

The Printing Press and Reformation

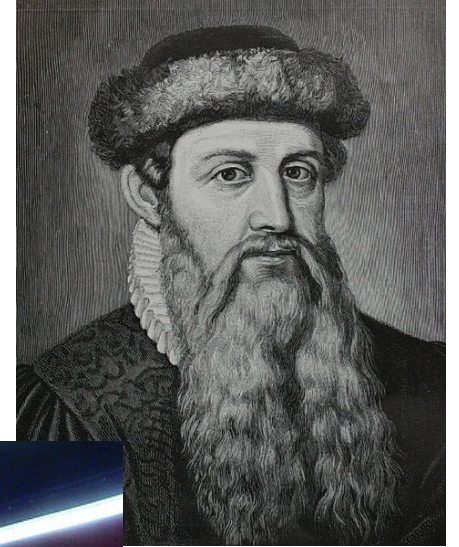


Printing Press

- One of the most significant inventions in human history
- Invented by Johannes Gutenberg around 1440
- Helped advance the Renaissance, Reformation, and the Enlightenment

How the Gutenberg printing press works

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ksLaBnZVRnM>



Origins of Reformation

- Divine Right Theory
- Catholic Church dominated Europe
- Secular ideas and humanism + printing press weakened the Church's control
- Church selling **indulgences** (pardons)
- **Martin Luther**, a German monk, publishes the 95 Theses
 - Complaints about the Church



The Reformation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gi5qR7tflG0>

Divine Rights Theory

Holy, Godly

Kings/Queens derived their right to rule directly from God. Also known as **Divine Right of Kings**.

Martin Luther's Main Ideas

- People can win salvation through faith of God's forgiveness
 - Not indulgences
- All church teachings are based on the Bible
 - Not the pope
- People can interpret the Bible on their own
 - Do not need priests to do it for them



Creation of Protestantism

- Luther and followers became known as Lutherans
- Later all non-Catholic Christians became known as **Protestants** in general
- Religious wars
- Many more interpretations and Protestant groups emerge
 - Calvinists
 - Anglicans
 - Anabaptists
 - Counter-group - Jesuits





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European Religions, 1600

-  Lutheran
-  Calvinist
-  Anglican
-  Roman Catholic
-  Roman Catholic with Protestant minorities
-  Orthodox
-  Muslim
-  Boundary of Holy Roman Empire

