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Chapter 1 : Rodney Shaw (Author of Exposition of the Westminster Confession of Faith)

14 years old Pakistani Christian boy Burnt Alive because of his Faith.

The principles of the oracles of God brought into a little compass in creeds and catechisms have, like the beams of the sun contracted in a burning glass, conveyed divine light and heat with a wonderful power" Matthew Henry. All of these works are tremendously helpful for anyone wanting to better understand the Westminster Confession and Catechisms and are highly recommended. It is not your typical theology tome. Pipa does not trace the history of the assembly nor analyze the finer points of doctrine in the confession. Rather, he provides an in-depth, user-friendly guidebook to the biblical foundations of the WCF. In other words, this book is a tool for discipleship. The purpose of this study guide is to foster Christian growth within the context of the local church. Pipa writes, "I have written this material to train Christians in the basic doctrines and practices of biblical Christianity. The study is a series of inductive Bible studies keyed to the Westminster Standards" Each lesson provides assigned reading from the Bible and the confession, memory work from Scripture and the Shorter Catechism, and a series of inductive Bible questions relating to a specific topic e. According to Pipa, a lesson may take an individual approximately "one and a half to two hours" to complete 8. Though the study is "keyed" to the Westminster Standards, churches from Dutch and Reformed backgrounds can easily adapt this material to accommodate their standards. The final two appendices are a "Personal Information Sheet" which helps an individual identify gifts and abilities that may be useful in a local church context and a "Bible and Sermon Record Keeper" for taking notes. Appendices 8 and 9 will soon be available to download for free in PDF format at www. This book can be utilized in various settings: The author even suggests that this material could be used for curriculum in home-schooling or in a Christian school 8. Pipa makes each study relevant, understandable, and practical. He subtly diffuses the myth that the confession is dry and lifeless by constantly emphasizing its usefulness for daily Christian life. The chapter ends with a test case on Matthew 6: Likewise, Lesson 19 on "Marriage and Family" , raises important biblical questions about the complimentary roles of a husband and wife that could serve as an excellent resource for newlyweds or for pastors engaged in marriage counseling. Both of these lessons are taken straight from the confession and applied to everyday Christian experiences. From the doctrine of the Trinity and covenant theology to sharing your faith and raising your children, this book is a study of how Christians are to glorify and enjoy God in all of life. Most importantly, the strongest feature of this book is that the studies are biblically based. Pipa effectively uses the Westminster Standards as a lens for studying the Bible. Throughout each lesson, he shows that the confession and catechisms are not objects of theological speculation but tools for Scriptural reflection and application. In other words, the documents of Westminster become devotional aids for reading, studying, discussing, and living the word of God. The following observations are intended for your consideration and are not meant to detract from the strengths of this book. The lessons seem long. For some people, hours per study may be a little much i. However, a teacher can reduce the length of the study by assigning certain questions from each lesson. The choice of dividing the material into 26 lessons appears somewhat arbitrary. Why not provide at least one lesson on each chapter of the confession? If the goal was to develop a short discipleship course, why not write six lessons or ten or twelve? By providing a lesson on each chapter of the confession, the division of the lessons could then be left to the teacher and student s. But with this structure, the lessons seem to be arranged by what Pipa deemed most important. For example, the decision to conflate the chapters on adoption and assurance in the confession into one lesson Lesson Adoption and Assurance, , is unfortunate. The wealth of pastoral insight of these chapters in the confession deserves fuller attention. Nevertheless, the 26 lessons in this study guide provide more than enough material for rich, substantive discipleship. But why create a hint of confusion by summarizing an all-to-clear quote? Why make the reference and not supply the citation? Likewise, in the same chapter, Pipa raises an important question from 2 Corinthians 5: While the pastoral concern behind the comment is admirable, the suggestion for

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someone to look up a potentially unfamiliar word may come across as somewhat patronizing. However, these examples are the exceptions and not the norm. Occasional minor typographical errors were found 9, 30, 37, 86, , , . In addition, an appendix with or at least a reference to the London Baptist Confession of Faith may have been appropriate for those who are non-Presbyterian but Reformed. Nevertheless, with the exception of Lessons 22 and 24 on the church and baptism, this material could easily be used in a Baptist or Congregational church with little alteration. His book helps fill the regrettable void of theologically sound yet easily accessible discipleship literature. Pipa is to be commended for providing local churches, especially within the Reformed and Presbyterian community, with a non-threatening, straightforward study aid to the WCF. His subtitle to the book is fitting: Christian Focus, Review by John Tweeddale.

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Chapter 2 : Rose Pyles - Google+

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Part 13 We reach now the finish of our series on the Westminster Confession. If it has been lengthy, it was born of no small necessity. It is precisely the widespread misconstrual and distortion of Westministerian thought today that compelled this response. Because those who have seized the positions of influence in the Reformed circles are openly endeavoring to transition the churches into the thinking of the world. At present half of our Presbyterian churchmen deny that the church ever endorsed Kinist thought because it is so heinous, and the other half admit it only to denounce the whole of the historic church. Neither of these positions can be made to comport with the worldview of the divines or that of the generations of our fathers to carry the confession into the new world and the nations at large. We now reply to the question, Can we know the sense of the prophetic law of Noah [Gen. We answer most unequivocally, Yes. How, then, is it to be known? By the perfect conformity of the fulfilment of the law to its legitimate interpretation. Has such fulfilment occurred? Where is it seen? In all quarters of the globe since the flood, but most sublimely in America. It is obvious in a universal and permanent trinity of races; in their political inequality of condition; in the Christianization of all the Japhetic nations, and of no others; in the occupation of the Shemitic wilderness of America by Japheth; and in the service of Ham to Japheth in the Southern States, in the islands, and in South America. A perfect coincidence of events with any legitimate interpretation of prophecy is infallibly a fulfilment; and such fulfilment inevitably coincides with the Divine meaning of the text "God being his own interpreter. Fulfilment is to prophetic law what usage is to statute law. Usage specifies the meaning of statutes by a uniform manner of applying them; and fulfilment is but the usage of the Almighty. In fact, it is the view taken for granted by just about every Bible dictionary, handbook, and commentary printed prior to the past couple decades. It was still taught from most pulpits in my youth. This segregationist view was, up until very recent years, the undisputed orthodox understanding of race. Especially in the Reformed churches. In fact, it was expressly in defense of this perspective that the PCA was founded. As John Edwards Richards elaborated in the Causes of Separation in , the PCA was founded as a repudiation of the new invasive secular doctrines suddenly displacing the Christian view in the churches: The Socialist, who declares all men are equal. Therefore there must be a great leveling of humanity and oneness of privilege and possession. The Racial Amalgamationist, who preaches that the various races should be merged into one race and differences erased in oneness. The Communist, who would have one mass of humanity coerced into oneness by a totalitarian state and guided exclusively by Marxist philosophy. The Internationalist, who insists on co-existence between all peoples and nations that they be as one regardless of ideology or history. The modern liberal doctrine is that all men everywhere, no matter what their race or creed, are brothers. But one thing is perfectly plain—whether or not liberals are Christians, it is at any rate perfectly clear that liberalism is not Christianity. And that being the case, it is highly undesirable that liberalism and Christianity should continue to be propagated within the bounds of the same organization. A separation between the two parties in the Church is the crying need of the hour. The OPC was formed over against modernists and liberals who claimed that the Bible must be interpreted according to the times and in the assumption of the equality of all men. These were the selfsame assertions which would later prompt the reprisal of orthodoxy by the PCA. Moreover, they are same infidelitous presuppositions that we confront here and now. Where the earlier iterations of this liberal impulse rode the winds of the Enlightenment, the latter permutations with which we contend are the cacophonous product of neo-orthodoxy, the social gospel, cultural Marxism, postmodernism, civil rights, the sexual revolution, and outright intimidation of the church by an antichrist state and the POC whom they have set upon us. Whether objective standards of worship exemplified in Eurocentric forms, biblical aesthetic values, truth in history, the mandate of hierarchy, nationalism, familism, the image mandate of society, the

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rule of law, the validity of domestic slavery, free association, or a hundred other things, Alienists and aliens deem these objective Presbyterian values the absolute zenith of all evil. As Machen said, the divide between Christianity and liberalism is insurmountable. They are wholly different faiths. Both law and grace are irreconcilable with equality. But desperately pursuant of sullen-eyed minorities to replace their White congregations, the deracinated churchmen of our day have committed their energies to obfuscating these issues. Surpassing all bounds of credibility, they recast effectual calling as a declaration of egalitarianism, and a mandate of social leveling. Declaring all races and ethnicities equal, they embrace cultural relativism — which is really moral relativism. To their estimation, in fact, the historic and orthodox convictions of Presbyterianism summarize all the greatest evils of history. As such, the egalitarian multicult occupants of pulpit and pew have no claim to the confession, as their core convictions are at loggerheads with it. And the sole mantle-bearers of genuine Presbyterian thought left today are those they decry as their greatest or perhaps their only enemies: The Kinist resurgence to follow will, in the not-too-distant future, convene synods to finally effect official anathemas against the web of heresies known today as Alienism.

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The Westminster Confession is the most accurate and comprehensive creed so far produced by the church. Many of its statements are short explanations of a profound doctrine that needs to be unpacked.

Why not even in the most elaborate creed of church history – the Westminster Confession? They ignore the actual character of creedalism as it has expressed itself in time: Confessions have always arose in response to errors of their age. They define the Christian faith always so as to distinguish biblical orthodoxy from the vacillations of the zeitgeist. Even so, no one should think the Westminster Confession discloses nothing on the matter. Truly, traditionalists have always seen it as everywhere presupposing Kinism. So this, then, is an exposition of that fact. The Scriptures – are to be translated in to the vulgar language of every nation unto which they come, that, the Word of GOD dwelling plentifully in all, they may worship Him in an acceptable manner. This is over against the Roman not to mention Alienist policy which denied the legitimacy of separate nations and cultures. This was one of the seminal points of conflict between Protestantism and Romanism, our doctrine of the nations. Many of our fathers were martyred for the crime of translating the Scripture into the vulgar tongues of the nations. There is but one only, living, and true God – a most pure spirit – without body, parts, or passions. Neither can redeemed man in glory lay claim to these things. But our modern Alienists do impute these attributes to redeemed humanity, even here on earth where bodies, parts, and passions are undeniable. Sure, they may profess orthodox subscriptionism and even recite the confession, but speaking to ecclesiology, anthropology, law, and society they always smuggle all the aforesaid attributes of God into their description of redeemed mankind. This is their Holy Grail. But worse, this incorporealizing of man and society is one of the signal doctrines which defined classic gnosticism and differentiated it from Christianity. Preaching that our physical component is meaningless or evil is patent gnosticism. Thus declaring mankind and God one and the same. Incidentally, the alternate name for this theosis is satanism. Because, just as Lucifer suggested to our first parents, it quite falsely offers all men the throne of God. As God hath appointed the elect unto glory, so has He, by the eternal and most free purpose of His will, foreordained all the means thereunto. Calvin however, dedicated a whole chapter bk. XXI of his Institutes of the Christian Religion to a primary means of election, which he identified as national origin. This confluence of means includes all the mediate and personal preconditions which impel each of us to Christ – things such as circumstances of ethnicity, family, region, language, friendships, life events, education, inherited traits like chemistry, and, of course, race. Neither does the Confession shrink from the inverse consequence of reprobation. As we read, The rest of mankind God was pleased – to pass by; and to ordain them to dishonor and wrath. It is precisely the emphasis of God-ordained inequality in Calvinism which historically and presently insults other races and liberals. But that does not make us shrink at all from confessing God to have created us. The races, then, like your family, and you personally, were nascent in that initial creation, and began to manifest in the second generation when God made a visible distinction between Sethites and Cainites the mark of Cain, Gen. It was His pleasure to create mankind with distinct races incipient. Paul did as much in regard to the Cretins as both Jeremiah No coherent survey of redemptive history is possible without reference to the Semite people, the Canaanite people, and the Japhethites prophesied to inherit the tents of Shem. They either posit human genes as the only particles in the cosmos beyond any telic import, or as evil itself. Neither of which are Calvinist, nor rudimentarily Christian positions, but gnostic. To gainsay the teleology of genes and ethnicity is to repudiate the Christian cosmos. And concurring with that Japhethite emphasis of Christendom, God also forcibly segregated the races at the fall of the tower of Babel Gen. It was under this conspiracy of circumstance that the Church was built. This sheds light on why all efforts to extend Reformation thought to other races are uniformly met with the rebuke of covenant theology and history for their implications on social order. And that not just by those outside the Reformed fold, but even by the scant number of minorities within. For the Blacks and Browns in Reformed circles nigh exclusively occupy

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themselves with reimagining all in terms of an instinctual cultural Marxism and Afro- or Indiocentrism. Even when they don the moniker of Reformed, they generally define it as some form of liberationist overthrow of the White man, which is to say, historic Christendom. They [our first parents] being the root of all mankind, the guilt of sin was imputed; and the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation. As with traits of appearance, behavior, aptitude, and tendency are also passed down in the blood. The Irishman tends to the bottle and merry contention, but so too does he bend toward genius in poetry, song, and story; the German tends toward stoicism and grudges, but also to engineering, precision, efficiency, and coequal genius in the arts. The African character, by contrast, is defined by impulsiveness, mirth, and mania. And no matter the continent on which he resides, nor the age, he has ever defined the uttermost extremities of barbarism. But in him is a native genius for rhythm, acuity for melody, and a gregarious dynamism all his own, not to mention gifts of an athletic nature. Because kind produceth after kind. This is so on the racial level as much as on the familial level, because the two are but magnitudes of the same thing. Predilections, talents, and handicaps of parents are manifest in their offspring prior even to any enculturation. Federal theology provides anthropology and sociology their own essential foundations. And apart from the substrate doctrine of lineal curses and blessings, the only alternative is pure gnostic abstraction — heresy. Yet the Alienist rears up indignant still: So Christians all have one and the same nature and tendencies! So you must be misreading the divines! The same chapter concludes with a definition of sin: Every sin, both original and actual, being a transgression of the righteous law of God! WCF 6: And by what monumental cognitive dissonance do they ignore this supposed infraction in the Confession itself?

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Today, various churches around the world have adopted the confession and the catechisms as their standards of doctrine, subordinate to the Bible. The Westminster Confession has also been adopted by some Congregationalist and even Baptist groups. Historical Context During the English Civil War “, the English parliament raised armies in an alliance with the Scottish Covenanters who by then were the de facto government of Scotland against the forces of the king, Charles I of England “ The purpose of the Westminster Assembly, in which Puritan clergymen participated, was to provide official documents for the reformation of the Church of England. The Church of Scotland had recently overthrown its bishops and adopted Presbyterianism. For this reason, as a condition for entering into the alliance with England, the Scottish Parliament formed the Solemn League and Covenant with the English Parliament, which meant that the Church of England would abandon Episcopalianism and consistently adhere to Calvinistic standards of doctrine and worship. Thus, the confession and catechisms were produced in order to secure the help of the Scots against the king. The Scottish Commissioners who were present at the assembly were satisfied with the Confession of Faith, and in the document was sent to the English parliament to be ratified, and submitted to the General Assembly of the Scottish Kirk. The Church of Scotland adopted the document, without amendment, in In England, the House of Commons returned the document to the assembly with the requirement that a list of proof texts from Scripture be compiled. After vigorous debate, the confession was then adopted in part as the Articles of Christian Religion in , by act of the English parliament, omitting some sections and chapters. In , the restoration of the British monarchy and of the Anglican episcopacy resulted in the nullification of these acts of parliament. Its more controversial features include: Even more controversially, it states that the Pope is the Antichrist , that Roman Catholic mass is a form of idolatry , and rules out marriage with non-Christians. These formulations were repudiated by the Church of Scotland in the s, but they remain part of the official doctrine of some other Presbyterian churches. For example, the Presbyterian Church of Australia holds to the Westminster Confession of Faith as its standard, subordinate to the Word of God, and read in the light of a declaratory statement. The first American presbytery, uniting some of these independent congregations and those of the British immigrants, was formed in This body grew large enough to form the first Synod in Philadelphia in Prior to , some presbyteries required candidates for the ministry to profess adherence to the Westminster Confession. When the Synod of Philadelphia met in to adopt the Westminster Confession as the doctrinal standard, it required all ministers to declare their approval of the Westminster Confession of Faith and catechisms. At the same time, the Adopting Act allowed candidates and ministers to scruple articles within the confession. This allowance implied a difference, within the standards themselves, between things that are essential and necessary to the Christian faith, and things that are not. This compromise left a permanent legacy to following generations of Presbyterians in America, to decide what is meant by "essential and necessary," resulting in permanent controversies over the manner in which a minister is bound to accept the document; and it has left the American versions of the Westminster Confession more open to to the will of the church to amend it. The American Revision The American revision of “ removed from the confession and the catechisms any references to duties of the civil government in relationship to the church, reflecting the American tendency to uphold the distinction between the church and state. This perspective was articulated in terms of five doctrinal issues found in the Doctrinal Deliverance of The divine inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible. The pre-existence, deity, and virgin birth of Jesus. The resurrection , ascension, and intercession of Jesus. The reality of the miracles of Jesus.

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