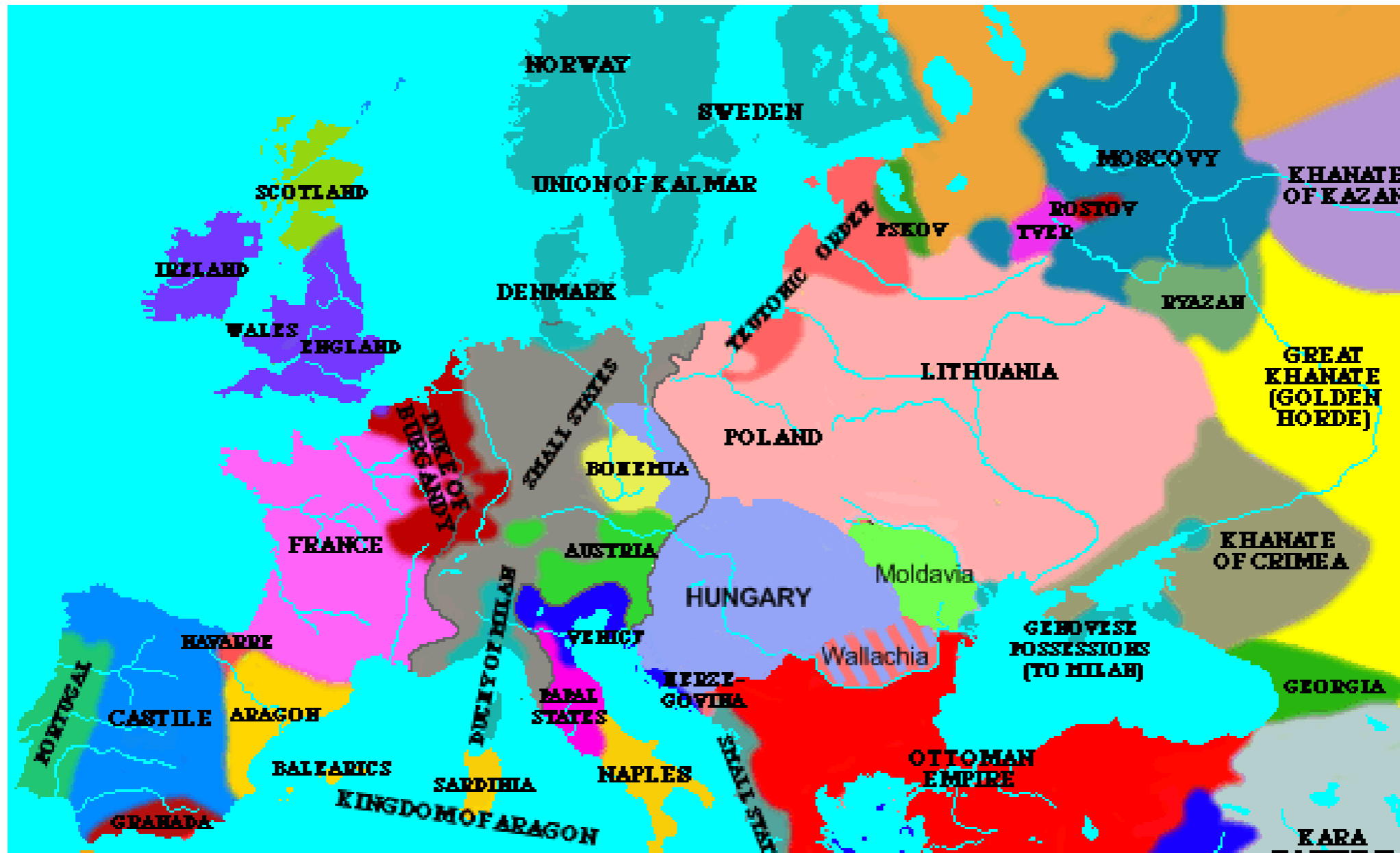


Renaissance and Reformation Church

1517-1859

The RENAISSANCE... 15century 1400's



A transition... from the MA to the Reformation
Political and Religious Tension....



But also....expanded exploration and trade
financial opportunity/growth
Old Feudal Order is beginning to break down

The Rebirth of Humanism

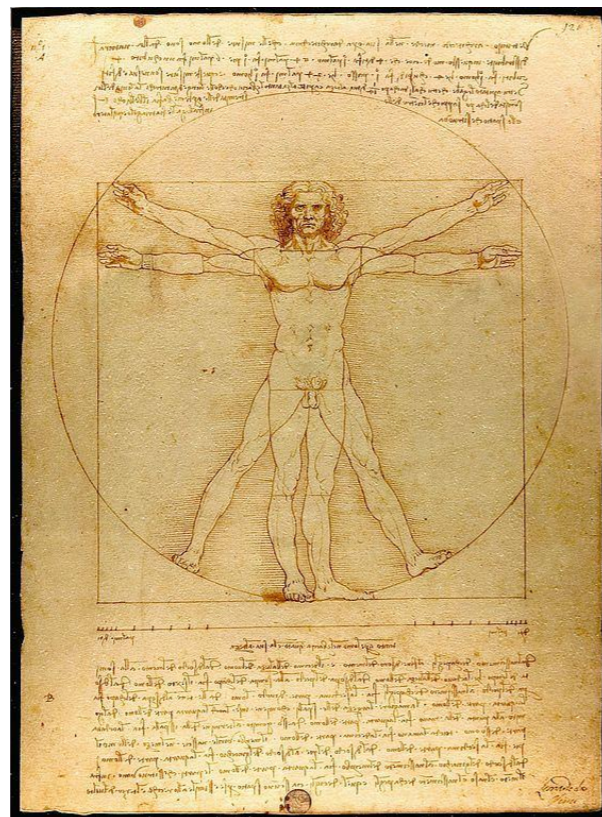


Mona Lisa



The Last Supper

Vitruvian Man



LEONARD DA VINCI



Sistine Chapel Ceiling

MICHELANGELO

...and in the middle of all of this comes THE PRINTING PRESS



Johannes Guttenberg

1450's

***IMAGINE...reflect back on life before the internet...
and the changes that took place...and keep taking place today***

Access to information

...many more people

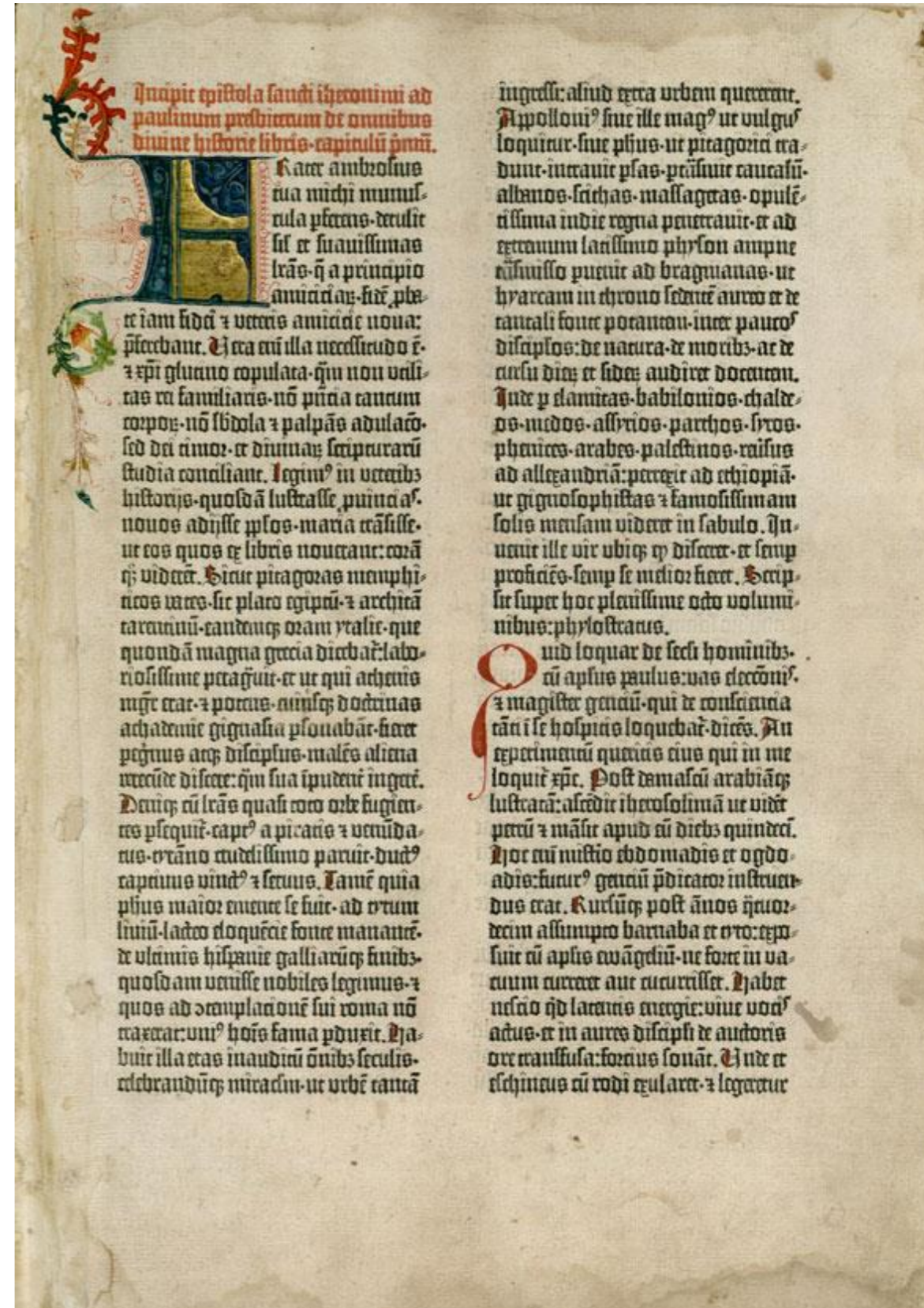
... in much less time

... AND MUCH MORE INFORMATION

WITH MANY DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW

This exactly what happened in the late 15th and the sixteenth century in Europe

**And now imagine
that the first book to be published was the **BIBLE****



IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CHURCH...

Prior to this time... the only copies of the Bible were in Monasteries, interpreted by the priests...

After Gutenberg...the Bible was accessible *to an increasing number of non-clerical readers for the first time.*

A tremendous GIFT... BUT ALSO A BURDEN...

many interpretations

The Reformation 1517-1660

*a re-formation of the Christian Church
based on the Bible*

Martin Luther Germany 1483-1546

John Calvin France/Geneva 1509-1564

Eventually spread to America...

The Catholic Counter-Reformation

Ignatius Loyola Italy 1491-1556

For each the Bible was a great gift.... but...

Martin Luther

Troubled priest... conversion story

95 Theses

Called the Church to purity

The Bible not church tradition is
the source of spiritual maturity

Salvation by grace through faith not good works



Pope Leo X Diet of Worms
denounced Luther who
responded

*“unless convinced by the
Scriptures, I cannot recant”*

To this the Pope responded:
*The Scriptures can be made to say
many things...this is why we need
Tradition*



Peasants Revolt 1525 Easter Sunday

...the Scriptures yes, but when the peasants argued that Jesus showed mercy to the poor, Luther opted in favor of the rich landowners



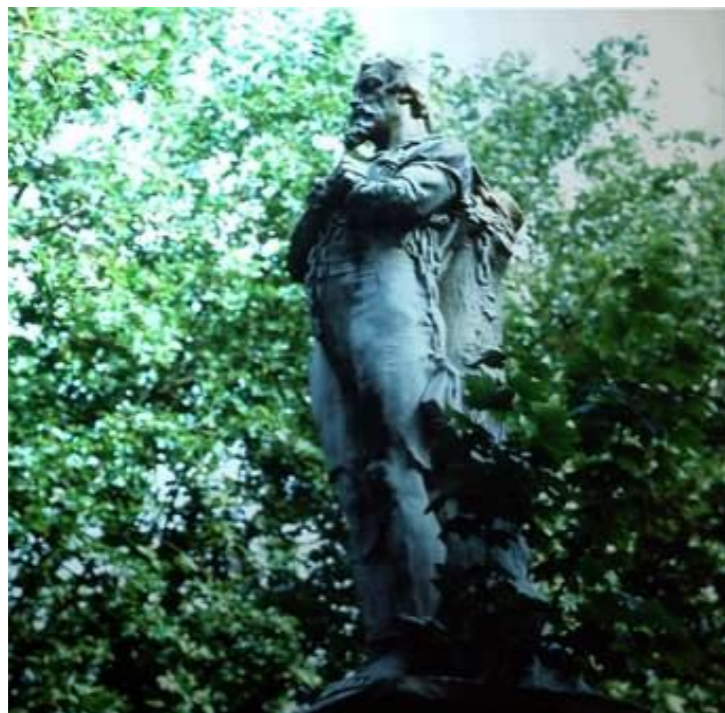
John Calvin France 1509-1564

**Devout Catholic setting... studied to be a priest...
influenced by reformers...**

**father encouraged him to study law... fled from Paris...
conversion in 1533 while studying the Psalms**

Wrote the Institutes of the Christian Religion when he was 27

**Went to Geneva... helped build a strong
Reformed community... blending
Evangelism with social concern and
protestant theology**



**But in crisis approved the death of Servetus, a gifted
man, also a student of the Bible, who did not
believe in the Trinity...**



Ignatius Loyola 1491-1556

**From soldier to priest.
Spiritual exercises**

**Jesuits... and the
Inquisition**



A century after Luther nailed his 95 theses on the Wittenberg church door ... once again there is war . This time not against the “heathen” but against other Christians who interpreted the Bible differently.

Church and State once again join hands. Political power seems to be the only path to “success.”

30 years war in Europe 1618-1648

English Civil War 1642-51 (*George Fox*)

While all of this is going on.... **Scientific Revolution 1512-1687**

**An alternative authority to the Bible— REASON—
The “Age of Enlightenment”**

1512— Copernicus—heliocentric view of the universe

1615— Galileo—telescope...

1687— Newton published work on gravity

*most of these folks
were Christians...
but who interpreted
the Bible differently*



Early in the 1700's most of Christendom was tired of tension and violence.

They went to Church, whatever the denomination as a matter of course.

And simply tried to live their lives.

Those more agitated or adventuresome went west to the "new world" America.

**1730's and 40's A Second Chapter of the Reformation,
A Spiritual Revival called the Great Awakening
of Faith and Biblical Understanding**

John Wesley 1703-1791

Jonathan Edwards 1703-1758

Jesuit Reform

John Wesley *conversion after being a missionary...*

From heart to mind, true faith ...and fascination with medicine to serve the poor

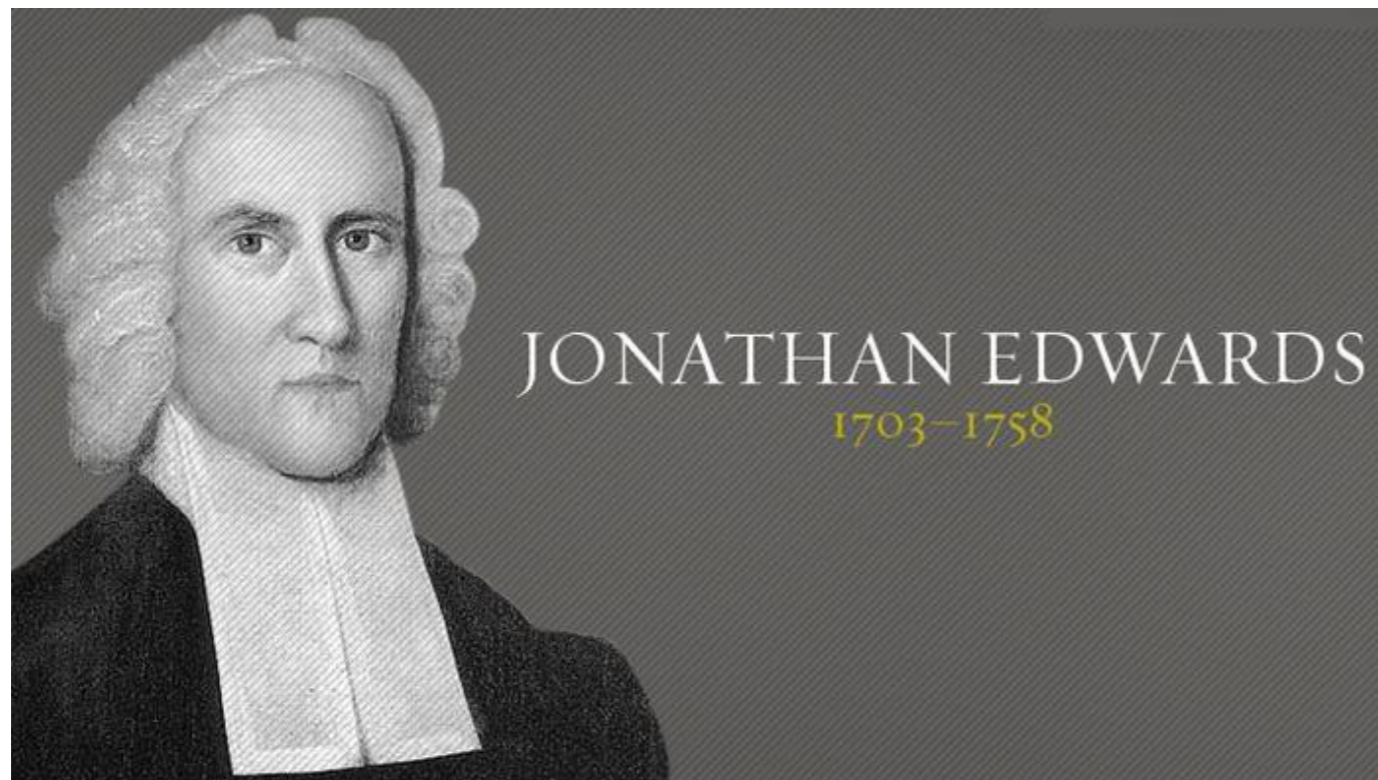


Never dream of forcing men into the ways of God. Think yourself, and let think. Use no constraint in matters of religion. Even those who are farthest out of the way never compel to come in by any other means than reason, truth and love.

John Wesley Sermon

The Wesleyan Quadrilateral

**Scripture
Reason
Experience
Tradition**



**From typical Episcopal and then
Presbyterian minister to
defender of the “emotional” Great
Awakening**

**...and also the rise of science
and the role of human reason**

He that has doctrinal knowledge and speculation only, without affection, never is engaged in the business of religion.

We must view humility as one of the most essential things that characterizes true Christianity

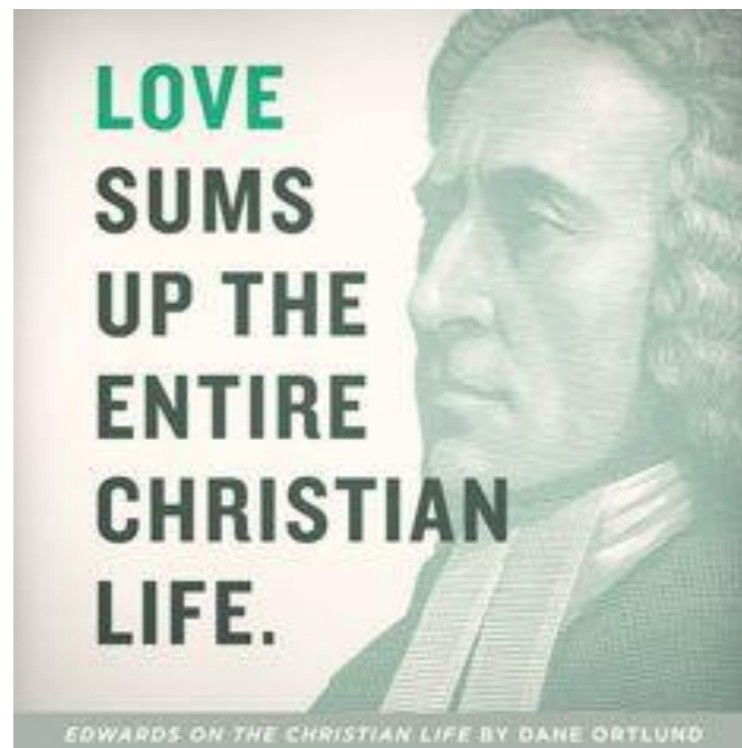
All truth is given by revelation, either general or special, and it must be received by reason. Reason is the God-given means for discovering the truth that God discloses, whether in his world or his Word. While God wants to reach the heart with truth, he does not bypass the mind.”

The Reformed understanding of **Progressive Revelation**...

As a key to understanding the Bible

**God revealed gradually to the human family...
as much as they could understand
at a particular time in the history of the world**

By the grace of God we will never pluck unripe fruit. We will never press people to decision, because we'll lead them to damnation and not salvation.



The Jesuit Legacy to the whole Church

Lectio Divina Divine Reading Pray the Bible

READ— what word or words send out

REFLECT— why these words

RESPOND— what might these words mean
for you right now

REST— sit with what you are experiencing.....