

d. Massachusetts ..1833

Actually by today the desestablishment process has probably gone too far...but thependulum is like that...it rarely stops in the middle of the sweep...the challenge is to keep the sweep short.

3. The "New" Churches following the Revolution..

a. Excursus on the relation of the church bodies and the new constitution:

The guarantees were these:

federal neutrality in confession matters
federal guarantee of free exercise
separation of church and state

These were geared along the lines of

equality
popular sovereignty
nationality (the new nation)

And this allowed for:

individualism
experimentation
atavism
nationalism
popularism
denominationalism

And, of course, for no religion at all as the case might be.

b. The Methodist Church:

(1) Wesley's aim and method

(2) The church in America: An episcopal shackle

(3) Coke and Asbury

(4) The friction of 1779

(5) Christmas Conference: 24 Dec--Jan 2, 1784. This marks the new denomination, conceived in England and born in America with a not to the political strife. The conference confirmed several important things:

(a) an order of worship