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Good day to you. No doubt you have heard the term **secular** especially in relation to government in Australia. The secular aspect relates to *the doctrine of the separation of powers in government* which is made up of the three branches being the legislative, executive and judicial. The legislature makes the laws, the executive put the laws into operation and the judiciary interprets the laws. It's a good system but its secular which means the Church may not interfere with Government.

Now at first pass eliminating religion from government may seem like a good idea and in principle it is but in practice in Australia it has drawbacks depending on your ethical and moral base. **Secular ethics** is a branch of moral philosophy in which ethics is based solely on human faculties such as logic, empathy, reason or **moral intuition** and therein lies the problem.....**moral intuition**. The human science of morality is driven by people and that varies enormously depending on country and culture. Islam for example stones women to death and tortures animals and claims this as moral along with many other practices incompatible with modern Australia. In traditional India it is socially acceptable to kill one's wife or daughter in certain circumstances. In Thailand sections of the society are racked with prostitution and sex slavery including children. Prostitution flourishes openly in part due to corrupt government and poverty but this drives their society's ethic base. It's called **cultural and ethical relativism** and is the theory that holds that morality is relative to the norms of one's culture. So as an example, in the Crimes Act in Victoria Australia, it is not illegal to have sex with a minor if the man believed he was married to the child and we must ask why that is apparently ethical in Australia because if its legal surely it must be ethical. It's easy to find that morality and ethics created by mankind are diverse and flawed by 'our' standards and as the population of Australia relentlessly and foolishly increases then some people from other cultures begin to adversely affect our ethical and moral base. Because of society's norms and customs I don't believe any government has the ethical or moral right to increase a country's population without the consent of the people for this very reason.

Let's remind ourselves that our history and success is based on Anglo Saxon Christian beliefs and the ethics and morality of the Christian Bible. Our laws are based on this and to this day the **Lord's Prayer** is offered when parliament sits and even our Constitution begins with..."**humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God**". This was in direct reference to the sovereignty of Christianity. Now it's true when the separation of powers is considered the church does not play a role in administration as such but the basis of our government and our laws are from Christian principles, ethics and morality and rightly so. The administration of the country is carried out by man and quite frankly mankind has done an appalling job everywhere. The further our society strays from Christian morality and ethics the more fragmented and dysfunctional it becomes and listeners will know I am not a fan of multiculturalism for this reason.

When society strays far enough, all the dress, robes and pomp and ceremony count for nothing. They can be just more manifestations of a Godless society re-engineering itself with offerings to the deities of greed and avarice and where money is the "golden calf". For the separation of powers to be effective there has to be an ethical and moral base which is God-given so its unassailable. Put simply, this is pure Christianity as distinct from some modern day churches which may be founded on Christian principles. Christianity is not a religion in my view as so many religions are constructed by man and therefore flawed and create the perception that religion often underpins wars and unrest, which may well be true. So the separation of powers is simply lame if ethics and morality are not an integral part of the foundation underpinning that system and we must not let those qualities drift. Politicians lie, the law is often an ass and the judiciary are not the bastions of virtue. My friends, play your role in preserving our culture, ethics and morality whenever you can and do so with spiritual rectitude.

**Until next time this is Kent Bayley**