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The Rise of Methodism—Oxford and Georgia

Describe John Wesley's connections with Oxford. When did he matriculate? What degrees did he earn? How did he become a fellow, and what did that mean for his security?

What did Wesley do to achieve ordination? What exams did he pass? What stages did he survive?

Describe Wesley's struggle to balance faith and good works, to attain a "right state of soul."

Who was Thomas a Kempis, and how did his work influence Wesley?

What young men at Oxford originally created the society that became Methodists? What colleges did they represent? How did the Oxford Methodists organize their weeks? Their days? What social causes did they address?

Why does RPH describe John Wesley's faith as a "meditative piety"?

What work did Wesley publish first? When?

Where precisely do we see Arminius's influence in Wesley's theology?

What were the lists used for self-examination? How did the Methodists use them? What was Wesley's "exacter" diary? How did Wesley use casting of lots to determine what to do?

By the mid-1730s, how had the Methodist movement grown at Oxford? Where did these Methodists work and serve?

What did Samuel Wesley want from John? How did John comply?

Who was James Oglethorpe, and how did he intervene in the Wesleys' lives?

According to John, what was his chief motive in going to America? His secondary motive? What did John and Charles Wesley expect to do when they agreed to sail to America? Where did each settle and work? Ultimately what happened to each of them?

How did the Moravians on board the ship affect the Wesleys? When did the Wesleys reach Georgia? Who was August Spangenberg? What were the two main sects amongst the Moravians? How did Spangenberg influence Wesley?

Describe how Wesley organized his Methodist society in Savannah—when they met, what they did, who attended. How did this society grow? How did Wesley fall afoul of Sophy Hopkey and her guardian—and the parish at Savannah? What was charged against Wesley? How serious were the charges?

How successfully did Wesley serve as a missionary to Indians and blacks in Georgia?