

The 2nd Great Awakening



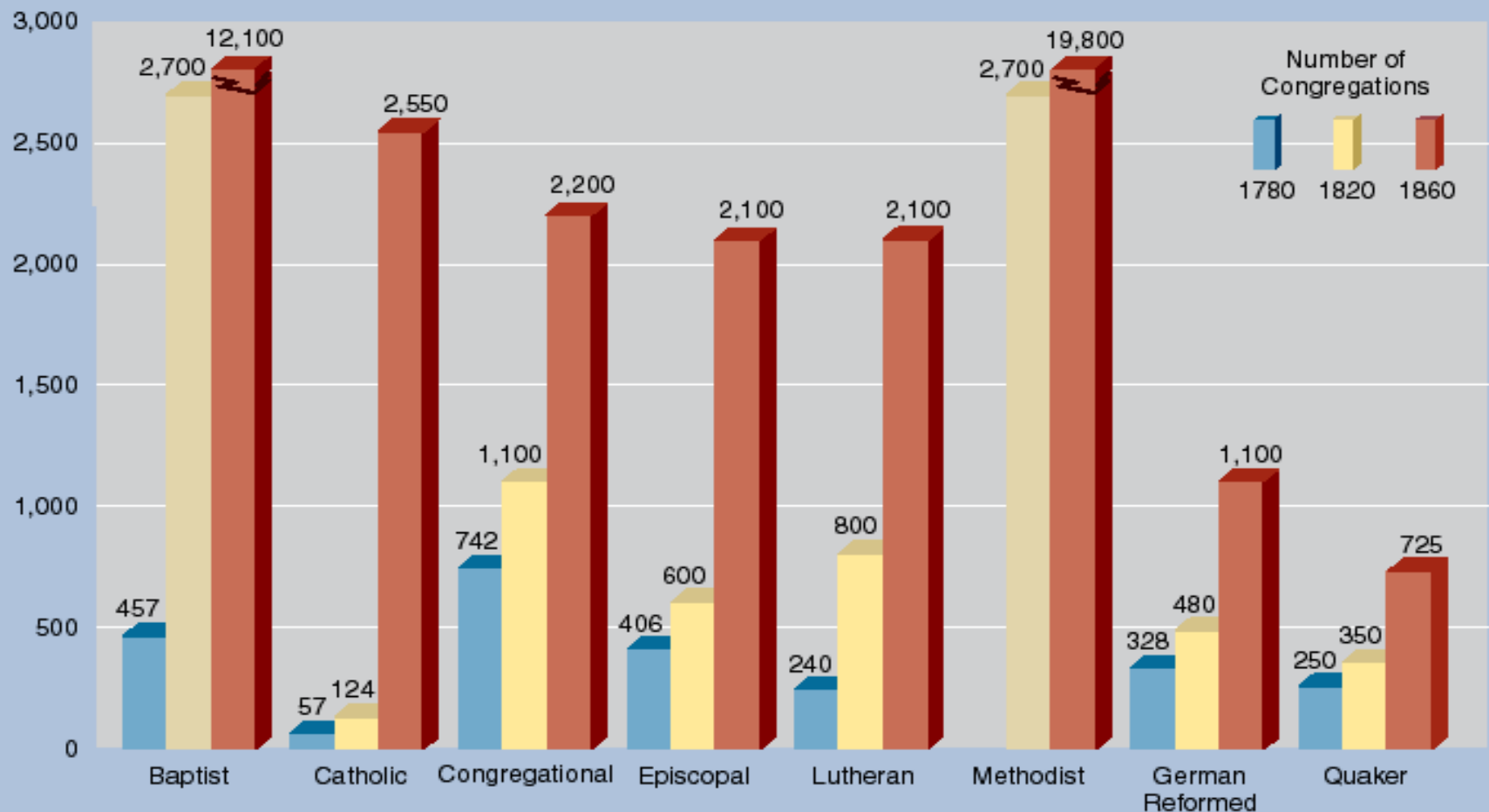
Second Great Awakening

- **Evangelical Protestantism**
 - **Membership in the major Protestant churches soared**
 - **Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist**
 - **By 1840, 50% of the adults were connected to some church, with the Methodists emerging as the largest denomination in both the North and the South**
 - **Camp Meetings**

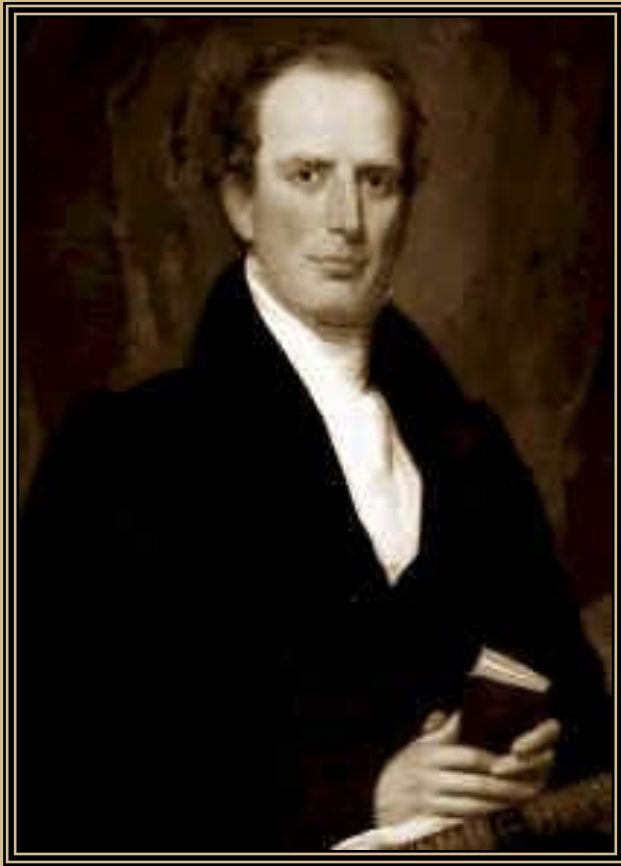
1816 -> American Bible Society Founded

Denominational Growth, 1780-1860

As this bar graph makes clear, the early nineteenth century was a time of explosive religious growth. What were the decades that saw the greatest growth? Which denominations expanded most quickly and which most slowly?



Charles Finney



- Charles Finney conducted his own revivals in the mid 1820s and early 1830s
- He rejected the Calvinist doctrine of predestination
- Popularized Camp Meetings

Charles Finney and the Conversion Experience

- **New form of revival**
 - Long Camp Meetings
 - Speaking bluntly
 - Anxious Bench

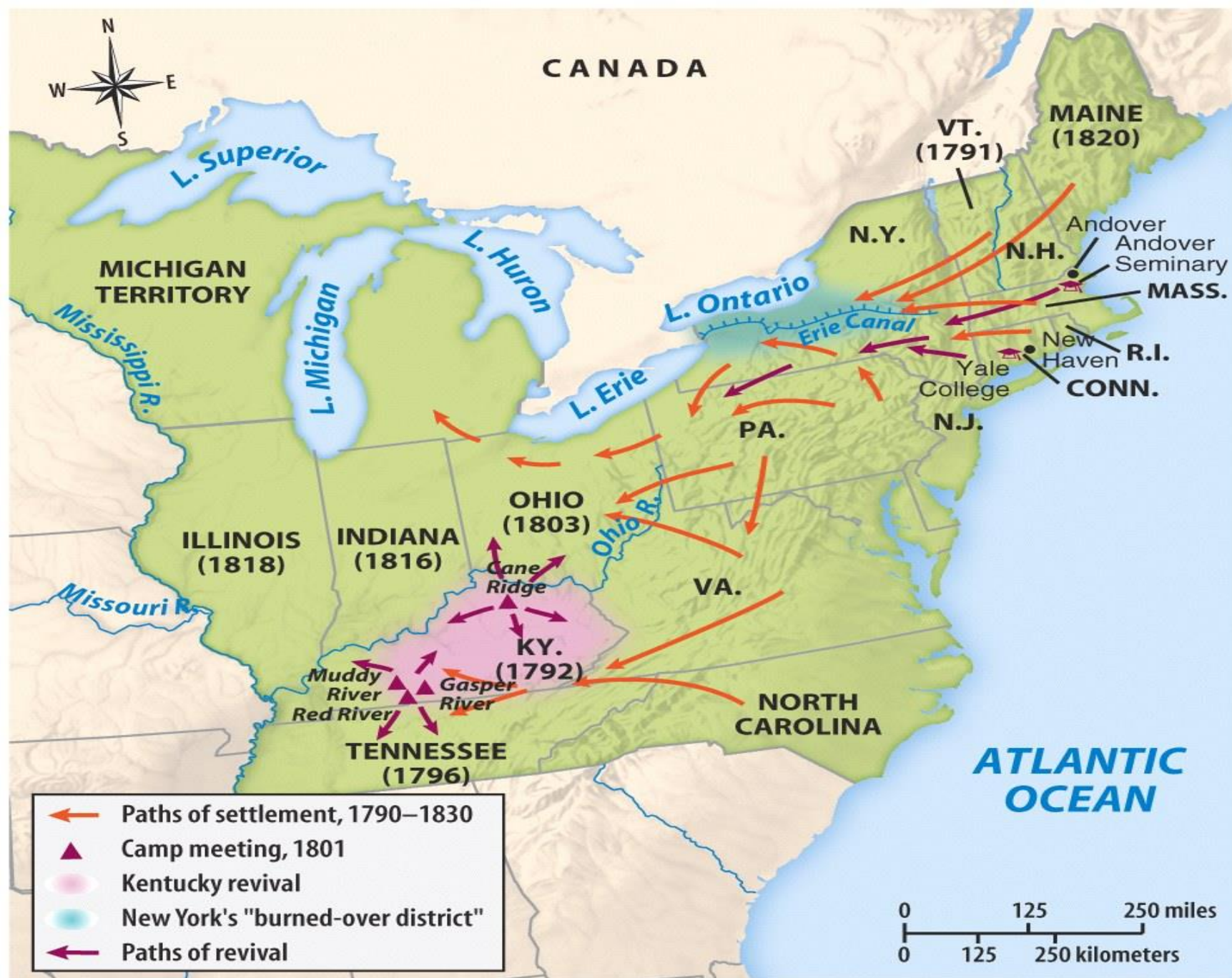


The Rise of African American Churches

- Spread of Revivalism
- "central and defining event in the development of Afro-Christianity"

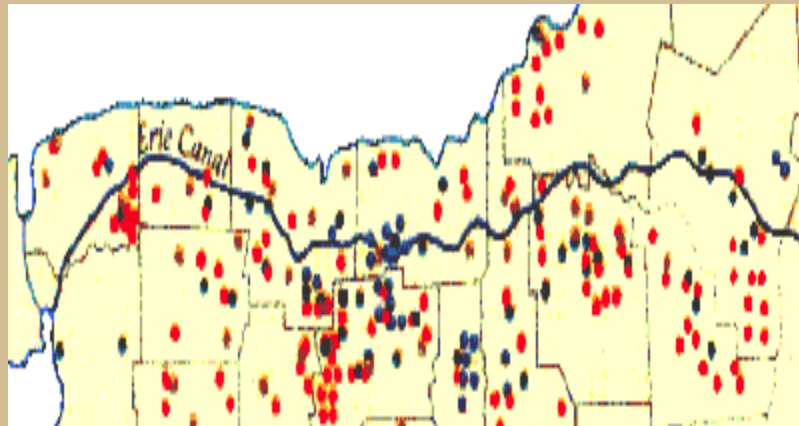


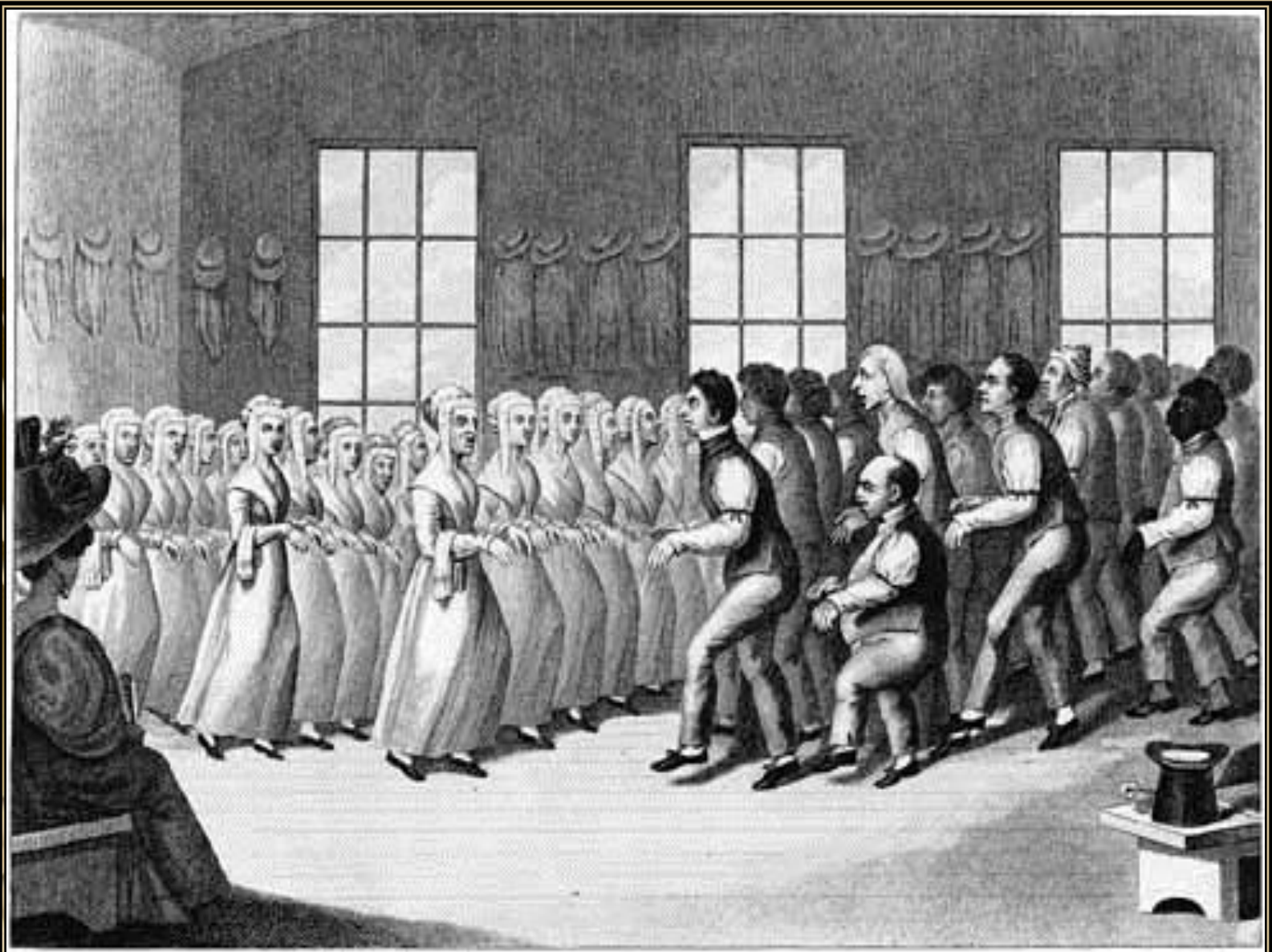
- During these revivals Baptists and Methodists converted large numbers of blacks



Burned Over District

- District in Western NY -got its name from a “wild fire of new religions”
 - Gave birth to Seventh Day Adventists
 - Millerites
 - Believers formed new church on October 23rd→
Seventh Day Adventists







Shakers

- Ann Lee
- Dancing
- Shakers worked hard, lived simply (built furniture), and impressed outsiders with their cleanliness and Order
- Practiced Celibacy-problem?





Shaker Hymn

***'Tis the gift to be simple, 'Tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.***

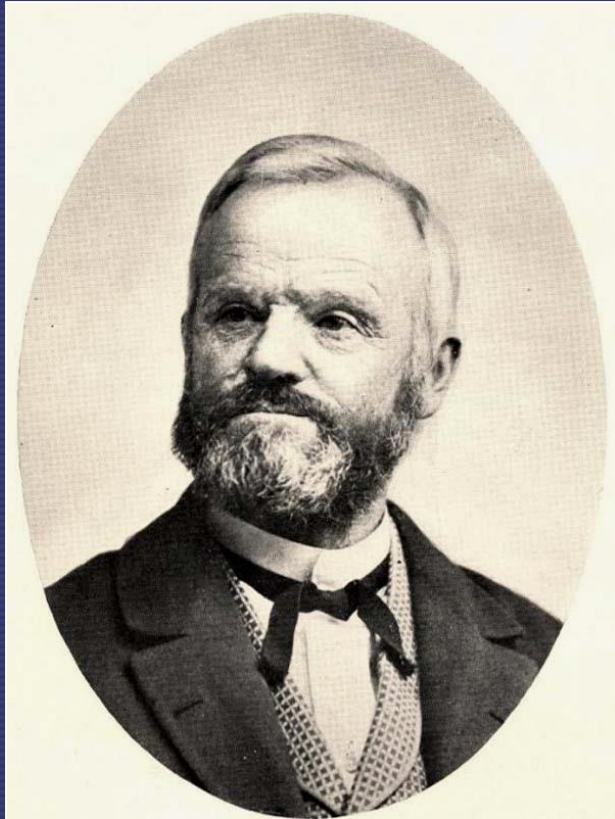
***When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.***

Utopian Communities

- **Communist Communities**
- **Oneida & Shakers**
- **Robert Owen, 1825 –New Harmony, IN**
 - Shakers in NY, VT & MA (celibacy)
 - Oneida, NY (complex marriage)
 - Brook Farm, MA

The Oneida Community

New York, 1848



John Humphrey Noyes
(1811-1886)

➤ **Millenarianism**

➤ Humans were no longer obliged to follow the moral rules of the past.

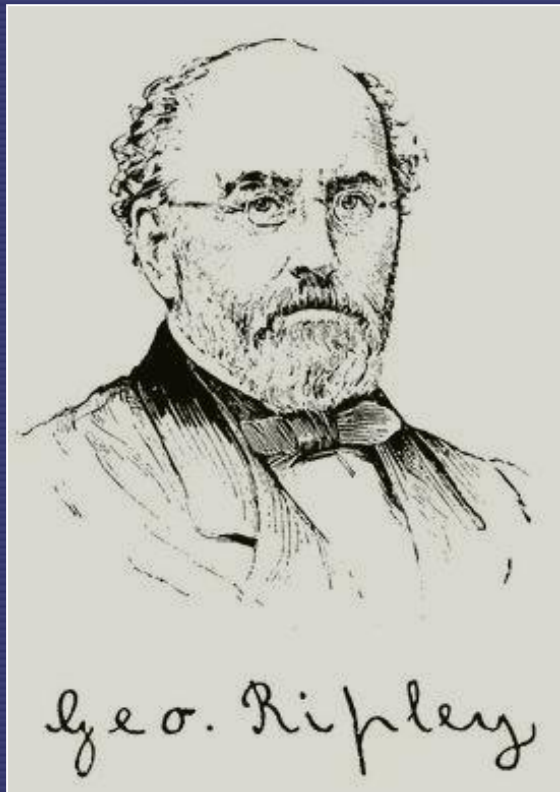
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Transcendentalism

- e "Liberation from **understanding** and the cultivation of **reasoning**."
- e "Transcend" the limits of intellect and allow the **emotions**, the SOUL, to create an original relationship with the Universe.

George Ripley (1802-1880)



Brook Farm
West Roxbury, MA

Transcendentalist Intellectuals/Writers

Concord, MA

Ralph Waldo
Emerson

Nature
(1832)

Self-Reliance
(1841)

*"The American
Scholar"* (1837)

Henry David
Thoreau

Walden
(1854)

*Resistance to Civil
Disobedience*
(1849)

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