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Much has been made of Rishi Sunak being the first “British Asian” to become Prime Minister of this country. We gather that Rishi Sunak is a devout Hindu, which has posed no problems for his advancement, at least in public discourse. The precedent has thus been set for a future British Prime Minister to be a devout member of any Faith we can think of – perhaps Muslim, atheist or even satanist! – on the basis of the prevailing if questionable view that “personal religious beliefs are irrelevant, as long as he/she is competent!”. Really?

As we well know, politicians down the years have made our system of governance “secular” in practice. But Secularism is merely another Faith in its own right: it places Man on God’s throne; it regards Human Reason as the ultimate authority; and it downgrades all rival Faiths in our society to a lower level, in which each Faith is deemed as valid as any other, and is entitled to equal respect. We can easily spot the glaring omission in such a process: of all the Faiths on offer, Secularism being one of them, few folk bother to ask – “But which Faith is the most likely to be TRUE?”

To answer that question, it is helpful to identify two broad views as to the origin of these Faiths. View Number One is based on Darwinian Evolution. As evolution towards eventual Homo Sapiens trundled along over millions of years in different parts of the world, Man-derived “camp-fire stories” began to be told, which then took root by repetition and instruction through the subsequent generations. From such beginnings have evolved, so it is believed, today’s World Faiths, which are thus basically Man’s own thoughts about the great issues of human existence, with perhaps even “God” Himself being a human invention! If these evolutionist origins are correct, the search for ultimate “Truth” among their beliefs is futile, for such beliefs are really no more than the untestable opinions of sinful people.

View Number Two is rather different! – “In the beginning God made the heavens and the earth ... And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good” (Genesis 1.1,31a). In the subsequent chapters of early Genesis comes the crucial sequence of factual events: sin enters and spreads / the Flood of divine judgment / sin spreads once more / the confusion of languages and the scattering of the people from Babel, as further divine judgment. We note that this second “origins-view” concerns the Judeo-Christian Faith alone, and is grounded in a profusion of established historical Facts within the 7,000-year biblical

timescale, including the pivotal resurrection of Christ (I Corinthians 15.12-20). Straightaway the contents of the Holy Bible are seen to stand quite alone, far above and way beyond the credentials of any other claimed sacred writings.

We can thus see how each linguistic group of people took with them from Babel memories of the original, divinely-wrought events in the world: notably regarding two individuals in Eden, the Fall, the need to appease “the gods” by blood sacrifices of the innocent, and the Flood. Indeed, Christian missionaries frequently encountered garbled references to Genesis events in the beliefs of the widely-scattered peoples they had reached.

It is from these old Genesis Truths that today’s World Faiths have developed since Babel, such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism. Within these Faiths the original morsels of real truth have since been buried under a mix of later Man-made beliefs, with Satan presumably playing a part (egs., Genesis 3.1b / Ephesians 6.12 / I Peter 5.8-9a). The consequence is that an individual’s beliefs, especially for someone in prominent public office, are most certainly relevant for the rest of us!

For instance, the then-Prime Minister Liz Truss recently read from the Bible at a great Christian occasion after the Queen’s death. So, at King Charles’ Coronation, will the then-Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak we presume, a devout Hindu, also read from the Bible if requested to do so, (which presumably he does not believe in), or perhaps from the Hindu Vedas which he does believe in? The question would be even more acute were the British Prime Minister to be a Muslim, (and there is nothing in the present system preventing that), for with Islam’s sense of superiority over all others, (“Allahu Akbar!” – “Allah is greater!”), coupled with the Muslims’ duty to introduce Sharia law within a global caliphate, it might well be insisted that the “Bible” reading should actually now be from the Qur’an.

Britain’s Christian constitution, heritage and customs are thus under a steadily increasing threat from other Faiths, notably Islam. “Who cares?” is the likely, but very silly, response.

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else” (from Isaiah 45.22). Concerning the Lord Jesus Christ - “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other

name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”
(Acts 4.12).

There we have it. God has spoken.

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