

THE CHURCH IN THE INDUSTRIAL AGE (-1918)

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The terminus for the close of this period is taken from the closing of the 1st World War. The span of time will see the great industrial moves and the world expansion of trade. Transportation improves and the world cycle becomes infinitely smaller.

Characteristics

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Expansion in science and technology

This is a vast area for explanation but undoubtedly more had been done in this part of time than had been accomplished in all previous ages--and you will hear this comment later in connexion with another period. It is the age that gives birth to modern transportation means, the modern medical field, the increase in consumer productivity, the agricultural growth, and the great boom in communication. It is a very impressive period even though the events of the last forty years may have dwarfed it somewhat in comparison.

Political Intrigue

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Politics

This aspect of society reached new highs as the world became more compact, the ability to wage war more simple, and the need for international cooperation more apparent. Events following the Napoleonic era created a new Europe, the nations of France, Germany, Italy, are all "born" in this age, with most of them carrying grudges of sectarian variety that are as old as the peoples who live in the territories. The end of the Holy Roman Empire comes during this time and the expansionist policies of the greater nations continue to increase and gobble up parts of the world.

V.1.c
Critical spirit

The newer critical spirit

A new spirit of criticism dominated most areas of world thinking...the Dewey-Thoreau-Mann moves in education will begin and the rationalism ideals will move into the church in a violent overthrow of the older orthodoxy and the espousing of radical movements of liberalism and unbelief.

V.1.d
Humanitarianism

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The new humanitarianism is also found and much of it is headed by evangelical thinkers. It will spell the end of slavery--eventually--and make official pronouncement on vice and the drug traffic, etc. It will bring to modern times the age of mission, hospital and rescue work.