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Zuma, beware of blasphemy

In reaction to a statement made by Pres. Jacob Zuma during the launch of the ANC's Gauteng volunteers for the upcoming election, wherein he told the audience: 'Don't listen to what people say, we have the best policies. It's about policies and programmes that take this country forward... It is the gospel truth,' (From News 24, quoting Sapa), the CDP reacted as follows:

"The CDP, in the context of the past controversial religious remarks by Zuma and his comrades, again urges him to avoid making statements that can be interpreted as being of a blasphemous nature."

"To claim that the ANC has the best policies begs several questions," says Rev. Theunis Botha, leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP). Questions such as: 'Is the National Development Plan the policy to be implemented? Or is it the latest legislation compiled by Minister Rob Davis which shoots this policy in the foot?' The same questions also apply to land matters, as well as many other policies where it is still difficult to establish whether the policy is merely for show or for implementation. The CDP reminds Pres. Zuma that the standard that is required is: 'One man and one women in a marriage relationship', 'Truth must be spoken in every communication and empty promises for political gain must be avoided', 'There must be no communication with ancestral spirits.' and 'Leadership is accountable to Almighty God.' That is the Gospel Truth."

Zuma, pas op vir godslastering

In reaksie op 'n stelling van pres. Jacob Zuma, toe hy die ANC in Gauteng se vrywilligersaksie bekend gestel het, met die oog op aanstaande jaar se verkiesing, waarin hy die toeskouers die volgende meegedeel het: "Moenie luister na wat die mense sê nie, ons het die beste beleide. Dit handel oor beleidsrigtings en programme wat die land vorentoe sal neem...Dit is die evangeliese waarheid. (Uit News 24, soos oorgeneem by Sapa), het die CDP soos volg gereageer: "In die konteks van vorige verregaande godsdiensoopmerkings van pres. Jacob Zuma en sy meelopers, doen ons opnuut 'n beroep op die president om hom te weerhou van die maak van stellings wat as godslastering vertolk kan word."

"Om daarop aanspraak te maak dat die ANC die beste beleidsrigtings het, plaas verskeie vrae aan die orde," sê ds Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP).

"Is die Nasionale Ontwikkelingsplan 'n beleid wat uitgevoer gaan word, of gaan Minister Rob Davis se nuwe wetsontwerp wat die plan in die voet skiet voorrang geniet? Net so kan gevra word oor kwessies soos grondsake, en verskeie ander beleidsaspekte waar dit steeds moeilik is om te bepaal of dit bloot beleid vir vertoon, of vir werklike uitvoering is."

"Die CDP herinner die president daaraan dat die standaard wat verwag word die volgende is: Een man en een vrou in 'n huwelik. Slegs die waarheid mag in elke uitreiking gekommunikeer word, en leë beloftes vir politieke wins moet voorkom word. Daar mag nie kommunikasie met voorvadergeeste wees nie, en leierskap behels, dat aan die Almagtige God verantwoording gedoen word.

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