Chapter 5

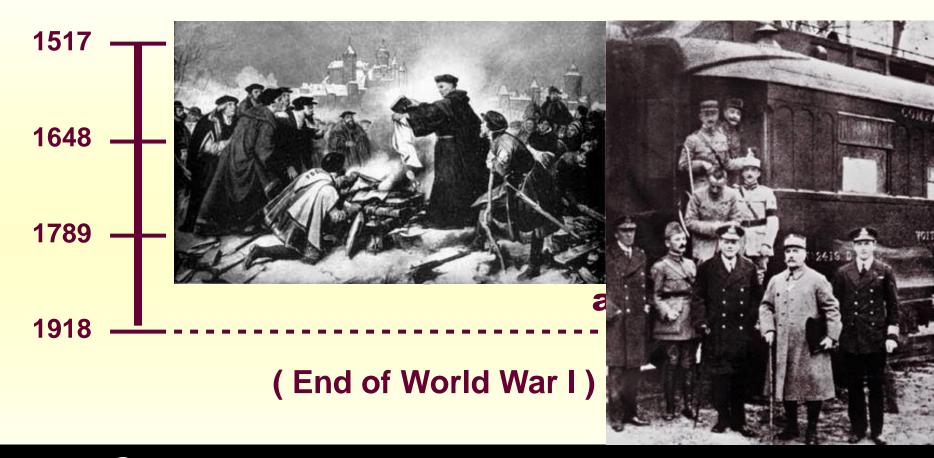
The Period of Preparation for the Second Advent of the Messiah

Period of preparation for the Second Advent: 400 years (1517 – 1918)



The period of <u>preparation for the Second Advent</u> of the Messiah was the four-hundred-year period from the Protestant Reformation in <u>1517</u> to the end of World War I in <u>1918</u> (p. 347).

Period of preparation for the Second Advent: 400 years (1517 – 1918)



With respect to the providence of restoration, this period is divided into three periods: the period of the <u>Reformation</u>, the period of <u>religious and ideological conflicts</u>, and the period of the <u>maturation of politics</u>, economy and ideology.

Section 1



(1517-1648)

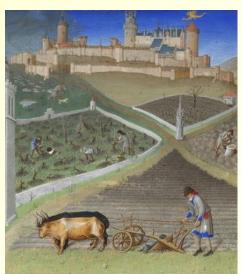
The 130-year period of the Reformation began in <u>1517</u>, when Martin Luther raised the banner of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, and <u>lasted</u> until the wars of religion were settled by the Treaty of Westphalia in <u>1648</u>.



Feudalism

Corruption of the Roman Church





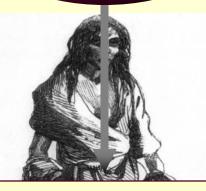


In the late <u>Middle Ages</u>, man's original mind was repressed, its free development blocked by the social environment of <u>feudalism</u> and the secularization and corruption of the <u>Roman church</u>.

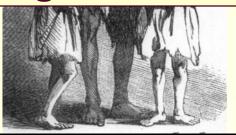
Middle Ages

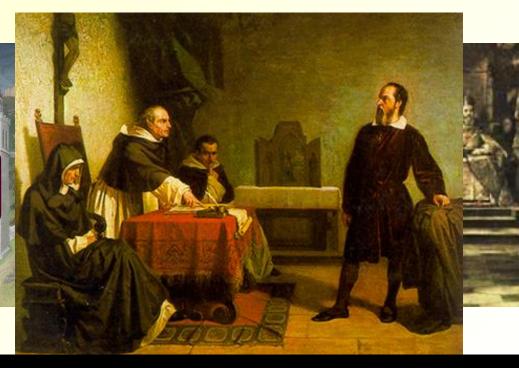
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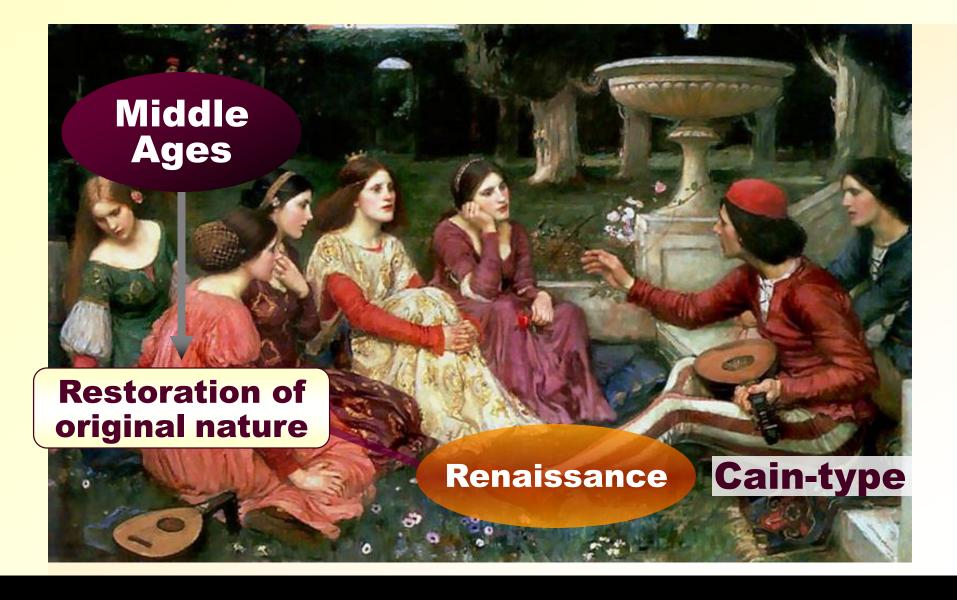


Restoration of original nature

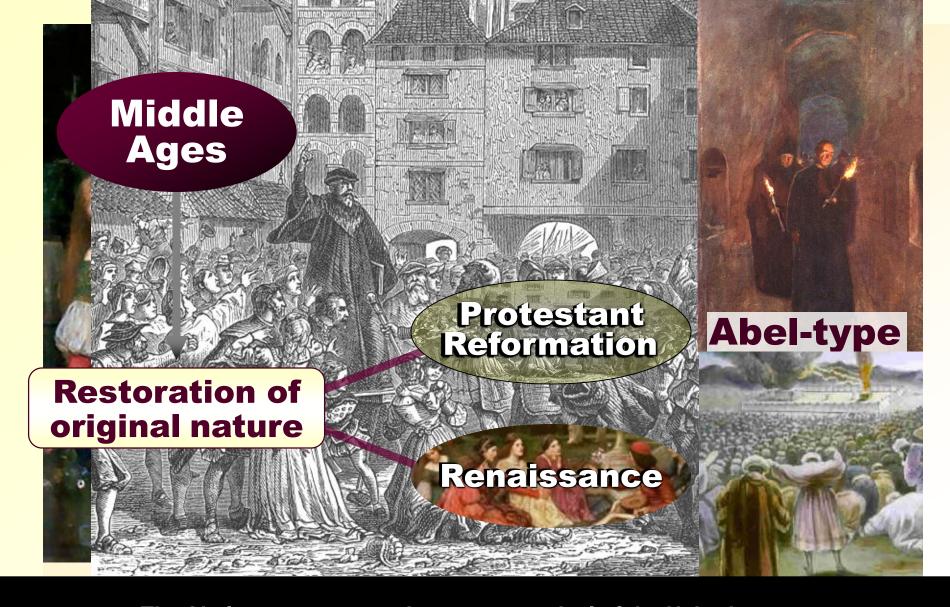




Medieval Europeans were prompted by the impulses of their innermost hearts to break down their social environment to open the way for the <u>restoration of their original nature</u> (p. 348).



The <u>Cain-type</u> movement began as a revival of Hellenism. It gave rise to the <u>Renaissance</u>, whose core value was humanism.

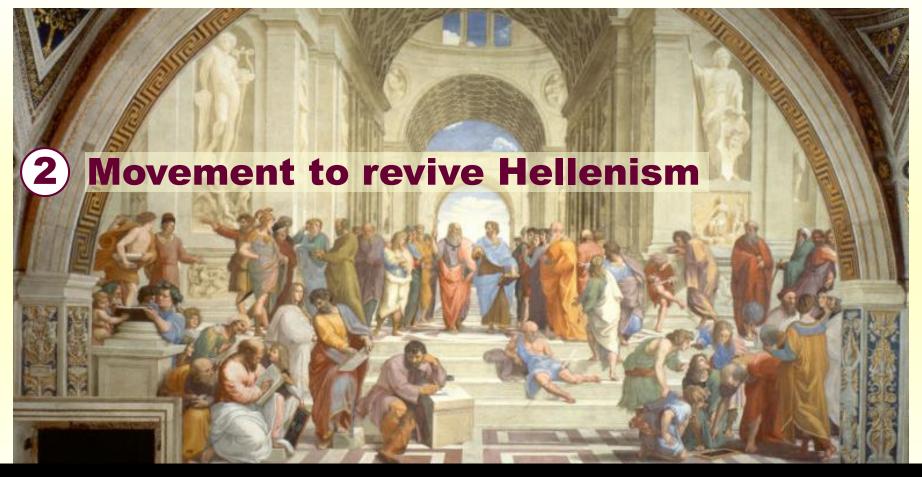


The <u>Abel-type</u> movement began as a revival of the Hebraic heritage of Israel and the early Christian Church. It gave rise to the <u>Protestant Reformation</u>, whose core value was faith in God (p. 349).

1 External pursuits of the original nature



1 The Renaissance grew out of Medieval European's external pursuits of the original nature.



2 It led to a movement to revive the ancient heritage of Hellenism (p. 351-2).



⁽³⁾ Renaissance <u>humanism</u> thus rose to prominence.



4 This movement came to life in fourteenth-century Italy.

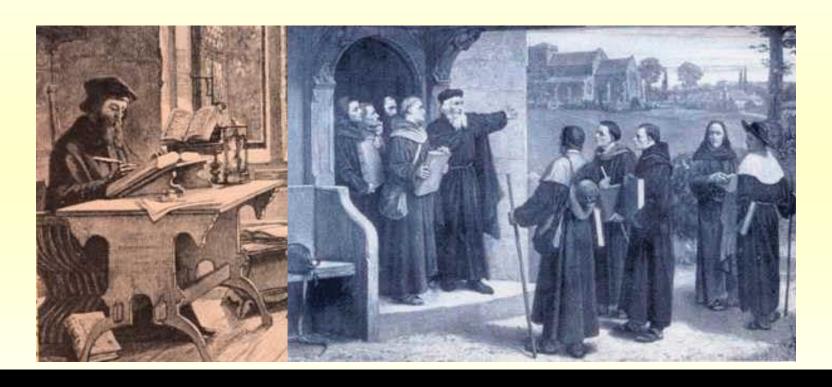
- 1 External pursuits of the original nature
- 2 Movement to revive Hellenism
- 3 Humanism rose to prominence
- 4 Transformed every aspect of society

Though it began as a movement imitating the thought and life of ancient Greece and Rome, it soon developed into a wider movement which transformed every aspect of society including politics, economic life and religion.

- 1 External pursuits of the original nature
- 2 Movement to revive Hellenism
- 3 Humanism rose to prominence
- 4 Transformed every aspect of society

This is the Renaissance.

1 Internal aspirations of the original nature

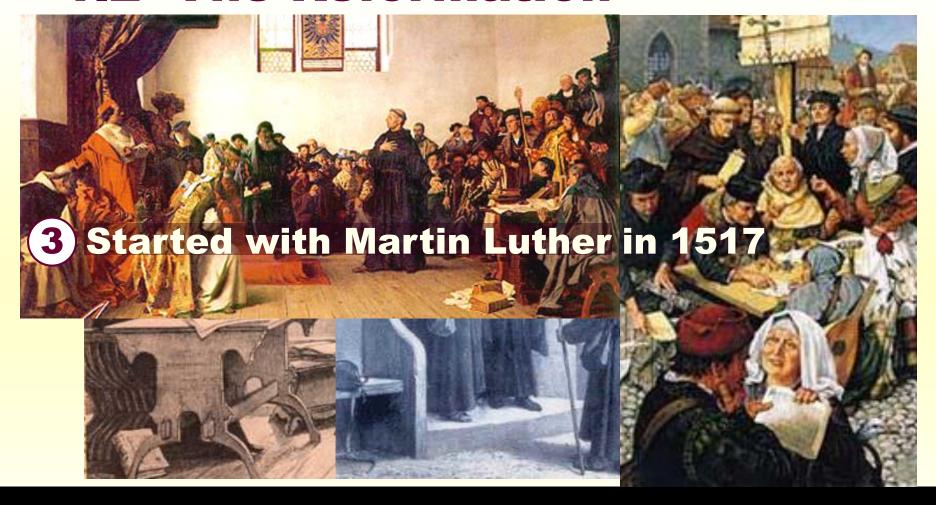


As medieval Europeans sought to realize the <u>internal aspirations</u> of their original nature,

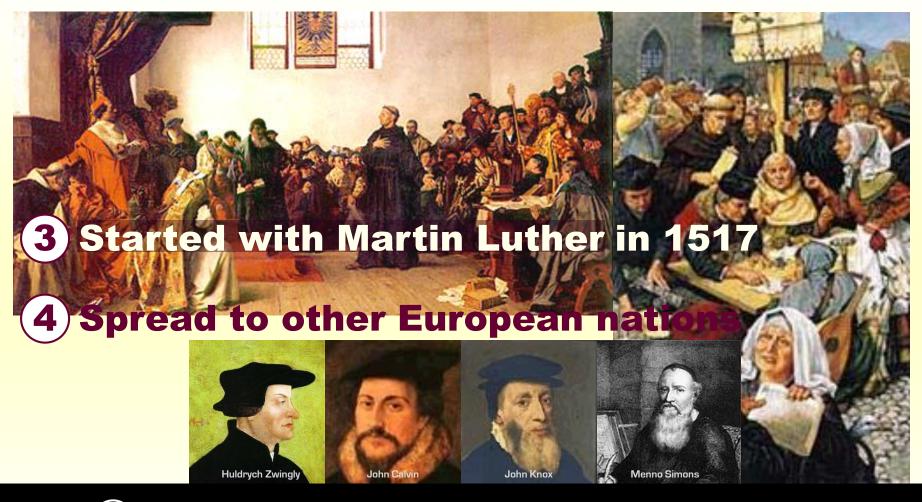
1 Internal aspirations of the original nature



2 they called for the revival of the spirit of early Christianity, leading to a movement to revive <u>Hebraism</u>.



When the pope began selling indulgences in <u>1517</u>, a movement to protest this abuse ignited a fuse which exploded in the <u>Protestant Reformation</u> under the leadership of Martin Luther.



The flames of the Reformation grew strong and soon <u>spread</u> to Switzerland under the leadership of Huldrych Zwingly, to France as led by John Calvin, and into such nations as England and the Netherlands (p. 353).

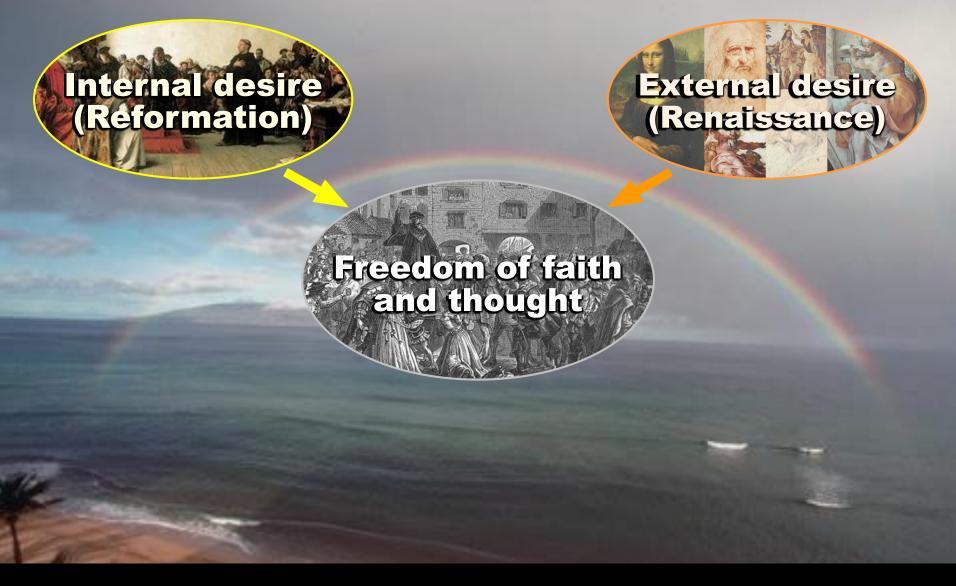
- 1 Internal aspirations of the original nature
- **2** Movement to revive Hebraism
- 3 Started with Martin Luther in 1517
- 4 Spread to other European nations
- 5 Continued until the end of the Thirty Years' War (1648)
 - The wars of religion which swirled around the Protestant movements continued until 1648, when the Treaty of Westphalia ended the <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/j.jcha.2016/

Section 2

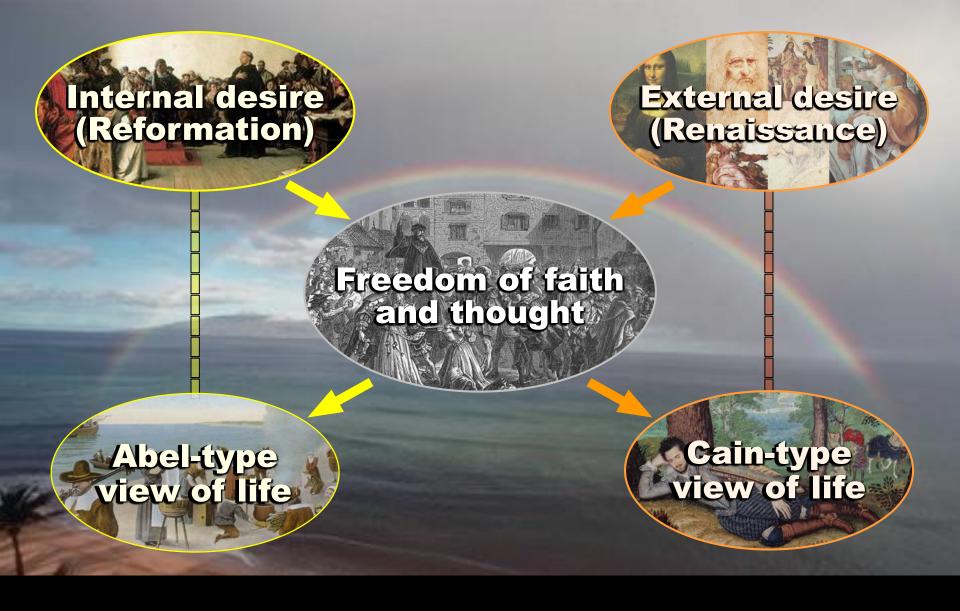


(1648-1789)

The period of religious and ideological conflicts refers to the 140 years beginning with the secure establishment of Protestantism at the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648 and ending with the French Revolution in 1789.



As modern people continued to pursue the <u>internal</u> and <u>external desires</u>
of their original nature, they could not avoid divisions in theology and
<u>disputes</u> among philosophies arising from <u>freedom of faith and thought</u>.



The <u>Cain-type</u> and <u>Abel-type</u> views of life developed in this period (p. 354).

Centered on Human beings and the natural world





Renaissance humanism elevated <u>human-beings and the natural world</u> over God.

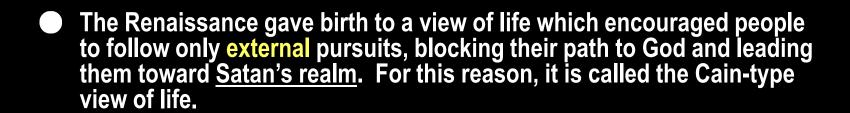
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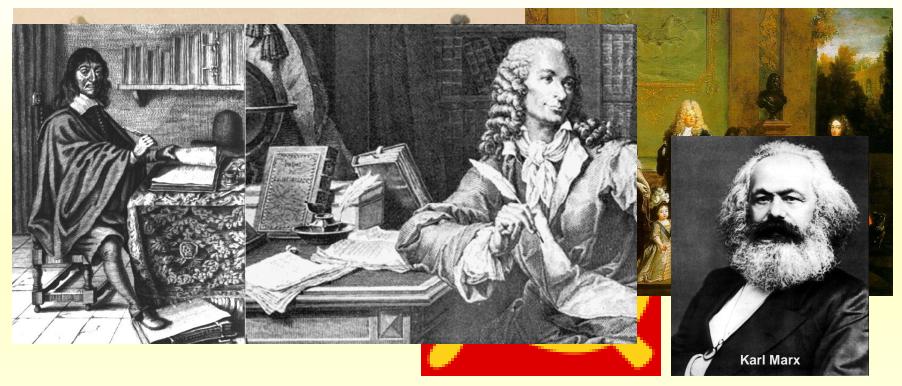


The Renaissance established a new perspective on life which sought to understand the universe through <u>reason</u> and <u>experience</u>, logic and experiment.



Leads towards





Cornerstone of communist world of today

The Cain-type view of life grew through the Enlightenment and matured into Marxism, which became the cornerstone of the communist world of today (p. 355).

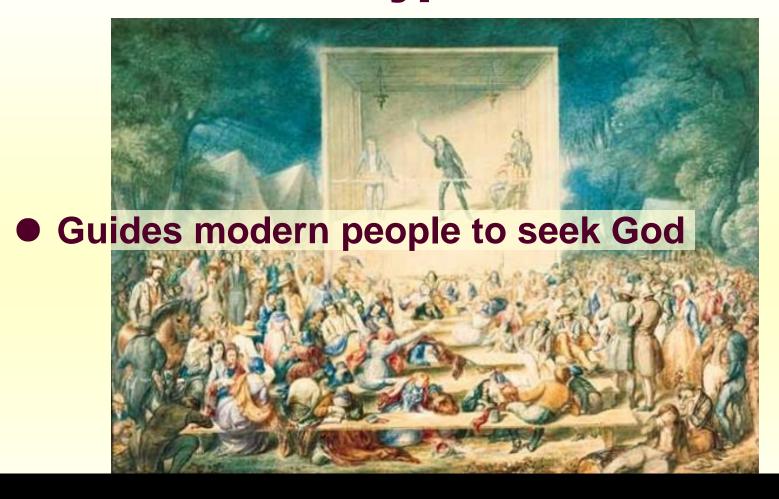
2.2 The Abel-Type View of Life

Seeks God-given original nature



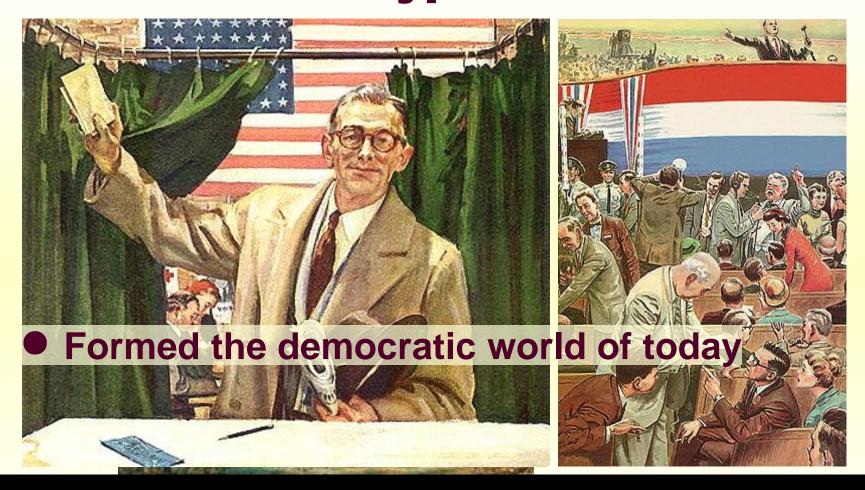
The Reformation spawned philosophies and religious teachings which developed a multi-dimensional view of life seeking to realize the God-given, <u>original nature</u> of human beings (p. 356).

2.2 The Abel-Type View of Life



This view of life guided modern people to seek <u>God</u> in a deeper and more thoughtful way. We call this the Abel-type view of life.

2.2 The Abel-Type View of Life



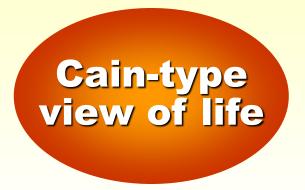
In diverse ways, the Abel-type view of life matured to form the democratic world of today (p. 357).

Section 3

The Period of Maturation of Politics, Economy and Ideology

(1789~1918)

This period refers to the 130 years between the French Revolution in 1789 and the end of World War I in 1918.

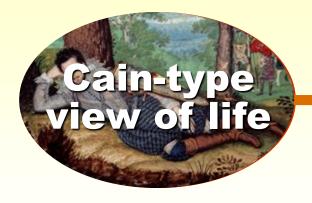


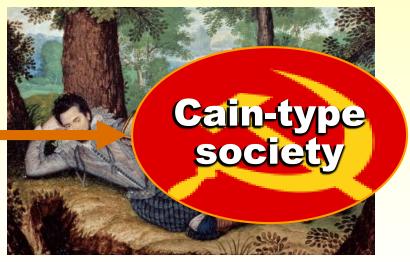


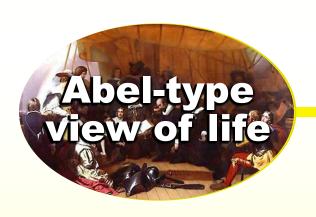
Abel-type view of life

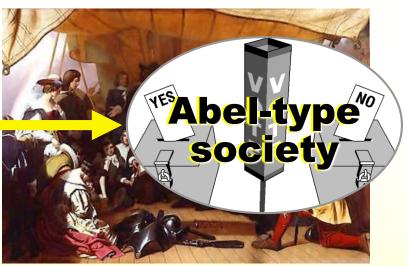


<u>Cain-type</u> and <u>Abel-type</u> views of life matured, taking their separate paths.

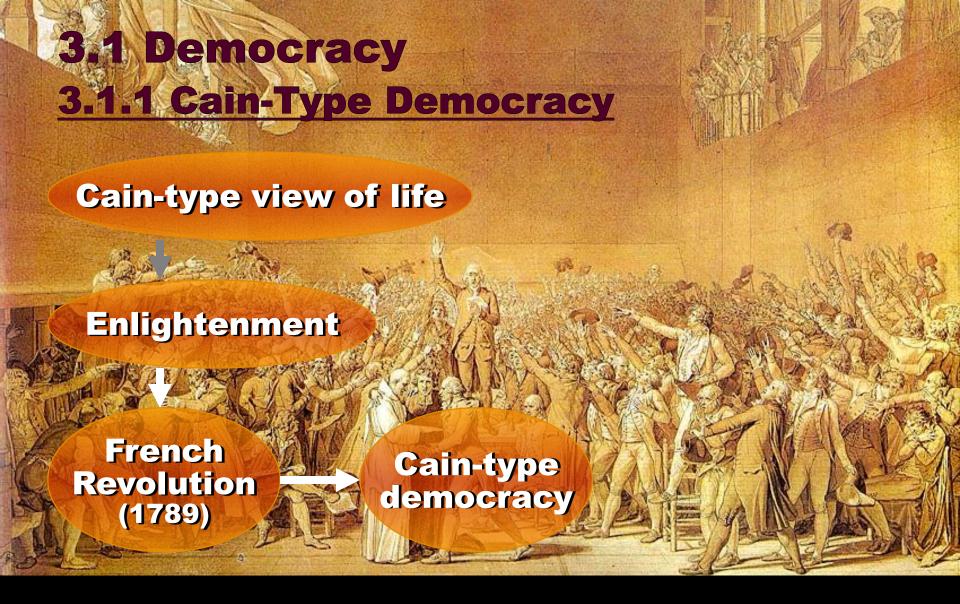




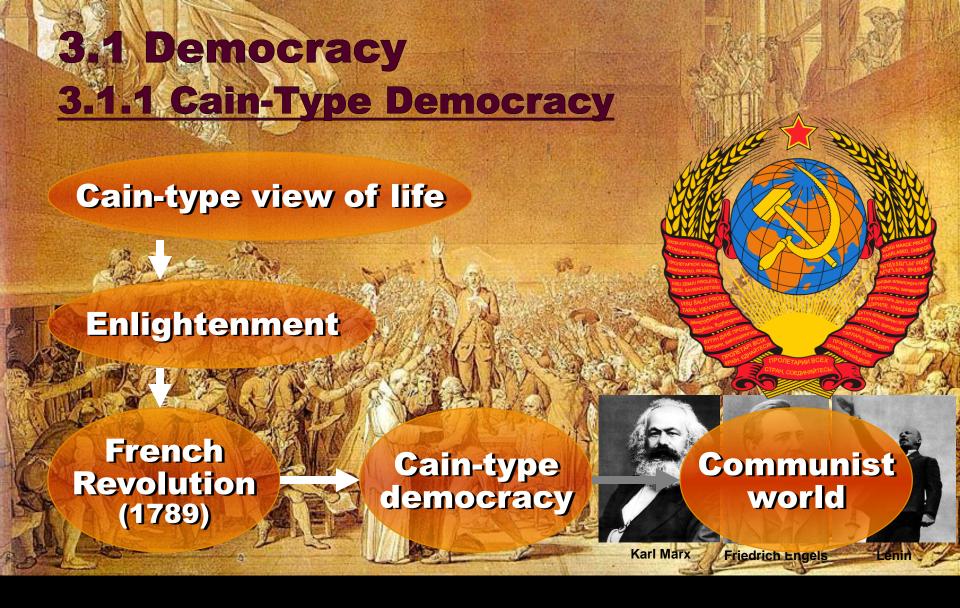




 As they matured, they founded two different forms of society with distinct social structures: a <u>Cain-type</u> and an <u>Abel-type</u> society.



In this way, those espousing the <u>Cain-type view of life</u> championed the <u>Enlightenment</u> and gave rise to the <u>French Revolution</u>, thus establishing <u>Cain-type democracy</u> (p. 359).

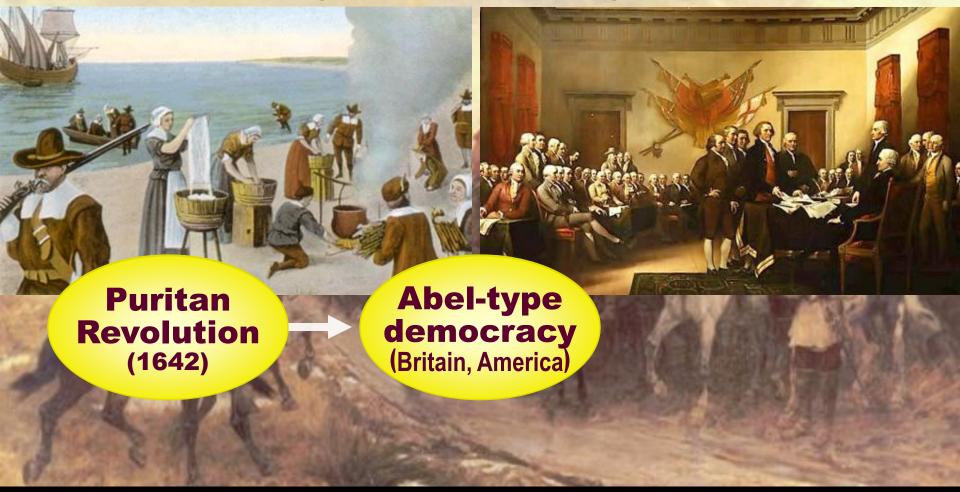


It would later be systematized into Marxism in Germany and Leninism in Russia, eventually forming the <u>communist world</u> (p. 360).

3.1.2 Abel-Type Democracy **Abel-type view of life Puritan Abel-type** Revolution democracy (1642)(Britain, America)

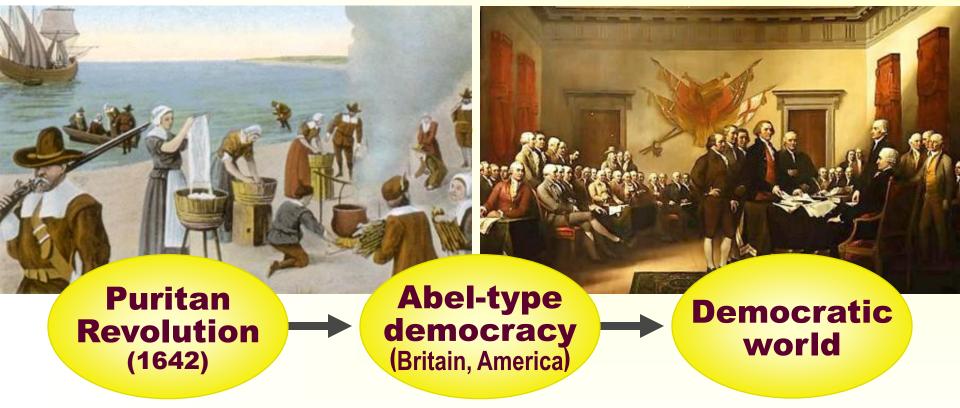
Sincere <u>Christians</u>, the fruits of the <u>Abel-type view of life</u>, founded <u>Abel-type democracies</u> through their victorious fight with absolutism to win religious freedom.

3.1.2 Abel-Type Democracy



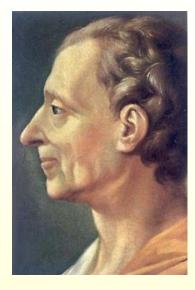
Many Puritans emigrated to the American continent to obtain religious freedom. They founded an independent nation in 1776 and established American democracy (p. 361).

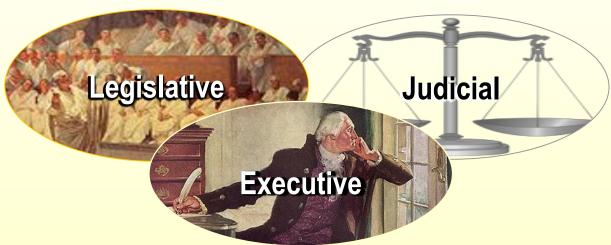
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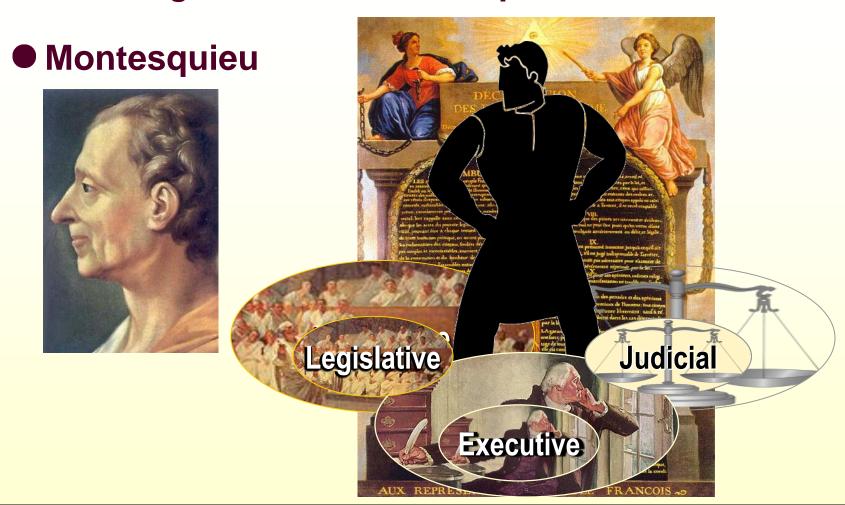
 Abel-type democracy has developed from these beginnings into the <u>democratic world</u> of today.

Montesquieu





The concept of the separation of powers into three branches of government was advocated by <u>Montesquieu</u>.



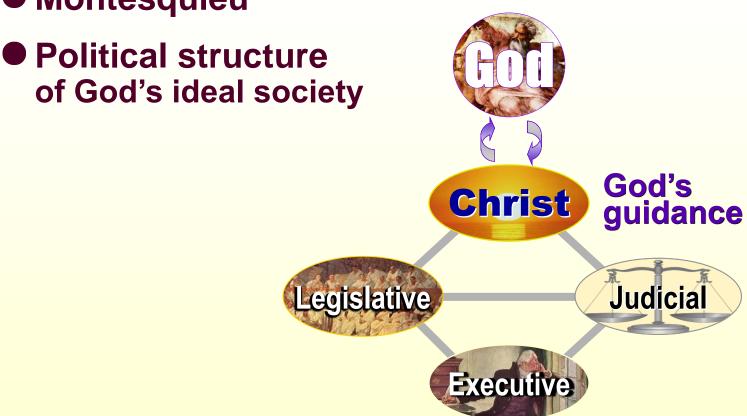
It sought to prevent the concentration of political power in the hands of a single individual or institution. The idea was proclaimed in the Declaration of the Rights of Man during the French Revolution.

Montesquieu



From the beginning, the separation of powers was to be characteristic of the political structure of God's <u>ideal society</u>. Yet here again, Satan was mimicking an aspect of the Principle ahead of its realization by God.

Montesquieu



Hence, the three branches of government – the legislative, judicial and executive branches – should interact in harmonious and principled relationships by following God's guidance as conveyed through Christ (p. 361-2).

3.3 The Significance of the Industrial Revolution



God's <u>ideal of creation</u> cannot be fulfilled merely by forming a <u>world without sin</u>. God blessed human beings to have dominion over the universe. We are to advance science to create a <u>pleasant living environment</u> (p. 363).

3.3 The Significance of the Industrial Revolution

Ideal of creation

Industrial Revolution (Britain)



The <u>Industrial Revolution</u> arose out of God's providence to restore the <u>living environment</u> for the ideal world.

3.3 The Significance of the Industrial Revolution



■ The Industrial Revolution opened up a vast territory for the propagation of the Gospel. Accordingly, it contributed to both the internal and external aspects of the providence of restoration (p. 363-4).

3.4 The Rise of the Great Powers

Economies characterized by over-production



 Following the Industrial Revolution, spurred by the rapid progress of science, industrialization created economies characterized by <u>over-production</u>.

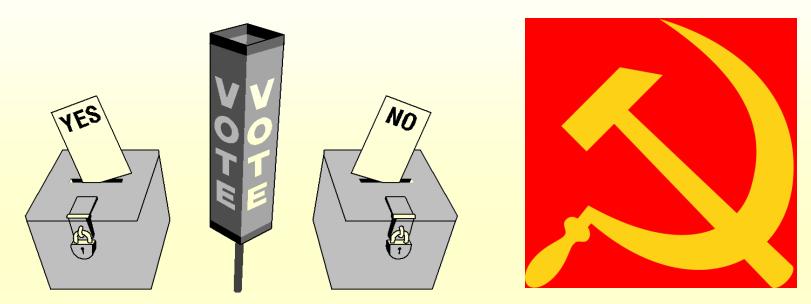
3.4 The Rise of the Great Powers

Economies characterized by over-production



 The <u>great powers</u> of Europe grew strong as they competed with each other in the scramble for colonies.

3.4 The Rise of the Great Powers



 Division of the world into democracy and communism

 The Cain and Abel trends in ideology and economic development caused the later political division of the world into <u>democracy</u> and communism.

3.5 Religious Reforms and Political and Industrial Revolutions Since the Renaissance

Humanism

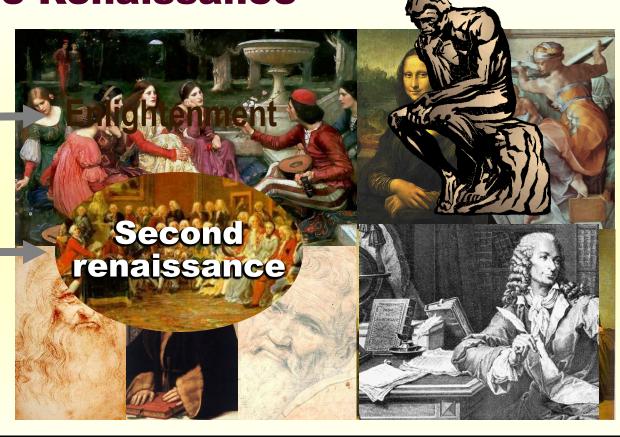




 The Cain-type movement which began with the revival of Hellenism gave birth to the <u>humanism</u> of the <u>Renaissance</u>. 3.5 Religious Reforms and Political and Industrial Revolutions Since the Renaissance

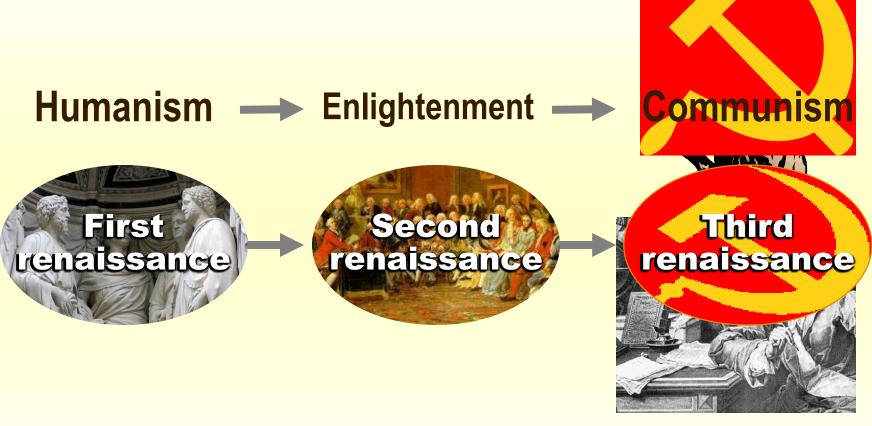
Humanism





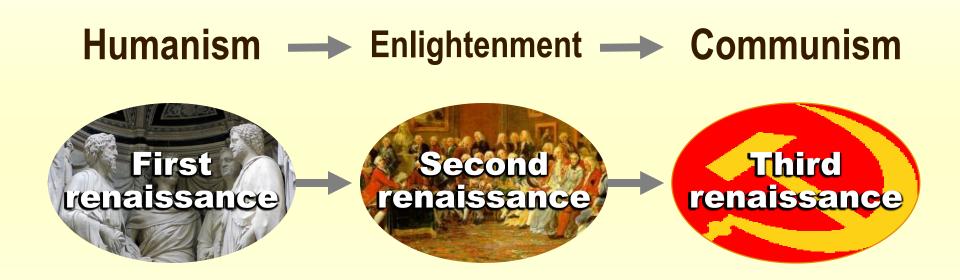
 As this movement developed further in Satan's direction, it gave birth to the <u>Enlightenment</u>, which may be regarded as the <u>second renaissance</u>. 3.5 Religious Reforms and Political and Industrial Revolutions

Since the Renaissance



Enlightenment thought further matured in the satanic direction, giving birth to historical materialism, which is the core of communist ideology. This may be regarded as the third renaissance.

3.5 Religious Reforms and Political and Industrial Revolutions Since the Renaissance



 This three-stage movement on the satanic side is followed by three-stage revolutions in religion, politics and economy.

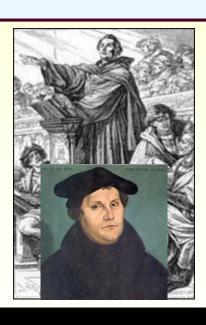
Three-stage Revolutions

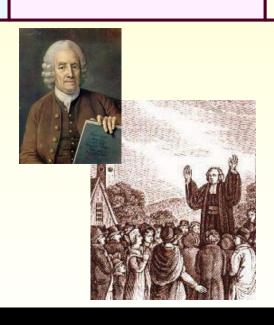


First reformation (Luther)

Second reformation (Swedenborg, etc.)

Third reformation







In the sphere of <u>religion</u>, it is evident that a third religious reformation will occur following the <u>first and second</u> reformations.

Three

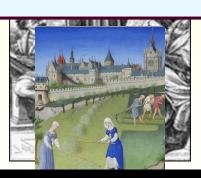








Medieval feudal society collapsed



Absolute monarchy collapsed

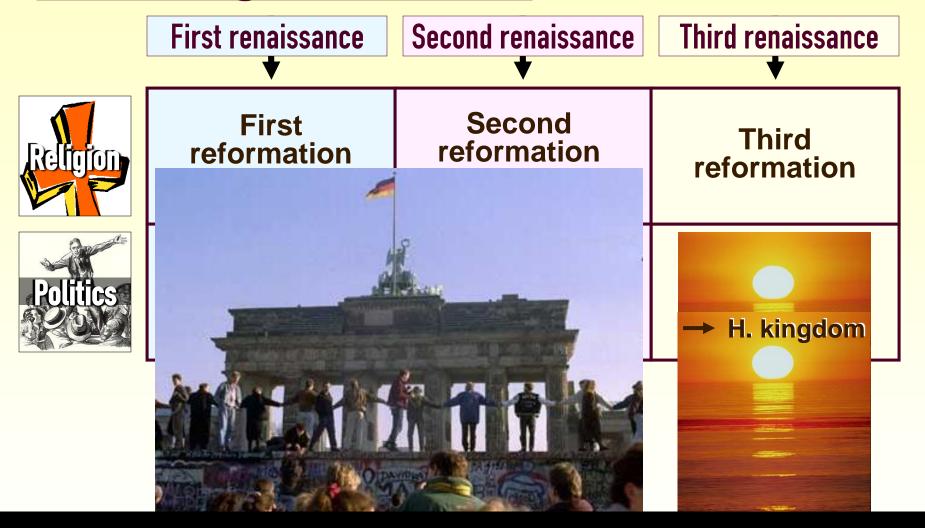




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In the <u>political</u> sphere, <u>medieval feudal</u> society and then <u>absolute monarchy</u> collapsed under the weight of the <u>first</u> and second renaissances and reformations respectively.

Three-stage Revolutions



Through the coming third religious reformation, the democratic world will triumph and bring the <u>communist world</u>, established through the third renaissance, to its knees. Then the two worlds will unite into one <u>Kingdom of Heaven on earth</u> under God (p. 365).

Three-stage Revolutions

First renaissance

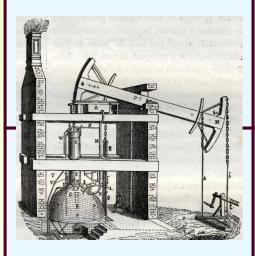
Second renaissance

Third renaissance





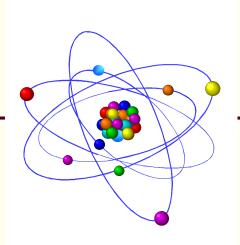




First Industrial Revolution (Britain)



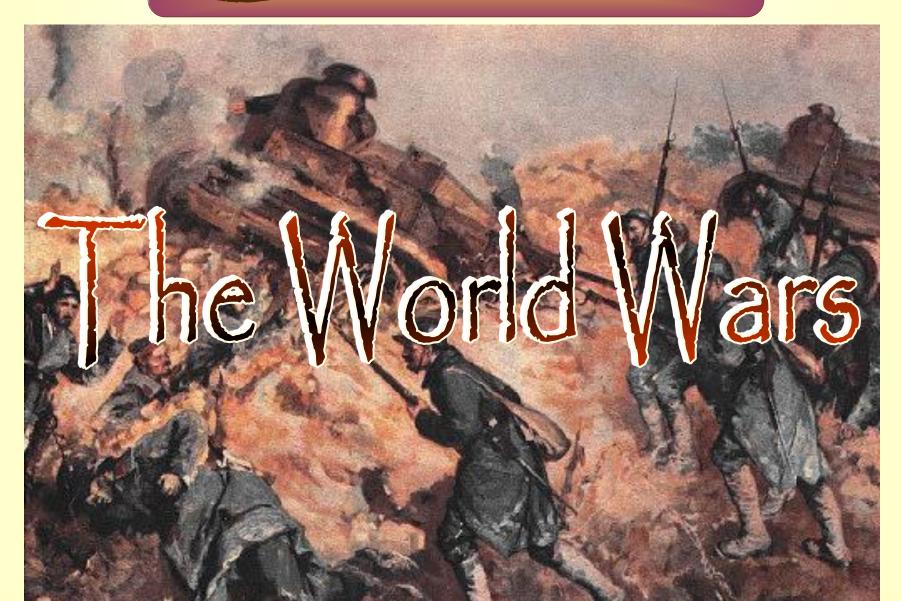
Second Industrial Revolution (advanced nations)



Third Industrial Revolution (Ideal World)

 The <u>third</u> Industrial Revolution, following the <u>first and second</u>, will construct a pleasant living environment for the <u>ideal world</u>.

Section 4



4.1 The Providential Causes of the World Wars

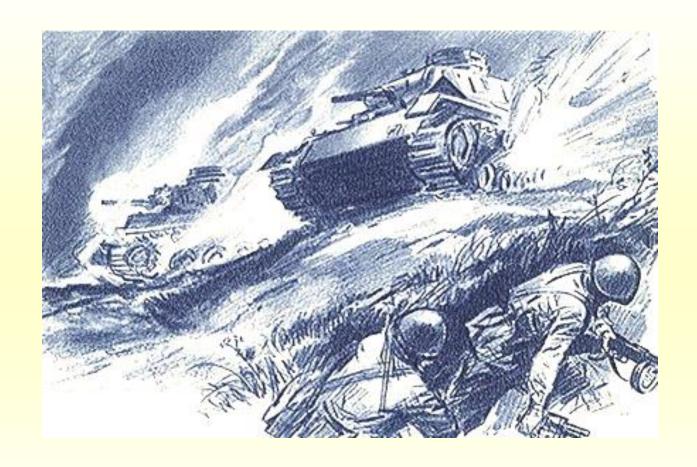


Wars break out due to such factors as conflicts of <u>political and economic</u> interests and clashes of ideology. Yet these are merely <u>external</u> causes, and there are also <u>internal</u> causes of wars.

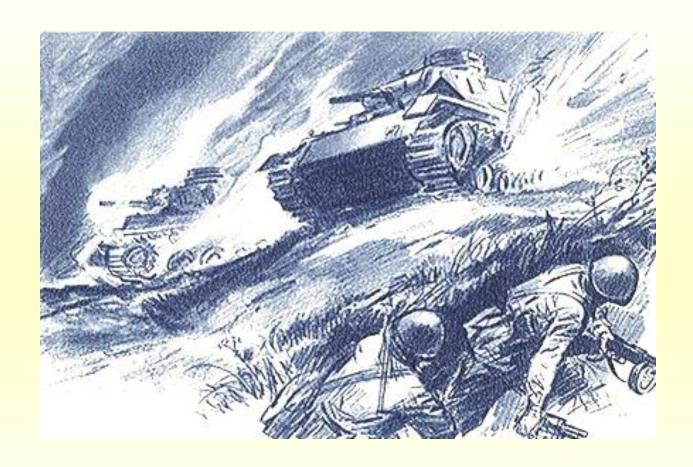
4.1 The Providential Causes of the World Wars



 Accordingly, we cannot grasp the providential significance of the <u>world wars</u> by focusing only on external causes.

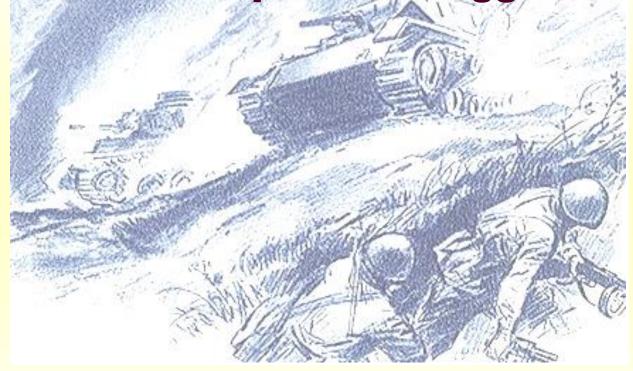


What are the internal, providential causes of the world wars (p. 366)?



The world wars have occurred:

1 Satan's last desperate struggle



As a result of <u>Satan's last desperate struggle</u> to preserve his sovereignty.

1 Satan's last desperate struggle

2 Indemnity conditions to restore the three great blessings

2 In order to fulfill the worldwide indemnity conditions to restore the three great blessings.

- 1 Satan's last desperate struggle
- 2 Indemnity conditions to restore the three great blessings
- 3 Overcome three temptations of Jesus

In order that all humanity may overcome on the world level the three temptations by which Satan tempted Jesus (p. 367).

- 1 Satan's last desperate struggle
- 2 Indemnity conditions to restore the three great blessings
- 3 Overcome three temptations of Jesus
- 4 Restore God's sovereignty

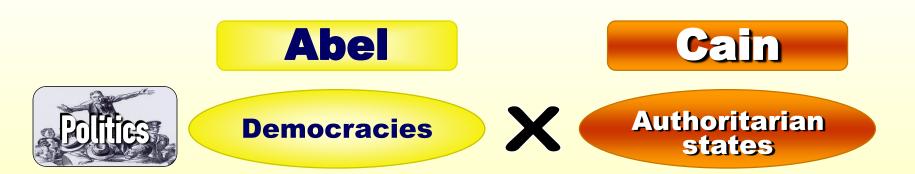


- 1 Satan's last desperate struggle
- 2 Indemnity conditions to restore the three great blessings
- 3 Overcome three temptations of Jesus
- 4 Restore God's sovereignty
- The world wars occur in three stages

The world wars occur in three stages.

4.2 The First World War (1914 – 1918)

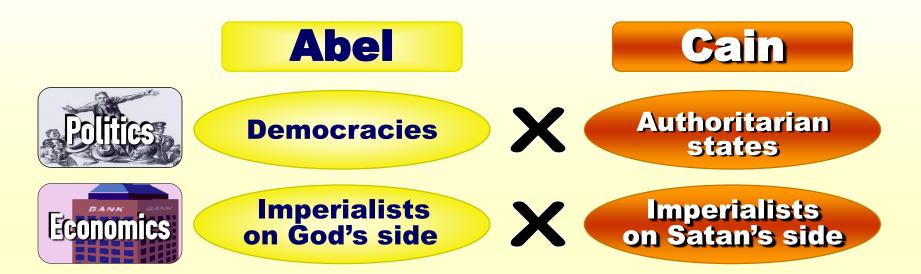
4.2.1 Summary of the Providence in the First World War



In the <u>political</u> sphere, the First World War was a conflict between <u>Abel-type</u> <u>democracies</u> and <u>Cain-type</u> <u>authoritarian states</u>.

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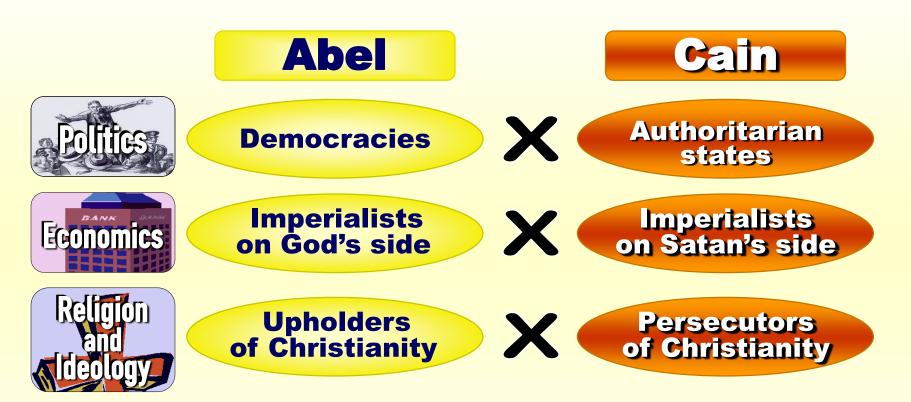
4.2.1 Summary of the Providence in the First World War



In the <u>economic</u> sphere, it was fought between the <u>imperialistic nations</u> on God's side and the <u>imperialistic nations</u> on Satan's side.

4.2 The First World War (1914 – 1918)

4.2.1 Summary of the Providence in the First World War



Britain - U.S. - France

Germany - Austria - Turkey

In the sphere of <u>religion and ideology</u>, the Abel-type nations of Great Britain, the United States, and France, which generally <u>upheld Christianity</u>, fought the Cain-type nations of Turkey, <u>persecuting Christianity</u>, and its allies, Germany and Austria-Hungary (p. 367-8).

4.2.2 What Decides God's Side and Satan's Side?

God's side

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Satan's side

Acting in line or in concert with God's providence

Opposing God's providence

Those <u>acting in line or in concert</u> with the direction of God's providence are on the <u>side of God</u>, while those taking an <u>opposing</u> position are on the <u>side of Satan</u>.

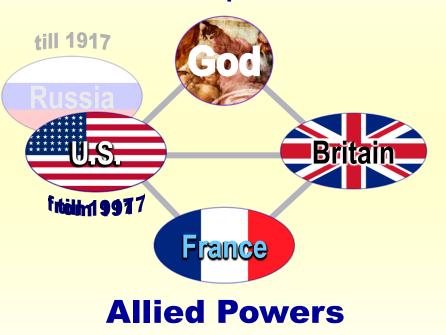
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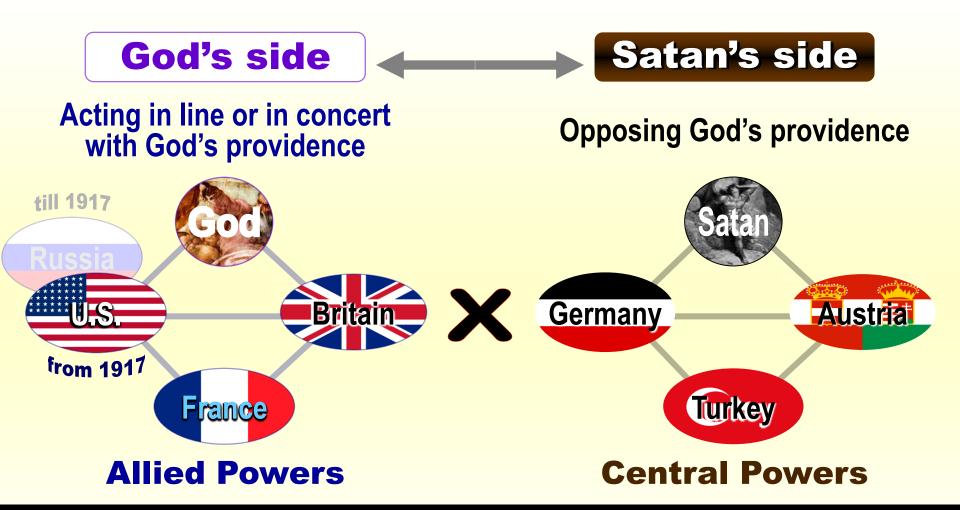
Acting in line or in concert with God's providence

Opposing God's providence

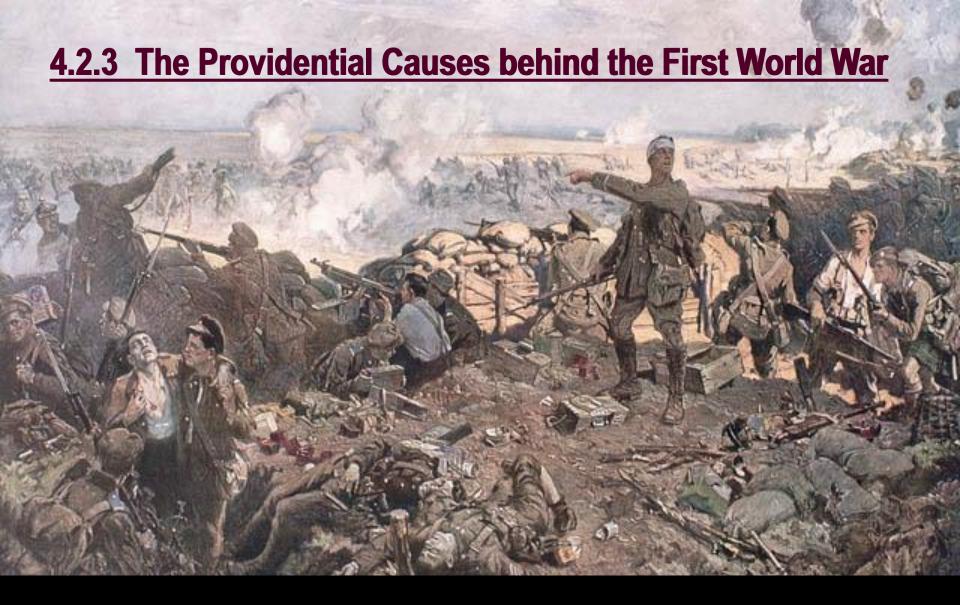


In the First World War, the <u>Allied Powers</u> led by <u>Great Britain</u>, <u>Russia</u>, <u>France</u>, and the <u>United States</u> stood on God's side.

4.2.2 What Decides God's Side and Satan's Side?



On the other hand, <u>Germany</u> and <u>Austria-Hungary</u>, the leading <u>Central Powers</u>, supported <u>Turkey</u>, a Muslim nation which persecuted Christianity. Therefore, together with Turkey, they stood on Satan's side (p. 369).



The First World War had to take place in order to:

1 Indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings at the formation stage



Fulfill the worldwide indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings at the <u>formation stage</u>.

- 1 Indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings at the formation stage
- 2 Overcome Jesus' first temptation

2 Have people on God's side collectively overcome Jesus' <u>first temptation</u> on the world level (p. 370).

- 1 Indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings at the formation stage
- 2 Overcome Jesus' first temptation
- 3 Formation-stage foundation for the restoration of God's sovereignty

Lay the <u>formation-stage foundation</u> for the restoration of God's sovereignty.

4.2.4 The Providential Results of the First World War First World War - Victory of God's side

The <u>victory of God's side</u> in the First World War:

First World War - Victory of God's side

1 Fulfilled the formation-stage indemnity condition to restore God's three blessings

1 Fulfilled the formation-stage indemnity condition to restore God's <u>three great blessings</u> worldwide.

First World War - Victory of God's side

- 1 Fulfilled the formation-stage indemnity condition to restore God's three blessings
- 2 Fulfilled the indemnity condition to restore the first blessing

2 Fulfilled the indemnity condition to restore God's <u>first blessing</u> worldwide.

First World War - Victory of God's side

- 1 Fulfilled the formation-stage indemnity condition to restore God's three blessings
- 2 Fulfilled the indemnity condition to restore the first blessing
- 3 Established the formation-stage foundation for the restoration of God's sovereignty

3 Established, through the victory of democracy, the formation-stage foundation for the <u>restoration of God's sovereignty</u>.

First World War - Victory of God's side

- 1 Fulfilled the formation-stage indemnity condition to restore God's three blessings
- 2 Fulfilled the indemnity condition to restore the first blessing
- 3 Established the formation-stage foundation for the restoration of God's sovereignty

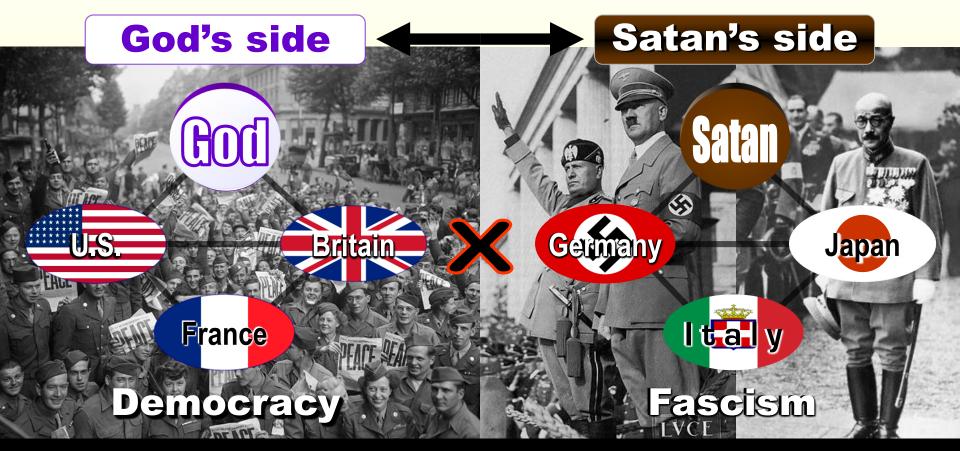
Foundation for the returning Christ's birth Formation stage of the dispensation of the Second Advent

This laid the foundation for the birth of the <u>returning Christ</u>, and the <u>formation stage</u> of the dispensation of the Second Advent commenced (p. 371).



In the Second World War, <u>democracy</u>, while standing upon the formation stage victory attained in the First World War, defeated <u>fascism</u> and secured <u>victory at the growth stage</u>.

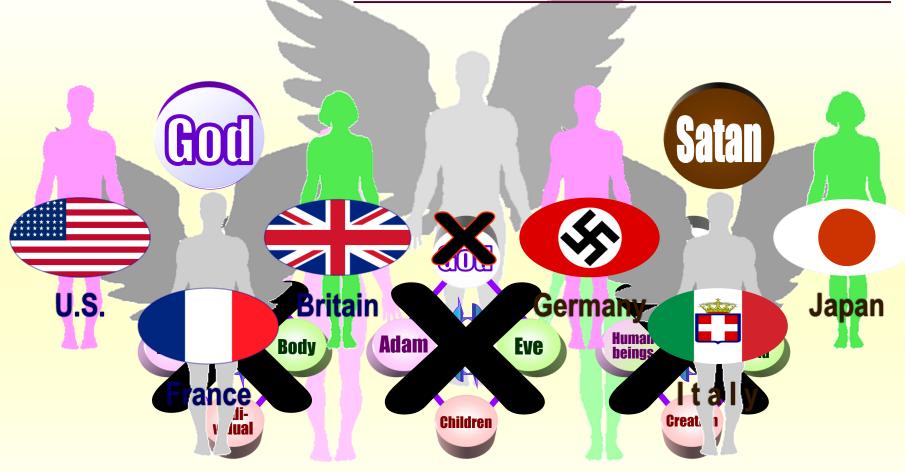
4.3.3 The Nations on God's Side and the Nations on Satan's Side in the Second World War



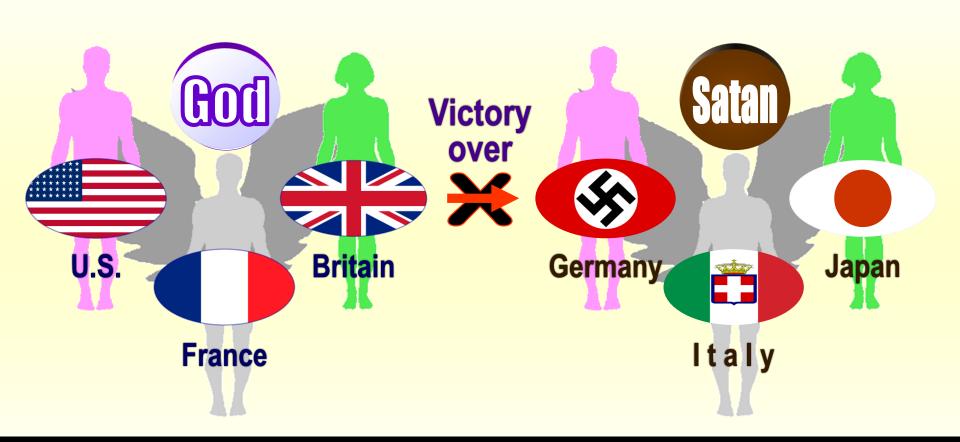
In the Second World War, an alliance of the <u>democratic nations</u> of the <u>United States, Great Britain and France</u> led the nations on <u>God's side</u>. <u>Satan's side</u> was the alliance of the <u>fascist nations</u>: <u>Germany, Japan and Italy</u> (p. 372).



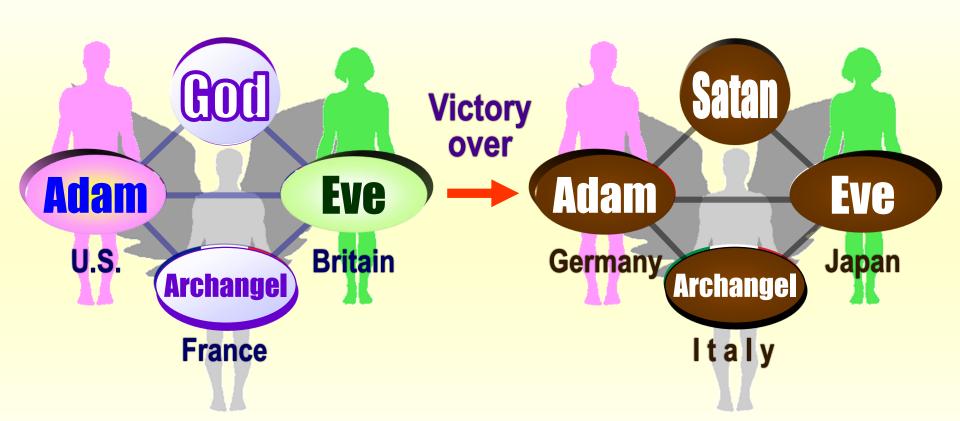
In the beginning, it was due to the Fall of Adam, Eve and the Archangel that God's three great blessings were not realized (p. 372-3).



Accordingly, during the Second World War, the three nations on God's side representing Adam, Eve and the Archangel led the fight against the three nations on Satan's side, which also represented Adam, Eve and the Archangel.



The victory of the nations on God's side would make an indemnity condition for the restoration of the three great blessings.



The <u>United States, Great Britain, and France</u> respectively represented <u>Adam, Eve,</u> and the <u>Archangel</u> on God's side, and <u>Germany, Japan, and Italy</u> respectively represented <u>Adam, Eve,</u> and the <u>Archangel</u> on Satan's side.

4.3.5 The Providential Causes



The Second World War broke out in order to:

4.3.5 The Providential Causes behind the Second World War

1 Indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings at the growth stage

Fulfill the worldwide indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings at the growth stage (p. 374).

4.3.5 The Providential Causes behind the Second World War

- 1 Indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings at the growth stage
- 2 Overcome Jesus' second temptation

2 Have people on God's side overcome Jesus' second temptation on the world level.

4.3.5 The Providential Causes behind the Second World War

- 1 Indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings at the growth stage
- 2 Overcome Jesus' second temptation
- **3 Growth-stage foundation** for the restoration of God's sovereignty

3 Lay the <u>growth-stage foundation</u> for the restoration of God's sovereignty (p. 375).

4.3.6 The Providential Results of the Second World War Second World War - Victory of God's side

The <u>victory of God's side</u> in the Second World War:

Second World War - Victory of God's side

1 Fulfilled the growth-stage indemnity condition to restore God's three blessings

1 Fulfilled the growth-stage indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings worldwide.

Second World War - Victory of God's side

- 1 Fulfilled the growth-stage indemnity condition to restore God's three blessings
- 2 Fulfilled the indemnity condition to restore the second blessing

2 Fulfilled the indemnity condition to restore God's second blessing worldwide.

Second World War - Victory of God's side

- 1 Fulfilled the growth-stage indemnity condition to restore God's three blessings
- 2 Fulfilled the indemnity condition to restore the second blessing
- 3 Established the growth-stage foundation for the restoration of God's sovereignty

3 Established the <u>growth-stage foundation</u> to restore God's sovereignty by laying the growth-stage foundation for the democratic world.

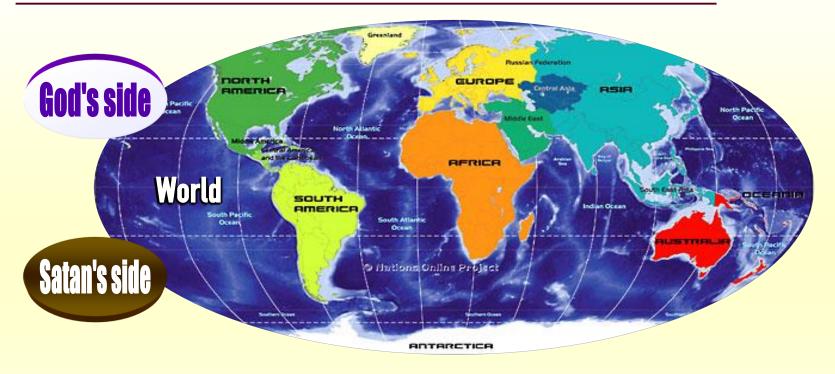
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- 3 Established the growth-stage foundation for the restoration of God's sovereignty

New heaven and earth under the Second Advent Growth stage of the dispensation of the Second Advent

The age for building a new heaven and new earth under the leadership of <u>Christ at the Second Advent</u> had begun, and the <u>growth stage</u> of the dispensation of the Second Advent commenced.

4.4.1 Is the Third World War Inevitable?



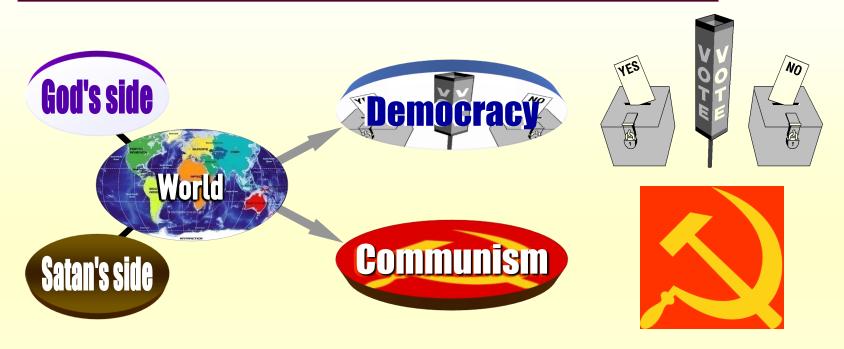
At the consummation of human history, <u>Satan's side</u> and <u>God's side</u> will strive until they each attain sovereignty over a world (p.376).

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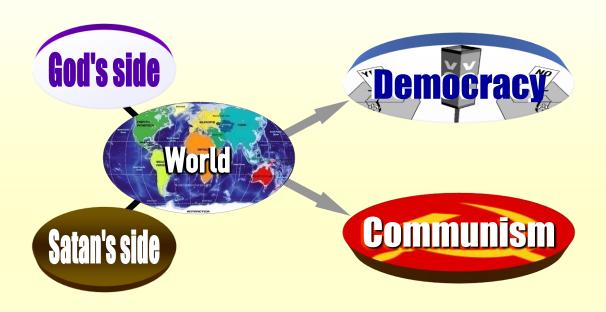
This is why the <u>democratic world</u> and <u>communist world</u> stand confronting each other.

4.4.1 Is the Third World War Inevitable?



 Consequently, it became inevitable that there be world wars, first to divide and then to unify these two worlds.

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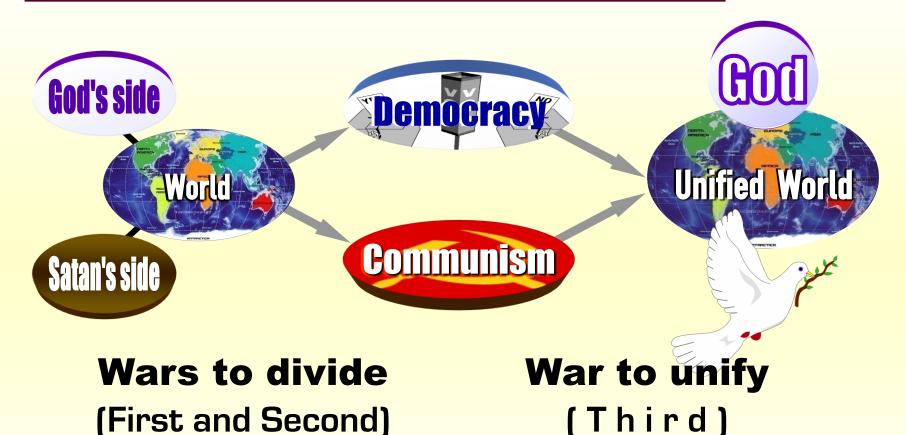


Wars to divide

(First and Second)

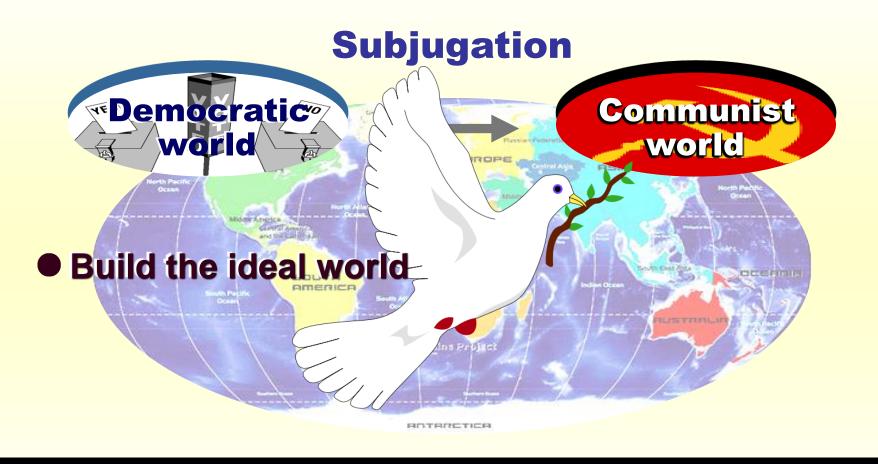
The <u>First and Second</u> World Wars had the providential purpose of <u>dividing</u> the globe into the communist world and democratic world.

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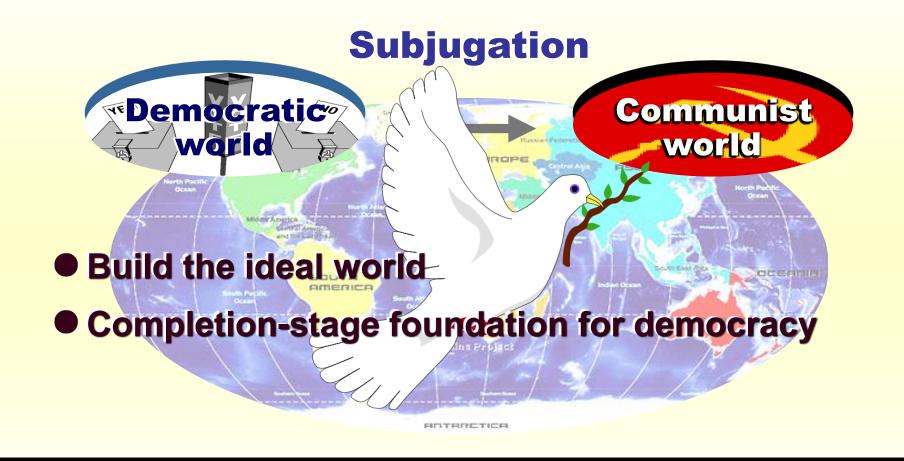
Afterward, yet another war must take place to bring about their <u>unification</u>. This conflict is the <u>Third World War</u>.

4.4.2 Summary of the Providence in the Third World War



Through the Third World War, God intends that the democratic world subjugate the communist world and build the ideal world (p. 377).

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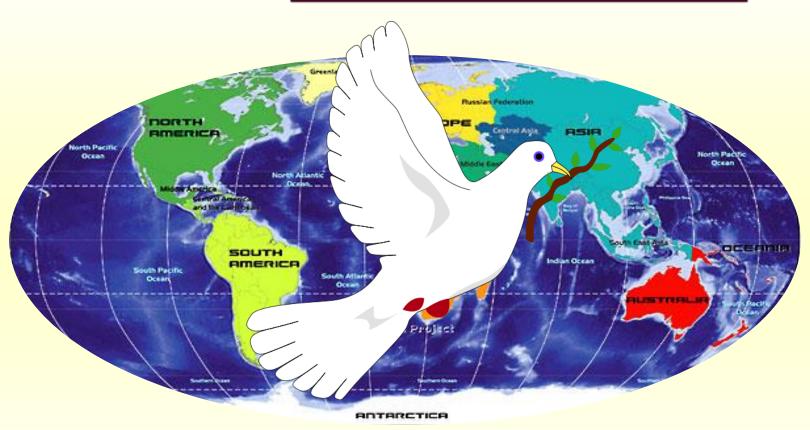


 God's side is to found the perfect Abel-type view of life based on the new truth and complete the worldwide completion-stage foundation for <u>democracy</u>.

4.4.2 Summary of the Providence in the Third World War



God's side is then to guide <u>all of humanity</u> into one unified world (p. 378).



The Third World War has to take place in order to:

1) Indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings at the completion stage SOUTH omenice BUTHRETICE





Have the people on God's side overcome Jesus' third temptation on the world level (p. 378-9).

- 1 Indemnity condition to restore God's three great blessings at the completion stage
- 2 Overcome Jesus' third temptation
- 3 Completion-stage foundation for the restoration of God's sovereignty

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3 Lay the <u>completion-stage foundation</u> for the restoration of God's sovereignty.

Three World Wars - Victory of God's side

1 Restore the entire providence, prolonged to the third stage

- By winning victory in the <u>three world wars</u>, which belong to the final chapter of providential history,
- **1** God intends to restore through indemnity the entire providence, which was prolonged to the <u>third stage</u>.

Three World Wars - Victory of God's side

- 1 Restore the entire providence, prolonged to the third stage
- 2 Restoration completed
 (God's Word → Spiritual and physical salvation → God's lineage)

The <u>providence of restoration</u> can be completed only after fallen people restore their heart toward God through God's life-giving <u>Word</u>, are saved both <u>spiritually and physically</u>, and inherit God's lineage.

Three World Wars - Victory of God's side

- 1 Restore the entire providence, prolonged to the third stage
- 2 Restoration completed
 (God's Word → Spiritual and physical salvation → God's lineage)
- 3 God's ideal world
 - The victories of God's side will fully restore through indemnity all the aspects of the providence of restoration and realize God's ideal world.

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