

The growing Religion of 'Me-ism' In NZ Politics

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The drama continues – here we have the Serious Fraud Office investigating our major Political Parties and Politicians who are accused of using deceptive, dishonest strategies to funnel money into their party coffers.

What gets me about all this is that we, as a nation, are becoming indifferent and accepting of these practices. How you may ask? By continuing to support these dishonest parties and power-hungry politicians.

This is not the first time these parties and politicians have been involved in unethical and deceptive behaviour. It is now becoming commonplace in NZ politics, and the danger is we are becoming more and more acclimatised to this behaviour. What kind of New Zealand are we becoming, or making, for our children to inherit? **One has to remember that old adage.....what walks in one generation will run in the next.**

Money and not Morals have always ruled the New Zealand voter. The personal morals of a politician, their integrity, and their basic trustworthiness comes a distant second to that of the well-dressed, well-groomed, fast-talking politician glibly promising you economic growth and financial success in your life.

Now I can understand, why many agree with the faulty mantra of “Religion and Politics don’t mix”. That’s really referring to ‘Christianity’ as a Religion that shouldn’t be mixed with politics. Yet all the while the self-serving Religions of Atheism, Agnostics and Me-ism are not only acceptable but often promoted by our Prime Minister. In fact, our PM, Jacinda Ardern, has proudly confessed she is an Atheist.

Yet here’s the problem...as much as Christianity is our Founding Religion of this country, it has increasingly become irrelevant and even hated by many who have been raised in it, or had a brush with it somewhere in their lives, and had bad experiences. The problem with these fast-growing and self-serving Religions in New Zealand of Atheism, Agnostics and Me-ism is that they don’t have a morality that’s measured or accountable by behavioural standards like Christianity has with the Bible. Don’t fight me on this – these are religions because they are beliefs to which people live by.

We are all very familiar with money, and in biblical terms, Christ actually taught that money was an actual god, called ‘mammon’, and its status and power were as influential on humans as God should be. Jesus Himself said “You will either serve God or Money (Mammon)” Matthew 6:24.

Let’s look at that other word, ‘**morals**’. It means, ‘standards of behaviour; principals of right and wrong’. Now whatever that word does to you, nobody would deny the fact that good dads and mums want their children to have good standards of behaviour, to do right in life...and not do wrong. Am I right? Yet we are getting this so wrong, as the behavioural standards of society are declining markedly with the decay of good old fashion morals that we once prided ourselves on, as we are not teaching good, basic family values.



This brings me back to not only our misbehaving politicians but also fraudulent and deceptive politicians! We need the return of honest and trustworthy politicians back in parliament, individuals who are shining examples of good moral standards for this country to role model. Have we ever truly had any such politicians, who have Morals and not just Money on their minds? Recently we have witnessed sexual allegations, claims of rape, fraud, bullying, assaults, lying, deceiving and other moral collapses.

Sounds more like the description of a Criminal Organization in the underworld than, supposedly, our example setting Parliament, doesn't it?

Who am I to call them out on this, you may snarl? Being in the public spotlight, more than most, I've experienced more than my fair share of factless fabrications by media and social media trolls over the years. The same old 'I take money from the poor' lie, and the attacks stating I 'take' the 10% tithe. If there was any ounce of truth to this, at least one person would have come forward by now after 35 years. I know I've never done anything fraudulent – every day I aim to live by Godly Christian morals. I've been audited numerous times by multiple organisations, and not one incident has ever come close to raising a red flag. It's got to be serious for these political parties when the Electoral Commission has looked into your activities, then they report you to the police, the police do their due diligence and ultimately come to the conclusion the matter needs to be referred to the Serious Fraud Office.

Christianity has many of the most enduring and time-tested behavioural standards of any faith or religion. As much as many want to assign it to the 'sorry not interested' category, maybe with the coming election 2020, we need to flip the script. Morals and not just Money should figure in the voter's vote. As voters, we shouldn't be treated like the abused spouse in this relationship between politics and us, the people. Maybe it's time for a new type of politician. We need someone, either him or her, who has good old fashion values at heart.

After all....the political place and people who have ultimate power and influence should be setting a far better standard of behaviour than they presently are.

Additional information:

Peters keeps govt roles as SFO investigates:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/checkpoint/audio/2018734710/peters-keeps-govt-roles-as-serious-fraud-office-investigates>

National party donations: https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12309703

The Labour Party summer camp scandal: <https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/news/politics/labour-party-summer-camp-scandal-young-man-fights-to-keep-name-suppressed/?fbclid=IwAR0pF-6a7DFS42MffZLQcgC1KZLT1d9KVzFyzsf3kNo07dfBdMo0VfJL91k>