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# Christianity And The Constitution The Faith Of Our Founding Fathers

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*Religion and the Constitution*  
Princeton University Press  
This book examines the existing constitutional and legal system in England, Wales and Scotland, through the prism of its treatment of religion. The study encompasses questions of Church/State relations, but pushes far beyond these. It asks whether the approach to religion which has spread out from establishment to permeate the whole legal framework is a cause of concern or celebration in relation to individual and collective freedoms. The primary focus of the work is the synergy between the

religious dimension of the juridical system and the fundamental pillars of the Constitution (Parliamentary Sovereignty, the Rule of Law, Separation of Powers and Human Rights). Javier Garcia Oliva and Helen Hall challenge the view that separation between public and religious authorities is the most conducive means of nurturing a free and democratic society in modern Britain. The authors explore whether, counterintuitively for some, the religious dynamic to the legal system actually operates to safeguard liberties, and has a role in generating an inclusive

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and adaptable backdrop for our collective life. They suggest that the present paradigm brings benefits for citizens of all shades of religious belief and opinion (including Atheist, Humanist and other anti-theist perspectives), as well as secondary advantages for those with profound beliefs on non-religious matters e.g. Pacifism and Veganism. In support of their contentions, Garcia Oliva and Hall examine how the religious dimension of the legal framework operates to further essential constitutional principles in diverse settings, ranging from Criminal to Family Law. In a ground-breaking move, the authors also set the legal discussion alongside its social and cultural context. They consider how the theological perspectives of the larger faith traditions might influence members' ideas around the key constitutional precepts, and they include extracts from interviews which give the personal perspective of more than 100 individuals on contemporary issues of law and religious freedom. These voices are drawn from a range of fields and positions on faith. Whilst the authors are at pains to stress that these sections do

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not support or advance their legal conclusions, they do provide readers with a human backdrop to the discussion, and demonstrate its crucial importance in 21st century Britain.

Freedom of Religion, Equal Treatment, and the Law Rowman & Littlefield

Refutes the claims of the religious right that America was founded as a Christian nation, and emphasizes that separation of church and state was designed to guarantee religious freedom

Religion in Politics Princeton University Press

Compilation for study groups of documents showing the rise of self-government in a religious-oriented

America from colonial times through the American Revolution. For contents, see Author Catalog. To which are Added, Two Brief Dissertations: I. On Personal Identity: and II. On the Nature of Virtue. : Together with A Charge, Delivered to the Clergy of the Diocese of Durham, at the Primary Visitation, in the Year 1751 Yale University Press

Was America founded on Judeo-Christian principles? Are the Ten Commandments the basis for American law? In the paperback edition of this critically acclaimed book, a constitutional attorney settles the debate about religion's role in America's founding. In today's contentious political climate, understanding religion's role in American government is more important than ever.

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Christian nationalists assert that our nation was founded on Judeo-Christian principles, and advocate an agenda based on this popular historical claim. But is this belief true? The *Founding Myth* answers the question once and for all. Andrew L. Seidel builds his case by comparing the Ten Commandments to the Constitution and contrasting biblical doctrine with America's founding philosophy, showing that the Declaration of Independence contradicts the Bible. Thoroughly researched, this persuasively argued and fascinating book proves that America was not built on the Bible and that Christian nationalism is un-American. Includes a new epilogue reflecting on the role Christian nationalism played in fomenting the January 6, 2021, insurrection in DC and the warnings the nation missed.

*The Analogy of Religion, Natural and Revealed, to the Constitution and Course of Nature* Aspen Publishers  
Critically engaging with traditional secularism and religious accommodationism, this collection introduces a constitutional secularism that robustly meets contemporary challenges. It identifies which connections between religion and the state are compatible with the liberal, republican, and democratic principles of constitutional democracy and assesses the success of their implementation in the birthplace of political secularism: the United States and Western Europe.  
*Did America Have a Christian Founding?*  
University of Pennsylvania Press  
Steven K. Green tells the story of the nineteenth-century School Question, the nationwide debate over the place and funding of religious education, and how it became a crucial precedent for

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American thought about the separation of church and state.

*Beyond Belief, Beyond Conscience* Foundation for Amer Christian

Not every liberal democracy is constitutionally committed to an ideal of nonestablishment. Even in the absence of such a constitutional requirement, however, fundamental political-moral questions remain. Is it morally appropriate for citizens - in particular, legislators and other public officials - to present religious arguments about the morality of human conduct in public political debate? Is it morally appropriate for them to rely on such arguments in making a political choice? In addressing these and other questions, Perry criticizes recent work by Kent Greenawalt, John Rawls, and John Finnis.

*Religious Freedom and the Australian Constitution* Routledge

Forces on the Left seeks to fundamentally change our nation by disregarding the principles upon

which it was founded. Members of the media and liberal politicians seek to damage our economic, political, and educational systems for their gain. This is a book which: Exposes the Left's plan to undermine the Christian values on which the nation was built Reveals how attacks on Christianity are part of the political agenda of Liberals Provides a clear understanding of capitalism and how free markets benefit all people Reveals how Liberals undermine capitalism with their socialistic policies Shows how the Constitutions purpose to restrain government and protect individual liberty Unmask the efforts of the liberal Left to subvert the power and relevance of the Constitution Exposes the current corruption in government and culture which undermines the principles on which the nation was founded America faces a war of values that will determine its future and likely decide if it will continue as a great nation on the world stage. The Three Cs That Made America Great sounds a needed alarm to Christians and conservatives to

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answer the call to action and push back against the forces that desire to move America from its heritage and founding principles. It is time for God's people to take an active role in the political arena, not with violence, but with votes and voices that proclaim and defend the values that made our nation the brightest light of freedom the world has ever known.

*Religious Expression and the American Constitution* Baker Publishing Group (MI)

Throughout American history, views on the proper relationship between the state and religion have been deeply divided. And, with recent changes in the composition of the Supreme Court, First Amendment law concerning religion is likely to change dramatically in the years ahead. In *The Religion Clauses*, Erwin Chemerinsky and Howard Gillman, two of America's leading constitutional scholars, begin by explaining how freedom of religion is enshrined in the First Amendment through two provisions. They defend a robust view

of both clauses and work from the premise that that the establishment clause is best understood, in the words of Thomas Jefferson, as creating a wall separating church and state. After examining all the major approaches to the meaning of the Constitution's religion clauses, they contend that the best approaches are for the government to be strictly secular and for there to be no special exemptions for religious people from neutral and general laws that others must obey. In an America that is only becoming more diverse with respect to religion, this is not only the fairest approach, but the one most in tune with what the First Amendment actually prescribes. Both a pithy primer on the meaning of the religion clauses and a broad-ranging indictment of the Court's misinterpretation of them in recent years, *The Religion Clauses* shows how a separationist approach is most consistent with the concerns of the founders who drafted the Constitution and with the needs of a religiously pluralistic society in the 21st century.

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**One Nation Under God** Law and Religion  
Religion has become a charged token in a politics of division. Religious Freedom and the Constitution offers practical, moderate, and appealing terms for the settlement of many hot-button issues that have plunged religious freedom into controversy. It calls Americans back to the project of finding fair terms of cooperation for a religiously diverse people, and it offers a valuable set of tools for working toward that end.

*Separating Modern Myth from Historical Truth*  
Oxford University Press, USA

Conscience has long been a foundational theme in Christian ethics, but it is a notoriously slippery and contested term. This volume works to define conscience and reveal the similarities and differences between different Christian traditions' thinking on the subject. In a thorough and scholarly manner, the authors explore Christian theological,

legal, constitutional, historical, and philosophical meanings of conscience. Covering a range of historical periods, major figures in the development of conscience, and contemporary applications, this book is a vital source for scholars from a wide variety of disciplines seeking to understand conscience from a range of perspectives.

**The Faith of Our Founding Fathers** Freiling  
Publishing

The provocative and authoritative history of the origins of Christian America in the New Deal era We're often told that the United States is, was, and always has been a Christian nation. But in *One Nation Under God*, historian Kevin M. Kruse reveals that the belief that America is fundamentally and formally Christian originated in the 1930s. To fight the "slavery" of FDR's New Deal, businessmen enlisted religious activists in a campaign for "freedom under God" that culminated in the election of their ally Dwight Eisenhower in 1952. The new president revolutionized the role of

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religion in American politics. He inaugurated new traditions like the National Prayer Breakfast, as Congress added the phrase "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance and made "In God We Trust" the country's first official motto. Church membership soon soared to an all-time high of 69 percent. Americans across the religious and political spectrum agreed that their country was "one nation under God." Provocative and authoritative, *One Nation Under God* reveals how an unholy alliance of money, religion, and politics created a false origin story that continues to define and divide American politics to this day.

### **How Corporate America Invented Christian America** West Academic Publishing

More than the citizens of most countries, Americans are either religious or in jail--or both. But what does it mean when imprisonment and evangelization actually go hand in hand, or at least appear to? What do

"faith-based" prison programs mean for the constitutional separation of church and state, particularly when prisoners who participate get special privileges? In *Prison Religion*, law and religion scholar Winnifred Fallers Sullivan takes up these and other important questions through a close examination of a 2005 lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of a faith-based residential rehabilitation program in an Iowa state prison. *Americans United for the Separation of Church and State v. Prison Fellowship Ministries*, a trial in which Sullivan served as an expert witness, centered on the constitutionality of allowing religious organizations to operate programs in state-run facilities. Using the trial as a case study, Sullivan argues that separation of church and state is no longer possible. Religious authority has shifted from institutions to individuals,

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making it difficult to define religion, let alone disentangle it from the state. *Prison Religion* casts new light on church-state law, the debate over government-funded faith-based programs, and the predicament of prisoners who have precious little choice about what kind of rehabilitation they receive, if they are offered any at all.

**Christian History of the Constitution of the United States of America** Oxford University Press

Using the writings of the founders and records of their conversations and activities, John Eidsmoe demonstrates the influence of Christianity on the political convictions of the founding fathers.

[The Founding Myth](#) Oxford University Press  
Eidsmoe deals with four major influences on the founding fathers: Calvinism, deism, freemasonry, and science. He then goes on to examine the

religious beliefs of thirteen specific men: John Witherspoon, James Madison, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Gouverneur Morris, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Patrick Henry, Roger Sherman, and Charles Cotesworth Pinckney. *Law, Religion, Constitution* Baker Academic  
Both the Bible and the Constitution have the status of “Great Code,” but each of these important texts is controversial as well as enigmatic. They are asked to speak to situations that their authors could not have anticipated on their own. In this book, one of our greatest religious historians brings his vast knowledge of the history of biblical interpretation to bear on the question of constitutional interpretation. Jaroslav Pelikan compares the methods by which the official interpreters of the Bible and the Constitution—the Christian Church and the Supreme Court, respectively—have approached the necessity of interpreting, and reinterpreting, their important texts. In spite of

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obvious differences, both texts require close, word-by-word exegesis, an awareness of opinions that have gone before, and a willingness to ask new questions of old codes, Pelikan observes. He probes for answers to the question of what makes something authentically “constitutional” or “biblical,” and he demonstrates how an understanding of either biblical interpretation or constitutional interpretation can illuminate the other in important ways.

### Liveright Publishing

Canceling Christianity is about the battle for the heart and soul of America, the spiritual conflict we find ourselves in, and how the forces of darkness, both human and demonic, are behind today's progressive "cancel culture." As we watch our institutions being hijacked by anti-democratic philosophies, cultural Marxists,

globalists, and extreme leftists, Fiorazo shows us how to identify the evil in our midst and reclaim our country and our churches. A clarion call for believers who don't want to standby and watch America disintegrate into the atheist abyss, this is a timely and relevant message for today's church. "David Fiorazo is on the cutting edge of helping us understand the battles we face, and his book is required reading for those navigating the difficult times we find ourselves in." -DR. ANDY WOODS, Pastor Sugar Land Bible Church, President Chafer Theological Seminary " With the culture and even some churches disintegrating before our eyes, we need 'watchmen on the wall' sounding the alarm. David Fiorazo is one of those watchmen!" -JAN MARKELL,

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founder, Olive Tree Ministries, Understanding the Times Radio " Men inspired by God made America great. Yet, we have grown complacent and now shun our founding principles. Fiorazo not only outlines the present crisis but gives us a blueprint for fighting back." -STEVE SMOTHERMON, Pastor, Legacy Church, Albuquerque " In Canceling Christianity, David Fiorazo offers an honest assessment of why we must engage the culture and how to begin moving from silence to strength in the battle for hearts and minds." -HEIDI ST. JOHN, author, speaker, podcaster, Mom Strong International  
The Clash that Shaped Modern Church-State Doctrine Thomas Nelson  
In this provocative and insightful book,

constitutional scholar and journalist Garrett Epps reviews the key decisions of the 2013-2014 Supreme Court term through the words of the nation's nine most powerful legal authorities. Epps succinctly outlines one opinion or dissent from each of the justices during the recent term, using it to illuminate the political and ideological views that prevail on the Court. The result is a highly readable summary of the term's most controversial cases as well as a probing investigation of the issues and personalities that shape the Court's decisions. Accompanied by a concise overview of Supreme Court procedure and brief case summaries, American Justice 2014 is an engaging and instructive read for seasoned Court-watchers as well as legal novices eager for an introduction to the least-understood branch of government. This revealing portrait of a year in legal action dramatizes the ways that the Court has come to reflect and encourage the polarization that increasingly defines American politics.

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## **American Justice 2014** WestBow Press

In their own words, the Supreme Court has become "a national theology board," "a super board of education," and amateur psychologists on a "psycho-journey." The result has been a virtual rewriting of the liberties enumerated in the Constitution. A direct victim of this judicial micromanagement has been the religious aspect of the First Amendment. For example, the Court now interprets that Amendment under: a "Lemon Test" absurdly requiring religious expression to be secular, an "Endorsement Test" pursuing an impossible neutrality between religion and secularism, and a "Psychological Coercion Test" allowing a single dissenter to silence an entire community's religious expression. Additional casualties of judicial activism have included protections for State's rights, local controls, separation of powers, legislative supremacy, and numerous other constitutional provisions. Why did earlier Courts protect these powers for generations,

and what has caused their erosion by contemporary Courts? *Original Intent* answers these questions. By relying on thousands of primary sources, *Original Intent* documents (in the Founding Fathers' own words) not only the plan for limited government originally set forth in the Constitution and Bill of Rights but how that vision can once again become reality. Book jacket.

*Free Exercise and Fairness* Sterling  
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