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Stand up against the proposed PEPUDA Amendment Bill

Since taking over the reins of government in 1994 the ANC, using true Communist practices, have made one law after the other that have eroded the freedoms of its citizens. Instead of the Afrikaners only, as announced by Ramaphosa, the entire population of South Africa has, like the proverbial frog in the water, steadily been conditioned to obey the authority of the regime and to bow without questioning to their laws which carry with them draconian penalties, should they break them.

The CDP is on record, warning Christians and church leaders in particular, of the dire consequences of silently standing by as they watch their religious freedom being taken from them. We constantly warned the South African people and the church in particular of the lengths the regime would go to in order to erode Christian norms and values and to silence the voice of the church completely, thus curbing any influence, they may have on the moral standards in the country. Just as the churches in Germany and Russia stood idly by as Nazi national socialism and socialist communism took over their respective countries resulting in the deaths of countless millions of its own citizens. So the church in South Africa has, probably under the same misconception that “Christians should not become involved in politics”, silently stood by and in many instances even supported the regime in its pursuit to enslave the people and to force them into submission to the “Party”. I say as I have said many times before, “If a government promises to do too much for you they will ask too much of you.”

The PEPUDA Amendment Bill

The recent attempt by the regime to further curtail our religious freedoms comes in the form of the PEPUDA Amendment Bill. This is an amendment to the equality act that already targets people of faith and with conservative values. Both of these “values” have in the past and will in future, as far as it lies within their power, be fiercely defended by the CDP. The bill, if passed into law, could have far reaching implications for religious freedom in South Africa.

Excerpt from a statement by FORSA: **“Death knell for religious freedom:** In a country where our Constitution does not force everyone to believe the same things and celebrates everyone’s ‘right to be different’ (as the courts have called it), PEPUDA is often used to force people into an ideological cookie-cutter mould, even if it is against their deepest convictions and beliefs. The Amendment Bill will exacerbate this already unfair situation by redefining the definitions of both ‘discrimination’ and ‘equality’ significantly. This not only makes the test for discrimination completely subjective, but imposes positive obligations on everyone to reach the Amendment Bill’s unattainable goals of equality. Even unintentional acts or omissions will fall within PEPUDA’s grasp, with the net effect amounting to ‘strict liability’ i.e. you can be found guilty of unfair discrimination in terms of the Act without there being any intention on your part to discriminate.

The scope of liability itself is drastically increased, even holding employers vicariously liable for the (unintentional) conduct of their employees. It opens the front door for State regulation of religion, with the Minister being able to pass regulations and codes of conduct that dictate to the religious sector how to promote 'equality' (as redefined in the Amendment Bill) in their public activities, and which will require them to make money available in their budgets to implement measures that will promote 'equality' and eliminate 'discrimination' in the sense intended by the Amendment Bill."

What to do? Facing such an onslaught on our Christian faith, which for so long has been protected under the law in South Africa, the possibility arises of us despondently throwing our hands in the air and saying "what can we do?" The answer is to stand up against this law and other laws that have the potential of curbing our God given rights and freedoms. Mobilize those you have influence over and get them to make a submission to the Department of Justice expressing their opposition to these intrusions into our religious liberties. These laws, spawned in the darkened minds of those that have been taken captive by Satan at his will must not slip by without our Christian voice rising up in opposition to them.

Send your submissions to the following link: <https://dearsouthafrica.co.za/equality/>

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