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This new book is very timely for one of the most frequently debated issues in America: the separation of church and state. Where did this phrase originate? Was it always meant to prohibit expressions of religious faith in public settings as many claim today? Learn the answers to these questions and discover the Founding Fathers own words and intents in this book! With all these resources, you will be able to clearly understand the original intent of the Founding Fathers and be able to share those beliefs with others! This book is the accompaniment to the DVD/Video/CD/Cassette "The Foundations of American Government."

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Ed says

A good essay. Would have loved for him to have expounded more on the subject. Also felt the need for him to address counter arguments.

Jack Hansen says

This important issue of separation of Church and State has become a hot topic and battleground for Atheists vs Christians. David Barton explains why the meaning has been turned upside down so that the few decide for the many in a miscarriage of justice.

John F. says

Mr. Barton draws upon history, to tell the truth, that there is no such thing as "separation of church and state." He shows how the courts misinterpreted the First Amendment. He also instructs America how to work to bring morality back to America. Great book.

C.A. Davidson says

Too many people are confusing the roles of church vs. state today. We are seeing people literally get away with murder in the name of freedom of religion. If a member of any religion steals or commits murder, they are subject to civil law, and are not protected by freedom of religion, because that member has violated the constitutional rights of another person and is a threat to the safety of others.

Nisa says

History is addicting. I love reading the words of our founding fathers!

Kimmie says

Do your research! I am thankful I collect books because I won't have to depend on today's Internet for my history.

Steve Dustcircle says

Horrible attempt to support a theocratic government and religious discrimination.

Janey says

Very short and to the point.

Keith says

David Barton is an amazing historian on US history, this short, easy, and to the point booklet is definitely worth the read. He doesn't give his opinion on history, he cites it! Big difference! If you want to know the truth about American History, read what the Framers who started this country say. David Barton is an expert at leading you to the original intent of the founders of this great country. Its no mystery, and the interpretation of what the founders of America wanted is very clear. Its unfortunate, that some determined individuals who had power in the system, have made judgements based on their own beliefs and not the intent of the law, that we are all now subject to.

Erin says

I liked its emphasis on the importance of religion as it pertains to education. A very well written pamphlet...it's not exactly a book.

Joe N. says

A good short read. really it's a pamphlet not a book but it's straight to the point in twenty pages.

Claudia says

This book is a standard volume handed out by my state Senator to his colleagues as justification for private school vouchers. it's not credible research, but it's being peddled as such.

Authors with axes to grind pick and choose their evidence, or make it up, if it fits their scenario. Barton seems an expert at this...but reading this short little book (payback for WAR AND PEACE) lets me see what others believe...

I'm not a Constitutional scholar, and critics will point out, neither is Barton. But I'm an educator...39 years in the classroom with Christian students, Muslim students, Jewish students, Buddhist students, and non-religious students. My job was to welcome, support every student, finding the connections, not highlighting

differences.

My job was easier in the world where proselytizing any religion was not to be allowed. Where all students' beliefs were honored and respected.

I taught passages from the Bible -- Old Testament and New -- to students: as literature. I invited students to bring their religious books to read in class during our individual reading time. I encouraged them to reflect and write about what they thought about the books they were reading. They were all free to find the books that spoke to them.

Glad I read this, but I don't believe Mr. Barton is any kind of credible expert. And he should not be used as an expert in Constitutional interpretation. He's spinning a fairy tale.

<http://www.npr.org/2012/08/08/1577545...>

Martha says

I want this in the Kindle Edition.

David Willmore says

The establishment clause was to protect religion from the government, not the other way around.

Stephen Matlock says

Untrustworthy nonsense, from start to finish.

I rated this as low as I did because the author is not qualified to write about this topic so as to be trusted as an authority. This is a polemic, not a scholarly article. "Barton, in his book *The Myth of Separation*, argues that Christians were the ones who were intended to hold public office and that Jews and members of other sects were not."

Here are some further extracts of his views about church and state from his book "*The Myth of Separation*":

[Barton] believes that Christians were the ones who were intended to hold public office. pg. 26

Christianity was the official religion and other faiths were not given the freedom to worship in the nation. pg. 39

Separation applied mostly to denominational differences. pg. 43

[Barton] claims that general Christianity is the established religion of the nation. pg. 64

The author is noted for elsewhere writing books that have been withdrawn from publication due to false

interjections and conclusions. "Barton holds no formal credentials in history or law, and scholars dispute the accuracy and integrity of his assertions about history, accusing him of practicing misleading historical revisionism, 'pseudoscholarship' and spreading 'outright falsehoods.' ... Barton's 2012 book *The Jefferson Lies* was voted 'the least credible history book in print' by the users of the History News Network website. ... The book's publisher, the Christian publishing house Thomas Nelson, disavowed the book and withdrew it from sale. A senior executive said that Thomas Nelson could not stand by the book because 'basic truths just were not there.'"

Essentially, if you read this book as a source for factual analysis, you will be trusting an author who is known for making stuff up.

Read this as fiction and enjoy it.
