

CHURCH HISTORY

Lesson 12 – The Second Great Awakening (1800 to 1900 A.D.)

This period of time experienced accelerating political and religious change, primarily as Reformation and Enlightenment movements grew, clashed, and pulled in opposite directions.

A. Background/Major Events

1. What was the Second "Great Awakening"?
2. What was the "Restoration Movement" (briefly)?
3. According to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Civil_War, what was the impact of the American Civil War on religion?

B. Authority

1. Who was Friedrich Schleiermacher (1768 to 1843) and "Liberal Theology" or "Liberal Christianity"?
2. What important Catholic doctrine was formalized at the First Vatican Council (1868 to 1870 A.D.)?
3. According to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Criticism_of_Mormon_sacred_texts (or equivalent), briefly summarize the alleged sacred books associated with Mormonism.

C. For each of the following religious groups, summarize their origin, any significant teaching in the doctrinal areas of Lesson 9 question B., and any other distinctive doctrines.

1. 1830 Joseph Smith & Mormon Church
2. 1830's William Miller & Adventist Church
3. 1865 William Booth & Salvation Army
4. 1866 Mary Baker Eddy & Christian Scientists
5. 1872 Charles T. Russell & Jehovah's Witnesses
6. 1878 Auguste Comte, Richard Congreve, Positivism, & the Church of Humanity

D. Special Topics

1. What was "On the Origin of Species" (1859 A.D.)? Compare this with the "kind" of Gen. 1:11-12, 21, 24-25. According to <http://www.icr.org/article/development-deficits-darwins-theory>, what problems did the book's author point out with his theory?