

**COMMENT**  
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**National Interfaith Leaders Council**

“I have not sent these prophets, yet they claim to speak for Me. I have given them no message, yet they prophesy...I have heard these prophets say, ‘Listen to the dream I had from God last night’. And then they proceed to tell lies in my name....Let these false prophets tell their dreams but let My true messengers faithfully proclaim my every word. There is a difference between chaff and wheat! Does not My word burn like a fire? asks the Lord. Is it not like a mighty hammer that smashes rock to pieces? Therefore, says the Lord, I stand against these prophets **who get their messages from each other** – these **smooth-tongued prophets** who say, ‘This prophecy is from the Lord’...I did not **send or appoint them**, and they have no message at all for My people, says the Lord.....You should, keep asking each other, ‘what is the Lord’s answer? Or ‘what is the Lord saying?’ But stop using this phrase, ‘prophecy from the Lord.’ For people are using it **to give authority to their own ideas**, turning **upside down** the words of our God, the living God, the Lord Almighty..... Listen to the frantic cries of the shepherds, the leaders of the flock, shouting in despair, for the Lord is spoiling their pastures Selah. (Jeremiah 23:21-25:36 – New Living Translation)

It has been reported that the National Interfaith Leaders Council (NILC), formed by Ray McCauley, Senior Pastor of the Rhema Church, has replaced the South African Council of Churches (SACC) as the “ANC in prayer.”

**The SACC is reported as saying that it had been marginalised in favour of the new formation because it “refused to cosy up to the ANC, and become a formal ally to the ruling party”.**

According to the Mail and Guardian “The ANC’s commission on Religious Affairs, led by the ANC MP Mathole Motshega, is said to have met the SACC at Luthuli House last year urging it to strengthen its relationship with the party in the form of an alliance. The same report stated that the NILC had filled the space the SACC had refused to occupy. It appears that the NILC has formed a pact with Jacob Zuma’s Communist dominated ANC, although McCauley has denied this. In spite of a report that the National Interfaith Leaders’ Council was established in response to Zuma’s call for the religious community to partner with government to establish a cohesive and caring society including an enabling environment for sustainable development.

Ray McCauley for his part stated that all previous interactions with the office of the Sate President have not produced a strong pro-active **religious** leadership structure with the ability to respond to the **social challenges of the poor and vulnerable**. He said the NILC has been formed to correct this.

Sounds like a dose of pure **Social Gospel** as no mention was made of biblical principles or moral values at all. That would have been offensive to those of “other faiths.”

McCauley also earlier this year, sidelined other political parties, giving Zuma an exclusive platform to speak in the Rhema Church during the ANC election campaign.

Two of Rhema’s ex-spokespersons, Carl Niehaus, the self-confessed fraudster and Vusi Mona are both ardent ANC supporters, with the former having acted as spin-doctor for the ANC during the election campaign and, the latter is now part of Zuma’s presidential communications team.

Makes you think doesn’t it?

Putting on a conservative face, this council of the ungodly (Psalm 1:1) has come out saying that it intends revisiting laws legalising abortion and gay marriages. This “move” is obviously an attempt to ingratiate itself with the 79% “Christian” community in South Africa, who have consistently expressed their opposition to this legislation. In fact responsible Christian organisation and political parties, without any help from interfaith councils such as NRLF or NILC, have for years highlighted these issues, calling for a national referendum, Now the NILC claims that they are the ones who will “give a voice to people who don’t have it.” A little late, considering that during their silent period, when most of them were part of the National Religious Leaders’ Forum, hundreds of thousands of babies were cruelly and mercilessly mutilated and killed in their mother’s wombs.

What is the make-up of the NILC?

This interfaith movement is presently made up of a group of +20, of which at least four are high-ranking members of the ANC. This includes Mathole Motsheka the ANC Chief Whip and a follower of African religion and Ebrahim Rasool the former Western Cape premier and a Moslem.

The religious leaders include representative of “Christianity”, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and traditional African beliefs, among others.

### **What does scripture say about it?**

One wonders how “Christians” justify their involvement in such an ungodly mixture of “heathen” religions? Especially in view of Psalm 1:1, “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; and ”2 Cor 6:14-17, “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness and what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God (the Christian Church) with idols? Therefore, come out from among them and be separate says the Lord, do not touch what is unclean....”

Perhaps it is a case of Matthew 5:13.” ...But if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”