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Christian History Made Easy (Rose Bible Basics)

22. Christian History, 1510–1767: Events, Names, and Terms

A reference-style chapter listing key events, people, and terms from Christian history between 1510 and 1767. It covers missions and persecution in Asia, Catholic controversies, and major Christian thinkers of the era.

Key takeaways

- Christians were persecuted in Japan (1597–1643) and Catholics oppressed in China after the Chinese Rites Controversy; the Jesuits were later suppressed (1759–1767).
- Thinkers of the age include Descartes ("I think, therefore I am"), Pascal, Milton, and Comenius, who saw Christian character as education's true goal.
- English church divisions: Dissenters accepted church-state links but rejected Anglican theology; Nonconformists rejected the link entirely.
- Jansenism, drawn from Augustine, taught that people can do no good apart from God's grace; the pope condemned it in 1653.