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"The CDP has witnessed, with great concern, the tendency to undermine the rights of the Christian Community to read from their scriptures. It is time for Christians to stand up for their rights, and to do so with the same drive as the very vocal LGBTI religious movement." So says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP)

"The constitution is clear; All religious institutions have the right to practice their religion and people who wish to practice that religion have the right to associate with the religious institution of their choice. Somizi Mhlongo, storming out of the Grace Bible Church because he was offended with a pastor quoting from the Bible concerning the practice of Homosexuality, illustrates that very point. It would appear that the LGBTI would like to dictate to Christians on how they should interpret their religious text.

"Whatever happened to the balancing of individual rights with freedom of speech? Or is this new direction, which is being thrust on the nation, an indication of an overall agenda to force people to serve the "new age religion", as espoused by many, including the LGBTI movement.

"The Constitution protects the right of religion and the right of association. These rights have the same value as all other rights. Just as Christians cannot force their opinion on the LGBTI religious community, just so they too, should not expect to force their opinion on the Christian community."

Rev Theunis Botha

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