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God's Revelation to Mankind

The Touchstone of Taxation & Religion

Our Fountainhead of Faith: Matthew, Mark, Luke & John

“Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”

Matthew 22:15-22 (KJB)



Paying Taxes to Caesar:

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances.^[a] ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius.^[b] ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.”

The jurisdiction of what is sacred:

This said account of Christian scripture took place at the Temple in Jerusalem, Herod's Temple, where the Temple is described as being filled with material things, promotions, displays, and sale of religious merchandise as a marketplace for commerce. A time where religious leaders were counting their profits and Rome was accounting for taxes. This scene represented the conquest of what was pre-determined to be sanctified by GOD's word and his spirit. The invasion of a lawful protected interest, decisively God's spirit was beyond the jurisdiction of human control; thus The Christ declared over a chronicle conquest of a group of religious leaders or the secular authority:

“Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”

The U.S. Supreme Court's Establishment Clause Doctrine echoes the language of Jesus Christ; both creating reason, not a religion by which state and church have separate spheres of influence.