

BEN FRANKLIN

BORN IN BOSTON
IN 1706, FRANKLIN
GREW UP WITH
THE NEW CENTURY.

FOR STARTERS,
HE HORRIFIED HIS
PURITAN PARENTS BY
BECOMING A **DEIST**,
WHICH MEANT THAT
HE BELIEVED IN A
SORT OF ABSTRACT GOD,
NOT A BEARDED
JEHOVAH IN THE SKY.

IN HIS OWN WORDS:



"SINCE THERE IS IN ALL MEN SOMETHING
LIKE A NATURAL PRINCIPLE WHICH ENCLINES
THEM TO DEVOTION OR THE WORSHIP OF
SOME UNSEEN POWER... THEREFORE, I THINK
IT SEEMS REQUIRED OF ME, AND MY DUTY
AS A MAN, TO PAY DIVINE REGARDS TO
SOMETHING."

AND: ↓

"AS TO JESUS OF NAZARETH... I HAVE
SOME DOUBTS OF HIS DIVINITY, THO' IT IS
A QUESTION I DO NOT DOGMATIZE UPON...
I SEE NO HARM, HOWEVER, IN ITS BEING
BELIEVED, IF THAT BELIEF HAS THE GOOD
CONSEQUENCE, AS IT PROBABLY HAS, OF
MAKING HIS DOCTRINES MORE RESPECTED
AND BETTER OBSERVED."



"DOUBTS"? "NO
HARM"? "IF"?
"PROBABLY"?
PERFORATE HIS TONGUE!