AND LIKE PAULINE SAID
YOU THROW UP A QUESTION LIKE YOU DO
LIKE VIRGINIA VS. MASSACHUSETTS, YOU KNOW:
THE ENGLISHMEN SETTLING BOTH PLACES.
BUT THEY'RE DIFFERENT PLACES...
THE AMERICAN CHARACTER.
HOW AND WHEN DOES IT EMERGE?
...TWO DISTINCT LIVING AMERICAN TYPES.
NEW ENGLAND AND VIRGINIA.
INSIDE VIRGINIA THERE'S ALL KINDS OF DIFFERENT TYPES, AS WELL--
INDENTURED SERVANTS, SLAVES, THE INTERMIXING THEREOF.
IN THE 17th CENTURY IN VIRGINIA WOMEN WERE DYING IN THEIR 30s, MEN IN THEIR 40s.
WHEREAS IN NEW ENGLAND THE MEN WERE LIVING TO THEIR 60s AND 70s AND THE WIVES LIVING ALSO INTO OLD AGE.
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE SOCIETIES?
I SEE ALL THIS AND I GET A HEADACHE:
"HOW THE HELL ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS?"
WELL, ONE WAY OF DOING IT IS NOT SIMPLY
BY GIVING ANSWERS BUT ASKING QUESTIONS.
A BIOGRAPHY OF AMERICA.
THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC WAS BORN IN 1776.
BUT THE REVOLUTION THAT CREATED IT
BEGAN A CENTURY AND A HALF EARLIER
WHEN ENGLISHMEN STARTED BUILDING A NEW CULTURE AND COUNTRY
IN THE NORTH AMERICAN WILDERNESS.
WE WILL TRACE THE SLOW EVOLUTION
OF THIS NEW THING CALLED AN "AMERICAN"
IN TWO PROFOUNDLY DIFFERENT COLONIES:
VIRGINIA AND MASSACHUSETTS BAY.
BY 1700, THEY WERE THE MOST POPULOUS AND PROSPEROUS
OF ENGLAND'S NORTH AMERICAN SETTLEMENTS.
AND THEIR POPULATIONS WERE OVERWHELMINGLY ENGLISH.
YET THEY'D ALREADY BEGUN TO DEVELOP
DISTINCTLY AMERICAN WAYS OF LIFE.
THEY WERE, HOWEVER, ALMOST AS DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER
AS THEY WERE FROM ENGLAND.
HOW THESE ENGLISHMEN DEVELOPED IN THE SAME LAND
AND AT THE SAME TIME
TWO VASTLY DIFFERENT CIVILIZATIONS
BOTH OF THEM WITH SOME UNIQUELY AMERICAN STRAINS
IS THE FOCUS OF THIS PROGRAM.
IN 1600, THE FORESTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AREA
WERE THE HOME OF ALGONQUIAN-SPEAKING TRIBES
WHO BELONGED TO A POWERFUL CONFEDERATION
RULED BY A SINGLE CHIEF, POWHATAN.
THE Powhatans WERE Warlike, recklessly Courageous
AND SUSPICIOUS OF STRANGERS.
FOR THEM, THE MOST HUMILIATING DEFEAT
WAS NOT DEATH IN BATTLE
BUT THE LOSS OF THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS.
INTO THESE LANDS, IN 1607, CAME THREE SMALL SHIPS
CARRYING 104 ENGLISHMEN, ALL OF THEM MEN.
THEY WERE EMPLOYEES OF THE LONDON COMPANY
JOINT-STOCK ENTERPRISE CREATED TO FIND GOLD AND OTHER RICHES
IN THE AMERICAN EDEN.
ENGLISH AMERICA BEGAN AS A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.
THE STRANGERS SAILED UP A BROAD RIVER
AND LANDED ON A SMALL PENINSULA
THEY NAMED “JAMESTOWN.”

64 01:32:12:02 01:32:14:03 IT WAS A PERFECT PLACE FOR DEFENSE.
65 01:32:14:05 01:32:16:10 BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE A DEATHTRAP.
66 01:32:16:12 01:32:18:12 THE MIXTURE OF SALT WATER AND FRESHWATER
67 01:32:18:14 01:32:20:01 IN THIS MOSQUITO--INFESTED SWAMP
68 01:32:20:03 01:32:22:12 BECAME FILthy FROM THE SETTLERS' WASTE MATTER
70 01:32:24:26 01:32:27:21 OF TYPHOID, DYSENTERY AND SALT POISONING.
72 01:32:29:22 01:32:32:11 THEY ALSO DIED BECAUSE THEY WOULDN'T WORK.
73 01:32:32:13 01:32:34:20 THE COMPANY HAD SENT OVER A COLLECTION OF COLONISTS
74 01:32:34:22 01:32:37:05 THAT WAS A DISASTER ABOUT TO HAPPEN;
75 01:32:37:07 01:32:39:02 LAZY GENTLEMEN WHO'D NEVER WORKED...
76 01:32:39:04 01:32:41:19 LONDON STREET URCHINS TOO WORN DOWN TO WORK...
77 01:32:41:21 01:32:42:27 CRAFTSMEN WHOSE SKILLS WERE PATHETICALLY UNSUITED TO PIONEERING...
78 01:32:45:05 01:32:46:20 GOLDSMITHS AND JEWELERS...
81 01:32:50:16 01:32:54:17 SO, IN BOUNTIFUL VIRGINIA FILLED WITH GAME, THEY STARVED.
82 01:32:54:19 01:32:57:21 ONLY 38 WERE ALIVE NINE MONTHS LATER.
84 01:32:57:23 01:32:59:06 THEY MIGHT ALL HAVE DIED AT AN EARLY AGE
85 01:33:01:08 01:33:02:55 HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR JOHN SMITH.
86 01:33:02:27 01:33:05:04 SMITH HAD LEFT ENGLAND AND MADE A SLAVE IN TURKEY
87 01:33:05:06 01:33:11:06 HE WAS CAPTURED IN BATTLE AND IN THE PATTERN OF DE SOTO
88 01:33:06:20 01:33:14:07 BUT ESCAPED TO RUSSIA AND FOUNDED HIS WAY BACK TO LONDON
89 01:33:08:20 01:33:17:22 JUST IN TIME TO SAIL WITH THE FIRST SHIPS BOUND FOR VIRGINIA.
90 01:33:11:06 01:33:19:04 SMITH WAS TOO LOW-BORN OF THE RICH LAYABOUTS
91 01:33:14:07 01:33:20:28 TO COMMAND THE RESPECT WHO GOVERNED VIRGINIA.
93 01:33:19:06 01:33:27:04 SMITH DIVIDED THE SETTLERS INCLUDING A FEW WOMEN
WHO HAD ARRIVED
99 01:33:29:24 01:33:33:12 INTO LABOR GANGS AND ORDERED
99 01:33:33:14 01:33:36:15 THEM TO WORK OR STARVE.
100 01:33:36:17 01:33:40:00 THEN HE TOOK OVER NEGOTIATIONS
100 01:33:40:02 01:33:42:05 WITH THE INDIANS.
101 01:33:42:05 01:33:45:07 HE AND POWHATAN SETTLED
101 01:33:45:09 01:33:47:03 INTO AN UNEASY RELATIONSHIP
102 01:33:47:05 01:33:50:20 BASED ON MUTUAL SELF-INTEREST.
103 01:33:50:22 01:33:52:08 SMITH WANTED INDIAN CORN
104 01:33:52:10 01:33:55:02 THE ONLY THING THAT KEPT
106 01:33:57:20 01:33:59:08 BUT THERE WAS ALWAYS TENSION.
107 01:33:59:10 01:33:55:02 ON ONE OCCASION, WHEN TRADE
107 01:33:55:04 01:33:57:18 NEGOTIATIONS BROKE DOWN
108 01:33:57:20 01:33:59:08 SMITH GRABBED THE CHIEF'S
108 01:33:59:10 01:33:59:12 BROTHER, OPECHANCANOUGH
109 01:33:59:12 01:33:60:03 PUSHED A PISTOL INTO HIS CHEST
110 01:33:59:14 01:33:59:12 AND THREATENED TO KILL HIM
111 01:33:59:16 01:33:59:17 UNLESS HE GOT HIS CORN QUOTA.
112 01:33:59:20 01:33:55:17 NOT LONG AFTER THIS, SMITH WAS
112 01:33:55:19 01:33:57:03 INJURED IN A GUNPOWDER ACCIDENT
113 01:33:57:05 01:33:57:03 AND HAD TO RETURN TO ENGLAND.
114 01:33:59:23 01:33:59:23 RAN OUT OF FOOD
115 01:33:59:27 01:33:59:27 SOME TURNED TO CANNIBALISM.
116 01:33:59:30 01:33:59:30 ONE MAN CHOPPED UP HIS WIFE
117 01:33:59:34 01:33:59:34 ANOTHER DUG UP FRESH GRAVES
117 01:33:59:36 01:33:59:36 TO FEED ON THE CORPSES.
118 01:33:59:38 01:33:59:38 WHEN SUMMER ARRIVED, THE 60
118 01:33:59:40 01:33:59:40 SURVIVORS BOARDED SEVERAL SHIPS
119 01:33:59:42 01:33:59:42 AND HEADED UP THE JAMES RIVER,
119 01:33:59:44 01:33:59:44 ABANDONING VIRGINIA.
120 01:33:59:46 01:33:59:46 BUT ON REACHING
121 01:33:59:50 01:33:59:50 THEY RAN INTO A RELIEF SHIP
121 01:33:59:52 01:33:59:52 FROM ENGLAND
122 01:33:59:54 01:33:59:54 AND WERE ORDERED TO TURN BACK.
123 01:33:59:56 01:33:59:56 FOR A TIME, THINGS GOT BETTER.
124 01:33:59:58 01:33:59:58 MORE COLONISTS WERE BROUGHT IN
125 01:33:59:60 01:33:59:60 AND WHAT LOOKED LIKE A
126 01:33:59:64 01:33:59:64 WAS REACHED WHEN A SETTLER
126 01:33:59:66 01:33:59:66 NAMED JOHN ROLFE
127 01:33:59:68 01:33:59:68 MARRIED POWHATAN'S DAUGHTER,
127 01:33:59:70 01:33:59:70 POCAHONTAS
128 01:33:59:72 01:33:59:72 AND TOOK HER BACK TO ENGLAND
128 01:33:59:74 01:33:59:74 TO MEET THE KING.
129 01:33:59:76 01:33:59:76 BUT WHEN POCAHONTAS
129 01:33:59:78 01:33:59:78 AND HER FATHER DIED
130 01:33:59:80 01:33:59:80 WITHIN A YEAR OF ONE ANOTHER
131 01:33:59:82 01:33:59:82 OPECHANCANOUGH LED A SURPRISE
131 01:33:59:84 01:33:59:84 ATTACK ON THE COLONY
SLAUGHTERING ALMOST A THIRD OF ITS POPULATION.

IN RETALIATION, PARTIES WERE SENT OUT ON INDIAN-exterminating MISSIONS.

AT ONE BOGUS PEACE PARLEY THE ENGLISH NEGOTIATORS SERVED POISONED WINE KILLING OVER 200 INDIANS.

OPECHANCANOUGH STRUCK BACK AGAIN, 22 YEARS LATER IN ONE FINAL, FURIOUS EFFORT TO WIPE OUT THE COLONY.

HE WAS CAPTURED AND KILLED, HOWEVER AND HIS DEFEATED PEOPLE WERE EXPELLED TO THE VIRGINIA FRONTIER.

BY THIS TIME, THE LONDON COMPANY HAD GONE BANKRUPT AND VIRGINIA HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER, IN 1625, BY THE CROWN.

DEATH RATES REMAINED APPALLINGLY HIGH BUT THE COLONISTS HAD FOUND A LUCRATIVE CROP.

TOBACCO SAVED VIRGINIA AND WOULD SHAPE ITS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL CENTURIES.

IN LONDON, THE JOKE WAS THAT VIRGINIA WAS BUILT ON SMOKE.

NOT CARING FOR THE BITTER-TASTING LEAF THE LOCAL INDIANS GREW WITH A Milder, WEST INDIAN BRAND.

JOHN ROLFE HAD EXPERIMENTED AND SHIPPED IT TO ENGLAND IN 1617.

WHEN DEMAND SHOT UP, VIRGINIANS STOPPED SEARCHING FOR GOLD AND BEGAN GROWING TOBACCO EVERYWHERE.

EVEN IN THE STREETS OF JAMESTOWN.

BUT VIRGINIA REMAINED A GOD-AWFUL PLACE.

DRINK AND SLEEP WERE THE ONLY BREAKS FROM WORK

IN THIS COLONY WHERE WOMEN WERE SCARCIER THAN CORN

AND BROUGHT HIGHER PRICES.

MEN DRANK THEMSELVES INTO STUPEFACTION.

IN SUMMER, THERE WERE AS MANY AS 17 TAVERN SHIPS AT ONE TIME.
IN THE JAMES RIVER.

165 01:36:19:14 01:36:21:22  TO MAKE VIRGINIA MORE ATTRACTIVE TO SETTLERS
166 01:36:21:24 01:36:24:08  A GENEROUS SYSTEM OF LAND GRANTS WAS ESTABLISHED
167 01:36:24:10 01:36:28:12  AND AN ELECTED LEGISLATURE WAS CREATED, THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES.
168 01:36:28:14 01:36:30:15  THIS WAS THE FIRST REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
169 01:36:30:17 01:36:32:10  OF THE NEW WORLD.
170 01:36:32:12 01:36:35:27  IT CONVENCED IN 1619, THE YEAR THE FIRST BLACK SLAVES
171 01:36:35:29 01:36:38:02  WERE BROUGHT INTO THE COLONY.
172 01:36:38:04 01:36:43:06  THE SEEDS OF SLAVERY AND FREEDOM WERE SOWN AT THE SAME TIME.
173 01:36:43:08 01:36:45:19  BUT VIRGINIA WOULD DEVELOP ITS PLANTATION SYSTEM
174 01:36:45:21 01:36:47:10  WITHOUT BLACK SLAVES.
175 01:36:47:12 01:36:49:03  LAND WAS CHEAP AND PLENTIFUL
176 01:36:49:05 01:36:50:20  LABOR WAS SCARCE.
177 01:36:50:22 01:36:54:03  BUT TO GET RICH, YOU NEEDED BOTH LAND AND LABOR.
178 01:36:54:05 01:36:56:22  THIS ABUNDANCE OF LAND AND SHORTAGE OF PEOPLE
179 01:36:56:24 01:36:59:14  WOULD SHAPE VIRGINIA'S, AND AMERICANS', HISTORY
180 01:36:59:16 01:37:01:15  FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL CENTURIES.
181 01:37:01:17 01:37:04:01  UNABLE TO RECRUIT LARGE NUMBERS OF FREE WORKERS
182 01:37:04:03 01:37:06:05  PLANTERS FILLED THEIR LABOR NEEDS IN OTHER WAYS.
183 01:37:06:07 01:37:09:17  BLACK BONDSMEN CONTINUED TO BE PURCHASED
184 01:37:09:19 01:37:11:15  BUT THEY WERE EXPENSIVE AND IN SHORT SUPPLY.
185 01:37:11:17 01:37:13:09  SLAVE TRADERS PREFERRED TO BRING AFRICANS
186 01:37:13:11 01:37:16:21  TO THE BOOMING SUGAR ISLANDS IN THE CARIBBEAN
187 01:37:16:23 01:37:19:12  WHERE THEY COMMANDED HIGHER PRICES.
189 01:37:21:29 01:37:24:18  WHEN HIS CHANCES OF SURVIVING IN PESTILENTIAL VIRGINIA
190 01:37:24:20 01:37:26:09  WERE ABYSMAL?
191 01:37:26:11 01:37:29:07  SO, VIRGINIANS TURNED TO A SYSTEM OF WHITE BONDAGE
192 01:37:29:09 01:37:31:10  CALLED "INDENTURED SERVITUDE."
193 01:37:31:12 01:37:34:18  DRIFTERS, DRUNKS AND ORPHANS WERE KIDNAPPED OR DECEIVED
194 01:37:34:20 01:37:36:08  BY ENGLISH RECRUITING AGENTS
195 01:37:36:10 01:37:39:28  WHO WORKED FOR MERCHANTS AND SHIP CAPTAINS.
196 01:37:40:00 01:37:41:26  CRIMINALS CAME CHEERFULLY.
197 01:37:41:28 01:37:45:00  IT WAS AMERICA OR THE GALLOWS.
BUT MOST INDENTURED SERVANTS WILLINGLY SOLD THEMSELVES INTO BONDAGE FOR A TERM OF FIVE TO SEVEN YEARS. THEIR HOPE WAS THAT, ONCE FREE, THEY WOULD RISE IN THE WORLD. ABOUT FOUR OF EVERY FIVE IMMIGRANTS TO THE CHESAPEAKE REGION IN THE 17th CENTURY ARRIVED AS INDENTURED SERVANTS. IN NO TIME, VIRGINIA AND NEIGHBORING MARYLAND BECAME SOCIETIES OF TOBACCO MASTERS AND BONDSMEN WITH WHITE SERVANTS WORKING IN GANGS OF EIGHT TO TEN SUPERVISED BY WHIP-WIELDING OVERSEERS. BECAUSE OF DISEASE AND BRUTALLY HARSH TREATMENT 40% OF THE SERVANTS WOULD NOT SURVIVE THE TERM OF SERVICE. MOST WOMAN SERVANTS WORKED IN THE MASTER’S HOUSEHOLD WHERE MANY OF THEM WERE SEXUALLY ABUSED. IF A WOMAN SERVANT HAD AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD SHE HAD TO SERVE AN EXTRA YEAR OR SO FOR TIME LOST FOR PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH. THERE WAS LITTLE SENSE OF COMMUNITY OR STABILITY IN VIRGINIA. EVEN THE FAMILY WAS A PRECARIOUS THING IN A PLACE WHERE THERE WERE THREE TIMES AS MANY MEN AS WOMEN... WHERE MOST HUSBANDS AND WIVES DIED WITHIN SEVEN YEARS OF THEIR MARRIAGE... AND WHERE HALF THE CHILDREN DIED BEFORE REACHING ADULTHOOD. PLANTATIONS WERE BUILT SOME DISTANCE FROM ONE ANOTHER ALONG THE REGION’S RIVERS. PLANTERS SET UP THEIR OWN DOCKS AND STOREHOUSES AND DEALT DIRECTLY WITH OVERSEAS MERCHANTS. AS A RESULT, VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND
HAD ALMOST NO TOWNS OR VILLAGES AND NO MERCHANT CLASS OF CONSEQUENCE.

AND THERE WERE FEW SCHOOLS OR CHURCHES.

NOW, THERE WAS PLENTY OF UPWARD MOBILITY IN THE FIRST TOBACCO BOOM BUT AS THE WELL-HEELED PLANTERS GRABBED UP THE BEST LAND ALONG THE COASTAL PLAIN AND AS TOBACCO PRICES BEGAN TO DROP IN THE 1670s BECAUSE OF OVERPRODUCTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR FORMER SERVANTS BECAME ABSOLUTELY DISMAL.

AS MORE OF THEM BECAME FREE EACH YEAR THEIR NUMBERS BEGAN TO POSE PROBLEMS.

HERE WAS A LARGE AND GROWING CLASS OF MEN YOUNG, UNRULY, DEEPLY DISCONTENTED AND ARMED.

BY THE 1670s, VIRGINIA WAS A POWDER KEG ABOUT TO EXPLODE.

JOHN SMITH NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO RETURN TO VIRGINIA BUT IN HIS HISTORY OF THE COLONY HE POINTED OUT ITS MAIN PROBLEM:

NOT ENOUGH ABLE MEN, TOO FEW WOMEN.

UNABLE TO PERSUADE THE LONDON COMPANY TO CHANGE ITS POLICIES HE PINNED HIS HOPES FOR A MORE STABLE AMERICAN COLONY ON A GROUP OF RELIGIOUS DISSENTERS WHO WERE LOOKING FOR A PLACE OF REFUGE.

THE PURITANS WERE RADICAL PROTESTANTS WHO WANTED TO PURIFY THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, OR ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ITS REMAINING CATHOLIC PRACTICES INCLUDING THE LATIN MASS AND THE GOVERNING HIERARCHY.

OF BISHOPS AND ARCHBISHOPS. THEY FAVORED A PLAIN SERVICE AND A CHURCH GOVERNMENT OF AUTONOMOUS CONGREGATIONS.

THE PURITANS WHO CAME TO AMERICA WERE OF TWO TYPES.
SOME REMAINED WITHIN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND OTHERS, CALLED "SEPARATISTS" FORMED THEIR OWN CHURCHES SO AS NOT TO BE CORRUPTED BY THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH. BUT BOTH GROUPS WERE HARASSED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE POINT WHERE THEY FELT THEY HAD TO LEAVE ENGLAND. THE SEPARATISTS, OR "PILGRIMS," AS THEY CAME TO BE CALLED LEFT FOR THE NEW WORLD FIRST, IN 1620, IN THE MAYFLOWER AFTER HAVING SETTLED BRIEFLY IN HOLLAND. THESE SIMPLE,/plain-living PEOPLE WERE LESS PROSPEROUS AND LESS COMMITTED TO BIG DESIGNS THAN WERE THE PURITANS WHO BUILT MASSACHUSETTS BAY A FAR LARGER COLONY TO THE NORTH OF PLIMOTH PLANTATION. THE FOUNDER OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY WAS JOHN WINTHROP A CAMBRIDGE-EDUCATED LAWYER AND LANDHOLDER. HE AND A GROUP OF PURITAN FRIENDS TOOK OVER A COMPANY THAT HAD BEEN FORMED TO PROMOTE AMERICAN SETTLEMENT THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMPANY AND TURNED IT INTO THE NUCLEUS OF A CIVIL GOVERNMENT. WINTHROP WAS ELECTED GOVERNOR AND SAILED FOR NEW ENGLAND IN 1630. HE TOOK THE COMPANY CHARTER WITH HIM-- THAT'S IMPORTANT-- ENSURING THAT THE COLONY WOULD BE SELF-GOVERNING. IN THE NEXT 13 YEARS 20,000 MORE ENGLISHMEN MIGRATED TO THE BAY COLONY. NO COLONIZING GROUP WOULD COME TO AMERICA IN GREATER NUMBERS OR BETTER-PREPARED. BEFORE LEAVING, WINTHROP HAD TALKED WITH JOHN SMITH WHO HAD MAPPED NEW ENGLAND AND GIVEN IT ITS NAME. WINTHROP AGREED WITH SMITH THAT VIRGINIA WAS AN EXAMPLE
TO BE AVOIDED.

WINTHROP WAS DETERMINED TO GO A DIFFERENT WAY.

HE LAUNCHED THE PURITAN ADVENTURE

A VISION OF HUMAN FELLOWSHIP TOTALLY LACKING IN THE VIRGINIA EXPERIMENT.

BEGINNING AT BOSTON PURITANS SETTLED IN TIGHTLY-KNIT TOWN-BUILDING GROUPS AND THE TOWNS BECAME THE FOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT.

TO UNDERSTAND NEW ENGLAND YOU MUST START WITH THE TOWNS AND TO KNOW THE TOWNS, YOU MUST KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT PURITANISM FOR FAITH WAS THE GLUE THAT HELD TOWNS TOGETHER.

THE PURITANS WERE THE DISCIPLES OF THE 16th-CENTURY FRENCH THEOLOGIAN, JOHN CALVIN.

AN UNFORGIVING THEOCRACY IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND CALVIN ESTABLISHED AN UNFORGIVING THEOCRACY IN WHICH WOMEN WERE DROWNED AND MEN BEHEADED CALVIN'S CORE BELief WAS THE ABSOLUTE DEPRAVITY OF MAN AFTER THE FALL OF ADAM AND THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF SALVATION EXCEPT FOR THOSE FEW, "THE ELECT"

PREDESTINED TO ENTER HEAVEN, GOOD WORKS COULD NOT BRING ON GOD-SAVING GRACE BUT ONCE PERSON RECEIVED GRACE, HE FELT AN INNER PEACE AND BECAME A CRUSADER AGAINST SIN.

PURITANS ADMITTED ONLY THE ELECT
AND APPLICANTS HAD TO PROVE THEY WERE SAVED BY PASSING AN ORAL TEST ADMINISTERED BY CHURCH MEMBERS. THE TEST WAS DOUBLY IMPORTANT IN MASSACHUSETTS WHERE ONLY CHURCH MEMBERS COULD VOTE AND HOLD POLITICAL OFFICE. PURITAN TOWNS WERE THE MOST COMPLETELY AND EQUITABLY PLANNED OF ANY AMERICAN SETTLEMENTS. LAND THAT HAD BELONGED TO INDIANS WAS HANDED OUT FREE OF CHARGE TO TOWN-BUILDING GROUPS, RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALS. TO KEEP TITLE TO IT, THE GROUP HAD TO BUILD A TOWN AROUND A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND AGREE, IN A SIGNED COVENANT TO LIVE IN HARMONY AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD. SINCE PURITANS BELIEVED IN EQUITY, NOT EQUALITY MEN OF MEANS AND STATURE WERE GIVEN LARGER ALLOCATIONS OF LAND FOR THEIR FAMILIES. EVEN SO, A ROUGH EQUALITY PREVAILED AND EVERY FAMILY RECEIVED LAND TO BUILD HOMES AND FARMS. MINISTERS WERE NOT PERMITTED TO HOLD POLITICAL OFFICE TO ENFORCE MORAL ORTHODOXY. AND ALL FAMILIES HAD TO PAY TAXES TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH WHETHER THEY WERE MEMBERS OR NOT. OTHER INSTITUTIONS ENFORCED ORDER AND ORTHODOXY. THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM INSTILLED INFLEXIBLE DISCIPLINE AND CREATED A LITERATE PUBLIC ABLE TO READ AND INTERPRET THE BIBLE. IN GOD-FEARING FAMILIES MOTHERS TAUGHT THEIR CHILDREN TO SPOT SIN IN THEMSELVES AND WATCHED OVER THEIR HUSBAND'S SPIRITUAL STATE ACTING AS THEIR MORAL CENSORS. TODAY WE HATE
MORAL SURVEILLANCE;

PURITANS WELCOMED IT.

SOME HISTORIANS LIKE TO POINT OUT

THAT PURITANS ENJOYED BEER AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

BUT PURITANS WERE NOT A TOLERANT PEOPLE--

COUPLES WHO HAD BABIES LESS THAN NINE MONTHS AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE WERE PUBLICLY PUNISHED.

SEVERAL MEN WHO HAD HAD CONSENTING SEX WERE HANGED.

AND PEOPLE WERE TRIED IN COURT FOR CARD PLAYING, DRUNKENNESS AND IDLENESS.

WHEN DANGEROUS DISSENT WAS SPOTTED IT WAS CRUSHED WITH ALACRITY.

THE FIRST COMMUNITY-WIDE CRISIS INVOLVED WINTHROP'S FRIEND, ROGER WILLIAMS.

FROM A SALEM PULPIT, WILLIAMS THUNDERED AGAINST MINISTERS WHO REFUSED TO SEPARATE FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND HE INSISTED THAT THE KING COULDN'T GIVE AWAY LANDS BELONGING TO THE INDIANS.

THIS INFURIATED WINTHROP WHO KNEW LAND WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE COLONY'S SUCCESS.

WHEN WILLIAMS REFUSED TO BACK DOWN WINTHROP BANISHED HIM, AND HE FLED TO RHODE ISLAND.

THERE HE FOUNDED A COLONY DEVOTED TO FREEDOM OF WORSHIP AND THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE.

A GREATER CHALLENGE TO THE PURITAN ORTHODOXY CAME FROM ANNE HUTCHINSON, A POPULAR MIDWIFE WHO BEGAN TO HOLD CONTROVERSIAL PRAYER MEETINGS FOR WOMEN AND SOME MEN, IN HER HOME. HUTCHINSON, AN UNBENDING PURITAN DENOUNCED THE MINISTERS FOR LEADING PEOPLE TO BELIEVE THEY COULD EARN GOD'S GRACE BY GOOD WORKS.

THAT WHEN A PERSON WAS SAVED THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLED IN HIM AND GUIDED HIS LIFE.
TO WINthrop this was revolution.

By making religion a deeply personal experience, Hutchinson gave power to lay people—women as well as men—at the expense of ministers.

For this, she was hauled into court, charged with sedition and banished after a dramatic trial in which she acted as her own defense attorney.

Wintrop was her chief judge and prosecutor and she tied him in knots with her brilliance and sharp wit.

To break her down—she was eight months pregnant—she wasn't allowed to sit, eat, drink or leave the courtroom for natural relief.

Even so, she might have been acquitted had she not claimed like Joan of Arc, that God had spoken directly to her.

To a Puritan, that was heresy. For God revealed Himself only through the Bible.

Years later, Hutchinson was killed in Long Island in an Indian massacre.

When word reached Wintrop, he remarked "God's hand is in this."

But it wasn't dissent that killed Wintrop's holy experiment, it was prosperity.

Prosperity that was due in part to Puritanism's own ethic of hard work and self-denial and the belief that worldly success was a sign of salvation.

"Religion begot prosperity, and the daughter devoured the mother."

Wintrop believed that piety and profit could go hand in hand and the belief that worldly prosperity was due in part to hard work and self-denial.

Religion was a sign of salvation. "And the daughter devoured the mother."

Wintrop believed that piety and profit could go hand in hand.

There would be trade, but it would be regulated by the state.

To prevent the outbreak of avaricious practices.

Such as price gouging.

When the great Puritan patriarch...
Died in 1649

422 01:47:21:10 01:47:23:13  After fathering his 16th child
423 01:47:23:15 01:47:25:28  his successors
were unable to maintain
424 01:47:26:00 01:47:28:01  his morally regulated economy.
425 01:47:28:03 01:47:31:00  Oliver Cromwell described
New England as poor
426 01:47:31:02 01:47:32:06  cold and useless.
427 01:47:32:08 01:47:33:16  yet in this harsh place
428 01:47:33:18 01:47:36:01  with its thin, rocky soil
and brutal winters
429 01:47:36:03 01:47:39:09  Puritans built a dynamic
commercial society
430 01:47:39:11 01:47:43:27  based on lumbering, fishing,
shipbuilding and oceanic trade.
431 01:47:43:29 01:47:46:21  most New Englanders continued
to live on small family farms
432 01:47:46:23 01:47:48:06  but in Boston and other seaports
433 01:47:48:08 01:47:50:22  an aggressive
merchant class arose
434 01:47:50:24 01:47:54:22  and became a power in the
Atlantic trading community.
435 01:47:54:24 01:47:59:11  in these port towns, the Puritan
was slowly becoming a Yankee.
436 01:47:59:13 01:48:00:28  church attendance declined
437 01:48:01:00 01:48:03:12  and people began parading
their new wealth.
438 01:48:03:14 01:48:05:11  as this occurred,
Puritan ministers
439 01:48:05:13 01:48:09:03  increased the vehemence of their
attacks on the commercial spirit
440 01:48:09:05 01:48:11:04  predicting that God
would soon show
441 01:48:11:06 01:48:13:00  his displeasure
with New England.
442 01:48:13:02 01:48:16:24  in 1674, a Puritan minister
named Increase Mather
443 01:48:16:26 01:48:20:29  delivered a sermon called,
"the day of trouble is near."
444 01:48:21:01 01:48:24:07  the following year,
New England was almost wiped out
446 01:48:25:26 01:48:29:20  it was brought on by Puritan
expansion into Indian territory.
447 01:48:29:22 01:48:33:03  between 1650 and 1700,
New England's population grew
448 01:48:33:05 01:48:36:05  from 23,000 to 93,000
449 01:48:36:07 01:48:38:04  mostly because people
lived long lives
450 01:48:38:06 01:48:41:16  and had big families in the
region's cool, healthy climate.
451 01:48:41:18 01:48:44:25  the Pequot Indians had resisted
early Puritan expansion
453 01:48:46:21 01:48:49:27  and they were exterminated
in what Winthrop called
"A DIVINE SLAUGHTER."

THEN THERE WAS AN UNEASY PEACE WITH THE TRIBES OF NEW ENGLAND UNTIL 1675.

IN THAT YEAR, A WAMPANOAG CHIEF NAMED METACOM, KNOWN TO THE ENGLISH AS KING PHILIP LAUNCHED THE BLOODIEST WAR IN PROPORTION OF POPULATION IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

KING PHILIP'S FORCES BURNED MORE THAN HALF THE PURITAN TOWNS OF NEW ENGLAND PUSHED BACK THE LINE OF SETTLEMENTS TO WITHIN 15 MILES OF THE COAST.

IT WAS A WAR FOUGHT WITH UNCOMPROMISING SAVAGERY.

KING PHILIP'S WARRIORS WORE BELTS OF HUMAN SKIN AND NECKLACES OF HUMAN FINGERS.

PURITANS KILLED INDIAN WOMEN AND SOLD INDIAN CHILDREN INTO SLAVERY.

WHEN THE PURITAN FORCES CAPTURED KING PHILIP THEY EXECUTED HIM ON THE SPOT.

SEVERED THE HEAD AND TOOK IT TO PLYMOUTH ON A POLE FOR A THANKSGIVING DAY CELEBRATION.

IT REMAINED THERE FOR MANY YEARS.

AFTER HIS DEATH, KING PHILIP'S FORCES WERE EVENTUALLY DEFEATED BY HUNGER AND DISEASE.

NOT LONG AFTER THIS, MERCHANTS IN THE SEAPORT TOWNS BEGAN TO PETITION THE ENGLISH CROWN TO LOOSE PURITAN RESTRICTIONS ON FREE TRADE AND VOTING.

AND STOP PERSECUTING OTHER RELIGIONS.

THE CROWN BEGAN AN INVESTIGATION AND IN 1691, IT COMBINED MASSACHUSETTS BAY AND PLYMOUTH TO MADE THE ENLARGED COLONY A ROYAL COLONY.

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP REPLACED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AS THE BASIS FOR VOTING AND OFFICE-HOLDING.
AND RELIGIOUS TOLERATION WAS EXTENDED TO ALL PROTESTANTS. THE MINISTERS, OF COURSE, COMPLAINED CITING THE LOSS OF WINTHROP'S ORIGINAL CHARTER AS GOD'S PUNISHMENT FOR NEW ENGLAND'S GROWING SECULARIZATION. BUT THE NEW CHARTER ENDED EXCLUSIVE PURITAN RULE IN MASSACHUSETTS. AT ALMOST THE SAME TIME ITS CONTROL ON VIRGINIA. THERE, THE CAUSE WAS CIVIL INSURRECTION. AS KING PHILIP'S WAR WAS ENDING ON THE NEW ENGLAND FRONTIER JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA, WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND BY A BAND OF INSURGENTS LED BY AN UNLIKELY REVOLUTIONARY NAMED NATHANIEL BACON. THE TROUBLE STARTED WITH A FRONTIER WAR BETWEEN LAND-HUNGRY WHITE SETTLERS AND INDIANS. WHEN GOVERNOR WILLIAM BERKLEY REFUSED TO SEND HELP FRONTIERSMEN RALLIED BEHIND BACON A RICH, YOUNG HOTBLOOD WHO HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM ENGLAND. WHEN BACON ATTACKED FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE INDIANS ALIKE BERKLEY DECLARED HIM A REBEL. THEN MARCHED ON JAMESTOWN, CAPTURED IT AND PILLAGED THE ESTATES OF THE PRO-BERKLEY ELITE. IT WAS CIVIL WAR, ONLY IT DIDN'T LAST LONG. BY THE TIME AN ENGLISH FORCE ARRIVED TO CRUSH THE REVOLT BACON LAY DEAD OF DYSENTERY AND HIS BUCKSKIN ARMY OF INDENTURED SERVANTS AND RUNAWAY SLAVES AND FORMER SERVANTS HAD MELTED AWAY. BACON'S REBELLION LED TO TIGHTER BRITISH CONTROL OF THE COLONY. IT MAY ALSO HAVE HASTENED THE MOVEMENT TOWARD A LABOR SYSTEM BASED ON BLACK SLAVERY.
SOME HISTORIANS ARGUE THAT VIRGINIA PLANNERS FEARING ANOTHER INSURRECTION BY FORMER WHITE SERVANTS BEGAN TO TURN TO AFRICA FOR LABORERS.

MAYBE SO. BUT OTHER, MORE IMPORTANT FACTORS WERE MOVING THE COLONY TOWARD A SYSTEM OF BLACK BONDAGE.

PLANNERS WERE FINDING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT WHITE SERVANTS BECAUSE OF IMPROVING ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BACK IN ENGLAND. AT THE SAME TIME, THE PRICE OF AFRICANS BEGAN TO DROP AND THEY BECAME A SAFER INVESTMENT AS VIRGINIA BECAME A SAFER PLACE-- THAT IS, A HEALTHIER PLACE-- TO LIVE.

IN 1650, THERE WERE ONLY ABOUT 400 BLACK SLAVES IN VIRGINIA. BY 1700, VIRGINIA HAD A WELL-DEVELOPED SLAVE SYSTEM. THE FUTURE CHARACTER OF BOTH NEW ENGLAND AND THE CHESAPEAKE REGION HAD BEGUN TO TAKE SHAPE.

ONE WAS A SOCIETY OF CLOSELY-KNIT TOWNS MADE UP OF LITERATE, IMPROVEMENT-ORIENTED FREE LABORERS. THE OTHER WAS A SOCIETY OF SCATTERED PLANTATIONS DEPENDENT ON UNFREE LABOR A GROWING PROPORTION OF IT BLACK.

THESE REGIONAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH WOULD PERSIST AND WIDEN LONG AFTER THE COLONISTS CAME TOGETHER AS ONE NATION. AND EVENTUALLY THEY WOULD LEAD TO A CATAclySMIC CIVIL WAR.

YET HOWEVER GREAT THEIR DIFFERENCES HAD BEGUN TO DEVELOP A NUMBER OF DISTINCTLY AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS.
AMONG THEM, VIRGINIA'S PLANTATION SYSTEM AND NEW ENGLAND'S SYSTEM OF TOWN-CENTERED GOVERNMENT.

GEOGRAPHY, CLIMATE AND UNIQUE ADAPTATIONS TO A WILDERNESS ENVIRONMENT ALONG WITH 3,000 MILES OF OCEAN SEPARATING THEM FROM ENGLAND HAD BEGUN TO MAKE THE COLONISTS AMERICANS OFTEN WITHOUT THEIR REALIZING IT.

AS THEY DEVELOPED A MORE MATURE SOCIETY IN THE NEXT CENTURY COLONISTS OF WEALTH AND STATURE BEGAN TO MORE STRONGLY EMULATE THE IDEAS AND FASHIONS AND ARCHITECTURE OF BRITISH HIGH SOCIETY.

YET NO MATTER HOW HARD THEY TRIED TO RECREATE ENGLISH SOCIETY IN THE NEW WORLD THEY WERE BECOMING A DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

THIS PORTRAIT OF MRS. ELIZABETH FREAKE AND HER BABY, MARY, IS AT ITS HEART A PORTRAIT OF PURITAN PROSPERITY IN THE LATE 17th CENTURY. ELIZABETH FREAKE WAS THE WIFE OF A WELL-OFF LAWYER AND MERCHANT IN BOSTON. HERE SHE IS THE MODEL OF THE PURITAN MIDDLE-CLASS MATRON.

PRETTY, BUT PLAIN-FACED, COMPOSED AND SOMEWHAT REMOTE.

SITTING STIFFLY, SHE IS DRESSED IN HER SUNDAY BEST; HER ELABORATE DUTCH LACE COLLAR AND CUFF, PEARL NECKLACE, JET BEAD BRACELET.

THE CARVED WOODEN CHAIR IS UPHOLSTERED IN A RICH PILE FABRIC KNOWN AS "TURKEY WORK" WHICH HAD TO BE IMPORTED INTO THE COLONIES.

IN THE FIRST VERSION OF THIS PORTRAIT ELIZABETH FREAKE SAT ALONE. SOMETIME LATER, HER DAUGHTER WAS BORN.
AND THEN PAINTED IN.

TOGETHER THE TWO EPITOMIZE SHARP DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN NEW ENGLAND AND VIRGINIA.

HERE WAS AN ORDERLY SOCIETY EMBRACING WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

A SOCIETY CENTERED ON HOME AND HEARTH THE POWER OF PROPERTY AND WEALTH NOW COMPETING WITH THE POWER OF GOD.