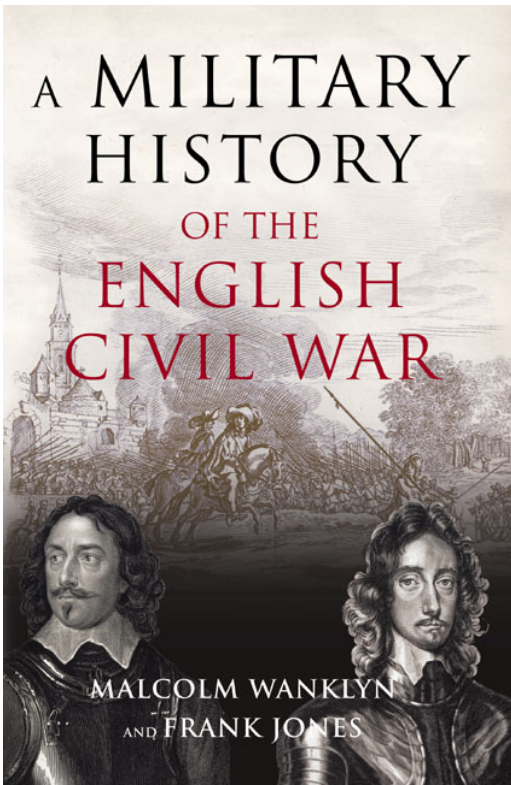


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*John 18:36 (KJV) Jesus answered, **MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD**: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.*

The error of the Puritans included that of attempting to establish governments of theocracy, thereby attaching Christianity to the sword-bearing governments of the earth, as if Jesus Christ said that his kingdom *was* of this world. By nature, this developed into attempts to control any political process that had allowed for the development of *the voice/will of the people* through Parliament (in England), particularly if the king was Roman Catholic, or if the king – even if of the Protestant Anglican Church of England – held to the notion of the *divine rights of kings*.

Key Understanding: The transition from Puritan Theocracy to American Democracy. The bridge between Puritan theocracy and American democracy – democracy was an idea to which the Puritans were opposed – was initially made through the democratic institution of Parliament in England. The perfect example was the English Civil War of the 1640’s, where the Puritan-oriented Parliament fought and defeated (and beheaded in 1649) King Charles I, the son of King James I.



Oliver Cromwell

King Charles I



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