

# Imagine a World Free From Religion



**One of the lessons of 9/11 is that there is no greater source of terrorism, strife, bloodshed, persecution or war than religion.**

**American liberty is menaced not only by religious terrorism from abroad.** Consider the growing threat of religious fanaticism here at home: The relentless war against secular values, gay rights, abortion rights, stem cell research and the teaching of evolution in public schools. Beware the faith-based initiative — now endorsed by leaders of both major parties — an unprecedented union of religion and government that threatens the core principle of our nation's founding: a secular government. Resist the growing Religious Right domination of politics, media and government.

**Keep state and church separate.** The United States was first among nations to adopt a secular government and a godless Constitution. Despite the mandate that “no religious test shall ever be required” for public office, a de facto religious test has been imposed and even embraced by many candidates, media and voters. Is the American public flirting with theocracy? Don't let it happen here!

**Freedom depends on freethinkers.** The history of Western civilization shows that most social and moral progress has been brought about by persons *free from religion*. In modern times, the first to speak out for the abolition of capital punishment, for women's right to vote, for death with dignity for the terminally ill, and for the right to choose contraception, sterilization and abortion have been freethinkers, just as they were the first to call for an end to slavery. Today, the fastest-growing religious identification in America is “no religion”— as many as 50 million American adults dissent from organized religion, yet our rational viewpoint continues to be marginalized.

## Join The Freedom From Religion Foundation

**We hope today you will join us.** If you are concerned about the erosion of the separation between church and state in the United States, you *CAN* do something about it. The Freedom From Religion Foundation — the nation's largest and fastest-growing association of freethinkers (atheists, agnostics and skeptics) — has worked since 1978 to promote nontheism, and to keep state and church separate. The nonprofit, tax-exempt Foundation promotes freedom from religion with a weekly national radio show, a monthly newspaper, a freethought billboard campaign and other educational endeavors, including scholarships for freethinking students.

**The Foundation acts on countless abuses** of the separation of state and church, and has taken and won many significant lawsuits ending state/church violations. FFRF has stopped public funding of pervasively sectarian social agencies and schools, halted a state chaplaincy to proselytize government workers, ended unlawful bible instruction in public schools, persuaded a Top Ten university to drop commencement prayers, and won a court victory overturning a law declaring Good Friday a state holiday. No one has fought harder than FFRF to legally challenge the “faith-based initiative.” Help us shore up Jefferson's battered “wall of separation between church and state.”

**Won't you join us** in our critical work to defend the vital separation between government and religion?

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