

The Factors Triggering the Advent of Renaissance

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ABSTRACT

The European Renaissance is often considered to be the critical technology that led to the emergence of the modern world. The trendy view of the Renaissance is that it became the rebirth in Western Europe of Hellenic and Hellenistic philosophy, literature, arts, and sciences after an extended intervening duration following the collapse of Rome and the upward push of scholastic philosophy in the thirteenth century. During the intervening length—frequently characterized within the beyond because the “Dark Ages,” despite the fact that greater current histories tend to see crucial traits in this period that paved the manner for the future direction of European history—this history is considered to were carried by using the Arabic civilization, which, although including to it in minor approaches, did no longer broaden it too some distance. When this fossilized history become again to its rightful cultural progeny in Europe, it became revitalized once more and caused the intellectual revolution that produced present day science and philosophy.

Introduction

The contemporary world has been divided into two main continents, Europe & Asia. These continents have great impact on the rest of the world. After advent of Islam, Asia remained in the leading position till seventeenth century. Meanwhile, Europe was in decline and even in dark ages, according to them. Because King & Church were exploiting the public and kept them ignorant and illiterate. After getting education and observing Islam and Muslims, many freedom fighters came in the front line, like Martin Luther etc. to defeat King & Church, so that they could compete the world by getting education and equipping themselves by Science and Technology. It the turning point for the renaissance of Europe. The renaissance and its causes would be mentioned in the lines below:

1. Brutality of Church and Kingdom

1. Pope Pius XII Denying Eyewitness Reports of Mass Execution During the Holocaust.
2. Systemically Covering Up Tens of Thousands of Cases Involving Sexual Misconduct.
3. Terrorizing Jews and Muslims for 300 Years.
4. Burning Joan of Arc for Dressing Like a Man.
5. Burning William Tyndale for Making a Vernacular Bible for The Masses.
6. Slaying Countless Women as Witches Because Pope Innocent VII Was Paranoid.
7. Absolving Sins for Cash Payments, Including Sins Not Yet Committed.
8. Burning Someone 43 Years After He Passed Because He Upset Some Important Catholics.
9. Executing Jan Hus for Working Out Some Tricky Theological Philosophy.

10. The Roman Inquisition, During Which Judaism and Love Magic Were Serious Crimes.

11. Imprisoning Galileo in His Home for Years Because He Suggested Science Was Greater Than God. ¹

These were glimpses of the brutality and viciousness of the Church and Kingdom to their public. Actually, Church and Kings had an alliance to secure and protect each other. After that, whenever a person raises his voice against king, church released a decree of traitor on him. Inversely, whenever a person raises his voice against pop or bishop, the government officials became dynamic and punish him as he had committed degradation of Bishop. In such a way, they were ruling over the masses and public was bound to bear every kind of injustice and cruelty. This led the West especially Europe towards renaissance.

2. Martin Luther

Martin Luther is also a part of the above point as his march was the result of the viciousness of the Church and Kingdom. But due to his significance, it seems necessary to high point him in a separate heading. Actually, in the resistance of the Church, Martin Luther wrote 95 theses,² translation and explanation of the Bible. This was a HUGE cause in the Renaissance. He made 95 theses in vernacular (own language) because the Catholic church can only read it in its vernacular. Then it got out of hand and people changed it to LATIN.

The Renaissance was a rebirth that occurred throughout most of Europe. However, the changes that we associate with the Renaissance first occurred in the Italian city of Florence and continued to be more pervasive there than anywhere else. The city's economy and its writers, painters, architects, and philosophers all made Florence a model of Renaissance culture.

3. Humanism

The Catholic Church was doing things incorrect. The great intellectual movement of Renaissance Italy was humanism. The humanists believed that the Greek and Latin classics contained both all the lessons one needed to lead a moral and effective life and the best models for a powerful Latin style.

Criticism of the Catholic Church includes observations made about the current or historical Catholic Church, in its actions, teachings, omissions, structure, or nature. Theological disagreements are covered on a denominational basis. Criticisms may regard the concepts of papal primacy and supremacy, or aspects of church structure, governance, and particular practices. This also led the west to the Renaissance.³

4. Conquest of Constantinople

The Fall of Constantinople, (May 29, 1453), conquest of Constantinople by Sultan Mehmed II of the Ottoman Empire. The dwindling Byzantine Empire came to an end when the Ottomans breached Constantinople's ancient land wall after besieging the city for 55 days. Mehmed surrounded Constantinople from land and sea while employing cannon to maintain a constant barrage of the city's formidable walls. The fall of the city removed what was once a powerful defense for Christian Europe against Muslim invasion, allowing for uninterrupted Ottoman expansion into eastern Europe. For Christendom, Mehmed's victory at Constantinople represented a serious shift in its dealings with the East. Now devoid of both a long-standing buffer against the Ottomans and access to the Black Sea, Christian kingdoms relied on Hungary to halt any further westward expansion. Many modern scholars also agree that the exodus of Greeks to Italy as a result of this event marked the end of the Middle Ages and the beginning of the Renaissance.⁴

5. Heavy rains and Floods

Saint Marcellus's flood or Grote Mandrenke ("Great Drowning of Men") was an intense extratropical cyclone, coinciding with a new moon, which swept across the British Islands, the Netherlands, northern Germany, and Denmark (including Southern Jutland) around 16 January 1362, causing at least 25,000 deaths. The storm tide is also called the "Second St. Marcellus flood" because it peaked 16 January, the feast day of St. Marcellus. A previous "First St. Marcellus flood" drowned 36,000 people along the coasts of West Friesland and Groningen on 16 January 1219.⁵

An immense storm tide of the North Sea swept far inland from England and the Netherlands to Denmark and the German coast, breaking up islands, making parts of the mainland into islands, and wiping out entire towns and districts such as: Rungholt, said to have been located on the island of Strand in North Frisia; Ravenser Odd in East Yorkshire; and, the harbour of Dunwich. This storm tide, along with others of like size in the 13th century and 14th century, played a part in the formation of the Zuiderzee and was characteristic of the unsettled and changeable weather in northern Europe at the beginning of the Little Ice Age. These floods and storms ruined the Europe and people were starving, that's why they decided to go abroad and earn their livelihood. It was also a major factor of the renaissance.

6. Conclusion

Almighty has created this world and whatever here is, just for a short time. After that, everything will be finished except human being. Here, when we are studying human history, we go through different ups and downs in the shape of famine, plagues, infectious diseases and so on. The main question is, why human beings face these obstacles? The answer of these queries is very

simple and appealing. that is, the creator examines his creatures. After exam, he gives reward or punishment. So, as we have studied above that people surrendered their selves to mighty one during the Black Plague as well as in the resent pandemic of COVID-19 in China and other countries. These exams are just reckonings to accept and comply with all commandments of the mighty one. As almighty has described in his last revelation.

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالشَّرَاتِ
وَبَشِيرِ الصَّابِرِينَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاغِبُونَ⁶

“Let us afflict you with some fear, hunger, lack of money, souls, fruits and patient human beings (155), who, if they are afflicted by a calamity, say that we are to God and to Him we shall return”.

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