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The English Reformation

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CH 610 (3 credits)
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The purpose of the course is to enable students to become familiar with and/or to deepen their understanding of the changing life of Christianity in England from 1500 to 1611. In those years the English Church built on its earlier eleven centuries and drew from continental currents of renewal and reform shaping Christian faith and practice in the distinctive ways that a later age was to call "anglicanism" Those identifying themselves today as Anglicans are not the only Christians who partake of this sixteenth-century heritage. It also belongs to those whose English forbears unsuccessfully struggled to demand the precise patterns of continental Reformed churches. It belongs to Methodists who separated from the national church two centuries later. Although the course concentrates on religious and ecclesiastical affairs, these, as always in studies of church history, cannot be understood apart from their deep involvement with the political, economic, and cultural concerns of British society.

The course will be divided into three main topical rather than chronological sections -- with a preliminary consideration of the earlier years of the English church in the initial week:

- I. Continuity and change through four monarchs
- II. Authority and ministry in a unitive society of nation and church
- III. Catholic and Protestant worship and teaching in the English Church

A summary of the principal sixteenth century events and issues in the formation and development of a distinctive tradition will be found in William P. Haugaard, "The History of Anglicanism: From the Reformation to the Eighteenth Century" in *The Study of Anglicanism* (rev. edn., ed. Stephen Sykes, John Booty, & Jonathan Knight [Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1998]). A reading of the first half (pp. 3-18) of this essay will provide a rapid birds-eye view of the course.

Requirements:

General reading to be completed before March 6

Students may well find it useful in the remaining weeks of the course while reading source materials refer back to brief sections that apply to these materials.

One of the following:

Moorman, John R. H. *A History of the Church in England* (3rd edn. [London: A & C Black, 1976 & Morehouse Publishing, 1986]), chapters 1-10

or

Neill, Stephen, *Anglicanism* (4th edn [Oxford, 1978]), chapter 1 & Haigh, Christopher, *English Reformations: Religion, Politics, and Society under the Tudors* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1993), Part I

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AND

One of the following:

Moorman, *History*, chapters 10-13 and 14, part 1 **and** Neill, *Anglicanism*, chapters 2-5 and 6 (to p. 137)

or

Haigh, Christopher, *English Reformations: Religion, Politics, and Society under the Tudors* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1993), Prologue, Introduction, Parts II and III, and Conclusion

or

Dickens, A. G., *The English Reformation* (2nd edn, [London: Batsford Press, 1989 & Pennsylvania State University Press, 1991])

At each of the 2nd through 4th class meetings, each student will give a brief oral report on their reading to date in these works responding to the following:

- 1 What did you find of particular value and interest in sections read?
2. What seemed to you to be confusing?
3. What new perspectives about the English Reformation did you identify in the reading?
4. What differences of perspective between authors – or between author and class lecturer have you identified?

Source Readings:

These readings are assigned week by week from March 13th to the end of the course. Student will be expected to have read the materials and made appropriate reflections and notes for their own use in discussion and for future studies and review. Instructor will distribute questions for these readings at the session in the previous week, but students should not limit their attention to sections responding to the suggested questions.

Readings for these source materials may be found in one or more of the following:

Documents of the English Reformation, ed. Gerald Bray (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1994)

Documents of the Christian Church, ed. Henry Bettenson, 2nd edn (Oxford University Press, 1946)

Documents Illustrative of English Church History, H. Gee and W. J. Hardy (London: MacMillan; reprint. New York: Kraus, 1966)

Websites as indicated

Research Paper: A paper of 4,000 to 5,500 words on a topic proposed by the instructor or proposed by the student with instructor's approval. The topic is to be submitted by October 20 and the paper is due on December 8.

Grading:

No exam will be given in the course. The final grade will be based on participation in class discussions (65%) and research paper (35%).

Session Topics and Source Readings

Preliminaries: The English church in 1530 [February 14]

Twelve centuries of Christianity in Britain
Current movements for reform

I. *Continuity and change through four monarchs* [February 21 to March 6]

Ecclesiastical independence (Henry VIII)
Two stages of Protestant reform (Edward VI)
Return to Roman obedience (Mary I)
A stable settlement of religion (Elizabeth I)
Controversy, collaboration, and a new Bible (James I, to 1611)

II. *Authority and ministry in a unitive society of nation and church* [March 13 to March 27]

Parliament and monarch
Royal supremacy: theory, limits, and exercise
Continuity of medieval organization and law
Catholic orders of ministry maintained

March 13

Statutes of Provisors & *Praemunire* [Bray, Supplementary texts, #'s 1-3; Bettenson, II.vii.x; Gee & Hardy, #'s 35, 39, & 40]
Act for the pardon of the clergy, paragraph 01 only [Bray, #3]
Supplication of the Commons [Bray, #4]
Submission of the clergy [Bray, #6; Bettenson, II, ix, i(a)]
Act in restraint of appeals, paragraph 01 only [Bray, #8; Bettenson, II, ix, i(b)]
Act for submission of the clergy and restraint of appeals [Bray, #9]
Ecclesiastical licenses [or dispensations] Act, paragraphs 01, 02, and 13 only [Bray, #11; Bettenson, II, ix, i(c)]
Richard Hooker, *Laws*, Bk. VIII, ch. 6, sections 10-13 [to be found at <http://anglicanhistory.org/hooker/index.html>]

March 20

Act for restraining . . . annates and . . . the election of bishops [Bray, #10]
Abjuration of papal supremacy by the clergy [Bray, #12; Bettenson, II, ix, i(e); Gee & Hardy, #58]
1534 Act of supremacy [Bray, #13; Bettenson, II, ix, i(d); Gee & Hardy, #55]
1st Henrician injunctions [Bray, # 17; Gee & Hardy, # 62]
Edwardian injunctions [Bray, #22]
Marian Injunctions [Bray, #31; Gee & Hardy, #74]
Elizabeth's 1558 Proclamation [Gee and Hardy, #77]
1559 Supremacy Act [Bray, #32; Bettenson, II, ix, i(d)]

March 27

- 1534 Suffragan bishops Act [Bray, #14]
- 1547 Election of bishops Act [Bray, #24]
- 1547 Sacrament Act [for against revilers and for receiving in two kinds] [Bray, #23; Gee & Hardy, #67]
- 1549 & 1552 Acts of uniformity [Bray, #'s 25 & 29; Gee & Hardy, #'s 69 & 71]
- 1550 Ordinal, "The Preface" [to be found at: http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/1549/Deacons_1549.htm]
- 1559 Act of Uniformity [Bray, #33; Bettenson, II, ix, ii(b); Gee & Hardy, #80]

III. Catholic and Protestant worship and teaching in the English Church [April 9 to May 16]

Foundations of new understandings: Bible and Prayer Book
Availability and use of Holy Scriptures
The Book of Common Prayer with related devotional manuals and regulations
Doctrinal definitions and postures

April 10

- Tyndale's prefaces to the New Testament and Pentateuch [Bray, #'s 1 & 2]
- 2nd Henrician injunctions [Bray, #18; Gee & Hardy, # 63]
- Cranmer's preface to the Great Bible [Bray, #21] or his Homily, an "Exhortation to the Reading of Holy Scripture" to be found at <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/utel/ret/homilies/bk1hom1.html>
- Preface to the Geneva Bible, section entitled "To our beloved in the Lord" [Bray, #36]
- Preface to the Rheims New Testament, paragraphs 01-06 [Bray, #37]
- Preface to the Douay Old Testament, paragraphs 01-05 [Bray, # 40]
- Preface to the King James Bible, Epistle dedicatory to the King [Bray, #41]

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April 17

- 1544 Litany [to be found at <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp>]
- The 1548 Order of Communion [same website]
- Preface, Matins/Morning Prayer), Evensong/Evening Prayer, and Holy Communion from the 1549 and 1552 *Book of Common Prayer* and 1549 "On Ceremonies" [same website; also available in *The First and Second Prayer Books of Edward*]

April 24

- 1559 and 1604 *Book of Common Prayer* [to be found at <http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp>]
- Elizabethan Injunctions [Bray, #34; Gee and Hardy, #78]
- Parker's Advertisements [to be found at: <http://history.hanover.edu/texts/ENGref/er81.html>; Gee and Hardy, #81; key excerpts in Bettenson, II, ix, i(h)]
- Whitgift's 1583 Articles (Bray, #38; Gee and Hardy, #84)
- Millenary Petition [to be found at <http://history.hanover.edu/texts/ENGref/er88.html>; Gee & Hardy, #88; Bettenson, II, xii, i(a)]

May 1 [to be rescheduled to April 28th or 29th as negotiated in class]

Ten articles [Bray, # 16]

Act of the six articles [Bray #20, to p. 224; Bettenson, II, ix, ii(c)]

Cranmer's Homily "Of the Salvation of all Mankind" [www.library.utoronto.ca/utel/ret/homilies/bk1hom3.html **or** www.anglicanlibrary.org/homilies/bk1hom03.htm]

May 8

1553 Forty-two and 1563/71 Thirty-nine articles [*note distinctions between them*] [Bray, #30 or C. Hardwick, *A History of the Articles of Religion*, Appendix III]

1559 Eleven articles [Bray, #35]

1595 Lambeth Articles [Bray, #39]

May 16

John Jewel, *Apology of the Church of England*, parts II and III [to be found at <http://anglicanhistory.org/jewel/index.html>]

R. Hooker, *The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*, Preface, chapters 1 & 7; Book I, chapter 1; Bk II, ch. 8; Bk III, ch. 10; and Bk. V, ch. 50 and 57 [to be found at <http://anglicanhistory.org/hooker/index.html>]

Some useful readings on the sixteenth-century English Church

- G. Baskerville, *English Monks*
J. E. Booty, *John Jewel as Apologist of the Church of England*
A. Chester, *Hugh Latimer: Apostle to the English*
William Clebsch, *England's Earliest Protestants*
Patrick. Collinson, *The Elizabethan Puritan Movement*
Patrick Collinson, *The Religion of Protestants*
Patrick Collinson, *Archbishop Grindal: The Struggle for a Reformed Church*
Claire Cross, *Church and People, 1450-1660*
C. M. Dent, *Protestant Reformers in Elizabethan Oxford*
E. Duffy, *The Stripping of ther Altars: Traditional Religion in England, 1400 to 1580*
G. E. Elton, *Reform and Reformation.*
A. Tindal Hart, *The Man in the Pew, 1558-1660*
William P. Haugaard, *Elizabeth and the English Reformation.*
F. Higham, *Catholic and Reformed*
F. Heal, *Of Prelates and Princes.*
P. Heath, *The English Parish Clergy on the Eve of the Reformation*
E. W. Hunt, *Dean Colet and his Theology.*
F. E. Hutchinson, *Cranmer and the English Reformation.*
David Knowles, *The Religious Orders in England*, vol 3, *The Tudors*
Peter Lake, *Moderate Puritans and the Elizabethan Church*
Peter Lake, *Anglicans and Puritans: Presbyterianism and English Conformist Thought from Whitgift to Hooker*
D. MacCulloch, *Thomas Cranmer: a Life*
Peter Marshall, ed., *The Impact of the English Reformation: 1500-1640*
J. K. McConica, *English Humanists and Reformation Politics*
P. McGrath, *Papists and Puritans under Elizabeth.*
C. S. Meyer, *Elizabeth I and the Religious Settlement of 1559.*
Norman L. Jones, *The English Reformation: Religion and Cultural Adaptation*
Norman L. Jones, *Faith by Statute: Parliament and the Settlement of Religion*
T. M. Parker, *The English Reformation to 1558.*
J. G. Ridley, *Thomas Cranmer*
L. B. Smith, *Tudor Prelates and Politics*
B. J. Verkamp, *The Indifferent Mean*
Paul F. M. Zahl, *Five Women of the English Reformation*