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Zuma must learn ANC is not God - CDP

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) once again calls on Pres. Jacob Zuma to refrain from making controversial religious statements for political purposes,” says the party leader, Rev. Theunis Botha.

“In our opinion his blundering in this field results more from attempts to misuse religion, rather than from ignorance. Most churches have previously called on him to refrain from this practice. “He, however, continues relentlessly, and now even states that church leaders should participate in the ANC’s centenary celebrations and make it their own. More disturbing is the way in which he apparently views all religions, such as Christianity, Islam and ancestral-worship as though he regards them as part of the same religion – thus a universal god. This is totally unacceptable to all true Christians.

“He once again, over the week-end, compared God and the ANC. This time stating that God and the ANC are the same – quick to listen but slow to deliver. Surely, Zuma must expect to be taken on for such blasphemy.

“The CDP finds such controversial politico-religious remarks from the head of government totally unacceptable.”

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“Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) doen opnuut ‘n beroep op pres. Jacob Zuma om hom te weerhou van die maak van omstrede godsdienstige uitlatings vir politieke gewin,” sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die party.

“Ons meen sy blapse op hierdie terrein spruit meer uit pogings om godsdiens vir politieke gewin te misbruik as uit onkunde. Hy is immers al verskeie kere hieroor deur kerke oor die vingers getik en reggehelp.

“Tog, hy gaan onverstoord voort om dit te doen, en het nou selfs so ver gegaan om kerke op te roep op aan die ANC se eeufeesvieringe deel te neem asof dit hul eie is. Nog meer verontrustend is die wyse waarop hy dit laat klink asof hy die Christendom, Islam en voorvaderaanbidding as een godsdiens beskou – dus ‘n soort universele god.

“Oor die naweek het hy opnuut die ANC en God vergelyk, en dié keer gesê die ANC is soos God – gou om te luister maar stadig om te lewer. Zuma verwag seker nie om dié keer beskuldigings van godslastering vry te spring nie?

“Die CDP vind sulke pseudo-religieuse standpunte deur die regeringshoof onaanvaarbaar.”