

## **Separation of Church and State.**

To those well-meaning but totally misguided folks that take this position to mean that there should be no religion spoken of by the political masses of folks miss the entire meaning of the quotation.

The bottom line of this argument is that the state shall in no way dictate a specific religion to the people.” In other words, it is not up to the state to decide that we all become Baptists, or Catholics etc.

The government shall not attempt to restrict all acts of faith from the public square.

The so-called separation has nothing to do with people exercising their faith. It has everything to do with the government seeing to it that the people may even express their faith without the fear of government reprisal

The government shall not show preferential treatment toward any specific religion. The church should not rule over the state, and the state shall not rule over the church.

Religion is too important to be a government program. The government may not coerce its citizens to support or participate in any religion or its exercise.

Separation of church and state doesn't shut down our debate over religion in the public square, in fact it guarantees our ability to have them.