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King Charles' Multi-faith Stance

King Charles III has distanced himself from England's Christian heritage by [abandoning](#) his title of "Defender of the Faith." In a veiled capitulation to [multiculturalism](#), he has instead adopted "Defender of Faith." He gave the reason back in 1994, [stating](#), "I personally would much rather see it as defender of faith, not *the* faith, because it means just one particular interpretation."

More recently, [he elaborated](#), "I mind about the inclusion of other people's faiths and their freedom to worship in this country. And it's always seemed to me that, while at the same time being Defender of the Faith, you can also be protector of faiths."



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King Charles III

Facing Criticism

Father [Calvin Robinson](#), a Catholic priest and commentator, accused the king of betraying his coronation oath by shifting toward a pluralistic, multi-faith stance. He wrote, "Changing the definition from the one true Christian faith to some globalist nonsense about multi-faiths is not only treasonous, but it is also the heresy of pluralism, an act worthy of dethronement."

Charles has also faced criticism from segments of the Christian community for not delivering a traditional [Easter message](#), contrasting with his public greetings for Ramadan and Eid. [Neil Sean](#), a British journalist and royal commentator, noted Christians felt "angry." Richard Fitzwilliams called skipping an Easter message "a mistake," especially after delivering one the prior year. While Buckingham Palace clarified that Easter messages are [not annual](#) like the [Christmas](#) broadcast, the omission fueled accusations of prioritizing other faiths.

Supreme Head

The role of the British monarch as Supreme Head of the Church of England dates to Henry VIII's reign in 1534. At his 2023 coronation, Charles swore to uphold the "Protestant Reformed Religion," despite being a [champion](#) of multiculturalism and diversity, rooted in his abiding belief in [globalism](#).

Likewise, declining Christian adherence is a mark of his nation. A 2024 [Spectator](#) article suggested Prince William is less spiritually inclined than his father or grandmother. A senior palace figure said William "does not share the King's sense of the spiritual" and is "not instinctively comfortable in a faith environment."

William's potential [discomfort](#) with the Church of England role could lead to a more secular monarchy. Is it possible that Charles and William don't realize how their stances on faith damage the monarchy's relevance in a United Kingdom increasingly unmoored from its past and unsure of its national identity? Is it likely that Charles does not realize how divisive his calls for unity are?

Then again, "Defender of the Faith" was a [title](#) originally conferred by the pope, so "the Faith" referred



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to the Catholic religion. Is Charles unwittingly influenced by historical proclivity? Or is he demonstrating his devotion to separation of church and state?

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