

separate again right ~~wa~~ away. Because they've got now, having once made a separation, they have got to have an absolutely perfect church. And of course there is no such thing in the world. And so Calvin thought the great importance of separating from apostasy and being not united with that which is the enemy of Christ, but the ~~w~~ equal importance of working together with Christian ~~brothers~~ brothers, even though they don't exactly agree with us on, not only minor points, on points of secondary ~~ix~~ importance, ~~bx~~ points which are of a fair amount of importance, but which are not primary importance. Well, the church in Geneva, then, shows in its great crises, Calvin insisted on what he considered to be extremely important points, but in its general administration, it was the best Calvin could do under the circumstances. But in the church of France, you had a church which, of course, grew up entirely apart from the state, and consequently there was no question of interference from the state until the state tried to destroy it.....(end of record)

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The authority was in the hands of the people, but the decisions were made, not by all the people trying to consider everything, but by their electing officials who have the ability and who take the time to make decisions on vital matters. And then these officials would meet with ~~representatives~~ representatives of larger groups to consider matters which were for the welfare of the church as a ~~whole~~ whole. So that system, which Calvin advocated, ~~was~~ was the system of the church of France till the French kings finally practically destroyed the church of France. It was carried on from there, however, ~~by~~ up into Holland, it was carried over into Scotland, and in Scotland the church, originally, was taken over but taken over rather suddenly and rather completely in a brief time, and the system was ~~introduced~~ introduced, the ~~xx~~ system which was pretty much along the line that ~~Calvin~~ Calvin had advocated. This system of Calvin's is in between the systems that were sharply contending. We will look at it more in detail later, here we simply note it.

Now, back in England. As a result of Queen Elizabeth's insistence on a lot of forms and ceremonies, that most of the Christians in the ~~church~~ church