

The A.F.M. / South Africa
Ravensmead Congregation

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To Whom It May Concern

The office bearer – The honourable committee secretary for the portfolio committee for Arts and Culture.

Re:- The Apostolic Faith Mission of South Africa (private) Act Repeal Bill – [B71-2008]
The Bible Society of South Africa (private) Act Repeat Bill – [B70-2008]

We thank you, for the privilege and opportunity granted by the state parliament to submit proposal in accordance to the matter referred to above. It gives us great pleasure taking the opportunity the government has offered us. Being a church under the laws concerned, it is with much appreciation we commit ourselves in this sensitive matter at hand.

Knowing this is not an easy route to embark on, but one that has to be traveled without burning all the bridges of consensus and consent in a mutual understanding to accomplish and establish an environment where by all can live a life conducive to stability and prosperity for our beloved country who still cries. The question at hand would be how far the government can go to appease everybody without saving the one and in doing so inflicting harm on the other. Is it viable as a solution to all? Is it Constructive to the peace of our nation as a whole contributing to peace for all? Isn't this undertaking a journey to nowhere and the unknown? To follow a proven route with obstacles and hurdles, is less dangerous than embarking on a route that looks straight from the offset, for who knows what lies beyond the bend. A u bend taking us back into the direction we came from. Opposed to "the long walk home" that one "his excellence" pres. N. R. Mandela took. He came out a bitter man, yet he prevailed over hate and resentment towards those who inflicted the most unthinkable punishment a human can endure. Endured he did and overcame the loss he suffered and stood victories over the "blood thirsty beast of apartheid" and united his people into the rainbow nation we are. By turning the other cheek, forgiving and reconciling those who suffered with those who committed atrocities of incomparable measure upon them. Bringing a hard yearend for peace and redevelopment to the people. In echoing these very words: " never never again shall no one rule the one over the other, for gain and to the others detriment. Giving us a constitution that is unprecedented anywhere in the world. In the true form of democracy-freedom for all."

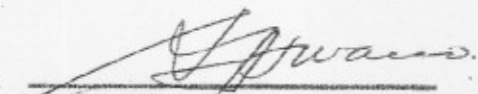

Our constitution's bill of rights guarantees the following: Human rights, Women's rights, Children's rights, Workers rights, the right to a better life for all, including the right to own land, the right to electricity, the right to clean drinking water, the right employment, the right to freedom of speech, religion and the right to education. Encompassing all that truly and emphatically construes our constitutional law.


ORAL PRESENTATION ON THE REPEAL ACT BILL 2008 THE AFM OF SOUTH AFRICA [B 71 / 2008] THE BIBLE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA [B 70 /2008]

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In the light of the seriousness we attach to this matter, being 'THE REPEAL ACT BILL OF THE CHURCH LAW OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA [B71/2008] AND THE BIBLE SOCIETY LAW OF SOUTH AFRICA [B70/2008] as printed in the media, to highlight the plans the Government has embarked on to achieve harmony and peace amongst our nation. Due to objections brought on because of scripture writings concerned that is offensive to a certain segment of the population of our country. We all believe in working together to achieve a better life for all. This terminology is a bit thin as it is exploited too often to appease those opposed to said scriptures. The world has come a long way in trying to exterminate those who practice the scriptures in question; As in Poland, Austria, Rome and other countries involved in these atrocities over ages past. Just to think about these atrocities committed to people because of creed and religion brings shivers down ones spine in remembering the loss of life and property of those who were decimated by this scourge. To please everybody is an impossible task, and to please some at the cost of others is unjustifiable. No one can change the seasons, have a longer summer, shorter winter or no winter at all. Things would not work out, as now with climate change, global warming and other weather patterns. Its mostly to blame to human intervention; inventions to modernize the world we live in, only thing is, it didn't adapt to our progressive lifestyle. Technology has come in leapse, as Armstrong leaped on the moon in the 1960,s Little has changed for the common man, the poor and needy. Such is the consequences When established life patterns are changed in the name of 'FUTURISM'" In our fragile "Democracy" there is room for all. The fact is, to try to please everyone There can only be a "Domino effect "of destructive chaos, which will have a catastrophic backlash of reprisals in our "Beloved Country" Up till this point the "Government" has Made a lot of concessions to concerned parties, such as "Orania" and "San people" in good faith. Isn't this a new form of apartheid? So we must tread softly in this matter, As a coloured man, so the black man, the white man all are coloured as a matter of fact. This is not debate able, so with the traffic laws, a stop sign, a yield sign, speed limit, And other road signs need for adherence, so it is with your medicine, tablets, ointments, One has to take care. Such is the contents of the scriptures in question. Above all what is in the scripture concerned, same is found in the "Koran, the Torah, and even in other types. So we need to take care.




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Embedded in the foundation as cornerstone to our "fledgling democracy" it is with due respect this term is used to emphasize the importance to what is conducive to its strengthening and growth, to soar to its rightful place in the world arena where it already so strongly competes with much greater powers and authorities, showing its caliber and capabilities in helping to bring other countries to peaceful solutions. Therefore constraint should be practiced in weighing it down with unnecessary loads in the form of too much of a good thing. Let's take the time and precaution before making new congruent and committed decisions in the interest of all parties concerned. We believe the parties/bodies consulted to be insufficient and partial towards others on the list as shown and those concerned being missing from the list concerning consultation. Above all those consulted, who stand in favour of the concerned laws being repealed, at the same time upholds the very laws in their oldest forms, whereas the laws in question has been "reformed" according to the bible. The Bi-ble represents two forms of laws. The Old Testament represents the Law of Moses as practiced by Judaism and is included in the writing of the Islamic Koran. Which upholds such laws as "a tooth for a tooth an eye for an eye". Where in contrast the New Testament teaches- reconciliation to God and man.

"As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not in utter words but to live by them" J. F. K.

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