERS:**
 - **CLOVIS OF THE FRANKS BAPTIZED (AD 476)**
 - **CONVERSION OF THE ANGLO-SAXONS IN ENGLAND BEGINS (AD 596)**
 - **CONVERSION OF GERMANS FOLLOWED**

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- **TERRITORIAL DECLINE (CONT):**
 - **CHRISTIANITY DID NOT ASSIMILATE ISLAMIC INVADERS:**
 - **BY AD 950, HALF OF ORIGINAL ROMAN EMPIRE LOST TO MUSLIMS**
 - **ALL TERRITORY SOUTH AND EAST OF THE MEDITERRANEAN**
 - **MOST OF SPAIN**
- **SCHISM BETWEEN EAST AND WEST**
 - **DIVIDE CONTINUES TO GROW:**
 - **EAST STILL FIRMLY ENTRENCHED IN ROMAN/BYZANTINE EMPIRE**
 - **WEST DOMINATED BY FRANKISH/GERMANIC INFLUENCE**

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□ SCHISM BETWEEN EAST AND WEST (CONT):

- **SPECIFIC WESTERN EUROPEAN INFLUENCES:**
 - **FRANKISH “CAROLINGIAN” EMPIRE (AD 650 - 850) REACHES PREEMINANCE UNDER CHARLEMAGNE**
 - **GERMAN “HOLY ROMAN” EMPIRE BEGINS UNDER OTTO I (THE GREAT) IN AD 962 AND EXTENDS PAST REFORMATION TIMES**
- **THEOLOGICAL DISPUTES OVER “FILIOQUE” (AD 860), ROME’S USE OF LEAVENED COMMUNION BREAD, UNMARRIED PRIESTS, ETC.**
- **GROWTH OF ROMAN/PAPAL CLAIMS ANGERS EAST**
- **MUTUAL EXCOMMUNICATION IN AD 1054**

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- **TERRITORIAL RENEWAL BEGINNING IN 10TH CENTURY:**
 - **EUROPEANS RETAKE SOME MUSLIM TERRITORY (SPAIN & HOLY LANDS VIA CRUSADES)**
- **CRUSADES:**
 - **FOUR MAJOR CRUSADES PLUS CHILDREN'S CRUSADE TO RETAKE HOLY LAND FROM MUSLIM TURKS**
 - **AD 1096 - POPE URBAN II, BASED ON REQUEST FROM BYZANTINE EMPEROR, PROMISES 'PLENARY INDULGENCE' AND ETERNAL LIFE**
 - **ONLY CRUSADE SUCCESSFUL IN ITS MILITARY OBJECTIVES**
 - **OTHER CRUSADES – 1144, 1189, 1202**

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□ CRUSADES (CONT):

- **4TH CRUSADE (1202) NOTABLE IN DEEPENING THE RIFT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST:**
 - **CRUSADERS PLUNDER CONSTANTINOPLE IN AD 1204**
 - **EASTERN MASSES RESENT/RESIST LATIN INFLUENCE**
 - **CONSTANTINOPLE RESTORED TO BYZANTINES IN AD 1261**
- **CHILDREN'S CRUSADE RESULTS IN CAPTURE AND SALE OF UP TO 30,000 YOUTHS**

□ PAPAL ELEVATION & CORRUPTION:

- **GENERAL STATE AUTHORITY OVER THE CHURCH UNTIL 11TH CENTURY**

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□ PAPAL ELEVATION:

- STATE UTILIZED 'LAY INVESTITURES' TO CONTROL RELIGIOUS INFLUENCE
 - BRIBERY AND SIMONY BECAME PREVALENT
- HILDEBRANDT (GREGORY VII) REVERSES TREND BEGINNING IN 1073:
 - “ROMAN CHURCH FOUNDED BY GOD ALONE”
 - “OF THE POPE ALONE, THE PRINCES MAY KISS THE FEET”
 - “A SENTENCE PASSED BY THE POPE MAY BE RETRACTED BY NO ONE SAVE THE POPE”
 - “THE POPE MAY BE JUDGED BY NO ONE”
 - “ROMAN CHURCH HAS NEVER ERRED; NOR WILL IT ERR TO ALL ETERNITY”

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□ PAPAL ELEVATION (CONT):

- REIGN OF POPE INNOCENT III (1198-1216) “THE CULMINATION OF PAPAL THEOCRACY”
 - “THE POPE STANDS IN THE MIDST BETWEEN GOD AND MAN; BELOW GOD, ABOVE MAN”
 - INNOCENT BECOMES MOST POWERFUL POPE IN CHURCH-STATE ISSUES:
 - IN ROME, CIVIL OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS SOVEREIGN
 - IN GERMANY, INSTRUMENTAL IN REPLACING OTTO IV WITH FREDRICK II
 - IN ENGLAND, DEPOSED KING JOHN OVER ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
- AFTER INNOCENT III, SLOW DECLINE OF PAPAL POWER AND INCREASE OF PAPAL CORRUPTION

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□ PAPAL CORRUPTION:

- “BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY” OF THE PAPACY (1309-1377):
 - CLEMENT V UNDER INFLUENCE OF PHILIP OF FRANCE MOVES PAPAL HQ TO AVIGNON (AD 1309)
 - “AVIGNON POPES” RULE UNTIL 1376
 - MORAL TURPITUDE AMONGST “AVIGNON POPES”
 - SELF INDULGENCE, EXTORTION, SEXUAL IMMORALITY
 - GREGORY XI RETURNS TO ROME - AD 1376
 - DIES WITHIN 2 YRS
 - ITALIANS DEMAND ITALIAN POPE
 - FRENCH CARDINALS CONCEDE – NAME URBAN VI

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□ PAPAL CORRUPTION (CONT):

- “BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY” OF THE PAPACY (CONT):

- ONCE SEATED, URBAN VI ALIENATES FRENCH CARDINALS

- CARDINALS RETURN TO FRANCE & INSTALETE CLEMENT VII IN AVIGNON
- TWO SIMULTANEOUS “POPES”

- COUNCIL OF PISA TO REMEDY SITUATION (AD 1409)

- DEPOSE TWO POPES & INSTALETE ALEXANDER V
- COUNCIL FAILS – THREE SIMULTANEOUS “POPES”

- COUNCIL OF CONSTANACE (AD 1414)

- REQUIRES ABDICATION OF ALL 3 POPES
- APPOINTS MARTIN V (AD 1417)

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□ PAPAL CORRUPTION (CONT):

- CONTINUED MORAL DECLINE OF THE PAPACY:
 - SIXTUS IV (AD 1471-1484)
 - PLUNGED HIMSELF & THE PAPACY INTO DEBT VIA INDULGENCE & HIGH LIVING, DIED AT AGE 28
 - INNOCENT VIII (AD 1484-1492)
 - NUMEROUS (7-12) CHILDREN CONCEIVED BY DIFFERENT WOMEN
 - USED POLITICAL POWER TO FURTHER CHILDREN'S INTERESTS
 - ALEXANDER VI (AD 1492-1503)
 - "CLIMAX OF PAPAL WICKEDNESS"
 - EXTRAVAGANT WOMANIZER, MURDERER, AND FURTHERER OF CHILDREN'S INTERESTS
 - SON, CAESAR BORGIA, HELD PARTY AT VATICAN WHERE 50 PROSTITUTES DANCED NAKED, PICKED CHESTNUTS OFF THE FLOOR WITH THEIR TEETH, & WERE 'AUCTIONED' TO MEN PRESENT

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□ SCHOLASTICISM:

- DOMINATES UNIVERSITIES (11TH-13TH CENT)
- ATTEMPTS TO FUSE CATHOLIC FAITH & PHILOSOPHY
 - ANSELM (AD 1034-1109)
 - “PROVE GOD FROM REASON; APART FROM SCRIPTURE”
 - LOMBARD
 - AUTHOR OF “FOUR SENTENCES” - MOST WIDELY USED THEOLOGICAL TEXTBOOK DURING MIDDLE AGES
 - AQUINAS (C.1224)
 - MOST WELL KNOWN OF SCHOLASTIC THINKERS
 - RECONCILIATION OF ARISTOTLIAN LOGIC WITH CHRISTIANITY (FAITH & REASON)
 - INSTRUMENTAL IN MAINTAINING CHRISTIAN ‘RELEVANCE’ AS PHILOSOPHY BECAME MORE INSTRUMENTAL IN ACADEMIA

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□ BEGINNINGS OF REFORM:

- **JOHN WYCLIFFE (AD 1320-1384) - “MORNING STAR OF THE REFORMATION”**
 - **UNTIL AD 1365, OXFORD SCHOLASTIC PHILOSOPHER**
 - **IN AD 1366, BEGINNING OF REFORMS:**
 - **“WE SHOULD BELIEVE THE AUTHORITY OF NO MAN UNLESS HE SAY THE WORD OF GOD”**
 - **“BELIEVERS SHOULD ASCERTAIN FOR THEMSELVES...BY HAVING THE SCRIPTURES IN A LANGUAGE THEY CAN UNDERSTAND”**
 - **ON INDULGENCES - “THEY (PRELATES) CHATTER ON THE SUBJECT OF GRACE AS IF IT WERE SOMETHING TO BE SOLD LIKE AN ASS OR AN OX”**
 - **“AS THE SCRIPTURE ASSURETH US, CHRIST IS THE ONLY MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN”**
 - **“IT IS SUPPOSED, WITH GREAT PROBABILITY, THAT THE ROMAN PONTIFF IS THE GREAT ANTICHRIST”**

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□ BEGINNINGS OF REFORM (CONT):

• JOHN WYCLIFFE (CONT)

– ORGANIZATION OF THE “POOR PRIESTS”

- LAY PREACHERS TEACH THE BIBLE IN LANGUAGE UNDERSTANDABLE BY THE COMMON FOLK
- WANDERERS FROM TOWN TO TOWN; TEACHING WHERE THEY FOUND HEARERS

– TRANSLATION OF THE BIBLE TO ENGLISH

- FIRST VERSION COMPLETE IN 1382
- REVISION COMPLETED IN 1388--WIDELY CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT ENGLAND

– WYCLIFFE DIED IN 1384--IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH

- BODY EXHUMED AND BURNED IN 1415, AFTER THE COUNCIL OF CONSTANCE CONDEMNS HIS TEACHINGS AS HERETICAL

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□ BEGINNINGS OF REFORM (CONT):

- JOHN HUSS (AD 1369-1415) OF BOHEMIA
 - DEAN OF FACULTY OF ARTS--UNIVERSITY OF PRAGUE (AD 1401)
 - TOOK ON OFFICE OF PREACHER AT BETHLEHEM CHAPEL--PREACHING IN THE “VERNACULAR”
 - HUSS’ TEACHING DRAWS IRE OF ARCHBISHOP OF PRAGUE (AD 1410)
 - DENOUNCES INIQUITY OF THE CLERGY/PAPACY
 - ADVOCACY OF WYCLIFFE’S POSITIONS WHICH WERE SCRUTINIZED & CONDEMNED AS EARLY AS 1403
 - BITTER CRITICISM OF POPE JOHN’S INDULGENCES MET POPULAR APPEAL
 - HUSS PUBLICLY EXCOMMUNICATED (1412)
 - TAKES REFUGE WITH FRIENDLY NOBLES
 - PUBLISHES DE ECCLESIA--MOST FAMOUS WORK

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□ BEGINNINGS OF REFORM (CONT):

• JOHN HUSS (CONT)

– COUNCIL OF CONSTANCE (1414)

- HUSS REQUESTED TO DEFEND HIS POSITION UNDER “SAFE CONDUCT” EDICT FROM THE EMPEROR
- HUSS ARRESTED AND TRIED IN JUNE, 1415 DESPITE “SAFE CONDUCT” PLEDGE
- AFTER REFUSING BLANKET RECANTATION OF HIS WRITINGS, HUSS MEETS FINAL SENTENCE IN JULY, 1415

– HUSS BURNED AT THE STAKE IN 1415