

Religion in a European city: the Middle Ages and the Reformation

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The features of the development of the Middle Ages, when the agricultural world was preserved for a long time in Europe, are revealed. Ancient cities disappeared or fell into decay. It took several centuries to form a kind of medieval city. The rise of European cities begins by the second millennium of a new era. The emergence of cities led to the flourishing of European culture, as well as profound socio-economic changes, which ultimately led to the destruction of the medieval way of life. The struggle of cities for their independence was the essence of the "communal movement" or "urban revolution" of the X-XIII centuries. Religion is becoming a necessary component of the spiritual culture of a European city. In religion, as a form of spiritual development of the world, a mental transformation of the world is carried out, during which norms, values, ideals are developed. Religion determines a person's attitude to the world and acts as a guide for his behavior in society. It helps a person find the meaning of life. The Protestant Reformation, which arose as a result of the development of urban European religiosity, created the prerequisites for the formation of a city where the presence of religion is changing. A new type of religiosity, embodied in proteanism, has become one of the factors contributing to the process of modernization of religion.

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