

THE CHURCH

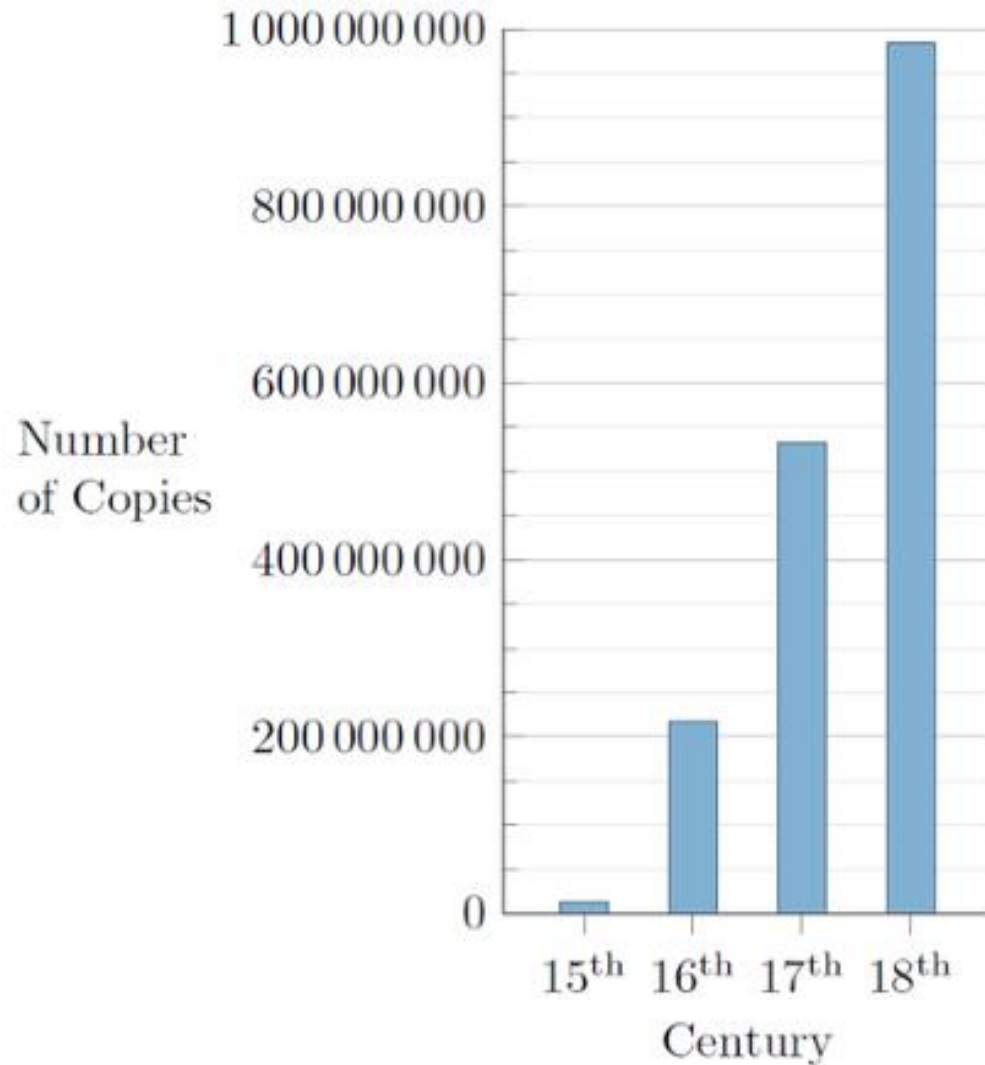
Part 2

OF SO GREAT A SALVATION



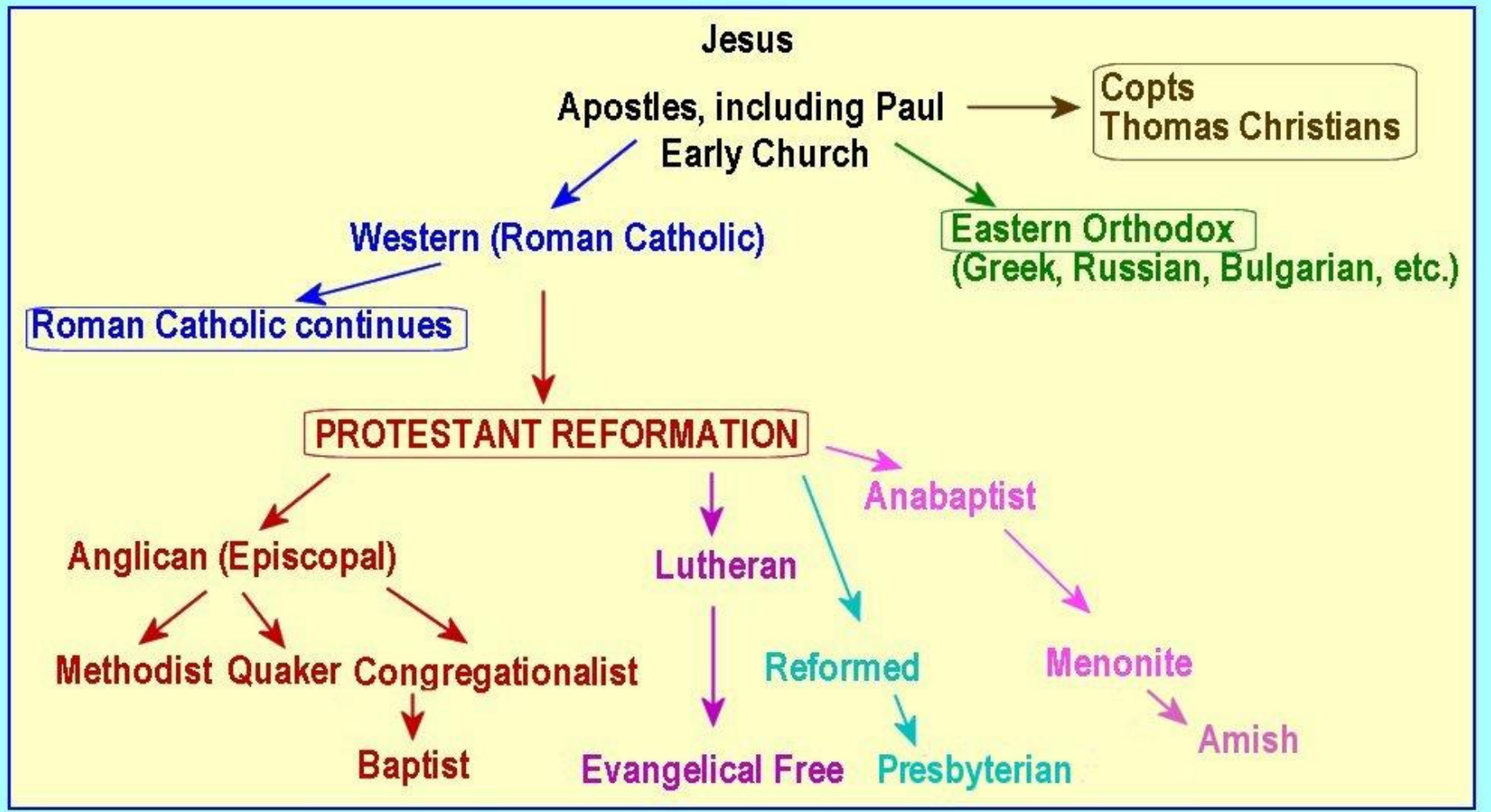
WEEK 6 ~ The Reformation Church → 1650 AD

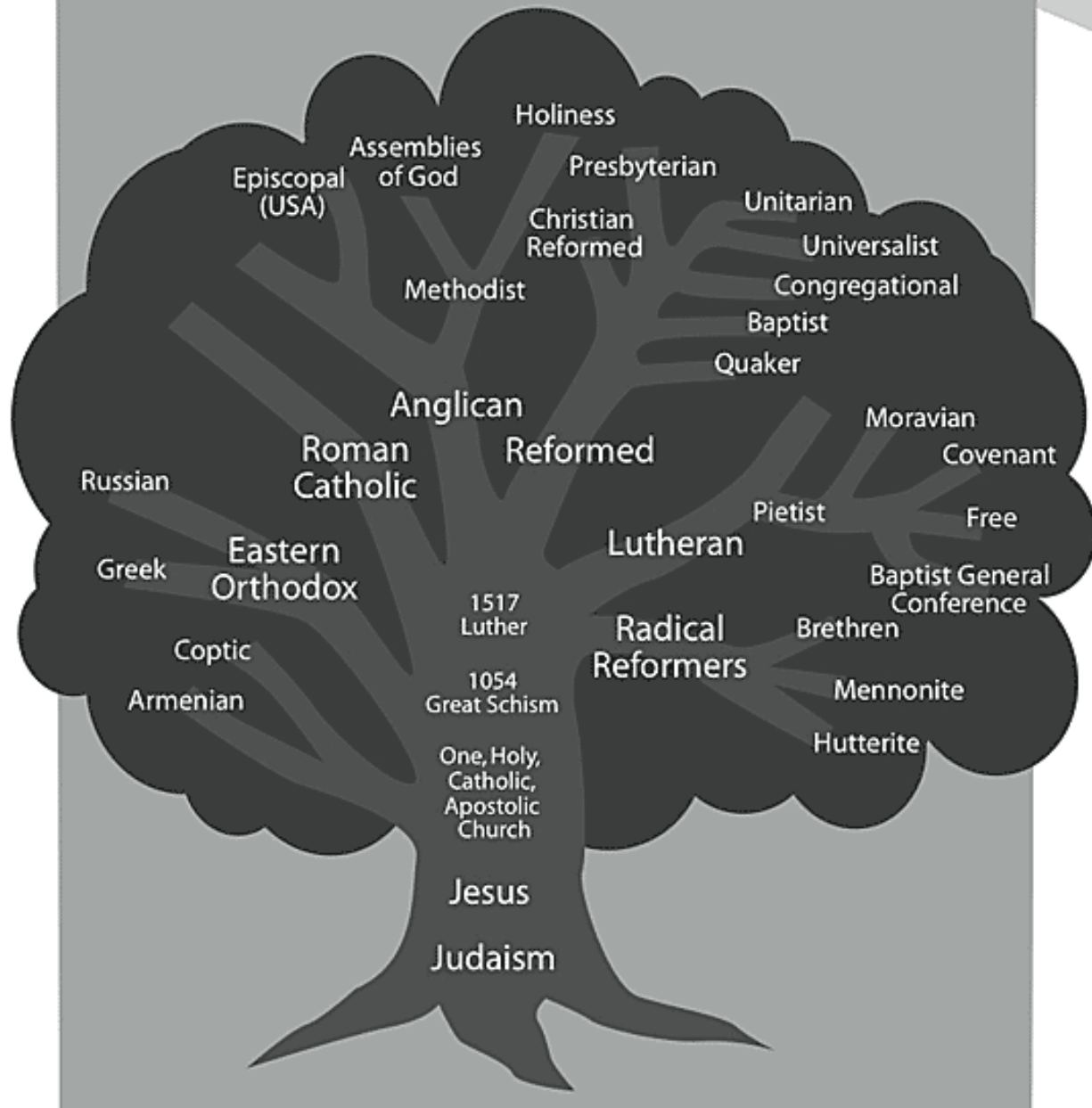
European Output of Printed Books ca. 1450–1800*



*without Southeast Europe (Ottoman realm) and Russia

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The Protestant Reformation gave man the right to interpret the Bible whereas before that right was reserved for the Pope. And since man is prone to division and differences of beliefs, separations began to incur in these newly found Protestant sects. Groups began to split apart because they disagreed on a certain interpretation, and then those groups split apart, and so on and so on.

And now today we have 40,000 different groups. Interestingly, in 1980 there were just over 20,000 denominations so it's evident that Protestantism continues to grow further and further apart.

The main reason for this article is with all this disparity in Christianity today I wonder where the truth lies. And I ask you that if you believe in Christ or Buddha or whatever, don't just believe it because that's what you're told. Go out and seek the truth because even in a religion that focuses around the teachings of one man, 40,000 unique ideas can come from it.

SEVEN SACRAMENTS

1. **Baptism** ~ New birth removing original sin and places people in a right relationship with God
2. **Confirmation** ~ The receiving of the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands
3. **Eucharist** ~ Sacrifice of Christ in which the believer receives forgiveness of venial sins
4. **Penance** ~ Confession of sins to a priest to receive forgiveness and punishment
5. **Extreme Unction** ~ A conferring of grace to a dying person through anointing with oil in order to prepare the person's soul for heaven
6. **Holy Orders** ~ Ordination of a priest giving him the power to administer sacraments
7. **Matrimony** ~ The vows of union between a man and a woman performed by a priest

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS WERE CODIFIED IN THE DOCUMENTS OF THE COUNCIL OF TRENT (1545 – 1563)

CANON I - If any one saith, that the sacraments of the New Law were not all instituted by Jesus Christ, our Lord; or that they are more, or less, than seven, to wit, Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Order, and Matrimony; or even that any one of these seven is not truly and properly a sacrament; let him be anathema.

CANON IV - If any one saith, that the sacraments of the New Law are not necessary unto salvation, but superfluous; and that, without them, or without the desire thereof, men obtain of God, through faith alone, the grace of justification; -though all (the sacraments) are not necessary for every individual; let him be anathema.

ANATHEMA

= a person or thing accursed or consigned to damnation or destruction

= a formal ecclesiastical curse involving excommunication

The Five Solas

Sola scriptura (Scripture Alone)

Solus Christus (Christ Alone)

Sola gratia (Grace Alone)

Sola fide (Faith Alone)

Soli Deo gloria (Glory to God Only)

Where Did the Reformation Really Begin?

Martin Luther's Highway to Heaven