

were able to protect their land. In Luther's lifetime, at least, and Luther simply ~~inflix~~ left the thing in the hands of the civil authorities. And Lutheran churches in Germany in succeeding centuries, and also in the Scandinavian countries, was a church in which the civil authorities had the final control, had the authoritative voice. And it depended on the civil authorities whether ~~his~~ was a good thing or a bad thing. ~~Whether~~ If they had a fine Christian at the head of the state, he could say, let the spiritual leaders ~~determine~~ determine what they should do, what should be done, and I will back them up. If you had a man who was not a good Christian at the head of the state, he was apt to interfere. But the church govt. was left, to a very large extent, in the hands ultimately of the state, in the Lutheran development.

(question) I haven't been keeping up with the latest developments, in fact, I know less about Lutheran church govt. than any other. But the history of the Lutheran church, quite largely, has been the state control. And, of course, as a rule, that state officials were men trained by the church, they were men in sympathy with its purposes, Luther said let the rulers study the Bible and see what ought to be, and let them do it. And, of course, if you do what the Bible says, that is the best thing in the world. But who can guarantee that the ruler will be a man who wants to do it. And who can guarantee that with his affairs of state he will have time to give proper consideration and study to it. Now, of course, you might say that the thing for him to do is to ^{get} ~~give~~ the church officials together and do what they say.

We have a similar development, of course, in the English church. When Henry VIII changed the English church, so that they were no longer subject to the pope, he made them subject to him, and made himself to be the head of the church. And his word was law in the church. And when he moved in the protestant direction, he hanged those who were strongly pro-Romanist. And when he moved in a Catholic direction, or in a Romanist direction, he burned ~~those~~ those who were protestant in their views. His word was law. He was the head of the church. And when Queen Elizabeth became head of the English