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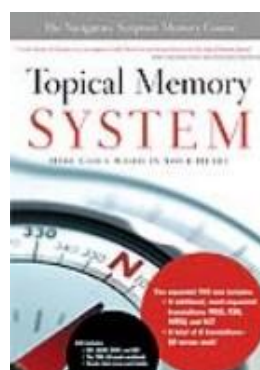
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See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Romans* pp 508-532 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1505 for detailed comment and www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Romans 13 – Summary Thoughts* for additional remarks.

1. *What reasons are given for submitting to civil government (Romans 13:1-2)?*

It is right and it is safe as Paul shows. **“...the powers that be are ordained of God...and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation”** Romans 13:1-2. As Peter exhorts **“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well”** 1 Peter 2:12-13.

2. *Are there times when a Christian should disobey government?*

That time is when the believer should obey God and the government doesn't as these examples show.

“Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up” Daniel 3:16-18.

“Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime” Daniel 6:10.

“And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard...Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men” Acts 4:19, 5:29.

See attached report **Lillian Ladele: 1960-2015**. All of the Lord's followers and indeed all resident in the United Kingdom should abide by **“the royal law”** James 2:8 or emigrate. See the attached study **“The Royal Law”** James 2:8.

3. *How does this passage show Paul's confidence in the sovereignty* of God? *The correct expression is **“the Lord God omnipotent reigneth”** Revelation 19:6. See attached study **The Sovereign Power of Darkness**.*

Paul states in the opening verse of this chapter **“...For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God”** Romans 13:1 and he is explicit with respect to **“...the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom”** 2 Timothy 4:1. Today's believer should therefore aim to be a finisher as Paul was.

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith” 2 Timothy 4:7.

4. *What command summarises the others (Romans 13:8-9)?*

That command is Romans 13:9 **“...Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”** That is why Paul exhorts the Thessalonians and today's believer to increase in the exercise of love as only God can enable them to do. **“And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you”** 1 Thessalonians 3:12.

5. *Why is love the fulfilment of the law (Romans 13:8-10)?*

It is in effect the law in action, as it was with the Lord Jesus Christ Who said **“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil”** Matthew 5:17 and John testifies that **“...having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. And supper being ended...He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded”** John 13:1-2, 4-5.

The Lord sought that His followers should have a clean walk in order to **“Bear ye one another burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ”** Galatians 6:2 **“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God”** Colossians 1:10.

6. *What does Paul mean by ‘our salvation is nearer now’* (Romans 13:11)? *The correct expression is “for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.”*

It is almost 50 years nearer than when this believer believed on July 19th 1967 on the basis of John 1:12, 6:37 **“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name...and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out”**. Today’s believer should therefore always remember Paul’s exhortation.

“And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ” 2 Thessalonians 3:5.

7. *What is meant by ‘night’ and ‘day’ (Romans 13:12)?*

Night is when the church **“...she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners...”** Song of Solomon 6:10 reflects the light of the sun **“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ”** 2 Corinthians 4:6 Who will bring day when **“shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings”** Malachi 4:2 **“And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength”** Revelation 1:16.

8. *Why should we think about the return of Christ and what difference should it make to our lives (Romans 13:11-12)?*

Romans 13:12 states **“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light”** with respect to Ephesians 6:13 **“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand”** and context. Therefore see *Question 5* and Colossians 1:10 **“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.”**

Paul’s exhortation to the Colossians and in turn to today’s believer answers *Question 8* noting John’s declaration that **“...the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever”** 1 John 2:17.

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory” Colossians 3:1-4.

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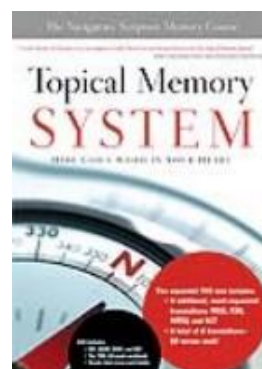
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Lillian Ladele: 1960-2015

A courageous Christian lady

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- [Christian registrar denied European Court appeal \(28 May 2013\)](#)
- [Supreme Court rejects Ladele appeal request \(08 March 2010\)](#)
- [Court rejects appeal in Christian registrar case \(15 December 2009\)](#)



Christian registrar Lillian Ladele

Wed, 28 Oct 2015

Lillian Ladele, the Christian registrar whose court battle to protect freedom of conscience became the UK's leading case on the issue, has died at home of natural causes aged 54.

Miss Ladele faced a long-running legal battle, supported by The Christian Institute's Legal Defence Fund, which went all the way to the European Court of Human Rights.

In 2003 Lillian Ladele told her managers at Islington Council that, should civil partnerships ever become law, she would have a conflict of conscience based upon her Christian beliefs about marriage.

Reasonable accommodation

Following the introduction of civil partnerships, Miss Ladele wrote to her employer in 2006 asking for a reasonable accommodation of her religious objection to same-sex civil partnerships.

Islington accepted that it had more than enough registrars to provide a civil partnership service to the public without requiring Miss Ladele's involvement.

But managers at the council refused her request, and demanded that she carry out civil partnership registrations against her will.

Love of Christ

The Institute's In-house Solicitor Sam Webster, and solicitor Mark Jones who represented Miss Ladele, were invited by her family to speak at the funeral, which took place yesterday at the Church of England church she attended in Islington.

Mr Jones said: "Lillian was a strong woman and a faithful Christian. She prayed for those who said hurtful things about her and tried to reflect the love of Christ to everyone she dealt with. When she gave evidence to the employment tribunal, she spoke of herself as a sinner saved by grace, and shared the gospel from the witness stand. It was a privilege to be her lawyer but it was an even greater privilege to be her brother in Christ."

The Christian Institute's Sam Webster said: "Lillian became synonymous in the minds of the public, courts and commentators with the cause of religious freedom and liberty of conscience. But throughout she conducted herself with grace, dignity and with love for those with whom she profoundly disagreed."

Support

Mr Webster added: "Lillian's case established principles which are now impacting other cases and situations for good. It is a tribute to Lillian that official guidance now prompts public authorities to explore how they might accommodate those with a conscientious objection, including registrars."

"Lillian was already on her case before The Christian Institute got involved, with help from Mark Jones. But the involvement of the Institute, through its Legal Defence Fund, meant that Lillian was

able fully to pursue her case, as she wished. And we were able to give the necessary media and prayer support as well as friendship”, he also said.

[Read Sam Webster’s remarks in full](#)

Lillian’s family released a statement saying: “She honoured and worshipped Jesus Christ in her life and her family are comforted in their grief knowing that her name was written in the book of life and that she is now with her resurrected Lord and Saviour.”

Appeal

Miss Ladele won her case at an employment tribunal in 2008, but the decision was overturned on appeal.

Although subsequent courts accepted that she had been mistreated by her employers, they ruled against Lillian, before the case went to Europe.

In January 2013, the European Court of Human Rights upheld that ruling, and she was denied permission to appeal to the Grand Chamber.

“But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons” Colossians 3:25.

“The Royal Law” James 2:8



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The Queen Enthroned with “The Royal Law”

British Governance

British governance is embodied in the Coronation Oath¹. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II undertook the Oath when she was crowned. David Gardner² explains the significance of the Oath.

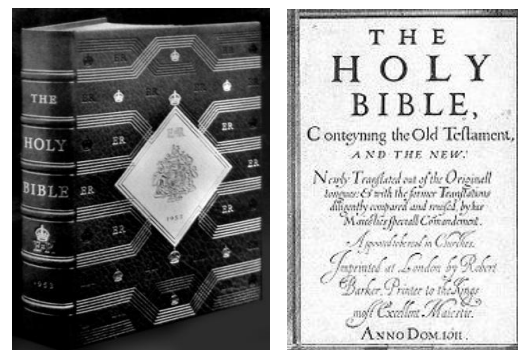
“When the Sovereign is crowned, he or she is required to place one hand on the open Bible, and is then required to take a solemn oath before Almighty God ‘to uphold to the utmost of my power, the Laws of God within the Realm, and the true profession of the Christian Gospel.’ Parliament, through its peers, pledges itself to support the sovereign in this. This is the British position constitutionally.”

It still is, as shown below, regardless of how much it has been violated in practice or by whom.

The Coronation Oath

The monarch-to-be is seated upon the Chair of Estate in Westminster Abbey. The Archbishop of Canterbury gives the Coronation Oath for the monarch’s enthronement. The Oath states in part:

Archbishop: *Will you to the utmost of your power maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel? Will you to the utmost of your power maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law? Will you maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof as by law established in England? And will you reserve unto the Bishops and Clergy of England, and to the Churches there committed to their charge, all such rights and privileges, as by law do or shall appertain to them of any of them?*



The Coronation Bible and Title Page

Queen: *“All this I promise to do.”*

The Oath is sealed with the King James Bible³, presented to the monarch. The presenter at Queen Elizabeth II’s Coronation was the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, with these words. *“Our gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the Law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for*

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¹ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coronation_of_the_British_monarch, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coronation_of_Queen_Elizabeth_II

² *The Trumpet Sounds for Britain*, Volume 1 by David E. Gardner, Chapter 3, www.electronic-bibles.co.uk/jesusisalive/trumpet.html

³ *This England* petersengland.blogspot.co.uk/2012/02/coronation-of-queen-elizabeth-ii.html

the whole life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom [Revelation 13:18]; This is the royal Law [James 2:8]; These are the lively Oracles of God [Acts 7:38, Romans 3:2, Hebrews 5:12, 1 Peter 4:11].”

The King James Bible used for the Coronation contains the Apocrypha but the Apocrypha is *not* part of **“the royal law.”** See figure **The Coronation Bible and Title Page.**

“The Royal Law”

James 2:8 states **“If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:”** **“The royal law”** and **“the scripture”** are each **“the whole law”** James 2:10 and the Coronation Oath is unequivocal that the King James Bible is **“the royal law”** for **“the Rule for the whole life and government of”** Her Majesty and her subjects. In turn, nothing is above the King James Bible **“for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name”** Psalm 138:2.

“The royal law” states in Numbers 15:16* with respect to Great Britain and the Old Dominions that:

“One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.”

*To Israel first but not rescinded for other nations by Paul, the author of specific Christian doctrine

Numbers 15:16 means that for governance of Britain’s inhabitants by **“the royal law”** the AV1611:

- Criticism of the **“the royal law”** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Hostility towards Israel and/or the Jewish people is treason against God and the Crown.
- Catholicism by its hatred of **“the royal law”** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Britain’s membership of the papal European Union is treason against God and the Crown.
- Entry of foreigners alien to **“the royal law”** the AV1611 is treason against God and the Crown.
- Mohammedanism and all non-Biblical religions are treason against God and the Crown.
- Secular belief systems e.g. Darwinism, Marxism etc. are treason against God and the Crown.
- **“Whoremongers...them that defile themselves with mankind...menstealers...liars...perjured persons”** 1 Timothy 1:10 **“and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God”** Deuteronomy 25:16 and traitors to **“the royal law”** the AV1611, God and the Crown.

The Coronation Oath has been repeatedly violated since the Coronation and it still is. However, as Rev Gardner states, the Oath is **“a solemn oath before Almighty God”** so God the Offended Party must punish the violators.

God the Offended Party

Men in scripture are likened to trees. **“And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking”** Mark 8:24.

God promises a judgement by fire in the End Times. **“And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD”** Ezekiel 39:6.



The Fire of Jeremiah

“The isles” and **“trees, walking”** are easily identified.

Jeremiah 21:14 is therefore a grim warning for Britain.

“...I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about...”

Proverbs 13:13 is a further warning, though with **“mercy...against judgment”** James 2:13: **“Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.”**

Britain *must* therefore regain her only firebreak **“the royal law”** the AV1611 to receive mercy when God’s End Times judgement by fire finally descends **“that the whole nation perish not”** John 11:50.

The Sovereign Power of Darkness



POWER OF DARKNESS
“This is your hour, and the power of darkness” Luke 22:53

IMAGE OF DARKNESS

Noted Christian writer and broadcaster Texe Marrs said this at the time of the attack on the World Trade Centre in NYC on the morning of September 11th 2001. See:

www.texemarrs.com/102001/face_of_devil.htm.

Where carnage, bloodshed, and destruction can be found, there you will also find Satan, aka the Devil. This mind-boggling picture is real. Printed on the web sites of The Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper, Cable News Network (CNN.com), and the pages of The Fort Worth Star-Telegram newspaper in Texas, this image was also broadcast over Fox TV News network. It clearly shows the devil’s face in the fire and smoke of the explosions at the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The Associated Press confirms that this is an unretouched photograph, a digitized close-up of the original.

The image itself however is not the central issue. The central issue is what it depicts as the Lord Jesus Christ said on the eve of **“the suffering and death...that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man”** Hebrews 2:9.

“This is your hour, and the power of darkness” Luke 22:53

THE SOVEREIGN POWER OF DARKNESS

Why, then, the title of this piece, as above? After all, fundamentalists repeatedly use the word *sovereign* to refer to the Lord Himself, by means of such well-known phrases as *“the Sovereignty of God”* and *“God is Sovereign”* etc. How does the word *sovereign* then come to be associated with ***“the power of darkness”*** Luke 22:53? Gail Riplinger explains why.

THE SOVEREIGN “MAN OF SIN” 2 Thessalonians 2:3

Gail Riplinger shows in *The Language of the King James Bible* p 66, her emphases, that the popular NIV *using the word sovereign* is a precursor to the encroaching satanic new world order that the Lord Jesus Christ called ***“the power of darkness”*** Luke 22:53.

The NIV omits the powerful word “GOD” over 300 times [See The number of times 15 Major words differ from the King James Bible www.av1611.org/biblewrd.html by Terry Watkins]. It substitutes the weak word ‘Sovereign.’ This term was introduced into English by the French-speaking ‘sovereigns’ who governed England during the 12th century [See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_English_monarchs Henry I, Stephen, Henry II, Richard I].

According to the [Oxford English Dictionary's] corpus of English language, it has been used almost exclusively to indicate a mortal political leader, **not** the transcendent Almighty GOD. The recent unfortunate popularization of this word in some religious circles, no doubt owes its emphasis to John Calvin. The word 'Sovereign' capsulizes his French training for the priesthood, his denial of man's free-will and his teachings merging church and state. This merger looms frighteningly close as the Antichrist's shadow falls over the NIV's "Sovereign Lord," a term the OED cites as indicating a "man." Paul and John have identified that man.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition" 2 Thessalonians 2:3.

"Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six" Revelation 13:18.

"That man of sin...the son of perdition" is known by his Sovereign Catholic Version.

THE SOVEREIGN CATHOLIC VERSION

See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douay%E2%80%93Rheims_Bible. The first English Bible to use the term "sovereign" was the Catholic Douay-Rheims Bible 1610, revised 1749-1752.

The DR uses "sovereignty" in Judges 5:11 and "sovereign" in Isaiah 3:1, 10:16, 33, 51:22, Amos 5:14, Jude 4 i.e. 7 times. Jude 4 shows the DR's influence on the 1984, 2011 NIVs:

"For certain men are secretly entered in (who were written of long ago unto this judgment), ungodly men, turning the grace of our Lord God into riotousness and denying the only sovereign Ruler and our Lord Jesus Christ" Jude 4 DR.

"For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord" Jude 4 1984 NIV.

"For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord" Jude 4 2011 NIV. Note that the DR, NIVs use "Sovereign" to erase "**Lord God**" in Jude 4 and rob "**our Lord Jesus Christ**" of His Deity to help set up the Antichrist as the AV1611 shows:

"THE WORDS OF THE LORD" Psalm 12:6

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ" Jude 4 AV1611.

DIFFERENT WORD, SAME THEFT, SAME SATANIC SET-UP

The Catholic JB, NJB, Jerusalem, New Jerusalem Bibles change "Sovereign" to the more familiar synonym "Master" but still erase "**Lord God**" to rob "**our Lord Jesus Christ**" of His Deity and promote "**that man of sin...so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God**" 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4. All modern bibles; RV, ASV, NASVs, RSV, NRSV, NIVs, NKJV footnote, CEV, ESV, GNT, HCSB, NCV, NET, NLT, NWTs, follow suit. That shows that they are from the same Catholic "**troubled fountain, and...corrupt spring**" Proverbs 25:26. Note also the gender-neutral changes in the 2011 NIV in Jude 4, to further the merging of the apostate End Times church with the satanic new world order that the Lord Jesus Christ called "**the power of darkness**" Luke 22:53.

"WATCH YE, STAND FAST IN THE FAITH" 1 Corinthians 16:13

In conclusion note that not merely 'the Sovereign Lord' but "**the Lord God omnipotent reigneth**" Revelation 19:6. "**What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?**" Romans 8:31. Therefore "**till he come**" 1 Corinthians 11:26:

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" 1 Corinthians 16:13.