

Luther 'fought the Devil with Ink' (1483-1546)

1483 Born in Eisleben

1501 Studied Law but ordained in Erfurt

1512 Appointed foundation Professor of Bible in Wittenberg (1512-1546)

1517 95 theses -- objected to indulgences as a 'human' doctrine.

1521 Subsequently excommunicated by Pope

1521 Condemned at Diet of Worms by Charles V

Luther and Freedom

Luder → ἐλευθερος (eleutheros) → Luther

Helpful Circumstances

Familiar items: Gutenberg Printing Press;
 German state-lets' hostility to Rome;
 Frederick the Wise.

Erasmus

Erasmus laid the egg, Luther hatched it

Erasmus milled the flour, Luther baked the bread

But they fell out over 'the freedom of the will'

Wittenberg Friends

-Katharina

-The four 'evangelists' (according to Cochlaeus)

Philip Melancthon

Johannes Bugenhagen

Justus Jonas

Lucas Cranagh

-Luther gregarious (like Paul)

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Luther's Legacy

International

Cranmer

Wesleys

Tyndale

Germany

Music

Language

The Individual Conscience²

¹Andrew Petergree, *Brand Luther* (New York: Penguin, 2015).

²Larry Siedentop, *Inventing the Individual. The Origins of Western Liberalism* (Allen Lane: 2014).