

JOHN COTTON

Born in Derbyshire England 4 December 1585. He died in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay 23 December 1652. Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Vicar of the Church of Saint Botolph, Boston, Lincolnshire, 1612 ~ 1633.

Regardless of Preference & Conspicuous as a Puritan Divine, He became the object of a Prelatical Persecution. "Unawed by influence and unbribed by gain." He then sought refuge in New England. Ordained immediately on his arrival, he ministered to his death as 'Teacher of the Boston Church, 1633 ~ 1652.

Scholar, Theologian, Preacher, Publicist, He gave form & inspiration to the Ecclesiastical Policy known as "The New England Way." Preceptor and friend of Vane. From him Cromwell sought counsel. Living, he was revered as "That Apostle of his Age." Dead, he is remembered as "Patriarch of the Massachusetts Theocracy."

