



## OPINION PIECE

ANZAC DAY – 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020

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This weekend we celebrate ANZAC day, a moment in our history where World Wars stole away a generation of our young Kiwi Soldiers, either by death or permanent psychological and emotional damage. Many were barely into their twenties. I had many of my relatives killed or damaged in those wars...in the Army and Māori Battalion.

It's their Waiata and Ode of Honour that we must never, ever forget! The Chorus of the Māori Battalion's rallying waiata reads like this:

*Māori Battalion march to victory  
Māori Battalion staunch and true  
Māori Battalion march to glory  
Take the honour of your people with you  
You will march, march, march to the enemy  
And will fight right to the end  
**For God, for King and Country au e**  
Ake ake Kia kaha e*

They went to fight **first** for Christ (God), King and Country, and most importantly our freedoms as a people. It was the motivating fear of another Power, Force or Tyrant with an ideology, belief or political power that could dominate and change our way of life as we knew it.

For us, it was our Kiwi way of life, culture and our religion. These Kiwi soldiers died for God First! To these Soldiers, it was Christ, not Hindu, Islam, Communism, Secular Humanism, or Atheism etc! All of their karakia and prayers were in the name of Jesus Christ (Ihu Karaiti). Every soldier went away to war very clear, who they were fighting for and who they were not fighting and dying for. To dishonour Jesus Christ, dishonours our fallen soldiers.

That's why this present Government has committed the most heinous crimes against our War Heroes in removing Christ out of Parliamentary Prayer, eliminating in any way possible Christianity's influence in modern society. All of you Non-Christians need to be on High Alert too. Our freedoms as New Zealanders are under threat!

Again, the reason why our soldiers died on foreign battlefields was so we could have our freedom! Freedom from the control of others, restricting our freedom of expression. The right to disagree without being accused of being a Hater. The freedom to live with our families in a safe, secure environment. The freedom to associate and gather which happens to be a part of our Bill of Rights. Yet what happens when these freedoms are easily changed or even removed? Where a Government under certain circumstances decides to make legislation and laws to take these freedoms away from us? No, you say, they wouldn't do that! Wouldn't they? Well, they are already talking, planning and deciding, as I write.



It has already surfaced from The Attorney-General David Parker that exiting from this lockdown, his advice to Cabinet is to consider a special Covid-19 Legislation to continue to ENFORCE public health measures beyond level 3. The paper and discussions also detail 'Significant Restrictions to Fundamental Human Rights' New Zealanders face under Alert Level 3. The paper shows Parker considered that 'allowing religious gatherings could have been legally justifiable' though that was quickly shut down. It's important to note that under Alert Level 2 there is no longer the National State of Emergency, therefore, enforcement by rule of law ceases.

Under the panic of a pandemic the public is mostly unaware of the passing of The Abortion legislation, Prisoners to vote legislation, the Landlords Bill and now the pending Hate Speech Bill. Watch Out New Zealand! This Covid-19 Special Legislation is a cloak to the beginning of a Marxist Police State and the dangerous removal of the freedoms of all New Zealanders, tampering with The Bill of Rights to do it.

Maybe it's time for everyday hard-working, law-abiding Kiwis to think of the type of New Zealand they want! Is it truly still the land of the Free? The place where our children's children will be happy and safe?

As our freedoms are taken from us, the Kiwi Soldiers who sacrificially gave their lives, believing in what they died for, must certainly be **'rolling in their graves!'**