

# Church History Literacy

## John Wesley – Part 1 Introduction

### Lesson 71

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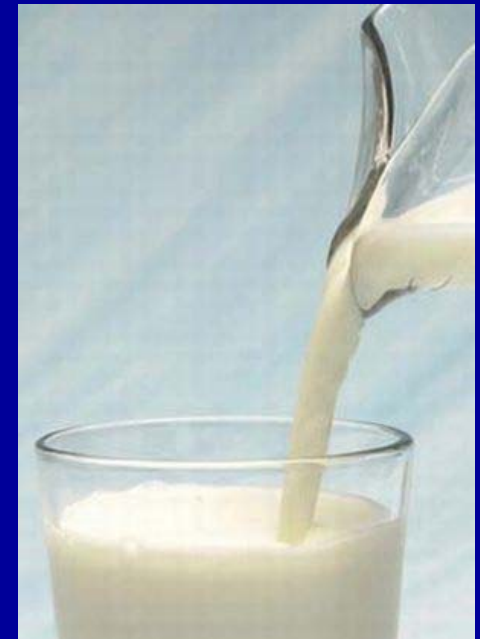
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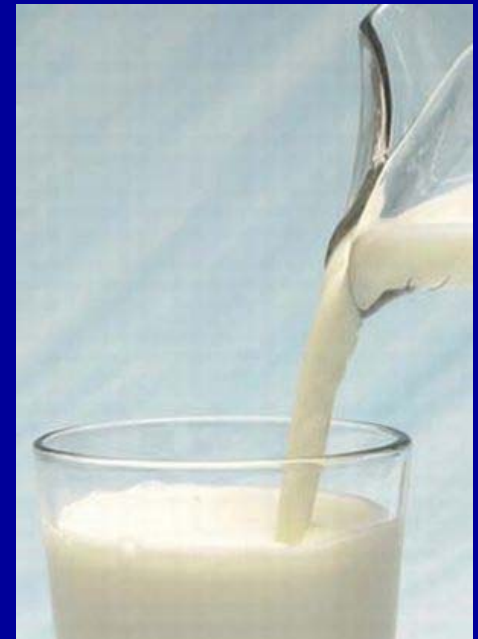
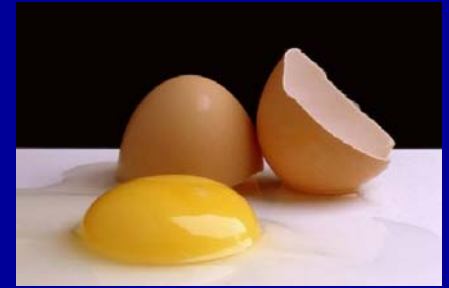


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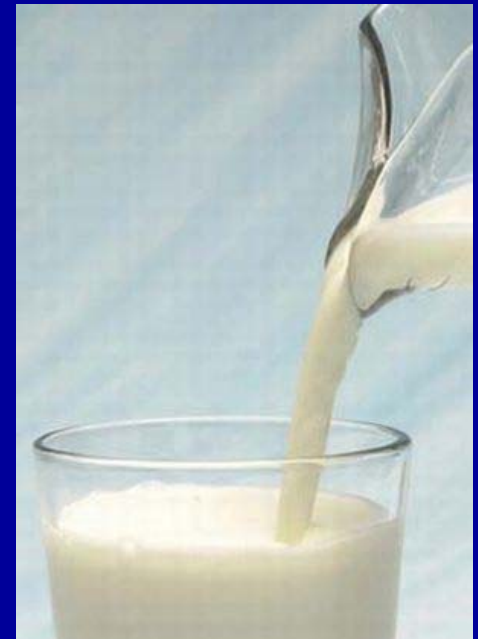




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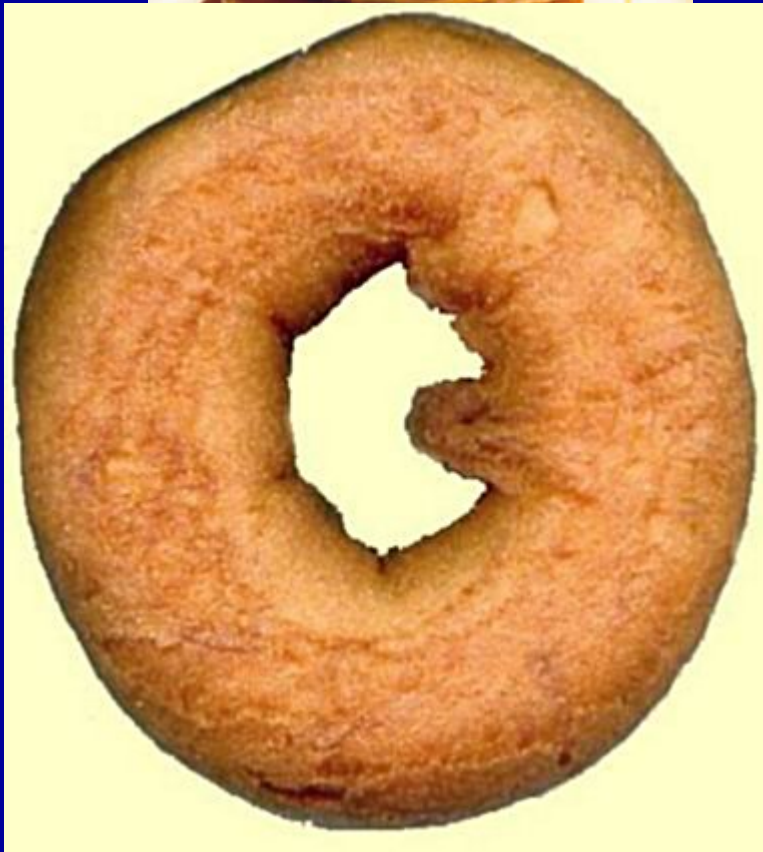
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**RESULT:**

**MOST  
INFLUENTIAL  
ENGLISH SPEAKER  
IN THE HISTORY  
OF THE CHURCH**

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Remember these two words, though you forget all the rest of the sermon: “Christ” and “holiness”, holiness and Christ... It is serious Christianity I press as the only way to better every condition: it is Christianity, downright Christianity, that alone can do it: it is not morality without faith; that is but refined heathenism: it is not faith without morality, that is but downright hypocrisy



It must be a divine faith, wrought by the Holy Ghost, where God and man concur in the operation; such a faith as works by love, both to God and man, a holy faith full of good works.



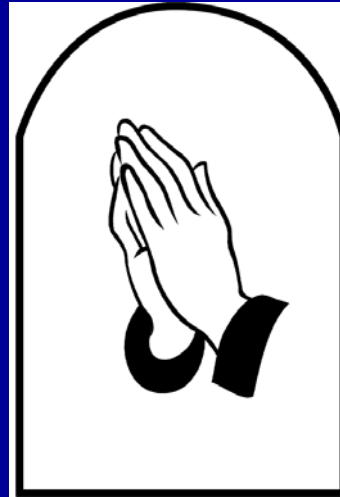


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Then I'm leaving!  
“If we have 2  
kings, we must  
have 2 beds”

# Epworth Church Rector

1696 - 1735





Wesley being rescued from the burning of his house  
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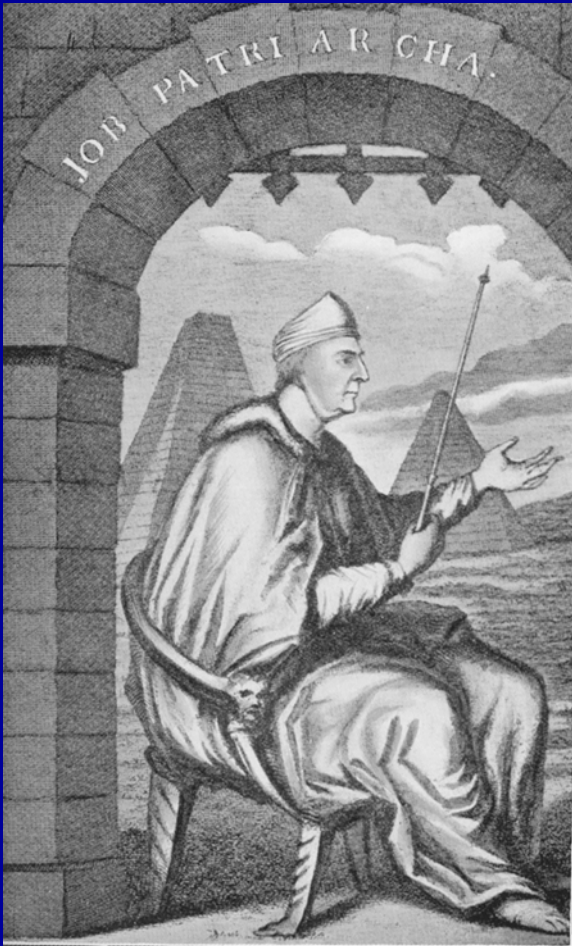


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REV. SAMUEL WESLEY, RECTOR OF EPWORTH.  
John Wesley's Father.

*Reduced facsimile of the copperplate frontispiece of his Latin Commentary  
on Job, published in 1736.*

Samuel  
Wesley



SUSANNA WESLEY.  
John Wesley's Mother.

Susanna  
Wesley

# Wesley's formal education

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Christ Church  
College - Oxford



# Wesley's return to Epworth



# Back to Oxford with Charles



# The Oxford “Holy Club”



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First use of term,  
*“Methodists”*

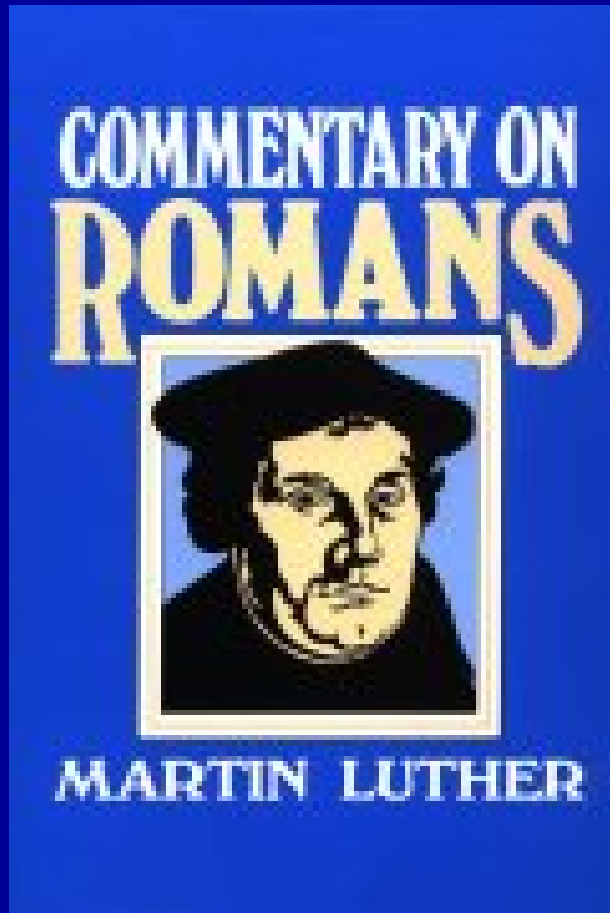
# 1735, Wesley goes to America



A flop? Or a time of preparation?

# Return to England and the Pietists/Moravians

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COMMENTARY ON  
**ROMANS**



MARTIN LUTHER

“while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation and an assurance was given me...”

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We “see but a poor reflection as in a mirror” but in heaven we “shall see face to face” (1 Cor. 13:12)

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And the same God knows when a sparrow falls and the number of hairs on our heads (Mt. 10:29-31)

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This is a confidence that reassures us

“whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.” (1 Jn 3:20)