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Apparently this devotional movement grew from spiritual insight in the Parisian Carmelite order and the name we best know in association with it is that of Brother Lawrence, the cook who produced the letters on PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF GOD. Quietism developed in a deep mystical sense balanced with soul-searching and practicing of meditation...with concentration on being in the Divine Presence. The leader following the Carmelite move was Madame Guyon (d. 1717) and her co-worker was Archbishop Fenelon (d. 1715). Charged by the Jesuits with heresy, both Guyon and Fenelon came under the ban of the church...Fenelon making a submission he later denied. Quietism was soon lost in Romanism although the ideal is retained in many of the Roman mission moves of the last century.

It is a sad comment but following the Reformation the Roman philosophy in general brooked nothing that was less than total submission to the Roman See in all of its outreaches and extensions.

At this point we end our discussion of the Puritan age and we will start the next one on the next page...just so I can print this stuff and have it done.