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CONTINUED RISE IN NON-RELIGIOUS

This year's highly reputable annual "British Social Attitudes Survey" continues to show the huge generational surge in the number of non-religious people. The overall figure of 53% of the UK population now declares itself as having no religion : the highest level to date, but no more than continuing past years' trend of over 50% – that is, a distinct majority of non-religious people. Even more noted is the latest 18 to 24 year olds declaration of 68% having no religion, a generational issue now firmly established.

Obviously In contrast, the number of people in the UK with definite religion again is declining overall, with 12% identified as Anglican, 7% as Catholic, 18% as other Christian, and 9% as 'others'- including Judaism, Islam and Sikhism. All this again shows secularisation in the UK continues unabated. Surely it's time to end the crusty British establishment's still allocating special privileges to the Anglican church (e.g. charitable tax relief, BBC publicity provision, doctrinal role in state-run primary schools, places in parliament's upper house, local government's educational role, etc) ?.Disestablishment of government from any fixed so-called 'faith' religion is now a must for modern democracy, plus no longer the monarch being 'the defender of the faith'.

As a member of Humanists UK this survey is welcome annual news, now with the same hard-hitting outcome for the fourth year running. Sadly in class-ridden Britain, property, money, and religion, still are firmly controlled by top-tier very rich establishment addicts. Enacting of the big social changes urged by these clear survey results will never happen unless led by popular revolt and politicians devoted to real 'one nation' democracy, not Tory Party capitalist fantasy.

I reckon there's enough of us now in 2021/22, including younger generation masses, to rise-up and enforce change with real religion becoming philosophy of life on this planet and its future sustenance, not ancient scripture-based mythology relying on cultural and social indoctrination. Certainly, if via Extinction Rebellion we plan to survive the enormity of our current climate and environment emergencies, worship of 'mother nature' and rich biodiversity must replace personalised dead gurus, 'born in the image' of human male omnipotence. Modern scientific knowledge and David Attenborough's urgent call for survival environmentalism well prove this point, much discounting PM Johnson's oven-ready deal as the 'green wash' the latest Climate Change Committee's report says it is. (See CCC-Joint Recommendations-2021-Parliament Report).

Yours in Religious and Extinction Rebellion,

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