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MY VISION Reaffirmed

Abraham Kuyper said, "One desire has been the ruling passion of my life. One high motive has acted like a spur upon my mind and soul. And sooner than that I should seek escape from the sacred necessity that this is laid upon me, let the breath of life fail me. It is this: That in spite of all worldly opposition, God's holy ordinances shall be established again in the home, in the school and in the State for the good of the people; to carve as it were into the conscience of the nation the ordinances of the Lord, to which the Bible and Creation bear witness, until the nation pays homage again to God." I share Kuyper's vision and desire. However, I would amend it to read, "One desire is the ruling passion of my life. One high motive has acted like a spur upon my mind and soul. God's holy ordinances must be established again in the home, in the school and in the public and civic lives of Believers for the good of the Nation; to carve as it were into the conscience of all Christians the ordinances of the Lord, to which the Bible and Creation bear witness, until the Church thus pays homage again to God in our Nation."

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THE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLES OF NEO-CALVINISM

Why is this Blog called "Dutch Treat"? Because my point of view is based on Neo-Calvinism which has its origins in the mind of Abraham Kuyper who was Dutch.

THE ESSENTIAL (AND SIMPLIFIED) PRINCIPLES OF NEO-CALVINISM Creation, Fall and Redemption: What God Formed, Sin Deformed and Grace shall Reform

God's Creation is good. It has been radically corrupted by the Fall. Redemption includes restoration of that Creation in Christ

Rejection of Dualism.

Dualism is common in much Christian thinking. The most notable dualism is between Nature and Grace. Neo-Calvinists maintain that Grace restores Nature (and that the Church, as Salt and Light, is meant to transform Culture)

Jesus is Lord over all of Creation.

Jesus' lordship extends over every area and aspect of life-it is not restricted to the sphere of church or of personal piety.

All of life is to be Redeemed- i.e., Re/formed

The work of Jesus on the cross was intended to defeat Evil in all areas of life. The resurrection of Jesus is meant to lead to the renewal of all life for both individuals and Society.

Cultural Mandate

Genesis 1:26-28 is the mandate from God to Humanity to care for and cultivate all of Creation, including Culture and Civilization, to God's glory

The Role of Law. Law is more than the Decalogue. It is the Torah (Five Books of Moses) and begins with the creation ordinances (Norms) established by God as His will for the living of life in all Spheres

Sphere sovereignty.

These Spheres are God-given Institutions (Marriage, Family, Faith Community (Church), Civic Community. and Civil Government. Each of these creational Ordinances or Institutions has boundaries that mark off its sphere of responsibility and influence. All are responsible to God. In relation to each other, they are autonomous (sovereign), but cooperative.

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