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Subject: Secular democracy

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Specifically talking about Britain here. I'd love to know why we still have an established religion here, given that most of us have generally come to the conclusion that democracy is a good thing (and, of course, it was set up at a time when the king's word was the beginning and the end of the argument).

Its current leader Rowan Williams is, I believe, a lot more sinister than most people think he is... most see him as a bubble-headed fool. He says atheists aren't fully human, he has come out in support of "some aspects of sharia law" (we now have sharia law courts operating in Britain, and I'm not sure why we haven't had any riots are about that yet), he continually chides us about "materialism". This from a man who has two palaces, insists on tax breaks, he's the head of a company that's one of the biggest landowners around, has dozens of automatic seats in parliament, and most revolting of all, has control over thousands of schools.

So why do we still have it? We occasionally get a rather feeble question brought up and debated on the monarchy, such as: should we repeat the ban on catholics becoming the monarch, should we give women on the same level as men where succession is concerned... I say feeble because it ignores the fact we shouldn't have a monarchy at all, nor an established church.

To summarise. We could use a constitution like the US's. Separate church and state. You're free to believe whatever the fuck you like, but here's the line in the sand.

Religion should not be tax exempt.

Religion should not be an excuse to avoid following a law everyone else is subject to.

Religion should have no power to make laws that's denied the rest of us... laws must be determined democratically (we've never had this in the UK)

Religion does not deserve automatic seats in parliament.

Religion should not have the power to brainwash kids and call it education.

any objections?

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