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“Why the Reformation Matters, Whether We Like It or Not”

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The Protestant Reformation began 500 years ago with Martin Luther's Ninety-five Theses, and the changes it set in motion continue to influence the present in multiple ways that affect everyone--most of which Luther and other Reformation leaders would have deplored. From a man, to a German movement, to an era of European history, to Western modernity as a whole, this lecture spans half a millennium and argues for the Reformation era's enduring and unavoidable significance.

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