

persecution will follow. France will be returned totally (almost) to the Roman communion until the time of the French revolution where a tired society will revolt against a decadent church and the nation will turn secularist which it has remained to a large extent until this day.

The death of the evangelical cause in France is one of the sad stories in church history. The cause is in the area of human over-expectations, failure to see problems realistically, and general compromise. It also is in the early deadness in the French church that lost some of its sense of vision and growth. but in time, what ruined France greatly helped the rest of the world. The Huguenots became missionaries, colonists, persons of industrial ability. Their contribution to other countries on the continent was enormous and the move of their culture and skills to other lands brought large measures of prosperity to others. Their loss to France brought a crippling blow to the French civilization, one that was not overcome until the Post-Bonaparte era.

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By 1560 Poland had become perhaps 1/3 evangelical. The influence of both Bohemians and Lutherans was considerable and it did appear that Poland might become a protestant country. The kingship of Stephen Batory (1574-1586) gave reformed movements considerable aid but the form of the church in Poland was more open than in the Lutheran Saxon states and there was a lack of ecclesiastical solidarity between the polish protestants and those in Germany.

Consequently when Sigismund took the Polish throne in 1586 and asserted himself a royal Romanist, the catholic church regrouped itself to overcome the protestants movements. The Jesuits were instrumental in this and in some ways they enjoyed a monastic monopoly in Poland that allowed them to work their programs without the interference of rival catholic monastic groups. Through education, argument, downright persecution, legal disenfranchisement, etc., the Roman church and the throne overcame the protestants thoroughly. One of the key facts lay in the truth that the evangelicals were not signatories of the Formula of Concord and so were beyond the aid of the Lutheran princes. So due to lack of help and