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Lecture 12: The Reformation, Individuality, and the Christianization of Europe

- Europe was already divided & conflict-filled at the eve of the Reformation
- Long Medieval history of religious reform

Christian humanism

- Erasmus laid the egg that Luther hatched
- Ad fontes

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

- All attempt to be the best Christian, can't
- 95 Theses, Wittenberg, Oct. 31, 1517
 - against the selling of indulgences, plenary indulgence
 - goes against Jesus' teaching, easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for rich man to enter Heaven
- Go back to when Church was better (from Luther, St. Augustine)
- Spread of printing - incredibly powerful for Reformation
- Slow initial response from the Church
- Protestantism - 1529 came but for...

Leipzig Disputations

Luther vs. Johann Eck, June-July 1519

Luther on Salvation

- No way that works have anything to do w/ it

Foundations of Luther's Theology

- Faith alone
 - sola fide
 - sola gratia - Grace alone
- Authority of Scripture
 - sola scriptura \Rightarrow only to vernacular Bible
- The priesthood of all believers

Only 2 Sacraments

- Baptism
- Communion

Starts as REFORM, turns to REVOLT

3 Great Writings of 1520

- Open Letter to Xian Nobility of the German Nation
- Babylonian Captivity of the Church
- On Christian Liberty

January 1521 - Luther is excommunicated by 60X

Diet of Worms - "here I stand", refuses to recant
- April 1521

Reasons for Success Where Previous Reformers Failed

- Political protection
- German proto-national sentiment
- Early humanist support
- Printing - text & woodcuts
- Preaching
- Star reaction by Papacy & Empire

Individuals challenging hierarchy - key folks are

Titian (1488 - 1576)

- New aristocratic artist

Albrecht Dürer (1471 - 1528)

- sold his art

- first truly independent artist in European history

Agnes Dürer

- salesperson behind all of this

Individuals

Michelangelo - Rome/Florence

Luther - Wittenberg

Calvin - Geneva

Titian - Venice

Dürer - Nuremberg

The German Peasants' War (1524 - 25)

Fragments of Protestantism

Luther - Wittenberg

Zwingli - Zurich

Calvin - Geneva

Zwingli:

- much more radical than Luther

- Break between

- Evangelicals & Reformed Protestantism

Marburg Colloquy (1529)

- Agree on big issues except for the Eucharist

Catholics:
Transubstantiation

Luther:
Consubstantiation
Zwingli & then Calvin
just a memorial service

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Key issue