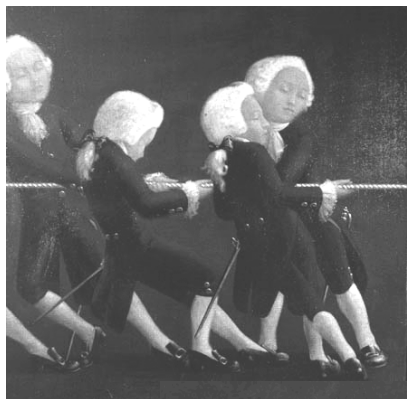


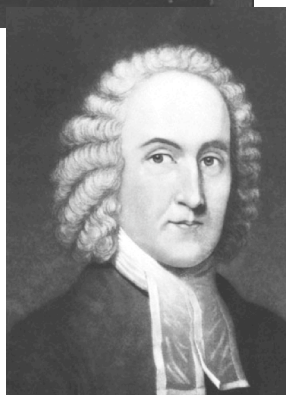
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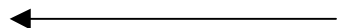
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Great Awakening Constitution

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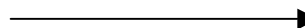


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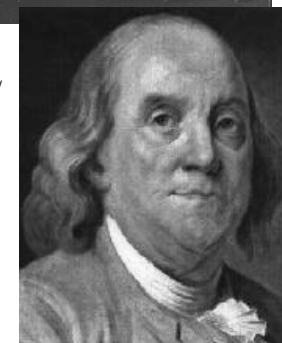


Pulling us back

Benjamin Franklin/Deism/ Age of Reason /
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Pulling us forward



Puritan Thought:

- ❖ Human nature is essentially bad; all humans were born in sin and deserve damnation
- ❖ God is revealed in the Bible
- ❖ Government should enforce codes of behavior based on religious tenets
- ❖ Imagination and knowledge may be evil in some cases

Enlightenment Thought:

- ❖ Man is capable of improving through the use of his mind and conscience
- ❖ Education and science are essential to the happiness of man
- ❖ Civil and religious liberty are essential to man's interests
- ❖ There can be no human authority to which man ought to be accountable for his religious opinions