

# 1 | The Enlightenment

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- Somewhere in here, people learned about art again
- Medieval Times
  - "Trading freedom for security"
  - Church provides for community consistency
  - Lords provides for protection
  - Church embodied truth
- Protestant revolution
  - Church embodied truth => bible embodied truth
  - Encouraged reading
  - Middle class grew, making more people wealthy enough to have time to read the bible
  - Feeling of "this is new and weird"
- Martin Luther's Theological Challenge
  - Encouraged reading bible by self
  - Encouraged independent thinking
- Intellectual Pluralism
  - 1550s-1700s
  - European universities => very independent
  - At crossroads of information: combining islamic sciences, Chinese tech, and new discoveries in Americas
    - \* Copernicus: 1543 — Helleocentric and not Geocentric models
    - \* Gallieo: Telescope
    - \* Kepler: Elliptical orbits, planetary motion
    - \* Newton: gravity, motion, calculus
- The Enlightment
  - What are people like in the state of nature?
  - Was there a time before government?
  - Can we extract first principles of society and politics?
  - Remember: how will democracy work?