

Chapter 17: The Age of Enlightenment-
Eighteenth Century Thought
Section 1: Formative Influences on the
Enlightenment

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- Important Influences on the Enlightenment
 - Ideas of Newton and Locke
 - English political and economic stability
 - Consolidation of a print culture
 - Need for economic reform in France

Ideas of Newton and Locke

- Newton & Locke
 - Most influential men on
 - Enlightenment thought

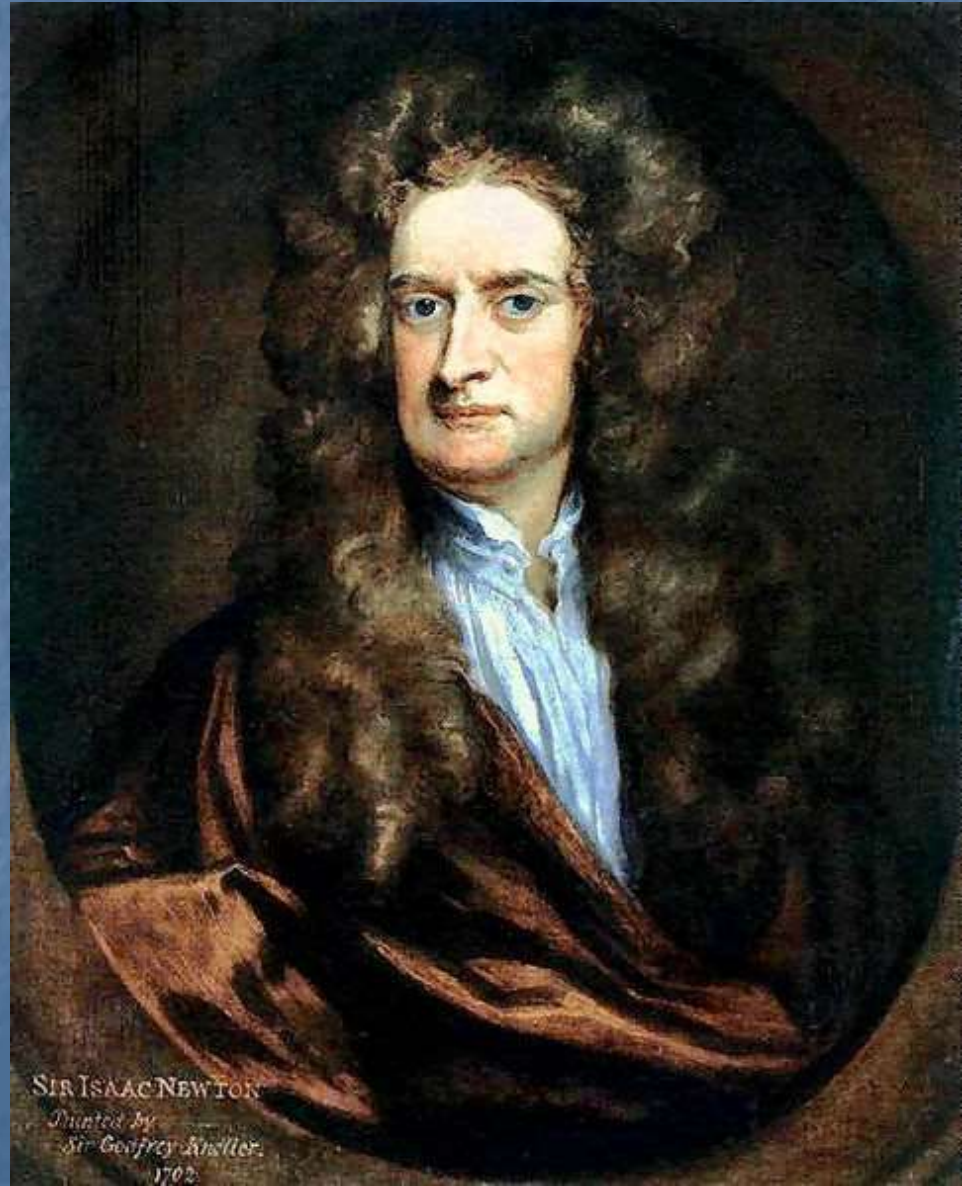


- Newton

- Newtonian physics

- Empiricism

- Physical evidence



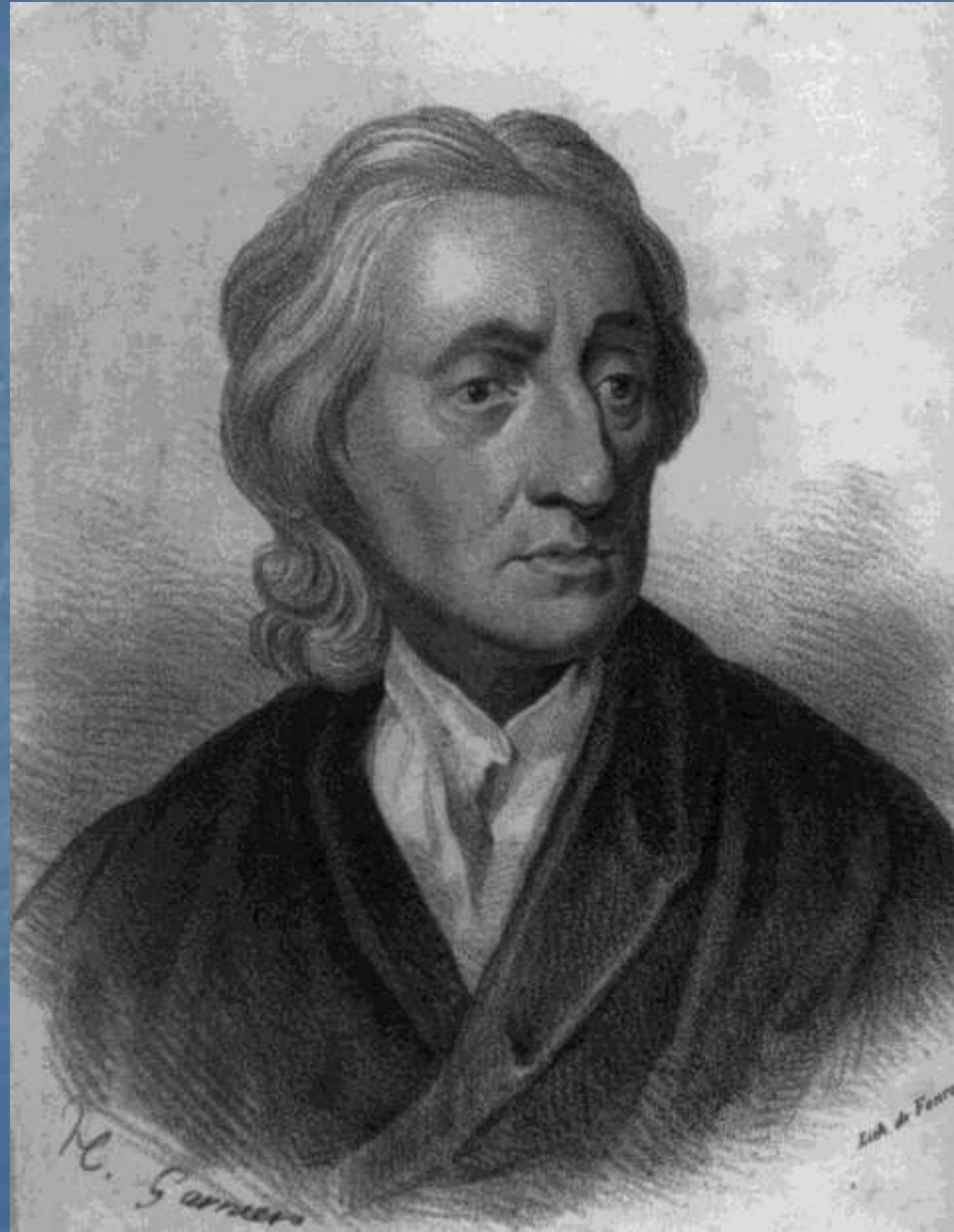
- John Locke

- *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*

- 1690

- *Tabula Rasa*

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The Example of British Toleration and Political Stability

- British Toleration
 - Religion
 - Except for
 - Catholic
 - Unitarian



- British Political Stability

- England

- Freer than any other European nation
 - Example for
 - Other European countries



The Emergence of a Print Culture

- Print Culture
 - Developed
 - During
 - Enlightenment
 - Increased
 - Literacy rate
 - Expanded
 - Print Culture



- Novels

- Became influential
- Considered to
 - “frequently poison the mind.”



- Coffeehouses

- Centers for discussing

- Writing

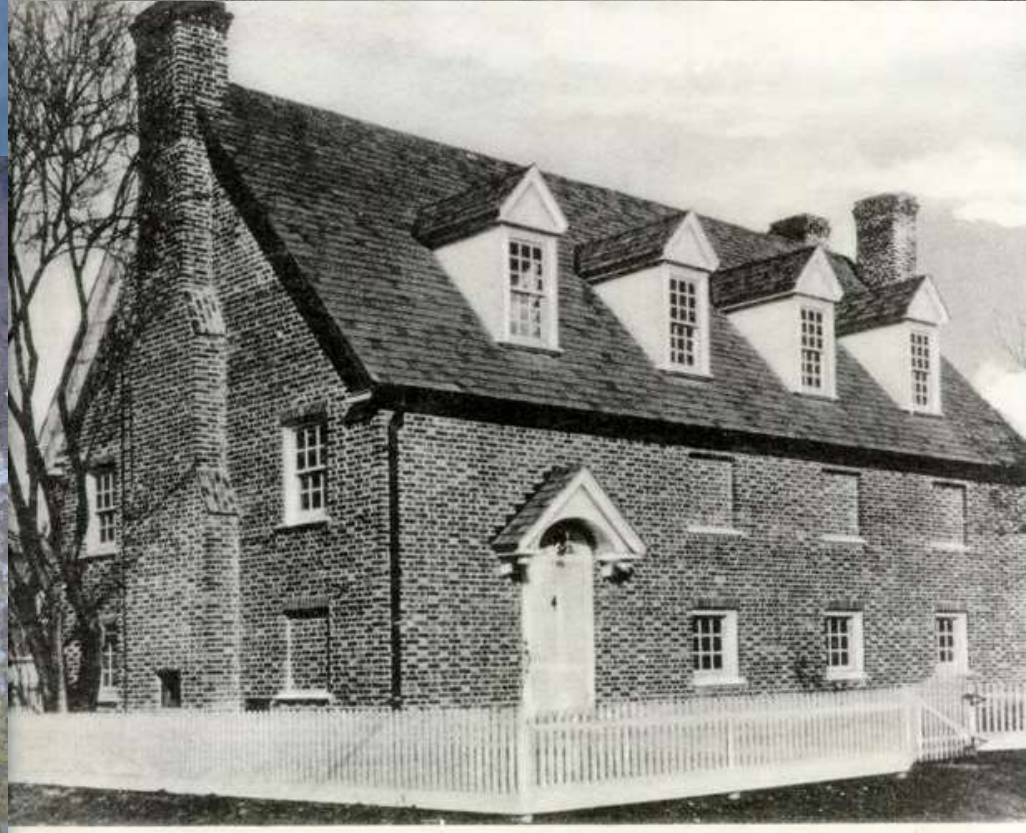
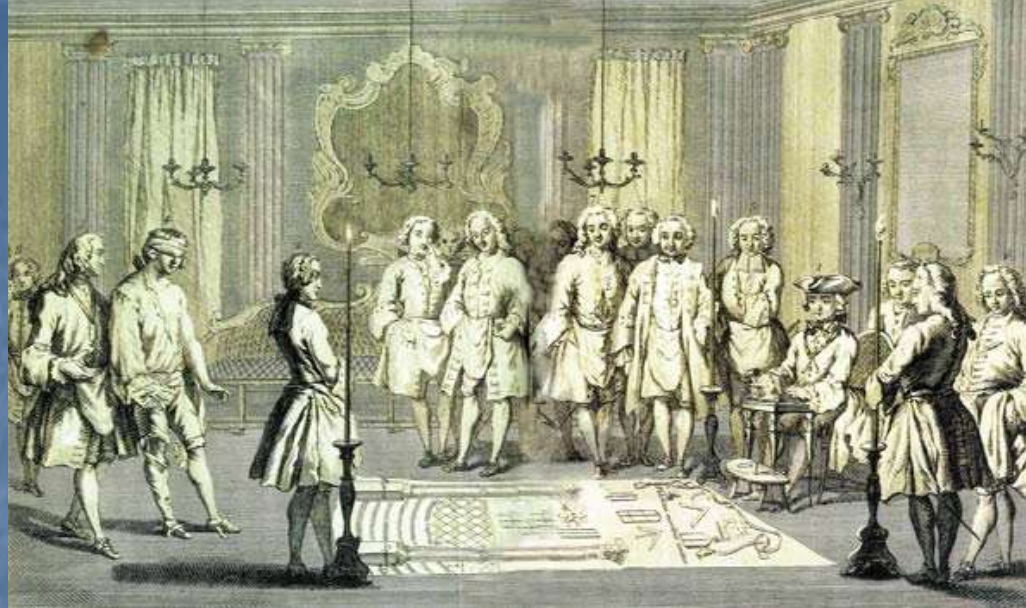
- Ideas



- Masonic Lodges

- Freemasons

- Discussed secular ideas



- Alexander Pope
 - Greatest English poet of the 18th century



- Public Opinion
 - Created by
 - Literate public
 - New influential social force

