

And it may be wise for Protestants to remember that the Roman Catholic Church, considers Protestantism as simply one of many schisms with which it has contended, and that it still hopes and steadfastly is working for a restoration of its sole leadership in Christian religion.

The break was made possible by antagonisms within the church itself regarding control of the papacy and the interference of the Papacy, whether for good or evil, in the civil affairs of various ^{ries.} countries.

For approximately a thousand years before the Reformation, the church had ridden rough shod over every effort towards the right of the laity to entertain original thoughts regarding the ^{privilege} ~~right~~ of an individual to go direct to his God in prayer, or to receive divine consideration aside from the regular channels of the Priesthood.

Unsettled religious conditions in England and in Europe in general, made it possible for Henry the Eighth of England, because of his determination to divorce his wife, to detach the English church from Papal domination, and to establish the church of England, but there was little improvement as far as religious freedom was concerned.

I have not endeavored to find recent statistics, but thirty years ago, Roman Catholics in England, outnumbered the total of Baptists, Presbyterians, and Methodists. No figures were available for the number of communicants in the Episcopal church.

The laws of Hammurabi, which outdate the Mosaic code by a thousand years, deal with human slavery. We know or conjecture that the Pyramids of Egypt were built by slaves ^{as} and also probably were the irrigation ditches, which made possible the ancient fertility and prosperity of the valleys of the Tigris and Euphrates