

THE FASCINATING HISTORY THEY DIDN'T TELL US AT SCHOOL

Part 3: From 1000 AD to the Present Day

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DATE EVENTS, PERSONS, PEOPLES AND PARTICULARS

- 1014AD. King Knut (Canute) the Anglo-Dane centralises Christian Law in Anglo-British England.
- 1034..... Britons of Strathclyde unite with the Scots and the Picts under King Duncan as the first King of Scotland.
- 1042..... Edward the Confessor, a godly Christian, the last Saxon King of Anglo-British England.
- 1050..... First origin of the English jury system? (Some think based on the twelve apostles.)
- 1066..... King William the Conqueror invades England; yet Nor(se)men from France resist the Pope and gradually get anglicised.
- 1067..... Many Anglo-Britons flee the Normans into Wales and Ireland.
- 1068..... Queen Margaret Romanises the Scottish Church, in spite of Culdee (Proto-Protestant) resistance.
- 1085..... Pope Hildebrand (Gregory VIII): "I am Emperor" - but not of Anglo-Norman Britain!
- 1088..... King William's "Doomsday Book" leaves Glastonbury's Ancient Church untaxed (as Britain's "Mother Church").
- 1100..... First Christian Crusade, also from England, in Palestine.
- 1100f.... The Scottish Culdees resist the ongoing romanisation of the Caledonian Church.
- 1142f.... William of Malmesbury writes about the previous Saxon Christian Kings of England.
- 1145..... Ireland: Malachy enforces mandatory celibacy on the Irish Presbyters and helps finalise their romanisation.
- 1152..... Geoffrey Arthur of Monmouth, Deacon of Llandaff, writes a Welsh history - from BC 1100 to the AD 489 Cadwall.
- 1164..... Henry II's *Constitutions of Clarendon* curb ecclesiastical powers within England.
- 1170..... Papist, Thomas a Becket, punished by the crown for breaking his assent to the *Constitutions of Clarendon*.
- 1175..... Madoc, Christian Welsh Prince, takes three hundred men to settle in North America.
- 1176..... English Chief Justice, Glanvill, limits the scope of Roman Canon Law.
- 1215..... Magna Carta: protects qualified franchise; Parliament-under-law against centralised tyranny of King and Pope.
- 1250..... Bracton's *Laws and Customs of England*: "The King ought to be under ... God and the Law" (Deut 17:18f).
- 1260..... Europe: Thomas Aquinas' Romish "Natural Law" theory (= largely Aristotelian).
- 1292..... Breton's *Summary of the Laws of England* helps anglicise the Normans in Britain.

- 1300..... Edward I, "the English Justinian" (thus Blackstone), bridles the Pope and unifies English Law.
- 1315..... Scotland: Robert the Bruce, together with the Irish, asserts liberty (even though papally excommunicated).
- 1320f.... Pseudo-Dexter, Heleca, Freculphus and Forcatulus: Joseph of Arimathea was in Britain from 38 AD onward!
- 1325..... Marsilia of Padua: defends civil power versus the papacy (even in Europe!).
- 1330f.... The Great Plague (bubonic) exterminates two-thirds of corrupt religionists throughout the then-known world.
- 1345..... Edward III promotes industry, respects popular rights, and withstands the Pope (on the advice of the English Parliament).
- 1345f.... William of Ockham advocates separation between Church and State (foreshadowing Luther).
- 1351..... English *Statute of Provisors*: benefices in Britain forbidden to all foreign clergy.
- 1353..... English *Statute of Praemunire*: appeals from Britain to Rome henceforth prohibited.
- 1360f.... Cumbria: Wycliffe asserts primacy of Scripture and pre-eminence of Laws of God and of England *versus* Rome's Pope.
- 1380..... Wycliffe's Lollards: "You could not meet two men on the road, but one was a Wycliffite!"
- 1405..... Bohemia: Beginning of the Wycliffite John Huss's reforms, which influenced Luther a century later.
- 1409f.... 'Reform Councils': "The British Church was founded by Joseph of Arimathea" - from Palestine and not from Rome.
- 1470..... Fotescue's *Praises of the Laws of England*: British Law started with the Trojan Brut in BC 1150.
- 1481..... Littleton's *Treatise on Tenures* (on the non-Roman British Law of Property).
- 1485..... The Welsh Tudor King becomes Henry VII of England, thus anticipating the 1536 Union between England and Wales.
- 1515f.... Fitzherbert's *Grand Abridgment* (or digest of important legal cases in Britain).
- 1517f.... Protestant Reformation produces Luther's antipapal writings *To the German Nation and his Secular Authority*.
- 1521..... Zwingli's *Declaration of Christian Faith* limits the papacy and elevates magistrates.
- 1529f.... British Parliament removes papal Canon Law from England, punishing capital crimes only under the Common Law.
- 1534..... Even the French Romanist Polydor Vergil says Britain received Christianity already in the first century.
- 1536..... Act of Union between England and Wales (as 'Great Britain') - under Britain's Welsh Tudor King Henry VIII.
- 1536f.... Geneva: Calvin's *Institutes* (IV) and his *Commentaries* promote even political liberty and law and order.
- 1550..... Edward VI steers England toward Calvinism and incipient Puritanism.
- 1555..... Even Romish Cardinal Pole: "Britain was the first of all countries to receive the Christian faith"!
- 1558f.... Elizabeth I of England - 'Good Queen Bess' - considerably promotes the Protestant Reformation.
- 1559..... Scottish Queen Mary abdicates for her son James VI; Knox returns from Calvin and protestantises Scotland.
- 1559f.... Various Reformed Confessions (French, Belgic, Scots, Swiss etc) discuss the duties of the civil magistrate.
- 1560..... The Geneva Bible of Knox and Whittingham (= Mrs John Calvin's brother-in-law) saturates England.

- 1562.....America: French Protestants (Calvinists called 'Huguenots') temporarily colonise the Carolinas.
- 1564f....Rise of Calvinistic Puritanism in Elizabethan England of Protestant 'Good Queen Bess.'
- 1565.....America: French Calvinists colonise St Augustine in Florida.
- 1570.....Cardinal Baronius, Vatican Librarian, concedes that Christianity reached Britain by AD 35!
- 1573.....Beza's *Rights of Rulers* through Mournay's *Vindication Against Tyrants* later influences even George Washington.
- 1583.....James VI's "Protestant League" between Scotland and England.
- 1584f....Protestant British explorations of North American coast - by Raleigh, Hakluyt, Cabot, etc.
- 1588.....Protestant Britain decisively defeats the Romanist 'Armada' of Spain, Portugal and Italy.
- 1606.....Jansz enters Australia's Gulf of Carpentaria in ship *Duyfken* and follows coast to Cape Keer-Weer in Queensland.
- 1607.....Quiros discovers New Hebrides (and Australia?) which he names 'Land of the Holy Spirit.'
- 1610.....Calvinistic jurist, Althusius, posits 'sphere-sovereignty' *versus* statism, and influences Robinson's 'Pilgrim Fathers.'
- 1611.....James I of England (= James VI of Scotland) approves Authorised Version of the Bible for use in his two realms.
- 1611f....*Dedication* to King James Bible calls Britain "our Zion" and teaches against "man of sin" and other "popish persons."
- 1616.....Dirck Hartog, in his ship *Eendracht*, discovers the west coast of Australia.
- 1620.....America: British Protestant migrants' "Mayflower Compact" = Pilgrims' covenant rule in and for this world under God.
- 1622.....Ship *Tryal* wrecked with some survivors as the first Britons known to have reached Australia.
- 1628.....England: 'Petition of Right' (*versus* the absolutism of King Charles I).
- 1628.....America: Puritan, John Endicott, appointed to supervise eight settlements in Salem.
- 1628f....England: Christian Lord Chief Justice Sir Edward Coke's *Institutes and Origin of the Common Law of England*.
- 1629.....Puritan Higinson: "Farewell, dear England... We separate from corruption and go to New England"!
- 1629.....John Winthrop (later New England Governor) makes his Genesis 1:26 'Resolve' - while still in England.
- 1630.....Winthrop brings *Charter* of Christian government for Massachusetts with catechists on the ship *Arabella*.
- 1633.....British Puritan, John Cotton, goes to America, writing *Moses and his Judicials* after being 'sweetened' with Calvin.
- 1633f....America: "Puritans believed ... the pure church should be 'national'; Presbyterian; on Calvin's model" (Perry Miller).
- 1639f....Britain: Scottish Revolt and the First and Second Civil Wars.
- 1642.....British Civil War: Puritan Cromwell's 'Ironsides' subjugate the land to Biblical rule.
- 1642.....Dutch Reformed, Tasman, dedicates his voyage (to Australasia) to God Almighty and annexes Tasmania.
- 1643.....New England Confederation (between Massachusetts and Connecticut) = Calvinistic 'sphere-sovereignty'.
- 1643f....Puritans draw up *Westminster Standards* (including *WCF* 23:1f, 25:6 and 31:2f on civil magistrate and against papacy, etc).
- 1644.....Scottish Rutherford's *Lex Rex* (= 'Law is King') *versus* 'The King is Law'!

- 1646f....Massachusetts' Cambridge Synod confederates - and adopts British *Westminster Standards*.
- 1649.....Puritan British Member of Parliament, John Sadler, advocates 'Anglo-Israelism.'
- 1652.....South Africa: Calvinistic Governor, Van Riebeeck's prayer establishing the Reformed religion at the Cape of Good Hope.
- 1653.....Calvinistic Oliver Cromwell appointed Lord Protector of all Britain.
- 1657.....Cromwell champions religious liberty and refuses the offered kingship over Britain.
- 1658.....Death of Oliver Cromwell - yet continuation of deathless Puritanism.
- 1659.....American Puritan, John Eliot, on the *Christian Commonwealth*.
- 1660.....Restoration of English monarchy on a constitutional basis (Charles II).
- 1671f....Westminster Confession Puritan, Chief Justice Hales' *History of the Common Law of England*.
- 1688.....Romanising English King, James II, deposed in the 'Glorious Revolution'; all British monarchs now to maintain God's Law.
- 1688f....Reign of Protestant King and Queen, William & Mary, and adoption of Bill of Rights.
- 1690.....Ireland: William of Orange defeats James II at Battle of the Boyne, securing Ulster for Protestantism.
- 1700.....John Locke: "The chief end of government is to preserve property under God's 'Law of Nature'."
- 1707.....Union between Great Britain (= England + Wales) and Scotland as the British 'United Kingdom' - a constitutional monarchy.
- 1710.....Ireland: massive Scots-Irish Protestant exodus from Ulster - especially to North America.
- 1711.....Rev Dr Cotton Mather: "America is yet to fulfil the glorious predictions of Scripture"!
- 1739.....Rev Dr Jonathan Edwards: "America and Australia and the whole world are yet to be filled with the glory of God"!
- 1765.....Blackstone's *Commentaries on the Laws of England* upholds Common Law for Britain and her Colonies.
- 1765f....Francis Lightfoot Lee of Virginia signs the 'Westmoreland Declaration' against the British Stamp Act.
- 1770.....James Cook discovers east coast of Australia and sails through Torres Strait.
- 1771.....First edition of *Encyclopaedia Britannica* asserts the Common Law capital punishment for murder, rape and blasphemy.
- 1778.....Presbyterian, Rev Dr John Witherspoon: "Moses' 'lex talionis' is needed in American government"!
- 1776.....June 7: Richard Henry Lee moves that the American Colonies confederate together and break political ties with England.
- 1776.....June 12: Virginia 'Bill of Rights' - to serve as later model for all the American Colonies.
- 1776.....July 4: American Declaration of Independence: "All men are endowed by their Creator" with certain "unalienable rights."
- 1777.....First prayer in American Congress, petitions God for victory in the Name of Jesus Christ.
- 1777f....English Captain, James Cook, visits Tasmania and New Zealand
- 1783.....Peace Treaty of Paris between England and the USA: "In the Name of the high and most exalted Trinity."
- 1786.....Evangelical, Rev Richard Johnson, offered the Chaplaincy of New South Wales and takes Bibles and Psalters to Australia.
- 1787.....US Northwest Ordinance: "Religion [and] morality ... [are] necessary to good government."

- 1787.....(Christian) Constitution of the USA: "In the year of our Lord 1787" - with 'Sundays' not working days.
- 1788.....Australia: First Fleet arrives in Botany Bay, establishing first British colony; Governor Phillip enforces 'Decalogue.'
- 1789.....Anti-Trinitarian French Revolution - the worst calamity since the Fall - starts increasingly to dechristianise the West.
- 1791.....1st Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise."
- 1791.....7th Amendment: Right to trial by jury in any US court only "according to the rules of common law."
- 1791.....US 'Bill of Rights' (= first ten Amendments) praised by British Christian, Burke, (and later also by Lord Gladstone).
- 1792.....Australia: commencement of Christian education - Governor Phillip and Revs Johnson & Marsden.
- 1792f....America: Nearly all the first US Presidents and statesmen overwhelmingly hold Biblical views.
- 1795.....Australia: Governor Hunter looks to Providence for support and speaks of Christ as his Saviour.
- 1801.....Creation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland under the Union Jack.
- 1802f....Europe (and later even America) increasingly infected by the unholy aftermath of the 1789 atheistic French Revolution.
- 1804.....Australia: The Lieutenant-Governor authorises the settlement of Tasmania to start with public prayer (led by Rev Knopwood).
- 1810.....Australia: Governor Macquarie promotes Christian dayschools & chaplains and promotes the Bible Society and Sunday Schools.
- 1821.....Australia: Christian Governor, Thomas Brisbane's motto: "Never despair; aspire to God"!
- 1830.....Australia: Increasing political, religious and social influence of Presbyterian minister, Rev Dunmore Lang.
- 1848.....Thwarted European Communist revolutionists go underground, some migrating to the USA.
- 1848f....Northern USA infiltrated by 'excrement' from leftist 'sewer' of Europe, some becoming Yankee generals (thus Dabney).
- 1850f....Leftist migrants to Northern USA promote hatred of Christian Common Law - especially south of the Mason-Dixon line.
- 1855f....Unitarian Yankee radicals agitate for the destruction of the Trinitarian Christian southland.
- 1859.....Presbyterian US Southerner, J H Thornwell, urges all Christians to "undertake the conquest of the world" with the Gospel.
- 1861.....Thornwell unsuccessfully urges Southern Confederacy to give constitutional recognition to "Christ as King of Kings."
- 1861f....America: War of Northern Aggression defeats Christian South; 14th Amendment 'enacted' unconstitutionally.
- 1869.....Ex-Southern Commander, Robert E Lee: If the 1861f War had to be waged again, "I should act in precisely the same manner"!
- 1874.....Australia: the Law of God is part of the law of the land - *ex parte Thackeray* 13 SCR (NSW) 1,61.
- 1892.....US Supreme Court still saying: "This is a Christian nation"! (*Trinity Church Case*).
- 1901.....Australian Constitution: "Relying on the blessing of Almighty God" and oath to the Monarch "so help me God."
- 1901.....Adoption of Australian flag uniting the three Christian crosses of England, Ireland and Scotland with the Southern Cross.
- 1903f....British Chief Justice, Holdsworth: "Christianity is parcel of the Common Law of England and therefore to be protected by it; now whatever strikes at the very root of Christianity tends manifestly to the dissolution of civil government."

- 1912.....America: New Hampshire refuses to eliminate "Christian" from its Bill of Rights (until 1926).
- 1917.....Russian Revolution: Product of French Revolution of 1789 and Communist revolutions of 1848 and 1871 (thus Lenin).
- 1944.....United Nations: Manipulated by leftists, with International Treaties progressively assailing Christian Common Law.
- 1953.....Commonwealth: Queen Elizabeth II given Bible at her coronation and told: "Our gracious Queen, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords... This is the Royal Law (James 2:8-12)... Almighty and ever-living God... grant that... Thy servant, Elizabeth our Queen... may truly... administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"!
- 1954.....US Congress legislates to add words "under God" after "one Nation" in pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
- 1977f....Presbyterian Church of Australia starts re-asserting the Holy Bible and the *Westminster Confession of Faith*.
- 1982.....America: US Congress calls the Bible the "Word of God"; recognises "the formative influence the Bible has been for our Nation"; and urges "our national need to study and apply the teachings of the Holy Scriptures" as "this Nation now faces great challenges that will test this Nation as it has never been tested before..." For "faith in God through Holy Scripture can strengthen us as a Nation and a people"!
- 1988.....Britain: Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, informs the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland about her "personal belief in the relevance of Christianity to public policy... The Old Testament lays down: in Exodus the Ten Commandments as given to Moses; the injunction in Leviticus to love our neighbour as ourselves; and, generally, the importance of observing a strict code of law... The New Testament is a record of: the Incarnation; the teachings of Christ; and the establishment of the Kingdom of God... I believe that by taking together these key elements from the Old and New Testaments, we gain a view of the universe; a proper attitude to work; and principles to shape economic and social life... The Christian religion... is a fundamental part of our national heritage... We are a Nation whose ideals are founded on the Bible... Nowhere in the Bible is the word 'democracy' mentioned. Ideally, when Christians meet as Christians to take counsel together, their purpose is not to ascertain what is the mind of the majority but what is the mind of the Holy Spirit... No majority can take away God-given human rights"!
- 1990f....Iron Curtain Communism crumbles and former Socialist States open up to the Gospel.
- 1991.....Australia: Presbyterian Church of Queensland condemns gambling, Sabbath desecration, prostitution and homosexuality and requests the State to re-introduce the death penalty for murder.
- 1992f....Australia: Parliamentary debate: The three Christian crosses and the Southern Cross on the flag - stay there!
- 1993.....Queen Elizabeth II quotes John 1:10-12 in her Christmas Message and commends those who go about their lawful lives. "God save the Queen!" (cf 2 Chron 23:11).
- 1993f....Ungodliness and 'AIDS' etc increase; Islam and Romanism march again; Humanism and the 'New Age' movement advance. But so too does the Tri-une Christ-ian Gospel, into all the world (Matt 28:19f) - till Revelation 15:3-4!