

Ms President and committee,

The background of Australia is based on the Christian ethical standard and Biblical basis of law from England. This system has served Australia over the years very well. Immigration before and after the war was from British and European countries, which also had a Christian history. I worked in the building industry with many people from Greece, Italy, Malta and people from the British Isles. We all got on well as we began to understand their different methods of life and their food. They were keen to learn our language and assimilate with back yard BBQ's while our children played together.

When multiculturalism was introduced during the Whitlam Labour Government many people had a fear that we were encouraging enclaves of various cultures that may not want to assimilate to become one society. Others like me, believed that it was just a word and people would still want to be Australians, especially the generation who were born here.

What I didn't expect was the immigration of many people who didn't live to the ethical and Biblical basis we have known and lived by. However I became friends with some people from Afghanistan who, like the others I had known, were grateful for the opportunity to start a new life in this country of promise.

After a few years the religious leaders of Islam gathered up the people who were here for some years and instructed them in ways that were not what they wanted, but under pressure from these leaders and others, they could no longer be the friendly people they were. We were told that Islam was the only true religion and every other was evil. I was told that Muslims could never have real peace with non Muslims. The peace they speak of is a false peace so they can slowly get their way and then convert their people to Islam laws.

Twenty years ago these discussions didn't seem real to me because immigrants from Muslim countries were a small minority. But as I now look at Britain, France and other countries that have been taking immigrants from countries where religion and law was based in Islam, I see the drive to replace the Western law with an Islamic law. Some areas have been declared to be Muslim communities where sharia law is practiced.

This type of law is very different to Biblically based laws, which is why some immigrants have left the old country for Australia. Already at least one suburb in Sydney has been declared by the Islamic religious leaders to be a Muslim suburb and they are trying to convince government leaders that it would be a good thing for them to practice Sharia law.

The term multiculturalism speaks of different cultures living in the way they used to in their old country, in this country. It says they don't have to assimilate to become a community of Australians. The fact that Prime Minister Gillard took the word out of immigration and then under pressure, put back in, shows that there are people who do not want to be a community of Australians but have their way. If we are the clever country, we will learn from the mistakes of other countries who now say multiculturalism has failed. They didn't foresee the problem ahead 20 years ago, and if we think our country will be different, then we are not being real, but trying to be political correct, while the extreme leaders slowly

create a different culture in our country, and maybe 50 years from now, the government leaders will wish we had not allowed it to happen.

I urge you to find against multiculturalism and advise the government to work for a community of Australians, maybe with different religions, but one people under one law as brought down by our democratic elected parliament. That each religion can teach the difference between the religions without persecution by governments or other religious leaders. Where people can convert to Christianity or any other religion freely without persecution. Where young people can intermarry under our law without fear for their lives from relatives or cultural leaders. Where, if an immature person burns a Bible or a Qur-an there will be no riots or killing. The negative attributes mentioned above are in other countries and will come here if we don't promote a community of Australians.

King regards.