

Revivalism

[A revival of religion] is not a miracle according to another definition of the term miracle--something above the powers of nature. There is nothing in religion beyond the ordinary powers of nature. It consists entirely in the right exercise of the powers of nature. It is just that, and nothing else. When mankind become religious, they are not enabled to put forth exertions with they were unable before to put forth. They only exert the powers they had before in a different way, and use them for the glory of God.”

New Measures

Anxious Bench

Protracted Meeting

Conclusion

True Conversion

Continuing Challenges

Recommended Reading

George M. Marsden. *Jonathan Edwards: A Life*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2003.

Thomas S. Kidd. *George Whitefield: America's Spiritual Founding Father*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2014.

Wheatley, Phillis. *Complete Writings*. New York: Penguin, 2001.

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Awakenings in America (1662-1875)

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Introduction: Churches in the “New World”

New England | Middle Colonies | Southern Colonies

- Halfway Covenant (1662)

First Great Awakening

Revival in New England

Jonathan Edwards (1703 - 1758)

Religious Affections

“There are false affections, and there are true. A man’s having much affection, don’t prove that he has any true religion: but if he has no affection, it proves that he has no true religion. The right way, is not to reject all affections, nor to approve all; but to distinguish between affections, approving some, and rejecting others...”

Revivals throughout the Colonies

George Whitefield (1714 - 1770)

Breadth of Ministry

I cannot see how true humbleness of mind can be attained without a knowledge of it; and though I will not say, that every one who denies election is a bad man, yet I will say ... it is a very bad sign ... for, if we deny election, we must, partly at least, glory in ourselves.

Revivals and Slavery

Assessing Edwards, Whitefield, and Slavery

The Testimony of Phillis Wheatley

‘Twas mercy brought me from my Pagan land,
Taught my benighted soul to understand
That there’s a God, that there’s a Saviour too:
Once I redemption neither sought nor knew.
Some view our sable race with scornful eye,
“Their colour is diabolic die.”
Remember, Christians, Negroes, black as Cain,
May be refin’d, and join th’ angelic train.

Summary

Ordinary Means, Extraordinary Fruit

A Boon for Baptists

Second Great Awakening

Churches After the War for Independence

Cane Ridge Revival (1801)

Charles Finney (1792 - 1875)

Theology

“The doctrine of imputed righteousness, or that Christ’s obedience to the law was accounted as our obedience, is founded on a most false and nonsensical assumption.... [Christ’s righteousness] could do no more than justify himself. It can never be imputed to us ... it was naturally impossible, then, for him to obey on our behalf.”