

SECRET. The Secret is the Law of Attraction, which says you attract into your life whatever you want, with positive thinking, while removing negative thought. **F**irst you must clearly define your dream in your mind; then - the idea is - if you are committed to it, you'll initiate the actions that manifest the dream in your physical life.

However, beware! You can set yourself up for immense disappointment. The Law of Attraction (LoA) requires your input - simply wishing for riches will not be enough. It is your talent, skill, commitment and effort that are the secrets to your success.

On my list of Things To Do I say: "Don't have expectations (adopt stoicism)". I believe - after studying Krishnamurti's work - this advice is a great aid to happiness. The LoA encourages expectations ... which often cannot be met; this in turn may lead to crippling depression.*

In case you can cope with a different angle on positive thinking, Bright-Sided by Barbara Ehrenreich is a terrific, albeit sobering read. ("Some much needed negativity is applied to the business of positive thinking in this hilarious, devastating critique." Katha Pollitt)

*another critique: Why The Secret Is Wrong
by Catherine Magree, see my blog 829
as well as blog 587 in the appendix
see also KRISHNAMURTI, MONEY
RATIONALISM, THINKING
and EXPECTATIONS
*THINGS TO DO
(Appendix)*

SECULARISM. Australia is a secular country, but secularism is threatened by a drive to religionism, from which non-believers deserve to be protected. **H**owever, secularism is not against religion per se, as many of its opponents claim; it's against the tyranny exerted by religious authorities as well as bigoted individuals. **W**hile religious freedom is guaranteed in Australia, it is not in the country's interest to have the division of State and Church eroded. The result would be intolerance.

Intolerance toward LGBT people, women requiring abortion or the sick at the zenith of their lives wishing for a dignified end through voluntary euthanasia; also intolerance toward secularists, who abhor Israel Folau's stance of: "homosexuals and sinners will go to hell".

The former high court justice Michael Kirby is outspoken against the government's proposed Religious Freedom Bill, which "will result in sustained nastiness and a rise in both religious intolerance and anti-religious hostility, threatening secularism in Australia".

*"The existing discrimination law with the principle that the right to swing my arm ends when I hit another's chin, is being dismantled to give a free go to the religious arm-swingers. The result would be to replace the relaxed live-and-let-live tradition of modern Australia." **

sec·u·lar·ism

the view that religious considerations should be excluded from civil affairs or public education

re·li·gion·ism

excessive or affected religious zeal

** The Guardian Australia: Michael Kirby
go to my blog 990, see also GOD 3*