

In the name of the God, the most Merciful, the most Compassionate

DISAVOWAL OF OATH

9th September 2023

To,
The Presiding Judge and All Concerned Officials at the Oath Ceremony,
Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada,

Dear Messrs./Mmes,

This is to let you know that I hereby categorically disavow what I consider to be conveyed by the citizenship oath, however symbolic it may be deemed, as it is in direct conflict with my religious belief, especially the part relating to the monarchy. I declare and re-affirm that ‘there is none worthy of worship except *the God*’ and my allegiance, if any, shall only be in accordance with my religious belief system.

This is also in agreement with the advice of Weiler J.A., Lauwers J.A., and Pardu J.A., in their ruling made at the court of appeal for Ontario concerning the oath (McAteer vs. Canada, 2014 ONCA 578 paragraph 76) that:

“... the appellants have the opportunity to publicly disavow what they consider to be the message conveyed by the oath...”

Some other reasons for the disavowal are listed hereunder:

1. The Canadian Bill of Rights and Freedoms acknowledges in the preamble, “that the Canadian Nation is founded upon the principles that acknowledge the supremacy of God” whereas the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms begins with the words, "Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law." This phrase underlines the importance of religious freedom in Canadian society and the dignity and worth of the human person. I, therefore, wish to exercise my rights of belief, conscience and thought as well as freedom of speech and expression.
2. The oath suggests that in order to become a citizen of Canada, I must affirm allegiance to a foreign monarch and their successors who are a people with privilege and who have earned and maintained that privilege by colonizing and exploiting nations all over the world. This monarchy is not simply an expensive anachronism. It serves an important function as a reserve weapon of the ruling class whereas I stand, as equals, with the people on this geographical land mass known as Canada and I consider every human being to be treated with dignity and respect and not subjugated to a monarch.

I take this opportunity to register myself amongst the multitudes of people who have publicly disavowed the oath before me and continue to do so (<http://disavowal.ca>) and I urge and hope the officials put an end to this practice or, in the least, make it optional in future.

I also want to assure, as I have as a resident, to continue to fulfil my duties, actively contribute to the community and strive towards bringing positive changes to the society as a Canadian citizen.

Sincerely,



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Cc:
The Honourable Prime Minister
The Honourable Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship
The Honourable Leader of the Government in the House of Commons
The Honourable Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
The Honourable Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations
The Honourable Minister of Canadian Heritage
The Honourable M.P., Brampton Centre, ON

(<https://www.ontariocourts.ca/decisions/2014/2014onca0578.htm>)