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A Secular Society with God's Help



Recently we have heard a lot about the Australian secular society and the Australian secular State or Government. A secular state claims to treat all its citizens equally regardless of religion, and claims to avoid preferential treatment for a citizen from a particular religion or non-religion. Secular states do not have a state religion or equivalent and a true secular state should steadfastly maintain national governance without influence from religious factions. The word secular means **worldly** rather than **spiritual**. Now the separation of powers comes into play here and is relevant. The doctrine of the separation of powers in Australia divides the institutions of government into three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. The legislature makes the laws; the executive put the laws into operation; and the judiciary interprets the laws. Note that religion has no part to play and the distinction is maintained in the broad sense constitutionally.

Now we come to a secular **society** which suggests, especially according to atheists, that society is in some way Godless because of the separation of powers and the Constitution. Nothing could be further from the truth as the Constitution guarantees religious freedom and the cornerstones of Australia's laws come from Christian principles and doctrine. The vast majority of people believe in a Creator and rightly so and the evidence is abundant. However in the case of Christianity the fundamental principle is legitimate **free will** as it should be and this separates Christianity from Islam in my view. So the origins of the relatively democratic governance we have are enshrined in fairness and the principles of equality as it should be. I am reminded here of the wisdom of the good book which says..... "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's". That's beautifully simple and the wise passage denotes a separation of powers and a separation of people's beliefs and free will. That distinction is fundamental to our way of life and is in part why Australia has been a great nation. Its national direction was good but that direction has now changed for the worse where the non believers and minority groups and aggressive imported religions are setting the agenda.

If you doubt the importance of history or the importance of our Christian derived legal system and government then ask why is the Lord's Prayer recited at the start of a new sitting of parliament. As a matter of interest the Greens want that stopped as they propose it's not in keeping with the separation of powers and they are wrong, very wrong. This is an example of a twisted logic which worships atheism as a deity and subscribes to the notion that the spirit plays no part in the life of Australians or indeed the men and women who adjudicate. It is right and proper to ask for spiritual guidance in the nation's governance because God help us we need it. Just think about the formal recognition of Easter and Christmas and the way these events hold the nation together like humanities social and spiritual glue. The preamble of the Australian Constitution embeds God in the law by saying and I quote..... Whereas the people of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania, humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God have agreed to unite in one indissoluble Federal Commonwealth.....!

I should also make the distinction here between religion and Christianity the later being the belief through faith, holding the good Lord as the central authority of wisdom in all its forms. Goodness knows mankind has made such a mess of it as we move away from the spirit. Man made religions do not serve us well and the national governance we have is at best reasonable if not consistently vulnerable and frail and some divine help is most necessary. Nonetheless in my view the past is important and as the Judge says if you don't know where you've come from how can you know where you're going. I take that comment to mean we must learn from the past and value our heritage and roots and I could not agree more. However our heritage is a Christian heritage and our laws are derived from that and have served us well. Now the secular mob want to undertake Christian cleansing for their own short term atheistic view and non democratic agenda by dwelling on the separation of powers and the notion of all things secular and in doing so are holding us to ransom.

If we want Australia to prosper in every sense of the word then surely we must seek spiritual wisdom to run a secular government properly and that my friends is the irony at hand and the self evident truth from a Constitution which does not even guarantee freedom of speech.

Until next time this Kent Bayley