

# RELIGION IN EUROPE

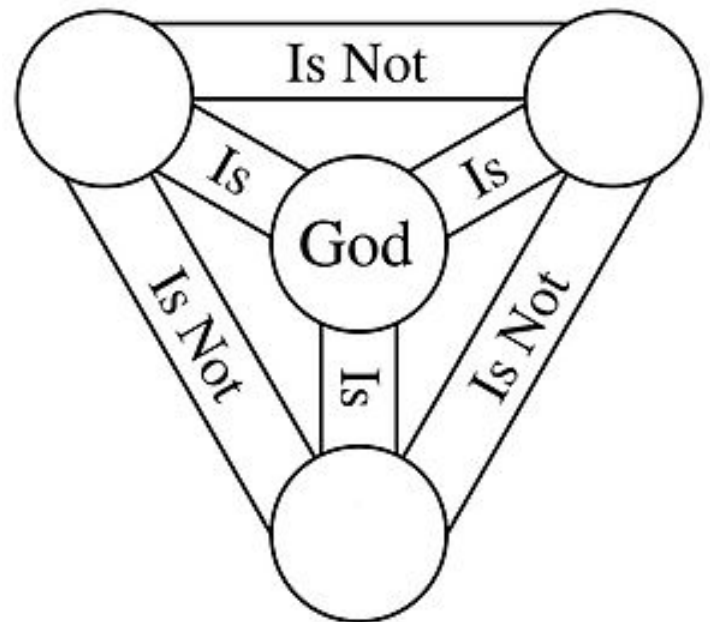
Christianity:

Denomination:

## THE BIRTH OF CHRISTIANITY

Abraham, Noah and Moses

Jesus Christ



Bible

## POWER OF THE CHURCH

- Money
- Viewed the local priest as a passport to heaven
- Power to kick people out of the church

# 1517 - LUTHER AND THE 95 THESES

Martin Luther:

Indulgences:

**MONEY = FORGIVENESS OF SINS AND LESS TIME  
IN PURGATORY (YOU COULD GO TO  
HEAVEN SOONER)**



95 Theses - Main Points:

1. Selling indulgences to finance the building of St. Peter's is wrong.
2. The pope has no power over Purgatory.
3. Buying indulgences gives people a false sense of security and endangers their salvation.

Purgatory

(in Roman Catholic doctrine) a place or state of suffering inhabited by the souls of sinners who are expiating their sins before going to heaven.

**\*\*STARTS THE SEPARATION FROM CATHOLIC CHURCH INTO DIFFERENT  
DENOMINATIONS OF CHRISTIANITY**

**EX. LIKE LUTHERANS, PROTESTANTS, EPISCOPALIANS, METHODISTS, ETC.**

What are saints?