

k. Summary:

The revolution tended to disassociate the American churches from the old world counterparts even where there was no political friction. The independence and assertiveness that the revolution bred almost incidentally made the native sons more independent... sometimes even defiant...of the older order. The ultimate price would be in the proliferation of church bodies and the ferocious development of an innumerable number of cults and sectarian bodies. Freedom, as most of its champions found out, has a peculiar price.

C. The Development of the American Institutions

1. Aspects of development:

a. Periods:

b. Lines:

- (1) Conservative and evangelical
- (2) Broad-churchly
- (3) Liberal
- (4) Revivalistic
- (5) Apocalyptic and spiritualistic

c. Growth of denominations

d. Concepts of inter-faith work

2. The Reformed Bodies

a. Some terms:

--reformed...the reference is to historic standards

--presbyterian...the reference is to a polity practice.