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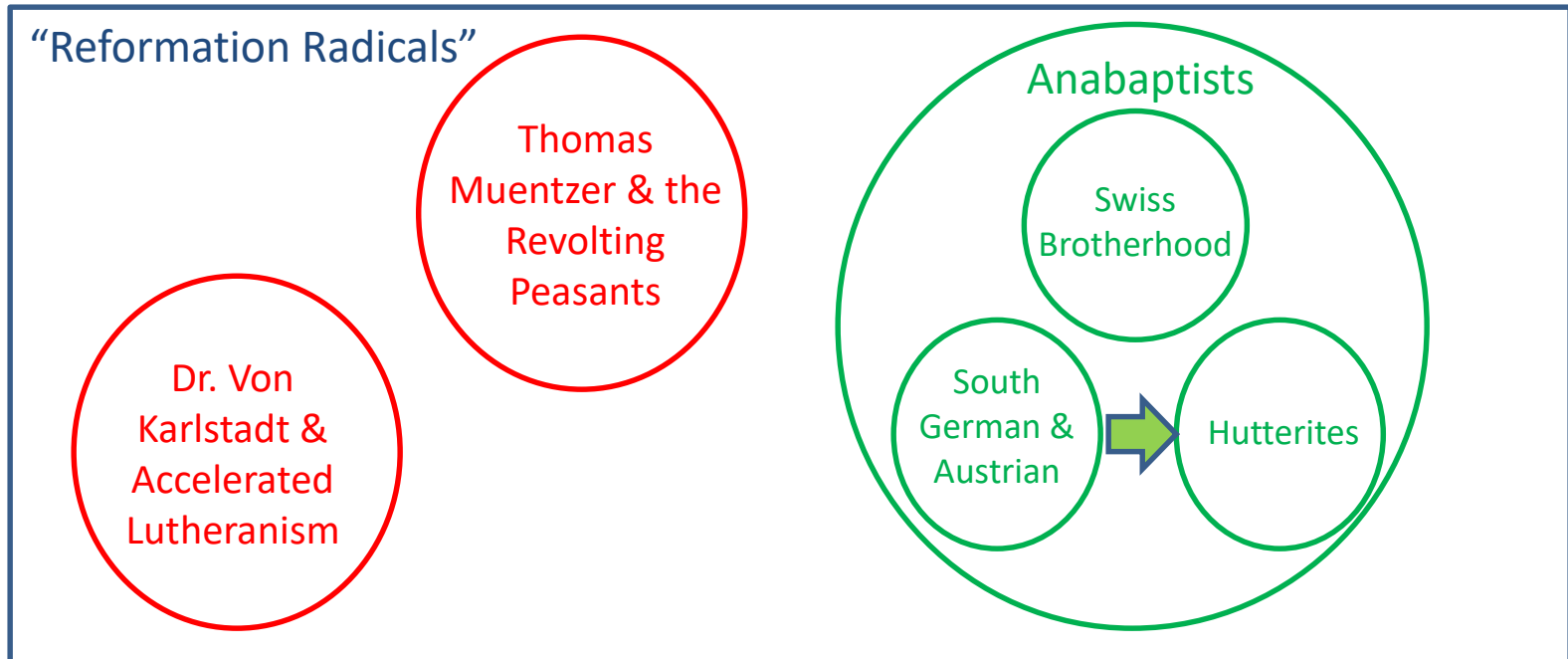
Introduction

**Evangelical, Lutheran, or Protestant (term first used in 1529)
aka Magisterial Reformers**

One who rejects the current **religious order** but is, at best, hesitant to disrupt the **political order**

Reformation Radical

One who rejects the current ***religious and political orders***



The Inn of the Black Bear – Luther, Karlstadt 1524



Martin Luther



**Andreas von
Karlstadt**



**Thomas
Muentzer**

Deliberate pace of Reformation

- No anarchy
- Reformation should be guided by the Scriptures
- [Karlstadt has] “swallowed the Holy Spirit feathers and all”
- Justification by faith
- “The cause is good but there is too much haste. For there are still brothers and sisters on the other side who belong to us and must still be won.”

Accelerate the pace of the Reformation

- Get rid of the mass, images, everything else quickly
- Scripture guides the reformation but also the Holy Spirit speaking to us now
- Justification by faith but very concerned about regeneration and a holy life

Armed rebellion against nobility

- Saw self as Daniel, reading the signs of the times, apocalyptic
- Destroy shrines
- “Power shall be given to the common people”
- Posthumously becomes Marxist hero for East Germany
- Epithets for Luther – “Brother Fattened-Swine”, “Brother Soft-Life”, “Doctor Liar”, “the Lutheran Pope of all Scripture Perverters”

All Wet in Zurich – Zwingli & the Anabaptists

- Conrad Grebel baptized George Blaurock in Zurich (1/21/1525)
- George Blaurock baptized some other folks in a lake

SO WHAT?!

Huldrych Zwingli

- I'm moving faster than Luther to reform – the issue is moving forward in city council
- You were baptized as infants – no rebaptizing (hence name “Anabaptist”)
- Not performing infant baptism snubs the Christian community
- Sola scriptura but we still respect the interpretations of the best of the Church Fathers

The Anabaptists (Grebel, Blaurock, et al)

- You're not moving fast enough, the Spirit of God has already spoken
- Infant baptism is the “highest and chief abomination of the Pope”
- “Foolish Ambrose, foolish Augustine, foolish Jerome, foolish Gregory, of whom not even one knew the Lord, so help me God, nor was sent by God to teach. Rather, they were all apostles of anti-Christ.” (Luke 23:39-43)
- Conversion of Constantine/Rome caused a worldly church
- The Schleitheim Confession - 1527
 - Believer's baptism
 - Church discipline
 - Communion
 - Separation from the abominations of the world
 - Duty of Pastors
 - Separation from state / no military service
 - No oaths

Scary Muenster 1534-1535

- Enough Anabaptists migrate to Muenster, Westphalia to take control of the city
 - Expelled Catholics and Protestants
 - Implemented a theocracy (“New Jerusalem”) waiting for the establishment of God’s kingdom on earth
 - ☐ Fanaticism, polygamy, elimination of private property abound
- Catholics and Protestants (working together!) besiege and capture the city
 - Anabaptist leadership is executed
- Incident has long lasting impact on the Anabaptists as well as Royal suspicions regarding Protestantism in general



Menno Simons (1496-1561)

- Catholic Priest
- Brother dies at Muenster in 1535
- 1536 - Sees Anabaptists as sheep without shepherd, leaves priesthood to become Anabaptist pastor
- Authors *Foundation of Christian Doctrine*
- Theology
 - Adult (no infant) baptism – “We’re regenerated by the Word of God (**I Peter 1:23**) and baptized because we’re regenerated” not regenerated because we’re baptized
 - Pacifism (**Matthew 5:38-39**) – “Since we are to be conformed unto the image of Christ (**Romans 8:29**) how can we, then, fight our enemies with the sword?”
 - Scripture authoritative
 - Salvation by faith – inner faith must have outward manifestation
 - “Heavenly flesh” of Christ



I Corinthians 3:11 – For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Summary – Reformation Radicals

- What should we remember about the radicals?
 - Persecution
 - Separation from the world
 - Separation of Church and State (**Matthew 22:17-21**)
 - Religious liberty
 - Anabaptist legacy to the present time
 - ❑ Direct – Mennonites, Amish, Hutterites, Brethren in Christ
 - ❑ Indirect - Baptists

“I do not agree with them. I do not support their teaching. I think it is wrong and false. But to burn up with fiery flame the worldly bodies of men who err through blindness of judgment rather than deliberate will is a hard thing and belongs more to the spirit of Rome than to the Spirit of the Gospel.”

– Jon Foxe, pleading for condemned Anabaptists during reign of Queen Elizabeth