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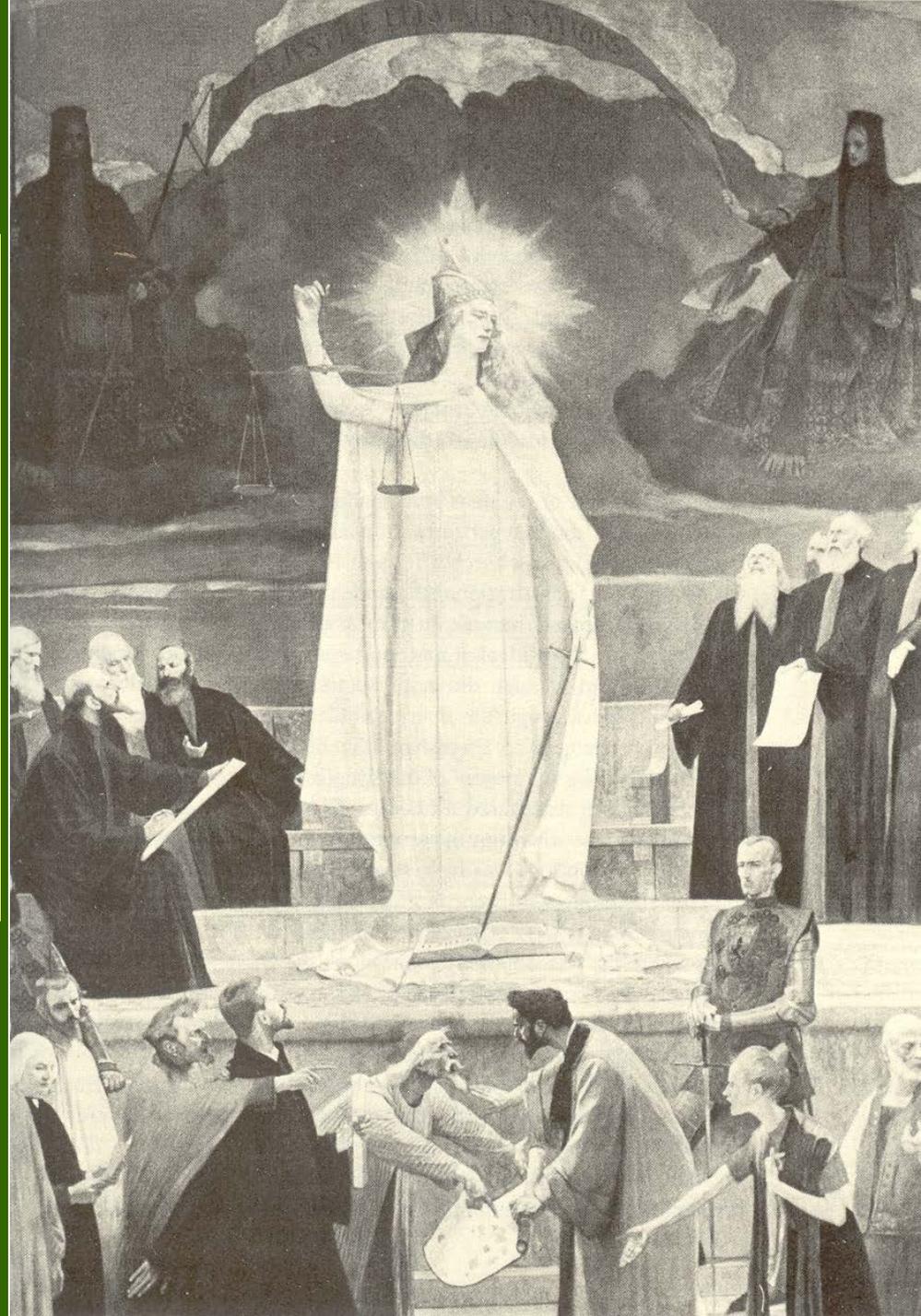
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“Justice Lifts the Nations”

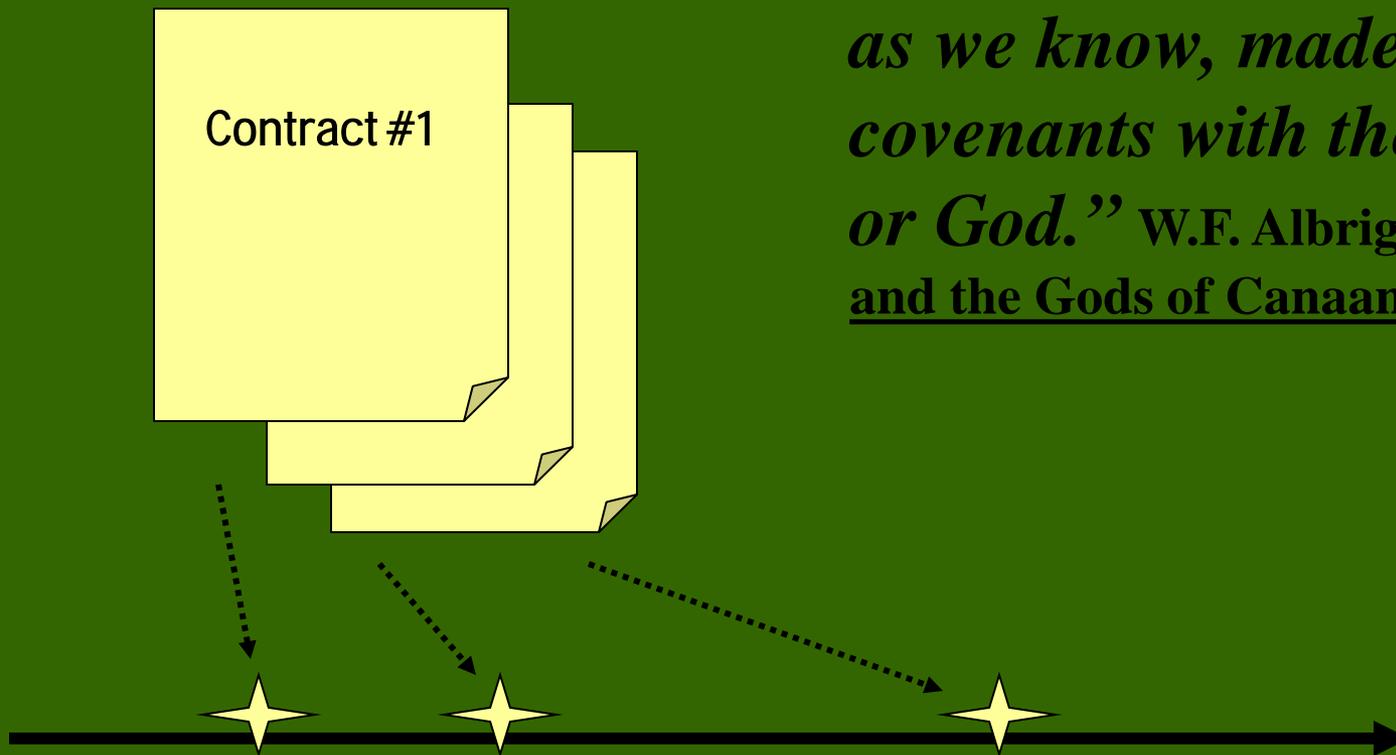
(1905) in old Supreme Court Building, Lausanne, Switzerland

Cited in Francis Schaeffer, *How Shall We Then Live?* p107



THE ONLY SOURCE OF A JUSTIFIABLE PLAN OF HISTORICAL PROGRESSION: THE BIBLE !

CREATOR &
REDEEMER



*“Only the Hebrews, so far
as we know, made
covenants with their gods
or God.”* W.F. Albright, Yahweh
and the Gods of Canaan.

"What makes the history of Israelite prophecy *sui generis* is the succession of apostles of God that come to the people through the ages. Such a line of apostle-prophets is unknown in paganism. . . . [The pagan prophet] incorporated a unique, self-contained divine power; there his "mission" ended with him."

Yehezkel Kaufmann, The Religion of Israel

“guarding your life”

- **Prov 13:3 “*He who guards his mouth keeps his nephesh*” = tongue**
- **Prov 16:17 “*He who keeps his way keeps his nephesh*” = behavior**
- **Prov 19:16 “*He who keeps the commandment keeps his nephesh*” = mental attitude**

The 3 Great Concepts of “Justice”

Concept	Consequences in Practice
<i>Positive Law</i> (ethics = law)	+ law is objective ; - unjust law impossible
<i>Social Good</i> (ethics > law)	+ law relates to social reality; - individual valued in terms of social usefulness & difficulty of calculating the “good”
<i>Natural Right</i> (ethics > law)	+ law relates to the individual; - evolutionary worldview weakens concept & difficulty of specifying the “rights”





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“The rebellious people are tired of . . .being the recipient of a name. They want to name themselves. . . .It is the desire to exclude God from His creation. And it is this solidarity in a name, this unity in separation from God, which was to keep man from ever again being separated on earth. . . .It was in this, man’s environment, built by man for man, with any other intervention or power excluded, that man could make a name for himself. . . .” Jacques Ellul, The Meaning of the City

“Whenever a society has a naturalistic religion, grounded on the concept of continuity, man faces the total power of the state. . . .Where there is no transcendental law and power in a separate and omnipotent being, then power has a wholly immanent and immediate source in a state, group, or person, and it is beyond appeal. The state becomes the saving power and source of law; it becomes the priestly agency of its own total power. . . .[It] becomes god walking on earth, and its every tyranny is identified as liberty. . . .In this faith, for man to be free means to be in the state.”

Rousas J. Rushdoony, The One and the Many