Make No Law

What exactly is written in the Constitution of the United States concerning the separation of church and state? Apart from what Jefferson wrote, what is actually recorded in the framework of this nation? As I understand, "make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" is all that is recorded in the document. The oft-added phrase, "thus building a wall of separation between church and state" is not in the Constitution or the Bill of Rights.

What kind of law could there be to keep Christian principles out of government? This nation was founded upon such principles, as men knew nothing else. Even Thomas Jefferson, a "non-Christian," referred to the Bible on many occasions. Being a deist he lived according to natural law for the nations, but who in his day could escape being influenced by Christian principles from the Bible? What the world is waiting upon is Mt 5:14-16; 28:18-20; and Mt 24:14.

Jms 1:27 defines what true religion is and what it isn't. All that is not true religion is false religion. Jn 9:41 tells what false religion makes a person believe — they believe that they "see" when in fact they are blind (Jn 9:39-40; 18:37).

The Constitution unequivocally does affirm that there is no law against love, joy, peace, patience, kindness goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). So we are unhindered in the free exercise of *true* religion, which is to live by the Spirit we claim to see by (Gal 5:24-26). The Word of God explicitly states (Gal 5:23) that there is *no law* against or prohibiting the free exercise of *true* religion, and the Constitution of the United States is in agreement with this. Free exercise of religion is not prohibited by any law anyone can come up with in America, as Jms 1:27 defines true religion. Jms 1:27 disqualifies all religion that does not comply with its foundation upon the Word (which Mr. Luther disqualifies, since he made no separation between "his religion" and the state, but bound them together). Martin Luther considered this an epistle of straw anyway, knowing that his religion was in no way separated from the world or state power and he had a reputation of not bridling his tongue (Jms 1:26). So he condemned himself in every respect along with all who claim free exercise of true religion according to the Bible (1 Jn 2:15).

Acts 4:19; 5:29; 4:18 – This command by the government and the Jewish people who were under the law after Messiah came to deliver them all (Gal 3:10,13) put all Jews everywhere who rejected their deliverer (Acts 4:11-12) under a curse, who did not repent at the preaching of the apostles from Mt 27:25; Acts 2:36,37; 5:30). Acts 4:21-26 — The converted Jews took their religious freedom seriously with fear of evil men who wanted to suppress the truth (even as today the ADL is under the same evil spirit as the Jews in the first century who crucified their Messiah). This freedom is expressed in Acts 4:32-37. There is no authority apart from God, and authority which is from God is defined in 1 Pet 2:12-17. Verse 14 expresses the government whose authority is from God, which allows freedom to exercise the religion which is of God. False religion does evil as false authority. False authority punishes those who do good and praises those who do evil. So true religion does good. They have the right to exercise their freedom to do good (Eph 2:8-10), not using their natural rights to do evil or to convince others that they can obtain eternal life by accepting their religion. Or such as certain religions who do evil by taking up arms against government which they do not agree with or who come against them for doing evil. Or the Christian (Roman) religion that has killed countless innocent people by Pope's decree down through history. The authority behind Peter's command for civil obedience is the God, the Creator, the Sovereign over all things.

When human authority in civil government rejects God's authority it becomes twisted or perverted from its purpose (1 Pet 2:14) losing its right to demand compliance (Acts 4:19; 5:29) even as Thomas Jefferson gave clear insight into.

The people of a true religion (that is God's holy people) have always resisted any command that was against God's will as recorded in many places in the Old Testament.

True religion is unspotted by the world, but living in the world at the same time. That is "in the world, but not of it" (Jn 17:14-17). 1 Pet 2:12 — The true religion, God's holy people as a light to the fallen, secular world. Phil

2:14; Mt 5:13-16 — Their behavior – daily activities are observable by the world around them, in the world's neighborhoods, towns and cities, local farms, seen and observable to the town's citizens.

Civil government – secular governors are servants of God in secular society to punish evildoers and encourage law-abiding citizens. There is no fear for authority that is of God if one is good. Rom 13:1-7 is both spiritual authority within a community of Israel and the secular authority of the world in which the saints live in their own community, as Paul taught in Rom 12 and 13 concerning the spiritual community within the secular community, or as Rom 12:21 goes on to say. So let every soul in the spiritual community be as Heb 13:17 to the spiritual authority, and also verse 6 – because of this they also obey secular law to whom it is due, since the saints use their roads, etc. and have police protection as well.

Paul does not stop in mid-sentence and start on another subject altogether from chapter 12 to chapter 13, as he goes on to give instruction in Rom 13:8. In Rom 13:1 – The governing authorities here are the ones whom everyone in the (Church) must obey as in regard to the secular authority which the spiritual governors uphold, as in verse 6. But in 1 Pet 2:13-17 it is specifically talking about secular governing authority as to those who govern all who live in the world within their jurisprudence.

True religion is that the tongues of those who are of true religion are bridled in every aspect and also towards authority which is of God – in the Church and in the world as well. *Unspotted* in the world is 1 Jn 2:15. True religion vs. false religion is 1 Jn 2:4. Everyone who claims true religion and is not is a liar and the truth is not in him (Jn 18:37). Jn 17:15-16 – To be kept while in the world, but not of it – unspotted but kept from the evil one. Those of true religion are no more spotted by the world than their Savior (Jn 17:16; Rom 5:5; 1 Jn 2:15; 3:17).

A whole new way of living is prescribed by the words and commandments of Yahshua – birthing a brand new culture (Jn 14:21,23,17). The Spirit and person of Messiah *cannot* dwell in a person or *does not* dwell in a person who cannot or does not restrain his tongue from speaking unproductive words or who deceives his own heart. His faith or his religion is worthless (Jms 1:26).

"Free exercise" means not subject to an arbitrary external power or authority (which goes aground) apart from the established authority in the true religion that Messiah came to set up in His Body on Earth (Jn 18:37; 10:14, 16,27-29). But what did "free exercise" mean to the framers of the Constitution, who knew nothing about true religion, but only of the religion of conscience or the religion of Christianity (the Christian religion)? They meant that the Constitution and governmental servants and workers would protect the rights of "true religion" (1 Pet 2:14-15), defending individual's rights against encroachment by the state, assuring or maintaining individual liberty, to exercise (practice) to do good according to their religion; freedom to "do good" according to their religion.

Such liberty is maintained by a free people who are not under arbitrary or despotic rulership, free to obey God and man's arbitrary or despotic tyranny (Acts 5:29). Free exercise of religion does not mean to be under guardianship of the state or any body or institution. The United States is not a despotic or arbitrary government, but neither is it under or subject to a fixed law or policy that defends religion from encroachment, such as requiring permission from the state to exercise freely one's religion, which is one's natural right under natural law. There can be no law that defends what is natural, or who will be the judge or arbiter of such laws? No law has to be made to force one to do good unless one is cursed (Gal 3:10,19-23).

"Free exercise" means civil and political liberty as free citizens, a free people enjoying political independence and having sovereign rights (1 Pet 2:12-17; Acts 5:29).

Free is to remove something that confines one in certain exercises and doctrines, such as the freedom of speech, without which no one would be able to preach the gospel to convict the world of sin, or be specific as to what sin is according to the Bible.

Exercise means to set in action one's beliefs. This gives rise to paranoia as we see in the government coming against such groups that take their freedom outside of the boundaries of reason, taking advantage of the "free exercise" clause in the Bill of Rights. *Exercise* means an act of using or putting into effect, or practicing one's religion, so, considering the miscreant nature of false religions, how can there be no control over religion? All they knew was Christians going to church on Sunday. They

knew they would just go to church and listen to the sermon and pray. When there is only "one true religion" (Gal 5:22-23) which there can be no law against (in fact there is no law against it), you can't get into trouble for practicing true religion. Were all the deeds done by Christians in the past done according to what love is (1 Cor 13:1-7; Rom 12:17; Jn 18:36)?

To exercise is to put into action or practice, to carry out in action what one believes, resting upon what one's faith employs (Jn 14:15,21). So how can "we" exact compliance of the United States Government to allow the free exercise of religion when they are just natural-minded men and think anything but going to a meeting on Sunday morning and going home afterwards to "love the world," etc., is a "cult"? In fact, all cases are or have been "cults" in the past, so we are categorized by the set precedence of cult mania.

Our freedom of religion is to do as 1 Pet 2:15, which is *true* religion (1 Pet 2:18-23), bearing the fruit which there is no law against (Gal 5:23), since all are as verse 24 describes. Jn 14:21,23 — This is what Messiah's Spirit reveals to His nation (Mt 21:43) who bear the fruit of the Spirit (Jn 15:8; 13:34-35; 17:20-23). But the gates of hell (Mt 16:16-18) overtake all true religions when they fail to do Gal 5:24-25 and become as verse 26, which results in state control over the edah. This can only happen to a fallen religion, since true religion has the approval of the state (1 Pet 2:9-17), that is, a system of government wherein is the authority of God (Rom 13).

So if we, the people of the Commonwealth of Israel, are arrogant in our approach to governmental authority, then we deserve to be disenfranchised as a valid religion, as they see it. Lk 20:25 — We are forever to maintain a submissive attitude, while obedience is relative according to what governmental agencies force us to do that is against our conscience and the word we live and die by. "Live free or die" — so goes the slogan on the license one must have in order to drive an automobile, right or wrong. So what about religion? Should one have a license to operate religion?

Hakam — When someone who has a particular religious belief or a group of people who have a religious belief break a law that applies to everyone, then the government should prosecute them. If they murder someone, they should prosecute them for murder.

Kharash — If the group somehow teaches or promotes murder and the connection can be established, then actions can be taken against the leadership of that group.

Hakam — Like they did with the Ku Klux Klan...

When the Ku Klux Klan first started, presidents were in it, and politicians, etc. When the slaves were set free many of them were out of control, doing all kinds of terrible things, unimaginable things. The Klan was formed to bring things under control.

Kharash — But then the Klan got out of hand and only the extremists remained members of it.

What we're up against is that the people behind this anti-cult law, the Socialists, are coming from an agenda, which is to make it so that no human being would ever seek anything beyond just material things, food, shelter, and clothing, which the Man of Lawlessness will be providing. There is a danger in promoting policy that protects these false religions, but what this law stands against is the ability to express one's human voice.

Yochanan — Religious liberty gives the false religions the freedom to come out and be false and then be judged, but if there's a government where they can't even exist, then you have a tendency to lose heart.

Hakam — I think what we've said is that we're for the nations being for the principle of religious freedom. We're glad that it exists for our sake.

Hakam — But we're not for the prejudice that comes from this kind of thinking about "brainwashing." Somehow it's not considered mental manipulation for a marketer to market a product to get someone weak in his flesh and convince him that he needs something that he doesn't need. But for someone to take a person who is devastated by his sins and convince him that he's going to find life by giving up his life to God, that is considered mental manipulation. The inconsistency is outrageous. It's targeting a particular small segment of society with extreme prejudice just based on the fact that they have a belief in authority and absolute commitment and radical obedience to a belief system.

We don't know what the real motivations are in these contra-anti-cult people, what's driving them. They may

not even know it themselves, and just think they're doing a good thing. In a way they are gathering the fringe groups together and giving them legitimacy to operate, and then someday the Catholic Church ("Mother") will want to gather in all religions. And then here are all these fringe groups that we're associated with, and she says, "Come on now, come under my wings, or we're not going to protect you anymore; come to Mother and you'll be totally protected." I just want to be alert to the compromise we might be inadvertently drawn into.

Hakam — It's like there's a wave and we're up in the crest of that wave, protected and carried along with it. Seems like before there could be this gathering into the Harlot there has to be an openness so there could be an all-inclusive acceptance. Because inevitably, if you look at the history, say of the Jesus Movement, every single one of these groups that were outside of the mainstream have all come under the Evangelical umbrella. Either they end up there, or they end up like the Branch Davidians in Waco.

So I don't know how long we can be affiliated with these contra-anti-cult people. They're in and of the world, under the sway of the Evil One, baiting all these groups to join the Harlot some day, and here we are associated with all the cults — the groups that we even call cults.

Jms 1:27 speaks of those who claim to see, but are still spotted by the world. In view of the nations and their stand on freedom of religion and separation of church and state, we have no qualms. But for us, we know that there is only one true religion. No other religion than this one is *good*, and every other religion is *evil*. Here we take our stand, to live or die. If a people do not return to Him who inspired His word to be recorded (Jms 1:27, from Mal 3:5-7), and do not practice the one authentic religion, proving Mal 3:18, then in the last day a religion will come forth that will distinguish those who actually worship or serve God from those who don't. Our Master said He came for that purpose, to make those who see blind, and those who are blind see.

Those who say they are truly (Mal 3:18) re-linked to God (*religio*) are worse than the Jews in Jn 9:21 who crucified Messiah in Mt 27:25. They said, "Let the blood be upon our head and our children's heads." In that evil persuasion they say, "This is not our messiah; this is an impostor." They are still under the curse today if they do not repent from this persuasion, which tolerates rebellion against God's Anointed One.

But what religion has murdered and killed most people down through history, thinking they were doing God a favor? (Jn 16:1-3). That is what came out of the fall of the first church. All Christians who are under the religion who will not own up to the Inquisitions and just explain it away (as do the Jews who tortured Messiah) still think the "Christ" has continued to be with them all through the years. The worst religions murder others who don't agree with them. The Inquisition was carried out by Papal decree and confirmed by Pope after Pope. But how can anyone believe that such actions were representative of the True One?

The True One said to turn the other cheek, do good to them that despitefully use you, pray for your enemies, don't be killing people who don't agree with you, don't call down fire from heaven on them (Lk 9:49-54). Why doesn't Bob Pardon know that? He's a Christian — it's recorded in the Bible! Why doesn't he understand the wisdom of Gamaliel? (Acts 5:34-39).

Hakam — That's why the government should not enact a law against belief, but only against actions that hurt other people. That's what Thomas Jefferson and the other fathers saw. They saw Christianity not doing this, and they said, "No more! We're going to establish a government that's not going to tolerate this way of thinking." How can the Catholic Church think that they have revelation passed on from generation to generation when they don't even know our Master's words? Was He revealing Himself to them when they were murdering all those people?

Kharash — Only the most naïve of Catholics really think that they're connected to the living Son of God who walked on the Earth 2000 years ago.

Why can't we make people understand this? All that the Catholic Church has done down through history, which has been recorded... Our Master warned the church in Ephesus in Rev 2:4 that if they didn't repent He would come and remove their lampstand. Can the Catholics not see that they are doing things *worse* than what the Ephesian church was doing? Why can't they see it? No one has ever told them. We have to put it in a way that "His people" can understand it and come out of "Her."

At any moment the lampstand can be taken away from any community that stops judging themselves and comes to the minchot unclean. Their prayers can't be answered. If they're not going to their brothers and helping them, bringing proper judgment, then our Father can't hear their prayers anymore. Once He can't hear our prayers our lamp is going out. Eventually it will go out if we don't repent and "do the deeds we did at first." That's the responsibility of the elders in every clan to judge.

So here we are, living in proper fear, judging ourselves, and then the Catholic Church can do all the terrible atrocities they've done and think they have maintained "apostolic succession" — unbroken communion since the first apostles.

Kharash — Caring for orphans and widows is just practical compassion. And keeping themselves from the defilement of this wicked age. If we start speaking about that, the true people start listening and the wicked close their ears.

We can preach that — what it means to be "spotted." Are you being spotted? Is your religion spotted by the world? Are they connected with the government, taking government funds? How many other ways can we name that is included in being spotted by the world?

Hakam — "Spotted by the world" goes with Rom 12:2, taking on the customs of the world — not just the individual people, but the religion as a whole. All the people in that religion are involved in a life that is taking on the customs and practices of the world.

Rom 12:1-2 is talking about the *one* living sacrifice not being conformed to the world, but transformed by the renewing of *your* (plural) mind. Like in the NCAO meeting years ago, they took a break in their "apostolic" meeting to watch the ball game or see "2001" or "Star Wars" or something. But I was the only one who wouldn't go with them. I stayed back and cried the whole time they were gone. Another time they went out to a bar and had some drinks, and I stayed home and cried. They wanted to know what was wrong with me. Then they wanted to start wearing ministerial "collars" and I told them they would have to hold me down to get one of those things on me.

I guess I had to have that experience. We were definitely wanting to associate and identify ourselves with someone. We didn't think at that time that we were "the only ones." But we're not the only ones — there are a lot of people out there who are going to come in. We're *part* of the only ones. It's very difficult to answer that question. I say, "The Twelve Tribes are the only ones, and if you want to be a part of the *only ones* you've got to come in through one of those gates it talks about in Rev 21, and those gates are open night and day."

The Twelve Tribes *is* the Body of Messiah. If you're in the Twelve Tribes, you're in the Body of Messiah, which is a corporate witness in every place.