

BLASPHEMY LAW THOUGHTS

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Current Catholic teaching is that there is a civil right to worship as you please but there is no moral right to do so. So the law should let you worship pagan gods as long as you are not creating civil unrest. But that does not mean any morally minded person or God has to agree with it. No it is their duty to try and get you to rethink. The Church however does agree with blasphemy law but only against the Catholic Church. The idea that a law protecting a false God from being insulted is unjust for it is not real and while the worshipper's feelings are a concern it has to be handled differently from the feelings of a Catholic worshipper. A Protestant Church then in the Catholic eyes can only be blasphemed if it is an attack on a doctrine shared with the Catholic Church.

The secular state needs to see religion not as a possible revelation from God but something man says is a revelation. It is to be regarded as no more sacred than somebody's devotion to a television programme. God's role in revelation is irrelevant for you are still taking man's word for it.

Until each nation treats religious opinions as merely human opinions, the door to blasphemy laws coming in will always be open. Blasphemy is really about refusing to let people realise it if a religion is man-made nonsense.

Once a state makes a blasphemy law, it becomes a theocracy even if the rest of its principles are secular. Secular principles founded upon religious opposition to freedom of belief and the right to criticise religion only overlap secularism. They look secular but they are not. Think of the principle. Freedom of inquiry is no freedom at all if there are limits. You cannot trust anything unless you get freedom of thought.

The trouble with blasphemy laws is that if pompous and smug man is pretending to channel God's word then the more blasphemy there is the better.



Does challenging superstition or faith protect people?

Is it mistaken to support organised religion in membership or donations?

If people do good because they are human, not because God prompts them, is it right to risk giving God any credit when they alone own their good?

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