



## Straight Talk

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## The King and the ACLU

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Greetings, Gentle Reader,

The ACLU's rationale, so far as Christianity is concerned, has always escaped me. I couldn't figure why they were determined to deprive Americans of the right to worship as they chose.

They were originally made up of anti-American, atheistic, communist lawyers, but that was a long time ago. They should have grown up and become responsible adults by now, but they haven't.

So what bee do they have in their perverted little bonnets? They aggressively defend sexual predators at every opportunity, and without charge.

Now, I have heard one of them state that people came to this country to escape being forced to accept the king's religion. This is a subtly incorrect reading of conditions that existed. What the people couldn't do was embrace another religion than decreed by the state.

The king didn't live by the precepts of his own religion, nor did most in his government. Neither did many of the nobility, nor the aristocracy, nor some of the clergy. They behaved precisely as they chose, because they were sufficiently powerful to escape any consequences that might accrue, as a result of their violation the precepts of the state religion. Power was the force in play; religion had nothing to do with it.

So why did people come here?

It wasn't to escape religion; it was to be enabled to choose their religion and have the freedom to practice it.

Inexplicable, the ACLU has taken up where the king left off. They are attempting, through lawsuits, to force Americans to abandon the practice of the religion of their choice. Christianity is their primary target because, though there are many religious sects among our people, for four centuries almost all have been Christian.

The Mayflower Compact, signed on Nov. 11, 1620, is as Christian as any document could be. Those people had lived in Holland 11 years because they couldn't practice their religion in England without being jailed. They secured a patent that allowed them to establish their own

government in Virginia and set sail for America.

Some fortune seekers from London joined the pilgrims when they stopped at Plymouth, England. When the ship dropped anchor in New England rather than Virginia, as the patent required, they stated that they were now subject to no legal restraints and would do anything they chose when they left the ship.

William Bradford, knowing that anarchy was the most destructive of all forms of government, didn't let anyone disembark until they agreed on a basis for legitimate government.

William Brewster, John Carver, Bradford, Miles Standish and John Alden, the leaders, knew this group, thousands of miles from support of any kind, would either thrive by pulling together, or would self-destruct by pulling apart.

The Compact was openly Christian and provided that they would "enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience."

It took many years and many compacts before Americans allowed others to live by their own interpretations of religion, but it had happened by the beginning of the 20th Century.

Then the ACLU turned back the clock (calendar?) by attacking Christian expression.

Jefferson wrote to the Danbury, Conn., Baptists, assuring them that our constitution guarantees there would never be an establishment of a state church. The ACLU tells Americans this guarantee demands freedom from, rather than of, religion.

It does not.

They are deliberately attempting to mislead the citizens.