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## Mark Silk Corrects George Will on Ike

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In this post at his blog at RNS, Mark Silk corrects George Will, who repeated a famous line of Dwight Eisenhower's but misunderstood its significance. The line in question was Ike's comment that "Our form of government has no sense unless it is founded in a deeply felt religious faith, and I don't care what it is." Silk provides the full context for the remark and shows why Eisenhower was saying something more profound than most people realized, albeit not something that will necessarily appeal to those of us concerned with the truthfulness of theological claims per se. I was myself indebted to Silk for correcting me for making the exact same mistake a few years back. Being corrected by someone smarter than oneself is no cause for shame, it is one of life's special blessings.

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