# When some Christians advocate for banning secularism

NB: Said reply is elaborated on supposing that the problematic is the presence of sects only, whereas it is more on the presence of two Peoples, among each of which we have sects. But a Facebook reply would not have been able to introduce this idea.

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Nicely said as to Lebanese resilience, but you have overlooked the sociological dilemma of Lebanon and the pluralism which needs a system to organize it, just as India, Switzerland, Belgium and Emirates and around 20 other countries in the world have done 🧑‍🤝‍🧑.

We cannot expect people to get rid of sectarianism just like that. Confessional communities are 1500 years old. We need another way to tackle them and get rid of their negative consequence.

So dear Sir,

Nationalism = الوطنية is the state of belonging and loving one's nation.

"Ism" as a suffix is the fact of belonging, adopting (Stoicism, Anglicanism…).

Sectarianism linguistically means "belonging / loving / adopting one's sect".

A sect in Lebanon is more than a religious affiliation. It is a cultural entity with a history and cultural elements from outside the religious beliefs as well. We could even say that the Lebanese are an administrative People since 1920, but are sociologically two Peoples, just as Belgians are an administrative People since 1830, but are sociologically two Peoples, the Walloon and the Flemish (and a tiny German component to the east).

In Switzerland, the most dignified country, there are 4 ethnicities and two confessions: Catholics and Protestants.

When people of different cultural backgrounds are set to a centralized unitary form of governance, it is unavoidable that they clash in trying to maintain their lifestyle and foreign affiliations and other matters (and their religion / sect as well).

So they start "hating each other" because they are scared that each once in a while, one community suppresses the rest as part of the survival game. This is why sectarianism has come to be misinterpreted as "hate on the basis of confession". But this is not its real definition!

The Lebanese are not full of hatred because of they are narrow - minded!

We just need to acknowledge that the sociological mosaic pattern needs to be taken into account in organizing coexistence.

Only then, and without any effort, sectarianism, in its pejorative meaning, will fade by itself, just like what happened in Switzerland and other federal countries (at least at the macroscopical level, which is enough to settle peace and prosperity).

Please I need you to read carefully, as this is a delicate idea that I wanted to share with you and your readers.

I hope I was able to pass the message.

We cannot erase sectarianism, as in hatred, by "deleting" it, as this would require "deleting" sectarianism in its linguistic meaning, i.e. the belonging to sects, thus to delete the sects themselves, the latter rooted in Lebanon since millennia…

Thank you for taking the time to read.

So is Switzerland is a racist nation because they adopt sectarianism? If a Swiss - German Catholic general for ex leaves his position, it is mandatory that he be replaced by a Swiss - German Catholic.

This is Switzerland. I humbly suggest u take a look at how the Swiss system functions, how all entities are respected and how there is utmost peace. You might say "how the Swiss do it is bad as well", I would say "an optimal solution is to find balance between equity and justice: the former gives the same to all, the latter takes into consideration the context of causes and consequences for a better result down the road". I do not think you would approve of taxing the rich and the poor by a same amount of money!