

Later in the same year, the Fundamental Agreement, or Original Constitution of the Colony of New Haven was adopted June 4, 1639, as a series of questions adopted in the affirmative by the assembled meeting, including:

Query I. WHETHER the scriptures do hold forth a perfect rule for the direction and government of all men in all duties which they are to perform to GOD and men, as well in families and commonwealth, as in matters of the church ? (Agreed to unanimously by holding up of hands, no man dissenting). [emphasis added]

Query II. WHEREAS ... as in matters that concern the gathering and ordering of a church, so likewise in all public [offices] which concern civil order, as choice of magistrates and officers, making and repealing laws, dividing allotments of inheritance, and all things of like nature, we would all of us be ordered by those rules which the scripture holds forth to [us]; this covenant was called a plantation [civil] covenant, to distinguish it from a church covenant. (Agreed to unanimously by holding up of hands, no man dissenting). [excerpt, emphasis added]

The two documents above ordering civil government are part of America's Christian heritage. It is a matter of the historical record. There is much, much more. Click on the **No King but King Jesus !** link in the online version of this newsletter posted at the Christians for Personhood website [<http://christiansforpersonhood.com>] to see for yourself.

No King but King Jesus ! (The Lord Jesus Christ)

Declarations and Evidences of **Christian Faith** in America's Colonial Charters, State Constitutions, and other Historical Documents during over 375 Years of American History: 1606 to 1982

Christian, do you know why America has been a blessed nation on the earth in the past ? Read Psalm 33:12; Proverb 14:34; Isaiah 33:22, KJV. Do you know why America is already being judged and is approaching calamitous Judgment even now ? Read Psalm 9:17, Deuteronomy chapter 28, and Leviticus chapter 26. There are national, corporate blessings and cursings (judgments) upon nations for obeying and disobeying God and His Word, the Bible.

America as founded was in great measure a fruit of the Christian Protestant Reformation. The Word of God set much of northern Europe free from the spiritual darkness and tyranny of Popery with the launch of the Reformation in 1517, restoring the Biblical truth of Justification by Faith Alone. Eventually and consequently, civil liberty improved among Reformation nations. The Bible says, "...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (2 Corinth. 3:17, KJV).

Just as the Pilgrims (Reformed Puritan Separatist Christians) fled Europe to escape religious persecution, coming to America to seek religious liberty, so did many others. They sought to establish a life based upon **the Word of God (The Bible)**. To the degree the Founding and Framing and following generations of America followed the Bible, this nation has been blessed.

American Slavery was a gross exception, for which, without repentance, this nation was Divinely and calamitously judged with the War Between Americans, 1861-1865; much as America is again today in 2018, headed for a national bloodbath if we will not repent of the shedding of innocent blood by child-murder by "abortion" and rightly, truly, "establish Justice" for all human beings. Furthermore, the ongoing incremental "regulation" of this gross national corporate sin of child-murder will not spare us from God's Judgment, just as the "regulation" of the gross national corporate sin of American Slavery did not spare the nation from the "terrible war" given by God to "both North and South" and the attendant loss of 600,000 - 700,000 American lives in 1861-1865.

So how many Americans, including Christians, understand today, without the Christian Protestant Reformation, there would not have been the "America" which was Declared Independent in 1776; and whose Constitution was Signed in 1787, and Ratified in 1788, and Implemented in 1789; and in which the Individual Rights of American citizens are protected from the federal government by the Bill of Rights which was Ratified in 1791 !!!???

In the decade before the first shots of the American Revolution (War for American Independence) were fired on the green (common) at Lexington (Mass.) on April 19, 1775, English jurist **William Blackstone** published his four books of Commentaries on the Laws of England (1765-1769). "The Commentaries were long regarded as the leading work on the development of English law and played a role in the development of the American legal system." "The Commentaries are often quoted as the definitive pre-Revolutionary source of common law by United States courts." "For decades, a study of the Commentaries was required reading for all first year law students." Blackstone's Commentaries were used before, and for approximately 100 years after, the American Revolution (1776-1783) to train lawyers in the United States, including at the University of South Carolina School of Law during part of the Reconstruction Era (1867-1877) after the USC Law School opened in 1867.

University of South Carolina Law School curriculum included Blackstone's Commentaries at times during period 1867-1877:

USC Law School History: Reconstruction Era (1867-1877) [excerpts, emphasis added]

The University of South Carolina School of Law was established as one of ten academic schools when South Carolina College was reorganized as the University of South Carolina in 1865 and 1866. The Board of Trustees elected twenty-seven year old South Carolina attorney Alexander Cheves Haskell as the first professor of law and the law school opened on October 7, 1867. Professor Haskell developed his own system of leading the junior class through a course in Blackstone's Commentaries and the senior class through a course on Stephens' Pleading. ... [continued]

USC Law School History: Reconstruction Era (1867-1877) [continued]

From the opening of the law school in October 1867 until the death of Professor Melton on December 4, 1875, classes were held in the University Library, now the South Caroliniana Library, and DeSaussure College. ... The Board of Trustees chose Franklin J. Moses, Sr., the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina, as Melton's successor. Under Moses the curriculum of the law school was modified to place a heavy emphasis on **Blackstone's Commentaries** and Kent's Lectures.

William Blackstone

Commentaries on the Laws of England (1765-1769)

[excerpts, emphasis added]

INTRODUCTION

Sect. 2: Of the Nature of Laws in General

"The doctrines thus delivered we call the revealed or divine law, and they are to be found only in the holy scriptures."

"Yet undoubtedly the revealed law is of infinitely more authenticity than that moral system, which is framed by ethical writers, and denominated the natural law. Because one is the law of nature, expressly declared so to be by God himself; the other is only what, by the assistance of human reason, we imagine to be that law. If we could be as certain of the latter as we are of the former, both would have an equal authority; but, till then, they can never be put in any competition together."

"Upon these two foundations, the law of nature and the law of revelation, **depend all human laws; that is to say, no human laws should be suffered to contradict these.**"

In other words, Blackstone's *Commentaries*, which were used before, and for 100 years after, the American Revolution (1776-1783) to train lawyers in the United States, said "***all human laws***" are to be consistent with ***the Word of God, the Bible !!!***

[Portion omitted]

Illinois State Supreme Court (*Richmond v. Moore*, 1883)

"... **our laws and our institutions** must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise. In this sense and to this extent, **our civilizations and our institutions are emphatically Christian**, ..." [47 Am.Rep. 449] [emphasis added]

Just as the Word of God unsheathed, set free nations on the European Continent during the Reformation, so can the sword of the Spirit set America free as we enter 2019. It is not "conservatism", or the Republican Party (and certainly not the Democrat Party), or the Romish/ecumenical so-called "Pro-Life Movement" which will deliver America from the suicidal path we are on presently, of national calamity, financial collapse, destruction, and possibly the terrible divine recompense of a bloodbath for national sin as the nation experienced 1861-1865.

Especially we who are called by the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ must Repent and turn from our wicked ways. Then God will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land. We must Repent of not doing God's work, in God's way, according to God's Word, for His Glory ! In the pro-life arena, these sins include unequal yoking with unbelievers and false religionists, *and consequently*, pursuing incremental "regulation" of child-murder instead of standing in faith and obedience upon the Word of God and striving for abolition and the establishment of justice now !

Christian, the whole purpose of this newsletter, is to affirm and impart what Blackstone wrote about 250 years ago in his *Commentaries*, which were used to train lawyers in America for 100 years, including right here in Columbia, South Carolina at the USC Law School; i.e., ALL human laws are to be founded upon either 1) "the law of revelation" ("the holy scriptures", the Bible), and/or 2) "the law of nature" (God's Law in Nature, not Romish so-called *natural law*).

"The committee convened to frame" the Fundamental Orders (Constitution) of Connecticut (1639) "was charged to make the laws:"

As near the law of God as they can be.

[William J. Federer, *America's God and Country Encyclopedia Of Quotations*, 1994, p.177.]