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History

* Medieval view of the cosmos are still commonly believed
  + earth the center of all things
* Scientific revolution (Age of Enlightenment)
  + Isaac Newton
    - In 1686 published brand new terms on laws of motion and gravity
  + People started to look at the sky and heavens as something that can be explain and exists, rather than something that is just a symbol
  + Belief in progress from credulity/superstition to “age of reason”
  + Enlightenment
    - moving beyond faith and faith alone
* Religious and Intellectual Toleration
  + Toleration Act (1689)
    - If you are a Protestant in england you may worship freely
  + Deregulating of printing press (1695)
    - No need for prior approval of publication; allows greater participation in public sphere
* Scottish Common Sense Moral Philosophy
  + How common sense can help people figure out knowledge
  + Self - evident
    - You can sense it. The truth is out in the open
  + Everyone can use common sense
* Post office act (1710)
  + Regular standardized post office
  + Allows information to be communicated at long distances quickly and efficiently
* Benjamin Franklin
  + Personally responsible for founding newspapers
* Coffee House
  + Where people would go to talk about new ideas
* Tea Culture
  + A consumer act with political implications
  + How you serve it, what it looks like, the utensils you use
  + All of the goods became essential for the norm in the culture
* Thomas Paine
  + Believes in god, but doesn’t believe in organized religion
  + Evidence is a very big factor for him
  + He wouldn’t think mormonism is true because of what is immediately communicated
    - Not accessible to everyone else (Joseph Smith Vision)
  + People don't know how to handle religious radicalism, but they can do political radicalism