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Kay's "The Glorious Revolution and the continuity of law" (Book Review)

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This book is easy to read with larger than normal print and is double spaced. I would say the audience the author is talking to is for the most part men. The message is not clear at first. The author starts the first chapter talking about how men in this day and age are not given the right message; that they should be the head of the household and are important in the family dynamics (he talks about how advertising and society perpetuates pornography and impure relations throughout the book). The theme for the rest of the book is very clear: pornography and masturbation are the same as adultery and abuse. They have no place in a relationship. His thought process of how he comes to that conclusion is sound. Example, pornography gives the viewer the false belief he has all the power and that he takes this attitude into the real world (backed up with statistics). He also talks about emotional wounds that lead to pornography and masturbation. His advice for conquering it is simple, such as avoid place that you normally do it. He also gives web sites to get help as well. He then briefly talks about chastity in dating. He talks about creating ground rules and that prayer should be in any long term relationship. The author is a Catholic layperson who works with “young people.” It is a Roman Catholic book using such techniques as prayers to saints. The message is simple and easy to understand and so may reach out to more Christians in postmodern age. Due to all the quotes and statistics, it is more for someone with some college education.

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The Glorious Revolution and the Continuity of Law by Richard Kay looks at the relationship of law and revolution by analyzing the legal history of the Glorious Revolution of 1688-1689. Many historical narratives has been written about this event, but this book explores the event through a legal and constitutional perspective. The leaders of the revolution struggled to reconcile two incompatible goals: the maintenance of English law and the overthrow of James II. This book describes how they accomplished this undertaking. Richard S. Kay is the Wallace Stevens Professor of Law at the University of Connecticut. He is well known for his expertise in constitutional law and constitutional interpretation.
The book is organized logically which makes it easy to follow. *The Glorious Revolution* includes five chapters, an introduction and an afterword. The author asserts in the introduction, “This is a legal history of the English revolution of 1688–1689. At its core is the central problem of revolutionary jurisprudence. Revolutionaries must look forward and back in time. They need to repudiate a prior state of affairs and to provide a foundation for the future” (p.1). The leaders had to remove one king, King James II, and set up a new king, William of Orange in his place. They had to accomplish this task without limiting the power of parliament and maintaining parliament’s power or authority to govern with the king. In the introduction and the first chapter the author provide a summary of this process. The author provides a legal history of the revolution in chapters two and three. The last two chapters discusses the challenges they had to overcome to achieve their objectives.

*The Glorious Revolution and the Continuity of Law* is written for both the beginning student of the revolution and the more advanced student. The beginning student will get an excellent overview of the revolution. The advanced student will learn some things about the revolution he did not know before. The book is logically arranged and easy to follow. The prose is intelligible and easy to understand. *The Glorious Revolution* shows how what looks like a simple event was quite complex.

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This concise booklet (64 pages) is based on sermons the author delivered in Edinburgh, Scotland, which have been expanded and edited. The author, James Philip, was a Scottish pastor and theologian known as the most searing intellect of his generation in the Church of Scotland. The sermon’s original title, “The meaning of the death of Christ,” is a succinct statement of the author’s intent to bring greater understanding to readers on this subject. As the author takes the reader through the last hours of the life of Jesus of Nazareth, he reveals with exceptional insight not only the passion of Christ, but an explanation of its meaning. He explains what happened, why it happened and why it needed to happen. The author uses clear, fine writing to reveal to the reader the profundity of the deepest secret of all history. In a most concise manner, the author achieves his purpose admirably. This short booklet is a worthy meditation for those who have believed in Christ Jesus for a long time as well as for new believers.

**Reviewer**
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