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To pray or not to pray?

“Buchan, Zille pray for a better South Africa”. This headline, carried in one of our newspapers, when reporting on the Turn 2 God Christian rally held at the Union Buildings, raises many questions.”, says Richard Botha - Christian Democratic Party (CDP) Councillor in the Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality.

“While Zille was ‘praying’ for a better South Africa, many more of the already close to one million legal abortions, were being carried out with the approval of the DA, in one or other hospital in the country. The DA supported legislation that opened the door to legalised abortion.”

“While Zille was ‘praying’ for a better South Africa, others in the party, of which she is the leader, like Lindiwe Mazibuko and Annelie Lotriet, made statements in which moral values were considered as secondary and even contradictory to their (DA) liberal values, and that it wasn’t the responsibility of the state to set standards for moral values.”

“While Zilla was ‘praying’ for a better South Africa, the DA in Tshwane Metro opposed a proposal by the CDP Councillor to open council meetings with Christian prayer. As the Rules and Procedures of the Council allows for either prayer or a moment of silence, and almost 80% of South African professes Christianity, Councillor Botha suggested that the Council, in accordance with sound Democratic principles, in future open in a Christian prayer for 80% of the time and a moment of silence for the 20%.”

“If Zille is a praying Christian who believes in sound biblical principles let her say so publicly and let her instruct her councillors in local government to support and not oppose calls for prayer. It is amazing what lengths politicians will go to in order to create perceptions that will get them more votes during elections.”

“I appeal to Christians not to be deceived.”

Om te bid of nie te bid nie

“Buchan, Zille bid vir ‘n beter Suid-Afrika.” Dit was die opskrif van een van die koerante wat oor die “Turn 2 God”- Christen-saamtrek by die Uniegebou verslag gedoen het, maar dit laat talle vrae,” aldus mnr. Richard Botha, raadslid van die Christen-Demokratiese Party in die Tshwane-metroraad.

“Terwyl Zille besig was om vir ‘n beter Suid-Afrika te bid, is daar iewers in ‘n Suid-Afrikaanse hospitaal nog ‘n aborsie met die instemming van die DA uitgevoer en word die miljoen-kerf van wettige aborsies genader. Die DA het wetgewing gesteun wat aborsies gewettig het.”

“Terwyl sy gebid het, het parlamentslede van haar party, soos Lindiwe Mazibuko en Annelie Lotriet verklarings uitgereik waarin morele waardes sekondêr en selfs teenstrydig met die DA se (liberale) waardes gestel is, en die stelling gemaak dat dit nie die staat se rol is om morele standaarde te stel nie.”

“Terwyl sy gebid het die DA in die Tshwane-raad terselfdertyd ‘n CDP-voorstel dat 80 % van die radsvergaderings met ‘n Christelike gebed geopen word, geopponeer. Die raad se Reëls en Prosedures maak voorsiening daarvoor dat vergaderings met ‘n gebed of ‘n oomblik van stilte geopen kan word. Ek het in die konteks van behoorlike demokratiese beginsels versoek dat 80 % van die vergaderings met ‘n Christelike gebed geopen word, en die ander 20 % deur ‘n oomblik van stilte.”

” As Helen Zille ‘n biddende Christen is wat in begronde Bybelse beginsels glo, laat sy dit in die openbaar sê en laat sy ‘n instruksie aan haar raadslede in munisipaliteite gee om gebed te steun, en nie te opponeer nie. Dit is net ongehoord tot watter uiterstes politici sal gaan om persepsies te skep wat vir hulle stemme sal besorg.”

“Ek doen ‘n beroep op Christene om nie mislei te word nie.”