

VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Barton/Separation Doctrine

Barton, David. "The Origin of the Phrase 'Separation of Church and State.'" In *The Myth of Separation*, 41-46. Aledo: WallBuilder Press, 1992, *passim*.

Based on what we have learned about the original intent of our Founding Fathers, where does this leave us in our application of Biblical principles to this subject?

First of all, the Supreme Court has legally changed the meaning of the First Amendment in order to accomplish a political objective.

That political objective is the concentration of power within a centralized government with which power an oligarchy would impose its will upon the lives, liberty, and property of the people.

Biblical teachings are more than adequate to alert a free people of the folly of such arrangements and thus must be silenced if the Court's objective is to be obtained.

Religion has been described as the opiate of the people. That may be true. But what is certain is that Christianity is the antidote to human good and tyranny is human good taken to its ultimate extreme.

Thus, doctrine must be silenced and censorship in the form of protecting the people from religious tyranny is as good a rhetorical veil as any.

Thus, we have in our nation, firmly constructed on the shifting sand of one man's opinion, and it misinterpreted, the notion that church and state cannot legally cooperate for the common good.

Although this situation is contrary to the wishes of the Founders, and their decrees in the Constitution have never been amended in this regard, it still remains the case that the Supreme Court has altered the meaning of the document.

Corrupt men have taken it upon themselves to distort our basic religious freedoms and as a result our culture has been altered.

You may protest their duplicity but their tampering was permitted by a permissive people who either could not discern, or knowingly capitulated to this assault upon their freedoms.

Therefore, the misguided morals of the people have been chronicled into the legal code of the country.

There has been an erosion within the *Zeitgeist*, the rules of the game have changed, and we are mandated by Scripture to adjust.

Believers must obey the laws of the land that are compatible with and parallel to the Word of God.

The current "*separation doctrine*" is supported by our Lord in the sense that two kingdoms obviously coexist. We are to "*render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.*"

Although the two are never to be combined they are to COORDINATE.

The belief of our Founders was that if the nation is to exist as God would have it, that is, in perfect freedom, there must be a spiritual kingdom which has an influence on the national government.

The spiritual kingdom referred to is made up of believers in Jesus Christ and members of the various churches in the various States.

The influence hoped for by the Founders was imposed by these Christians who expressed their moral beliefs to their elected representatives.

These representatives were honor bound to incorporate those beliefs into the civil and criminal law codes of the nation.

Doctrinal issues were not at issue, establishment principles were the ones under which all denominations agreed to abide.

Today, establishment morality and category-one truth are no longer a part of the national debate. There is a form of religious discussion but it has no substance.

Therefore, believers are honor bound to submit to establishment authority even though their moral beliefs are considered “*politically incorrect*” whenever they drift over the “*wall of separation.*”