

Under god and The Law' : Natural-Law Foundations of the English Common Law

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Abstrak

The English common law has an incredibly rich Christian heritage. England's most celebrated jurists- including the likes of Blackstone, Coke and Fortescue - often drew heavily from their Christian faith when expounding and developing what are now well established principles and doctrines of the common law. Accordingly, the common law system has been historically developed with a particular reference to the Christian tradition of the natural law. This article demonstrates how the English common law was largely inspired and developed by these Christian principles of natural law theory, and how these principles still remain valid to the interpretation of the common law even to the present day.