A History Of Religions

If you are a Roman Catholic, your Church shared the same rich, Apostolic and doctrinal heritage as the Orthodox Church for the first 1,000 years of its history, since the first millennium they were one and the same Church. In 1054, the Pope of Rome broke away from the other Apostolic Patriarchates: Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem, by tampering with the original Creed and eventually considering himself to be the supreme leader of all Christians, and to be infallible. Thus, your church is 962 years old.

If you are a Lutheran, Martin Luther, an ex-monk of the Catholic Church in 1522, founded your church.

If you belong to the Church of England (Anglican Church), your church was founded by King Henry VIII in the year 1534, because the Pope of Rome would not grant him a divorce with the right to remarry.

If you are a Presbyterian, John Knox in Scotland founded your church in 1580.

If you are a Baptist, you owe your doctrine to John Smyth, who launched it in Amsterdam in 1606.

If you are of the Dutch Reformed Church, you recognize Michelis Jones as founder because he originated your religious group in New York, in the year 1628.

If you are a Protestant Episcopalian, your church is an offshoot of the Church of England, founded by Samuel Senbury, in the American Colonies in the 17th century.

If you are a Methodist, John and Charles Wesley, in England in 1774, founded your church.

If you are a Unitarian, Theophilus Lindley founded your Church in London in the year 1774.

If you are a Mormon (Latter Day Saints), your doctrine was started by Joseph Smith in New York, in the year 1829.

If you worship with the Salvation Army, your religious group began with William Booth in London, in the year 1885.

If you are a Scientologist, you look to 1879 as the year in which your philosophy was born and Mrs. Mary Baker Eddly was its founder.

If you belong to one of the religious organizations know as "Church of the Nazarene, Pentecostal Church, Holiness Church, Assemblies of God or Jehovah's Witnesses", your religious group is one of hundreds of new groups founded by men in the last 100 years.

IF, HOWERVER, YOU ARE AN <u>ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN</u>, the birth of the Church was in the year 33 AD, by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, after His Holy Resurrection on the day of Pentecost! OUR CHURCH IS NOW <u>1983</u> years old.

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