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There is a great deal of difference between 'immigration' and 'multiculturalism'. I believe Australia should welcome people from across the world and invite them to become Australians and while some of their ways will certainly permeate society, Ie want our culture to stay basically Australian, underpinned by our Christian heritage.

I believe multiculturalism invites people to bring their 'culture' / 'worldview' with them, suggesting all cultures are equal, and that people never really need to become 'Australians'.

If immigrants want to change this nation to suit their values then that crosses the line and becomes unacceptable. This is not being racist - it is a fact that all cultures are not equal as all nations' laws and values are not equally good.

Many people thought 'Multiculturalism' originally meant that we accept people from other countries because they want to come here and 'be Australian'. Sadly, that perception has been changed.

Multiculturalism today is generally accepted, especially by the so-called 'left' of politics, as meaning that all cultures are equal and we should adjust to accommodate all cultures and all values which ultimately means losing the Australian 'identity' and blending it into what? That is the problem, what does it become?

Multiculturalism has also led to 'multi-faithism' where all religions are promoted as good and equally valid.

I believe the reason many people come here is because Australia is based on Christian values. The freedom we have comes from believing that ALL people are equal but that all cultures and lifestyles are not.