

Calvinism and German Migration

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Martin Luther

- 1517 -- “Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences”
- Nailed to Wittenberg Castle church door?
- Rejected the idea salvation for sin could be purchased (*indulgences*)



Martin Luther

- 1520 refused to renounce his writings before Pope Leo X
- Excommunicated



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- 1521 -- Diet of Worms
Refused to renounce his writings before Holy Roman Emperor Charles V
- Condemned as an outlaw by Emperor



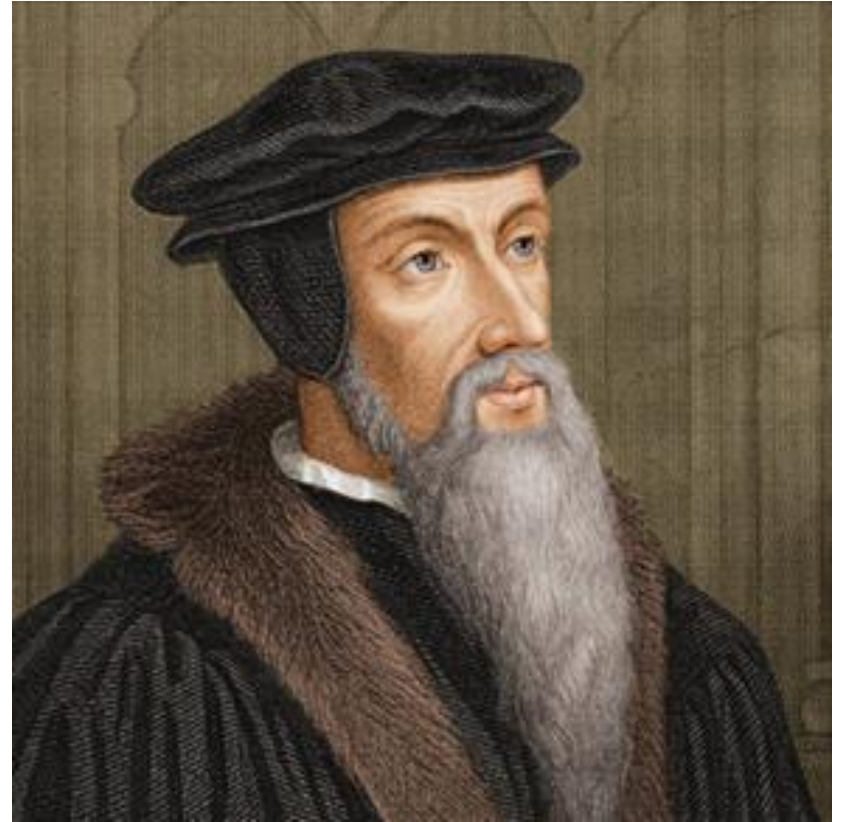
Huldrych (Ulrich) Zwingli

- 1519 began to preach about reforming Catholic Church
- 1522 attacked fasting during Lent
 - Also corruption, use of images in churches
 - Promoted clerical marriage
- 1525 introduced communion liturgy to replace the Mass
- Leader of Reformation in Switzerland



John Calvin

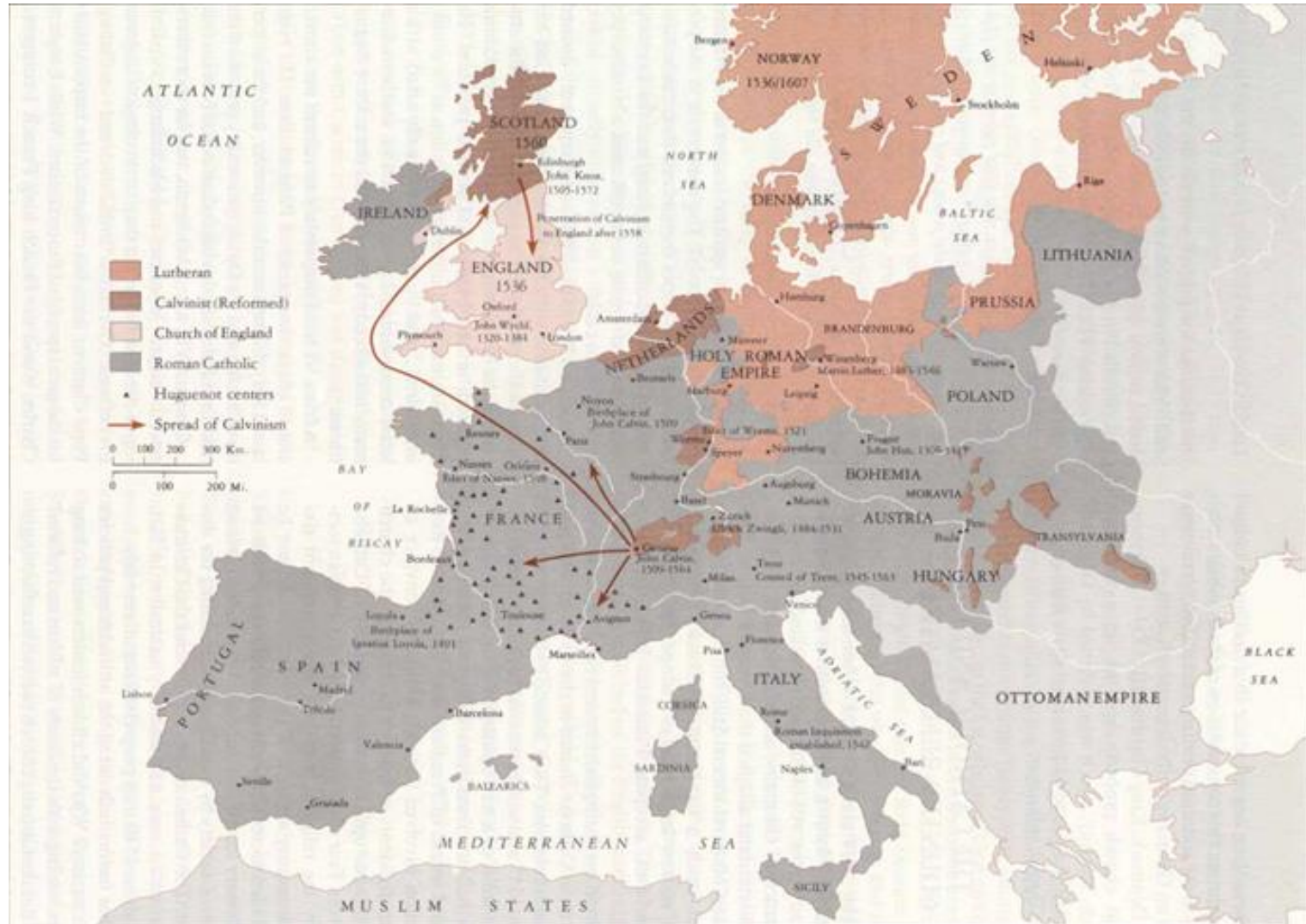
- 1509 born in France (Jehan Cauvin)
- 1530 broke from Catholic Church
- Leader in Protestant Reformation in France (Huguenots)
- Successor to Zwingli
 - Geneva ministry 1536-1564



Spread of Calvinism/Reformed Church

- 16th century
- Dominant Protestant church in France
- Electoral Palatinate
- John Knox, Church of Scotland
- Official church of Netherlands

Spread of Calvinism



Calvinism in the Palatinate

- Frederick III, Elector Palatine
 - Devout convert to Calvinism
 - Attracted Calvinists to teach & preach at his new university at Heidelberg
 - Requested a new confession of faith



Frederick III

Calvinism in the Palatinate

- 1566 Defended new statement of faith before HRE parliament
- So effective, Palatinate exempt from 1555 Peace of Augsburg (only allowed Catholicism & Lutheranism)
- 1562 gave Frankenthal as refuge to persecuted Dutch evangelicals
- 1567 & 1576 sent son to aid French Huguenots
- Palatinate – center of Calvinism despite official religion changed 3 times during the 16th & 17th centuries

German Calvinists Emigration

- Thirty Years War 1618 – 1648
 - HRE Ferdinand II tries to force Catholicism on all people
- War of the Grand Alliance aka War of the League of Augsburg aka War of the Palatinate 1689 – 1697
 - Louis XIV ravishes the Palatinate
 - Emigration to American colonies (Pennsylvania) begins
- 1709 Queen Anne welcomes “Poor Palatines” to England
 - Victims of Catholic Oppression

Calvinism & The Search for Hans Adam Fehler

- Arrives in Philadelphia 1738 on the Thistle
 - Rotterdam to Cowes, England to America
- Listed as a Palatine
- Church records indicate member of the Reformed Church
- Born 1718 but where in the Palatinate
 - FANs (family, acquaintances, neighbors)

Search for Adam Fehler FANs

- Requires backtracking
- Great, great grandmother Elizabeth Mickley
 - Her father Johan Peter Mickley
 - Son of John Jacob Mickley
 - Son of Jean Jacques Michelet
 - Son of Louis Michelet



John Jacob Mickley

Louis Michelet

- Born in Metz France 1675
- Moved to Zweibrücken in Palatinate 1697-1699
- 1699 Returned to Metz & openly declared conversion to Huguenot way
- Returned to Zweibrücken & became Protestant pastor to practice religion safely
- Son Jean Jacques Michelet (Johan Jacob Mueckli)

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- Sailed on the ship Hope
 - Rotterdam to Cowes,
England to Philadelphia
- Arrives 1733 age 35/36



Searching for Hans Adam Fehler

- Appears Hans Adam Fehler was a Calvinist
- Did he sail to America to escape religious persecution?
- Did Hans Adam Fehler live in or near Zweibrücken?
- Could he have known Jean Jacques Michelet?
- Search still in progress

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