VI. Laws of Divine Establishment and the Royal Family Honor Code: Barton/First Amendment

NOTE: No Bible class, Thursday, 19 January 1995 due to bad weather.

I quote from a book written by David Barton, The Myth of Separation, and specifically from its second chapter entitled, "*The Way It Was-Building the Constitution and the First Amendment*."

Barton, David. The Myth of Separation. Aledo: WallBuilder Press, 1992, pp. 21-40, passim.

NOTE: Excerpts continue from Barton: pp. 32-40.

It was obviously the intent of our Founders that the federal government not designate any Protestant denomination as an approved state church.

But it is also obvious that these same Fathers did not desire the nation they founded to be a democracy but a republic.

As a representative republic, those who held public office were to be men of God who were willing to proclaim as a condition of holding office, a profession of their faith in Jesus Christ.

You may or may not agree with this analysis but it seems obvious from the references I just quoted.

If this was the constitutional will of these men then it was the law of the land to which all citizens were to submit.

What then is meant by the phrase, "*a wall of separation between church and state*?" We find the answer to its origin in chapter 3 of Mr. Barton's book, **The Myth of Separation [Ibid., 41-46]**.