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II. FACTORS INFLUENCING THE AMERICAN CHURCHES

In some ways this material should probably come later...but as an overview it helps us understand some of the reasons for the development of American Christianity. Some of the factors are more limited in time but all offer genuing imput into why the American church became what it was or is. I will summarize them rather briefly and hope not to get bogged down. The latter is more easily said than done.

A. The Radical Spirit.

- 1. A philosophy of self-sufficiency
- 2. An understanding of continuity (there is no major revolt against tradition save where it rubs raw)
- 3. A resentment of over-lordship

B. The Population challenge

- 1. The indigenous but not necessarily homogeneous population.