

Dear Sir/ Madam

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to express our views on Multiculturalism.

I have had the great blessing of being in Australia for 29 years now, though I must admit it was easy for me to adjust, as I already had a very similar cultural back ground, having come from Germany. Many prominent politicians, the world over, including our own have recently expressed their concern about "multiculturalism".

Most people, I believe are confused about the concept, because often the "cultural expression" like food and art is not easy to distinguish from the religious beliefs it stems from.

Australia's constitution, parliamentary system and legal system are based on Christian principles that recognise the God of the Bible as creator, redeemer and sustainer of this world and all man kind. Under God, all people are equal but are to live in the parameters the Bible sets for human behaviour. This is the unifying element that has enabled Australia to become great culturally, economically and socially.

To introduce other religious beliefs as equally valid as we have done since the World War II is to cause conflict and confusion as our experience has shown since then.

It is therefore not racist to say that "multiculturalism" does not work, but rather realistic and practical. The evidence fits this statement. Race is not the problem, however, religious belief is. All religious beliefs make truth claims as they make statements about the origin of the world, the nature of man and the remedy for man's problems and all other religions are diametrically opposed to Christianity.

As C. S. Lewis stated in his 1946 lecture called "Man or Rabbit?" when discussing the difference between Christianity and Materialism "The Christian and the materialist hold different beliefs about the universe. They can't both be right. The one who is wrong will act in a way that doesn't fit the real universe."

This applies to the difference between Christianity and other religions as well. Australian History is an excellent case in point of this. No other country in the world has enjoyed the peace and prosperity for such a long time as our nation.

This peace and prosperity equates to the blessing of Almighty God on a nation that has pledged itself in its constitution to be "humbly reliant on the blessing of Almighty God:

In order to continue with this blessing we need to understand, appreciate and preserve our Christian heritage.

That doesn't

t mean that everyone has to be a Christian. It simply applies to the way we handle our laws and representational democracy.

a Christian nation gives its citizens the freedom to personally believe whatever they want while giving them the protection of a just and unchangeable standard of law that guarantees equality and freedom.

I have not yet seen this offered to Christians or those of a different religion to Islam in a muslim nation. That fact should speak for itself.

So, you can have a harmonious multi racial society that adheres to the same good and life-giving values, but not a society that holds to different values. This is bound to cause friction discord and fragmentation as it has in Europe and is starting to appear in Australia.

We urge you to gain a truthful understanding of our Christian history and form policy accordingly in this area.

Yours faithfully