

**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. **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*