

“Separation of Church and State”

“The Real Story”

Separation of church and state, NOT
separation of God from State



The phrase “Separation of Church and State” was never intended to keep Christian values out of the government's domain. To the contrary, the First Amendment stated that, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”. There was no mention of the words “Separation of Church and State”. The founding documents clearly show the intent was to prevent the government from establishing a single Christian denomination as the state religion, as was the case in England. The effort was to keep government from meddling in an individual’s personal beliefs, not to keep religious beliefs out of government (politics). Numerous times the courts confirmed these views.

In 1801, President Thomas Jefferson reassured the Danbury Baptists, in a letter, that all Christian religions would remain equal under the law in stating that “the First Amendment has erected a wall of separation between church and state”. This position was upheld by the Courts, Congress, the House and the Senate for years.

In 1947, the court (Everson v. Board of Education) cited 8 words out of Jefferson's letter, without context, “a wall of separation of church and state”. Despite frequent dissent of this narrow interpretation, the courts continued to misuse these 8 words. In 1962 the Engle v. Vitale ruling separated Christian principles from education.

By reinterpreting the intent of the First Amendment, the court misguidedly tried keeping Christian values out of politics and education. In addition, they ignored the historical vision of the founders in an attempt to remove God from the leadership of our nation. They did so against the will of the majority of citizens, who believed in the Christian God of the Bible.

**Remember that separation of church and state,
is not separation of God from State.**

Those who argue that religion should not have any influence on government exhibit a narrow and unrealistic view of religion. Most often they are simply promoting an atheistic view. Believing that there is no God is a belief system in itself. Although certainly not

deserving of special treatment. Atheists have received favoured treatment in our education system by hiding behind evolutionary ideology and persistently misrepresenting the “Separation of Church and State” issue.

When the influence of God is removed from our public schools and our government controlled entities, the seeds of atheism are planted. That act is directly contrary to the intent of our founding fathers regarding the First Amendment.



President Thomas Jefferson