

2.) During the Protestant Reformation, a figure named John Calvin emerged, becoming one of the largest influences of the movement. John Calvin preached that souls were predestined for their final outcome; those to go to heaven were called the "elect", and others were to be damned. He believed that the elect should rule society in what is called a theocracy. Over time his ideas spread all over Europe, where they eventually were introduced to England. As Anglicanism was the established church, it retained several elements of its predecessor: Roman Catholicism. Discontent, many Calvinists wanted to "purify" the church to their own theology, while others thought that one had to "separate" themselves because the Church of England was too corrupt. Eventually, many desired to create a utopian society based on Calvinist beliefs, these people, called "Puritans" or "Separatists" were granted to leave to English North America to establish their type of society they thought of as ideal. All land-owning "elect" church members governed a society that adhered to strict laws and faith in the region they settled Massachusetts Bay.

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