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Mr BLACK (Whitsunday—CCAQ) (10.25 a.m.): In answer to a question asked during the last sittings of Parliament the Premier referred to my use of the Lord's name in vain in a taped interview. My leader, in a more dignified and Christian manner, has already rebuked me, as in Proverbs 9:8 to 10, over this minor indiscretion, which was a leftover from my rough and ready days as a blue-collar worker in the transport industry. Hard, hands-on work in transport is something a namby-pamby solicitor like the Premier would not understand.

However, as the Leader of a Labor Party that has brought to this State same-sex legislation, prostitution, internet gambling, and a litany of corruption of the highest degree such as the shredding of the Heiner documents, the net bet fiasco and now wholesale rotting of the electoral roll, for the Premier to point a finger of scorn at me or talk of blasphemy is a bit rich.

If the Premier is attempting to take the moral high ground over a couple of indiscreet words by me, I have news for him: he is still looking up to where I am. While he has the stench of the corrupt practices of the AWU faction of his party hanging around his neck like an albatross and does nothing about it, he is not only in the gutter, he is going down the drain. While the Premier has judged me, I must draw his attention to Matthew 7:2, which states "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

I believe this is where the old saying that people who live in glass houses should not throw stones comes from. Well, the Premier threw the stone at me and, from where I am standing, his glass house is falling down all around him. The public of Queensland are witnessing every sordid little detail of this intrigue that is so much a part of the Shepherdson inquiry into electoral rotting which is bringing the Premier's little house of cards down around his ears.
