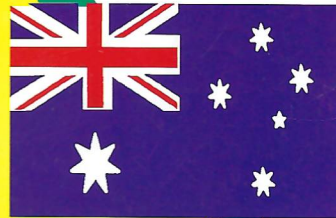




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God save our Gracious Queen
Long live our noble Queen
Long may she reign
Send Her victorious
Happy and glorious
Long to reign over us
God save our Queen

O Lord our God arise
Scatter our enemies
And make them fall
Frustrate their knavish tricks
Confound their politics
On Thee our hope is fixed
God save us all

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign.
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen

If the foundations are destroyed,
what can the righteous do?
Psalm 11: 3

He that is greatest among you shall be your servant
Matthew 23:11

The Queen of Australia



Our Constitutional Monarch - Queen Elizabeth II

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The Queen and Prince Phillip on the way to her Coronation

Introduction

For nine years over a 13 year period I had the privilege of living and working in the Indian Ocean island nation of Seychelles.

These are beautiful granitic islands with fringing coral reefs, white sandy beaches and coconut palms - the traditional tropical paradise!

I was there first to build dams and water supply schemes, then to build a Christian Missionary radio station - the aerials for which were constructed a kilometre off shore on the coral reef. Then for my last term I was water manager and then chief design engineer to the Seychelles Government.

When we first went to Seychelles in 1966 it was a British colony, ruled by a Governor representing the Queen and administered by British civil servants. In every humble home you would see the walls plastered with pictures of the Queen and the Royal Family taken from magazines.

Ten years later Seychelles was granted Independence. I was there along with most of the 60,000 population at the midnight ceremony. We watched as the Union Jack was slowly lowered for the last time as the band of the Royal Marines played "God Save the Queen". Then a new and strange flag was raised while the band played a new and strange anthem the words to which we did not know.

The whole company was silent! Many a face was wet with tears. My own eyes were not dry. A delegate from the Peoples Republic of China turned to a friend of mine and asked why the people were not happy - did they not realise they were now free from the tyrant's yoke? The International journalists also reported this strange reaction to independence!

You see the humble people of Seychelles instinctively understood something of what they were losing - although they probably could not have put it into words.

History justified their fears: The first President on whom sovereignty devolved was a playboy and the next who over threw him in a military coup was a Marxist.

In the months or years ahead I wonder if we too will stand and watch our flag lowered to be replaced with a new and strange one? Does it matter? Will we care?

You see the flag is a symbol of sovereignty.

When a nation is conquered the flag of the conqueror replaces the conquered nation's flag - in recognition of the change in sovereignty. It is only a symbol but a very important one.

Many people are emotionally attached to the symbol without a clear idea of what the symbol represents. Today if we are not careful we will be left with a hollow shell - a symbol without the reality it once represented.

After the Single European Act came into effect the British people still have the Queen and the changing of the guard at Buckingham Place - but the reality is largely lost. Sovereignty has passed to Brussels and the British people no longer have control over their own affairs. The symbol of that sovereignty - the pale blue EC flag is given the place of superiority over the Union Flag

In the debate over any changes to the Constitution of Australia it is important that the significance and implications of the Monarchy be properly understood. There is a great danger that changes having far reaching implications will be made on purely emotional grounds.

In the debate about changing to a Republic in Australia there is much more at stake than the substitution of a President for a Governor General.

This little treatise deals in a very important but little known facet of the debate. It shows how our understanding of the nature of sovereignty affects each and every one.

We shall start by examining the Coronation Service of our Queen - the Queen of Australia.

Arthur Tuck, September 1997



The Queen on her Coronation Day

Chapter One - The Coronation Service

The Queen of Australia

Nearly half a century ago on 2nd June 1953, a young woman, Elizabeth of the House of Windsor, was crowned the Queen of Australia. At the same time of course she was crowned Queen of the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and other territories. But here we are concerned with Australia.

I am sure that anyone old enough will remember that occasion. You no doubt listened to it on radio, saw it on film, or even watched it on the new fangled black and white television as I did. It was marked by great pageantry, pomp and ceremony! Magnificent costumes with a great procession with endless marching and stirring bands. Elgars Land of Hope & Glory always brings back to my mind the slow procession of the Queen up the nave of Westminster Abbey flanked by horse guards and with her long train carried by her ladies in waiting.

At the heart of it all was a moving Christian ceremony - the Coronation service - in Westminster Abbey. This is a ceremony which dates back almost unchanged for a thousand years from long before the advent of the Church of England or King Henry VIII.

It was a ceremony which was almost certainly watched by more people than had ever watched any ceremony in the whole history of mankind up until then - because of the then new technology of television.

I believe it was a ceremony of great significance to every one of us here in Australia today as I shall demonstrate in this short treatise.

But surely, you may ask, the Queen has little relevance today in Australia? She has no power here does she? Surely she does not have sovereignty in Australia?

As we look now at the Coronation Service let us see what significance it has for us here today in Australia and also for us each one individually.

But first I would ask who is sovereign in Australia?



Her Gracious Majesty Queen Elizabeth II bearing the emblems of her sovereignty in procession down the nave of Westminster Abbey after her coronation

Who is sovereign in Australia?

The dictionary defines sovereign as **"Supreme power or dominion"**

A Sovereign is defined as **"One who possesses supreme power or dominion, superior above all others"**.

Our prime ministers these days certainly seem to think of themselves as superior above all others! In fact most politicians seem to consider themselves superior to the rest of us once they are elected!

But who REALLY has sovereignty in Australia?

The answer to this question will determine our whole concept of government, morality, law, economics, the nature of the society we build and the way we look after this beautiful world. It may also give a clue as to why the Monarchy is so under attack today.

Let us look at the opening of the Coronation Service to see if it has any answers for us.

Close to the start the Queen took an oath to the utmost of her power to *"maintain the Laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel"*

So right at the outset our Queen acknowledged that she does not have supreme power or dominion but that it belongs only to God. She undertook to maintain the laws of the true Sovereign.

On what is His sovereignty based? Why? Because He made us. He is the Creator of this magnificent universe, this beautiful world and our incredible bodies and everything else.

God is Sovereign

Have you ever gazed at the night sky and marvelled at the immensity of the Universe - at the billions of stars - most of them a lot larger than our own sun? What does that tell you about the One who made it all?

Or stop for a moment to contemplate the marvel that is you! Your body is a miracle of design and order. You are an irrepeatable miracle!

The Bible tells us He made everything not over billions of years but in six days, not billions of years ago but only a few thousand years ago. I would love to spend the next few hours telling you the exciting evidence which supports the Biblical account. The arch lie of evolution and long ages is not scientific - it is not based on evidence - but is purely a story - a lie - to give people an excuse to ignore the Creator. It really has no more basis than belief in the tooth fairy or Father Christmas. It is a religious belief - not science.

If you think I am wrong then I challenge you to go and look for the evidence for evolution - for the proof - look in the library - go and ask any evolutionary believing professor you like and come and tell me in a years time I am wrong!!

When you consider the magnificence of His Creation is He not Sovereign? Is He not supreme above all others?

What then are these laws that the Queen undertook to maintain?

The Makers Instructions

They are the makers instructions - the Blueprints for society. Our Creator has told us how He designed us and society to function.

God's Moral Law is as much a description of the Nature of Reality as the Law of Gravity. If we violate the moral Law we will suffer the consequences just as surely as we will if we violate the law of gravity.

I may deny that the law of gravity exists but I will demonstrate the effects of it when I jump off the cliff!

The Ten Commandments are the summary of the Law:

1. You shall have no other gods
2. You shall not make any idol
3. You shall not take the Name of God in vain
4. Work for six days and rest on the seventh
5. Honour your father and mother
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not bear false witness
10. You shall not covet

They cover our relationship with God and with each other. They outline the importance and sanctity of marriage and of the family unit. They establish the importance of private property and of truthfulness in our communications and much else. They are further encapsulated by Jesus as to love God with all our heart, mind and strength and to love our neighbour as ourself.

In Deuteronomy 28 God makes it clear that the nation which lives in accordance with His Laws will prosper and the nation which disregards His Laws will suffer. We are seeing this come true all round us today.

The heart of God is revealed just after He gave the Ten Commandments in these words recorded in Deuteronomy 5:29: *"Oh that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My Commandments that it might be well with them and with their children forever!"*

How it must grieve God to see all the unnecessary and senseless suffering in Australia today caused by the arrogant disregard and flouting of His Makers Instructions for society.

God's Laws set a very high standard which no one is able to live up to, and as a consequence, we have all come under the judgement of God for breaking the law. Sin is the breaking of God's Law and the Bible makes it clear that the wages of sin is death - separation from God. So the laws of God put us all under judgement of God.

But then the Queen goes on to commit herself to maintain "the true profession of the Gospel".

The Gospel

The Gospel means Good News. The Good News is that God has provided a way for us to be pardoned, forgiven, because the penalty for our sin was taken by someone else - by Jesus Christ the Son of God Himself. So that if we come in repentance for our sin and in faith in Jesus Christ we can receive a free pardon.

Once we come in repentance and faith we are a Christian. That is the Gospel.

If you have not come in repentance and faith to God then you are still under the judgement of God. But you do not need to stay there!

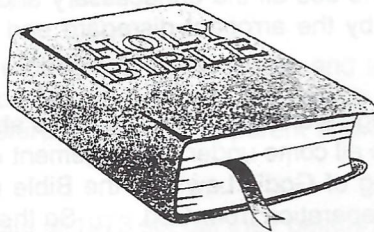
The Presentation of the Bible

She then was given a copy of the Holy Bible with the words:

"Our Gracious Queen: to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the Law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole of Life and government of Christian Princes, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing this world affords.

Here is Wisdom; this is the royal Law; these are the lively Oracles of God."

The Bible is to be the rule for the whole of the life of the Queen and for every individual in the nation. It is after all the Makers manual.



We need to read it and meditate on it and live by it. In days gone by the language and teaching of the Bible affected the thinking and language of the common people. Now it is happening the other way round!

It is not widely appreciated how much of our system of Common Law and our rights and freedoms come from the Bible. It started when King Alfred over 1000 years ago made the Ten Commandments the law of England. The way successive judges applied these basic principles to particular situations became precedence for similar cases in the future and hence the body of Common Law.

The rights we take for granted today all came to us from the Bible: The right to be considered innocent until proven guilty; the right to face your accuser in open court; the right to trial by a jury of your peers all come from the Bible.

In many other countries you can be arrested and considered guilty without trial until you can prove your innocence!

The Anointing

There was then a prayer that the Holy Spirit would give her the wisdom, knowledge and godliness to govern.

Then she was anointed with oil signifying her need for the Holy Spirit to carry out her oaths.

This is the most solemn moment of the whole ceremony when the oil is poured from the beak of the golden eagle of the ampulla into the Coronation Spoon and is applied to the new Sovereign's head, breast and palms.

The spoon dates from the 12th century and the ampulla probably was first used for the coronation of Henry IV in 1399.

These are the oldest part of the regalia since the rest were destroyed in the Cromwellian revolution.



The Ampulla and Spoon

The Sword of State

Then she was given the Sword of State. It is taken from the altar by the bishops with the words:

"Receive this sword, brought now from the altar of God, and delivered to you by the hands of us the bishops and servants of God, though unworthy.

"With this sword do justice, stop the growth of iniquity, protect the holy Church of God, help and defend widows and orphans, restore the things that are gone to decay, maintain the things that are restored, punish and reform what is amiss, and confirm what is in good order....."

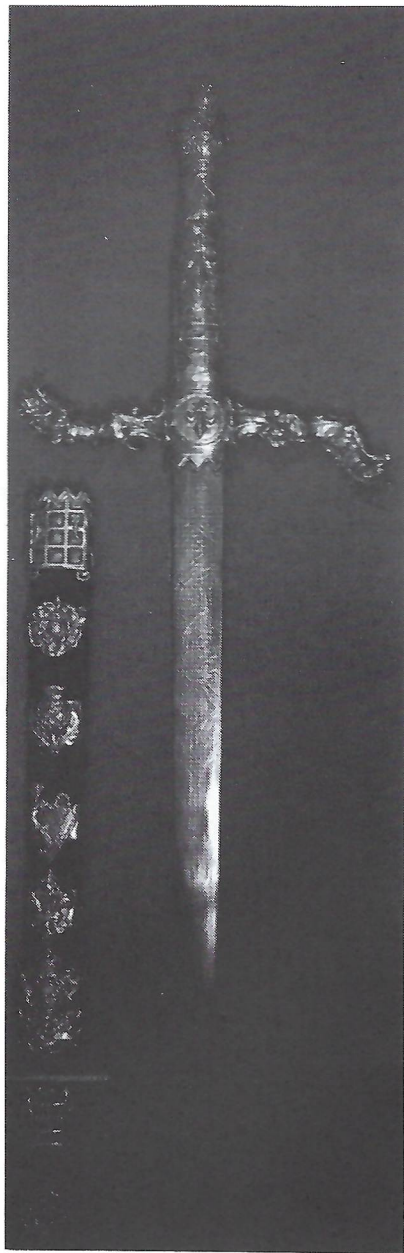
The great Sword of State, used for this purpose, is a two handed sword which was originally provided for Charles II in 1678. The quillons of the golden hilt are ingeniously fashioned in the shape of the lion and unicorn that support the Royal Arms.

So we see that the authority to maintain the Laws of God is given to the civil power by the Church.

The Bible in Romans 13 makes clear that the civil ruler is appointed by God to reward the good and punish the evil and we are to be model citizens and obey the civil power.

But the Bible makes clear that the definition of good is the Law of God. So if the civil power makes a law which is contrary to the Law of God then we are required to obey God rather than man. Acts 5:29.

Many of the people to whom Paul wrote those words were sent to the lions for refusing to obey the civil power! Unfortunately we are now increasingly in that same situation. Laws are being made in Australia that actually outlaw Biblical behaviour.



The Great Sword of State with scabbard

The Bracelets

She was given the bracelets as "tokens of the Lord's protection embracing you on every side; and also as symbols and pledges of that bond which unites you with your peoples..."

The Golden bracelets were made for Charles II in 1661.

The Monarchy is normally the one factor which unites a people. Round the world Monarchies are consistently the most stable nations.

The monarch is above party politics and does not have to be elected.

It is tragic that today the media is doing its utmost, for reasons we will consider later, in dividing the nation over the Monarchy.



The Golden Spurs and Bracelets



King Edward's Chair in which all our Sovereign's have been crowned
with the Stone of Scone under the seat

The Robe

Then the Imperial Robe was put on her with a prayer that *"the Lord clothe you with the robe of righteousness and with the garments of salvation."*

The robe is what you see from the outside.

The Queen is called on to be an example - to be clothed in righteousness.

This reminds me that we too need to be clothed in righteousness. Our lives must be consistent with what we say. In fact what we are usually speaks much louder than what we say.

I suggest the Queen has set a good example in spite of the vicious attack on her by the media in recent times.

Some of her family have not set such a good example. But I wonder how we would fare if we had the spotlight on us like they do? Before we condemn let us each ask ourselves if we ourselves have set a perfect example!

Instead of condemning we should pray for our Queen that she and all the royal family may be filled and enabled by the Wisdom and Grace of God.

Indeed the old national anthem was just that, a prayer for the Queen; "God Save the Queen!"



The Queen dressed in the Robe holding the Sword of State

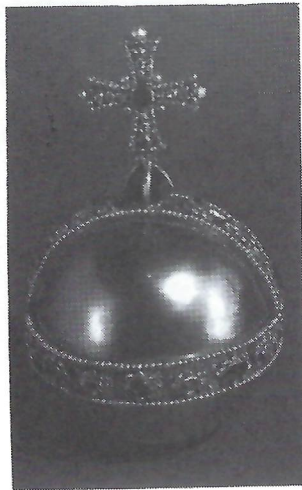
The Orb

She was then given the Orb - a golden ball set with a cross on top with the words:

"Receive this Orb set under the cross, and remember that the whole world is subject to the Power and Empire of Christ our Redeemer."

She is never to forget that she is not the Sovereign - she is the servant of the Sovereign.

We too need to always remember that the battle is the Lord's. It is easy to get depressed and defeated as we see what is going on. But we must always remember that the whole earth IS subject to the Power and Empire of Christ our Redeemer. He IS the king and He does have everything under His control.



The golden Orb with the Cross on Top

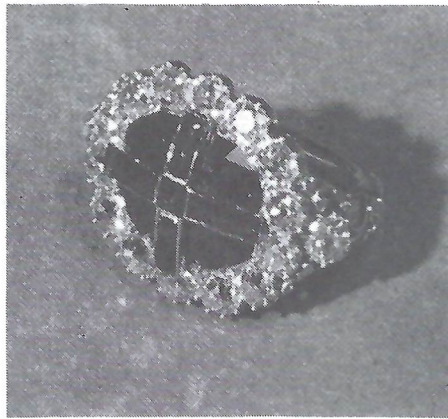
The Ring

She was given the ring to consecrate her as our "Head and Prince and as the Defender of Christ's Religion".

The ring of "kingly dignity" is placed on the third finger of the right hand - the finger on which a wedding ring used to be worn.

It is a sapphire with a cross of St George set on it in rubies and was originally made for the coronation of William IV in 1830.

Note again the sign of the cross and the significance that she is to be the "Defender of Christ's Religion".



The Coronation Ring

The Sceptre and Rod of Mercy

She was given the Royal Sceptre also with the cross on top, the "sign of kingly power and justice".

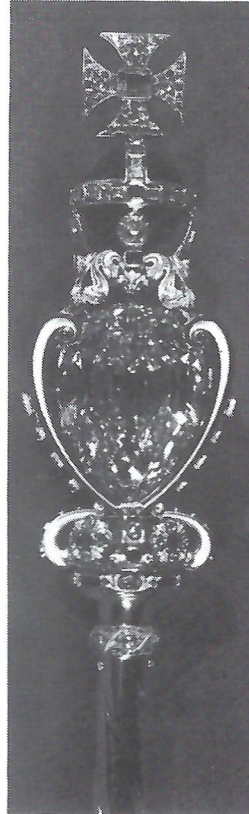
The sceptre has been enriched in the present century with the great diamond, weighing 530 carats, which was the largest of the four "Stars of Africa" presented by the Government of the Transvaal Colony to King Edward VII.

She was then also given the **Rod or Equity and Mercy** with a dove on top to remind her not to forget mercy in dispensing justice and instructing her to *"Punish the wicked, protect and cherish the just, and lead your people in the way they should go."*

She sits with one in each hand.

Let us too not forget to be merciful in our judgement of others!

The head of the Sceptre with the Cross





St Edward's Crown with which the Sovereign is crowned

The Crowning

And finally she was crowned (the crown also with a cross on top) with another prayer that she may be filled with *"abundant grace and all princely virtues: through the King eternal Jesus Christ our Lord."*

The crown used for the actual coronation is known as St Edward's Crown. It is a great gold crown and was made for the coronation of Charles II in 1649.

Although the Puritans destroyed the Saxon crown of St Edward at the Cromwellian Revolution it was widely believed at the time, and the evidence is consistent, that the new crown was fashioned from the broken metal of the ancient Saxon diadem. Hence it is known as St Edward's Crown.

As the crown was put on her head all the Princes, Princesses and Peers and Peeresses put on their coronets and caps and the great gun at the tower was fired off and all the people shouted out:

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

There was then a prayer that she might: *"obtain the crown of an everlasting kingdom by the gift of him whose kingdom endureth for ever."* That is a crown which we may also obtain and one of far more lasting value than any earthly crown!

This was followed by four prayers:

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord protect you in all your ways and prosper all your handiwork. Amen."

"The Lord give you faithful Parliaments and quiet Realms: sure defence against all enemies: fruitful lands and a prosperous industry: wise counsellors and upright magistrates: leaders of integrity in learning and labour; a devout, learned and useful clergy: honest, peaceable and dutiful citizens. Amen."

"May Wisdom and Knowledge be the Stability of your Times, and the Fear of the Lord your Treasure. Amen."

"The Lord who hath made you Queen over these Peoples give you increase of grace, honour and happiness in this world, and make you partaker of his eternal felicity in the world to come. Amen"



The Crowning by the Archbishop

The Enthroning

The actual crowning took place with the Queen seated in the ancient Coronation Chair of King Edward II which was made to contain the Stone of Scone, the Coronation Stone of the ancient Scottish Kings which Edward I carried away from Scotland.

But now the Queen went to her own throne which was on a raised dais and was lifted into it by the Archbishops, Bishops and Peers.

The Archbishop stood before her and said:

"Stand firm, and hold fast the seat and state of royal and imperial dignity, which is this day delivered unto you, in the Name and by the Authority of Almighty God, and by the hands of us the Bishops and servants of God, though unworthy. And the Lord God Almighty, whose ministers we are, and the stewards of his mysteries, establish your Throne in righteousness, that it may stand fast for evermore. Amen"

The Homage

Then all the Princes and Peers present did their homage to the Queen.

First the Archbishop representing all the Bishops knelt before her and said:

"I Geoffrey Archbishop of Canterbury will be faithful and true, and faith and truth will bear unto you, our Sovereign Lady, Queen of this Realm and Defender of the Faith, and unto your heirs and successors according to law. So help me God."

Then Prince Phillip her husband kneeling before her said to her:

"I Philip, Duke of Edinburgh do become your liege man of life and limb, and of earthly worship; and faith and truth I will bear unto you, to live and die, against all manner of folks,. So help me God."

Similarly representatives of each of the senior peers pledged their homage to the Queen.



Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, doing homage to the Queen.



The Queen leaving Westminster Abbey holding her symbols of sovereignty each one reminding her that the Sovereign is God whose servant she is

The Communion

Then followed a communion service which of course was to remind her that Christ gave His life for her. It would remind her that even the Son of God did not come to be served but to serve and give His life a ransom for many.

It would remind her that when her Sovereign was on earth His crown was of thorns, His sceptre a reed, His anointing was the spittle of Roman soldiers and His throne a cross to which He was nailed!

It would remind her that she was to be a servant of God to her people.

Summary

The whole Coronation service is rich in meaning and symbolism.

It is one of the most outstanding achievements in the history of the Church anywhere in the world, and is a priceless part of Australia's Heritage. I believe it is the most significant part of our Constitutional system of Government.

And yet its details and central message are today kept well hidden from popular view, even in the Church.

So we see the Queen was clearly appointed and commissioned by the Church to be God's Minister to administer God's Laws in equity, justice and mercy. She is God's servant to serve us.

God is acknowledged as Sovereign throughout and His Law and His authority are recognised as absolute.

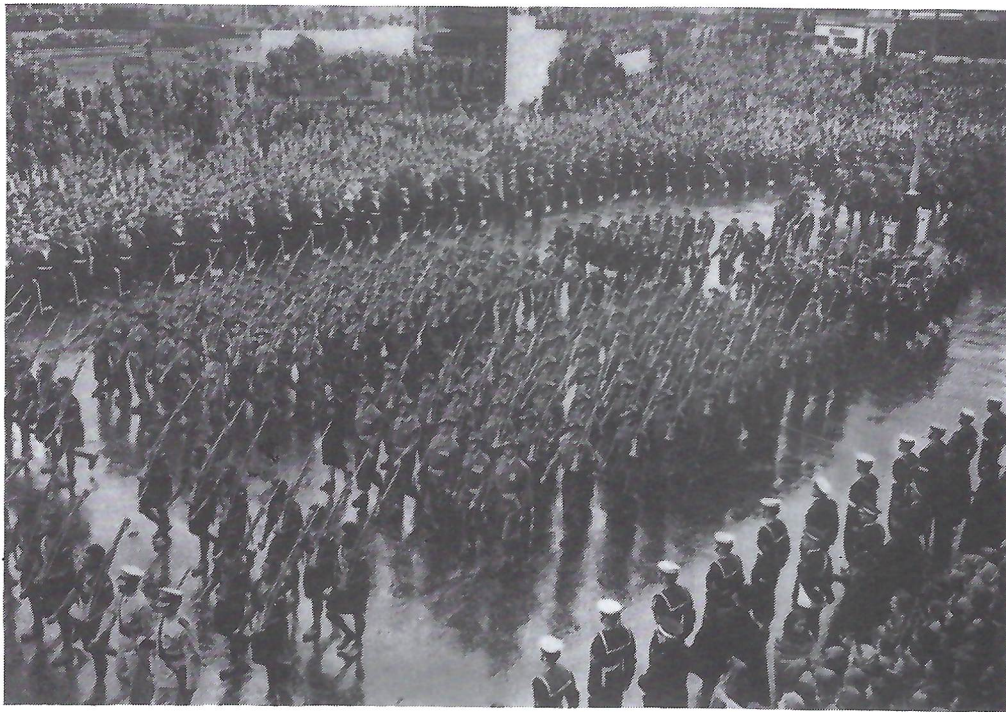
What are the implications for this for the nation? How can one woman do all this? Of course she cannot, and it was never intended or expected that she could. The instrumentalities of state are there to fulfil it all.

Chapter 2 - The Implications

Implications of God as Sovereign

The acknowledgment of God as Sovereign implies:

- Each one is a unique creation. There has never been another person in the whole of history just like you. Each one has infinite value. Each one is an irreplaceable miracle.
- Morality is absolute. God, the Creator has given us the Commandments as the Makers Instructions.
- We are each personally responsible to our Creator as to how we live.
- The Bible does not speak of rights but rather of privileges and responsibilities - responsibilities to God and to our fellow men. At least 16 times in the New Testament we are told to love our fellow man - that is to seek his good and do as we would like him to do to us.
- All authority derives from our Creator -- and therefore all and any authority we may exercise over our fellow men is a delegated authority from God as servants to our fellow men to help them fulfil their responsibilities to their Creator. The parent's, policeman's, judge's and law maker's authority are all delegated authorities from God.
- Government is therefore to serve the people. It follows therefore that governments should be limited and close to the people so it can best serve their particular needs. Jesus said "he who would be great among you shall be your servant".
- It follows that no government can "give" rights. Any rights I have are from God.
- Government itself is subject to God's Law.



The Australian Contingent to
the Coronation in 1953

Her Majesty's Defence Forces &
Her Majesty's Police are there to
fulfil the Coronation Oaths



The Queensland Police Badge

The Law

The police wear the crown on their uniform and take the oath of allegiance to the Queen and by doing so they should, properly understood, be taking on the duties of the Coronation oaths. Their proper function is to maintain the Laws of God.

The Defence Forces also wear the crown on their uniforms and take the oath of allegiance. They are Her Majesty's Defence Forces. They are there to defend the Holy Church of God and all of us. Their Commander in Chief is not the Prime Minister but the Queens Representative the Governor General.

The courts are Her Majesty's Courts. The judges take the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty. The great Edward Coke in his "Laws of England" pointed out that Symbolically the Queen is present in all Her Courts of Justice. In fact that is where the idea of the wig originated - the judge is representing another - initially the Crown and ultimately God Himself. Just as the wig the barrister wears symbolises that he is representing his client. Both represent not themselves, but someone else.

Furthermore the Law in the Coronation service is recognised as fundamentally God's Law as revealed in the Bible. The judge's job was to interpret this Law and apply it to particular situations, not forgetting to temper justice with mercy.

The collected records of past applications and interpretations of God's Law to particular situations became precedence for deciding similar cases in the future - hence the body of Common Law.

The principles in the Bible can be applied to any modern situation today - but today judges would not work from such a foundation - in effect the Law has now been cut away from its roots.

At times judges made a wrong decision - and to avoid this being used as a wrong precedence in future it was necessary for the King to make a statutory law to correct it.

New Australians until recently were required to take an oath of allegiance to the Queen. Properly understood this meant they were taking an oath to be subject to the Laws of God as laid down in the Bible. They were free to practise their religion but to be citizens of this country they were acknowledging that this country is under God's Law.



The Judges represent Her Majesty in court and
should uphold the Law of God

Parliament

Similarly Parliament is Her Majesty's Parliament. Only the Queen can properly say "My Government".

Parliament is intended as a mechanism whereby the People can make known their Will to the Crown. The Representatives of the People are supposed to debate freely and formulate the Will of the People in the form of a Bill to present to Her Majesty or in our case Her Majesty's Representatives - the State Governors, or in the Federal area the Governor General.

Her Majesty, or Her Majesty's Representative, then signs that Bill and it then becomes an Act of Parliament - it becomes law. It is the signature of Her Majesty or her Representative that makes it law. A Prime Minister or State Premier cannot make a single law!

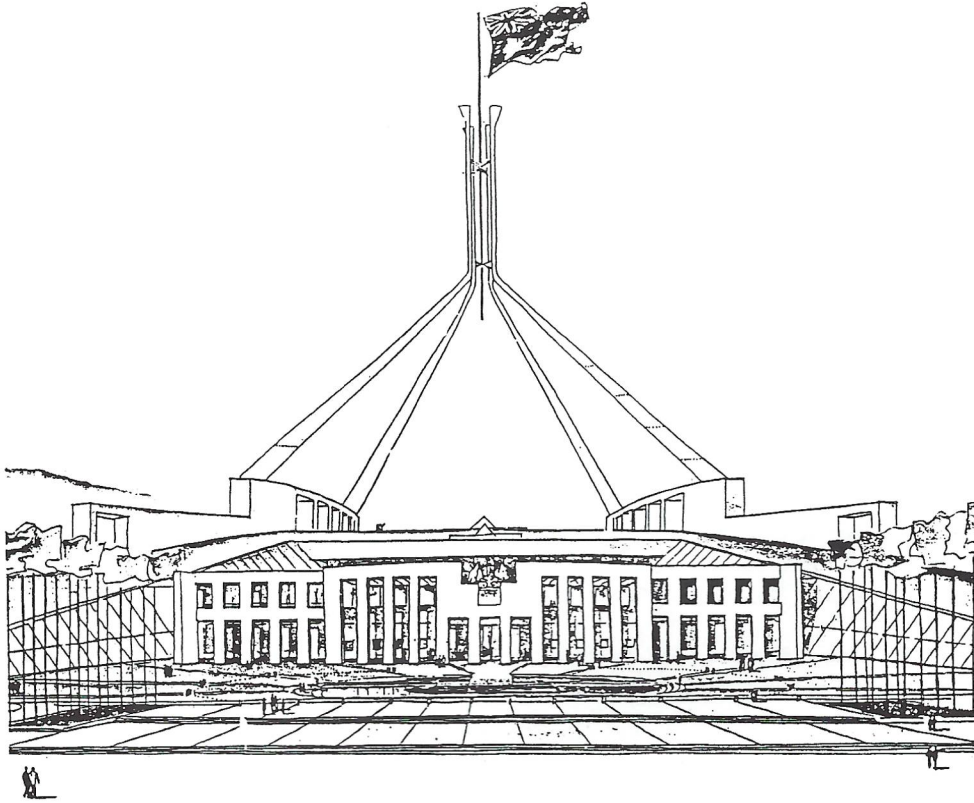
In fact the Commonwealth Constitution defines Parliament as The House of Representatives, The Senate and The Crown - all three make Parliament.

If the People, through their elected representatives in Parliament, ask for something which is against the Coronation Oaths then the Queen or Her Representative, the Governor or Governor General could and should refuse to sign such a law on the grounds that they do not have the authority to do so.

A case in point is the legalisation - or decriminalisation (if there is any difference!) of homosexuality in Queensland. Quite correctly the Church leaders were consulted. However they mostly gave the OK! Certainly none referred to the Coronation Oaths. A great deal of attention was given to the submission by the Anglican Church which claimed the "law should be neutral" on this moral question and the "police should not be guardians of the morality of society"!!!

With such advice from the bishops of the church how could Her Majesty make a stand?

All members of Parliament take an oath of allegiance to the Queen and so, correctly understood, are also bound by the terms of the Coronation Oaths to maintain the Laws of God. In other words Parliament is not free to make any law it likes. It is itself bound by a higher law - the law of God the Sovereign!



Parliament is bound by a higher law
- the law of the God the Sovereign!

Parliamentary Prayers

Commonwealth and State Parliaments and Local Governments all acknowledge God in the prayers that are recited at the opening of every session, seeking God's wisdom, as are shown by the following examples.

The following prayers are read by the Speaker in the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth Parliament at the commencement of a session:

"Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing upon this Parliament. Direct and prosper our deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory and the true welfare of the people of Australia."

Then follows the Lord's Prayer.

"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven, Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen"

This is the prayer used by the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament at the commencement of a session:

"Most Gracious God: We humbly beseech Thee, as for this State in general, so especially for the Parliament of Queensland under our Most Religious and Gracious Queen at this time assembled: That Thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all our consultations, to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the safety, honour and welfare of our Sovereign and this portion of Her Commonwealth; that all things may be so ordered and settled, by our endeavours upon the best and surest foundations; that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ, our Most Blessed Lord and Saviour."

This is the prayer used at the opening of each session of Maroochy Shire Council

"O God who art the source of all powers and wisdom, we Thy people, entrusted with the administration of public affairs, acknowledge before Thee our utter unworthiness of this privilege, and admit our sense of inability to cope with the many problems that are given to our minds to solve. We beseech Thy power upon us that we might be strong in the time of adversity and in decisions, and in Thy wisdom, that those who demand our judgements might be sure of justice and honesty at all times. We commend to Thee each member of this Council in his private as well as public life, and ask that we may be taught the necessity of being always an example to those who look to us for guidance. Most heartily we beseech Thee to look with favour upon Thy servant, our Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth, and all people in authority. Imbue them with the spirit of wisdom, goodness and truth; and so rule in their hearts and bless their endeavours that law and order, justice and peace may prevail everywhere. We ask it through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Then follows the Lord's Prayer.

The framework is there - in word we acknowledge God as Sovereign. We still take oaths on the Bible in court. We still take oaths of allegiance to the Queenbut do we not deny the reality behind the words.

The symbols have become empty and meaningless.

The Constitution

Our Constitution is arguably the most important legal document in Australia setting as it does the rules for the government of this nation. It too is based on the same foundation as the Coronation service.

The preamble to the Constitution Act says

*"Whereas the people of NSW, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland and Tasmania, **humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God**, have agreed to unite in one indissoluble union under the Crown....."*

It then starts off by saying in the first clause:

"The legislative power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in a Federal Parliament which shall consist of the Queen, a Senate, and a House of Representatives, and which is herein-after called the Parliament..."

All three go to make Parliament - a trinity. Neither part can act without the other two. Power is divided so there are checks and balances to power. How those who lust after power are frustrated!

The voters have repeatedly voted differently for the Senate to ensure one party does not control both houses of Parliament. Party politicians have plotted and dreamed of getting rid of the Senate or plotted to change the way the Senate is elected to hopefully ensure the same party controls both house.

Most uniquely the Constitution can only be changed by a referendum in which a majority of voters in a majority of States vote for that change.

Executive Power

At section 61 of the Constitution

"Executive Power of the Commonwealth is vested in the Queen and is exercisable by the Governor General as the Queens representative....."

So it is not the Prime Minister who "governs" Australia at all! He does not even appoint the Ministers of State.

Section 64 says the Governor General appoints the Ministers of State to administer departments of State....

Section 68 says the Governor General is the commander in chief of the naval and military forces of the Commonwealth....

Ambitious politicians and most of the power lusting media barons would love us to believe that the Prime Minister is the one who holds authority. In fact the Prime Minister and the Cabinet are not even mentioned in the Constitution!!

So the Queen's representative has power to dismiss Prime Ministers as Gough Whitlam found out to his cost. But he does not hold on to that power but passes it back to the Australian people. They could have put Whitlam back! In the final analysis it was the people who sacked Whitlam.

Our Rich Heritage

What a glorious conception of government our forefathers had: a Royal line appointed by God, publicly in submission to Christ the King of kings, serving the people and ably served by loyal advisers who are in turn responsible to a Parliament which faithfully re-presents the views of the people to the Crown.

It is a trinitarian form of Government in which no one person or institution has absolute powers but the power is divided so there are checks and balances.

A government which is as close to the people as possible in three levels; Local, State and Federal.

A concept of government in which the Sovereign is a servant to her people and all those exercising her delegated authority are in turn servants - public servants of the people.

A government whose purpose is to maintain the Law of God and the true profession of the Gospel and to protect the Holy Church of God.

A government who in justice remembers mercy.

What a tremendous heritage is ours! Well could Prince Charles at the bi-centenary celebrations point out the value of our written Constitution. It is far superior to that of Britain itself which is not written.

It has a unique provision not in any other Constitution that it can only be amended by the people voting in a majority and in a majority of states for change. That was a unique provision at the time.

Why then is there so much attack on the Constitution and on the Monarchy? Why are we told it is out of date?

The reason is that it has limited the power, as it was intended to do, to those who have another agenda.

Chapter 3 - Treason

The Humanist Agenda

In reality our nation is rebelling against its lawful Sovereign - against God Himself.

We deny His very existence or at best relegate Him to an irrelevancy and only refer to Him in connection with a foul swear word.

Our whole world view totally excludes God. The morality of the law of God is seen as out moded and old fashioned - something we have outgrown!

We demonstrate about killing baby seals or cutting down trees but see nothing wrong in murdering unborn babies!

How has this come about? How have we so lost the Christian World View?

The Rebellion

I believe one of the principle factors bringing this about is the promotion and acceptance of Evolution as the explanation of our origins.

It is taught in our schools and universities and promoted on television. It is assumed as fact in every area of life. It provides the foundation of the social sciences where it does most harm of all. It provides the rationale for much of the present environmental movement.

It has had a devastating effect on the way we view ourselves and of our concept of authority, morality and government.

The triumph of evolution meant an end of the belief in the world as a purposeful created order. Now all the design, order and complexity of life and the eerie purposefulness of living systems are regarded as the result of simple blind random processes - "natural selection".

Instead of a Creator, chance reigns supreme. God's Will is replaced by the capriciousness of the roulette wheel.

It is impossible to underestimate the impact the acceptance of evolution has had on every area of life.

The following are a few of the most significant implications:

- **Personal Significance:** An individual is no longer a unique creation of God but is reduced to an accident of nature - a chance grouping of molecules - of little more significance than a number or a statistic, to be manipulated, used, controlled and discarded. He has no eternal significance or soul. He is an animal and the laws of animal husbandry apply. If some are infected with wrong ideas then they should be liquidated as have at least 120 million under communist regimes this century. If some are inconvenient and weak then they should be eliminated as are 80,000 unborn babies each year in Australia and (1.5 million) world wide.
- **Morality:** Since there is no God there is no absolute right and wrong. Ethics are situational and autonomous. You may do what feels right at the time - or what society and those stronger than you allow you to get away with! Do what "works for you"! These are the ethics taught in our schools today - there is no place for the authority and absolutes of God's Law.
- **Human Rights:** Because the individual has no significance there is a pressure for the state to legislate "Human Rights". In practice this becomes a way of negating God's Laws and His Order for society. Also if our rights derive from the state then what the state gives the state can take away.
- **Law:** Law is cut from its roots and becomes arbitrary and in fact often contradictory.
- **Authority:** Since there is no God, authority derives from Man. So anyone in authority tends to act like a god and authority becomes tyrannical, dictatorial and arbitrary.
- **The State:** Since the powerful state is called on to provide every need and answer every problem the state becomes god and the ministers of the state act like it!.

"The State is my shepherd
I shall not want....." !

It is another religion - a false religion not based on reality - a religion called humanism which can masquerade under many different guises.

The tenets of the religion are spelt out in the humanist Manifesto 1973.

The Battle

This attack has been spear headed by people like the late Lionel Murphy whose aim was to "dismantle the Judeo-Christian ethic of Australian society" and in particular to destroy the Christian concept of marriage (p8 Sydney Morning Herald 30/10/86). This he very successfully did with his infamous anti family law act!

Murphy's protege, Gareth Evans, a former president of the humanist society was once quoted as saying "children want a right to sexual freedom and education and protection from the influence of Christianity"(p11, Sydney Morning Herald 7/5/76).

This attitude is very widespread in the Media and in academia. When I started to do a Dip Ed at Armidale University the total antagonism to Christianity by the lecturers was very apparent and open - and in some cases vitriolic!

The Humanist Manifesto of 1973 set out their beliefs and programme in detail.

R.J Rushdoony, an American theologian, said over 20 years ago that: "By the 1980's the major political battle in this country (USA) will be between not conservatives and liberals, socialists and anti-socialists; but between Christianity and Humanism. Everything will be done to disguise from the Christians the reality of the battle, so that they will continue to halt between two opinions".

That is the battle in which we are involved today!

The Will to Power

To carry out their agenda politicians must have more power - they cannot stand any limitation to their power. The Prime Minister sees himself not as a servant but as a dictator. Any limitation to their power must go. So the Senate must be abolished or emasculated so the will of the governing party always prevails.

R J Hawke when Prime Minister, was quite open about their programme in his speech to the Fabian Society Centenary Dinner in 1984. He acknowledged the debt the Labour Party owes to the Fabian Society which accepts the principle tenets of Marxism, particularly the extinction of private property in land, but aims to achieve them by non-violent gradualism - to total government. As Hawke put it in his speech *"the whole mood and mind and attitudes of the nation must be permanently changed."* Hawke bragged that he has succeeded in getting the Australian people to accept change as inevitable. We are now being told that a "republic is inevitable"! - Which it is not!

George Orwell, also a member of the Fabian Society, in his novel entitled '1984', had his character O'Brien say: *"We know that no one seizes power with the intention of relinquishing it. Power is not a means; it is an end. One does not establish a dictatorship in order to safeguard a revolution; one makes a revolution in order to establish a dictatorship."*

It is significant that the Fabian Society "Coat of Arms" is a black wolf in a white sheep's clothing!

In this climate of thought and belief the Monarch is seen as an impediment.

In the final analysis it is not so much the power she wields but the power she denies others that is important.

Our Prime Ministers really should know better than to refer to "my Government". It really frustrates them that Section 61 of the Constitution says "The executive Power of the Commonwealth is vested in the Queen....." and she says it is all subject to the Power and Empire of Christ.

Ambitious politicians and most of the power lusting media barons would love us to believe that the Prime Minister is the one who holds authority. But the Constitution of Australia does not even mention either the Prime Minister or the Cabinet.

No wonder humanists and ambitious unbelievers in the media and in politics have worked so hard to convince us that the Monarchy is out of date and purely ceremonial and has no real power or authority. If that were true, why would they want so badly to get rid of it??

The Myth of Secular Government

There is a false idea in some circles that government and politics is something that Christians should not be involved with. It is claimed that government has nothing to do with religion but is "secular". This is a lie.

Government divorced from religious belief is a complete impossibility. In his book "The Changing Law" Lord Denning, perhaps the greatest judge of our time, said: "Without religion there is no morality; without morality there is no law."

Law is but the codification of a morality which is itself based on a religious world view.

The real issue is whose beliefs will prevail as the basis of our law and government - The Word of Almighty God our creator or Humanism, the lie of the devil?

Social Engineering

Today more and more non Christian, and outright anti-Christian, law is being imposed on Australians. Much of it coming through the many treaties with the modern day tower of Babel, the United Nations.

Anti Discrimination legislation actually outlaws normal Christian behaviour so that today Christians are faced with the dilemma of having to break the law - like the Sydney doctor who was fined \$30,000 for refusing to rent a flat to an unmarried couple. He considered that to do so would be to condone what he regarded as against the Law of God.

Today homosexuality and abortion are not only condoned they are given state protection and financed by our tax money!!

A doctor in some hospitals will loose his job if he refuses to carry out abortions.

Anne Sommers in charge of the Office for the status of women in the Hawke government wrote "that the marriage law is the most damnable outrage perpetrated against women..."

Lionel Murphy proudly boasted that his changes to the family law act had freed Australia from Christian marriage.

Our schools and universities are now teaching anti marriage philosophy.

Homosexuals are becoming more and more strident in their demands to impose their way of life onto society and they have powerful backers.

Challenge to the Church

For too long, Christians have kept a polite and sometimes a timid silence as "the heathen have raged and the people imagined a vain thing".

There is only one Sovereign, Jesus the King of kings. The whole world is subject to the Power and Empire of Christ our Redeemer.

If we really do believe this and "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" our words and actions should demonstrate that conviction.

We cannot and should not force a return to God's Word as the basis for government, but we should lead and not shrink from our duty of involvement in the government, or of our task of proclaiming the Sovereignty of God.

If we accept the false notion that we should not "impose our view on others" then we are accepting that anti Christian humanistic false religion of humanism will be imposed on us.

The truth is that where Christianity prevails, the freedom of all is assured. But where humanism prevails, freedom, particularly for Christians, is lost,

As Proverbs 29:2 says: *"When the righteous are in authority; the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan."*

The battle, as Rushdoony reminded us, is between Christianity and Humanism and in this battle the retention of the Christian based Monarchy is a pivotal issue.

While we retain the Queen of Australia, the wicked are blocked from ultimate power in Australia, because our Monarchy has given the Lordship of our national affairs to King Jesus. He is Sovereign in Australia. Only abolition of our Monarchical system can change that.

Chapter 4 - Other Reasons for supporting the Monarchy

Bill Hayden

I have concentrated on the Christian aspects of the Monarchy in this treatise but it is interesting that even the self proclaimed atheist and republican Bill Hayden, after he had served as Governor General, has completely changed his views and now on pragmatic grounds supports the Monarchy.

Sir David Smith

Sir David Smith was the Official Secretary to five Australian Governor Generals. He was the man who announced the sacking of Whitlam.

He is an active supporter of the Monarchy and has spoken widely on the subject. He is Jewish and presumably therefore he does not accept the Christian Revelation. When I asked him a question about the relevance of the Queens Coronation Oaths at a public meeting he reacted angrily that they were only a private matter for the Queen and in no way related to the Governor General! If that is the case I wonder why the Coronation Service was so very public???

However he still very strongly supports our Constitutional Monarchy and I recommend you read the book of his speeches; "Sir David Smith Speaks".

He points out that the Governor General is recognised as the Head of State of Australia so it is not true to say we do not have an Australian Head of State.

He debunks the republican myth that it is inevitable.

He refutes the idea that we need to get rid of the Monarchy to be independent of Britain. He says our links with Britain are no different from any other friendly nation. We could never be more independent than we are now.

He challenges the republicans to tell us frankly what kind of republic they wish to propose and why they wish to propose it.

The Umpire

A popularly elected President would be elected on a party political basis as in USA and would therefore not unite the nation but divide it. A President elected by Parliament would be a creature of Parliament.

The Role of the Governor General can be likened to that of an Umpire or referee in a game of cricket or football.

The Umpire does not play the game but is an impartial judge to ensure the players play in accordance with the rules. If the Umpire was chosen and appointed by the players he would not be seen to be impartial. Indeed he would be subject to pressure from those to whom he owes his election.

In any Republic the players - the Members of Parliament and the Political Party bosses in particular would have a great deal of say in the selection and appointment of the President. He would not be seen to be nor would he be independent.

Even though the Governor General is to all intents and purposes selected by the Prime Minister today he is **appointed** by the Queen and is answerable once appointed not to the Prime Minister or Cabinet but to the Queen as Gough Whitlam found out to his cost.

No Benefit to the People in a Republic

It is quite extraordinary that the debate about a possible change from the Monarchy has gone as far as it has with the republicans being unable to point to a single benefit to the people of Australia in a change to a republic! The only 'reasons' put forward are patently false! The whole debate (if such it could be called) has been based on emotion fuelled by an intense media attack on the Royal Family.

I challenge any supporter of a republic to tell me of a single benefit to the People of Australia!

Chapter 5 - The Challenge

The challenge we face today then is to recognise the nature of the battle for this country and to see the battle for the Monarchy as part of that battle.

It is time to personally recognise our Creator and our Redeemer as Sovereign over our own lives, in our families, in our churches and in our nation.

It is time to acknowledge that Christianity is not just a set of interesting ideas but the very warp and woof of the universe. It is the nature of reality. It is true.

We need to stand up for the Monarchy and all it signifies for the sake of our children and grandchildren. We need to educate ourselves, our children and our nation in the true implications of our Monarchy.

Powerful forces are working to have the 2000 year celebrations usher in an Australian republic for their own ends. Christian preparations should start immediately and culminate in expressions of loyalty to the Queen of Australia, our God appointed, God anointed leader.

Bob Hawke in the Speech to the Fabian Centenary Dinner referred to already said that: *"One of the great paradoxes of Australian politics is that the parties of conservatism and reaction - for all their self proclaimed loyalty to tradition - have no real continuity and no true sense of continuity. And without a sense of continuity - in the case of individuals or parties or movements or nations - there can be no true sense of identity."*

He goes on to say that as a consequence we lurch in search of a policy and an identity.

He is very right! Because we have forgotten our roots we have no basis for policy and we finish up calling for the very destructive policies advocated by the Marxist and socialist!

We have come to believe in Hawkes "inevitability of change" and in the "inevitability of a republic"!!!

There is NOTHING inevitable about it!

It will be dependent on a referendum of all the people and demands an overall majority and a majority in a majority of states.

Are we willing for our National Christian birthright to be sold for a mere bowl of stew?

How long are we to go on limping with two different opinions? "If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him"

I believe it was William Penn who said:

"Men will be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants".

Which is it to be?

It is up to us!

"He that is greatest among you shall be your servant"

Matthew 23:11

Questions

1. Is a Christian Monarchy not Discriminatory against all other religions?

Yes it is! The meaning of Discrimination is to "perceive the difference". We most certainly should "perceive the difference". All religions are not the same!!

There has never been a successful "multicultural" nation in the history of mankind. The wreckage of recent attempts are tragically visible today in places like what was once Yugoslavia, Sudan, Ruanda and many others.

Any system of law will always have a religious basis. Australia was firmly founded on 2000 years of Christianity. Our system of law, of government, language, culture and tradition were all based on Christianity.

If people of other religions chose to come here it is presumably because they like what they see here and want to share it. They are welcome to do so provided they recognise that they will be living under a Christian based society and under Christian based laws.

If they want to live under Moslem or Jewish law then they should not come here and try to change our laws but go to Pakistan or Israel respectively.

If I was allowed to settle in Japan (an unlikely event) I could not expect to try to change Japanese law to suit myself but I would have to expect to live under Japanese law.

2. How can we support Prince Charles for King after his adultery and divorce?

We must always remember that any Monarch is a fallible human being just like us. No one except Jesus Christ has lived a perfect life and we cannot expect any Monarch to do so!

The main purpose of this treatise has been to explain the importance of the office of the Crown and its implications for everyone of us. This is valid in spite of any failure of the Monarch.

Before we point any finger at the Monarch or the Royal Family we should ask ourselves first, if we are perfect and in any position to point the finger and secondly, if we have supported and prayed for the Queen and Royal Family as we should.

3. Is it not time Australia was Independent of Britain?

As has been pointed out already by Sir David Smith, Secretary to five Governor Generals, Australia has been entirely independent of Britain since Federation. The remaining strings with the States were cut by the Australia Act in 1985.

Becoming a Republic would not make Australia in anyway less independent of Britain. The fact that we share the Queen with other countries does not make us dependencies of the other countries with which we share the Queen.

4. Since Australia is no longer a Christian Country why hang onto the empty form of a Christian Monarchy ?

It is true Australia is no longer a Christian country and has rejected God and God's Law - even much of the Church has done so! The result is the social breakdown and disaster we see around us today.

However the answer is not to throw over the whole Christian framework in favour of an atheistic or pantheistic republican framework but to return to the God who made us!

It is no good running harder if you are on the wrong road!

At the moment Australia is on the wrong road. We need to return to the right one. We need to make the form a reality!

5. Should we not have an Australian as Head of State?

Sir David Smith, secretary to five Governor Generals said that the Governor General is recognised for all practical purposes as our Head of State. He is accorded by foreign governments all the recognition of a Head of State. For a long time now the Governor General has always been an Australian.

Recommended further reading:

- "Understanding our Christian Heritage", by Graham McLennan, Christian History Research Institute, 81 Woodward Street, Orange NSW 2800. Includes the complete Coronation Service.
- "The Humanist Manifesto". A comprehensive statement of Humanist belief and goals
- "Sir David Smith Speaks - The Necessity of a Constitutional Monarchical System of Government in Australia". by Sir David Smith K.C.V.O., A.O. The Committee of the Australian Constitutional Education Campaign Fund. Articles and Speeches given by Sir David Smith, secretary to five Governor Generals.
- Fabric of Freedom, by D.J. Pinwill A comprehensive study of the Australian Flag
- "Healing a Divided Nation- Land Rights - An Aboriginal Perspective", by Rev Cedric Jacobs, M.B.E., Veritas Publishing Company Pty Ltd, Australia. Cedric Jacobs is a full blood Aborigine who values the Christian heritage brought to the Aboriginal People.
- "A New Britannia in the Southern Seas", by Eric D. Butler. A treatise on Australia's Roots.
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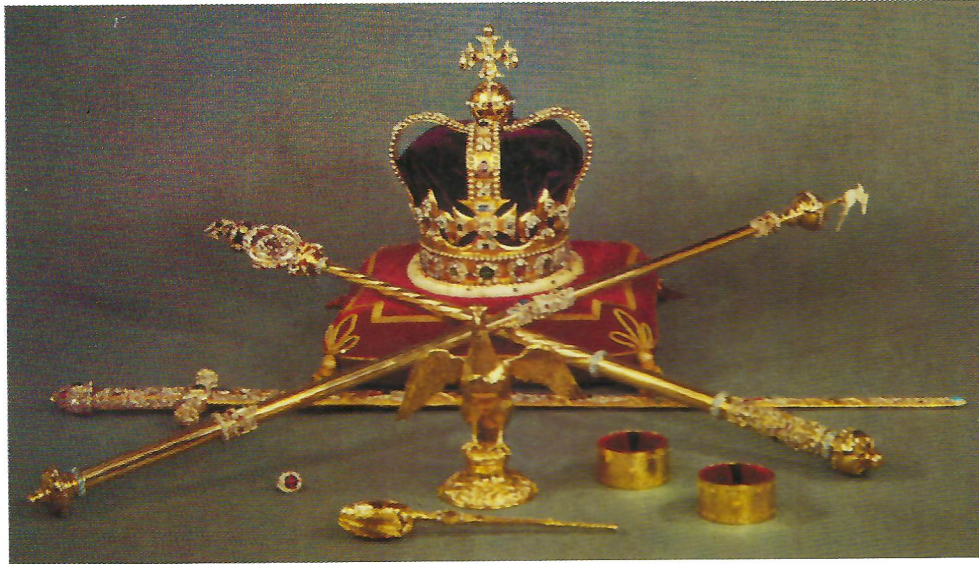
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On 3rd June 1953 a young woman, Elizabeth of the House of Windsor, was crowned Queen of Australia (among other countries) in a moving Christian ceremony - the Coronation Service - in Westminster Abbey. It is a ceremony which dates back almost unchanged to a thousand years from long before the advent of the Church of England or King Henry VIII. It was a ceremony watched by more people through film and the then new medium of television than had ever watched any ceremony in the history of mankind up until then.

This short treatise shows how it was a ceremony of great significance for the preservation of the individual rights and freedoms of every Australian today. It exposes the real reason behind the push for a Republic!

Every Australian should read this booklet before deciding on the future of the Monarchy in Australia!



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