St Francis of Assisi

An Overview
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Who was Francis?
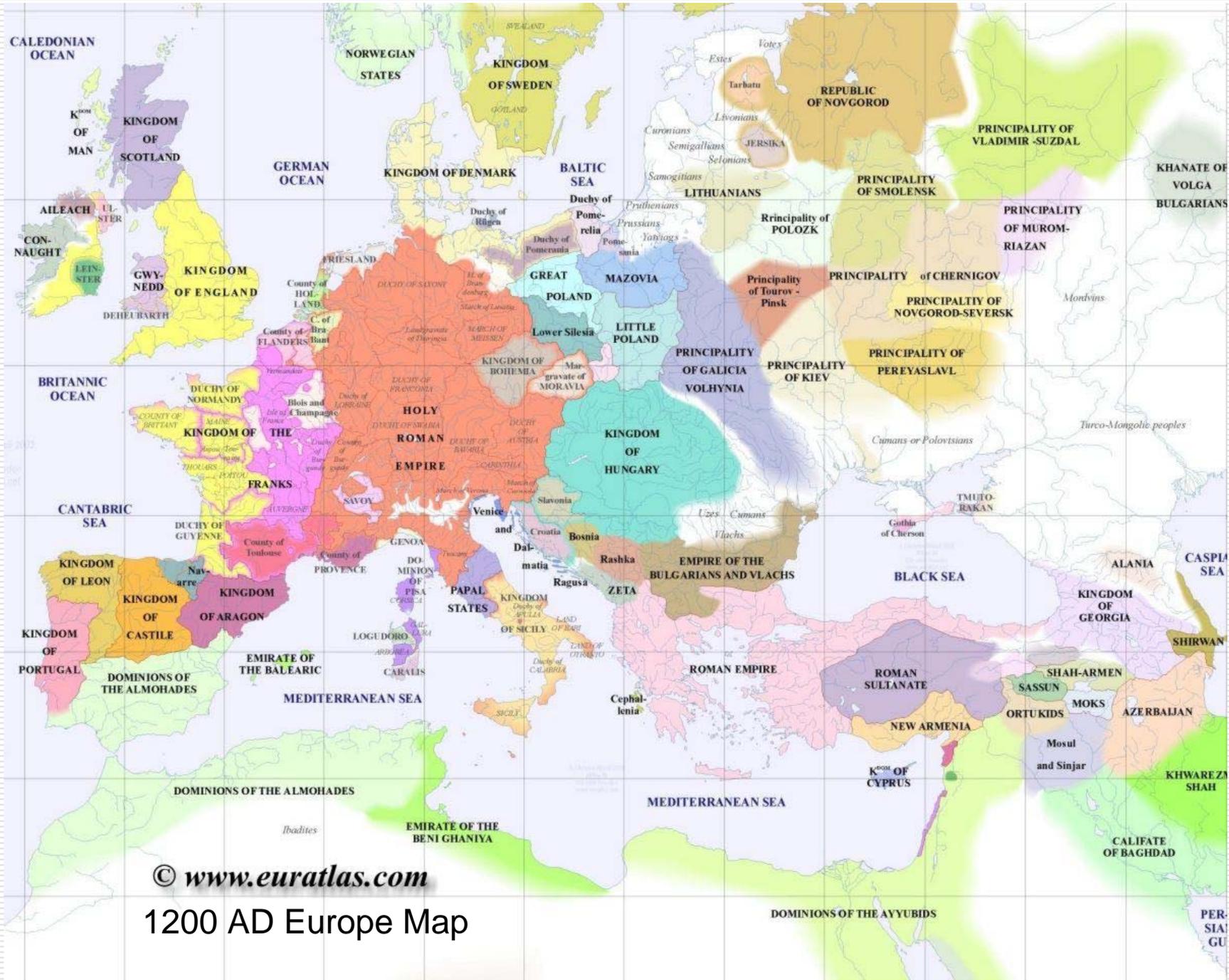
- **Giovanni di Bernardone**
- Born in Umbira between 1181 – 1182, died October 3, 1226.
  - Lived in a world luxury…think "rich kid".
  - Compare maps of the 11th and 12th Century Europe.
  - This was a world in turmoil, he goes to war, is captured and imprisoned. This experience and what he sees changes him.
- He believes that the Lord speaks to him and becomes "possessed" with a desire to seek the spiritual.
- His message: *"Go, Francis, and repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin."*

CALEDONIAN OCEAN

KINGDOM OF NORWAY

SVEALAND

Esths

Tchuds

KINGDOM OF SWEDEN

GÖTLAND

PRINCIPALITY OF NOVGOROD

Livonians

Lettes

Curonians

Zhmuds

PRINCIPALITY OF ROSTOV-SUZDAL

Cheremiss

EARLDOM OF ORKNEY

KINGDOM OF SCOTLAND

GERMAN OCEAN

KINGDOM OF DENMARK

BARBARIAN SEA

Lituanians

Pruthenians

PRINCIPALITY OF POLOTSK

PRINCIPALITY OF SMOLENSK

KHANATE OF VOLGA BULGARIANS

Mordvins

Ailech   Ul-aidh

CONN-AUGHT   Oriel   Meath

Gwy-nedd

Leinster

MUNSTER   Deheu-barth

KINGDOM OF ENGLAND

FRIES-LAND

Wagrians Pola-Abod-rites

Duchy of Rana

Liutizians

Duchy of Pomerelia

Duchy of Pomerania

Yatwigs

Prussians

PRINCIPALITY OF CHERNIGOV

Bourtas

DUCHY OF SAXONY

North

Kopanice

Lusatia

KINGDOM OF POLAND

PRINCIPALITY OF KIEV

PRINCIPALITY OF PEREJASLAWL

BRITANNIC OCEAN

County of FLANDERS

DUCHY OF LOWER LORRAINE

KINGDOM OF THE GERMANS

Thuringia

Meissen

Zeitz

DUCHY OF BOHEMIA

Principality of Perejaslawl

DUCHY OF NORMANDY

Blois Cham-pagne

DUCHY OF UPPER LORRAINE

DUCHY OF FRANCONIA

PRINCIPALITY OF GALICIA

to Chernigov

COUNTIES OF BRITANNY

ANJOU

Duchy of Bur-gundy

County of Bur-gundy

DUCHY OF SWABIA

DUCHY OF BAVARIA

EAST MARCH

March of CARANTANIA

Cumans or Polovisi

Khazars

CANTABRIC SEA

KINGDOM OF THE FRANKS

DUCHY OF GUYENNE

KINGDOM OF THE FRANKS

KINGDOM of BURGUNDY

HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

CARINTHIA

Carniola

Duchy of

THEME OF CHERSON

NAV-ARRE

COUNTY OF TOULOUSE

County of PROVENCE

KINGDOM OF ITALY

LOMBARDY

March of Verona

Venice and Dal-matia

KINGDOM OF CROATIA

BOS-NIA

DUCHY OF NISSA

Uzes

Vlachs

Cumans

EUXINE SEA

ALANIA

CASPIAN SEA

KINGDOM OF LEON AND CASTILE

Aragon

C.ty of Barcelona

DOMAIN OF PISA

TUS-CANY

March of Ancona

D. of Spoleto

Ragusa

RASHKA

ZETA

DUCHY OF THE DANUBE

THEME OF MACEDONIA AND THRACE

DUCHY OF PAPHLAGONIA

Kingdom of Abkhazia

Kartli

SARAGOSSA

VAL-ENCIA

Emirate of the Balearic

LOGU-DORO ARBOREA

GAL-LURA

Naples Amalfi

Papal States

DUCHY OF APULIA AND CALABRIA

Duchy of Dyrrachium

DUCHY OF OHRID

DUCHY OF THESSALONICA

DUCHY OF BITHYNIA

OPSICIAN DUCHE

Danishmend Emirate

Shah-Armen

Kars

ANI

Dzora-gets

Sassun

Zange-zur

DOMINIONS OF THE ALMORAVIDS

CAGLIARI

Duchy of Carfu

THEME OF HELLAS AND PELOPON-NESUS

ROMAN EMPIRE

THE AEGEAN

THRACESIAN DUCHY

SAMOS

ROMAN SULTANATE

Armenian principalties

Anti-och

Edessa

Moks

ATABEG OF MOSUL

HAMMADITE KINGDOM

ZIRID EMIRATE

COUNTY OF SICILY

DUCHY OF CYPRUS

Emirate of Aleppo

ABBASSID CALIFATE UNDER SELJUK RULE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Banu Hilal

Banu Jami

Ibadites

Banu Sulaym

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Emirate of Damascus

Jerusalem

PER-SIAN GULF

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1100 AD Europe Map

FATIMID CALIFATE

CALEDONIAN OCEAN

NORWEGIAN STATES

KINGDOM OF SWEDEN

SVEALAND

GOTLAND

Votes

Estes

Tarbatu

Livonians

JERSIKA

Curonians

Semigallians

Selonians

Samogitians

REPUBLIC OF NOVGOROD

PRINCIPALITY OF VLADIMIR-SUZDAL

KHANATE OF VOLGA BULGARIANS

K^{DOM} OF MAN

KINGDOM OF SCOTLAND

GERMAN OCEAN

KINGDOM OF DENMARK

BALTIC SEA

Duchy of Pome-relia

LITHUANIANS

Pruthenians

Prussians

Yahtiags

Pomesania

PRINCIPALITY OF POLOZK

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PRINCIPALITY OF SMOLENSK

PRINCIPALITY OF MUROM-RIAZAN

AILEACH   UL-STER

CON-NAUGHT

LEIN-STER

GWY-NEDD

KINGDOM OF ENGLAND

DEHEUBARTH

FRIESLAND

County of HOL-LAND

C. of Bra-bant

County of FLANDERS

Duchy of Rügen

Duchy of Pomerania

DUCHY OF SAXONY

Isle of Bran-denburg

March of Lusatia

Landgravate of Thuringia

MARCH OF MEISSEN

Duchy of Pomerania

GREAT POLAND

Lower Silesia

MAZOVIA

LITTLE POLAND

Principality of Tourov-Pinsk

PRINCIPALITY of CHERNIGOV

PRINCIPALTIY OF NOVGOROD-SEVERSK

Mordvins

BRITANNIC OCEAN

DUCHY OF NORMANDY

COUNTY OF BRITTANY

Vermandois

Blois and ble vf Champagne France

MAINE

Duchy of Bur-gundy

KINGDOM OF THE

Duchy of LORRAINE

Duchy of FRANCONIA

HOLY

ROMAN

EMPIRE

DUCHY OF SWABIA

DUCHY OF BAVARIA

CARINTHIA

KINGDOM OF BOHEMIA

Mar-gravate of MORAVIA

DUCHY OF AUSTRIA

March of Verona

PRINCIPALITY OF GALICIA VOLHYNIA

PRINCIPALITY OF KIEV

PRINCIPALITY OF PEREYASLAVL

Turco-Mongolic peoples

Cumans or Polovtsians

CANTABRIC SEA

ANJOU Tou-raine

THOUARS

POITOU

AUVERGNE

FRANKS

DUCHY OF GUYENNE

SAVOY

County of Toulouse

County of PROVENCE

GENOA

DO-MINION OF PISA

Tuscany

CORSICA

March of Carniola

Slavonia

Venice and Dal-matia

Croatia

Ragusa

Bosnia

Rashka

ZETA

Uzes   Cumans

Vlachs

EMPIRE OF THE BULGARIANS AND VLACHS

Gothia of Cherson

TMUTO-RAKAN

BLACK SEA

ALANIA

CASPIAN SEA

KINGDOM OF LEON

Nav-arre

KINGDOM OF ARAGON

KINGDOM OF CASTILE

PAPAL STATES

KINGDOM Duchy of APULIA OF SICILY

LAND OF BARI

LAND OF OTRANTO

Duchy of CALABRIA

ROMAN EMPIRE

KINGDOM OF GEORGIA

SHIRWAN

KINGDOM OF PORTUGAL

DOMINIONS OF THE ALMOHADES

EMIRATE OF THE BALEARIC

LOGUDORO

ARBOREA

CARALIS

BAL-CARA

SICILY

Cephal-lenia

K^{DOM} OF CYPRUS

ROMAN SULTANATE

NEW ARMENIA

SHAH-ARMEN

SASSUN

ORTUKIDS

MOKS

AZERBAIJAN

Mosul and Sinjar

KHWAREZM SHAH

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

DOMINIONS OF THE ALMOHADES

Ibadites

EMIRATE OF THE BENI GHANIYA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

CALIFATE OF BAGHDAD

DOMINIONS OF THE AYYUBIDS

PER-SIAN GU

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1200 AD Europe Map

How did he Act?

- Some considered him "mad"…he renounces his inheritance in front of his father by shedding his clothes and taking on a vow of poverty.

- All his friars take on this mission of preaching poverty and penitence.

Acts cont'd

- This action is in keeping with a mystical movement within the Catholic Church.
  - The church was at this time more like a political state then a religious church.
  - Francis and his actions lay the ground work for his order, the Friars Minor and the challenge for the church to return to its roots.

What did he love?

- He cared about all nature...thus his association with animals.

- His orders good works attracted followers. St. Clara, a disciple who founded an order of nuns in 1212.

- The growth of his and her orders and his wide travels (even to Moslem Spain) set the theme of prayerful peace that ground the VALUES.

Four Franciscan Values

- In light of Francis's life and religious commitment what do these values mean to you?
  - Creating a Caring Community
  - Showing Compassion
  - Reverencing all of Creation
  - Making Peace
- For further information see:

http://www.stritch.edu/data/files/values.pdf

Basilica of San Francesco