

Dylan Bksh

Lecture 35:
The Best of All Possible Worlds?
Europe in the World

Candide

- classic satire
- satire of philosophical optimism
- satire - critique through comedy
- - "best of all possible worlds"
- Harsh Voltairian critique plus
 - throws Candide into ridiculous situations where everything goes wrong
- Pangloss
 - Latin - all talk
 - he's "all talk"
- Candide
 - pure, beautiful
 - fabula rosa?
- Critical of religion
- Question of the problem of evil

Mary Astell - Reflections Upon Marriage

→ if absolutism doesn't work in politics,
why do we apply it in the family?

Religion

- tolerance
- Secularism
- deism
- Pantheism - Spinoza
- atheist

The Enlightenment & The Modern Regime

Europe in 1750

- urbanized
- but still overwhelmingly rural
- end of 18th century - London \approx 1 million
- Paris - 500K
- 20 cities > 100,000
- hereditary still exist
 - new wave of hereditary

The Three Estates

- Peasants
- Nobles
- Clergy
- Varies greatly by country
 - ↳ not cohesive structure

Growing tensions

- primary the pump for the coming revolution
 - American Revolution
 - French Revolution

Colonialism + Imperialism / The "Rise of the West"

- "the first British Empire"
- the Sun never sets

Early Modern Europe

- Renaissance
- Reformation
- Age of Discovery
- Crusades
- Scientific Revolution
- Enlightenment

Loch Lomond - 10/10, Grammy worthy, Cross Scottish
album when?

→ Tradition, reflect on the class & the ideas
it inspired

↳ How has Europe changed over
the last 300 years we've studied?