

B. The Church and State relationship: a delicate balance

This is a growing problem and getting more complex all the time.

1. Background materials:
 - a. The established ideas:
 - the "Two arms" concept
 - The Erastian idea
 - The Utopian concept (More)
 - b. The concept of theocracy
 - c. Certain New Testament concepts: I do not say we have them all.
 - church
 - state
 - assignments of duty
 - d. The Reformers:
 - Luther: God in the church redeems
God in the state sustains
 - Zwingli
 - Calvin
 - e. The Anabaptist ideology
 - conscience
 - assembly
 - government
 - spiritual order.
 - f. Political/Social Theory: Locke, Smith, et al.
2. The Puritan ideal:
 - a. governmental ideals:
 - government frees man from natural liberty
 - government is best ordered from a social compact (contract)
 - government embodies both human and divine. In a Christian state the law of God is foundational
 - b. concept of politics...political acts must be founded on:
 - God
 - compact
 - precedent law
 - c. Theocracy is the best answer!