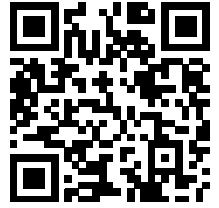


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Protestant Influence in Scotland



During the 16th century, the Scottish _____ marked a significant shift in religious beliefs and practices. John Knox, a fervent preacher, played a crucial _____ in promoting Protestantism across the nation. Influenced by his time with Calvin in Geneva, _____ was determined to reform the church in Scotland.

Before the Reformation, the Catholic Church held great _____ in Scottish society. It owned extensive lands and was deeply intertwined with the _____. However, corruption and a desire for reform began to erode its influence. The common people, as well as many _____, started questioning the church's wealth and moral authority.

In 1560, the Scottish Parliament took a decisive step by adopting the _____ of Faith, which officially endorsed Protestant doctrines and rejected the Pope's authority. This act did not just alter the _____'s structure but also its relationship with the state. The church became more democratic, with congregations having a say in church matters through the General _____.

Education was deeply influenced by these religious changes. Protestant leaders emphasized the importance of literacy for reading the _____. This led to the establishment of more schools and a greater focus on education throughout Scotland.

The transition to _____ also had significant social implications. It promoted a sense of individualism and personal responsibility in spiritual _____. This new mindset contributed to changes in law and governance, aligning more with Protestant ethics and _____.

Despite the peaceful intent, the transition was not without conflict. There were instances of iconoclasm, where _____ and religious icons were destroyed by zealous reformers. Additionally, the period was marked by political intrigue and power struggles, both domestically and with neighboring _____.

Today, the legacy of the Scottish Reformation continues to influence Scottish culture and society. Its impact on religion, education, and governance can still be felt, shaping the identity of modern _____.

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