

Coleridge's Schematic Concept of English Society

See *On the Constitution of the Church and State According to the Idea of Each* (1830), ed. J. Colmer, *Collected Works* (Princeton, 1976) 10: 28-30, 42-44, 72, 77.

The Nation (Enclesia, "called into the world") ————— **The Christian Church** (Ecclesia, "called out of the world")
 ...survives even when the Nation withers

The Crown

The State (assets called "propriety")

The National Church (assets called "nationalty")

1st Estate

2nd Estate

3rd Estate

Force of Permanence
 Fixed Property, the Land
 Center in the Country
 Values Tradition

Force of Progression
 Liquid Property, Money
 Center in the City
 Values Progression, Technology

Force of "Civilization" (Cultivation)
 Operates within the economy of the State
 Not identical with Established Church
 Values "harmony of the whole"

Lords

Minor Barons

Burgesses

"Clerisy"

Aristocracy
 (hereditary)

Yeomen, Franklins
 (agricultural class)

Commercial, Tradesmen
 1. Mercantile
 2. Manufacturing
 3. Distributive
 4. Professional...(shared interest).....

Pastors (clergy), Schoolteachers, learned
 men, poets, artists, philosophers, scholars,
 etc.

**House of
 Lords**

House of Commons

Forces of Civilization

...of Cultivation

"a Nation can never be a too-cultivated, but may easily become an over-civilized race" --Coleridge