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For Mike and Lucy

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This work is the outgrowth of several impulses. The first was my desire to examine patterns of women's behavior within the context of oppositional politics between 1660 and 1688 that I had noticed while researching my book on Whig politics. The sources were thin but intimated that women were clearly enmeshed in the thick of seditious plotting and publication. They also suggested that one could not with confidence connect the actions of these women to political ideologies but that which motivated their behavior was their religiosity. I felt very strongly then that this was a story that deserved to be told. The importance of religious fervor in seventeenth-century women's lives and the degree to which I felt that I had not given religion the full weight of its significance in my first book, was also a driving force behind this book. *Radical Whigs and Conspiratorial Politics in Late Stuart England* was written initially as a dissertation in the context of life in Washington, DC, and particularly, the influence of the Centre for Political Thought at the Folger Shakespeare Library, which was then under the direction John Pocock, Lois Schwoerer, and Gordon Schochet. Given that atmosphere, it is little wonder that my focus was driven by interest, first and foremost, in political culture and discourse. This present work derives from another context entirely, one both personal and political. The impact of religious fanaticism on ordinary lives since September 2001 has certainly been cause for thought. On a more intimate level, this project is the work of a more mature woman, living a more settled life, and one who is far more appreciative of the role of spirituality in day-to-day existence.

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List of Abbreviations

Add	Additional Manuscripts, British Library, London
AHR	<i>American Historical Journal</i>
BDBR	<i>Biographical Dictionary of British Radicals in the Seventeenth Century</i> . 3 vols. Eds. Richard L. Greaves and Robert Zaller. Brighton: Harvester Press, 1982–84
BIHR	<i>Bulletin of the Institute for Historical Research</i>
Behn, <i>Works</i>	Aphra Behn, <i>The Works of Aphra Behn</i> . 5 vols. Ed. Janet Todd. London: Pickering & Chatto, 1995
Birch, <i>Life</i>	Thomas Birch, <i>The Life of the Most Reverend Dr. John Tillotson, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury</i> London, 1753
BL	British Library
Burnet, <i>HOHOT</i>	Gilbert Burnet, <i>History of His Own Time</i> . 6 vols. Oxford, 1833
Burnet, <i>A Supplement</i>	<i>A Supplement to Burnet's History of His Own Times</i> . Ed. H.C. Foxcroft. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1902
<i>Calamy Revised</i>	A.G. Matthews, <i>Calamy Revised: Being a Revision of Edmund Calamy's Account of the Ministers and Others Ejected and Silenced, 1660–2</i> . Oxford, 1934
CHJ	<i>Cambridge Historical Journal</i>
CSPD	<i>Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series</i>
Dalrymple, <i>Memoirs</i>	John Dalrymple, <i>Memoirs of Great Britain and Ireland</i> . 2 vols. London and Edinburgh, 1771–73
Doebner, <i>Memoirs</i>	<i>Memoirs of Mary, Queen of England</i> . Ed. R. Doebner. Leipzig, 1886
DHC	Dorset History Centre
DNB	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i>
EHR	<i>English Historical Review</i>

- Evelyn, *Diary* *The Diary of John Evelyn*. Ed. E.S. de Beer, 6 vols. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1986
- HJ *Historical Journal*
- HMC *Historical Manuscripts Commission*
- House of Commons* *The History of Parliament: The House of Commons, 1660–1690*. 3 vols. Ed. B. D. Henning. London: The History of Parliament Trust, 1983
- JBS *Journal of British Studies*
- JEH *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*
- Locke Correspondence* *The Correspondence of John Locke*. 8 vols. Ed. E.S. de Beer. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1978–82
- Luttrell *Narcissus Luttrell, A Brief Historical Relation of State of Affairs from September 1678 to April 1714*. 6 vols. Oxford, 1857
- Morrice, *EB* *The Entering Book of Roger Morrice*. 6 vols. Gen. Ed. Mark Goldie. Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 2007
- NA National Archives, London
- ODNB *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004
- P & P* *Past and Present*
- Rawl. Rawlinson Manuscripts, Bodleian Library, Oxford
- Strickland *Agnes Strickland, Lives of the Queens of Scotland and England and English Princesses Connected with the Regal Succession of Great Britain*, 12 vols. New York, 1851–59
- SEL *Studies in English Literature*
- State Trials* *A Complete Collection of State Trials*. 22 vols. Ed. T. B. Howell. London, 1816
- TCHS *Transactions of the Congregational Historical Society*
- TRHS *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*

Note on the Text

For the most part, I have modernized the spelling and grammar of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century texts, including manuscript sources. However, for Aphra Behn's plays, novels, and poems cited in Chapter 3, I have followed Janet Todd's edition of *The Works of Aphra Behn*. Similarly, in Chapter 5, I have followed the spelling in Patricia Springborg's edition of Mary Astell's *Political Writings*.

I am certainly aware that the terms "Anglicanism" and "Anglican" are basically anachronistic to the seventeenth century in the way that we use them today, but I have chosen nonetheless to retain them for reasons of clarity and simplicity.

“Brothers and Sisters: Greet Prisca and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life... Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first fruits in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary who has worked hard for you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives and my fellow prisoners; they are prominent among the Apostles and they were in Christ before me. Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. Greet one another with a holy kiss.”

Saint Paul to the Romans, 16:3–9