3. THE ATLANTIC WORLD, COM-MERCE, AND WARS OF RELIGION, 1560–1648

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The Opening of the Atlantic

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people from all over the globe in this age, including the New World. In two thoughtful books A. W. Crosby demonstrates that European plants, animals, and diseases had as much to do with the success of European expansion and the consequent devastation of the indigenous peoples as military conquest did: The Columbian Exchange: Biological and Cultural Consequences of 1492 (1972; rev. 2003) and Ecological Imperialism: The Biological Expansion of Europe, 900-1900 (1986), a broader study. C. C. Mann describes the diversity of Native American societies before the arrival of Europeans in 1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus (2005). Another interesting account of pre-Columbian North America is T. Horwitz, A Voyage Long and Strange: Rediscovering the New World (2008). For the impact of the discoveries on European thought, one may turn to W. Brandon, New Worlds for Old: Reports from the New World and Their Effect on the Development of Social Thought in Europe, 1500-1800 (1986); J. H. Elliott, The Old World and the New, 1492–1650 (1970, 1992); and A. Pagden's two books, European Encounters with the New World: From Renaissance to Romanticism (1992) and Lords of All the World: Ideologies of Empire in Spain, Britain, and France, c. 1500-c. 1850 (1995). The latter may be compared with the two works of P. Seed, Ceremonies of Possession in Europe's Conquest of the New World, 1492–1640 (1995) and American Pentimento: The Invention of *Indians and the Pursuit of Riches* (2001). One will also find additional perspectives on the cross-cultural encounter in the work of the demographic historian M. Livi Bacci, Conquest: The Destruction of the American *Indios* (trans. 2008). On European interactions with native peoples in the years after the initial explorations, see the important books of J. Axtell, Beyond 1492: Encounters in Colonial North America (1993) and Natives and Newcomers: The Cultural Origins of North America (2001).

Portugal and Spain in Europe and Overseas

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The Tudor Age: Elizabethan England

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