

Renaissance & Reformation

The Rise Of The Individual

The Most Powerful Institution

On Earth During The
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The Catholic Church

Renaissance Revives Classical Ideas

- Rebirth of Classical Thought & Teachings (Italy 1300s)
 - Renaissance = “Rebirth of Greek & Roman Thought”
- Earthly life now important, not preparation 4 afterlife...
- Humanities = Human Potential (art, philosophy, etc)
- Greek & Roman Ideas of Government
 - Democracy & Republican Ideals Resurfaced
- The Rise of the Individual
 - Explorers, Adventurers, Venture-Capitalist, Scholars

Reformation Challenges Church Power

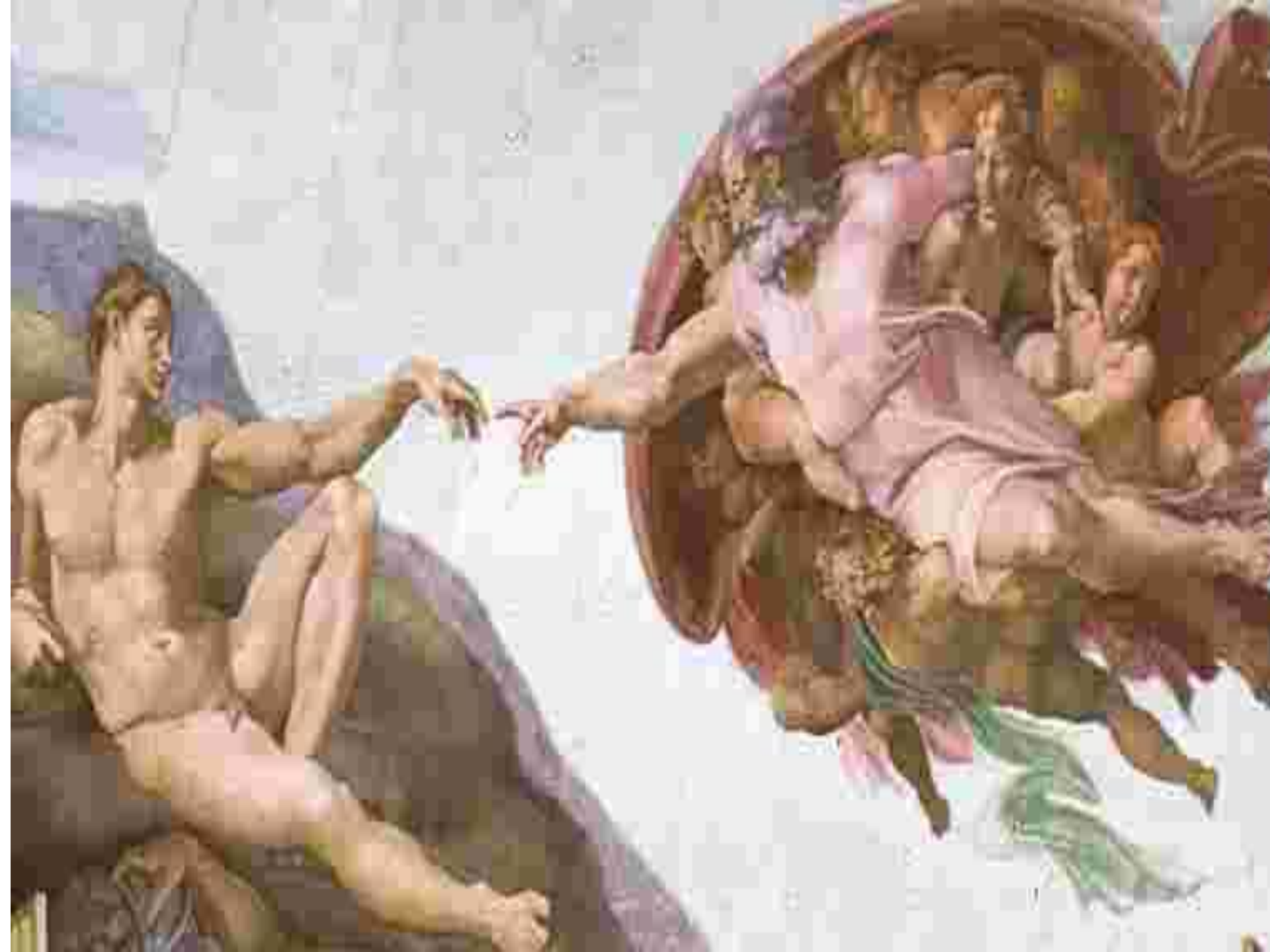
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 - Led by the spirit of questioning
 - 1517 Ninety-Five Theses (Complaints vs. Church)
 - Emphasized a direct relationship with God
 - Salvation by Faith through Grace alone (not works)
- Protestant Religion (The Reform Movement)
 - Individual Biblical Interpretation not Church Authority
 - Salvation by God, not through the Church
 - Private judgment based on conviction (led to sects)

Legacy of the Renaissance

- Individualism (importance of every person), Self-Reliance (emphasis on learning about this world), Personal Independence- Liberty (Laws) & Freedom (Rights)...

Legacy of the Reformation

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