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**Zuma out of touch with reality**

“President Zuma’s call for an indaba on morality, which he intends leading himself, is about as pretentious as a habitual fraudster calling for an indaba on business ethics - especially if one recalls that it was he who as deputy President, was put in charge by the ANC of its moral regeneration programme that has resulted in the present moral crisis we find ourselves in.” So says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDA) and Acting Chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance (CDA).

“Speaking about morality is one thing, doing what is morally right is quite another.”

“The ANC and its leaders have always created the impression that they believe that talking about a problem solves it – well it doesn’t if the talking does not lead to concerted action and concrete results, which is so often the case.”

“The CDP would like to remind the President that those in high office do not have the luxury of a ‘private life’ as everything they do, not only reflect on themselves, but on the country as a whole. Before leading a debate on morality, the President should sort himself out and establish a moral framework for his own life. Morality is not merely a word, it is a code of conduct, a way of life, and cannot be described as ‘values that define a common South African identity.’”

**Zuma uit voeling met die werklikheid**

“President Zuma se oproep vir ‘n indaba oor moraliteit, wat hy beplan om self te lei, is bykans net so voorbarig as ‘n gewoontebedrieër wat ‘n beroep op ‘n indaba op sake-etiek doen, veral as in gedagte gehou word dat die einste Zuma deur die ANC in bevel van die morele herlewingsaksie geplaas was, en wat tot die morele krisis gelei het waarin die land hom nou bevind.” So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en waarnemende voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

“Om oor moraliteit te praat is een ding, maar om te doen wat moreel verdedigbaar is, is ‘n heel ander saak.”

“Die ANC en sy leierskap het nog altyd die indruk ge skep dat hulle glo probleme kan reggepraat word. Praatjies vul egter nie gaatjies, en ‘n gepraat moet doelgerigte aksie en besliste resultate lewer.”

“Die CDP herinner die president daaraan dat mense in hoë ampte nie die luukse van ‘n private lewe het nie aangesien dit wat hulle doen, nie net op hulself nie maar ook op die land reflekteer. Alvorens die president die morele leisels opneem moet hy eers sy eie sake uitpluis en self ‘n morele kompas aanskaf. Moraliteit is nie maar net ‘n woord nie, dit bepaal optrede en hoe ‘n mens leef, en kan nie omskryf word as ‘waardes wat ‘n gemeenskaplike Suid-Afrikaanse identiteit omvat’ nie.”