



Press Release – 21st March 2019

IT'S GONE TOO FAR!

I would like to endorse what Dieuwe de Boar wrote today on www.rightminds.nz:

"It's been nearly a week since the news of terrorism and death swept through the country. The nation has mourned, and our Prime Minister, Jacinda Adern, stepped up as a symbol of national unity and healing. She received praise from across the political spectrum, including from me, and rightly so."

There have been two announcements for remembrance on Friday, one of which I support (the 2 minutes of silence) but the second one I strongly denounce...that is to play the Islamic Call to Prayer via state broadcasters directly following the two minutes of silence.

This is why:

"Allah is Most Great.

"I bear witness that there is none worthy of being worshipped except Allah.

"I bear witness that Muhammad is the Apostle of Allah.

"Come to prayer.

"Come to success.

"Allah is most great.

"There is none worthy of being worshipped except Allah."

The state broadcasters are TVNZ and Radio New Zealand.

On Friday for at least a moment New Zealand will become an Islamic nation."

I must reiterate here that we also condemned the shootings and our ManUp and Destiny Church members in Christchurch have been tireless on the ground, in offering love and support to the Muslim community and the victim's families, with food, prayer and compassion, and organizing the Haka of Hope and Ride of Hope as covered by TV1 and TV3. To say I, or Destiny Church, are disrespectful at this time, or do not care, would be incorrect.

It would be disingenuous for me as a Christian leader in this nation for near forty years to stay silent about what I believe is highly offensive to all true Christians in this nation.

That is the declaration over our nation, out of the Islamic prayer *"Allah is the only true God"*. *"There is none worthy of being worshipped except Allah"*.

We have not forgotten, this same government removed the name of Jesus Christ from parliamentary prayer, an intentional act with the underlying motive to remove Christianity as our founding faith. Parliament sat on Tuesday for the first time since the massacre, opening with an Islamic prayer in Arabic.

Our founding document (The Treaty of Waitangi), which is a covenant, between two peoples, was the birthing of our National Identity. The truth is that our founding religion is Christianity. Essential to our National Identity is the Christian faith, which has the Word of God (the Bible) as our guiding light. This states clearly that there is only ONE GOD and His name is Jesus Christ. Therefore with all due respect to the Muslim nations who claim Allah is the only true God, this does not fit with our founding faith (Christianity) as a nation, wherein we find our religious identity.

No Muslim country would ever allow for Christ to be proclaimed as the One True God in any sharp or form in their country at all. This only highlights the identity crisis we face and a loss of conviction to our beliefs as a nation. We need to be far more secure in what we believe as a nation.

My request to the Right Honourable PM Jacinda Adern, please do not be so far removed from the founding faith of our country by allowing such a declaration to be declared over our nation – THIS IS NOT WHO WE ARE!

May our "God defend New Zealand!"

John 14:6 *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*